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President's Message

By Jolee Rengo

A Love Letter to my Mother

In August 1926, Mary Wilson Awtry came from Philadelphia to her mother-in-law's country home in tiny, rural, Barre Massachusetts by automobile, to wait for the birth of her second child and begin her lying in. The mother-in-law was a force to be reckoned with - a twice married woman whose talent with a needle had taken her from accomplished milliner to designing for the New York theater her current husband directed and produced for.

On a hot and humid afternoon, with thunderstorms in the air, Mary's second daughter was born. They named her Diana. After a seemly period of time, they took the baby and her two-years-older sister Victoria back to Philadelphia.

Life was uncommonly good for Diana and Vicki in their younger years, as their father was a prosperous businessman, until the crash of 1929. Grandmother, whose husband by then had run off with a chorus girl, found herself in dire straits, with neither income nor alimony. She prevailed at some length upon her only child, Herbert, to come to Barre and help her out with repairs and back taxes.

And so it was that the Awtry's, Herbert and Mary, Victoria and Diana, found themselves settling into the big old house, for what Herbert had said would be "one year only" - after that, the family would return to Philly and his successful metal weatherstripping business.

They never left.

The years between 1930 and 1945 were difficult ones. I know this because my great-grandmother kept a journal throughout her life in Barre, and I have them. Every day she wrote one or two paragraphs in it, or sometimes a page or two. "Mrs. Wolcott stopped in her automobile and we motored to church. She gave us 4 large duck eggs, so I could make Diana's birthday cake." Another entry - "Diana, Mary and I walked down to the Town Hall. The movie tonight was "Foreign Correspondent". Joel McCrea has done better; George Sanders, always dependable." (Remember, she was close friends with all these actors!)

This was a time when people shared what they had. When they saw a need, they did what they could to help. They shared rides when there was gasoline. They gave freely from their gardens.

If it wasn't food that was needed, or reading material, it would be a skill set or talent. The grandmother (my great grandmother) once made 17 matching white, hand-smocked dresses for all the little girls to wear during a show that was put on at the town's school.

When Diana graduated from high school, there was of course no money for college. The day after graduation, her father took her into the city to find work. Adulthood had arrived.

She was working in a bank in 1948 when one of the tellers set her up on a blind date. The teller's name was Barbara. She was married to the new Principal of Center School, Donald Rogers.

On the night of the date, the doorbell rang. Diana ran to answer the door, and looked up, - way up at a very tall, handsome young man. Quickly, she slammed the door and tore upstairs to put on her highest heels before letting him into the house.

It's funny, when you feel that first thunderbolt that is love. Sometimes you both know it at

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the same time, and sometimes you don't. But the fact of the matter is that my father knew, and six weeks later, they married!

My father didn't want my mother to work outside the home. So they built a house, and later on built another, and along the way, they had three children whose perfection eclipsed all others. (Wink!!) Diana was very civic-minded, and belonged to many clubs and charities, and raised money for every committee she was on - Eastern Star, Masonic Lodge, Women's Fellowship, Barre Players. Thousands and thousands of dollars.

Still, what she really wanted as the children grew up, was to teach. So when Daughter #1 decided at 18 to quit college and become a hairdresser, Diana, at last went to college! She graduated Magna cum laude, got her Master's in Counseling Psychology, and taught for 17 years. Then when she retired, she substituted for another decade.

Diana taught Science. She actually wrote a program at Old Sturbridge Village that would become the prototype for Project Cape Cod, the oceanographic study of underwater life that is the core of the sixth grade science curriculum. Then she raised the money so that every 6th grade student could spend one week at Cape Cod participating in the study. (Remember, she has always been a fundraiser)

She taught English, but more importantly, she taught creative writing so that her students would be able to express themselves on high school and college levels. She taught them social skills, so that they would be able to interact effectively with any opportunities that life might bring.

Diana is still in contact with her former students due to the magic of social media. They write to her regularly to thank her for the lessons learned in her classroom many years ago, and often, to tell her that she inspired them to follow in her footsteps as educators.

On a personal level in our family, she and my father held an event that remains HUGE to each of their grandchildren: the Annual Grandkid's Christmas Party. As soon as each grandchild was six years old, he or she was invited. Grandchildren only, no parents allowed. They would be dropped off at Nan and Grampa's house in their very best party finery. Nan and Grampa would greet them at the door, Nan in her evening gown and diamonds; Grampa in a suit. They would be seated in the living room for mocktails and appetizers, and each child would give a good, solid toast. They were expected to converse in what I call "adult-ese", about school, sports, and other current events. For dinner, they were seated at the dining room table for (what I have heard is their collective favorite meal) sliced baked ham, mashed potatoes, niblet corn and Grampa's iron-bound biscuits formed into hearts.

After a leisurely dinner ("Please may I be excused from the table, it was a lovely dinner,"), they would adjourn to the "Deer Room" for the reading of Luke and the birth of Jesus Christ. They all participated in setting up the ancient creche, and opening their gifts.

A thank you note was expected during the following week. We all learned the proper way to write one almost as soon as we could hold a pencil.

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Dear Thus and so,
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As an aside, all the grandchildren loved the Grandkid's Christmas Party so much that two years ago, they surprised my mother while she was on a trip to Pennsylvania, and held a surprise Grandkid's Christmas Party for her at my sister's home! They drove and flew in from all over to honor her with their favorite "Nan event". She was shocked, delighted, and stunned to see them all gathered together for her.

My mother and father moved to Mobel Americana as snowbirds, thirty years go. A few years later their son and daughter-in-law followed, and then their niece moved here, as well. Daughter #1 followed suit 17 years ago, and the "baby" will move in around October 1st.

Diana, known to some as "the Queen", will celebrate her 96th birthday on August 14th.

Together, we celebrate our matriarch and her incredible life's journey every year, and this year is no different. She is an amazing woman who has held us all to a very high standard, and we wouldn't have had it any other way. So when you see her out on her pink golf cart, wish her a happy birthday, won't you?

We love you -Madre, Mama, Mom, Diana, Ma, Auntie, and Lovely Nan! You have blessed us with your love, your wisdom, and your wit. Keep it coming!

Manager's Message

By Gary Schamburg

August -Deep in the Heat and Humidity.



Te completed our 2022 Spring Cleaning Review this past month. Yes, the 'spring' turned into Summer, therefore next year we'll start earlier in late January/early February with the Street Captains advising and reminding their street Residents of any aesthetic issues. We owe the Street Captains a congratulations—and the community manager's deep gratitude—for their efforts to enhance the aesthetics and ambience within our community. In April, we identified that over 90% of you maintain your homes in excellent condition, and as anyone familiar with organizations understands there's always that 10%. Hopefully—the home care conducted this year will ease next year's maintenance.

Remember the policy for pets and wild animals is the 4th item in the Covenants of the Cove:

Pets must be registered at the office using Form 502. Two (2) dogs per household are permitted. Any one dog must not exceed thirty-five (35) pounds. Dogs are only permitted in the Pet Section. All pets must be on a leash at all times. You must clean up after your pet. **Feeding of stray and wild animals is strictly prohibited.**

First – Please – no bird feeders as the seeds and nuts draw rats that are already a nuisance in St Pete. Americana Cove shouldn't be the source for increasing the rat population. Second, many of our Residents complain about aggressive dogs, yet remain anonymous as they do not submit a written report. In order to properly 'fix' this problem – evidence is required. If you experience this fault and the issue is not properly documented, then the incident didn't occur.

Remember that the Covenants of the Cove were developed For The Betterment of Our Community. These 'covenants' were founded on the "Golden Rule" – Do unto Others as You'd have Them do unto You. There was an incident at the pool about six weeks ago in which one



of our Residents brought their grandchild to swim during adult time that resulted in a shouting match heard all the way to Mt Isle. Both parties could be considered at fault. It's always better to ask for *consent* from participants before taking action. On the other hand, a firm **appeal** works better than hollering.

Initiative Updates:

- 1. ARO's Daniel Epperly, submitted two company to conduct hydro surveys for MAROA Board approval last month. While a survey is required for the long-term North Boat Ramp project, once completed the short-term riprap fill is closer to completion. For the south ramp, ProWay submitted a bid for MAROA Board approval to ease the slope by cutting, removing, and paving the angle.
- 2. Jake Duggan, of J. Foster Consulting, ultimately found four companies to bid on the initial seawall repair. This past month, a company was selected, and the time schedule was discussed. More information to follow.
- 3. The WEBSITE Committee, chaired by Phil Quince, instituted the 'new' format last month and continues to improve the contents. The drone footage is amazing, courtesy of Barefoot Realty. The next step is to formally implement the Resident Portal log-in feature. Once this is implemented you will no longer need to enter passwords to open documents upon registering and logging in to the site.
- 4. Gulf & Bay Dock Wraps should complete wrapping the MAROA dock piles prior to 15 October 2022.
- 5. ProWay arrives in mid-September to asphalt repair three areas, seal the January asphalt, and reseal portions of Americana Drive and Mt Piney Avenue. 2-weeks later ProWay will re-stripe the roads and parking areas. ProWay is resealing Americana Drive and Mt Piney Avenue under warranty. Additionally, ProWay POC, Nick Pombo, provided two plans to ease drainage for our Residents with construction possible.
- 6. Turns out that trimming the mangroves on the in-/out-bound access canal is not under the Pinellas County jurisdiction and therefore requested through the St Pete Arborist. Waiting for reply.
- 7. JAG will prune, trim, and remove hardwoods in early October. A feature of this process is a walk-about / reconnaissance with JAG leadership and the community manager to identify all hardwoods and their expected care.
- 8. Healthy Residents remains a goal. The monthly Save Our Seniors produce market serves to achieve that end, and well as the monthly Bloodmobile. A future effort is to offer Flu Shots in October.

Reminder: We remain in the midst of Hurricane season and you should maintain awareness concerning severe weather. Please, have these websites and telephone numbers nearby:

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Please – my door is always open for any improvement ideas. Your comments – whether approving or disapproving . . .shape Americana Cove into a premier 'active' 55+ Resident owned community.

Respectfully - Your Community Manager - Gary Schamburg, CAM

ACA News

By Doug Howland

Te want to thank everyone who came out for the pool party last month. It might have been a hot one but we still had a great time. Now that summer is almost over we want to remind you of a few events still planned to get you out of the house. So mark your calendar with the remaining summer fun times being held here at the Cove.

A party is being sponsored by the Boat Club on Saturday, August 13th from 6:30-10 p.m. It will be held in the clubhouse and hotdogs & chips will be available for purchase. Drinks are BYOB. Music will be by Big Rich and everyone is welcome to attend. Make sure to come out for a good time of eating, listening to music and visiting with friends.

On the 3rd Tuesday, August 16th, our monthly Burger Burn will be held from 4–5:30p.m. For \$7.00 you get a one third pound hamburger, fries, baked beans and a drink. Come on out and treat yourself to dinner.

We hope you end your summer with some fun times and attend these events.

Announcements

By Ray Rodriguez - Editor

Fall Flu Shot Clinic

know! Where has the year gone?

For the past 2 years, I have partnered with Walgreens Clearwater to provide annual seasonal vaccinations for our residents and employees.

For those of you new to the Cove; in early to mid-October, our wonderful pharmacist, Lourdes, comes to us to provide Flu, Pneumonia and Shingles vaccines in the comfort of our Clubhouse.

Last year we had a really outstanding turn out: We had to turn some away.

Which is why it's so important to RSVP with me prior to this event.



I will pre-register you with Walgreens so that they have out up to date insurance information.

I will advise the exact dates and time in the September Forecaster. I did want to put in out there. This has proven to be very popular amongst out residents and yes, you can bring a friend or family member(s) too!

26 Janice Zebley

26 Judith Krapf

48 years

28 years

21 years

Continue to enjoy the Summer wherever you may be. Details to follow.

Brad Coath, CRNA, MSN (ret.)

Sunshine Report for August

By Nancy Hubartt

Deaths – With Sympathy

Nancy Horner

August Birthdays

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	Marilyn Waltz	16	Liz Klassen
02	Charles Hansen	16	Steve Howard
02	Laura Abram	16	Stephanie Haines
02	Mary Willsey	17	Nelson Taylor
03	Dorrance Howland	17	Roger Girard
06	Susan Napier	17	Frances Epilone
80	Kim Nemi	20	Libby Hopkins
09	Irene Brandmark	20	Cheryl Pavelka
09	Susan Solomon	21	Jeff Fitch
10	Tina Deathrage	22	Jo Waldron
14	Diana Rogers	25	Lorraine Sapia
14	Ron Sellers	26	Sharon Regan

31 Linda Quince

26 Leslie Diack

26 Sharon Leclair29 Andrea Wetmore

29 Tony Giaquinto30 Nancy Werner

30 Judy Whiteford

August Anniversaries

23 Roxanne & Joseph Noling

31 Susan & Charlie Galligan

24 Georgette & George Meade

15 Betty Penn

15 Mel Corey

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05	Lorraine & Russell Sapia	61 years
06	Marie & Ron Sellers	61 years
07	Debbie & Steve Scrimpsher	24 years
07	Janet & Dave McLaughlin	01 years
12	Toni & Jeff Jones	16 years
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Welcome New Residents

By Mary Ann Meljac & Cindy Rodriguez

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Prev: Epping

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Boat Club

By Mary Ann Meljac

Mark your calendars for August 13th 6:30 – 10PM the Boat Club is sponsoring the music for the community party. It is a "FREE" party for all. We will have food for purchase. YES....there will be entertainment! Dust off your dancing shoes and come to enjoy DJ, Big Rich. Guaranteed to be an evening of fun for everyone!

The Boat Club had its July Tiki Hut Party on the 9th. 52 members attended. Thank you to all who brought a dish to pass including the group that donated the steamed hot dogs and all the fixings! No one goes hungry! The 50/50 raffle yielded \$54 and the proud winner was Karen Risley. Congratulations!

The July 3rd Golf Cart Parade was enjoyed by many Both on their carts (even 1 bicycle) as well as from one's driveway, on their front porches or just waving out their front windows with a constant shout or cheer of "Happy 4th" or God Bless America! Thank you to all who participated and we hope this brought some holiday cheer to all Cove residents.

Boat Club Koozies are still available for purchase. 2/\$5 or \$3 each. These are available at all Boat Club events or as easy as contacting Cindy Rodriguez 248-496-6550.

The next full moon is August 12th. Calling all kayakers... let's enjoy! I know that so many residents are back in their Northern homes or traveling, but if anyone is interested, please



contact Cindy Rodriguez or Jaci Klick if interested. If enough folks show an interest, we will put out a VOLO and post the event on the front entrance event information board.

The Boat Club monthly meetings will continue in September. Circle September 10th on your calendars at 10:00 AM in the Atrium. Come and enjoy a Blood Mary, a cup of coffee, 50/50 raffle, and some time to catch up with friends. If you have new neighbors and they are ready for a good time, tell them about us and bring them along. Remember dues are just \$10/year.

On behalf of the Americana Cove Boat Club, we would like to extend our sympathies to the family of Greg Moe who passed away on July 16th from a brief illness. Greg served our community with a selfless passion. He will be greatly missed and forever remembered in our hearts. Thank you, Greg, for your kindness and your friendship.

Book Club

By Jill Moe

Teither rain, nor snow, nor hail, nor heat has stopped the Book Club from meeting this year. Okay, we've had some summer glitches but we still get together the second Thursday of the month at 1:30 PM in the Library. Come and join in -

August 11 - 'Circling The Sun' by Paula McLain, hosted by Orna Smith - a fictional autobiography of the first woman to fly east to west across the Atlantic. She was born in England, raised on a farm in Kenya, cared for by native families, and became a warrior. She was a "wild" child, ran away from boarding schools. As a teenager, she married young, became the first woman to be licensed as a horse trainer, went through a string of disastrous relationships, had affairs, got divorced, got remarried, had an abortion, had a baby with birth defects, and may have even had an affair with Prince Harry, the third son of King George V. As a woman born before her time, she experienced extraordinary adventures, felt the exhilaration of freedom, and had the tenacity of true human spirit.

Cornhole Club

By Erika Fitch

Te hope you had a great 4th of July and are enjoying your summer by relaxing and maybe visiting family or friends.



If you are looking for something to do the rest of the summer we are still playing cornhole every Thursday night at 6:30 in the clubhouse. If you want to try cornhole before becoming a club member this fall, summer play is the perfect time to come on out and try it. It is an easy game to learn and we have lots of fun. There is no cost to play this summer.

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Weekly Calendar Repeats

AMERICANA COVE WEEKLY Calendar Repeats - Month: August 2022

<u>Day</u>	Event	Time		Location
Monday:	Walk Away the Pounds Lap Swim & Pool Walkers Pool Exercises	8:00-9:00a.m. 8:00-9:00a.m. 9:00-10:15a.m.		С
	Line Dancing	12:00p.m.	Nov-April	С
	Nickel Bingo	1:00pm	Year around	Č
	Progressive Rummy	4:00p.m.	Year around	Ā
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	Cue Club-Men's	6:30p.m.	Nov-April	В
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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	3:00pm	Nov-April	A
	Progressive Rummy	5:00p.m.	Year around	A
	Poker Pool	6:00p.m.		В
	Crafters	6:00-8:00pm	Nov-April	C
	Cards	6:30p.m.		Α <
Wednesday:	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m		C /
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	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.		
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	Cue Club-Women's	6:30p.m.	Nov-April	В
	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.		C
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	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	3:00pm	Nov-April	Ă L
	Pickup Bocce Ball	3:30pm	-r	BC
	Vespers	4:50p.m.	Nov-April	A
	Pinochle	6:30p.m.	Nov-April	C
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*A: Atrium C: Clubhouse Library Shuffleboard L: Courts B: **Billiards** G: **Game Room**

BC: Bocce Court

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Buddhism

By John Howell

Part II

Preview of our activity restart Thursday Sept. 1st 1pm, gameroom. Spiritual communities at large are evolving rapidly. Many, who practice a path of mysticism, are having profound experiences in their daily reflection/



meditation. Some say a major shift in the "continuum" is underway. The group is reflecting this trend. Without being the least bit maudlin, in fact with a joyous recognition our compass will be set to delve into the mysteries of not only our present existence, but the coming "transition process" itself. Be it days, weeks, years, decades...lifetimes. The outmoded taboo of discussing these pertinent issues is evaporating. Again just to be clear, this should not be construed as a remorseful topic but a call for wise preparation, as we continue to graciously enjoy all this current precious human life offers.

Good News! Recent research in Neurobiology, Quantum Physics, and Comparative Religious Studies validates what ancient Himalayan texts have revealed for millennia. The dissemination of "Proprietary" material (a rendition into modern terms by Sogyal Rinpoche) delivers one such example. His book "The Tibetan Book of Living and Dying" i.e. (Bardol Thodal in particular points to a comprehensive way to overcome any innate anxiety. As Jesus spoke in John 14: 20; "At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you". So be ye not afraid, the perennial "Quest" (know thyself) continues...

- Spiritual Beings having a Physical Experience
- Awakening
- The "Holy" as a distinct Reality
- Hamlet; "There are more things in Heaven and Earth, than are dreamt of in your philosophy".
- Jesus Christ; "In my Father's house are many mansions", John 14:2-16
- Noetic feelings
- Aristotle; "Nature abhors a vacuum."
- "Eternal Light"
- Seeking/Identifying a personal "Angelic/Ally/Protector" for comfort/resolve
- Rediscovering (lost/concealed in Western translation); the moment of transition ("passing on") instruction manuals of various traditions.
- Updates from Raymond Moody's "Life after Life" to new research into N.D.E., using MRI and other technology.
- "The Ancient Secret of the Flower of Life"; Considers consciousness, and the paradox of free will, novelty/creativity ...the vast time scales of cyclical Creation, thus providing many opportunities for the goal: "Awareness of the Divine"

• Intentionally preparing for this journey with the crucible (sacrament) of Wisdom/Compassion, i.e. resetting the minds "default mode network" of disbelief, via (Mindfulness) to accommodate/recognize a higher order.

Techniques based on Pranamaya yoga (breathing), Shamanistic songs (Icaros), Chakras, Inner Light, and so forth will be shared with everyone who attends. As always our tradition of friendly open-minded alternative views is to be expected, facilitating a supportive narrative/meditational atmosphere. As HH the Dalai Lama often quotes the Buddha; "There



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are only two mistakes one can make along the road to Truth, not going all the way and not starting."

Till next time try and keep a positive outlook, while being kind to all sentient beings as we continue to pray for our friends in Ukraine. Namaste

Library

By Jill Moe

I'd like to say not much is happening in the Library but that wouldn't be true. We've been busy trying to play catch-up as well as keeping up with daily donations. All we can say is "thank you all so much".



Live Music

By Libby Hopkins

Tello Everyone!

Live Music Group Members are traveling near and far this month, enjoying vacations and seeing

friends and family. At Americana Cove, August is wrapping us in heat and serenity.

For those of you who are not familiar with us, we are a music group within the park that usually put on a performance twice a month on Tuesday from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse from October through April. We work hard to deliver an entertaining, fun hour of musical joy, and we provide snacks, drinks, and sometimes, spiked punch!

Live Music Group will all be back in the clubhouse in October! **This will be our Welcome Back program**, and we look forward to seeing all who have returned to the Cove, and those who have stayed here all summer, too! Please plan to join us then for lots of music and fun.

Live Music is wishing everyone a happy and healthy August!! Have a safe and relaxing month.







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Swim Exercise

By Nancy Olson

The weather continues to be on our side with class hardly being cancelled this summer due to weather. The class had fun on the Fourth of July with exercising to patriotic music. Thanks to Roger LaRochelle for downloading songs on the USB stick and to Maureen for downloading some patriotic songs on her phone. Always a nice change from the daily tapes!

Items of interest:

A special thanks to all for your patience as we worked through regulating the water temp back down to 83-84.

Thanks to Maureen, Diane, Terry and Nan for subbing and leading the class as vacations are being taken. It's always great to get away. These 4 ladies make it work so all days are covered and class can continue, they are truly appreciated! We are an activity that goes all year long and volunteers are a true asset to the Cove community!!

Continue to enjoy the rest of the summer, stay cool, and keep swimming!!!





Birthdays, Phyllis Arkanoff and Gary Wolk.



Family fun, Julie Henkel, Lynn Distell and daughters



Fashion show, Terry Carlo and Mary Bronga



Fourth of July, Pat Ley and Cathy Thomas



What are the rules for renting?

By Barefoot Realty Group, Brokerage Agent for Americana Cove

enting rules vary among communities, but here are the rules for Americana Cove.

- Renters are treated just like buyers. All renters must have a background/credit check and be approved before moving in.
- All renters must have a credit score of 700 or above just like all home buyers. If renting to a couple, both people must have 700 or above credit score.
- Homes must be rented for a minimum of two months.

What is the Tourist Development Tax and do residents have to pay it?

If residents rent their homes for less than six months, then they are required to pay Florida sales tax and the Tourist Development Tax. The Tourist Development Tax is collected by each county in Florida. Pinellas County's rate is 6%. Other counties may have different rates.

The 6% Tourist Development Tax is collected along with a 7% sales tax for a total of 13% tax that should be paid by the renter and collected and remitted by the owner to the state. There are penalties involved for non-payment of the tax. For more information, go online to https://pinellastaxcollector.gov/property-tax/tourist-development-taxes/ In addition, Pinellas County has a new website to assist owners with paying the tax. Go online to this website: https://pinellas.county-taxes.com/tourist

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Residents who want to take advantage of the higher seasonal rental income between January and March, can command rents of \$1,600 or more per month for 2 bed/2 bath interior or \$2,300 or more for a waterfront property. Again, size and condition of home along with amenities will determine how much a resident will obtain. Also, if renting, residents need to remember they are responsible for the monthly maintenance fee, the 13% tax if renting for less than six months and coordinating with management to make sure the tenant is approved and meets the credit score requirement.



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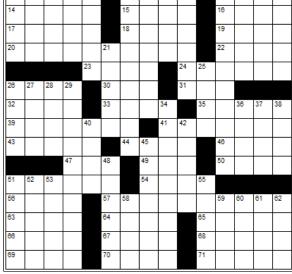




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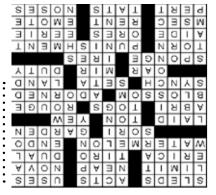
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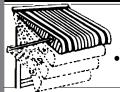
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