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# President's Report

By Philip A. Quince

**W**hat Is Founders Day and Why Do We Celebrate It? Founders Day is our annual celebration of the residents whose vision, courage, and commitment transformed Americana Cove into the thriving resident-owned community we enjoy today.



This year marks the 32nd anniversary of our community's purchase. At the time, Americana Cove had approximately 750 homes. Of these, 410 residents became Founders, each investing \$27,500 to secure ownership of the property. The remaining 340 residents chose to rent their lots from the Founders.

In addition to purchasing the community, the Founders made bold decisions that still benefit us decades later. They chose to borrow additional funds to construct the Atrium, build a new office, and cover the Shuffleboard courts—enhancements that continue to serve as important gathering spaces and amenities for everyone who lives here.

It is because of their foresight and dedication that our community not only survived but has continued to grow and thrive. Without their willingness to take on risk and responsibility, Americana Cove as we know it simply wouldn't exist.

Each March, we celebrate Founders Day to honor these remarkable men and women—both past and present—and to say thank you for the strong foundation they built for all of us.

## ACA News

By Cindy Rodriguez

**O**ur last Resident Social, sponsored by ACA, will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Come to the clubhouse 6:30-7:30pm to socialize with your neighbors. Everyone gets a free beverage ticket at the door. Additional beverages are \$1. donation.



The Queen of Hearts will be drawn at 7:30pm (*unless she is revealed at the Burger Burn on March 17th*).

The ACA Burger Burn is on April 21<sup>st</sup>, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday.

This is the last one until September, as many leave or will be leaving, for the summer months. Come to the clubhouse and enjoy a burger or jumbo hot dog, plus sides & a beverage for just \$9.

**I**f the Queen of Hearts has not been revealed by this date, April 21<sup>st</sup>, we will definitely have a winner this night, as names will be drawn until we have a winner. The Queen of Hearts, a progressive raffle, will end.





## Mardi Gras 90's Celebration

Sandy Shouse

We have 9 new men and women who joined the Americana Cove 90's Club. There are a total of twenty nine, 90 + year old men and women who are part of our community.

The Americana Cove Community came through again with participation, donations and volunteering to help with coordinating, cooking, serving, donating and so much more.

Our special guests had the opportunity to spend an evening to enjoy family and friends. An evening with special wristlets, boutonnières, headpieces, special table settings, appetizers, dinner, dessert, wine, punch, coffee, special music by Live Music Group and Mary our flautist. Also special music by Neal Tuleen's grandson Maxwell Tuleen – 12 years old.

And of course birthday gifts: 10 items, Culvers Gift Card, lap blankets to the 9 new members of the 90's Club and special birthday cupcakes. A fun packed evening. Special thanks to everyone that was a part of this special event and those donations that made it possible.

We have a great community with amazing people.

Cover photos by Rosemary Ferreri.



## Art Strong

Judy Daigle & June Showalter

Hello, fellow artists as well as aspiring artists. Yes, I will be continuing Art Strong for the summer. Judy and I do things slightly differently, but I think that makes it more interesting. Like Judy, no experience needed, just bring your open mind and art supplies to the library every Monday from 6-8 pm. If you don't know what to bring, you can check the Art Strong Facebook page or ask me. If you're curious about what we do, come on down and just hang out with us. We'd love to have you. This summer we're thinking about hanging out at our beautifully refurbished pool after class. What else are you going to do on these hot summer nights?

I look forward to seeing everyone!

June Showalter



## HYPNOSIS AND YOUR HEALTH

Rosan Larizza

Our Health. That is going to be the subject of our session this month. We will take a trip through our bodies, tweaking some here, polishing a bit there, removing, adding whatever we need to add or remove, to every part of our body. This session will be fun and exciting, and you will feel like a new person afterwards. Get rid of some of those aches and pains!

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## Marketing Committee

Andy McPhee

The Marketing/Website Committee has been reconstituted as the Marketing Committee, with a position called Webmaster folded into the structure. With Andy McPhee serving as chair and Phil Quince as board liaison, the committee has gotten off to a great start.

Last year's committee worked to find people to build homes on our many open homesites, but realized that expert guidance was crucial. So the Board approved the engagement of an external marketing consultant to provide preliminary feedback on how the Cove is perceived by the marketplace. That feedback can help the Cove more effectively market all of the Cove's strengths to those customers around the nation more likely to respond positively.

"We want to make sure," said McPhee, "that people who want information on the community can find it easily and quickly and that they get answers to their questions in the most efficient way possible."

The committee is also looking at replacing some of the images on the website to better present the Cove to outsiders. "We have a vibrant, youthful community here at the Cove," said McPhee, "and we want to show that exuberance in the pages we present to the public."



## Veterans

Ron Miller

Well it's just about time to say goodbye to all our Northern Veterans. Our snowbirds are heading back north for the summer. But they will be back in the fall.

If you are new to the Cove or someone who doesn't know, we honor our Veterans by placing their name on a plaque's on *The Wall of Honor* in the clubhouse. If you have served in the armed forces, your name will be placed on these plaques. Just sign the list on the ACA Board in the clubhouse with your name and branch of service and I will get it done. I wait till I have six or more names, then I'll get them engraved.



If anyone has worn, torn, faded flags please don't put them the trash. Place them in the flag box in the clubhouse by west side door and I will then take them to be retired in the proper way. If anybody wants to have a flag pole placed on their house I will help you do that. The more Flags in the Cove the better. My number is in the book Ron Miller SMSG Ron Miller (Ret)



## Chair Volleyball

*Michaele Gruccio*

Happy to state that Chair Volleyball has proven to be very popular here at the Cove. Not only is it lots of fun but good exercise as well. Lots of stretch and upper body movements. Additionally, keeping alert with hand to eye contact.

This has been such a success that ACA has contributed to a wider net for more participants! We will continue to play in April and then take a break until January of 2027. Same schedule, twice a month at 3pm in the Clubhouse.



Come join in the fun! Thanks to all who have come out to play!

## Welcome New Residents

*By Mary Ann Meljac & Cindy Rodriguez*



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## Sunshine Report

*By Gay McPhee*

Dearest Gentle reader, what simply splendid weather we are savoring. The sun shines brilliantly, and the landscape is bathed in a warm glow. It appears the Cove's pool has opened its gates once more, and one wonders who of our residents was first to make a splash and find themselves in over their heads.



One would never jump straight in. A slow promenade around the water's edge to display one's ensemble is strictly required before any immersion

Shall we discuss those bathing costumes? What a variety one can see while taking the waters. Whole pieces, two pieces—even, dare I say, bikinis! Oh my!

But aren't we ever so grateful that those devilishly risqué Speedos have fallen from grace? Truly quite the diminutive spectacle that leaves nothing to the imagination.

So remember, when one fancies a dip or sunning oneself up, always protect your epidermis in style!

Sincerely, Lady Twinkledown



## April Birthdays:

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 04/1 Ron Garraffa  
 04/2 Jeff Buckles  
 04/2 Lorraine LeRoy  
 04/2 Linn Wells  
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## April Anniversaries:

04/1/1995 Irene & Russell Schoetker  
 04/1/2015 Martha & Bob Sutton  
 04/6/1985 Karen & Wayne Bryant  
 04/7/2018 Linda & Ken Lawrence  
 04/9/1988 Michelle & Charles Pugh  
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 04/15/1989 Jane & John Niles  
 04/16/2012 AnnMarie & Bill Moretti  
 04/17/1982 Linda & Phil Quince  
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By Barefoot Realty Group, Brokerage Agent for Americana Cove

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This is important as one of the reasons buyers move into the community is due to having the ability to sell their home. Americana Cove averages 48 home sales each year.

According to various local and state sources including Plan Hillsborough, Florida's population will continue to increase on average of 300,000 people each year to 2030 with the Tampa Bay area being one of the fastest growing metro areas.

Between now and 2030, Hillsborough, Pasco and Polk will attract the largest portion of new residents with Manatee County predicted to see the largest growth. Pinellas County, where Americana Cove is located, is the second smallest county in the state by land mass. In spite of that, it will see an increase of approximately 17,000 people by 2030.

As the population of Florida increases, Americana Cove hopes to continue to capture home buyers who understand the many reasons to purchase in the community including its great location and the amount of waterfront property available.



## Boat Club

By Kathy Williams

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The Boat Club Bash VIP Red Carpet Extravaganza was on March 14th. What a fun evening we all had: catered dinner, the boat club bar, a DJ, dancing, basket raffles, 50/50 raffle and the grand prize raffle of a fully paid 7 day cruise for 2!

There was no meeting in March so we could focus on preparing for the Bash.

Upcoming events:

April 11, 2026: meeting 10:00am. **\*\*Food truck parking lot party\*\*** will be from 4:30-9:00pm. There will be live music by the Nightly Brew Band from 5-9pm, so bring your dancing shoes! Food trucks will be open from 4:30-7:30pm. Don't forget to bring some cash to buy from the food trucks! We will also have a 50/50. The boat club bar will be open to members for complimentary drinks (you must sign in at the membership table to get a wrist band) or to nonmembers for \$1 per drink.

May 9, 2026: meeting at 10:00am. Tiki party 3-6pm. There will be a DJ poolside by John Parker.

We always need volunteers to sell 50/50 at our events and meetings. Please sign up on the bulletin board at the clubhouse.

June, July and August will be no boat club meetings, but tiki parties will still take place.

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## Bocce Club

By Daisy Dean



Our Bocce Season is coming to an End and what a Season we have had Proud to say we now have almost 100 Members, we started with 4 People. We started the season with Fun Bocce Day in November where it was open to all Residents for a Grilling Day, a social gathering and an opportunity for residents sign up, what very eventful day.

In February we had a Bocce Fundraiser with 140 people in Attendance with a Great Meal that was enjoyed by all, Beautiful Booze Baskets and 50/ 50 Raffle. It was another Eventful Night. We are proud to say we Donated almost Three Thousand Dollars to the Park from this Fundraiser, Thus far Almost Thirteen Thousand Dollars have been Raised by this Club to Donate back to the park and used towards the overhead Awnings over both side of the courts.

In March we had our Tournament that was for Members only with another Great Day of Serving Hamburgers, Hotdogs Etc. The Following Weekend we had our Bocce Banquet with 80 People in Attendance to a sit down Dinner with Homemade Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes & All the Dressings. If you are interested in Joining Bocce Group we look forward to welcoming you in November for the start of another season.



## Book Club

By Nan Krueger

Happy Spring! We are very fortunate to have two book clubs at the Cove. Our weather is finally getting warmer and many of us are spending more time outside pursuing our chosen activities. Yet it is still nice to take a little time to read and escape for a while. Whether or not you join one of our clubs I hope you have time to enjoy a book.

**Women's Book Club** selects from a wide variety of current books and meets the second Thursday of each month. For April we have selected **The Life Impossible by Matt Haig**.

All women residents are welcome to join. Our April meeting is on the 9th at 1:30 in the Library.

**Classic Book Club** is choosing books that we have currently defined as literature "meeting the test of time". This group meets the second Wednesday of each month. As of the writing of this article we have not yet chosen a book for April.

Our April meeting is on the 8th at 1:30 in the Library.

Members of both clubs are informed of upcoming selections via email, and there is a list posted in the Clubhouse that is updated as selections are made.

Happy reading! We hope to see you at one of our groups.



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Clair Practice 6AM A Faith & Covenant - Vespers Sunrise Service 7AM A Bocce 11AM BC Easter	5 Hobby Shop Mtg 8AM HS Art Strong 8PM L Dart League 8:30PM GR	6 ACA P Council 10AM Group 11AM
12 Bocce 11AM BC Bocce Mtg 4:30PM C	13 Landscape CMTE 10AM A Art Strong 8PM L Dart League 8:30PM GR	Market 10:30 Live M
19 Bocce 11AM BC	20 Art Strong 8PM L Dart League 8:30PM GR "Private" 8:30PM A	Burger C Queen Drawing
26 Bocce 11AM BC Sunday Night at the Movies 7PM GR	27 Art Strong 6PM L Dart League 6:30PM GR	Live M

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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1</p> <p>Shuttle Mtg 9:30AM A</p> <p>Chair Volleyball 3PM C</p> <p>Resident Social 6:30PM C</p> <p>Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30PM</p> <p><b>April Fools Day</b></p>	<p>2</p> <p>Good Neighbor 1PM C</p> <p>Fines CMTE 7PM GR</p> <p><b>Masochy Thursday</b></p>	<p>3</p> <p>Beer Friday 3PM GR</p> <p>Bingo 6PM C</p> <p><b>Good Friday</b></p>	<p>4</p> <p>Got It! 4PM A</p> <p>Dealers Choice Poker 6PM A</p> <p><b>Holy Saturday</b></p>
<p>7</p> <p>Presidents Mtg A</p> <p>Hypnosis GR</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Board Wkshp 8:30AM A</p> <p>Classic Book Club 1:30PM L</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Finance CMTE 10AM GR</p> <p>Women's Book Club 1:30PM L</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Planning CMTE 10:30AM A</p> <p>Beer Friday 3PM GR</p> <p>Bingo 6PM C</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Boat Club Mtg 10AM A</p> <p>Food Truck Tailgate Party 4:30PM Parking Lot</p> <p>Dealer Choice Poker 6PM A</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Planning CMTE GR</p> <p>Music 3PM C</p>	<p>15</p> <p>YAH Luncheon 12N C</p> <p>Chair Volleyball 3PM C</p> <p>Board Meeting 7PM C</p>	<p>16</p> <p>"Private" Book Club Mtg 11AM GR</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Beer Friday 3PM GR</p> <p>Bingo 6PM C</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Got It! 4PM A</p> <p>Dealers Choice Poker 6PM A</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Burn 5PM</p> <p>Queen of Hearts Mtg 6:30PM</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Town Hall 9:30 AM</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Beer Friday 3PM GR</p> <p>Bingo 6PM C</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Private Astrology 12NA</p> <p>Dealers Choice Poker 6PM A</p>
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## AMERICANA COVE WEEKLY Calendar Repeats - Month: April 2026

Day	Event	Time		Location	
Monday:	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.		C	
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.			
	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.			
	Line Dancing	11:30-1:00p.m.	Nov-April	C	
	Nickel Bingo	1:00pm	Year around	C	
	Progressive Rummy	4:00p.m.	Year around	A	
	Art Strong	6:00-8:00pm	Year around	L	
	Cue Club-Men's	6:00p.m.	Nov-April	B	
Tuesday:	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.		C	
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.			
	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.			
	Shuffleboard Social League	10:30am -12:30pm	Nov-April	S	
	Maj Jong	2:00pm	Year around	GR	
	Progressive Rummy	4:00p.m.	Year around	A	
	Poker Pool	6:00 p.m.	Nov-April	B	
	Cards	6:30p.m.		A	
Wednesday:	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m..		C	
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.			
	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.			
	Hand & Foot (cards)	1:00 p.m.	Year round	A	
	Cue Club-Women's	6:00p.m.	Nov-April	B	
	Board Games	6:00pm	Year round	A	
	Texas Hold'em	6:30pm		A	
	Rug Braiding	6:30p.m.	Nov-April	G	
Thursday:	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.		C	
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.			
	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.			
	Dominoes	1:00pm	Nov-April	A	
	Progressive Rummy	4:00pm	Year around	A	
	Cue Club-Men's	6:30p.m.	Nov-April	B	
	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.		C	
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.			
Friday:	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.			
	Beer Tasting	3:00-6:00pm	Year around	G	
	Poker Pool	6:00p.m.	Year around	B	
	Bingo	6:00p.m.	Year around	C	
	Saturday:	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.		
		Shuffleboard Hoss Collar	10:30am-12:30p.m.		S
	Sunday:	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	3:30pm	Nov-April	A
		Bocce Ball Pick-up	1:00pm-5:00pm	Nov-April	BC
Summer Bocce		2:00pm	June-Oct	BC	
Vespers		4:45p.m.	Nov-April	A	
Pinochle		6:30p.m.	Nov-April	C	
Misc Cards		6:30p.m.	Year round	A	



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# Buddhism

By John Howell

Happy Easter

We offer these insights, drawing upon chapter XXV of the Dhammapada: “The Monk”

From the Buddhist P.O.V. a monk can be fully ordained, and practice the “Path to Nirvana” as a lay (householder) practitioner or as monastic (Temple dwelling). Both avenues were fully sanctified by the Buddha himself and have been restated as such throughout the two and a half millennia since. Also recently made clear in published documents with specific guidelines delineating practice by H.H. the 14th Dalai Lama himself, who (with infinite humility) regards himself as just a simple Buddhist monk.



- A monk in the Buddhist tradition:
- Is dedicated to helping others with spiritual issues
- Is dedicated to living a simple, yet peaceful life above all else without harm
- Is (when able) dedicated to becoming a benefactor, assisting other novice monks
- Is in the world but not of it, helping others understand the peace of mind available herein
- Is reticent to the gratuitous accumulation of “worldly” property and prestige
- Is often called upon to help those in hospice, or otherwise the dying process therein
- Is ultimately sustained by the four requisites; Food, Clothing, Shelter, and Medicine
- Is (like John) a friend and protector of “Mother Nature” and her children

We celebrate Earth Day April 22nd this year, while keeping a close eye on an early Hurricane season

BTW: Sadly current events require clarity. [Buddhist, Christians and the Jewish faith together] have no association with Islam or the abhorrent practices Muslims impose upon women, along with other atrocities perpetrated throughout history. We fully support the America first agenda. Henry Miller said; “The goal in life is not to possess power but to radiate it”.

On a happy note; next month we will gather at local temples worldwide to celebrate the Buddha’s Birthday, Enlightenment, and Nirvana...see you there!

Namaste

# Cornhole Club

By Erika Fitch

Cornhole season officially ended Thursday, March 19th as our last night of play along with holding our year end meeting. We will take a break for the next several months and start again in the fall. We will announce in the Forecaster when play will start back up.

We also held our year end banquet on Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at Carrabba’s before all the snowbirds headed home and it was enjoyed by all who went.

When regular season starts back up in the fall it will be on Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the clubhouse for any one interested in playing cornhole. The first month will be warm up for



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the season and then the regular season will start after that. At that time membership dues will need to be paid. Dues are \$10 for the season or \$2 a night if not a member. Members are given the first chance to play if we have more participants than boards.

At intermission we play the game AirMail for a cash prize. Then at the end of the evening's regular cornhole session we play Last Man Standing for another chance to win some cash. We also have a 50/50 drawing every week.

## Crafters Club

By Teri Stallone

**A** **BIG THANK YOU** to those in the Cove community who attended our annual Ice Cream Social. We hope you enjoyed your tasty treat as much as we enjoyed serving it! We also want to thank all who attended our Spring Craft Fair. We appreciate all of your support! April is here and many of the snowbirds are leaving! The Crafters have had a wonderful crafting season and the leaders appreciate all of your ideas and helpfulness.



**We will see you again when we resume in October. Watch our Facebook group and the Forecaster for our Fall start date.**

## Faith & Fellowship – Vespers

By Audrey Dox

**A** ll residents and guests are invited to gather in the Atrium for **EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE** at 7AM on April 5. Pastor Roger Watts, a retired Methodist pastor, will be the guest speaker for **EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**.

**EASTER LILIES** can be purchased for the Sunrise service in honor of, or in memory of, a loved one. You may choose to take home your Easter Lily after the service or have Vespers deliver the lily to cheer a shut-in. Please see Martha Sutton or the Faith and Fellowship/Vespers bulletin board for sign-up sheets no later than March 29. Cost \$10. Look for Donor names to be listed in the May Forecaster.

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# Hobby Shop

By Michael Love



March was an exciting one for the Hobby Shop Club as we welcomed guests to a special Open House following our monthly meeting. For those who may not know, despite the name, Hobby Shop is truly a do-it-yourselfer's dream — a place where creativity, craftsmanship, and community come together.

After our regular meeting, members opened the doors to guests to showcase everything our club has to offer. Visitors toured the shop and learned about our unique tool library, which provides members with access to a wide variety of equipment without the need to purchase and/or store tools at home. From woodworking and small repairs to creative weekend projects, our space is designed to help bring both ideas and community to life.

In preparation for the event, members worked hard to spruce up our historic building. The shop received a refreshment to create a brighter, more welcoming work environment.

Tools were sorted and organized to make them easier and more convenient to use. These improvements not only impressed our visitors but also made the space more enjoyable for everyone.

As part of the Open House, we also offered some excess tools in exchange for a donation. This effort helped clear space while giving others the opportunity to put quality equipment to good use — a true win-win for both our club and the broader community.

We're happy to report that the Open House was a success! We welcomed new faces, answered questions, and shared what makes our club such a valuable local resource. Several visitors expressed interest in becoming members, and we're excited about the opportunity to continue growing our community.

Members, our next meeting will be held on April 6th at 9:00 a.m. Coffee and doughnuts provided. We have a lot of topics to discuss. Please don't miss this meeting.

Non-members, if you're interested in becoming a member or would simply like to learn more, we invite you to stop by April 6th at 10:00 a.m. to get additional information and see the shop in action. Individual memberships are \$10. For the calendar year, 2026. Family and household memberships are not available.

If you've been thinking about starting a project, learning new skills, or connecting with fellow makers, now is the perfect time to get involved. Remember; join us on April 6th at 10:00 a.m. and discover how the Hobby Shop Club can help bring your ideas to life.





## Shuffleboard Club

*By Robert Solomon*

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New time! The Shuffleboard Club will be enjoying Happy Hour play starting every Monday beginning April 6 from 3:00 to 5:00. Gather 'round, learn the game, be active, be happy! This is BYOB (no glass containers) and snacks are welcome, too. We will pump up the music and play a couple games. Shuffleboard is not hard and you do not need experience or equipment nor athletic skills. (Do wear close-toed shoes to protect your toes from a fast disk!) If you are a new resident or even if you have lived here a long time, all are welcome. Still want to play more? join us on Saturday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

## Landscape Committee

*By Michelle Pugh and Erika Fitch*

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We hope that you were able to enjoy all the new plants and planters around the pool last month when the pool reopened. We want to thank everyone who worked hard on that project.

The Landscape Committee's next meeting will be Monday, April 13th at 10 a.m. in the Atrium. This will be our last meeting for the year and we need to discuss and finish up some projects. If you are a member please plan on attending.

We also would like to remind everyone that when you are walking your dogs near any of the flower beds in the park and especially Founders Park to please keep them from peeing on any of the plants. This does damage to the plants and they then have to be replaced. This work is all done by volunteer residents and it makes us sad that we have to replace things because of this. Please help to keep the Cove looking nice for your neighbors and yourself.

Just a reminder again from the Landscape Committee for all the new residents moving in. If you are planning on doing any landscape projects such as plantings, stone or pavers make sure that you get a landscape request form from the office or off the Cove website. You need to turn in what you plan to do before you start, so that approval can be given. If you do not do this there is a chance you will have to take it out at your expense. This can happen if approval can't be given for what you have done.

We are hoping that with the cooler spring weather we are having right now you can get outside to enjoy your own yards as well as the public areas in the Cove.



## Library

*By Gay McPhee*

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Library cleanup is still a work in progress. Most books older than 10 years have been donated to another reading group. Currently the labeling system is underway. All videos and DVDs are ready to be enjoyed. Find a new book or reread a favorite. Come in, have a seat, relax, and read!

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## Live Music

By Libby Hopkins

Hello Everyone!

Well, this is it, folks!! We have come to the end of the season, alas. And to the last of our Live Music Group shows until the fall!!

Our first show in **April, Tuesday April 14, 2026, at 3 PM**, will be our **Spring Show**. You will not want to miss this meaningful and heartwarming program!!

Then, our **second show on April 28**, same time, same place, will be our **Farewell Show**, our last program of the season. We will not be back until **October, 2026, so please don't miss this one!!!**

We hope to see everybody there at both shows!! We know many of you will be leaving shortly, and we would like to have a chance to say goodbye until fall!! Safe travels to everyone we don't get to see, but we are hoping we will be able to say goodbye to you in person!!

Thanks to all who attended our International Song and Dance program in March (in which Gay McPhee sang four songs in four different languages, Carol Faschetti choreographed the LM dances, Sandy Shouse danced 7 of the 8 dances featured, and Al Martin stepped in to run the show when our hostess Judy Whiteford was out of breath from dancing vigorously). Our beautiful Easter Show was emceed by Sandy Shouse, and Mr. and Mrs. Easter Bunny were featured along with a unisex Easter Bonnet contest. Thank you for your patronage throughout this past season!! We are so **grateful** for **YOU!!!** For those of you who have not attended, come see what you are missing!!

Please Note: **Our Shows and Refreshments are FREE!!** So come and enjoy yourselves! Friends and guests are welcome. For those of you who are not familiar with us, we are a music group within the park that usually put on a performance the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse, from October through April. We work hard to provide an entertaining, fun hour, and we provide snacks, drinks, and sometimes, spiked punch! **Please come to see us!! These are our last shows until October!!** Take care and have a great, fun month!





# Land Exercise

By Daisy Dean



Our Walking Season was a slow start in October but ended up with a Good Group by end of season.

My last class will be April 10th after that a few may continue until I return in November

We had our champagne Breakfast in March that was well attended, Thanks to ACA for Supplying Snacks, Champagne, and Paper Products. \

Door Prizes were also given out.

If you are interested in joining walking group, we start at 8:am in the Library Monday through Friday..



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# Swim Exercise

By Nancy Olson

Hello everyone! Hard to believe it is already April and a lot of our northern friends will be heading out for the season! Safe travels to all and looking forward to seeing you all back in the fall. As I write and turn in this article, the pool is getting ready to reopen and hoping that we will back to swim exercise following our seasonal schedule; 4 days of audio tapes and 2 days of oldies! We will have also celebrated Founders Day and the grand reopening of the pool!

## Items of interest

I want to thank everyone who participated in chair exercise with Paul Eugene. We had a wonderful group of people and had fun while still staying fit! Several in the group weren't in the swim group and I was thrilled to welcome you all! Stay tuned, I'm hearing some rumbling we may have some interest to start chair exercise going in the fall. Nothing firm as of this writing.

Thanks to all who volunteered to work the ACA luncheon in March. Your time is valued and much appreciated.

Our end of season party was celebrated on March 25. Thanks to all the land exercisers, swim/chair exercisers and line dancers who attended. Thanks to all for your generosity, it will never be forgotten!

Thank you Rosemary Ferreri for taking pictures of all the groups.

Don't forget to check our FB page on a daily basis for update to date announcements on class schedule, weather related watches, birthdays, suggested equipment for class, etc.

We will stay with our seasonal schedule until May 20 which will be my last day of class for this season. May 22 Maureen will kick off summer school which will last until I return in late September.

Happy Easter to all





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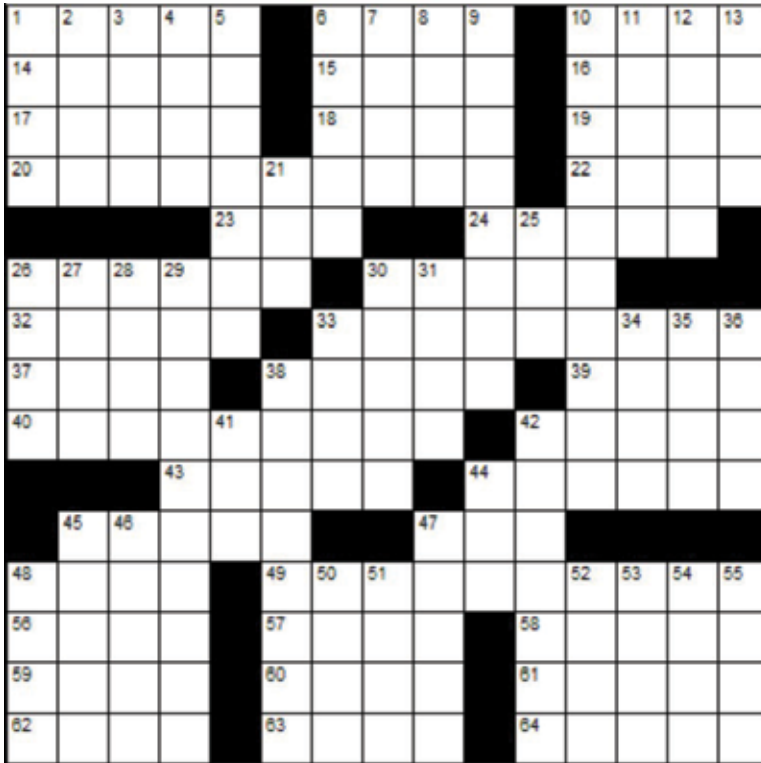
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# APRIL CROSSWORD



## ACROSS

1. Adhesive
6. Ice hockey disk
10. Bog
14. Female egg organ
15. Metal used in steel
16. Decorated, as a cake
17. Spooky
18. Being
19. Fifty-three in Roman numerals
20. One of three copies
22. Advanced
23. Night before
24. Couples
26. Fancy
30. Domain
32. Leases
33. Mustache style
37. Poi source
38. Dispatches
39. Domestic
40. Cabinetries
42. Nickel or steel
43. Diversions
44. Ribald
45. Parenthetical comment
47. Circle fragment
48. Not fatty
49. Bestride
56. Sea eagle
57. Black-and-white cookie
58. Vast
59. Assists
60. Found on rotary phones
61. Swift
62. Lock openers
63. Scream
64. File

## DOWN

1. He writes in stanzas
2. Affirm
3. Indian dress
4. Voyage
5. Unseeing
6. Fragment
7. Celestial bear
8. Price
9. Sometimes used by gardeners
10. 10 to the centimeter
11. More aloof
12. Harnesses
13. Rewrite
21. Climbing vine
25. Ever last one
26. Illustrated
27. Overhaul
28. Prefix meaning "Within"
29. Stuffiness
30. Positions in a social hierarchy
31. Terminates
33. In this location
34. Matted cotton for stuffing
35. Asian nurse
36. Depend upon
38. Any unspecified person
41. Roll of bills
42. Gruesome
44. Be mistaken
45. Eagle's home
46. Like most beaches
47. Coral reef
48. Fluid escape
50. One of the Great Lakes
51. Marine mammal
52. Small amount
53. Blockhead
54. Den
55. Countercurrent



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