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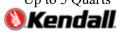
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Board of Directors Message

By Kathy Wichmann

Thope each of you enjoyed the Christmas and New Year season and look forward to a great 2023! I wanted to take a look at what your board has accomplished in 2022.



Board of directors

In December, right before Christmas, we held a meet and greet for our new licensed Community Association Manager, Lori Lansing, and our new property management team, Associa Gulf Coast. I feel the community was so lucky to have been blessed with leadership from Gary Schamburg and we had Chrissy Brush serving as interim property manager. The board was enhanced in 2022 by adding Scott Peacock and Phil Quince through elections and appointments.

We changed lawn vendors to Matthews, at a higher cost than what we were paying, but definitely better quality as well! I worked closely with Gary and the City to clean up our water bill to save over \$3000 per month. We had a Q&A for our reserve study and the board members found benefit in learning more about the reserve funds. We have volunteers to chair committees: Jan Larsen, Linda Quince, Mark Olson, Tom Wichmann, Sandy Shouse and Debbie Howland, to name a few. Nancy Olson and a group of volunteer street leaders assisted in the spring clean up notification of homes. Mark Andrews and Gary Griffith got our sound wired in the clubhouse. Pylon wraps with supervision from Joe Noling was completed. Rosemary Ferreri with help from Cindy Rodriguez post meeting notices and special events on the Americana Cove facebook page while Donna Andrews and Phil Quince have updated the Americana Cove website. Judy Hall lined us up to get our taxes done here in the cove and Brad Coath again organized fall flu shots. Sue Ponti works tirelessly to lead volunteers to get the Forecaster out to you. We have the ACA leaders, the club and social activity leaders that are always keeping busy. We finally got foreclosed properties sold! We also have regular visits from the bloodmobile and On-Site Farmers Market. The pool area has been re-grouted, the south boat ramp has a lower lip to maneuver, and we have some work getting done on the seawall. I know I am not naming all the wonderful volunteers we have here, but, with the Board of Directors, dedicated staff, and great volunteers, a lot is being accomplished and I give you all a round of applause for your continuing efforts here in the Cove.

We held a Meet the Candidates night on January 4 with 6 candidates running for Board of Directors. As of this writing, the election has not been held but I hope you all felt you had the capability to vote for a diverse, professional, conscientious board to continue to move the Cove forward in 2023.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Wichmann, MAROA VP

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

ACA News

By Doug Howland

an you believe that it is February already? This means we are about half way through our snowbird season, but before our winter friends leave us we still have plenty of events to enjoy.

ACA events for the month start out with our ACA Club President's Meeting on Tuesday, January 31st at 10 am in the Atrium. Then on Wednesday, February 1st 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.

Our next ACA sponsored event is our Burger Burn which is on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, February 21st 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.

As March will be here before we know it, we just want to remind everyone that ACA is sponsoring a Yard Sale Saturday, March 4th from 8am – 1pm for all residents to reserve a table in the Clubhouse/Atrium or parking lot and sell their own items. The details are still being worked out and will be posted on the ACA bulletin board as soon as they are finalized, no later than February 15th. You will then be able to reserve your space. Buyers will be allowed to come in from outside the park as in the past when the trinkets and treasure sale was held. There also will be a charity coming in at the end to take away anything you do not want.

Just a reminder that many social clubs here at the Cove are holding special events this month too so make sure to support them and attend. Look for their information on these events in the Forecaster.



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Announcements

By Ray Rodriguez - Editor

How to get an invite to the 90's dinner

Nancy Hubartt and Mary Bickhart

o you know someone who is 90 or will be 90 before the 25th of February 2023?

Please call Nancy Hubartt 727-525-0571 or e-mail nhub7272@juno.com This is a party that is for anyone to come and help celebrate with 90+ years old.

The criteria for the 90's are as follows: You have to be 90 years old the day of the party or before.

- 1. You have to be 90 years old the day of the party or before.
- 2. Usually, the day of the party is the last Saturday of February.
- 3. You have to live in the Park, either alone or with family, full time or seasonal.
- 4. You must notify the Sunshine Lady, Nancy Hubartt, so that you can receive an invitation. We cannot make exceptions for age or residence, no matter how much we would like to relent.

Tax Preparation is Back!

FREE tax returns again this year in Americana Cove. Dates are February 16 and March 23 in the Game Room at the Clubhouse. She will begin making appointments after January 15, 2023. Last year, we prepared returns for 41 Cove families. All tax preparers are certified by the IRS. So, start collecting your tax documents!

You can schedule an appointment by calling 727 643-4736, if there is no answer, please leave a message.

90's Celebration

By Sue Line

It's that time of year again for our annual 90's Celebration to honor all our residents who are 90 and over. This year's celebration will be held at the Community Centre on February 25th, 2023. At this time, we have 14 Celebrants this year and are looking for any new resident we might not have identified who are 90 and over. If you know of anyone that is 90 +, please contact Sandy Shouse at 814-746-6595 or Mary Bickhart at 727-403-2779.

Our theme this year is Going thru the Crossroads of Life. We have a fun evening planned with dinner, gifts, music and entertainment. Everyone in the Community is welcome even if you are not 90 and over, so please come out and help celebrate and honor our wonderful 90+ year olds. Tickets will be \$20.00. To get your ticket, please call Mary Bickhart at home 727-914-7041 or cell at 727-403-2779. The event will start at 5:00 pm with dinner followed by a party with music, gifts and entertainment.

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To help us make this a most memorable event, we are hoping to receive cash donations from Cove Clubs and individuals. Any questions and donations can be directed to Mary Bickhart at home 727-914-7041 or cell 727-403-2779.

We look forward to seeing you there and thank you for your support.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE

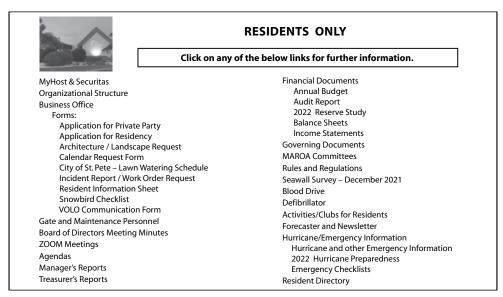
By: Donna Andrews, Chair

s of the writing of this article, the community website Americanacove.com has 236 shareholders registered. That is a very good start but it would be wonderful to have a lot more shareholders registered. There is an abundance of information easily available on the Residents Portal without having to call the office. New information is added immediately as it is approved by the Board of Directors.

The website committee plans to meet with our new community manager and Associa regarding the similarities and differences between our website Americanacove.com and Associa's Town Square website and how to use both websites to our community's advantage. We will update you after the meeting(s) take place.

As always, the website committee would like to hear from the community on what you like, dislike or would like to see revised on Americanacove.com. Any feedback would be appreciated!

Here is an example of the Residents Portal with available information.









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ART STRONG

TTENTION......Special Event hosted by the Art Strong artists.

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SPECIAL EVENT.....

We are excited to announce that our Art Strong group will be hosting their first Art Strong Exhibition on Feb. 20, 2023 in the library, from 6-8 pm. We will be supplying wine, cheese and crackers for you to enjoy while browsing various works of art by 8-10 different artists. Different mediums....something for everyone's liking. Some of the artwork will be available for purchase at very reasonable prices. Hope you'll join us for our special event.

Full Moon Kayaking

ebruary's full moon is called "Snow Moon". Full Moon Kayaking will be on Monday, February 6.

Moonrise is at 7:10 PM

Sunset 6:14

We will leave from Founders Park at 5:45

Watch for e-mails and Face-Book posts for updated information.





HELP! Volunteers needed for the distribution of Forecaster

essage from Susie Q Brown:
Sue Ponti and I are retiring as the Forecaster coordinators after
5 years of service. The position requires year round residency and/
or a coordinator for the summer months and vacations. The task happens
the last week of each month and takes a few hours of your time



Sue has offered to train the coordinator (s) in February or March.

Sue and I give THANKS to all the dedicated Forecaster volunteers who deliver to your homes!! Serving our beloved Americana Cove has been our pleasure.

Thank you Sue and Susie for you service to the community.

Ideally, we would like to have a year round resident or two individuals, one that is a yearlong resident and another to fill in any gaps that occur when the other is away. In a perfect world it would be nice to have one distributor for the North side and one for the South side. An immediate need is a delivery person for

Mt. Fairfield.

Please consider stepping up and serving the community in shaping Americana Cove into a premier 'active' 55+ Resident owned community. Call Sue Ponti or Susie Q Brown with any questions.

"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention."

~Oscar Wilde

Sunshine Report for February

By Nancy Hubartt

Deaths – With Sympathy
Diana Rogers
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- 02 Susan Galligan
- 03 Gery Hart
- 03 Lynnea Mathews
- 03 Polly Kuizel
- 07 Jan Ernst
- 07 Susan Lloyd
- 08 Ronald W. Miller
- 09 Cindy Rodriguez
- 09 Vanessa Caponigro
- 11 Beverly Hamel
- 11 Mark Curtis
- 11 Mike Guiler
- 13 Janet Pendino
- 14 Marge Lang
- 14 Terry Campbell
- 14 John Cole
- 16 Ann Joseph

- 16 Rebecca Terpstra
- 17 Anthony Boccarossa 89 IN 2018
- 18 Alvin Napier

- 20 Linda Pizzano
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- 24 Susan Eaton
- 24 Pat Perry
- 25 Bill Moretti26 Joel Daigle
- 26 Joel Daigle 27 John Karam
- 27 Gary Clark
- 28 Barry Barratiere
- 28 Diane Barnum
- 29 Linda Cook



February Anniversaries

05	Dolores & Jeff Prusak	29 years
06	Shirley & Tony Giaquinto	58 years
07	Melissa & Mike Guiler	31 years
09	Janice & Gerry Zebley	19 years
10	Patricia & Richard Telech	50 years
13	Pam & Richard Lord	20, years
14	Cathie & Joe Golf	25 years
17	Susan & Alvin Napier	05 years
27	Helga & Donnie Ellis	06 years
28	Patricia & Rodney South	37 years



Welcome New Residents

By Mary Ann Meljac & Cindy Rodriguez

S ean O'Hara 120 Mt. Piney Ave. Prev: Vogle



David & Ruth Jeffers 7052 Mt. Hawthorne Rd. Prev: Lewis/DaSilva

Boat Club

By Mary Ann Meljac

If you were born in February, your birthstone is amethyst - The purple variety of quartz that has captivated mankind for millennia. Its lilac to deep purple hues can be cut into many shapes and sizes, and it can be manufactured in a lab as well as mined. February celebrates Lincoln's Birthday on the 12th, Valentine's Day on the 14th, Presidents Day and Washington's Birthday on the 20th and Mardi Gras on the 21st. Don't forget Groundhog Day and of course, the Super Bowl! May the best team win!

Full Moon Kayaking is Monday, February 6th. Our January outing was enjoyed by 6 kayaks and their captains along with 4 accompanying boats to lead and follow our kayakers safely back to the Cove. Thank you to Audrey Cox for organizing and implementing this event. She will continue to send out e-mails, facebook updates, volo messages and scheduling on our front entrance events board. Please join in the fun and contact Audrey if you would like to join in. We look forward to seeing you on the water on the 6th!

At the Boat Club meeting on Saturday, January 14th we were busy planning for this year's Island Bash which is scheduled for Saturday, March 11th. Committees are being formed and volunteers are stepping forward to help make this a premier event here at Americana Cove. As soon as a theme has been decided, we will get word out to everyone and tickets will be sold. There is also a Tiki Hut party planned for Saturday, January 14th and also Sunday, February 12th. There will be entertainment and don't forget... it is also Super Bowl Sunday!

The Fishing Derby is also in the planning stages for April. Stay tuned for updates and information. Join in the fun! This is an invitation to go fishing. You can fish from your dock, from the land or join someone on their boat. This event was sidelined for 2 years due to COVID.... Time to revitalize this fun event!

Last, but not least ... the Holiday Boat Parade of Lights and the Waterfront Home Decoration winners are listed below. Special thanks to everyone from the judges for both events to all who took the time and put forth the effort to beautify our community over the holidays.

December 11th – Boat Winners 1st Place (Zurawski/Ferari) 2nd Place (Tom & Deb Turner) 3rd Place (Jeff & Tony Jones) 4th Place (Bill & Heather Wilcox)

Waterfront Home Decoration Winners 1st Place (George & Pam Paige) 2nd Place (Linda & Phil Quince) 3rd Place (Tom & Deb Turner)





Bocce Club

By Daisy Dean

Te are so happy to say our new Bocce Courts, Not 1 but 2 are taking place on the South Side behind the Laundromat. Thank you to Ray Larkin & Bill Wilcox for heading this Project. Also Thanks to all that has volunteered to help out with this Project.



Also a Big shout out to all those that has supported our Fundraisers & those that gave personal donations without all your help we would never been able to build those 2 courts & every penny spent on these courts are what we raised & Not costing the Park anything.

Again, thank you all.

We play every Sunday at 3:pm, Membership is \$10.00 & to spare is \$2.00. Everyone is welcome!

Book Club

By Nan Krueger



This month we are reading a current Best Seller, It Ends With Us, by Colleen Hoover, hosted by Nan Krueger. "Lily hasn't always had it easy, but that's never stopped her from working hard for the life she wants. She's come a long way from the small town where she grew up—she graduated from college, moved to Boston, and started her own business. And when she feels a spark with a gorgeous neurosurgeon named Ryle Kincaid, everything in Lily's life seems too good to be true.

Ryle is assertive, stubborn, and maybe even a little arrogant. He's also sensitive, brilliant, and has a total soft spot for Lily. And the way he looks in scrubs certainly doesn't hurt. Lily can't get him out of her head. But Ryle's complete aversion to relationships is disturbing. Even as Lily finds herself becoming the exception to his "no dating" rule, she can't help but wonder what made him that way in the first place.

As questions about her new relationship overwhelm her, so do thoughts of Atlas Corrigan—her first love and a link to the past she left behind. He was her kindred spirit, her protector. When Atlas suddenly reappears, everything Lily has built with Ryle is threatened."

In March we are reading a psychological thriller, Win by Harlan Coben, hosted by Judy Hall.

You do not have to purchase the book that we are reading. Some members do, however, many of us get our book from the library. The library has hard copy books (regular and large print), e books and audio books available. If someone has purchased the book they may be willing to lend it. Some people get the books on their kindle or nook account. We are always willing to help our members locate the book that we are reading.

All residents are welcome to stop by and see what we are about, and of course to join us if you would like. We meet on the second Thursday of the month at 1:30 PM in the library. Those who are members of the book club receive email updates. Happy Reading!!



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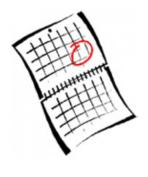
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Weekly Calendar Repeats

AMERICANA COVE WEEKLY Calendar Repeats - Month: January 2023

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<u>Day</u>	Event	<u>Time</u>		Location
Monday:	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.		C
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.		
	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.		
	Line Dancing	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	В
Tuesday:	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.		C
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.		
	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.		
	Shuffleboard Social League	10:30am -12:30pm	Nov-April	S
	Maj Jong	2:00pm	Year around	A
	Progressive Rummy	5:00p.m.	Year around	Α <
	Poker Pool	6:00p.m.		В
	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.		
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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.		
	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	В
	Cornhole	6:30-8:00 pm		C
	Cribbage Club	6:30p.m.	Nov-April	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.		
	Square Dance Club	1-2:30pm	Nov-April	C
	Poker Pool	6:00p.m.	Year around	В
	Bingo	6:00p.m.		C
Saturday:	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.		С
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.		
	Shuffleboard Hoss Collar	10:30am-12:30p.m		S
Sunday:	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	3:30pm	Nov-April	A
	Pickup Bocce Ball	3:30pm	BC	
	Vespers	4:50p.m.	Nov-April	A I
	Pinochle	6:30p.m.	Nov-April	C



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



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Buddhism

By John Howell

Telcome to our meeting Thursday Feb. 2nd 1pm GR. After taking Jan. off for a "retreat" including intense study/meditation, we are ready to approach the lunar New Year (rabbit). As promised; we will be detailing the astrological significance (a plethora of retrogrades, eclipses, planetary changes) from a Spiritual perspective.



Preview from sources cited below include:

- No longer can mankind maintain a state of denial..."Gaia" is attempting a "long distance call"...William Shatner's recent ride into space brought him to tears upon observing this precious blue planet's precarious situation...nevertheless our "next generation" offers hope
- Unusually turbulent weather patterns ("chaotic jet stream") from unwelcome climate changes will prompt extremes in every category (bomb cyclones?)
- The earth's mantle prone to upheavals (volcanoes/earthquakes) around the globe from changes in the weight of the ocean/atmosphere from melting ice, and more...
- Escalating conflict in Eastern Europe (if not fully supported) may well result in spreading devastation worldwide (tactical nukes?)
- Continued aggravation from covid variants, among other recurrent "wellbeing" issues
- Potential technological meltdown from increased solar (plasma) flares as we come within view of a peak sunspot cycle in 2024
- And all the above, tipping the global commodity markets into a serious recession/or worse Many prominent "seers" from Nostradamus, Biblical prophecy, H.H. the 14th Dalai Lama, Pope Francis, Shamans of indigenes tribes, in consort with private correspondence including psychic associates, astrologers, and religious teachers from around the world, concur. Additionally a consensus is forming that we are entering the time of "revelation/Awakening". However, no need to be anxious... ("Mindfulness") is the key. Those that have attempted kindness in their actions of ("body, speech, and mind") will be protected in God's loving embrace, along with wholesome Karma's vast remedial power to heal. As the old saying goes; "Best to be informed/prepared".



Still working on a couple of field trips to local temples, and holding out hope for a promised "Sand Mandala" to be created, at the Florida Craft Arts.

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

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

Cornhole Club

By Erika Fitch

ebruary is the month of "LOVE" and we would love for you to come out and join us every Thursday night at 6:30 in the clubhouse to play combole. We welcome new members are the combon of the combon of the clubhouse to play combon of the clubhouse to play the combon of the clubhouse to play combon of the clubhouse to pl

cornhole. 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. In December we had a winner who put in two bags and won half of the jackpot. Way to go Jim Gorton!! Come on out and try your luck with both regular cornhole and our new game. You just might be our next winner!

Just a reminder that our election of officers will take place in March. Please think about running for one of these positions as some of our current officers would like to take a break.

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. Set up is at 6:00 and we would appreciate any

help.

Our cornhole players are a very friendly group and would love to share our game with you. Call Doug or Debbie if you have any questions. (727)366-4273.

Crafters Club

By Debbie Lewison



The Crafters had a busy month with 5 Tuesdays in January. They always do a terrific job! February will be just as busy. February 5 we will have our final craft show for this season in the Atrium from 10am to 1 pm. Come get your Valentine a gift or just buy yourself something special! We'd love to see you all and bring a friend!

If you are interested in joining Crafters, you can come on Tuesday nights before 6, and pay a \$10 dues for the year. Our sign up sheets for each craft are posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. Sign up for those crafts you'd like to make. Happy Valentine's Day Cove Neighbors!

Cue Club

By Ray Larkin



nly a few days left to get your tickets to the Cue Club annual extravaganza. The event opens at 5pm with dinner at 5:30pm. Live entertainment will be provided by Infinite Tilt with dancing from 6pm thru 9:30pm. The following week the Cue Club will be sponsoring the annual Big Game Party in the club house. This event is free just bring a dish to share, everyone welcome, come one come all. Hope to see you all out there at these two great events.







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Land Exercise

By Daisy Dean

alking Class is going strong, seeing more people in the new year. We had a few new Walkers this month & a few that has returned after taking a break, Great to have you all in class.

Remember we meet every morning in the clubhouse at 8:am, Monday through Friday, we do a mixture of workouts with different trainers, They are all easy to follow & fun to do, usually 45 minutes in total & everyone is welcome, This class consists of a few Men as well.

Our year end Party with the swimming group will be March 29th. More details to follow.

Library

By Nomi Lynch

Te're pleased to see so many of you enjoying the library! If you're hoping to find a particular book but can't, just leave a note on the library bulletin board in the Clubhouse and our crew will be on the lookout for you.

Note: Games have been moved to the Game Room. Borrow, enjoy, and return! (Please place all returns and donations in the library book drop box — or if they won't fit in the box, give me a call or text (Nomi, 561-714-9956) and I'll be happy to pick them up from your home. Happy February and happy reading!

Line Dancing

By Judy Daigle

o glad to see that lots of people started their new year on the right foot! No pun intended but 90% of our line dances start with the right foot. ;o) We learned new steps to various songs.....and not all to country music. Join us anytime in the library from 12 - 1 every Monday. No dancing experience needed. Good for the heart, mind and soul.

Live Music

By Libby Hopkins

Tello Everybody!

This month, you will not want to miss our **Valentine's Show** on the second Tuesday of February, 2/14/23. Come and be our Sweethearts, and let us send you musical hugs and love from the stage.

We're also happy to celebrate with the 90s folks in our park. It is a pleasure to provide the entertainment for their birthday party every year. The **90s Celebration** is an event in which we honor residents in the park who are 90 and above. This year's party is scheduled for Saturday, February 25, 2023. Anyone can come to help celebrate with our 90+ year old residents. Tickets

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will be available. Please see Sue Line and Mary Bickhart for ticket sales. We will be selling tickets at the Young At Heart luncheons and at Live Music Group programs. We hope to see many residents help us celebrate. Please see Mary Bickhart's Forecaster article for further details.

Both musical programs are in the Clubhouse.

For those of you who are not familiar with Live Music, we are a Music Group within the park that usually performs the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Our Performances and the Refreshments we offer you are **FREE**!!! We work hard to provide an entertaining, fun hour, and we provide snacks, drinks, and sometimes, spiked punch!

We are looking forward to entertaining you!!! See you soon!

Shuffleboard Club

By Barry Barratiere



Tell, we are in the season of Shuffle. We have the teams and we are playing, Blue sky, and Nova. Blue sky is in third place. The nova team will play on the 12th of January. The team captains, Blue Sky is Greg Cedric and Nova is Barry Barratiere.

We have some new equipment for both teams which does help us us all. New players on each team will each receive a new AC t-shirt and a name tag. We need new players on both teams. Come out and watch, or just join us. Easy, call Barry Barratiere, the new shuffleboard teams President, 405-590-1092.

Swim Exercise

By Nancy Olson



The swim exercise group continues to have excellent attendance when the weather cooperates! Over the Christmas cold spell we had to cancel class 3 times, very unusual for that time of year. When weather is on our side we have attendance anywhere between 25-35 in class. In early December we had one day where 39 attended!!! Really appreciate the enthusiasm and dedication to your individual goals!

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

A new compressor has been ordered and a request for expedited delivery has been made by our Manager Lori. Water temp remains at 85 and we are hoping it maintains until the compressor is delivered and installed.

SAVE THE DATE: Our end of season party has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 29 at 4pm in the Club House. As in the past, we will celebrate with Daisy's land exercisers and Judy's line dancers. Further details will be announced at class as the date gets closer, stay tuned!!

Maureen Saunders, our lead sub has returned to class full time after being under doctor's care for 3 months. Great to have you back, you are doing amazing!!

Be sure to check our group Facebook page - "Americana Cove Water Fitness Group" on a daily basis for class schedule-equipment needed, weather related cancellations, birthdays, maintenance updates, etc.
Happy Valentine's Day everyone!!
Birthday photos: Nancy Olson, Maureen Woodhead, Robert Solomon, Bob, Carol Howard and Gerry Zebley















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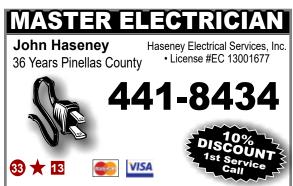
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Vespers

By Audrey Dox

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Would you like to honor someone with flowers at our Vespers Service? Each week flowers decorate the pulpit area at Vespers. Flowers can be given in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Flowers may be taken home following the Sunday service or we can bring them to the home of a shut-in. See the Vespers bulletin board for sign-up sheets.



Pastors for February:

February 5 Jackie McMillan Retired Methodist Pastor

February 12 John Underwood Woodlawn Presbyterian Church

February 19 Rebecca Lehman Retired Methodist Pastor

February 26 Dan Lehman Retired Methodist Pastor

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 3 PM on Sundays. If you like to sing, won't you consider joining our group of happy voices singing praises to our Lord.

Thank you to all who purchased a poinsettia to decorate our pulpit area for our Christmas service.

YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

By Kathy Laramee

Telcome February!! A very busy month for the entire Cove with many functions, and a slew of activities! It's what we do, right?

We are excited to be in the mix with our Annual Valentine Dinner Dance on the 11th. We will have a dinner, prizes, and music and I know you won't want to miss all the fun.

Please join us on February 15th for our monthly business luncheon. As always, bingo will follow!!

Please, please be considerate of our Awesome Can Volunteers when disposing of your cans in the marked receptacles. I hear horror stories of some of the items being found, other forms of metal cans, fully or partially full cans (which draw hoards of bees) and just plain trash!! These volunteers are committed to our project and I'm so appreciative of them and they certainly should not be subjected to some of the conditions they are encountering. Again, as a reminder, the proceeds are returned directly to our community with the exception of Wreaths Across America and pay for the luncheons we provide every month.

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2022 Home Sales Report

By Barefoot Realty Group, Brokerage Agent for Americana Cove

If you've been seeing a lot of new faces in the community, it should not be a surprise. During 2022, fifty-six homes sold at Americana Cove. Even more potential buyers visited the community and could be back to purchase. Almost 300 people made appointments to visit the Barefoot Realty sales office during the year while 114 people were walk-ins who visited during the regularly scheduled sales office hours.

Last year also saw the highest home sale within the community. A newer model waterfront home sold for \$449,000 and a second waterfront home sold for \$445,000. Not only are waterfront properties gaining value, but interior lots are seeing increases, too. Of the 56 homes that sold in 2022, only four homes sold for less than \$100,000.

"The reputation of Americana Cove as a premiere community is well known," said Broker Marty Pozgay. "With waterfront property values increasing dramatically and new home prices rising higher, it's not a surprise that prices have gone up."

Pozgay also noted that the pricing at Americana Cove is still much more affordable than any other area of St. Petersburg and that's an important reason as to why the community is popular.

February Sudoku

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Annual Flea Market – Four Seasons Estates MHP clubhouse, Largo. Saturday, February 25, 8am-1pm. \$1.00 early bird 7:30. Furniture, clothes, tools, jewelry, linens, kitchen, books, raffles and more. 13225 101st Street, off Ulmerton (east of Largo Mall).

Lincolnshire Estates Annual Bazaar is back Saturday Feb 4, 8AM to 1 PM 1071 Donegan Road, Largo furniture, tools, jewelry, housewares, bake sale, nick-nacks linens, appliances, silent auction, breakfast and lunch served.

Doral Village Yard Sale Bazaar, Saturday, February 25th, 8am-1pm. 29250 US Hwy 19N, Clearwater. Furniture, clothing, linens, books, electronics, glassware, jewelry, kitchen items, baked goods, lunch and great raffles and prizes!

Palm Hill Country Club Annual Bazaar. Saturday, March 4th, 8am-1pm. 1800 Seminole Blvd, Largo.

EVENTS & PROGRAMS

East Bay Oaks and Eldorado Village Annual Parkwide Carport Sale Saturday February 4 and Sunday February 5, 2023 from 8 AM to 2:30 PM both days. 601 Starkey Rd, Largo, FL 33771 And 2505 East Bay Dr, Largo, FL 33771

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EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Ranch Mobile Park, Park-Wide Yard Sale, Saturday, March 4th, 8:00am-2:00pm at 6800 - 150th Ave. N., Clearwater (Largo).

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Parkwide Mobile Home Carport Sale. LaPlaza 6700 150th Ave N, Clearwater, FL. March 3rd & 4th 8am-4pm.

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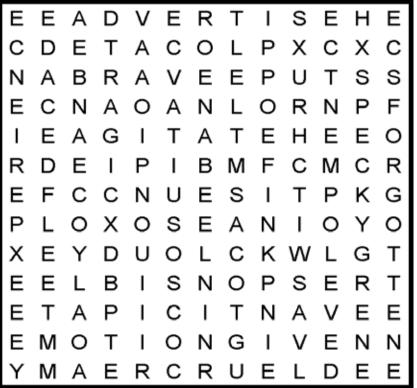
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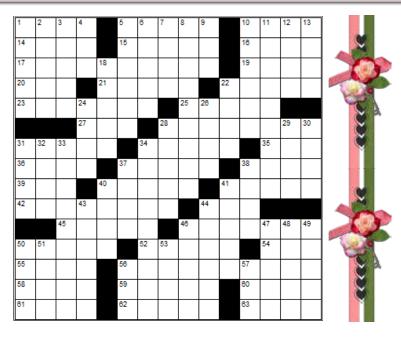
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- 1. Back of the neck
- Plant louse
- 10. Pinnacle
- 14. Unidentified flying objects
- 15. Biblical possessive
- 16. Rude person
- 17. Amateurish
- 19. Be aware of
- 20. Chapter in history
- 21. Garbage
- 22. Satisfies
- 23. To provide maintenance
- 25. Elastic fabric
- 27. Antlered animal
- 28. Imploring
- 31. Utopian
- 34. Coming up
- 35. Zero
- 36. Formal dance
- 37. Geologic period
- 38. Heredity unit
- 39. Frozen water
- 40. Not back
- 41. Femme fatale
- 42. Aberrancy
- 44. Total
- 45. Type of viper
- 46. Scorn
- 50. Particles
- 52. Young
- 54. US spy agency
- 55. Murres
- 56. Savory (Br. spelling)
- 58. Advanced
- 59. Will
- 60. Marine mammal
- 61. Opera house box
- 62. Mud volcano
- 63. A Great Lake



Down

- 1. Naked people
- 2. Ardent
- 3. Frigid
- 4. East southeast
- 5. Assault
- 6. Stage
- 7. Suggestion
- 8. Smarts
- 9. D
- 10. On a ship or train
- 11. Basket or bowl
- 12. Speck
- 13. Anagram of "Rose"

- 18. Ribbed fabric
- 22. Cigarfish
- 24. Calf's meat
- 26. Yes (informal)
- 28. Fake

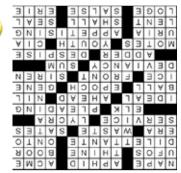
- 29. One less than 10
- 30. Secluded valley
- 31. Footnote note
- 32. Minnow-like fish
- 33. Raising
- 34. Dubious writings

- 37. Sea eagle
- 38. Hobbling gait

- 40. Crazes
- 41. Japanese dish
- 43. Envisage
- 44. Agree out of court
- 46. Affaires d'honneur
- 47. More aloof
- 48. Red Sea peninsula
- 49. American symbol
- 50. Ponder
- 51. Black-and-white
- cookie
- 53. Iridescent gem
- 56. Donkey
- 57. South southeast



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