Crane Lakes HOA Community Update

November 25, 2026



Crane Lakes Veterans Recognized

On Monday, November 9, close to 50 Crane Lakes veterans were honored at a special **Veterans Day Recognition Celebration**, which included tribute and In Memoriam videos. The ballroom filled with more than 100 people attending the ceremony. As each branch came forward, veterans were recognized individually. Crane Lakes residents contributed $400 for Barracks of Hope, a transitional housing program in Daytona Beach for veterans. The HOA matched that amount, so our total contribution to Barracks of Hope was $800.Videos and photos from the ceremony are available on the Crane Lakes HOA website in the Gallery section — cranelakeshoa.com.



Eithne Cleary is Our Latest Winner

Eithne Cleary of Big Crane Loop was the winner of the $50 HOA member drawing at the November HOA meeting, which drew more than 50 residents. Congratulations Eithne! HOA members, plan to attend the next meeting on January 14, 2027.

HOA Election Results

The results of the HOA election were announced at the HOA meeting on November 12. The membership passed the 2027 budget and elected **Barb Namey** to the Board. Barb will begin her term in January. Thanks to **Karen Williams** and her committee for their work on the 2026 election.





Take Part in the Annual Golf Cart Parade

Decorate your golf carts for the annual Holiday Golf Cart Parade on **Saturday, December 12**. Parade kicks off at 5:30, with line up at the tennis courts at 5:00. Spectators: line the streets to watch all the beautiful carts go by on every street.

Jingle, Mingle and Hit the Dance Floor



Christmas comes just once a year, so let's get together for some holiday cheer! The HOA invites you to our annual **Christmas Dance and Party on Friday, December 4** from 7:00-10:00 p.m. as we enjoy and dance to the music of Tyme. Celebrate good cheer, good music and good friends. The party is free for HOA members and is $15 for nonmembers. Tickets for members will be available on November 23 and for both members and nonmembers on November 30. Present your ticket stub to the Roost anytime on Friday, December 4 for **10% off your food order**.



Ring in the New Year with Us!

Join your friends and neighbors at the **Crane Lakes New Year's Eve Dancy Party!** We'll pop the cork and watch the ball drop to ring in the new year. Dance to the music of Safia. Reminisce the special moments of 2026, share hopes for 2027 and enjoy sweet treats and champagne. The celebration will take place on **Thursday, December 31**, starting at 8:00 p.m. and ending with a champagne toast at midnight. For four hours of live music, treats and champagne, tickets are $25 for members and $35 for nonmembers. Tickets are available on December 14 for members and December 21 for members and nonmembers. Let's say goodbye to 2026, ring in the New Year with joy and laughter and start making memories for 2027!

Donate to the Annual Toy Drive



The HOA's **Toy Drive** is underway. Collection boxes are in the ballroom through mid-December. Donations will benefit the Port Orange Cops for Christmas program and will be distributed to local children from birth through age 18. Toys should be new and unwrapped. Items in demand are Legos, Minecraft, arts and crafts, Playskool, Fisher-Price, Disney and bicycles. Items to avoid are Barbies, Matchbox cars and stuffed animals. A list of suggestions is available on the HOA's bulletin board in the hallway by the door to the Roost. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, make your check out to Crane Lakes HOA, write Toy Drive on the memo line and leave in the HOA box across from the gym. Questions: contact Edie Gibbens at 386-679-7379. Help make Christmas magical for local children who might otherwise go without.



Donate to the Annual Food Drive

The HOA's annual **Food Drive** is also underway, with collection boxes in the ballroom through December 9. Donations will benefit the Port Orange Cops for Christmas and Our Lady of Hope programs. A special home pickup day is scheduled for Sunday, December 6 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Email Kevin Sullivan at Foodzaar5@gmail.com with your name, phone number, address and where you'll leave the food, such as your carport, etc. We're accepting new, non-perishable food in unopened containers and with an expiration date of more than six months. For monetary donations, make your check out to Crane Lakes HOA, write Food Drive on the memo line and leave in the HOA box across from the gym. Questions: contact Peggy Sullivan at 386-610-4024 or Kevin Sullivan at 315-415-3171.

Christen the New Year with Trivia Night



Our first event of the new year is the ever-popular **Trivia Night**. Whether you're an expert at random knowledge or just going for the laughs, we invite you to get your team of four to six people together and compete for the title of 2027's first Crane Lakes Trivia Champions. Join us on **Friday, January 15** from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Tickets are $5 for members and $10 for nonmembers. They're available on January 4 for members and January 11 for both members and nonmembers. We can't promise you'll win, but we can promise you'll laugh and leave with an incredible amount of insignificant, useless knowledge … or a completely scrambled brain!



Year-End HOA Membership Specials

The Crane Lakes HOA is offering two special membership opportunities for 2027!

Current Members — Renew Early and Save $5! We appreciate your support and patience during the four-month ballroom renovation, when our HOA activities and events couldn't take place. As a thank-you, we're offering current members a $5 discount on their 2027 membership. Renew by December 31, 2026, and **pay just $20 instead of the regular rate of $25**.

Nonmembers — Join Now For 2027 and Get the Rest of 2026 Free! Purchase a 2027 HOA membership by December 31, 2026, at the regular rate of $25, and you'll receive membership for the remainder of 2026 at no additional cost! You'll start enjoying member benefits immediately. Both offers expire on December 31, 2026.

2026 Year-End Recap


Are Friends Electric

Despite the ballroom being closed for four months, we put on about 35 events! This included:

- 5 dances
- 6 Lunch and Learns, which are free for HOA members
- 4 Trivia nights
- Hypnotist show
- Comedy show
- Concert
- Wine tasting
- 2 Craft Fairs
- Trash and Treasure
- 2 Blood Drives
- Flu Shots
- CPR Training
- Shredding Event
- Golf Cart Parade

In addition to the Lunch and Learns, we had 3 free events:

- Independence Day Celebration
- Veterans Day Celebration
- Christmas Party and Dance

Plus we had the two off-campus events:

- Daytona Tortugas Baseball Game
- Bus Trip to Titusville for Come From Away

We're looking forward to an exciting 2027! If there's an event or a band you'd like us to look into scheduling, reach out to our activities chair: **Angie Hucknall** at angela_hucknall@yahoo.com.