

Crane Lakes Homeowners Association, Inc.

Member Meeting

Thursday September 10, 2026

The HOA Meeting was called to order by Laurie Garrison, president of the HOA, at 7 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Board members present:

Laurie Garrison – President
Bobbi Eskey – Vice President
Adrian Deschaine – Treasurer
Vita Loparco – Secretary
Angie Hucknall – Director

Board members absent:

Pete LaRocca – Director

There were about 45 residents in attendance.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Vita Loparco reported the minutes of the May 14, 2026, meeting are posted on the HOA website for members to review.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Adrian Deschaine spoke about the new HOA website containing meeting information and monthly financial reports. The accounts have been reconciled through the most recently reported month, and financial information is posted on the website.

FMO Update

Kathy Harn, Crane Lakes' FMO representative, reported that the state of Florida has passed legislation that will cap future increases to ad valorem taxes at 3 percent. The change is expected to take effect next year. She also reported that the cost to join the organization for one year is \$40 per year, and the cost for a three-year membership has been reduced from \$120 to \$102. Membership forms were made available to residents.

HOA Membership Report

Vice President Bobbi Eskey reported that the HOA membership is currently at 321 households.

The 2027 membership drive will begin in mid-November, following the HOA election. Current 2026 members will receive a \$5 discount when renewing for 2027, provided

they renew by December 31, 2026. Beginning January 1, 2027, the regular membership fee of \$25 will apply. Residents were reminded that 2026 membership also provides discounts on eligible HOA event tickets. Residents who have not yet joined for 2026 were encouraged to do so.

A drawing for \$50 cash will be held for HOA members at the end of the meeting. Members were reminded to have their ticket available for the drawing.

2027 HOA Election

Karen Williams, chair of the HOA Election Committee, provided an update regarding the 2027 HOA election.

She reported that the 2027 election process is underway, and she is being helped by Deb Domagal and Mary Williams. She invited people who are interested in serving on the HOA Board to submit a Candidate Information Sheet. She said the Board is looking for someone with Word and organizational skills to serve as Secretary next year.

The election will include voting for new board members and on the proposed 2027 HOA budget.

Election information and a blank candidate information sheet were distributed through the August 31 Blast, the September Courier, and the HOA bulletin board. Additional blank candidate information sheets were available at the meeting.

Important dates:

- September 25, 2026: Candidate information sheets are due.
- October 30, 2026: Deadline to become a 2026 HOA member in order to vote.
- October 12–November 12, 2026: HOA election period.
- November 12, 2026: Annual meeting, at which election results will be announced.

Electronic voting will again be used. Members who prefer a paper ballot may request one by providing their mailing address and email address.

Craft Fair and Bake Sale

Michele Steinke, Craft Fair chair, provided an update on this year's fall event.

The September Courier and previous issues contained incorrect information regarding the event dates. The Craft Fair will be a one-day event on Saturday, November 7, 2026. The two-day format used last year will not be repeated.

The Craft Fair has 50 vendor tables, and all have been sold. Residents were encouraged to attend and support the event.

There will also be a Bake Sale. Sharon Snyder has volunteered to coordinate the bake sale and is seeking bakers and volunteers to price the baked goods on Friday and sell them on Saturday.

Volunteers are also needed for the Craft Fair. Additional information will be included in the upcoming Blast and Courier.

Titusville Playhouse – Come From Away

Laurie provided information regarding the HOA bus trip to Titusville Playhouse to see *Come From Away*.

The performance is scheduled for October 20, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., with doors opening at 1:30 p.m. The bus is scheduled to depart Crane Lakes at approximately 12:15 p.m. Final parking arrangements are still being confirmed with management. There are 55 tickets available.

Ticket sales will be:

- September 14: HOA members only
- September 21: HOA members and nonmembers

Ticket prices are: \$60 for HOA members and \$70 for nonmembers. The price includes the theater ticket and a small portion of the transportation cost. The HOA will be covering the majority of the bus expense. Because of the limited number of seats, purchases will be limited to four tickets per person at a time.

A Titusville Playhouse seating chart will be available so residents can select their seats when purchasing tickets. Bus tickets will be distributed at the time of purchase, while theater tickets will be distributed on the bus.

Lynn Barnes, membership chair, will begin distributing numbers at approximately 4:50 PM on September 14. Members were asked to bring their HOA membership cards to make membership verification easier.

Members were advised that several events will be selling tickets on September 14, so the process may be busy. Residents were asked to be patient and allow volunteers time to assist everyone.

Veterans Day Celebration

Laurie reported that the HOA's special Veterans Day celebration will be held on Monday, November 9, 2026. The event will recognize Crane Lakes residents who have served in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. The event will include a social gathering and recognition of veterans.

Veterans are being asked to provide their name, branch of service, rank, and related information. Photos of veterans in uniform are also being requested for a video/display presentation. Residents who have a photograph but cannot make a copy may bring the photograph to the organizers. The photo can be scanned and returned to the owner. Photographs will also be taken in front of the American flag following the meeting.

The event will be free to both HOA members and nonmembers. Additional information will be provided in an upcoming Blast and Courier.

Employee and Volunteer Appreciation Luncheons

Vita reported that the HOA will hold two appreciation luncheons.

The Employee Appreciation Luncheon will be held on Monday, December 7, 2026, to recognize Crane Lakes employees, including office staff, grounds personnel, golf course staff, and others who contribute to the community.

The HOA Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon will be held on Friday, January 8, 2027. Committee chairs will be asked to provide accurate lists of volunteers who assisted with events during the year so that invitations can be sent to everyone who should be recognized. Invitations for the volunteer luncheon are expected to be sent in December.

Clubhouse Renovations

Vita reported that the clubhouse is fully open and looks great. She expressed appreciation to Crane Lakes Management for the improvements. A few items remain in progress, including refurbishing the remaining ballroom chairs, installation of the new sound system and completion of other smaller items. The HOA, FMO, and items-for-sale bulletin boards have been relocated to the hallway near the door to the Roost.

Committee Updates and Changes

Home, Health & Business Expo

Laurie reported that the HOA is bringing back the Home, Health & Business Expo. The event is scheduled for Saturday morning, February 6, 2027. Linka Jakel and Bobbi Eskey will serve as co-chairs.

Approximately 45 vendors are anticipated, representing areas such as: home services, financial services, insurance, wellness, health care and other community-related services. The event will be promoted through the Port Orange Neighbors magazine, with opportunities for additional vendors to participate. More information will be provided as the event approaches.

Toy Drive

Donna and Neil Schedeneck have stepped down as chair of the Toy Drive. The Board expressed its appreciation to them for their years of service. Edie Gibbons will take over as chair this year.

Trash & Treasure

The three co-chairs of the Trash & Treasure event have stepped down after approximately eight years of service. The Board expressed its appreciation to Linda Rocco, Margie Greco, and Bonnie Barich for their years of service.

The HOA is seeking one or more volunteers to serve as chair or co-chair and oversee next year's event. Residents who are interested, or who know someone who may be interested, were encouraged to contact Laurie. It was noted that Trash & Treasure is a one-time event requiring the primary work to be completed in preparation for the event, during table sales, and during the event weekend.

Upcoming Activities and Events

Oktoberfest/Beer Tasting

The Oktoberfest/beer tasting event is scheduled for September 19 and will feature German beer and wine tastings, food, and music provided by Michele Steinke. Tickets are \$20 for HOA members and \$30 for nonmembers. Angie reported that not many tickets have been sold, and if more tickets aren't sold, the Board will need to make decisions on whether to cancel the event.

Trivia

Trivia night is scheduled for September 25. Tickets are \$5 for members and \$10 for nonmembers.

Murder Mystery Scavenger Hunt

The Murder Mystery Scavenger Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, September 26. Participants will form teams and search throughout the community to find clues to solve the murder mystery. Tickets are \$15 for HOA members and \$25 for nonmembers. Participants purchasing tickets were asked to identify their teammates and provide their pizza preference—pepperoni, cheese, or vegetable—so the appropriate amount of food can be ordered.

Flu Shots/CPR Training/Blood Drive

Residents may come to the ballroom for their flu shots on Saturday, October 3 from 8:00-11:30 AM.

CPR training is scheduled for Friday, October 16, at 2:00 PM. Attendance will be limited to allow for hands-on training.

The Big Red Bus will be in the ballroom parking lot on Thursday, October 22, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Wine Tasting

A wine tasting is scheduled for October 17 in the ballroom. Tickets will be sold on October 5 and October 12, \$30 for members and \$40 for nonmembers. Attendance will be limited.

Lunch and Learn

The Lunch and Learn series will return on Monday, October 19 with a presentation on Medicare from representatives from Bankers Life. On November 16, AdventHealth will present the November Lunch and Learn.

Halloween Party

The annual Halloween party will be held on October 31. John Singer and his band will be performing. Tickets are \$15 for members and \$25 for nonmembers.

Are Friends Electric

On Friday, November 13, Are Friends Electric will be performing. They play a variety of music, including 1980s nostalgia and other styles. Tickets are \$30 for members and \$40 for nonmembers.

Holiday Decorating

Residents are needed to assist with decorating the ballroom for the holidays on November 28. Specific times and additional information will be provided closer to the date.

Volunteer Request

Angie reported that the Board has events planned through May, and volunteers are needed to assist with event preparation, decorating and setting tables. Residents interested in volunteering were encouraged to sign up at the volunteer table or contact the event organizers.

Open Forum

Residents were invited to ask questions and provide comments.

Edie Gibbons provided a brief update regarding the Toy Drive that serves children in the local area. Planning is already underway, with initial activities beginning in October. Additional information regarding donations and participating schools will be provided as the program develops.

Michele Steinke said if the Oktoberfest doesn't attract enough people, she would volunteer her time as the event's DJ.

Sharon Shaw asked about the photographs for the Veterans Day presentation. Laurie confirmed that photographs can be scanned and returned to residents.

Adrian reminded residents that the HOA is preparing the 2027 budget. She encouraged anyone who has an item or expenditure they would like considered for the 2027 budget to submit the request to her.

Laurie announced that the next HOA meeting will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2026. The meeting date was moved from the usual second Thursday because October 1 falls on the first Thursday of the month. At the October meeting, candidates who are running for the HOA Board will be introduced.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Laurie adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:35 PM.

Following adjournment, the HOA membership drawing was completed. The winner was Stan Leonard on Crane Feather.

Residents who wished to participate in Veterans Day photographs had their photographs taken in front of the flag.

Respectfully submitted,
Vita Loparco
Secretary