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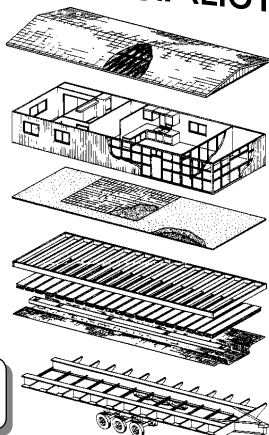
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President's Message

By Jolee Rengo



As 2021 draws to a close, I feel an overwhelming sense of gratitude to have even survived it! Let's face it – this was an incredibly tough year, with many challenges on many different fronts.

A few examples:

- At this time last year, we had just been presented with Ryan Osborne's resignation. We had to race to find suitable applicants, advertise, interview, and in the end, the candidate we chose decided to stay where she was.
- Our maintenance supervisor quit and did not work out his notice.
- Our president of the Board of Directors resigned, reversed her decision, and then quit for good.
- We lost people on our Board; good people with big hearts and good intentions to help this park. So, we had to scramble to get and place interim Board Directors.

The news on the financial front was far from good. We had rampant, runaway over time. I had been fighting it for well over a year. It was costing us *thousands* each pay period. This year I put an end to it, for the last time.

In the Spring, a man I didn't know very well approached me and asked if he could help. "Yes, please!" was my reply. I was four months into my presidency, and I was running on fumes. That man was Gary Schaumburg, a person I have come to value and respect greatly and now consider a dear friend. As you all know, not only did he apply to become our manager, but he also went to school and passed the

licensing exam for his Community Association Manager (CAM) designation. Now THAT is putting your money where your mouth is!

Next, we needed a Maintenance Manager who knew what he was doing and would work well with our established maintenance team. We found Ron Martin, and I have been happy about that choice ever since. He has been right there with me every step of the way to run a tight team. This made a

significant difference – it is the smallest maintenance group we have ever had, and yet they continue to get the job done; they work very well together and Ron Saves Us Money!

On a personal front there have been challenges as well. In May, I suffered a bad fall that resulted in five broken ribs. (But fear not! – I asked Nelson to come over and bring the two contracts I needed to sign before we called the ambulance!)

My family has had serious health issues as well, but we are so grateful that Randy and Bobbi will be back home to celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas with us!! We will take each win as a gift from God and be grateful for that opportunity.

- We have and continue to survive COVID.
- We continue to address the accounts that are in arrears.
- We now have in place an extraordinarily strong leadership team, - with 'team' being the op-erative word – Gary, Ron, Nelson, our wonderful Board of Directors, and with them we can and will surmount any obstacles we face – because we are a TEAM.

My commitment to this community began three years ago when I was elected to the Board of Direc-tors. I was determined to do the job as a tribute to the faith my father had in me, even though he was no longer here. He took such an active interest in what I did, which was mostly

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commercial property management.

I would drive my red 350Z to the house on Mt Key. I would knock my special knock on the door and as I opened it, I could hear his recliner being adjusted into the sitting position. I would give him his usual five kisses on his cheek, and as I went to kiss Mama, Daddy would say - every day -, “Well, Child, did we make any money today? Tell me all about it.”

He has been gone from us for twelve years, but his legacy to me lives on:

- Be honest.
- Work harder than everyone else.
- Show your integrity by doing the right thing.
- Do the absolute best you can with what you have.

The challenges are not yet over. We have more to work to do. But my dedication to the well-being of Americana Cove and its population, I believe, is well documented. I will not waiver; I shall not fail.

Blessings to you all this Christmas and always. The New Year awaits.

Manager's Message

By Gary Schamburg

‘Tis the season to be Jolly – and it’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas. While some stores had Christmas decorations up as early as August, it’s not really the Holiday Season until the Norelco Santa Claus sleds across the snowy countryside. So, here he is and Merry Christmas to all of you living or vis-iting our ***premier ‘active’ 55+ Resident owned community.***



For the Seventh Covenant of the New Resident Orientation, the subject is watering your grass. In Florida, irrigation is a big deal, especially during those hot summer months. Remember there are designated water days based on your address. Even number addresses water on Wednesday and Saturday, while odd ones are on Thursday and Sunday. Most of you have no idea of the number of calls the Office Team receives because of Residents watering on the wrong day or – in the worst case – watering every day. The other irrigation concern is using potable water for your grass. The smell gives away this mistake, and our Maintenance Team continually checks throughout the Cove for this potable water error. Any Resident routinely using potable water for their lawn costs money our budget doesn’t forecast. So, Please:

Water on your designated day and time. City water is not to be used for irrigation purposes!

Initiative Updates:

1. – The Floor Committee, chaired by Tom Wichmann, continues to acquire proposals for the floors in the Fitness, Billiard, Game Rooms, and Main Clubhouse. Please, volunteer for this committee as your effort will determine the type of floor covering and the cost.
2. – ARO Engineering is completing the Engineer Survey for the North and South Boat Ramp Renovation Project with the final document sure to meet expectations. Mike Arkanoff continues to chair this effort.

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3. – The MAROA Board of Directors disbanded the Audio-Visual Committee at the October meeting, but not before one last modification was completed for changing out the old stage lighting for more up-to-date illumination.
 4. – The Landscaping Committee continues to improve the quality of our gardens. The garden on southwest corner, outside the Cove looks remarkable. And the addition of the red cedar colored rubber mulch presents a fresh appearance at the entrance.
 5. – As of this date, the Cove is still awaiting the seawall report from J. Foster Consulting. We should have the document before Thanksgiving. For your awareness, the Cove has become the second party to a warranty claim against the seawall fabric. MAROA assumes no cost for pursuing the claim at this time. However, our attorney believes at some point it may be necessary to bring in a construction litigation counsel, if the contractor disputes the warranty claim.
 6. – The WEBSITE, Land Survey, and North Canal Committees had their initial meetings. The WEB-SITE Committee is interested in volunteers who possess web skills as they are past the ‘good idea’ phase. Residents should start seeing Forecaster articles from the Land Survey Committee and North Canal Committees describing their efforts, future activities, and achievements.
 7. – The Tiki Hut Roof Committee has the ball rolling for re-thatching the roof. At last, and hopefully, those pesky flies will disappear. Over the next year, the committee will develop roofing options for MAROA Board approval.
 8. – Free tax preparation provided by IRS certified tax preparers, organized by our own Cove resident, Dr. Judy Hall. Tax preparation will be provided by appointment for dates in February and March 2022. Watch the Forecaster for specifics.

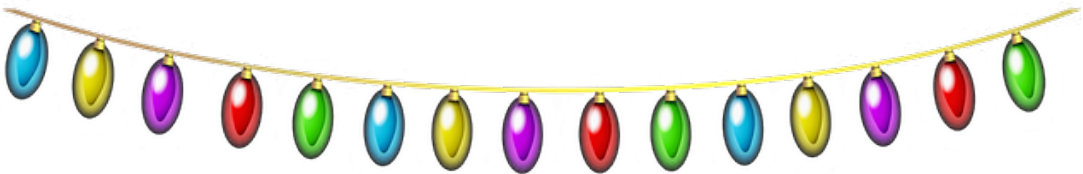
A short note of Appreciation:

First, applause for the volunteers delivering our Forecasters. The magazine is always on time and every Resident gets a copy. To borrow a phrase . . . Neither Rain nor Heat nor Gloom of night stays these Couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds. Obviously, can't include the ‘snow’ part. You all are the Best!

Next, and not least, Ron Miller has become THE catalyst for ACA activities. And more importantly, Ron senses the pulse of the Cove and the attitude of our Residents. His support has been vital over the past months. Can't thank him enough for his assistance on numerous projects.

Remember, our Resident volunteers are a driving force behind . . . ***building Americana Cove into a premier ‘active’ 55+ Resident owned community.***

Respectfully – Gary Schamburg, CAM



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ACA News

By Ron Miller

December is here already and soon it will be 2022 which will be my last month's as your president. Your board has worked very hard and we have tried to do our very best!

As most know, my board lost two of it's members over the summer. I was able to recruit two very great people to replace them, Doug Howland and Frank Holbrook.

Things at the Cove are beginning to look more and more like it's old self. Events have started up and all the clubs are rolling along. As most of you know, this is being written a month ahead of time. I say that to say this!! A very big THANK YOU TOO ALL THAT HELPED on our Trinkets & Treasures Sale. The bakers all did an outstanding job. The entire day went great. A Special Thanks goes out to Sandy Shouse. Thanks Sandy!! We had so many new faces that helped, Thanks too all. They are what makes the Cove a great place to live.

December is a busy month. It starts with the golf cart parade on Dec. 11th at 6:00 with food and drinks to follow. This is open to the whole park, not just the people with the carts. Everyone is welcome to come to the Clubhouse and see who won, both the house decorating, and cart parade. Cash prizes will be given for 1, 2, 3 places.

The ACA lunch this month is Dec 1, the Dec. Burger Burn will be on Dec.15 and the New Years Eve party on the 31st from 9pm-1am-- only open to 120 people, looking forward to having a good time.

A BIG THANK YOU ALL WHO GAVE TO WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA, all clubs and people who gave money! ACA sent a check for \$1,000 for the cause. Thank you all, this is very close to my heart, because as most of you know I spent 40yrs in the military. If anyone has a torn or ripped flag, please give it to me and I will see it taken care of the right way.

This past year was the first year the Cove had music through the whole year. I'm hoping this will keep going in 2022. Thanks to the Cubs and ACA.

In closing, I wish everyone in the Cove A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR. ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS!!!



Announcements

By Ray Rodriguez - Editor

Canada Night Is Back

Last year because of Covid, Canada Night was cancelled after 25 years of doing this. I'm happy to announce Canada Night Dinner & Dance will take place again Saturday January 29th. Tickets will go on sale December 20th from 10:am to 12 noon. 224 Tickets were sold previous year & hoping for the same this year.

If you want a ticket please come to the Clubhouse & you can pick your table, Tickets can NOT be reserved. Just a reminder, 224 tickets for Canada Night 2019 sold out before noon. So we're thinking that will be only day for ticket sales.

If you have a group that want to sit together I would suggest one in the group collect the money & stand in line to avoid a lot of people.

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Menu will be Salad, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Stuffing, Gravy & a dinner roll, plus a large variety of homemade Pies & Cakes for dessert. Prizes & 50/50 tickets also available.

Reminder for newcomers in Park, This is Not strictly for Canadians, It's Canadians cooking a meal for you all as a Thank You for being Such Great Neighbors & Friends.

Please check Americana Cove Page December 1st for more information.

Daisy Dean

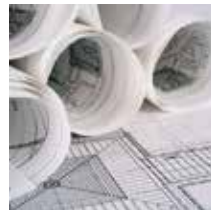
Land Survey

Committee Chair, Fran Hardy

We met October 27th to form this committee. In attendance was manager Gary Schamburg, board liaison Dave Casey, Bob and Fran Hardy, Bob and Karen Novak.

Our goal is to get quotes from survey companies; the board will review. This will allow us to know our build able lots and allowed green spaces. Presently we are contacting companies for the proposals.

I am eager for a good result for our amazing park. We shall keep you posted.



Club Facebook pages

Below is a list of Facebook pages for some of our groups. We urge you to visit their page to get the most recent information, time changes and event scheduling. You must be a resident and on some pages you may have to 'request to join'. I will add the page of other groups as they develop them.

The Americana Cove Community
Americana Cove Community Crafters
Americana Cove Community Walkers
Americana Cove Community Water Fitness Group
Americana Cove Community Art Strong
Americana Cove Community Line Dancers



Special Thanks

I would like to give a special shout out to Susie Q Brown and her staff of 27 dedicated distributors that work tirelessly each month to deliver our Forecaster, at times in inclement weather conditions. They voluntarily set aside their time each month to deliver us the activities, dates, times and news from all our clubs, from Management and the Board of Directors. Their work behind the scene is much appreciated.





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Halloween Party

The ACA Halloween party this year was well attended by many of us, some in costume, some not. We danced through the evening to the *spooktacular* music by The Travelers.

Prizes were awarded to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winner. First place went to the Hobbit Sorcerer halfling, better know as Patty Whitlock. Also pictured are Gary & Carolyn Schamburg, Gary works tirelessly to manage and improve our community and Carolyn so graciously must listen to all of Gary's challenges for that day, we now understand why he looks forward to 5 o'clock each day.



Art Strong

November started us off with drawing faces and using a touch of watercolor for enhancement. Work-ing at their own pace, everyone learned a little about shapes and shading in their art. We will continue to work with different mediums on different substrates and create wonderful works of art. Anyone who would like to work with different mediums are welcome to join us. Work on your own or join our tutorials. Must bring your own supplies. Check out our facebook group page at Americana Cove Art Strong to stay updated on projects we'll be working on and supplies needed. No experience necessary. Creation is what you make it and it is called "Art". Every Monday evening at the Library from 6-8 p.m. Hope to see you there.

Judy Daigle



Free Tax Preparation

Need help with your 2021 taxes? This year Americana Cove is pleased to announce that we will provide free tax preparation provided by IRS certified tax preparers, organized by our own Cove resident, Dr. Judy Hall. Tax preparation will be provided by appointment on one day in February and another day in March, 2022. Watch the Forecaster for details as they become available.



New WebSite Committee has been formed:

Board Liaison - John Tyson
Committee Chairperson - Philip Quince
Committee Members: Joseph Noling, Donna Andrews, Bob Hardy, Susan Solomon.



Short-term goals: Within 1 month

- Migrate the existing site to a new host controlled by Americana Cove. Currently resides with a third-party IT company.
- Address broken links
- Update the content to make the site current.

Mid-term goals: Within 3 months

- Develop Guest/Resident Logins. Residents will be able to set up their own login credentials, credentials will be verified to ensure that only residents have access to proprietary information.
- Gather input from Clubs/Committees that they would like to see posted.
- Gather input on the look and feel of the existing site. Address primary areas of concern, provided they are changes that can be made on the existing site.

Longer-term: ~ 6 months

- Investigate the possibility/need to develop a new site.

Phil Quince

Kayaking Update

December's full Moon is Sunday, December 19th and is most commonly known as the Cold Moon—a Mohawk name that conveys the frigid conditions of this time of year, when cold weather truly begins to grip us. This full Moon has also been called the Long Night Moon (Mohican), as it rises during the “longest” nights of the year, which are near the December winter solstice. Sunset will be at 5:39pm, with the Moonrise at 6:05pm. Weather permitting, we will meet at Founder's Park at 5:00pm. Don't forget your flashlight, life jacket and bug spray. All water craft are welcome... we need some boats to chaperone us too!



Suzanne Banning

Pickleball, anyone?

Hello, my name is Phil Williams and I have just moved to Americana Cove. I am trying to gauge the interest in starting a pickleball club in the community.

Pickleball is growing quickly as a popular new sport and you can play it well into your later years with minimal strain to your body. My wife and I are both retired and I was hoping to establish a group of players that were able to meet perhaps either on Tuesday or Thursday and preferably play either late morning or early in the afternoon. I would also be willing to play in the evening if enough of our still working owners expressed an interest in playing.

Of course we would have to drive off site to play. Crescent Lake Park has six designated pickleball courts and is about a three mile drive from Americana Cove. The courts there are closed for a league on Thursday evenings. Fossil Park is a little closer to us but they only have two courts. Roberts Recreation Center holds indoor pickleball Tuesday - Friday from 9:30 - 12:30.

At this point I am only trying to find out how much interest there is so if you could just e-mail me at philwms@prodigy.net or phone 317-313-3828. Please include your name, contact information (phone number and e-mail address), what days you'd be able to play, your relative experience or skill level, and anything else you know (or we should know) about pickleball in St. Petersburg. If enough interest is generated then we might set a meeting date to discuss it further??

Thanks in advance, Phil Williams



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Big thanks to all of you who are advising your visitors that we do require a valid drivers' license to drive into the community.

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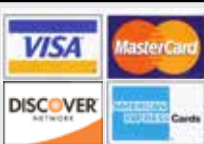
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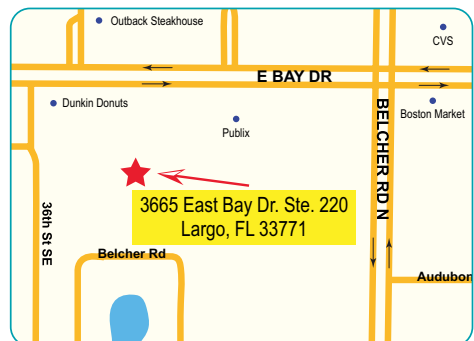
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Sunshine Report for December 2021

By Nancy Hubartt

Deaths – With Sympathy

Jim Tanner

Faith Brundage (former resident)



December Birthdays

01 Bob Staples

01 Marie Seller

01 Gloria Capuccitti

02 Catherine Osman

02 P.J. Petit

03 Chuck Weaver

05 Shirley Bernfeld

05 Maureen Karam

06 Roxanne Gregory

07 Bob Sutton

10 Maureen Woodhead

11 Nancy Olson

12 Tom Wallace

14 Joe Fitch

15 Bill Foley

15 Linda West

15 Cathy LaVelle

16 Gary Griffith



17 Helen Schirm

19 Mike Giacchetti

19 Debbie Thackrey

20 Donna Andrews

21 Jerry Burnard

22 Charlie Petrites

23 Gerry Zebley

23 Patrick Norado

23 Susan Westdyke

24 Carol Howard

26 Mike Wagner

28 Frank Holbrook

28 Gloria Cousins

29 Dave Panach

29 Dolores Prusak

31 Bill Besser

31 Virginia Clark

31 Virginia Riggs



December Anniversaries

01 Teresa & Charles Hansen

76 years

02 Janet & Bob Larson

34 years

03 Wendy & James Watters

39 years

03 Judith & Richard Krapf

54 years

04 Peggy & Ken Turk

11 years

08 Jeanette & Edward Imbrogulio

60 years

14 Joan & Ron Miller

36 years

15 Mary Ann & Ted Meljac

37 years

17 Diane & Tom Filstrup

32 years

20 Ginny & Bob Staples

74 Years

20 Bonnie & Bart Beal

35 years

24 Sandy & Bill Besser

55 years

27 Sandy & Tom Shouse

46 years

28 Bobbi & Randy Rodgers

48 years

29 Judy & Joel Daigle

49 years

30 Linda & Bill West

35 years



Welcome New Residents

By Mary Ann Meljac & Cindy Rodriguez

Welcome to the following new residents!

Sylvia & Oscar Arenas
7275 Mt. Fairfield Rd.
Prev: Knickerbocker

Maryann McMahon
7168 Mt. Jupiter Dr.
Prev: Goble

David & Connie Panach
7225 Mt. Fairfield Rd.
Prev: Laramie

Derek & Susan Huzzy
615 Mt. Key Ave.
Prev: Knaub



Book Club

By Jill Moe

We made it through zooming, the pandemic, and calendar schedules. The Book Club is back to meeting in the Library the second Thursday of the month at 1:30 PM. This month we will be discussing

THE SWITCH by Sandra Brown

Gillian and Melina Lloyd, identical twins, enjoy switching identities. Melina, the more impetuous twin, proposes that her circum-spect sister take her place as a media escort to NASA astronaut and national hero. Gillian declines as she is preoccupied with whether or not the artificial insemination she un-derwent that day will be successful.

The media-savvy chief turns out to be an easy assignment for Melina. But the following morning police arrive at Melina's door with the worst possible news: her twin has been brutal murdered in her own bed. And on the walls scrawled in blood, as obscenities directed at Gillian, along with insults linking Chief to the crime. Dissatisfied with the investigation, chief and Melina form an alliance and find themselves uncovering more questions than answers.

If anyone needs the Reading List, please email me at NHmoema@gmail.com or call 603-898-4614, and please leave a message.

Don't forget - January 13th we will be discussing 'Refuge' by Dot Jackson, hostess Orna Smith. This is a saga of self-discovery, family love, loss, and redemption. Set in 1929, an abused wife/mother runs away from her privileged life and relocates her children to the mountains of Appalachia.



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Americana Cove

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div> <div>NOV. 30</div> <div>CLUB PRESS MEETING 10am TRIUM</div> </div>	<div>1</div> <div>Shuffle Mtg 9:30 A</div> <div>ACA Lunch. Noon</div> <div>Budget Mtg 1 pm A</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Bingo 6 p.m. C</div>	<div>4</div> <div>Craft show 12-4 A</div> <div>Got It! 4 p.m. A</div> <div>EVENING OF CAROLS & NATIVITY 7pm. C</div>
<div>7</div> <div>Carl Harbor Membrance Day</div>	<div>8</div> <div>Landscp 11am A</div> <div>Old Timers 12 pm</div> <div>Budget Mg 1pm A</div> <div>Community Forum 7 pm C</div>	<div>9</div> <div>Book Club 1:30. L</div>	<div>10</div> <div>New Resident Orientation. 1 pm A</div> <div>Bingo 6 p.m. C</div>	<div>11</div> <div>Boat Club Mtg 10 a.m. A</div> <div>ACA Golf Cart Parade 6 pm.</div>
<div>14</div> <div>Music 3 pm</div>	<div>15</div> <div>Board Meeting 7 pm. C</div>	<div>16</div>	<div>17</div> <div>New Resident Welcome 1 pm. A</div> <div>Bingo. 6 pm. C</div>	<div>18</div> <div>Got It! 4 pm. A</div> <div>Boat Club Boat Parade</div> <div>Karaoke 7 pm. C</div>
<div>21</div> <div>at Burn C</div> <div>Day of Winter</div>	<div>22</div>	<div>23</div>	<div>24</div> <div>  </div> <div>Christmas Eve</div>	<div>25</div> <div>Christmas</div>
<div>28</div>	<div>29</div>	<div>30</div>	<div>31</div> <div>New Year' s Eve Party in the Clubhouse \$15/pp BYOB Champagne toast</div> <div>New Year's Eve</div>	



Weekly Calendar Repeats

AMERICANA COVE WEEKLY Calendar Repeats - Month: December 2021

<u>Day</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
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	12:00p.m.	C
	Nickel Bingo	1:00pm	C
	Progressive Rummy	4:00p.m.	A
	Art Strong	6:00-8:00pm	L
	Cue Club-Men's	6:30p.m.	B
	Bid Euchre	6:30p.m.	C
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	S
	Poker Pool	6:00p.m.	B
	Progressive Rummy	5:00p.m.	A
	Crafters	6:00-8:00pm	L
	Cards	6:30p.m.	A
	Bid Euchre	6:30p.m.	C
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.	
	Cue Club-Women's	6:30p.m.	B
	Rug Braiding	6:30p.m.	C
	Pinochle	6:30p.m.	C
	Texas Hold'em	6:30p.m.	A
	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.	C
Thursday:	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.	
	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.	
	Shuffleboard	10.30pm	S
	Dominoes	1:00pm	A
	Progressive Rummy	5:00pm	A
	Cue Club-Men's	6:30p.m.	B
	Cornhole	6:30-8:00 pm	C
	Cribbage Club	6:30p.m.	A
Friday:	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.	C
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.	
	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	9:00a.m.	A
	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.	
	Poker Pool	6:00p.m.	B
	Bingo	6:00p.m.	C
Saturday:	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.	C
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.	
Sunday:	Shuffleboard Hoss Collar	1:00-3:30p.m.	S
	Pickup Bocce Ball	4:00pm	BC
	Vespers	4:50p.m.	A
	Duplicate Bridge	6:00p.m.	C



***A: Atrium**
C: Clubhouse
L: Library
S: Shuffleboard Courts
B: Billiards
G: Game Room
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BINGO

By Mary Lou Pribesh



The bingo sessions continued through the summer months with the help of Margie Sheaer who has since passed and will be remembered for all her contributions to all our clubs, and Nedra Hebbard who also stepped up to keep things run smoothly. The fall and winter season is underway and with the return of our northern residents and our Canadian friends we should have more participation.

Many thanks go to Scott Peacock, Jeff Fitch, Nedra Hebbard and all who helped to keep the ball roll-ing. We're looking forward to a lively season, with some special surprises

Boat Club

By Mary Ann Meljac



One of the traditions for the Boat Club in the month of December is the Boat Parade. Boat owners put their decoration skills into full gear, invite their friends to help “dress” their boats for the holiday and then share their special creations with all of their friends and neighbors in Americana Cove as a parade is formed and travels throughout the Cove for all to enjoy. There will be judges for this event and will take place on December 18th starting at 6 PM. So, if you own a boat, now is the time to share with your “Cove”family ... after all Tis the season to be jolly! It is an amazing evening and enjoyed by both participants and viewers along the parade route. Mark this date on your calendars and “Let us entertain you”! There will be a sign-up sheet provided in the Club House.

Part II of this special event will take place the next day – December 19th from 1-4PM. The winners of the best decorated boat will be announced at the Boat Club Awards Party at the Tiki Hut!

Another tradition for the Boat Club is to gather a team of members in a volunteer boat and judge the waterfront homes for “Best Decorated House on the Water”. The winners for Best Decorated

Waterfront Home will also be announced at the Awards Party on December 19th. Everyone is invited to this event. We ask that you bring an hors de oeuvre to share, beer, wine, water and soda will be provided. If you are not a boat club member, you only pay \$5/person for this holiday event! Celebrate with us and who knows ... you might win a prize!

To quote Dr. Seuss ... Christmas will always be as long as we stand heart to heart and hand to hand ...

On a different note, if you are looking to take a boat trip for a few days, try Dunedin and Tarpon Springs! Jim Zurowski and Rosemary Ferrari were accompanied by Ted and Mary Ann Meljac recently on a 3 day tour! The foursome headed South towards the Sunshine Bridge.

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Then headed North to Dunedin. The Beso Del Sol resort was our first day's destination where we met up with Roger and

Diane LaRochelle. On the 2nd day the group of 6 continued North to Tarpon Springs. The sun was shining and the seas were calm. The 3rd day was spent at sea to return to St. Petersburg. This was a great getaway, time to explore different areas of the beautiful area we live.

Buddhism

By John Howell

Wishing a Happy, Safe Holiday Season filled with Peace, Harmony and Good Will to all sentient beings...
Namaste



Cornhole Club

By Deb Howland & Erika Fitch

Cornhole club for the fall officially started last month. We will be playing every Thursday night at 6:30 in the clubhouse. Club meetings will be held the first Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. We will have the meeting and then a time of socializing and treats. Cornhole optional that evening but all other Thursdays in the month will be at 6:30 for regular cornhole playing.

Yearly membership dues were due at the start of the season, but can be paid anytime you join the club. Membership for Cornhole Club will be \$10.00 per person, guaranteeing you a spot to play on club night. Drop in play will be \$2.00 a night.

We also have a 50/50 drawing every week. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday evenings. We set up at 6:00 and would appreciate any help.

Call Doug or Debbie if you have any questions. (727)366-4273.



Crafters Club

By Debbie Lewison

The crafters had a lot of fun during the month of November and have more crafts planned for the month of December. We meet on Tuesday evenings at 6 pm. Upcoming crafts and sign up sheets are listed on the bulletin board in the clubhouse and we also have a Facebook page where sample crafts are shown.

The Crafters will have a Craft sale in the Atrium on December 4, Saturday from 10-1 pm. All are welcome to come purchase some nice Christmas presents.

We've had lots of new members and welcome anyone interested in making a variety of crafts. We hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas season!



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Cribbage

By Brian Murphy

Cribbage started its 2021/2022 season on its traditional Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the atrium.

We are having a slow go at it with other new events happening in the schedule. Reminders will be post-ed on the activity board entering the Cove.



Thanks, Brian. Have a great Thanksgiving

Cue Club

By Frank Holbrook

The Cue Club met on Monday, November 1, 2021 and there were twenty-nine (29) members in attendance. Pizza, beer and soft-drinks were served. Eight-ball league sign-ups were conducted, Monday Men's, Wednesday Women's and Thursday Men's, and there are still slots available for each of the nights. A tentative calendar of events was reviewed and approved by the membership.

SAVE THE DATE:

February 5, 2022 – “Brew, Brats and Burgers Dinner Dance”

February 13, 2022 – Super Bowl Pot Luck Party.

The next Cue Club meeting will be on December 6, 2021 at 5:00 pm in the Atrium.

Helping Hands: Ways to Welcome 2022


By Judy Hall, PhD

Instead of making lofty, out of reach resolutions for the new year, why not try some simple things that you can do to make a big impact on your overall health for the new year.



- Green up your home. One or two plants nearby can alleviate stress, boost mental energy, and help you think more clearly, according to experts in Prevention Magazine.
- Paint the room peaceful. Science shows that colors that are relatively light and not very saturated are relaxing. Painting a wall just the right shade may help you decompress a bit.
- Go double or nothing. Find a friend who enjoys the same kind of exercise you do and set a combined goal. Each of you is responsible for completing half the goal, and neither can claim success until both of you reach it. It's a good way to stay motivated.
- Schedule preventive care checkups. Most primary care offices have developed precautions to keep you safe, so you may want to schedule virtual visits if necessary. This way you will keep chronic conditions under control and identify emerging issues at an early stage for treatment.

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- Take care of your skin. (See last month's article.) Establish and commit to a skincare routine. You just need three staples: a broad-spectrum sunscreen, a retinoid to reduce signs of aging, and an antioxidant such as vitamin C serum to limit the production of free radicals caused by sun exposure.
 - Plan just three dinners a week. This is just enough to give you a sense of control, but not so many as to make you nuts when plans change throughout the week. Why not buy ingredients for 3-4 meals, then, as the week progresses, you can make your daily dinner decision accordingly.
- Be healthy, Americana Cove!

Library

By Jill Moe



Over the past several weeks, we've received several donations. Thanks to your generosity you continue to make your Library a showcase for Americana Cove. (Rita and Jim Lewis would be so pleased) Maureen, Nomi, Pat, Greg & I thank you for keeping us busy!

Line Dancing

By Judy Daigle

As we started our line dancing at the beginning of November, I was thrilled to see all the enthusiastic Cove residents join our activity. They quickly learned new steps and put it to use to different genres of music. Our line dances are fun and good for the heart and soul. Exercises the body and mind too! New comers are welcome as we always learn new dances after we review the ones already learned. Some of them are easy enough to jump right in. Hope you'll join us at the clubhouse on Mondays from 12-1.

See you there!



Land Exercise - Walk off the Pounds

By Daisy Dean

I am Happy to be back & Happy to be Walking with you all again. Classes start at 8am, Monday thru Friday, In the Clubhouse.

I would like to do a few days a week of cardio, a few days a week toning & we will do Bands & weights. Friday will be our fun Day with Zumba.

If you have a favorite workout please let me know & I would be more than happy to do it.

Again Thank you to Astrid & Maureen for keeping this going over the summer months.





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Landscape Committee

By Deb Howland

In October the Landscape Committee voted in a new Chair, Deb Howland and Co-Chair, Erika Fitch. The last few weeks we have been busy learning about the responsibilities of this committee. We are very excited to work with our members and residents of the Cove to enhance our beautiful community.

The entrance gardens have been completed as well as our south garden on the corner of 1st Stand Woodrow Wilson Blvd. This last garden was planted by volunteers from the

Landscape Committee. The committee voted to use rubber mulch in these gardens for its longevity and overall durability, therefore saving money in the future. Also, as you enter the Cove, maintenance put in a new metal sign holder.

As you drive around our community during this holiday season we hope you are enjoying the great job our maintenance team has done putting up lights and decorations creating a festive feel. Along with our holiday lights the four pergolas have been strung with dusk to dawn LED string lights, for our year round enjoyment.

The Landscape Committee will be meeting the second Wednesday of the month in the Atrium at 11:00, 8 Dec 2021. We would welcome you to come join us to share your talents and ideas to enhance the Cove.

Merry Christmas to all and a Very Happy, Healthy New Year!!



Live Music

By Libby Hopkins

Hello Everyone!

We are in the month of holiday celebration, and we are so excited to be spending time with you, especially after the past year and a half!! We are looking forward to seeing you at the Clubhouse for our December shows.

Our first show of December is actually a Cove community affair. Please join us for the twelfth Annual **Evening of Carols and Live Nativity**, which will be presented on Saturday, December 4, at 7:00 pm in the Clubhouse. Music will be presented by our special Christmas Choir, including members of our Ves-per Choir. This spirit-filled night helps us all to focus on the true meaning of Christmas. Seats fill up, so please come early. Also, parking is limited, so if you can, share a ride. Refreshments and drinks will be served. Friends and guests are welcome.

Our Musical Director, Claire Mosakowski, was highlighted in November in an interview by Bay News 9's Everyday Hero series. In the interview, it was noted that Claire did an excellent



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job of keeping Americana Cove audiences entertained with her “magical musicality”. It was noted that the Live Music group under her direction performs many themed shows, and that Claire spreads joy through her music.

Indeed, Tom Wallace of American Cove noted that even though she can’t see the music she’s playing or the audience she is playing for, Claire exhibits enthusiasm and perfectionism, as does her group of singers and performers. Also featured in the interview were Karen Nealman, Claire’s daughter, and Ed Mosakowski, her husband of 66 years, both of whom participate in many ways in the Live Music endeavor, including videotaping every show.

Many people here at Americana Cove believe that Claire and the Live Music group are a gift to our community. We hope you will come out to see us!! We are looking forward to entertaining you!!!

****Our regularly scheduled Live Music Christmas Program will be on 12/14/21 at 3 PM in the Club-house.****

For those of you who are not familiar with us, we are a Music Group within the park that usually perform the 1st and 3d Tuesday of every month from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Our Performances and the Refreshments we offer you are **FREE!!!** We work hard to provide an entertaining, fun hour, and we provide snacks, drinks, and sometimes, spiked punch!

**** If anything changes regarding these shows we will let you know via VOLO, Email and/or Facebook.**

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All!!!

Old Timers Young at Heart

By Kathy Laramée

December brings thoughts of sleigh bells, Christmas carols, tinsel and pine and of course Santa! It’s also a time to remember the “Reason for the Season” and revel in that reason as we celebrate.

Young At Heart will have effected some changes to our years old name and luncheons. I hope these changes will be the beginning of a new and better year for everyone yet still keeping the very reason our club was created to foster fellowship, lunch and information.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every person reading this, a Blessed, Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year, Kathy, Joan, Martha & Maureen

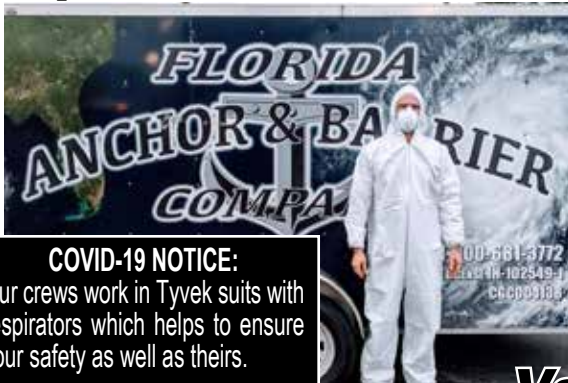


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Pokeno

Nancy Hubartt

PO K E N O is going on vacation until next year when it will return as a summer activity. We are so lucky to live in this park – we have so many activities to choose from during the season. Not quite sure at what day and time for 2022.

Rug Braiding

By Carol Deatherage

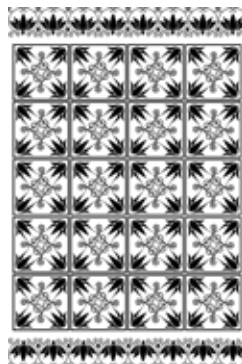
The Rug Braiding Club will start meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021 in the clubhouse room at 6:30 p.m.

We'd like anyone who has an interest to join us. It is an informal club and isn't a weekly lesson, so you can come whenever you are able. We do have some supplies available so you can try it out to see if you would like to make a rug.

Several experienced braiders are available to help you so you will receive one on one help.

We hope to see anyone with an interest to join us!

Any questions, call Carol Deatherage at 814-397-3984



Shuffleboard Club

By Greg Moe

We held our first 2021-2022 season business meeting on November 3rd at 9:30 AM in the Atrium.

I was so pleased to see 17 members attend and welcomed 9 new members.

We will be starting to play League competition outside the park beginning on December 7th in our Friendship League. As of now we still do not know what is happening with NOVA or Blue Sky Leagues.

Hoss Collar will continue on Sundays at 1:00 PM. For the month of November, Social League will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 AM. Beginning in December they will be only shuffling on Thursdays.

I am also very happy to announce that we will be having our Pancake Breakfasts again, January 15th and February 19th. More to come in the January issue.

Our next meeting is December 1st at 9:30 AM in the Atrium, please come and join us.

Remember - cue sticks are helpful, masks are optional, fun is the ultimate goal!

See you December 1st, if not before.



Swim Exercise

By Nancy Olson

I cannot believe it is already December! We welcomed back all of our Canadian friends who returned during the month of November! The border back to the states reopened for driving on November 8 and it is great to see everyone back in the park and those who have returned to swimming! Overall attendance this season at swim exercise has been great! During the week we go anywhere from 22, to a high so far of 34 attending. Saturdays are less attended, averaging 15-20. So great to see the enthusiasm around getting this type exercise!

Items of interest:

Water temp was changed to 85 (as scheduled) on Nov. 1. It feels great!

Winter weather guidelines, if the outdoor temp is 55 or higher and I am leading class, we will swim. If I am gone and a sub is leading the class the outdoor temp needs to be 60. PLEASE be sure to check our group Facebook page, "Americana Cover Water Fitness Group" daily to check what is going on with weather related decisions.

As a reminder, we exercise to audio tapes on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. We do oldies (instructor led by me with assistance from the subs) on Tuesday and Fridays. Be sure to check the Facebook group page daily to see what we will be doing in class and what you need to bring.

Hours for holidays: NO SWIMMING on Christmas Day. We will swim on Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day!!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

Pics include: Susie Duggar (visitor), Maureen St. Guillen, Nancy Olson

Diane Massey and Maureen St. Guillen

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By Barefoot Realty Group, Brokerage Agent for Americana Cove

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Holiday- Misc. - Craft Bazaar. Sat.
 12/11/21 8-1. Palm Hill Country Club,
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EVENTS & PROGRAMS

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- Advertise BUY, SELL, TRADE ITEMS by sending copy & check to Monthly Media at 220 Bahama St, Venice, FL 34285.
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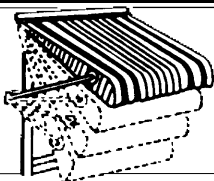
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That's all you do. At the end of the month the Publishers will pick up the tickets and hold a drawing. If your ticket is drawn, we mail you a check.

(Allow 8-12 weeks for mailing of check). This month's cash winners are:

David Kikkert.....	\$100	..... O.E. Wilson Insurance	LaVon Werz.....	\$5	..... Debbie's Salon
Barbara Strachan.....	\$10	..... Heller's Mobile Home Washing	James Huck.....	\$5	..... Heller's Mobile Home Washing
Georgianna Boucher ...	\$10	..... Royal Enterprise	Renee Darcy.....	\$5	..... Jones & Sons Plumbing
Victoria J. Gardner.....	\$10	..... Denny's Plumbing	Marilyn Besancenez.....	\$5	..... Bill the Carpet Guy
Judy Whitney.....	\$10	Barron's Air Conditioning & Appliance	Pamela Weber.....	\$5	..... Air Masters of Pinellas
Ruth Daugherty.....	\$10	..... Air Masters of Pinellas	Richard Fewer.....	\$5	..... Imperial Electrical
Raymond Monkeim.....	\$10	Health Markets - Dawn-Rae Cruthfield	Jill DiMaggio.....	\$5	..... Jones & Sons Plumbing
Dave Swets.....	\$10	..... Recreational Golf Cars	Barbara Champion.....	\$5	..... Air Masters of Pinellas
Larry Milobowski.....	\$10	..... Heller's Mobile Home Washing	Joan Pattison.....	\$5	..... Got Dirt? Call Dirty lil'
Helen Cook.....	\$10	..... E & E Gliddon	Marciana Assue.....	\$5	..... Heller's Mobile Home Washing
Stacy Fiscel.....	\$10	..... Jones & Sons Plumbing	Betty Allen.....	\$5	..... Air Masters of Pinellas
Diane Whitter.....	\$10	..... Imperial Electrical	Paul Fadden.....	\$5	..... Natures Resource Pest Control
Vicki Schwartz.....	\$10	Palm Harbor and Dunedin Electric	Sharon Laney.....	\$5	..... Royal Enterprise
Robert Gamboa.....	\$10	Battleline Termite & Pest Control	Ed Perella.....	\$5	..... Air Masters of Pinellas
Larry Hedrick.....	\$5	..... Air Masters of Pinellas	Ron Enzinna.....	\$5	Battleline Termite & Pest Control
Mark Vetter.....	\$5	..... Heller's Mobile Home Washing	Maureen Mathis.....	\$5	..... Heller's Mobile Home Washing
David & Sue Scullion ..	\$5	..... The Plumbing Patrol	Doris Fairbent.....	\$5	..... Discount Computer Repair
Charles Latimer.....	\$5	..... Jones & Sons Plumbing	Carol Robertson.....	\$5	..... Jones & Sons Plumbing
Avis Audibert.....	\$5	Battleline Termite & Pest Control	Mary Ann Lawson.....	\$5	BugginOut Pest Control
Jody Larson.....	\$5	..... Boss Electric	Marilyn Jones.....	\$5	..... Royal Enterprise
Kevin A. Green.....	\$5	..... Heller's Mobile Home Washing			
Stephen Kristof.....	\$5	Battleline Termite & Pest Control			
Cheryl Trenkemp.....	\$5	..... Royal Enterprise			
Crystal Heinen.....	\$5	..... Imperial Electrical			

Not enough qualifying winners for December!
Mail in your tickets or paid receipt for your chance to win!

- Limit of one ticket per visit • Advertiser may have up to 4 winners per month • Advertiser must have bill paid current to qualify
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