

GAZETTE

OCTOBER 2022



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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OCTOBER?

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NOVEMBER?

- 11/2 MC HOA Meeting
- 11/4 Bulk Trash
- 11/5 Welcome Back Dance
- 11/8 Resident's Council Meeting
- 11/10 OneBlood Blood Drive
- 11/10 HR HOA Meeting
- 11/11 Veteran's Day!
- 11/12 Fall Art & Craft Fair
- 11/17 Movie & Ice Cream
- 11/18 Bulk Trash
- 11/24 Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner
- 11/24 Office Closed



Johnson, Glenn
3232 E. Angler's Stream

Mortensen, Wayne
3223 E. Pebble Creek Dr.

Reed, Gordon & Joyce
4235 North Course Lane

Welcome Back Dance

Saturday, November 5, 2022
7 pm Founder's Hall



Entertainment by:
Two Smooth Band



Tickets: \$5 per person

Bring Your Own Beverage



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.

2007 Club Car like new limited use Trojan
Batteries 2011 and service check 2011.
(battery charger included) \$5,500.00

Glass & wrought iron end tables \$250.00 Pair
Please contact Dawn Collins 863-991-3096



A huge shout out to the community of Highlands Ridge!
Thank you for all the phone calls, emails, texts, cards,
gifts, and the awesome farewell drop in on Saturday,
September 17th. Thank you to everyone who had a hand in
putting the event together!!

I will miss you all and driving into Paradise!
Thank you again for best wishes in my new adventure!
Birdy M Whitehouse



thank you

Heartfelt thanks to all of you in
Highlands Ridge for your condolences
in the death of my daughter, Susan.
The hugs, cards, flowers and kind
words have meant a great deal to me.
Sincerely, Fran Hooker

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the
Thanksgiving Day Potluck which is on Thursday,
November 24th @ 2pm in Founders Hall. There will be sign up sheets
on the bulletin board in Founder's Hall. When signing up, please be
specific on what dish you are contributing. If you are cooking a turkey
or ham, save the receipt and give it to Linda Sosely. HRH will
reimburse those of you who are willing to do that for our celebration!
Please bring enough to feed 10 people, bring whatever you want to
drink & be prepared to share a very special meal with friends and
neighbors. If you have any questions feel free to call
Linda @ 954-594-2324.

Book Club News

By Mary E Harden, resident

The monsoon season will soon be just a fond memory and crisp cool 80 degree temperatures will once again be upon us. With this precipitous drop in temperature will be the return of our missing snowbirds!! Welcome back!!

October 13th at 1:30 we will, weather permitting, gather in the pagoda for our book club meeting. In the event of a summer flashback of torrential rain or tropical temperatures, look for us in the library (and bring a sweater).

We will start the new season with "The Beach Trees" by Karen White. It all begins with Julie, who first knew loss at the age of twelve when her younger sister disappeared from a local park, never to be found. As her once close-knit family grew apart, her mother obsessively searched for her until her death and then Julie took up the search. Even as she went on with her life, discovering a love for art that she attributed to her painter grandfather, she never let go of the hope that she might find her sister.

Utilizing a dual narrative split between the present and the past, the author explores the bonds of family and friendship as well as the way geographical location affects the events and courses of people's lives.

We should have a lively discussion. Hope to see you there!!

Library News

Alas, poor Yorich, parting is such sorrow. Alongside the dedicated volunteers that keep the books and puzzles and games and magazines and dvd's and cd's sorted and shelved, it has been an honor and privilege (and pain in the neck) to work in the most fabulous community library I have ever encountered. A social ostrich by nature, I have met the nicest people thru chance encounters while sorting and shelving. I will remember you all fondly, ok, probably not your names but certainly your faces!! Think of me shivering in the frigid north this winter.

Your generosity in donating to the library is astounding. It is because you are willing to share your bounty with the community that we have the selection that fills our shelves.

They say that many hands make light work and that is certainly the case with the wonderful volunteers that keep your library running smoothly. As the saying goes, the more, the merrier so if you have any interest in joining the crew, talk to me or any of the other volunteers. The job comes with the best perk ever, first dibs on whatever is in the drop-box!!

Chorale News

By: Karen O'Laughlin, *Secretary*



HELLO HIGHLANDS RIDGE!

Wow, I for one cannot believe another season is about to begin for us in our own little Paradise. Seems like we just said goodbye to those leaving for their summer homes and now ya'll will be returning and we'll be saying "Hey, how ya been?"

It will also be wonderful to begin rehearsing for our Christmas Concert. The concert will again be presented in Founder's Hall on Saturday December 1 at 7pm with a second concert at St. John's Methodist Church in Sebring the following day at 4pm. So, make sure you mark your calendars now to attend at least one of the concerts. You won't be disappointed. We're especially excited to welcome all our former members who couldn't sing with us last year and we hope many new members will join us as well. We do have such a great time. Hoping we see a lot of familiar faces. Our first rehearsal is Saturday October 1st at 8:30 am. For those of you who are thinking about joining our chorale, we meet for rehearsals twice a week. Saturdays at 8:30-10:00am and Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-5:00 pm. There are a few Thursdays in the mix when we can't use Founder's Hall but that's only a few. You golfers can know it doesn't interfere with your golf game as we have lots of golfers in our chorale! So come on, call our Director, Cindy Becker.

Her number is 920-379-1161 and let her know you are rejoining or simply want to check us out! If you're new, she'll give you a quick, painless audition.

So, listen up around Founder's Hall. It'll begin to sound a lot like Christmas!! See you all soon!

Animal News

Submitted by: Denise Beauparlant, *Resident*

CRITTER CORNER

The weather has finally shown a small change and with that we begin to see subtle changes in wildlife as well. The bears have moved on to their fall feeding grounds, the deer have begun to reappear, and turkeys abound with the new members of their flock.

This summer I had some fun helping to track the turkey population. During the summer months, fish and wildlife asked for volunteers to count males, females, and then chicks and report their location. By reporting wild turkey sightings, we help biologists learn more about annual nesting success, brood survival, and the distribution and abundance of wild turkeys. All reporting was done online, so could be completed in real time on a cell phone.

Believe it or not wild turkeys are powerful fliers. They usually stick to short distances but can reach speeds of 55 mph! However, to conserve energy they primarily walk, searching for the mainstay of their diet, which consists of acorns, seeds, fruits, insects, leaves and small vertebrates. They can easily cover several hundred acres a day. They are very social birds, typically flocking together in groups of just a few, to as many as 20 or more. For safety from predators, they will roost in trees at night.

Like most birds there is a courtship ritual in the spring, with the males on full display fanning their tails and gobbling to attract the females. The hens begin nesting in March and early April, taking 12-13 days to lay a full clutch of eggs, then 26-26 days of continuous incubation for them to hatch. Soon after hatching the poults are already mobile, and can feed themselves. They are flightless for the first two weeks of life, so must seek the protection of the hen at night hiding under her wing and tail.

Surprisingly the Florida wild turkey is only found on the peninsula. On the panhandle it interbreeds with the eastern subspecies. It's mainly a woodland bird, and prefers forest edges to retreat to if feeling threatened. Because they don't require a special diet, they are considered a generalist species. As they begin to wander our neighborhoods again, enjoy their antics and tenacity as they go about foraging for food.

Paradise Pride Update

By: Pam Wick, President



I remember visiting my parents when they first moved to Highlands Ridge in 1998. I was so amazed that they'd only lived here for a short amount of time and my dad already knew everyone. Or at least it seemed he did because he waved at everybody. I didn't know at the time that there was this "thing" called the "Highlands Ridge Wave" that was automatic for EVERYONE that lived here. Whether you were in your car, in your golf cart, riding a bike, walking or running – you acknowledged those you passed with a wave.

Fast forward to 2019 when I moved to Highlands Ridge... being my father's daughter, I automatically waved at everyone, whether I knew them or not. Imagine my chagrin, when I wasn't being acknowledged in return. What happened to the "Highlands Ridge Wave"? Had it ended? Was it no longer a "thing"? Was I wasting my time waving at strangers? Did Highlands Ridge lose the title of "Florida's Friendliest Place"?

I just read an article called "The Science Behind a Smile". It talked about how people from places with a long history of cross-cultural contact use smiles (waves) that signal friendliness more often than people from places where most of the population relies on the same language and customs. Examples of this phenomenon abound in the upper Midwest (I'm looking at you, Wolverines, Badgers, Buckeyes, Fightin' Illini, Hoosiers), which received immigrants from a wide range of cultures in the 1800's. Because there were so many languages and customs used by the immigrants, the easiest way to communicate with them was to smile (or wave). This practice then became the norm and has been passed down through the generations. Maybe that's why people from other parts of the country make special mention of "the Midwest Nice".

So that brings me back to Highlands Ridge, where it seems that the majority of residents hail from the Upper Midwest (and the potential buyers of the golf courses)... so based on history and tradition, we SHOULD be acknowledging one another in passing. I am sure that just like doing the WAVE in a football stadium, it starts slow, but gains momentum... we can get the "Highlands Ridge Wave" started again in earnest.

Let's prove we really are "Florida's Friendliest Place". It doesn't cost ANYTHING, but it sure will make you (and me) feel good to share a wave and a smile.

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.

If you are interested in helping with any 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.



10/01 Bob Goodman	10/13 Bob Ciemniowski	10/23 Curt Egerer
10/01 Barbara Jaglowski	10/13 Bob Gray	10/23 Steve Sekely
10/01 Ingrid Mitchell	10/14 Ruth Thiel	10/23 Judy Snyder
10/01 Ann Sheatler	10/15 Rick Carter	10/23 Tracy Vandenberg
10/02 Bob Hubinek	10/15 Bobbi Pinckney	10/23 Linda Wood
10/02 Helen Langan	10/15 Mike Schaefer	10/24 Kevin O'Donnell
10/03 John Schurlknight	10/15 Randy Briggs	10/25 Ed Heary
10/03 Dennis Ouillette	10/15 Scott Moore	10/25 James LoboZZo
10/04 <u>Susie Rasdall</u>	10/15 Terry Gardner	10/25 David Strasser
10/04 <u>Deborah Fowley</u>	10/15 George Welker	10/26 Sue Hover
10/05 <u>Doris Fischer</u>	10/16 Karen Chatfield	10/26 Rick Nicholson
10/05 Bill Heidank	10/16 Gloria Millner	10/27 Michelle Eakin
10/05 Marlene Mangold	10/16 Jay Fischer	10/27 George Greene
10/05 Ruth Ann Schoer	10/17 Ross Howitt	10/27 Karen Swan
10/06 Kim Egerer	10/17 Brian Bittenbender	10/27 Norman Price
10/06 Nancy Owens	10/17 Dorothy Bonnema	10/28 Wane Siedentop
10/06 David Smith	10/17 Ron Curry	10/28 Doug Troke
10/06 Terry Sundberg	10/17 Chuck McCain	10/29 Carol Cardwell
10/07 Kelly Power	10/17 Dave Naylor	10/30 Ron Beyer
10/07 Kenneth Stoll	10/17 Bill Tucker	10/30 Virginia Colvin
10/08 Jean Lemler	10/18 Henry Austin	10/30 Marsha Durrua
10/08 Ron Mangle	10/18 Dot Pansius	10/30 Sue Delaria
10/08 James Thompson	10/18 Owen Morris	10/30 Linda Kitz
10/08 Marsha Donoghue	10/19 Nancy Davis	10/30 Lance Rihn
10/09 Mary Peterson	10/19 Arnie Groeneveld	10/30 JoAnn Wise
10/09 Colleen Plonsky	10/19 Bonnie Treanor	10/31 Trudy Klauk
10/09 Fran Baumgart	10/20 Deanna Bartolone	
10/10 Dave Prickett	10/20 Bud Rasdall	
10/10 James Demchak	10/20 Winnie Kelley	
10/10 Hazel MacNeal	10/20 Alana LoboZZo	
10/10 Ginny Sloan	10/21 Kathleen Taulane	
10/10 Chip Gast	10/21 Amy Nielson	
10/10 Rose Fabiszak	10/21 Brent Walton	
10/11 Ruthann Garner	10/22 Ross Lewis	
10/11 Sally Harris	10/22 Judy Mete	
10/11 Carl Wood	10/22 Marsha Utley	
10/12 Donna Albrecht		
10/12 Jan Beggs		





10/02	Kevin & Ruth Ann	Schoer-Marunich
10/04	Aaron & Wendy	Gindea
10/04	Robert & Deborah	Morgan
10/05	Lee & Rhonda	Hagelbarger
10/06	John & Carolyn	Butcher
10/06	John & Judy	Flaherty
10/06	Mike & Pat	Sorenson
10/07	Jerry & Nancy	McDonnall
10/08	Paul & Joanne	Sheehan
10/09	Larry & Beth	Peterson
10/11	Joseph & Christine	Higgins
10/12	Larry & Jan	Reimers
10/13	Bill & Brenda	Buchwald
10/15	Roger & Eileen	Massie
10/19	Harold & Cathy	Hamming
10/20	Jack & Kathy	Dunn
10/20	Ross & Patricia	Lewis
10/20	John & Peggy	Reichert
10/21	George & Janet	Vansickle
10/23	Roger & Charlene	Brelinski
10/23	Jim & Flori	Brown
10/24	Ronald & Louise	Flotow
10/24	Nancy & Paul	Kroll
10/25	Arnie & Marlene	Groeneveld
10/26	Mike & Susan	Beaudion
10/26	Bob & Pattie	Olchak
10/29	Dan & Sharon	Dipascale
10/30	Michael & Peggy	Walker
10/30	Bob & Arlene	Weeks



The Villages of Highlands Ridge HOA

By: Judy Burmaster, *Secretary*

Many residents attended the September HOA meeting. Mark Gose was present and had a lot of news. The Paces have signed an agreement to sell the courses. More information will be coming out about this later. Mark also discussed the plans for more building in the community. He will be starting 2 more villa structures which means 4 more villas will be for sale. He will also be building 8 spec homes. There is also a more aggressive marketing strategy in place to advertise Highlands Ridge. Willie Faye Myers has put together an updated and amended covenant document which will help us better understand all of the covenants of our community. The plan is to print and distribute a copy to each homeowner.

As fall approaches, there are many exciting plans in the works for our community!



The Marina Cove board first meeting of the season will be held on Wednesday November 2nd, 2022 at 10:00 AM in Founders Hall. All members are encouraged to attend.



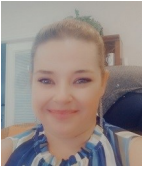
The first Resident's Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 11th at 9:45 AM in Founder's Hall Gazebo.



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



Highlands Ridge
Winter Art & Craft Fair
 Saturday, February 11, 2023
8 am to Noon
Founder's Hall
 Tables are \$10/Residents
 \$15/non-residents
Limited 2 tables per person
 Please come by the Administration
 Office to reserve your table.

**The Ridge Report**

By: Heather Hinsley, Community Manager



Hello everyone and welcome all new residents!

Gate Repairs: The South and North Entrance Gates will remain open at this time. Due to Hurricane Ian, Main Gate is unable to do repairs at this time. We will continue to update all resident's as to when repairs will be completed.

Yard Debris: The yard debris dumpsters are for yard debris only. No household trash is to be placed in the dumpsters.

Asphalt Road Repairs: HRH will be doing some asphalt repairs this year. Management has signed an agreement with the vendor. When management has been given dates for the work to be completed, we will notify you.

Pool Table: 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.

Gazette: 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.

Marina Cove Residents: A management request form must be submitted to the administrative office for any type of exterior change to your home or lot per the Rules and Regulations. The request must be presented in writing prior to executing a contract with a vendor or performing any change. Please allow at least two weeks to review and research your request. Forms are available at the community information center board, online on our website, highlandsridge.com and in the administrative office. All concerns/issues must be submitted in writing. The rules and regulations state, "Two flags per home maybe installed on a single flag pole in front yard or a flag holder on garage." You must have management's prior approval before the installation.

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!

Updated contact information for Heather Hinsley, Community Manager

Email: heather@highlandsridge.com

Cell Phone: 863-381-0428 for Emergency's after business hours

"Let's Keep Highlands Ridge Beautiful"



LGA NEWS

By: Marianne Fischer, *Vice-President* mnfpar@charter.net



For many of you, Welcome Back! We are happy to have you return and look forward to a wonderful season. This summer has found us with much needed rain, ponds filling up, and beautiful weather. But with that, Monday LGA tee times at the South Course, have had much flooding and has had limited play. Efforts have been made to move to the North Course when possible, and both courses have been wonderful to accommodate us.

With that in mind, 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



Please continue support and commitment to the LGA as it provides a strong building block and foundation for Highlands Ridge. This is Paradise, and the LGA and its members make it possible. Thank you Everyone!!!

LGA 9-Hole News

By: Cheryl Shine, *President*

It's that time of year when all of us look forward to starting a new golf season. Our 2022-2023 schedule has been posted in the South Screen Room. Our new membership fee will be \$20.00 beginning in October. Associate members will continue to pay \$10.00. Our Social members who are former golfers and over 85 will continue to be free.

Tee times will start in the mornings during early fall and change to the afternoons during winter months. As always, continue to sign up, show up and cancel. If you need to cancel, please notify the Pro Shop as well as one other member of your foursome.

Important information and new schedules will always be posted in the Screen Room.

Hope everyone had a wonderful summer.

We are excited to welcome everyone back to Highlands Ridge and are looking forward to a new and fun filled golf season! Safe travels!





MGA News

By: Phil Hunter, *Secretary*



Here are some important reminders as everyone hopefully returns safely to Highlands Ridge:

1. Our first event will be the WELCOME BACK SCRAMBLE on Tues., Nov. 8th. It'll be an 8:00 shotgun at the North Course. Lunch is included and we'll have a brief meeting after.
2. Our second event is A TWO MAN SCRAMBLE (pick your own partner) that will take place on Tues., Nov. 22 at the South Course with a 12:30 shotgun start.
3. Your \$20 dues (check made out to: HRMGA) need to be paid before playing in your first MGA event. You can leave a check at the N. Course Pro Shop or give it to Sonny Baltzell at the Welcome Back Scramble.
4. If you had the good fortune of getting a hole-in-one at Highlands Ridge this summer and it was witnessed by another MGA member, you need to contact Phil Hunter (phunter1@twcny.rr.com or 315-771-5621) who will contact Treasurer, Sonny Baltzell, to arrange for you to receive your \$50 payout.
5. Remember to sign up for regular MGA monthly events at the S. Course screen room. If there's an entry fee (Member/Member or Member/Guest, etc.) you need to sign up in the 3 ring binder and leave your check at the N. Course Pro Shop.
6. Your officers are: Randy Odell-President, John Ouillette-VP, Sonny Baltzell-Treasurer, Glenn Guillemette-Asst. Treasurer, Phil Hunter-Secretary and Bob Landry-Tournament Director.
7. If you need a copy of the Calendar of Events, please contact Phil Hunter.

Safe travels for all!



Never too early to think...

Divorce Open

November 17th & 18th, 2022

Sign-up sheet will be
located at the North Course

Price to be announced



Early Sign-up Prizes!



Walmart will be holding a
Flu/Shingles/Pneumonia Shot Clinic

in the Founder's Hall on
Wednesday, October 12th, 2022

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Sign up now in the Administrative Office.

Bring form, I.D. & insurance card with you when
you come for the shot.



Highlands Ridge Holdings

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

Broadway Palms

In Ft. Myers Presents

Jimmy Buffett's Escape to Margaritaville

Sunday, March 27, 2022

\$98 per person

Limited Seats Available.

Dinner, Show and Transportation

Pickup 8:30 am Founder's Hall

Lunch 11:30 am

Show 1:00 pm

Return 6:00 pm

Please sign-up in Administration Office.

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