



GAZETTE

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SEPTEMBER?

- 9/5 Happy Labor Day!
- 9/5 Office Closed
- 9/8 HR HOA Meeting
- 9/9 Bulk Trash
- 9/14 Crème-filled Donut Social
- 9/14 OneBlood Blood Drive
- 9/15 Movie & Ice Cream
- 9/20 Potluck
- 9/23 Bulk Trash



Carter, Serena &
Debbie & Larry Pilgram Jr.
3928 Puma Dr.

McCasland, Timothy & Carolyn
3124 Oakmont Dr.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OCTOBER?

- 10/7 Bulk Trash
- 10/10 Columbus Day
- 10/10 Office Closed
- 10/11 Residents Council Meeting
- 10/12 Flu Shot Clinic
- 10/13 HR HOA
- 10/18 Potluck
- 10/20 Movie & Ice Cream
- 10/21 Bulk Trash
- 10/31 Happy Halloween



Larry Howell

Jack Suman

Kim Lathwell

Terry Sheldon

Barb Tallman



Bocce Ball - supplies are in the shed

Shuffleboard Courts - supplies are in the shed

Horseshoe Pits - supplies are in the shed

Tennis Courts - bring your own water bottle

Pickle ball Courts - bring your own water bottle

Basketball Hoop - we do have 2 basketballs that you can sign out if you don't have one

Corn Hole - we have 2 portable games call the office to sign out


Oversize Connect Four lawn game - we have 2 games call the office to sign out

Any questions regarding these amenities please call the office at 863-471-1115.

2022 ~ 2023 Season Events

- 07/28 Fun in July Cookout
- 08/10 S'mores Social
- 09/14 Crème-filled Donut Social
- 10/12 Flu Shot Clinic
- 11/05 Welcome Back Dance
- 11/09 Veterans Day Celebration
- 11/12 Fall Art & Craft Fair
- 12/31 New Year's Eve Dance
- 01/24 Pie Contest
- 02/11 Winter Art & Craft Fair
- 02/21 Cupcake Contest
- 03/11 Elegant Junque Sale
- 04/01 Going Away Dance
- 05/05 Cinco de Mayo Lunch Social

Looking for someone to teach me how to improve my piano skills. It's been years and would like to play again. Please contact me at (802) 299-9804.
Thanks Storme Odell




OneBlood Blood Drive
Wednesday, September 14th
10 am - 3 pm
Founder's Hall Parking Lot

Movie & Ice Cream
Thursday September 15, 2022
12:45 pm AR 2A

Movie:
"The Note"

Sign-up sheet located in FH

North Course Block Party
Save the date!
March 26th, 2023
More details to follow



Thank you to the resident's of Highlands Ridge for the school supplies that were donated to Avon Elementary School. All the supplies will help the wonderful students have a successful year!





Chorale News

By: Karen O'Laughlin, *Secretary*

HELLO, HIGHLANDS RIDGE! How has your summer been? Hard to believe the season is already waning and schools have started back up in many areas. Of course, here in Paradise it'll be a few weeks before we get any relief from the heat and humidity, but it will happen soon enough. Let's just hope the hurricanes stay clear!

Here's something cool to think about our **HR Chorale Christmas Concert!!** Yes, it's almost time to start rehearsing. And we need you! It's been a rough couple of years and we all know that Covid is still among us. However, now that we have to learn to live with Covid, and not run from it, we need all of our old members to think about returning and our new members to feel free to join us. No restrictions! HR has so many new faces and if anyone has thought about singing with us, we would love to have you. Just give our director, Cindy Becker, a call and she will give you a quick and painless audition. Her phone number is **920-379-1161**. We need more members in all sections, but especially in our tenor and bass sections! So come on and give us a try. We have so much fun. We truly are a family and we'd love to see more of you join us. We rehearse twice a week for 1-1/2 hr. That being said, we will be starting our rehearsals on Saturday, October 1 at 8:30-10:00am in Founder's Hall.

This year will be more like our past years, (before covid), in that we will again startup our **Patrons Program**, which is nothing more than supporting our chorale with a tax deductible \$50.00 check (or more if you so desire!!) that allows us to purchase new music and pay our musicians. Without the program it would be almost impossible to produce the type of concerts you have come to expect. Forms and more information will be forthcoming.

We also intend to bring back our most successful fund raiser, the **SPAGHETTI DINNER!** We will be providing more information on that fun night very soon as well.

So, we have a lot to do in the next few weeks. Hoping to see new faces in our chorale, and can't wait to reunite with our current singing family. It was wonderful singing again for you last spring and it was another successful concert! Let's make this year a bigger and better chorale for all of HR!

Animal NewsSubmitted by: Denise Beauparlant, *Resident***CRITTER  CORNER**

With the decrease in activity in the community this summer we've been blessed with an increase in wildlife. Being a city girl by birth, but raised a country girl, I love seeing wildlife. From deer to Sandhill cranes, to alligators and otters, highlands ridge is full of wonderful creatures. As part of their world we need to respect them and just watch them from afar.

Sadly there are some people who do not share these views. Recently I observed a resident drive their golf cart right up to a deer in the field in the Golf Villas, and then proceed to let their dog off leash. This is totally unacceptable. Or the person that sped along Fairway Vista with the Sandhill cranes crossing the road, and doesn't even slow down! Or the person who feels compelled to chase the turtles off the bank, when they are enjoying the heat of the sun.

As many of you know, the beautiful nature trails had to be closed recently due to people feeding wildlife. Alligators in particular become very aggressive when they associate people with food. Of course then there were "the bears". I've lived in several places where bears were a daily occurrence. Generally when given their space, and food not available, they will move on to areas with sufficient food sources. Sadly a fed bear often becomes a dead bear. I'm sure no one wants to see that happen.

We are blessed to have so many species of beautiful birds as well. Mockingbirds who serenade us in the mornings, various species of woodpeckers who help with the bug population. Cardinals who add color and beauty, fish hawks who are majestic, red tail hawks who swoop and soar above us and the occasional glimpse of the bald Eagle. Of course there's the entertaining turkeys who banter about, often putting on quite the colorful display of male competition. Some residents have even been blessed to see hummingbirds!

Walking in the early mornings, we share that time with many of Gods creatures. Take a moment in your day to enjoy your surroundings, it is truly a blessing.

Pickleball ClubBy: Dennis Ouillette, *President*

Recent changes to the Pickleball Club includes new board members: Dennis Ouillette, Phyllis Sippel ,Jim Koenig, Arlene Taylor and Julia August. We would like to thank Suzanne Safford, Susan Ingram and Theresa Master for their dedicated service they provided as board members.

The interest in pickleball continues to grow. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the United States. The game is appropriate for all ages; it is easy to learn; it is fun and a great social event.

Last season Kim Oppold (local Edward Jones Representative) sponsored a free pickleball training session. The event was attended by 30 people. Ten of the participants were new to the game. We are looking forward to another great pickleball season. If you are interested in learning more about this this great game, please feel free to contact one of the board members.





July Cookout





The Ridge Report

By: Birdy Whitehouse, *Property Manager* ~ birdy@highlandsridge.com



Hello everyone and welcome all new residents!

Amenity Rooms: The doors to all amenity rooms will be open from 7:00am to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. If you plan to visit these rooms before or after these hours; please bring your amenity key. Every resident was given a courtesy key when they first purchased. You may buy a replacement key for \$2.50. There is a pool table available for resident use in Activities room 1. Please call the office at 863.471.1115 to reserve the table.

South Course Exit Gate: The gate will be replaced Thursday, September 1, 2022.

Asphalt Road Repairs: Round 1 of road repairs has been completed. The subcontractor will be out in Highlands Ridge again to do more repairs soon.

July Cookout & S'mores Social: Wow.... what a great turnout for the cookout and S'mores social. We had lots of fun! The July cookout was our first time but not our last time doing this event. We plan to make this an annual cookout party!! Thank you again for those who attended and for those who could not attend; we hope to see you at the next cookout event.

Gazette: Starting with September's issue of the Gazette, the publication will go monthly till May. Please remember any items submitted to the Gazette are to be sent to gazette@highlandsridge.com and by the 20th of the prior month's publication.

CPI Information: The CPI can be found at BLS.gov. The Covenants and the Prospectus of Marina Cove both state in their documents that the monthly fee or lot rent can be increased according to the CPI. Any questions regarding the CPI, please call your HOA and they will contact me.

Marina Cove Residents: The annual CPI letter and the pass-through charges invoice will be mailed out around September 21, 2022. The CPI increase of 8.5% will be passed and take effect on January 1, 2023. The trash invoice of \$210.00 is due by October 31, 2022. The ad-valorem of \$138.19 is due by January 1, 2023. Both amounts of \$210.00 & \$138.19 can be taken out through ACH on the exact due dates. Please sign the form that will be mailed with these invoices and return to the office. Any questions regarding this subject matter, please call the administrative office at 863-471-1115.

Rules and regulations that are listed in your Prospectus or Covenants:

1. Stop at all stop Signs.
2. Speed limit is 20 mph.
3. Pets must be on a leash at all times and under control.
4. No signage other than a "for sale or for lease."
(this includes political signs)
5. MUST have prior approval before performing any type of work on the exterior of your home!
6. ALL golf cart drivers must be at least 16 yrs. of age to drive a golf cart within the community.
7. Do not drive through anyone else's yard except for your own with your golf cart or vehicle!



"Let's Keep Highlands Ridge Beautiful"



1 Dorthea	Governale	12 Deborah	Ouillette	25 Jan	Wicker-Brown
1 Pat	Olesek	13 Charliss	Handrich	25 Eric	Helmer
1 Larry	Peterson	13 Paul	Kroll	27 Jack	Allnutt
1 Gary	Prechel	14 Ruth	Gendron	27 Brian	Parker
2 Shirley	Bartholomew	14 Phyllis	Griffin	28 Judy	Hoogterp
2 Rita	Beck	14 Joann	Johnson	28 Carol	Ladwig
2 Nile	Lahr	14 Rod	Luther	28 Raymond	Power
2 Janice	Purvis	14 Gloria	Reid	28 Terry	Suits
3 Bob	Landry	15 Claude	Jackson	29 Cathy	Daulby
3 Theresa	Master	15 Chuck	Olesek	29 Sue	Nicholson
3 Linda	Sosley	15 Linda	Wiley	29 Jerry	Hurless
4 Mary Ann	Irvine	16 Arnold	Irvine	30 Terry	Elders
4 Missi	Priest	16 Mary	McDonald		
4 Margie	Edsall	16 Sandra	Carter		
5 William	Daulby	16 Maria	Galella		
5 Jerry	Piskorowski	16 Aaron	Gindea		
5 Jan	Strasser	16 Marlene	Groeneveld		
6 Carol	Bailey	16 Norma	Kessler		
6 Don	Brown	16 Patricia	Spooner		
6 Beverly	Sines	16 Robert	Walker		
6 Bob	Weeks	16 Lucy	Rucki		
7 Lois	Bronkema	17 Nina	Greene		
7 James	Maki	17 David	Wilson		
7 Michael	Walker	18 Wayne	Arnado		
8 Mary	Comers	18 Julie	Brown		
8 Judy	Monte	18 Martha	Carpenter		
9 Debra	Crawford	18 David	DeSchane		
9 Gordon	Edsall	18 Julia	Smith		
9 Paul	Williams	18 Kathy	Helmer		
10 Ann	Booth	19 Bart	Bartholomew		
10 Pamela	Brown	21 John	Shea		
10 Shirley	Faulk	22 Marilyn	Cooper		
10 Janet	Williams	22 Cheryl	Racicot		
11 Camilla	Garland	23 Elaine	Wiener		
11 Charlie	Miller	24 Nick	Paradiso		
11 Donna	Weber	24 Robert	Sundberg		
12 Barry	Bronkema	25 Debra	Rinaldo		
12 Ronnie	Dail	25 Jerry	Bennett		





09/01 Russell & Valerie	Garrett	09/12 Ellis & Rosa	Epling
09/01 Nicholas & Dortha	Governale	09/12 Jim & Sharyn	Swinney
09/02 Armand & Marguerite	Boisvert	09/13 Richard & Pamela	Tiffany
09/02 Robert & Sue	Brandon	09/14 George & Nina	Greene
09/02 John & Norma	Firestone	09/14 Robert & Janice	Purvis
09/04 Dennis & Nancy	Deuster	09/15 Ralph & Ruth	Gendron
09/04 Larry & Lucille	Ferrigan	09/15 Gordon & Margie	Edsall
09/04 Joe & Andrea	Fix	09/16 Jim & Suzanne	Thompson
09/04 Bill & Lou Ann	Murphy	09/17 Byron & Madelene	Stitzer
09/06 John & Phyllis	Nelson	09/18 Karl & Shirley	Olnhausen
09/06 Ron & Karen	Swan	09/18 James & Earline	Ayres
09/06 Joe & Jill	Thiel	09/20 Brian Susan	Danielson
09/06 Lou & Judy	Vekasy	09/20 Ron & Peggy	Mangle
09/06 Ivan & Alicia	Alonzo	09/21 John & Debra	Bragg
09/10 Bill & Sally	Harris	09/24 Charles & Laura	Daniels
09/10 Roger & Dawn	Quay	09/25 David & Carol	Baaske
09/11 Ted & Patricia	Best	09/25 Leo & Cheryl	Racicot
09/11 Robert & Maria	Galella	09/26 Rodney & Marilyn	Cooper
09/11 Brian & Janelle	Green	09/26 Daniel & Sue	DeLaria
09/11 Jim & Pixie	Koenig	03/28 John & Karen	Clugston
09/11 Richard & Rose	Fabiszak	09/28 Denny & Linda	Wood
		09/30 Barry & Lois	Bronkema



LGA NEWS

By: Judy Artos, *Vice-President* judy.kopka@gmail.com



Summer is going strong here at Highlands Ridge, with beautiful weather, wonderful golf, and the best of friends. It's called paradise for a reason and it lives up to that reputation. LGA members have had some great rounds and Birdies are flying.

Please let me remind everyone regarding upcoming events:

- November 7th, 9th, and 11th - Round Robin - 3 Day Event
- November 14th - Welcome Back Scramble
- November 17th and 18th - Divorce Open with the Banquet on the 19th
- December 7th - Choose Up
- December 14th - Christmas Scramble
- January 29th - Shoot Out
- February 6th, 8th, and 10th - Round Robin - 3 Day Event
- February 22nd - 9/18 Mixer
- March 8th & 9th - Ryder Cup
- March 22nd - Member Guest
- March 29th - Farewell Scramble



Just a friendly reminder that our friends at the Heartland Food Bank continue to need our help. If you are able, they would appreciate any donations you can continue to send their way, whether by donating food or sending a check. They can be reached at: Heartland Food Bank, 928 State Rd 17N, Sebring, FL.

Please have a wonderful summer and continue good wishes for everyone's health and safety.

Happy Summer!!!!

LGA 9-Hole News

By: Cheryl Shine, *President*



Hi Ladies,

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer, whether here in Paradise or any other wonderful place. Thanking Brenda Scruton for setting up our summer lunch schedules at 3 Gens Grill. Please mark your calendars for July 13, August 17th and September 21st for more superb lunches!

Congratulations to Susan Beaudoin and Elaine Hall for their birdies in May and June. Watch for more updates on our birdy girls in the upcoming months. In spite of hot and humid weather, our LGA ladies continue to get out on the courses. Way to go ladies!

It won't be long and our snowbirds will be returning to continue supporting the LGA league, reuniting with friends and making new ones. Safe travels to all of you.

We look forward to all of us getting together.



MGA News
By: Phil Hunter, *Secretary*



Here's hoping that everyone has had an enjoyable summer whether you remained in Highlands Ridge or traveled north.

If any MGA member had the good fortune of getting a hole-in-one at Highlands Ridge this summer and with at least one other MGA as a witness, please contact Phil Hunter (phunter1@twcny.rr.com) He will contact our Treasurer, Sonny Baltzell, and arrange for your \$50 payout.

Our officers are: President-Randy Odell, VP-John Ouillette, Treasurer-Sonny Baltzell, Asst. Treasurer-Glenn Guillemette, Secretary-Phil Hunter, and Tournament Director-Bob Landry. We'll be updating the Constitution and By Laws this fall and will update the membership with changes.

Dues will remain the same, \$20, and need to be paid before playing in your first MGA event. You can leave a check made out to HRMGA in the N. Course Pro Shop or give a check to Sonny Baltzell. If you need a copy of the 2022-23 MGA Game Day Schedule, contact Phil Hunter and he'll email you a copy.

Our first event is the WELCOME BACK SCRAMBLE-8 a.m. shotgun at the North Course 11/8. Four man teams will be determined by the computer. Lunch is included and a brief meeting will be held after play.

On Tuesday, 11/22 is the TWO MAN SCRAMBLE-12:30 Shotgun at the S. Course.

Remember to sign up in the S. Course screen room for regular MGA events. If there's an entry fee to be paid (Member/Member or Member/ Guest) you need to sign up at the North Course. Checks only please.

Safe travels back to Highlands Ridge!



Paradise Pride Update
By: Pam Wick, *President*

Opportunity

Paradise Pride is a committee within Highlands Ridge that realizes the importance of our courses, not only for our home values, but also for the enjoyment of our residents, guests, public and community. Our mission statement is: To make Highlands Ridge golf course enhancements for our residents and welcomed guests.

We've had a pretty slow summer. Our group has been coordinating and prioritizing a calendar for October – April, to plan out events and projects. More to come on that as details are finalized.

If you are interested in helping with these events or if you have a special talent or just want to donate money – please contact any of these committee members: Pam Wick, Marilyn Videbeck, Cheryl Racicot, Larry Ferrigan, Gary Kinser, Glenn or Nancy Guillemette.

Thank you for all your continued support in our efforts to make Paradise a little bit better.





Highlands Ridge Holdings

A Mink Property

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Administration
Phone: 863-471-1115
Fax: 863-471-3398

The Tavern
863-453-7600

3 Gen's Grill
863-201-7135

Golf Courses
North: 863-453-9991
South: 863-471-2299

Highlands County
Sheriffs Dept.
EMERGENCY 911
Non-emergency
863-402-7200

Highlands County
Recycling
863-655-6400

Animal Control
863-402-6730

Duke Energy
800-228-8485
Outages
800-700-8744 Service

City of Sebring
Utilities Department
863-471-5112 /
471-0166

Century Link
1-800-788-3600

Comcast Cable
1-800-934-6489

Tax Collector
863-402-6685

Waste Connections
Garbage Collection
863-655-0005

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DENIM & DIAMONDS

New Year's Eve Dance

Saturday, December 31st, 2022

8 PM to Midnight

Founder's Hall

Entertainment by:
Raisin' Cain Band

Tickets: \$30 per person

Desserts will be provided

BYOB

Tickets are available in
the Admin Office

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