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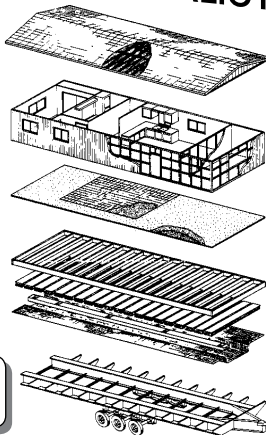
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# President's Message

By Jolee Rengo



Greetings!

We are so happy to welcome our dear Snowbirds home for the winter season. We have looked forward to your return!

This Fall we have faced a number of challenges that we are in the process of solving - most notably, finding a new manager, as well as determining whether a management company will or will not be a good fit for Americana Cove. With luck, shortly after you receive this month's Forecaster, the Board of Directors will have a definitive answer for you.

This process has been a cumbersome one. I personally want you to know that we have never taken this procedure lightly. We have worked tirelessly and diligently to determine the best course of action for the future of Americana Cove.

Gary was our indefatigable leader, and he did a tremendous job for this community! He understood and decisively managed, motivated and directed the employees he oversaw. However, as with any business, strong leadership must be maintained, so upon his retirement, we were faced with the necessity of an ongoing action plan. We will inform our residents as soon as the Board's decision has been made, and we look forward to a bright future for Americana Cove.

With the advent of this holiday season, I wish you all a peaceful, serene and joyous Christmas. As we say in the Rengo family, "*Hyvää joulua - ja onnellista uutta vuotta!*" (In Finnish, "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!")

I will leave you with this quote that is near to my heart:

*"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."*

Luke 2:8-12



# ACA News

By Doug Howland

Life here at the Cove is back into full swing with many events coming up. This is a busy month as there are many holiday celebrations and events.

To start out the month there is our annual Christmas Program put on by Live Music on Saturday, December 3rd at 7pm. This program is always well done and a great way to start your holiday season.

ACA events for the month start out with our ACA Club President's Meeting on December 6th at 10 am. in the Atrium. Then on Wednesday, December 7th will be the ACA Luncheon at noon in the Clubhouse. This luncheon is open to all residents and we encourage everyone to come and be a part of what happens here at Americana Cove. We are always looking for volunteers to help with ACA functions. If you are interested in helping when needed please contact ACA president Doug Howland at 727-450-9349.

On Sunday, December 11th the crafters are holding a holiday craft show in the Atrium from

10am – 1 pm. Come out and support our talented residents by buying a gift for someone or yourself.

That same evening, December 11th, come out and watch our annual boat parade which will start at 6 pm in the basin behind the clubhouse. Then on December 17th will be our yearly golf cart parade starting at 6pm. There are prizes for both so make sure you come decorated your best.

Our next ACA sponsored event is our Burger Burn which is on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, December 20th, 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.

To finish out our month we will be having a New Year's Eve party in the clubhouse. The cost of the tickets is \$20 per person. There will be a light buffet and music by Carl Motyka. It will be BYOB. Doors will open at 8 pm and continue until a champagne toast at midnight. You will be able to purchase tickets from any ACA board member or at the burger burns. Come start out 2023 with your friends and neighbors here at one of the greatest places to live, the Cove!!

**SPECIAL NOTE:** As promised we said we would announce the winners of the Halloween costume contest. They are as follows: 1st Joan & Ron Miller, 2nd Judy Daigle & friend and 3rd was Toni & Jeff Jones. Everyone did a great job with their costumes. Thanks to those who participated.



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## Announcements

By Ray Rodriguez – Editor



### AARP Driver Safety Class returns to Americana Cove in January.

Due to Covid-19 the live classes were postponed until October 2022. AARP used that time to revamp the course content, update the videos, and streamline the day. Greg Cindric will be conducting this class for AC residents on January 25th and 26th. Watch for more specifics in the January Forecaster and on the bulletin boards.

The 6-hour class is open to all regardless of age or AARP Membership. Many insurance companies offer a generous discount on your auto insurance for completing the course. The cost is \$20.00 for AARP members and \$25.00 for non-members. The time and money spent is definitely worth it.

Greg Cindric

## CANADA NIGHT



Tickets will go on sale for our Canada Night Dinner & Dance December 19th in the Clubhouse from 10am to 12 noon. Our function will take place January 28th.

Our first meeting will be November 28th where we will decide on Menu, Price Etc.

I will get that info out to you on Americana Cove Site & your next Forecaster as soon as we have it.

Daisy Dean

## Attn: Club Presidents - ACA Council Meeting Reminder

Welcome Back to all our Snowbirds! I am the new secretary for ACA, Erika Fitch. You will be getting reminders from me for all things ACA. Our first meeting of the ACA Council was Tuesday, November 1st and future Council meetings are scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Atrium. If you personally can not attend please have someone there to represent your club, activity or service.

We will have our 2nd ACA Luncheon on Wednesday, December 7th at noon in the clubhouse. We encourage all groups to consider serving lunch at these luncheons. Please think of a month that your group would like to help out by serving at the ACA Luncheon. If you are interested in helping, contact ACA president Doug Howland at 727-450-9349.

Erika Fitch

**A Complete Listing of Resident Services  
can be found on the page before your calendar**

## VETERANS

First, let's say Welcome Back to all of our northern friends. To number two. I would like to say thanks to all the Clubs and people who gave to Wreaths Across America. For the last four years, residents of the Cove and Clubs within the Cove have given to this cause. Let me give you and the clubs a big THANK YOU! It's a good reason to give. Some veterans gave their lives and others have never come home.

The first veteran's night at the Cove went off well, but I think we can improve on it. I guess time will tell. We that have served, should be proud. Some of us have had their kids follow in their footsteps.

Once again if you are new to the Cove and have served in the Military, please sign the sheet on the ACA Board and your name will be placed on our plaques of honor. After all you earned it!

Any flags in poor shape, please give them to me and I will see they are taken care of.

Ron Miller



## WEBSITE COMMITTEE

Hopefully most of you have logged into [Americanacove.com](http://Americanacove.com) and have seen the new and improved website for our community. It has been a challenge for sure. Since none of us on the committee are "webmasters" it has been a learning experience. We have consulted with professionals regarding different aspects of a website, studied Wordpress and viewed many YouTube videos to learn how to build a website. Personally, I have enjoyed learning how to manage a Wordpress website.



We have updated all aspects of [Americanacove.com](http://Americanacove.com) from the Home page to the Activities and Clubs, to the Amenities, to the Gallery of pictures of the community, etc. Residents must register and login to the Resident Portal to see private community information. Also on the Resident Portal is more indepth information regarding Activities and Clubs.

More updates to certain areas of the website still need to be accomplished and new features are in the plans for the Resident Portal. One new feature we hope to put under the Resident Portal is a Resident Directory. The directory will include all residents' names, Cove addresses, email addresses, photos, and phone numbers. By including this feature on our website could reduce the number of directories needed to be printed by the business office. It would also mean the directory would be kept up to date as new residents move in and others move out.



We are committed to keeping the Americanacove.com website current. New information will be posted to the website as soon as the information is provided to the committee.

We would appreciate any feedback you can provide us regarding how you like the new website, if you want to see anything changed or if you would like to see something added.

\*If you are an Americana Cove shareholder and have not registered under the Resident Portal (which must be done before logging into the Resident Portal), here is the procedure to do so:

- Type in “Americanacove.com” in the search bar
- Hover the cursor over “Residents Portal”
- Click on “Login”
- Click on “Not yet Registered? Click here.”
- Complete all blank fields on the form
- “upload” is to upload your photo
- Click “Register”



Once the form is filled out and you click Register, you will receive an email back indicating if you have been approved or not. That is done usually within a day.

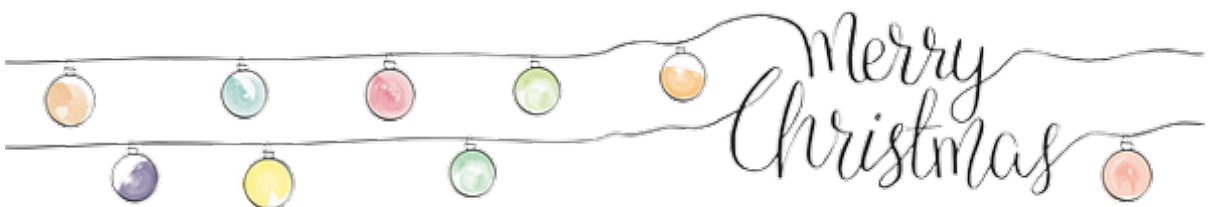
Thank you,  
Donna Andrews  
Chair, Website Committee

## ART STRONG

Our season for painting started the first week of November. We worked with our own reference photos for our first class. These classes are offered every Monday evening from 6-8 pm in the library. No experience needed. Paint with acrylics, oils, pastels, mixed media or watercolors. From abstract to realistic paintings.....you are the artist! There is no right or wrong way in how a person perceives art. Sometimes, we word from a reference photo and other times do tutorials. Please bring in your own art supplies.....canvases, paints and brushes for a fun night of creativity.



Judy Daigle





## Full moon Kayaking

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December's full moon is called "Cold Moon". It rises at 5:11 PM on Wednesday, December 7.

Full moon kayaking will be on that night or the day before or day after depending on the weather. We will notify the community via VOLO or THE AMERICANA COVE COMMUNITY Facebook page, if we decide to move the date.



Please remember to have the proper night time safety equipment, lighting, life jacket etc and bug spray.

Thank you,  
Audrey Dox

## BOCCE CLUB

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Our Bocce fundraiser was a success & Thanks to all that bought tickets & supported us, Thanks to ACA for always being there to supply us with plates, Bowls, Napkins & Cutlery.



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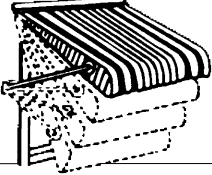
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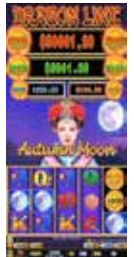
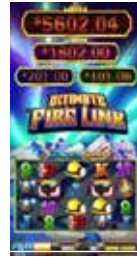


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Carol Zapiecki, Clearwater, FL



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# Sunshine Report for December

By Nancy Hubartt

## Deaths – With Sympathy

None to report



## December Birthdays

01 Marie Seller	14 Joe Fitch	23 Stephen North
01 Gloria Thwaites	15 Bill Foley	23 Patrick Norado
02 Catherine Osman	15 Linda West	23 Susan Westdyke
02 P.J. Petit	15 Cathy LaVelle	24 Carol Howard
05 Maureen Karam	15 Robert Solomon	24 Pam Paige
06 Roxanne Gregory	16 Gary Griffith	26 Mike Wagner
06 Fran Dox	17 Helen Schirm	28 Frank Holbrook
07 Bob Sutton	19 Mike Giacchetti	28 Gloria Cousins
10 Maureen Woodhead	19 Debbie Thackrey	29 Dave Panach
11 Nancy Olson	20 Donna Andrews	29 Dolores Prusak
12 Tom Wallace	21 Jerry Burnard	31 Bill Besser
12 Joyce Michels	22 Charlie Petrites	31 Virginia Clark
13 John Tyson	23 Gerry Zebley	31 Virginia Riggs

## December Anniversaries

01 Teresa & Charles Hansen	77 years
02 Janet & Bob Larson	33 years
03 Wendy & James Watters	40 years
03 Judith & Richard Krapf	55 years
04 Peggy & Ken Turk	12 years
08 Jeanette & Edward Imbrogulio	61 years
14 Joan & Ron Miller	37 years
15 Mary Ann & Ted Meljac	38 years
17 Diane & Tom Filstrup	33 years
19 Pam & George Paige	35 years
20 Bonnie & Bart Beal	36 years
24 Sandy & Bill Besser	56 years
27 Sandy & Tom Shouse	47 years
27 Gloria & Bill Thwaites	3 years
28 Bobbi & Randy Rodgers	49 years
29 Judy & Joel Daigle	50 years
30 Linda & Bill West	36 years



## Welcome New Residents

By Mary Ann Meljac & Cindy Rodriguez

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## Boat Club

By Mary Ann Meljac

**T**his Thanksgiving we are reminded of just how grateful we are for you. We hope that your Thanksgiving included a gathering with friends and/or family for a traditional fare including turkey, cranberries and pumpkin pie. I am sure that parades and football games were also included. May the rest of the year be a reminder to everyone to be grateful for what we have.

Let's get down to business ... The Boat Club meets the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. and is normally in the atrium. So see everyone on December 10th! Membership dues/renewals can be paid at the November or December meetings. There is always coffee provided and sometimes a Bloody Mary or a Mimosa finds its way to our meeting. Don't miss out on the fun! The Annual Parade of Boats is scheduled for Sunday, December 11th. Get your thinking caps on and your team together to don your boat for the evening and bring some Christmas cheer to Americana Cove as the parade travels the canals on this festive evening! The parade routinely starts at 6PM and the participants start to gather in the basin behind the office/atrium at 5:30pm.



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!



Besides decorating your boats, don't forget the waterfront home decoration contest. Everything helps put folks in a festive mood. Not sure yet when the judging will take place but the winners will be announced following the ACA golf cart parade on the 17th. So get your decorating finished by the 10th. A team of judges will travel the canals to make their decisions the week of the 11th.

Full moon kayaking was cancelled in November due to a high wind advisory and some predicted rain. Let's hope the next outing scheduled on December 7th (Cold Moon) will happen. Stay tuned for further information and updates. Don't forget kayakers .... You may want to decorate your kayak for the parade of boats too ... just an idea!

'Tis the Season ... if often used to indicate that it's a particular time of year. The "season" in this phrase refers to the time of year that spans from late November, after American Thanksgiving, to January 6th.





## Book Club

By Nan Krueger



Hello! It's hard to believe we are in the midst of holiday season already. Last month we discussed 'Water For Elephants' written about a traveling circus during the Depression. As a young girl I visited the Ringling Museum in Sarasota with my family. It will be interesting to go again as an adult, especially after reading this book.

A big Thank You to Laura Abram for our new name tents. They are wonderful!!!

This month we are meeting on Thursday, December 8 to discuss 'Last Girl Ghosted' by Lisa Unger, hosted by Sandra Iadone - Wren Greenwood is so focused on her job writing and podcasting an advice column to help her audience with their personal lives she barely has one of her own .. through the urging of her friend, she decides to give digital dating a try. An intriguing picture on a screen, a date at a downtown bar - first impressions can be wrong. Wren fell hard for Adam the minute she saw him. They clicked and their romance made her feel more comfortable than she had in a long time. Three months later, he stood her up, his profiles were deleted, his cell phone disconnected, his apartment abandoned, and he disappeared. Wren is hurt, bewildered, and suddenly frightened, Maybe it was her fault, maybe she shared too much too fast. Now she'd getting strange texts from unknown numbers, catching glimpses of a tall figure watching her from a distance. A private detective starts asking questions about other women - other missing women - who connected with a man who looked like Adam. She was just looking for a connection, now she is looking for answers. She wants answers to help her understand her own confusing emotions. Haunted by a childhood tragedy that claimed the lives of her mother, brothers, she's not sure if she's the predator or the prey.

We also continued discussing our book picks for the early part of 2023. In January we will be reading 'Catcher in the Rye' by J.D. Salinger. We decided to do some reading we may or may not have done as young adults, and to see what 'all the controversy' is about. We meet the second Thursday of each month, in the Library, at 1:30. Our meetings are usually an hour to an hour and a half. All residents are welcome to stop by and see what we are about and of course to join us if you would like. Those who are members of the book club receive email updates. Happy Reading!!



# Buddhism

By John Howell



## Holiday Greetings

Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, a time to be grateful for our “spiritual family” around the World and the blessings they provide throughout the year. A time of reflection on what really matters 24/7/365/ especially when others forget. So, a popular phrase: “Keep Christ in Christmas” applies year round. The original meaning/intent /tradition of Christmas was based on the winter solstice, when darkness returned to light. This intuitive (approaching clairvoyant) moment when our better angels of ascending light herald the word of God. This reflects the ancient esoteric understanding of perpetual rebirth using the sun/Son metaphor as an alignment with the Christ within. Peace and goodwill to all.

Dec. 1st topics:

- George Harrison; “Everything else can wait, but the search for God cannot wait” Hare Krishna
- Overcoming the normalization of divisiveness by using (loving kindness) “Unity” affirmations
- Recognizing the moment of choice humanity is facing with the rise of A.I. “bot media amplification” and the subsequent creation of a “Metaverse”. Is this God’s will or man’s hubris?
- Reviewing essential oils, tinctures, incense to protect a dwelling from negative energy
- HH the 14th Dali Lama’s new book; “Stages of the Path”
- Honoring the early New England Transcendentalist Emerson, Thoreau and their pioneering work in bringing the Bhagavad Gita to the west
- Appreciating those who value kind speech and the “Golden Rule” for a premier experience that’s warranted in any evolved society
- Analyzing the current Mars retrograde along with the coming Venus aspect next year (buckle up)

We are honored by the positive feedback received for providing authentic spiritual viewpoints from many traditions. Even those that are unable to attend our first Thursday of the month “formal” meetings have expressed the joy in reading our monthly articles. Food for the Soul as one individual texted. And as always “informal” teachings can be arranged. Next month; plans for the Spring semester.



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

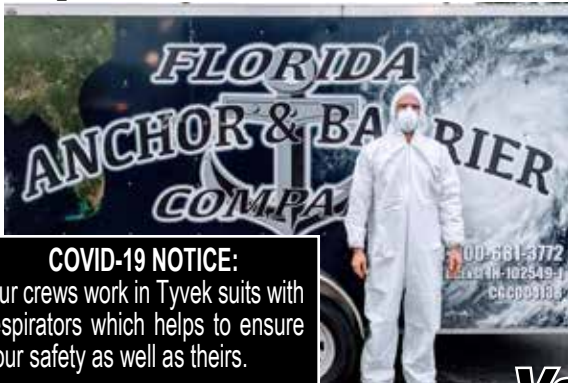


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>JANUARY 2023</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</p> <p>8 9 10 11 12 13 14</p> <p>15 16 17 18 19 20 21</p> <p>22 23 24 25 26 27 28</p> <p>29 30 31</p>	 <p>Full Moon            Kayaking, Dec.7</p>	
<p>Bocce Meeting 4            6 pm. L</p>		<p>5            ACA C            Presid            10 am</p>
<p>Craft Show. A 11            10-1 pm</p> <p>Boat Club Parade            6 pm</p>		<p>12            Live M            Christ            Progra            3 p.</p>
	<p>18            Canada Nite            Ticket Sales            10 am. C</p>	<p>19            Burge            4-5:3</p>
<p>25            Christmas Day</p> <p>Christmas</p>	<p>26</p>	

# Americana Cove

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Cornhole cancelled <sup>1</sup>  Dress rehearsal Christmas Pageant. C. 6:30	Bingo 6 pm <sup>2</sup>  Set up for Christmas program. C. 9 pm	Got It! 4pm. A <sup>3</sup>  Christmas Pageant. 7 PM. C
Club Events Mtg. A <sup>6</sup>	ACA Luncheon <sup>7</sup> Noon. C  Shuffle Mtg. 9-11 am. A <i>Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day</i>	Book Club 1:30 L <sup>8</sup>	Bingo 6pm C <sup>9</sup>	Boat Club Mtg. <sup>10</sup> 10 am. A  Boat Club Tiki Party. 1 pm,
Music mas am m. C <sup>13</sup>	Board Workshop <sup>14</sup> 10 am. A  Landscape Comm 11 am. A	<sup>15</sup>	Bingo 6pm C <sup>16</sup>	Got It! 4pm. A <sup>17</sup>  Golf cart Parade 6 pm. C
r Burn 0. C <sup>20</sup>	Young @ Heart <sup>21</sup> (Old Timers) Lunch Noon. C  B of Dir. Mtg/ TownHall. 7 pm C	<sup>22</sup>	Bingo 6pm C <sup>23</sup>	Christmas Eve <sup>24</sup>  <i>Christmas Eve</i>
<sup>27</sup>	<sup>28</sup>	<sup>29</sup>	Bingo 6pm C <sup>30</sup>	New Year's Eve Party <sup>31</sup> 8-12 pm. C  <i>New Year's Eve</i>

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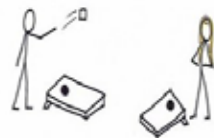
<u>Day</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>		<u>Location</u>	
Monday:	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.		C	
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.			
	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.			
	Line Dancing	12:00p.m.	Nov-April	C	
	Nickel Bingo	1:00pm	Year around	C	
	Progressive Rummy	4:00p.m.	Year around	A	
	Art Strong	6:00-8:00pm	Nov-April	L	
	Bid Euchre	6:00p.m.	Nov-April	C	
	Cue Club-Men's	6:30p.m.	Nov-April	B	
Tuesday:	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.		C	
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.			
	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.			
	Shuffleboard Social League	10:30am -12:30pm	Nov-April	S	
	Maj Jong	3:00pm	Nov-April	A	
	Progressive Rummy	5:00p.m.	Year around	A	
	Poker Pool	6:00p.m.		B	
	Crafters	6:00-8:00pm	Nov-April	C	
	Cards	6:30p.m.		A	
Wednesday:	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m..		C	
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.			
	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.			
	Pokeno	1:00pm		C	
	Cue Club-Women's	6:30p.m.	Nov-April	B	
	Texas Hold'em	6:30pm		A	
	Rug Braiding	6:30p.m.	Nov-April	G	
	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.				
Thursday:	Shuffleboard (Social Play)	10.30am		S	
	Dominoes	1:00pm	Nov-April	A	
	Progressive Rummy	5:00pm	Year around	A	
	Cue Club-Men's	6:30p.m.	Nov-April	B	
	Cornhole	6:30-8:00 pm		C	
	Cribbage Club	6:30p.m.	Nov-April	A	
	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.			
Friday:	Square Dance Club	1-2:30pm	Nov-April	C	
	Poker Pool	6:00p.m.	Year around	B	
	Bingo	6:00p.m.		C	
	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.			
	Saturday:	Shuffleboard Hoss Collar	1:00-3:30p.m.		S
	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	3:00pm	Nov-April	A	
	Pickup Bocce Ball	3:30pm	BC		
Sunday:	Vespers	4:50p.m.	Nov-April	A	
	Pinochle	6:30p.m.	Nov-April	C	



**\*A:** Atrium  
**C:** Clubhouse  
**L:** Library  
**S:** Shuffleboard Courts  
**B:** Billiards  
**G:** Game Room  
**BC:** Bocce Court

## Cornhole Club

By Erika Fitch



Cornhole club for the fall officially started last month. We play every Thursday night at 6:30 in the clubhouse. We welcome new members anytime during the season. If you have never played, don't worry, we are glad to teach you. It's an easy game to learn.

We are also adding a new game called Air Mail that you can purchase a chance to play and maybe win the jackpot. Come on out and try your luck with both regular cornhole and our new 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.

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



Crafters are in full swing this season and the leaders have lots of creative ideas. The Craft schedule and sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse. We only have 2 meetings in December due to the holidays.

We have a craft show in the Atrium on Dec. 11 from 10 to 1:00 pm. Please come check out the Individual crafts for sale and get some Christmas shopping done!

We appreciate all the recent donations to crafters. Thank you Americana Cove residents for donating your craft supplies when you're no longer using them.

Drop by on Tuesday evenings at 6 or 6:30 on Burger Burn nights in the Clubhouse and check out what we are crafting!

## Cue Club

By Ray Larkin



Here we go again for another great season at the Cue Club. Your Captains remain the same as last year, Monday (men) is Mike Arkanoff, Wednesday (ladies) Judy Daigle and Thursday (men) Frank Holbrook. Thanks for stepping up again to our Captains. We still have a few openings for both men's league and ladies league. We would love to have you out there to join in for some friendly games no matter your skill level. The next Cue Club meeting will be held January 2, 2023 at 5pm. If you wish to join either the ladies or men's league either contact myself or one of the captains mentioned above.

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By Daisy Dean

**O**ur Walking class is slowly filling up with more snowbirds returning for the Winter.

I know a lot of new people in the park & would like to say you are welcome to join us in the clubhouse Monday to Friday at 8:am



We do a variety of workouts & we usually do 3 miles or 45 minutes but if you just want to do a mile that's up to you, They are easy to follow & Free.

Walking 1 mile a day prevents or manages various conditions including Heart Disease, Stroke, High Blood Pressure, Cancer & Type 2 Diabetes, think what a 2 mile or 3 mile will do.

We do have a few men & would love to see more.

## Landscape Committee

By Deb Howland and Erika Fitch



**M**y articles for October and November decided to go amongst the great unknown, but I don't give up!!

Just a recap of the October forecaster, please submit a request form if you are thinking of adding new garden areas, planting trees, creating walkways or removing grass for shell and rock, before the work is done.

As for November we hope you all had a blessed Thanksgiving with :) family or friends, giving thanks for all we have in our lives.

December is here as you read this article (hopefully and you have had a chance to see the new project the Cove elves have worked on. Our little colorful trees are copied from a neighborhood off 62nd Ave called Tanglewood. One of our residents on Mt Essex, Irene, taught Deb and Erika how to create these trees. The committee met at workshops to make these trees to line our streets. We would like to extend an invitation to any resident who would like to make a tree, instruction and supplies will be furnished, excluding the lights, If you are interested please respond to Deb Howland (727) 366-4273 before December 7th, so supplies can be purchased and we will schedule a workshop for those interested. If this year doesn't work for you, let's try and do more next year to brighten our Cove.

We hope you enjoy the holiday decorations.

A very Merry and Blessed Christmas (Holiday) and a Happy and Healthy New Year to all.



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## Library

By Nomi Lynch



Our library continues to grow! Thanks to all for recent donations, which include many newer books by some of our popular authors. (If you're looking for a particular author/book, just let us know and we'll be on the lookout for you.)

Maureen and I certainly do appreciate and thank each one of you who is part of our "behind-the-scene" crew. We also wish everyone in our great community a safe holiday season and happy reading!

## Line Dancing

By Judy Daigle



We had our first class of the season on November 7 and I was impressed with how fast our dancers learned the steps. The new members learned 3 new dances! We review the dance steps every week, so it's never too late to join our group. We dance to all genres of music....line dancing is not done to country only. Joining our group will allow you a chance to get some exercise for the body, mind and soul. If you love music, feel free to stop by at the clubhouse every Monday from noon to 1:00 pm. Check out our facebook group at Americana Cove Line Dancers for updates to all dances learned.

## Live Music

By Libby Hopkins

Hello Everyone!

We are in the time of holiday celebration!!! We are grateful to all who attended our October and November programs. We are looking forward to seeing you at the Clubhouse for our December shows.

Our first show of December is an Americana Cove community affair. Please join us for the thirteenth **Annual Evening of Carols and Live Nativity**, which will be presented on Saturday, December 3, 2022, at 7:00 pm in the Clubhouse. Music will be presented by our special Christmas Choir, including members of our Vesper Choir and members of the community. 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 regularly scheduled Live Music Group Christmas Program will be on 12/13/22 at 3 PM in the Clubhouse.\*\***

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



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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 !!!

## Rug Braiding Club

*By Carol Deatherage*

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The Rug Braiding Club will begin its weekly meeting Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2022 in the Game Room at 6:30. It is not a structured class, but one on one instructions, so if you can't make one week you will not get behind. If you are interested in joining our group we would be pleased to have you stop in. We have extra supplies to get you started to see if it is something you might like to do.

We are a very informal group and would like to share our braiding with you. If you don't want to braid an item, you can come and watch and join in our conversations.

If you have any questions, call Carol Deatherage at 814-397-3984

## Shuffleboard Club

*By Greg Cindric*

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As our snowbirds continue to return to the Cove, we've seen a slight increase in the participation in our scheduled activities. But we can always use more players. December will be a transition month while we wait for news on the status of our travel leagues. I will also be taking a poll of interest in our Americana Cove league - a team format where opponents are matched according to skill level and experience. And our Social League - an individual match up with three different opponents of varying skill levels.

Again, I am offering lessons to groups of 4-8 persons at a convenient time for all. I will adapt the lesson to your experience level - from never played before to beginner to advanced beginner. Give me a call to set it up.





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# Swim Exercise

By Nancy Olson



**H**i, hoping everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving holiday! The swim group continues to have great attendance, snowbirds are still arriving and we are welcoming new residents to the group. I would like to thank the sub group for leading class while I was out celebrating Thanksgiving with my family in St. Augustine. Thanks Maureen, Diane, Terry and Nan!

## Items of interest:

We will be swimming on both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. On New Year's Eve we will have our annual mimosa toast and fruit to welcome in 2023 after class. This is a treat to the group from the sub group and me! Please join us!

Cold weather guidelines: when I am leading class the temp needs to be 55 or higher. When the subs lead the group, 60 or higher. Please check the Group Facebook page -"Americana Cove Water Fitness Group" on a daily basis to see if we will have class. If class will be cancelled it will be done by 8:45AM.

Water temp went to 85 on December 1.

A big "thank you" to the ACA for purchasing our back up music box!

Continued love and support to Maureen as she recovers and heals from her breast cancer.

Wishing all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Pictures include: Pat Bernfeld birthday, Judy Diagle and sister Ginette, Trish birthday, Group support for Maureen.





## Vespers

By Audrey Dox

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Vespers services are held on Sundays in the Atrium beginning at 4:50 PM. All residents and guests are welcome to this inter-denominational worship service followed by a time of refreshments and fellowship in the Clubhouse.

Thank you to all who attended our Welcome Back Dinner on November 13! It was a fun night of friendship and entertainment.

Pastors for December:

Dec. 4 Phil Fogle, retired Army

Dec. 11 Dierdre Banks, Faith Covenant Church

Dec. 18 Kevin Loughran, Grace Lutheran Church

No Vespers service will be held on Dec 25 and Jan 1



We encourage Vespers attendees to suggest speakers which range from lay speakers, missionaries, and pastors from a variety of religions.

Vespers choir members practice at 4PM on Sundays. If you like to sing, won't you consider joining our group of happy voices singing praises to our Lord.

## YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

By Kathy Laramée

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December is a wonderful time of year! Sharing the Christmas Season with friends and loved ones makes it so special.

Please plan to celebrate with us at our Holiday Lunch on December 21st. We hope to have a club that will volunteer to provide our lunch but nevertheless one will be served.

Remember to deposit your aluminum cans in the receptacles provided so we can continue to support our lunches and donations to events and clubs within our community.

Taking this moment to wish you and yours a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. See you all in 2023!!



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By Barefoot Realty Group, Brokerage Agent for Americana Cove

The Americana Cove renter list has 16 names of people who would like to rent in the community. Barefoot Realty keeps this list to assist residents who may want to rent their homes for season or annual. To obtain the list, call toll free 855-235-5790 or e-mail: [info@barefootrealtygroup.com](mailto:info@barefootrealtygroup.com)

If you have friends or relatives who would like to rent in the community, have them go to the [americanacovehomes.com](http://americanacovehomes.com) website and fill out the form to be added to the renter list.

The following are the renting rules for Americana Cove:

- Renters are treated just like buyers. All renters must have a background/credit check and be approved by management 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.

For rentals less than six months and a day, residents must pay a tourist development tax to the state and county. Go to this website to learn more about this tax:

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## December Sudoku

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