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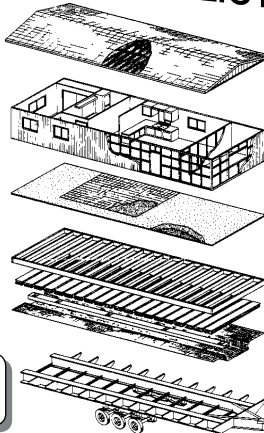
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President's Message

By Jolee Rengo



Greetings to all!

Let me please take this opportunity to thank everyone who voted for me to have a second term on the Board of Directors. I am extremely thankful for each vote! I am especially grateful to this Board of Directors, who have placed their trust in me once again to remain as President. I will not let you down. Being on any Board is a very demanding but rewarding task. It allows us to contribute to the life we all love here in Americana Cove, and I, for one, enjoy being part of a team that is dedicated to helping make our lives a little bit better.

With our new Board now in place, it is time for us to get to work on behalf of each and every one of you! This will be a year of planning and strategizing. We will tackle each challenge with a united front, and do our best to come up with creative solutions to any obstacles we may be presented with. We will work diligently for your best interests. After all, you elected us to do this job. Thank you again!

Manager's Message

By Gary Schamburg



WOW, March already, wasn't it just New Years....

Spring will be upon us on the 21st and that means 'Spring Cleanin' as Granny on the Beverly Hillbillies used to say. Now, we shouldn't go as far as Granny cleaned – haul everything inside to the outside. So, please, check your roof, awnings, and siding for stains and mildew; cut and weed the flower beds; trim hedges; and tidy up carports. Many Residents understand this routine as they prepare to depart for colder climes in April and May. Your Street Captain has a checklist and will provide a courtesy review of your Home prior to the Community Manager inspecting in April. Last year, these Spring Cleanings kept the Cove appealing through the Summer and allow us to maintain our status as a **premier 'active' 55+ Resident owned community.**

MANAGER

The **Tenth Covenant** of the New Resident Orientation concerns parking. This Covenant states:

No vehicles are allowed to park on the streets at any time (Fire Dept. Regulations). Guests may park in the carport of resident they are visiting or in designated areas. Emergency vehicles must be able to get through.

Sounds pretty straight forward, but we still see Residents and guests parking on streets, on grass, and in open areas. Please – remember the *Golden Rule* and follow this Parking Covenant. The Community Manager can allow parking on open lots and grass, when required under special circumstances. From experience, 99% of the time it's not a special circumstance . . . and that concludes reviewing all Ten Covenants.

Initiative Updates:

1. ARO Engineering is completing the Engineer Survey for the North and South Boat Ramp

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Renovation Project with the final document sure to meet expectations. In the meantime, placing signs marking the end of the ramp, marking high tide, and noting that the safest time to launch/load is during high tides.

2. The MAROA Board received the seawall report from J. Foster Consulting in early December. The MAROA Board has reviewed their recommendations and is preparing a future strategy that accounts for our fiscal realities.
3. The WEBSITE Committee, chaired by Phil Quince, continues to make strides in converting to a 'new' web page that contains necessary Americana Cove information and remains user friendly.
4. The Land Survey Committee will be seeking a company that possesses the correct ST 719 legal
5. experience to survey the Cove now that Amendment 3 failed to secure the necessary Resident agreement to lower the share total to 720.
6. The Tiki Hut Roof Committee will continue to develop options for other types of roofing through the next fiscal year. This committee developed a plan and is delivering refurbished chairs at considerable savings – \$85 versus \$375 per chair.
7. The Dog Park will be receiving a renovation as Residents stepped up to conduct fundraising for sod, irrigation, and beautification. Thanks to Mary & Sparty for leading this effort along with Camille & Bilbo, Janis & Cooper, Diane & Sheba, and Shelley & Teddy.
8. Again, as tax season is upon us: 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 March 2022.

Continue to experience dog issues throughout the Cove. Please, clean up after them. And, most importantly, walk your dog within five feet of the street. If dog owners followed these two procedures, then we can solve 95% of the dog related issues.

Please – feel free to contact the Manager with any improvement ideas. Your comments ensure we . . . ***build Americana Cove into a premier 'active' 55+ Resident owned community.***

Respectfully – Gary Schamburg, CAM

ACA News

By Ron Miller

The time is here! This will be my last Forecaster report as your ACA President. It's hard to believe four years is up, but it is. I feel that my board has done it's best, in helping the Cove to be a better place to live and to have fun. I'm the only one left from the start of the last four years. I lost two very great people along the way who helped a great deal, Tony Fischetti and Marge Shearer, and Maryann Fairlie who did the first two years all were very helpful! We were able to help everyone who asked us for help, and were able to help the startup of the Cornhole club and the soon to be Bocce Ball club. But the best thing I think of all I'm most proud of is The Cove's support of Wreaths Across America, the Cove this year sent \$1500. I hope this will carry on in years to come. The other thing is the Burger Burns –

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it helped get the Cove together, but I think this too will only get better and bigger under the new ACA board. They, the Burger Burns helped the Cove get through COVID-19! Which as everybody knows SUCKED!!!!

I would like to wish the new ACA board well, and I will help in anyway I can. I hope they can keep the music going through the summer, they will need the support of all the clubs to make that happen!! The new board will take over in April 5 with the club presidents meeting, and the luncheon on the 6TH. GOOD LUCK!

I will still take care of old American Flags and the Veterans Plaques. If you are a Vet, please sign the list on the ACA board , and I will see that your name will be placed on the plaques of Honor in the clubhouse. You have earned that right!! The Cove is proud of it's Vets.
GOOD BYE!!

Announcements

By Ray Rodriguez - Editor

Hands across the Border, Canada Night History

I would like to extend our gratitude and thank you to all those who took part in making the 26th annual Canada Night possible. The dinner/dance was a great success and well attended. For those that don't know what Canada Night is all about, Daisy Dean has provided a brief history below.

Thank you Daisy and thank you Sandy Shouse for the cover photos.

Canada Night Dinner and Dance: It all began in 1995, 26 years ago, one year after residents bought Americana Cove. A lady by the name of Shirley Wadsworth, along with her late husband, John (whose daughter, Barb Bowen and husband ,Brian, still reside in the cove) decided to put on a dinner and dance to get all Canadians together, and to invite their American friends to show their appreciation for welcoming them as their neighbors and friends. So, along with Lillian Harris and her late Husband, late Gert and Harry Atwater (whose son, Gerry Burnard and Barb are still in cove), late Jean and Ted Latriette (niece Diane and Don McVicar also still in cove), just to name a few, Canada Night Began. This all-Canadian group planned for week, getting a menu together, canvassing stores for prizes, looking for entertainment and phoning all Canadians in the park to make homemade desserts - mostly our famous lemon meringue pie.

The function was a big hit for Shirley and her group with a sea of red and white as they decided to wear the colors of our Canadian flag with over 300 people in attendance, including office staff, board members and guest speakers. It started with singing of both anthems and prayer, followed by a home cooked meal, dessert, prizes and dancing. A good time was had by all.

Since then, many hands have run this function and all have done a wonderful job. It seems to still be going strong, although we have cut back on ticket sales. The past few years we have

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had to ask some of our American friends to help us out and we were truly thankful for their help. We hope to bring back an all-Canadian group to run this function again so our American friends can come enjoy a home cooked meal, prizes, and the entertainment.

I know that all of us Canadians really appreciate the American friendships we have made over the years here at the Cove. I know Joe and I love when we return, and we are always greeted with “welcome home.” How blessed we are to have such a wonderful home away from home.

Kayaking Update

March’s Full Moon rises on Friday, March 18th. This full moon goes by the name, Worm Moon, which was originally thought to refer to the earthworms that appear as the soilwarms in spring. This year, March’s Full Moon occurs before the Spring Equinox (March 20, 2022), also making it the Lenten Moon. Another alternative name for March’s Full Moon is the Sugar Moon. Sugar maples are tapped in late winter; sap buckets gather the sap, which is later turned into maple syrup! Please join us (weather permitting) at Founder’s Park at 6:00pm, with the sunset being at 6:23pm. Don’t forget your flashlight, life jacket and bug spray. All watercraft are welcome and we need some boats to accompany the kayakers. Please remember that it’s very dark out on the water and your kayak MUST be illuminated so you can easily be seen! Come join in the fun!

Suzanne Banning

Survey Committee

The Survey Committee is continuing to solicit bids. The board will decide what their plan will be, since the 722 lot vote did not pass.

I will announce future meetings, anyone interested, please attend.

Keep smiling, we live in paradise.

Fran Hardy

Canada Night, a Huge Success

Our 26th Hands Across The Border/Canada Night was A Huge Success with 165 in attendance. Our Tickets went on sale at 10:am & by 10:20 we were sold out.

We heard no complaints about the food Thanks to the Guidance of our Amazing Chef Astrid Dye.

We truly Appreciate you for all you do.

30 Prizes we’re given out & Many Thanks to Hobby Shop for donating eight 25 dollar Gift Cards, Also to Young At Heart for 100 dollar donation, to the Cue Club for your 50 dollar

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donation & to Crafters for 3 Beautiful Paintings. We Truly appreciated your Generosity.

Our Music Guy Carl Motyka seemed to be a Crowd Pleaser & Many Thanks to Doug Howland for recommending him when our Guy had to cancel due to Illness.

Again Thank You to many of our American friends who volunteered to help us but this event is about Canadians Cooking & Baking for you Americans for Accepting us as your Friends & Neighbors.

We Hope you All Enjoyed your Night as much as We did putting this on for You & Hope to see you all again Next Year
Daisy Dean

Free Tax Preparation

Americana Cove is pleased to announce that we will be offering free federal income tax preparation at the Cove on Thursday, February 24 and Thursday, March 24 from 9 am to 2 pm in the game room of the clubhouse. February appointments are filled, but March appointments are still available. Taxes will be prepared by IRS certified Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers and coordinated by our own Dr. Judy Hall. You can schedule an appointment by calling 813-773-6041. If there is no answer, please leave a message with your name, phone number, and the date on which you want your taxes prepared.

Dr. Judy Hall



Cove Squares

Hi folks. It's your Cove Squares spokesperson again. Our first group of students is off to a great start. We can't accept new dancers for the current class. If you have prior experience, preferably recent, we may be able to accommodate you. For those of you heading out of town for the summer you might find a class near your destination. Just search "Square dance lessons (for the state you'll be in)". For example: "square dance lessons Maine".

If we do get some interested parties we might start a new class in May.

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Judy Daigle

Tiki Hut Improvements

Thank you Tiki Hut committee and all of those that took part in overseeing the re-thatching of the roof and refurbishing the 20+ chairs that were in dire need of repair. It took a community of caring volunteers to strip the chairs of the worn webbing and staples prior to making repairs and painting before the transport of the chairs to a local company that professionally re-webbed them. Thanks once again to all the volunteers, the individuals and the clubs that donated money to defray the cost.

Pictured below are the stripped chairs in the painting process by Doug Howland, the transport of completed chairs and a the finished product.





Sunshine Report for March

By Nancy Hubartt

Deaths – With Sympathy

Don Delzell
William Fischer



March Birthdays

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| 01 George Chamberlin | 14 Bill Kocher | 27 Bart Beal |
| 01 Rick Lopez | 14 Lois Vogle | 28 Doug Howland |
| 01 Hope Hedrick | 14 Debbie Lewison | 29 Paula Barrows |
| 02 Mark Nixon | 16 Paul Powers | 29 Susan Ponti |
| 05 Rick Nangle | 17 Kathy Laramée | 29 Teri Stallone |
| 06 Rick Leclair | 17 Joe Pereira | 30 Tom Wichmann |
| 07 Sue Osfar | 18 Claire Mosakowski | 30 Mike Bunker |
| 08 Anne Marie Sumereau | 18 Janet Callahan | 31 Edward Kimak |
| 08 Dennis Herrmann | 19 Christine Mahoney | |
| 08 Cheryl Martin | 20 Astrid Dye | |
| 09 Jeanette Imbroglio. | 21 Ray Larkin | |
| 09 Vickie Domino | 22 Dick Nemi | |
| 09 Mary Ann Amanti | 22 Mary Ann Fairlie | |
| 10 Ritchie Comfort | 24 Bobbi Rogers | |
| 11 Russell Sapia | 24 Helga Ellis | |
| 11 Kathy Cindric | 24 Aldie Howard | |
| 11 Ken Turk | 25 Joan Mahoney | |
| 12 AnnMarie Moretti | 25 Nancy Morris | |
| 13 Norm Nemi | 25 Marie Rutigliano | |
| 13 Carol Deatherage | 26 Judy Daigle | |
| 13 Janet Miller | 27 Linda Roberts | |



March Anniversaries

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| 09 Astrid & Jack Dye | 26 years |
| 12 Yvonne & Richard Thurston | 60 years |
| 19 Debbie & Joe Lewison | 45 years |
| 21 Sue & Terry Rein | 17 years |
| 22 Barbara & Richard Bielawski | 54 years |
| 24 Gail & Ray Larkin | 56 years |
| 25 Teri and Patrick Stallone | 05 years |
| 28 Becky & Rick Nangle | 32 years |
| 28 Virginia & Eddie Clark | 57 years |





Boat Club

By Mary Ann Meljac



We are such a fortunate, privileged and blessed community. This winter we have been offered so many parties and events. The Boat Club sincerely hopes that you have been able to enjoy some or all of these wonderful occasions provided by the many Clubs and their members who volunteer countless hours of preparation and planning.

Are you ready for the 2022 Island Bash? This will be the 12th Annual party! Make sure the date of March 12th is marked on all of your calendars. A good time is guaranteed! The doors will open at 5:00 PM. Ticket price is \$25. The meal is being catered by Affordable Catering. There will be an abundance of gift cards and other items raffled off as well as the 50/50 raffle. The Bash theme is “Pirates” and prizes will be awarded for best costume. Ezara will be providing the entertainment for the evening so wear your dancing shoes! The Grand Raffle Prize this year will be a 3 Night Cruise for 2 to Nassau, Bahamas (February 24-27, 2023), a balcony stateroom on Carnival Liberty. This also includes all taxes, port charges and pre-paid gratuities. You can be the winner of this fabulous raffle for just \$10 per ticket or 3 for \$25! Don’t miss out on this great deal.

Last year’s “boat cruise” was a big attraction, so this year, resident Jeff Jones is donating a 3 hour boat cruise for up to 6 persons. This generous “donation” has a \$450 value. The boat will depart and return to the Americana Cove marina. Tickets are \$5.

The weather has not been the most cooperative, but we hope to have a full moon kayak outing on February 17th and on March 18th. Sue Banning will keep everyone informed on the status of these two events. Let’s keep our fingers crossed for warmer weather. I know there are so many residents who are anxiously awaiting another boating excursion!

Bocce Club

By Daisy Dean



Bocce Fundraiser coming up March 19th. Spaghetti Dinner with Meat Sauce, Italian Sausage, Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread & Dessert, 12 Dollars per ticket. Only 100 tickets available, 50/50 tickets & a Booze Basket Available. Doors open at 4, Dinner at 5. Karaoke to follow at 7.

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Book Club

By Jill Moe



The Book Club has finally started its new Reading List. In alphabetical order, our reading list will include *Circling The Sun*, *Confessions on the 7:45*, *Last Girl Ghosted*, *Love Story*, *Orchid Beach*, *The Blacksmith Queen*, *The Dutch House*, *The Girl Who Lived*, *The Midnight Library*, *The Muralist*, *The Power of One*, *Water For Elephants*. Check out the Clubhouse Bulletin Board to see what is being read and when it will be discussed. Be sure to join us the second Thursday of the month at 1:30 PM in the Library.

On March 10, we will be discussing **THE MIDNIGHT LIBRARY** by Matt Haig, hosted by Nanette Kruger

Nora Seed decides she isn't cut out for life. She just lost her job and cat, had fallen out with her brother and best friend and generally assumes she's a giant disappointment. So she decides to die.

Nora wakes up in the Midnight Library. She is greeted by Mrs. Elm who explains she has been given the opportunity to decide how she wants to live. In the Library there are endless shelves of books, each offering her a reality option of her choice for the outcome.

Nora finds herself faced with the possibility of changing her life for a new one, following a different career, undoing old breakups, realizing her dreams of becoming a glaciologist. She must search within herself as she travels through the Midnight Library to decide what is truly fulfilling in life, and what makes it worth living in the first place.

The first few lives Nora tries are those that free her from her biggest regrets. What if she had never given up swimming - turns out she would have made it to the Olympics, and her dad would have been married to a woman he met at a swim meet, not Nora's mother. What if she had married her fiancé, Dan, instead of calling off the wedding two days beforehand - turns out she'd be living with a mean alcoholic who couldn't stand that she knew more than him, and was also cheating on her. What if she had moved to Australia with her best friend instead of bailing to stay behind in England - she'd still be there, but her friend would have died in a car accident. What if she had become a glaciologist - she'd be very cold and almost eaten for lunch by a giant, menacing polar bear. What if her band had signed with a recording label - she would have made it really big but her brother would no longer be part of that band because he died of an overdose.

Not all of the lives Nora tries on are so meaningful: In one, she argues with people on Twitter all day. In others, she's a travel vlogger, a chess champion, a vegan powerlifter; she's a cat-sitter; she's on her third husband and already bored. She drops into new lives, again and again, awaiting for the one that makes her want to stay. She realizes that it is not the lives we regret not living that are the real problem. It is the regret itself. It is the regret that makes us shrivel and wither and feel like our own and other people's worst enemy.

Nora visits what is clearly the best alternative in her life: the one in which she marries a cute surgeon with whom she has a daughter, she writes a book, and is as content as she could hope.

As Mrs. Elm reminds her: "Never underestimate the big importance of small things."

Nora muses: "It is quite a revelation to discover that the place you wanted to escape to is the exact same place you escaped from. That the prison wasn't the place, but the perspective."



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1 Club events ing – 10 AM	2 ACA LUNCHEON Shareholders budget vote – 7 PM - C	3 BUDDHIST MEETING 1 PM GR	4 B-I-N-G-O 6 PM	5 WHITE ELEPHANT SALE CANCELLED TILL 3/23
8 MUSIC – C	9 COMMUNITY FORUM 7 PM. C	10 Book club 1:30 PM. L	11 Welcome and Orientation - 1 PM A B-I-N-G-O. 6 PM	12 BOAT CLUB ISLAND BASH – 5 PM
15 GER BURN - C	16 YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON 12PM BOARD OF DIR MTG 7PM	17   <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18 B-I-N-G-O 6 PM	19 SHUFFLE PANCAKE 8-12 BREAKFAST BOCCE. 4-7 PM FUNDRAISER KARAOKE 7 PM
22 MUSIC C REAM AL 5-7B C	23	24 Q CLUB DINNER 5 PM Free income tax preparation - 9AM-2PM	25 B-I-N-G-O 6 PM	26 Cornhole Fundraiser dinner dance 5-10 pm
29	30 WALKERS/ EXERCISE DINNER 4-7. C	31	B-I-N-G-O 6 PM	

Weekly Calendar Repeats

AMERICANA COVE WEEKLY Calendar Repeats - Month: March 2022

<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 Bid Euchre	6:30p.m. 6:00p.m.	B 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
	Maj Jong	3:00pm	A
	Progressive Rummy	5:00p.m.	A
	Poker Pool	6:00p.m.	B
	Crafters Cards	6:00-8:00pm 6:30p.m.	C 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.	
	Cue Club-Women's	6:30p.m.	B
	Rug Braiding	6:30p.m.	C
	Texas Hold'em	6:30p.m.	A
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.	
	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.	
	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.	
	Texas Hold'em	11:00am	G
	Square Dance Club	1-2:30pm	C
	Poker Pool	6:00p.m.	B
Saturday:	Bingo	6:00p.m.	C
	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	3:30pm	BC
	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	3:00pm	A
	Pinochle	6:30p.m.	C



***A:** Atrium
C: Clubhouse
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S: Shuffleboard Courts
B: Billiards
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By John Howell

Greetings
Our reboot 2.0 was a success. Insight into ongoing inquiry of the “Quest”; (Know Thyself) was initialized and set in motion. Yet, only the tip of the vast inner/metaphysical landscape sought for millennia has been envisioned, thus far.



So, feel free to facilitate this “Quest” by your much welcomed views and comments next mtg. Thursday March 3rd as we attempt to delve deeper into various topics outlined in preceding Forecasters. May our sacred journey (Know Thyself) be the catalyst illuminating an “Eternally Joyous Creation” that awaits sincere seekers of all traditions.

Please remain safe and be kind to all sentient beings...
Namaste

Cornhole Club

By Deb Howland & Erika Fitch

Cornhole club will be sponsoring a **Dinner & Dance evening on Saturday, March 26th.** The menu will be herb seasoned baked chicken leg quarters, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, roll and cookie. BYOB Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. Tickets will be \$15 per person and are available now from Doug Howland, Scott Peacock, Sue Banning or Erika Fitch. Music will be provided by Carl Motyka from 7-10 p.m. This event is open to the entire park. Only 125 tickets will be sold.



Cornhole will continue to be played every Thursday night at 6:30 in the clubhouse. Future Club meetings will be announced when scheduled. It is an easy game to learn and we have lots of fun.

Come on out and make some new friends while learning a fun game.

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. This is not a league so members can join in at any time and start playing.

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

Where has this season gone? Too fast that's for sure!!!

March 22, Tuesday from 5-7 will be our annual Ice Cream Social in the Clubhouse. Only \$3 for a small sundae. Plus we will have a raffle and 50/50! It's always a fun evening!!!

Our last night will be March 29 and we will be having quite the celebration! So if you're interested in Crafters, come join us on Tuesday evenings from 6-8 (6:30 on Burger Burn nites). The cost is \$5 to join and we have lots of fun projects planned. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse!

Below are a few pictures of recent projects completed!



Cue Club

By Frank Holbrook

The Cue Club met on February 7, 2022. There were thirty-two (32) members in attendance. Pizza, beer, wine and soft-drinks were served. A review of the Club's Brew, Brats and Burgers Dinner Dance was conducted with suggestions being made for improving the event next year. Other topics of discussion included the Club's sponsored Super Bowl Party, the schedule for League Tournament play, the League's Awards Banquet and the election of the Club's future Officers.

The next Cue Club meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2022 at 5:00 pm in the Atrium. A slate of Officers will be developed at this meeting for an election on April 4, 2022.

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Helping Hands: Don't Mess With Your Brain!

By Judy Hall, PhD

We already know that sitting all day on the couch eating bonbons isn't good for our bodies. But did you know that there are things you might be doing that will "mess up your brain?" Here are some bad habits that we should kick to help our brain to function at its best and what to do instead:

(From "Healthy You")

- Stop focusing on all the negatives in life. Try to limit watching the news as it repeats too many negative events. Start finding positive activities to keep you in a more positive mood.
- Get those vaccines! We see evidence all around us that vaccines work. At best, they prevent illness or at least mitigate the effects.
- Stop drinking sugary beverages. So avoid soda, sweet tea and take it easy on juice.
- Do your best to get a good night's sleep. Go to bed and get up at the same time every day. If you have symptoms of sleep apnea, such as snoring or daytime sleepiness, see your doctor for evaluation.
- Don't listen to loud, loud music. If you are standing within 3 feet of someone in a noisy room and cannot hear them, get out of all that noise.

Find a purpose in your life. With the freedom of retirement, we may not have others relying on us, and we no longer have a purpose. Get one! Go help someone else, volunteer, join a group, or go to church. Find a reason to get up every morning, and you will be helping your brain to function at its best. There are lots of wonderful activities here in Americana Cove. Join in and have fun!

Landscape Committee

By Deb Howland and Erika Fitch

Hello March!! Hopefully we have seen the last of the very low temperatures that made a lot of us scramble to keep our plants safe. How many found themselves with a gecko inside too? My cat found it first! The month of March is a great time to take care of your indoor plants or start vegetables in outdoor gardens or containers.

The Landscape Committee meets the second Wednesday of the month at 11:00 in the Atrium, next meeting will be March 9th. We again extend a friendly welcome to anyone interested in joining us.

Happy Planting!!





Land Exercise - Walk off the Pounds

By Daisy Dean

Walking class going good, some days a large group other days a smaller group. I found a New Workout on U Tube that involves Heart Doctors & their patients, It's Doctors with Patients that has Heart issues & they stress to those patients how important it is to be active & walk when you have Heart issues & Challenges their patients to walk with them. Very good workout & will do it weekly.

According to the Mayo Clinic these are examples of a brisk walk daily:

- *Maintain a healthy weight & lose body fat.
- *Prevent or manage various conditions, Including heart disease, Stroke, High Blood Pressure, Cancer & type 2 diabetes.
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- *Reduces Stress & Tension.



So if you or if you know someone that wants to Join us we are in the Clubhouse every day from Monday to Friday from 8:am to 8:45. It's Easy, Free & We are a fun Group!

Welcome to our new walker Karen Nealman. Great to see new Faces.

Our Year End Party along with Nancys swimming group will be March 30th at 4:00pm.

Library

By Jill Moe

We sure are working hard to keep your interests interesting. Lots of books, lots of puzzles, lots of movies, lots of fun. Hope you are enjoying it all.



Line Dancing

By Judy Daigle

I'd like to welcome all the new line dancers that joined us in February! I'm sure that was due to seeing us enjoy our dance moves done at the live music events. Beginners or advanced, we can all dance to the beat of good music. If you haven't joined us yet, feel free to check it out on Mondays from 12 - 1 pm at the clubhouse. We always do beginner dance reviews so that you can join right away. Hope to see you there.





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Live Music

By Libby Hopkins



Hello Everyone!

We have two great shows this month – you will not want to miss them. First is our **St. Patrick's Day Show!** We are dedicating this program to **Michael Regan**, one of the original Live Music members who was with the group for many years. Sue and Paul Line will be hosting. **Come get your Irish on, and help us pay tribute to Mike!!**

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at – 3 PM -- in the Clubhouse.

Our second show of the month will be on **Tuesday, March 22.** Its title is **The Roaring Twenties**, and it is a show you will not want to miss!!

Thanks to all who attended the 90s Celebration last month honoring those who are 90 or above in the Park. A lovely time was had by all!!

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 Tuesday of every month from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. We work hard to provide an entertaining, fun hour, and we provide snacks, drinks, and sometimes, spiked punch! **Please come to see us!!** Take care and have a wonderful month!

Old Timers Young at Heart

By Kathy Laramie

We are almost at the end of our season and hoping that it has been an enjoyable one for all of you. It certainly has been a busy season since the Christmas holiday. There have been Cove club events every weekend since December. Are you out of breath trying to keep up!!? The Young at Heart Valentine Barbecue on Feb. 12 was a wonderful party – great food – great band.

Just as a reminder, cat food cans, spaghetti's, Chef Boyardee cans, soup cans, to name a few, are not aluminum. The **only** cans that we recycle are beer cans and soda cans. Our very able volunteers should not have to pick through your bags to find the aluminum cans. It can be pretty yuckie to have to do that and very discouraging for our volunteers. Please, only aluminum in the bag separate from the garbage.

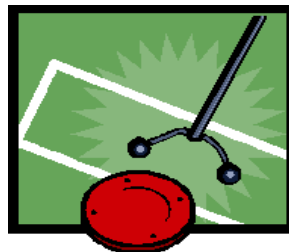
We hope to see you at our next luncheon, March 16th Bring your neighbor, friend or “other half”. We would like to grow our membership.

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Shuffleboard Club

By Greg Moe

I would like to thank those who came to the Shuffleboard Pancake Breakfast on February 19. Having canceled our January 15th Pancake Breakfast, it was decided to reschedule and have a Pancake Breakfast on March 19th from 8:00 - 10:00 AM. This will give you chance to come and enjoy pancakes, sausages, orange juice, and coffee for \$5.00 (adult) and \$3.00 (children under 12). There will also be a 50/50 raffle drawing at the end of the breakfast. You do not have to be present to win at the drawing. All you have to do is put your name and phone number on the back of your ticket.



Greg Cindric has been holding Shuffleboard lessons on Tuesday nights at 5:30 PM. So far 8 people have joined him to learn more about the game. Feel free to come and join in. This is open to all residents of American Cove.

Friendship League held their annual Singles and Doubles Tournament at Pinellas Senior Centers at the end of February with 9 of our shufflers attending. A fun time was had by all. I will post the winning results for Americana Cove in the next Forecaster.

Even though Blue Sky has not been playing this year, we have been invited to play in the Blue Sky Tournament on April 4 at Fairway Village, starting at 8:30 AM. It is open to all past and present Blue Sky players. This is a singles event only and will be a random draw to see who your opponent will be. The cost is \$5.00 per person, coffee and donuts will be served in the morning. Please bring your own lunch / drinks for later in the day. It is double elimination, with losers going on to the consolation round. There will be cash prizes this year instead of trophies.

Hoss Collar continues to play on Sundays at 1:00 PM and Social League plays on Wednesdays at 1:30 PM. Unfortunately, this year there is no Nova League or Blue Sky League. However, we have started an Intra-Cove League (Shuffleboard Club members) and play on Thursdays at 11:00 AM. Be sure to contact Greg Cindric for more information (1-484-252-6483).

Our next meeting is March 2nd at 9:30 AM in the Atrium.



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Swim Exercise

By Nancy Olson



The swim exercise group is in full swing. Attendance has been great! During the months of January and February we have had to cancel some classes, higher than usual for this time of year than last. However, we do have some of us who are polar bears and if we get days that are 50-55 with blue sky, sunshine and low winds we have been swimming. With the water temp at a very comfortable 86 you can't go wrong!!

Items of interest:

March 30 end of year party with Land Exercise group. Location will be tiki hut and Club House. More to follow on time and food sign up sheets. I will be announcing at class and put on our group Facebook page.

April 6, along with land exercise group will be cooking and serving the ACA luncheon. We will be looking for volunteers to serve. As we get closer to the date I will announce at class and put on our FB group page.

We have started a "Buddy System" in class. Karen Billups suggested that when we get new swimmers or guests at class we pair them up with a buddy to assist through class. Looking for more volunteers. We already have Karen Billups, Cathy Thomas and Julie Henkel. Thank you ladies, you all have been very helpful!! If you want to be a buddy please let me or one of the subs know and we will add you to our buddy list.

Thanks to all who have contributed to the rehabbing of the tiki hut chairs. We are still collecting at this time. I will let you know how much we collected as a group in the April Forecaster and post on our group FB page.

I will be gone from March 19-25, returning to class on March 26. In my absence Maureen, Diane, Terry and Nan will be leading class.

Have a great March, Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Birthday pics are Cathy Thomas and Diane Massey





Design Trends For 2022

By Barefoot Realty Group, Brokerage Agent for Americana Cove



With few homes for sale, many homeowners are keeping their current home and remodeling, which adds value and updates an older décor. Several residents within Americana Cove have remodeled homes or sold to residents who are remodeling to fit their needs.

So, what are the latest remodeling trends for this year and beyond? According to insider.com and goodhousekeeping.com, the following are the latest:

Colors: Gray, white and beige have been popular color themes for the past 10 years, but designers say floral motifs and a green color palette are becoming popular. Another popular color is Pantone's 2022

Color of the Year, which is titled "Very Peri," a medium blue with a tinge of violet that is also known as lavender blue.

Furniture: Round shapes such as rounded corners on tables and couches and round chair legs are the trend. Angular lines are softening. Mixing an antique piece with more modern furniture is another trend as homeowners use their space for multi-purposes.

Outdoor Spaces: Florida has always been a trend setter for outdoor spaces due to the warm climate, but over the past two years even Florida residents have been embracing outdoor living and finding more uses for porches, patios and Florida rooms. Natural materials and plants are trending to help bring a sense of "calm" to a home and to extend a living space.

Kitchens: Dark counter colors offset by white cabinets is a growing trend. Replacing cabinet doors is popular when a full kitchen remodel is not in the budget. Farmhouse style sinks, under cabinet lighting and touch-less faucets continue to be popular this year.

Baths: Double or triple shower-heads to meet the needs of each family member are trending along with luxury faucets and handles that make a statement without doing a complete bath remodel.

No matter the décor trends, it is easy to freshen a home by doing simple items such as plant flowers, paint a front door or de-clutter.

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EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Oakcrest Acorn Community Carport Sale: March 12th from 9am - 2pm. 9925 Ulmerton Rd and 16th Ave. SE. Furniture, collectibles, tools & lots more.

Ranch Mobile Park, Park-Wide Yard Sale, Saturday, March 19th, 8:00am - 2:00pm at 6800 - 150th Ave. N., Clearwater (Largo).

Paradise Island Annual Flea Market & Bake Sale: March 5th, 2022. Paradise Island Clubhouse, 1001 Starkey Rd. 33771. 9am - 2pm, Early Entry \$1 @ 8am. Huge Inventory (Entire clubhouse utilized). Furniture, Household, Tools, Clothing, etc. Canteen open for food Coffee & water. Questions call Ken 727-330-3417.

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Community Yard Sale: Holiday Shores Park, Mar 18th and 19th. Entrances on 104th Avenue North and 106th Avenue North, Largo. 8AM to 2PM



EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Doral Village Carport Sale: Saturday, March 12th. 8am-3pm. 29250 US Hwy 19 N. Lot 573 Clearwater. Alternate entrance through Spanish Vistas off of Belcher, signs will be posted.

Regency Heights Carport Sale: Friday and Saturday, March 4-5, 8am-2pm. 2550 State Rd 580, Clearwater.

Community Wide Yard Sale: 30 + homes, maps provided. Bake Sale at Clubhouse. March 5th & 6th, 8am - 2pm. Down Yonder 7001 142nd Ave., Largo

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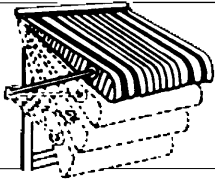
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