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CRYSTAL LAKE FACEBOOK GROUP LINK:

Group Name: Crystal Lake MHP Homeowners Reminder: This Group is for Crystal Lake Residents ONLY!

See any HOA Board member for your invitation to join. Much thanks to Dawn Ramsdell for updating the cover picture and information on our Facebook group page to keep it current. She does a great job!

If any Block Captain needs assistance for any reason in delivering the Courier, please contact Violet and we'll make further arrangements to get them out in a timely way.

We are always grateful to our Block Captains who bring your copy of the Courier to your door every month. Block captains are also sometimes asked to hand out flyers and notices when needed. When you see them, please let them know that you appreciate what they do.

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We would like to include all residents in this effort to reach you in case of any emergencies that may arise within our community.

If you are not currently receiving these messages, please call, email or text me with your phone # so that we can keep you informed.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

By Violet Escobar

ife holds many changes for all of us. One important thing that I've learned is that there are reasons for those changes and that we have to adapt as we go. Life is precious.

Seek out the needs of those around you who may need and appreciate your help no matter how big or small the task.

From the Editor

Understanding goes a long way.

That said, I want to apologize for repeating so much information in this and the previous newsletter. I do realize that my personal situation should not affect my work as editor of this publication but as many of you know, this is a very difficult time for me... it's hard to even think. I hope to be back on track very soon.

HOA NEWS

MONTHLY HOA MEETING – August 6, 2018

- 6:15 PM Our evening beings with Coffee & Donuts & time to mingle with our friends.
- 6:45 PM HOA Business Meeting begins then continues briefly after the speakers are done.
- 7:00 PM Speaker

FMO: FEDERATION OF MANUFACTURED HOME OWNERS OF FLORIDA, INC.

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HOA: The HOA is the local "governing body" of the community. It is a homeowners' association, created under Chapter 723, Florida Statutes, for the specific purpose of either purchasing the community on behalf of the residents and/or representing the community on behalf of disputes between management and the residents.

FMO: The **FMO** is the <u>statewide organization</u> that lobbies for and defends your rights as a mobile/manufactured home owner in Florida. We assist in the training, and offer advice, for the HOA officers and directors in a community. The FMO does not assist with or interfere in the governing of the community. That is left up to the community HOA.

FMO needs your help. If FMO is to continue fighting for your rights and protecting your lifestyle, we must keep our membership numbers high. That is what gives FMO clout with legislators and other government officials.

TOGETHER WE MUST STAND

Now more than ever!

An important meeting of the FMO is scheduled for March 20th. One featured speaker will be Attorney and Retired Judge Dan Perry. Mr. Perry specializes in Mobile Home Laws and will be answering all legal questions that are asked.



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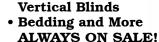
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ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Pool Tournaments on Saturdays – Starting at 5:00pm

Friday Night Snack Bar

Come out and have dinner with your friends and neighbors. The Snack Bar is open on Fridays from 6:00pm until 7:00pm. We have an extensive menu: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chicken Breast, French Fries, Onion Rings, ice cream and much more.

Many thanks to our cook, Ron Gaines and Margie Vega who sets up the drinks and condiments table and then takes the orders.

Bingo

Bingo continues Friday nights at 7pm and usually runs for about 2 hours. This past season was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended.

Our newest feature is a "Progressive" Bingo. Last month, Michelle Banks walked away with almost \$600. Congratulations Michelle!!

A new "Progressive" Bingo began the very next week and is growing quickly. I hope you plan to come and join in the excitement of watching it grow!!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and to all those who participated.

Poker

Friends & neighbors gather on Sunday evenings for Texas Hold'em, so if you're looking for something to do, head on down to the clubhouse and join in the fun.

that follow. Come and share with us!

Fortune Cookie Contest

There were only 3 entries in last month's Fortune Cookie Contest so we're going to suspend the contest for a few months and try again at a later date. The August entries were: Lainee Guffey (Circle), Kim Gaines (4th St.), and Joyce Larocque (1st St.). Each one called me and read the message to me. The winner of the August contest is Joyce Larocque who will receive a gift card and much thanks for reading our Courier. Thanks to all who played







COMMITTEES

ommittees are always being formed to carry out some very important tasks.

1. Welcome Committee – Our Welcome committee went out last week and visited 5 new residents and gave them packets of information to keep for information and reference. It was fun! We have some very interesting and friendly new people living amongst us and look forward to getting to know them better. I can't wait to do this again.

- 2. Sunshine Committee It's not always easy to know who is sick, in the hospital or in rehab or who has gone to a nursing home. We would love to have someone who knows "who's who" in the park or who can find out who might like for others to know what's going on with them. It would be so nice for someone to send a get-well card or even plan a visit to someone who might feel under the weather and alone or might need someone's help.
- 3. Meals-on-Wheels –We have been made aware of several people usually miss out on the awesome meals that are prepared for our potlucks. These friends and neighbors miss out on our events due to poor health or the inability to come to the Clubhouse to join in and share a meal. Our HOA routinely delivers meals to those who cannot be with us.

This small act of kindness makes us feel all warm and fuzzy inside and we love doing it.

If you know of anyone who could use this kindness, please let us know and we'll immediately add them to our list.

- 4. Personal Shopper We know that some of our neighbors don't or can't get out for basic things like food, toiletries or cleaning supplies. If shopping is something you like to do, there are ways you can help and get some things for yourself at the same time.
- 5. H.O.P.E. (Helping Our People Excel) is the HOA-sponsored Neighbor's helping Neighbor's Committee. Our last day of helping was a great success and some of our most deserving neighbors received some very needed aid. We washed homes, trimmed trees and overgrown bushes, replaced blocks that had fallen around a home, pulled weeds and some other things that I've forgotten about and had it all done before noon. We worked, we laughed, we got sweaty and dirty and had a lot of fun doing it. When we were done working, we met back at the clubhouse to cool off and eat lunch.

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We are planning on having another day of helping in the Spring but would like to see more volunteers than just the 5 we had the last time. It would be so nice to see more men step up to help us ladies... Ron G. was the only guy to help last time. We need more! With more volunteers, we could help more of our friends clean up their homes (outside) and improve the appearance of our community.

6. And last, but certainly not least, Manager Tom has offered a "Yard of The Month" prize each month of the year. The winner will be given a sign in their yard for all to see, they will receive a gift card from a local garden center and of course they'll have bragging rights. Maybe we can post a picture of the winning yard on the Bulletin Board in a special "Wall of Fame" place. More details about this will be discussed later.

LOOKING FORWARD

ho wants to play cards? Do you like to play board games? The clubhouse is the perfect place to meet up with your friends for some friendly games and a good night out.

Suggestions for tournaments are also being discussed: In addition to the ongoing Pool (Billiards), we'd like to see Corn hole, Bowling, Darts and hopefully soon, Shuffleboard.

Watch for the Round Table meeting to be scheduled soon to talk more about the kinds of things other residents want to do as a group and we'll help to get things started.

VOLUNTEERS

Tolunteers spend countless hours working on your behalf; this is why we are always requesting more help. And, this is why we need you.

When everybody does a little, it keeps others from having to do a lot. Spreading out our responsibilities makes things easier and a lot more fun for all.

Volunteers are always needed for all sorts of things! Some things can be done in 5 minutes, some things can be done at home, some things require a little more time and effort, but all things are very important. Fortune Cookie Contest - "A smile is your passport into the hearts of others."

The more Volunteers we have to help, the more fun things we will be able to do.

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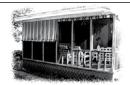
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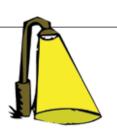
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We're all moving to the big city

The days of living far out in the country appear to be dwindling, according to a report from the Population Division of the U.N. Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Approximately 4.2 billion people live in urban areas worldwide, and 2.5 billion more are expected to join them in the next 30 years—68 percent of the world's population.

The U.N. predicts that by 2030, the world will have 43 "megacities," with populations of more than 10 million people. The world's largest city will be New Delhi, outpacing Tokyo with a population of 43.3 million inhabitants by 2035.

In the meantime, the rural population is expected to peak and then decline to 3.1 billion by 2050.



Technology—good or evil?

o you love all the new technology or hate it? Chances are it's a little bit of both. In a survey by Vrge Strategies, 81 percent of respondents said that smartphones, the internet, and other technologies have made their lives better—but at the same time, 51 percent said they believe these tools have had a negative impact on society.

The respondents were concerned about security. Forty-one percent said the internet and other new technologies should have more regulation than they do now, and 72 percent don't think lawmakers are keeping up, given the rapid pace of change in the tech industry.

Another concern: income inequality. Thirty-eight percent of participants in the survey said they believe technology increases the gap between the rich and the poor—although 22 percent said they think new tech reduces the gap.

Teens and social media use

Instagram is fading in popularity among teenagers, according to a Pew Research Center study, and YouTube appears to be taking its place.

The survey, reported on the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette website, found that 85 percent of teenagers in the United States are users of YouTube, but only 72 percent are using Instagram (owned by social media giant Facebook), and 69 percent use Snapchat.

Use of Facebook's main site is down to 51 percent among teens, dropping from 71 percent in 2014-15.



The Pew study also found that 95 percent of teenagers either own a smartphone or have access to one, a rise from 73 percent in the previous survey, and 45 percent report using the internet "almost constantly," almost double the percentage from the earlier survey.



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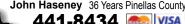






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Plan your cookout for safety

If you're planning a cookout for Labor Day—or any other time—you should observe the following safety tips:

- Always wash the racks on your grill. Unwashed racks can be breeding grounds for bacteria and could contaminate your food at your next cookout. Use a brass-bristle brush to remove all the debris from the rack.
- Never place your grill close to your picnic table or other seating. Place it instead far away from where people will be gathered.
- Don't wear lose or flowing clothes when you are grilling. A drooping sleeve could brush against the grill or coals and catch fire.
- Use heat-resistant cooking mitts and long-handled utensils to avoid burns.
- Make sure you keep a fire extinguisher or a large spray bottle filled with water nearby in case of fire emergencies.
- Never add charcoal starter or fluid to coals that are already warm or hot. The fluid could cause flames to flare dangerously.
- Never use alcohol, kerosene, or gasoline to start a fire or grill. Using any of these fluids to start a fire can cause an explosion.

Saltwater trout evolve to freshwater species

Production normally takes place over thousands or millions of years, but sometimes it can happen more quickly. The Science website reports that a group of saltwater steelhead trout transplanted from California to the salt-free waters of Lake Michigan in the 1890s have evolved into a species that can live wholly in fresh water—in only 100 years.

Genetics helped. The steelheads hatch in freshwater rivers before swimming out to the ocean for much of their lives, returning to the rivers to spawn. That probably allowed key genetic differences to develop in their new home, demonstrating how quickly an organism can change and adapt to a new environment if it has the right genetic makeup.



ACROSS

- 1. Relating to aircraft
- 5. Tag
- 10. Expectoration
- 14. 24 in Roman numerals
- 15. Humble
- 16. Roman moon goddess
- 17. Vitality
- 18. Lingo
- 20. Continuing forever
- 22. Any simple chemical
- 23. Occupation
- 24. Church recesses
- 25. Cars
- 32. Water soaked soils
- 33. Licoricelike flavor
- 34. Bar bill
- 37. Hotels
- 38. Rubs
- 39. Garden tool
- 40. East Indian tree
- 41. Gesture of indifference
- 42. Eagle's nest
- 43. Happiness
- 45. Subarctic coniferous forests
- 49. A very long period
- 50. Abrupt strong increase
- 53. Type of marmoset
- 57. Criminal
- 59. Schnozzola
- 60. Mining finds
- 61. Sound of an angry dog
- 62. Scrabble piece
- 63. Rodents
- 64. Not cloudy
- 65. Toboggan

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- 8. Feudal worker
- 9. Loyal (archaic)
- 10. Slouch
- 11. Whines
- 12. Absurd
- 13. Small open pies
- 19. Stop

- 21. French for "Names" 41. Neck warmer
- 25. Corrosive
- 27. Armored vehicle
- 28. Scottish for "Child"
- 29. Enter data
- 30. Feudal lord
- 31. S 34. Container weight
- 35. Like
- 36. Red vegetable
- 38. Which person?
- 39. Leftovers

- 42. "Smallest" particle
- 44. Almost
- 45. Carcinoid
- 46. 3-banded armadillo
- 47. A small island
- 48. Estimate
- 51. Jokes
- 52. Beige
- 53. Small city
- 54. Agitate
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- 56. Require
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