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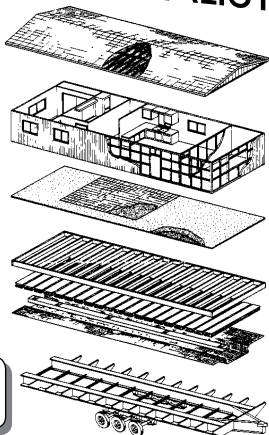
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President's Report

By Kathy Wichmann



Change is difficult. Change is challenging. But change can be good. We have a new board with new officers. We have a new, very experienced manager representing a professional management company, both of which are dedicated to Cooperative and HOA communities. We also have an attorney licensed to deal with properties like ours. There are very few attorneys in the area that are certified in condominium and property law, and he has over 40 years of experience. Our manager, management company and attorney are all trustworthy, knowledgeable, and well versed in Federal and State laws, Florida statutes and our own master occupancy agreement and association documents. When we ask questions or ask for options, we may not always get the answers we want to hear; but we get truthful, honest answers and we get the guidance moving forward.

We have been informed of a situation we need to act on as a board and a community. We have discovered that the statutes do not allow for a material change to our common areas without a 2/3 or majority vote. (Reference Florida Statute 719.1055). As was explained to us by the attorney, a material change could be anything from putting in a new plant bedding area, placing a memorial, or a statue, or a fountain in a designated common area, changing the paint or color scheme in or on a building, replacing awnings with a different material or color, or changing a common use area from one use to another; such as a building a wall in the laundry room to add additional storage or putting in a bocce ball court. It doesn't matter if the changes are through community funding or donations, or if it's a beautification or access project; a community vote is required.

There is a list of changes that have been done in the past that, without any malice or intent to defraud, previous boards had voted on and approved without a community vote. These actions were done simply as a misinterpretation of the statutes and our governing documents; but could incur fines from the Department of Business and Professional Regulation of \$500 to \$5,000 per infraction.

How do we rectify this and how can we move forward as a community? First, the Board of Directors, with your assistance, will compile a list of ALL past changes since 2017 to common areas that were not based on a community vote and create a master ballot list of these changes. Any item on the list that does not get a 2/3 passing vote will have to be removed, dismantled, and the area of concern returned to its original configuration. These actions will come at a high cost so this is to be considered by you as you vote.

I am asking that we come together as a community, as an association, as friends, as owners of Americana Cove. It will be a process that may require your patience and understanding. As soon as we have the list, we will be sending out a proxy vote to legally approve past changes and get a fresh start!

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



ACA News

By Doug Howland

Welcome to March and hopefully the start of beautiful weather every day. We are nearing the end of our snowbird season and yet we still have some big events coming up.

To start out this month ACA is sponsoring a Community Wide Tag Sale on Saturday, March 4th from 8am – 1pm. Residents were able to reserve a table in the Clubhouse/Atrium to sell their own items. If you did not sign up yet for a table and would like one, please contact the President of ACA, Doug Howland to see if space is still available. Buyers will be allowed to come in from outside of the park to purchase. There also will be a charity coming in at the end to take away anything you do not want. Additional details are on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse.

ACA events for the month start out with our ACA Club President’s Meeting on Tuesday, February 28th at 10 am in the Atrium. Then on Wednesday, March 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, March 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.

There are also many other events going on to finish out the season so make sure you get out and attend as many as you can. Hopefully in the Month of St. Patrick’s Day you will have the Luck of the Irish and wonderful things will come your way.

Announcements

By Ray Rodriguez – Editor

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.” ~Author Unknown

Many of our clubs are in need of volunteers to assist in their activities and operation. In many instances the volunteers are the *same* individuals who step up and take a position as an officer or are helping at their events: cooking, decorating, selling raffle tickets, or serving food and refreshments. Generally our activities, gatherings and parties are well attended, but without volunteers these events could be cancelled or Clubs could cease to exist.

We are blessed to have many new residents in the community and I encourage you to join some of our clubs and donate your time and talent. Please consider stepping up and serving the community in *shaping Americana Cove into a premier ‘active’ 55+ Resident owned community.*



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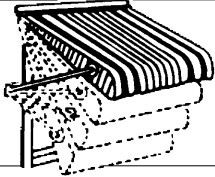
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“The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention.” ~ Oscar Wilde

Final Curtain on Canada Night



Our Final Canada Night/ Hands across the Border Dinner & Dance was a Huge Success. We wanted to go out with a Bang & Judging by all your Comments & Compliments, We sure did.

25 Beef Tenderloins, 40 Bags of Shrimp, 180 Baked Potatoes , Peas, Carrots, Dinner Rolls were served to 175 people & all Prepared by our Amazing Chef Astrid Dye & a Great Assistant Bill Wilcox. Great team work, thank you both very much. How you pulled this meal off I applaud you Both, and we can't forget all the wonderful Desserts baked by Canadians. Thank you all.

Following the Dinner our Music Guy Carl Motyka was a Hit & the Dancing began. A Great time was had by all.

42 Door prizes were handed out, 50/50 of \$406.00 was won by Steve & Nicole Mcvigar (Don & Diane's Son) The Booze Basket was won by Kelly Redpath.

The profits from the night Donations went to ACA, Hobby Shop to help Helping Hands with repairs to scooters Etc, Bocce Club, Crafters, & a New Glider will be put in at south side to replace swing, (once we get approval) in Memory of Derek Woodhead. Also Gift Cards went to 90,s Bash, Cue Club, Boat Club & Young at Heart for their upcoming events.

Over the 27 Years we have had Great Leaders, Great Menu's & Lots & Lots of Wonderful Memories.

Thank You Barb & Gerry for being there & Barb Great Job being the treasurer, also Thank You Kelly Redpath for being a Great Secretary. They say it takes a village & I had a super village that helped me & Joe through this Event

Thank you to all Canadians for helping out & making this event a very successful one & be Proud that we made it for 27 Years.

To all our American Friends, although Canada Night May have ended Our Gratitude & Thanks for Welcoming us as your Neighbors & Friends will Never End.

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*Cover photo by Rosemary Ferreri
Daisy Dean*



First Canada night founders 27 years ago



Tax Preparation - Free

Again this year, there will be free federal tax preparation on February 16 and March 23 from 9 am to 2 pm in the Game Room at the Clubhouse. IRS certified volunteers will be available to prepare and e-file your federal tax return. To make an appointment, please call Judy Hall at 727-643-4736.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE

By: Donna Andrews, Chair



The Website Committee continues to review Americanacove.com for improvement in the layout, streamline of information and review page analytics for betterment of our community website. We want to make sure information is easily found, current and accurate.

The Residents Portal (accessible only by those registered) is also constantly under review to provide Americana Cove information without having to call the office. If there are any additional areas of information you would like to see under the Residents Portal, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will bring your ideas to the attention of the committee.

The Resident Directory:

As previously published in the December 2022 Forecaster, the Website Committee is proceeding with the Resident Directory under the Residents Portal menu of the website. (The Resident Directory is viewable only to those shareholders registered for the Residents Portal.)

The Registration form page for the Residents Portal was **revised** February 8, 2023 and now asks each shareholder to give permission for their email, phone number and/or photo to be included in the Resident Directory.

An email from the Website Committee has gone out to registered shareholders who registered **prior** to the revision of the registration page asking for permission to include their email, phone number and/or photo information in the Resident Directory. If you registered for the Residents Portal prior to the revision of the registration form and have **NOT** received an email from the Website Committee please contact me at your earliest convenience. If a reply is **not** received by the March 3, 2023 the Resident Directory will include email, phone number and photo information of registered shareholders when the directory is compiled.

My email: donnaf872@hotmail.com

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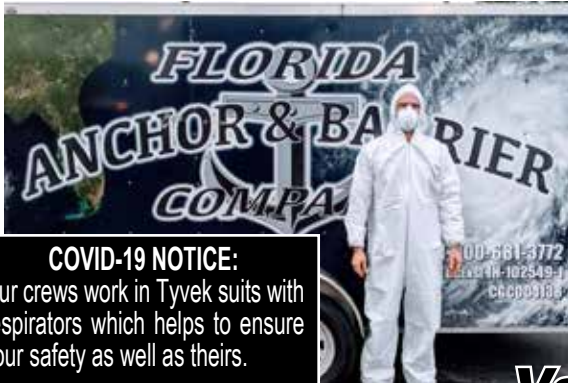
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ART STRONG

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Judy Daigle

Full Moon Kayaking



The full moon for March is called “Worm Moon”. Full Moon Kayaking will be on Wednesday, March 8.

We will leave from Founders Park at 6:10 PM

Sunset is at 6:35 PM

Moonrise is at 7:46 PM

Watch for e-mails and FaceBook posts for updated information.



Audrey Dox

HELP! Volunteers needed for the distribution of Forecaster

Message 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.

Sunshine Report for March

By Cindy Peacock



I want to thank Nancy Hubartt for 16 years as the Cove's Sunshine Lady, for her time and dedication, and for passing the wand to me. Each month I will post birthdays and anniversaries, for us to celebrate together and post those who have passed away, for us to remember and offer support. Birthdays and anniversaries are not provided by the office, posting is optional, so I need your help. If you're new to the Cove or just want to make sure you're listed, please contact me at mrscindy.peacock@yahoo.com or call/text 702-595-3603. I will post the list each month on "The Americana Cove Community" Facebook page for review and updating. Also, please reach out if you know of someone who is not feeling well so I can send them a card, letting them know their community is thinking of them and here to help.

Passed away and will be missed:

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Mary Ann Fairlie



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| 8 Anne Marie Sumereau | 18 Claire Mosakowski | 29 Paula Barrows |
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| 9 Vickie Domino | 20 Astrid Dye | 29 Teri Stallone |
| 9 Jeanette Imbrogulio | 21 Michael D'Ambra | 30 Mike Bunker |
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| 11 Kathie Cindric | 22 Dick Nemi | 31 Edward Kimak |
| 12 AnnMarie Moretti | 23 David Neener | |

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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Club events mtg. A</p>	<p>1 Shuffleboard Mtg. 9:30-11. A ACA Luncheon. C Noon</p>	<p>2 Buddist Mtg. 1pm GR</p>	<p>3 NO BINGO SET UP FOR THE COVE TAG SALE 1pm - 4 pm</p>	<p>4 Got It! 4 pm. A AMERICANA COVE TAG SALE 8 AM-1 PM</p>
<p>7 MEMBERS ICE CREAM SOCIAL 7:30 PM. C</p>	<p>8 Brd.of Dir. Wkshp 10 am-11am. A Landscape 11am. A  Full Moon Kayaking</p>	<p>9 Book Club 1:30. L</p>	<p>10 B I N G O 6 pm. C</p>	<p>11 BOAT CLUB MASQUERADE PARTY. 5 P.M. C</p>
<p>14 Music am. 3 p.m.</p>	<p>15 Young @ Heart Luncheon. Noon C Board Meeting 7 pm. C</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 B I N G O 6 pm. C St. Patrick's Day</p>	<p>18 Got It! 4pm. A Karaoke. 7-9:30p.m. C</p>
<p>21 r Burn. C 10 pm</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Judy Hall Tax Prep. 10 am-2pm GR</p>	<p>24 B I N G O 6 pm. C</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>28 Music am 3 p.m.</p>	<p>29 Walk/Swim Year-end Banquet 4-7 pm. C</p>	<p>30 Cue Club Banquet 5-8 pm C</p>	<p>31 B I N G O 6 pm. C</p>	

Weekly Calendar Repeats

AMERICANA COVE WEEKLY Calendar Repeats - Month: March 2023

<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	2:00pm	Year around	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
	Hand & Foot (cards)	1:00 p.m.	Year round	A
	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
Thursday:	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.		
	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.		
	Shuffleboard	10.30am		S
	Dominoes	1:00pm	Nov-April	A
	Progressive Rummy	6:00pm	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
Friday:	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	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.		
	Shuffleboard Hoss Collar	10:30am-12:30p.m.		S
	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	3:30pm	Nov-April	A
Saturday:	Pickup Bocce Ball	3:30pm		BC
	Vespers	4:50p.m.	Nov-April	A
	Pinochle	6:30p.m.	Nov-April	C
	Misc Cards	6:30p.m.	Year round	A



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Book Club

By Nan Krueger



In February we read **It Ends With Us**, by Colleen Hoover. We had an excellent discussion about this book which dealt with the issue of Domestic Violence. We would like to remind everyone that if you or someone you know is dealing with a Domestic Violence matter help is available and there are several hotlines you can reach out to.

This month we are reading a psychological thriller, **Win** by Harlan Coben, hosted by Judy Hall.

Over twenty years ago, the heiress Patricia Lockwood was abducted during a robbery of her family's estate, then locked inside an isolate cabin for months. Patricia escaped, but so did her captors — and the items stolen from her family were never recovered.

Until now. On the Upper West Side, a recluse is found murdered in his penthouse apartment, alongside two objects of note: a stolen Vermeer painting and a leather suitcase bearing the initials WHL3. For the first time in years, the authorities have a lead — not only on Patricia's kidnapping, but also on another FBI cold case — with the suitcase and painting both pointing them toward one man.

Windsor Horne Lockwood III — or Win, as his few friends call him — doesn't know how his suitcase and his family's stolen painting ended up with a dead man. But his interest is piqued, especially when the FBI tells him that the man who kidnapped his cousin was also behind an act of domestic terrorism — and that the conspirators may still be at large. The two cases have baffled the FBI for decades, but Win has three things the FBI doesn't: a personal connection to the case; an ungodly fortune; and his own unique brand of justice.

The books we have selected for the next few months are (April) *All The Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr; (May) *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger; (June) *Daisy Jones & The Six* by Taylor Jenkins Reid; (July) *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid.

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. 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!!

Buddhism

By John Howell



Welcome to our meeting Thursday March 2nd 1pm GR. This month we will further highlight what every genuine philosophical/spiritual path, has pursued throughout the ages: “The meaning of life.” Since the earliest flicker of self-consciousness began to illuminate man’s mind, this existential quest evolved. Much has been written on this very subject, encompassing a wide variety of teachings, techniques both common and occult. Some of our discussion during recent meetings have focused on explorations shared along the way. We will continue to emphasis the two basic approaches.

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Exoteric principals:

- As H.H. the 14th Dalai Lama advises; “Be kind and kindness will follow” and “If you can’t help others, at least do no harm” (karma)
- Foster goodwill with everyone and everything including friends and family (legacy)
- Honor all sacred traditions (contribute)
- Develop gratitude for this precious human life’s unique spiritual opportunities (motivation)
- If at all possible engender a peaceful lifestyle without undue distraction (joy)
- Promote and validate these “keys to the kingdom” whenever possible (witness)

Esoteric principals

- Activate awareness through study, contemplation, and meditation (insight)
- Become additionally “Mindful” by upgrading your spiritual DNA (expansion)
- Take and keep the vow of a Bodhisattva (God’s assistant)
- Overcome darkness by allying with the “Light” (protective angelic forces)
- Remain humble in all wholesome accomplishments (modesty)
- Ram Dass; “Be Here Now” (reality)

Thus discover the “Meaning of Life” by pursuing a “Life with Meaning”...a vessel worthy of Divine Love

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



Cornhole Club

By Erika Fitch

March is the month of St. Patrick's so come on out and try your “LUCK” in playing cornhole.

You can join us 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 also added a new game called Air Mail that you can purchase a chance to play and maybe win the jackpot at the end of the rainbow! We had a winner again last month, Congrats John Whalen. Come on out and try your luck with both regular cornhole and our new game. You just might be our next winner!

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.

Just a reminder that our election for officers will take place this month on March 9th at our final meeting of the season. Please think about running for one of these positions as some of our current officers would like to take a break.

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Crafters Club

By Debbie Lewison

The Crafters have the annual Ice Cream Social on Tuesday March 7 in the clubhouse from 6 to 7:30 pm. The entire community is invited. We will have a 50/50 and a raffle for a lovely small table painted by our talented Judy Daigle. Come enjoy some vanilla ice cream with your favorite toppings!
The cost is \$5.



Thank you to all who attended the craft show in February. We appreciate your support of our very talented ladies in this community.

Our craft season will end in March with election of officers and a 70's themed celebration. We hope everyone has enjoyed the variety of projects made this season. Cathy, Teri and Debbie appreciate all your help and we look forward to returning in the fall!

Cue Club

By Ray Larkin

Well, the cue club is winding down again after another great season. The year has flown by yet again. I hope all members had an enjoyable time this season.

Brewz & Bratz was a huge success again with many thanks to all the volunteers that helped to make this another memorable evening. It takes a lot of work by so many people to make an event like this successful. Thank you to everyone!

There will be a meeting of the Cue Club on Monday March 6th at 5pm. in the Atrium with pizza and refreshments provided, followed by the start of playoffs for the men's singles.

We will be discussing the Cue Club banquet, menu etc. at this meeting.

Playoffs start Monday, March 6th for men's singles, Wednesday, March 8th for ladies' singles, Thursday, March 9th for men's doubles, and Wednesday, March 15th for the ladies' doubles. The banquet will be held on Thursday, March 30th. Good luck to all participants.



Library

By Nomi Lynch

Our library has been brightened up thanks to artists from the Cove's "Art Strong" art class taught by Judy Daigle. Hope you will stop by and take a look while checking out the latest books that are filling the library's shelves (located in the Clubhouse).

Have a happy March — and enjoy a good book!



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



Line Dancing

By Judy Daigle



We've had a great season of line dancing! The season will be coming to an end at the end of March and will resume in the fall. I've enjoyed seeing the progress of all of you and hope you'll continue to practice your steps throughout the summer. As always, anyone is welcomed to join us on Mondays from 12-1 in the library. We continue to learn new dances and review weekly. No experience needed.

Live Music

By Libby Hopkins



Hello Everyone!

You will not want to miss our programs this month. First is our St. Patrick's Day Show! This will be Tuesday, March 14 at 3 PM, in the Clubhouse. Come get your Irish on!!

Our second show of the month will be on Tuesday, March 28. This will be our Easter show, and you will not want to miss it!!

Please join us for our shows---we look forward to seeing you!! Refreshments and drinks will be served. Please Note: Our Shows and Refreshments are FREE!! So come and enjoy yourselves! Friends and guests are welcome.

For those of you who are not familiar with us, we are a music group within the park that usually put on a performance the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. We work hard to provide an entertaining, fun hour, and we provide snacks, drinks, and sometimes, spiked punch!

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

Please come to see us!! Take care and have a great month!

Shuffleboard Club

By Barry Barratiere



We have lost one of our older shuffling members this past week, Jo Waldren. Jo was very special lady and a kind shuffler who loved the game and her shuffle friends. Jo was a lady who was always willing to help us in any way she could. She will be missed.

News regarding the Nova and the Blue Sky teams: Nova continues to be in first place and Blue Sky has also captured the first place. Congratulations to both teams. The Americana Cove shuffle league is looking forward to more exciting times in shuffling. Since returning to play after Covid there have already been changes in the amount of teams in our shuffle league. We no longer have a friendship team, but the Nova and the Blue Sky teams are stronger than ever. The shuffle group has streamlined the rules, which is always a good idea. Nova has many new players who are doing a great job and really enjoying the game. We're all looking forward to a great season and many more seasons come.

We are still looking for new or experienced shufflers who want to play either as a full-time member of the team or a substitute. Just give me, Barry, a call at 405-590-1092.

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Swim Exercise

By Nancy Olson



The swim exercise group continues to welcome new people to class and have some really great attendance! Some days we have anywhere from 34-39 in class! So great to see that people want to start their day with some great water exercise! We are winding down our season and toward the end of March we will start to see some of our snow birds heading north. Safe travels to all!

Items of interest:

Wednesday, March 29 will be our end of season party at 4pm in the Club House. We will have our party with Daisy's land exercise group and Judy's line dancers. Stay tuned for announcements at class for the sign up sheets for a dish to pass. This is a great way for all of us to get together and celebrate the great season we have had!

Wednesday, April 5 we will be cooking and serving at the ACA luncheon. I will be looking for servers from our swim group. Please let me know if you are interested in helping out.

I have met with our manager Lori and she is working with the tile and grout company for warranty repair work and scheduling at the pool. She is also working with the company for status on the compressor that was ordered. As she has additional information I will let you know.

Reminder to all...we love to celebrate your birthday at swimming. Please give me or any of the subs what tape or oldies you would like to do and what day you would like to celebrate. Don't be shy, it's your day and we always have fun!!!

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all!

Pics include: Francis Dox with grand daughter Heather and daughter Audrey, Welcome back to Cathy Thomas, Cathy Thomas birthday, Diane Massey birthday, Mary Lou and Maureen our breast cancer survivors and Mary Lou's birthday.





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Vespers

By Audrey Dox

Would you like to send some cheer to someone in need? Or would you like to honor someone with beautiful flowers? Each week, flowers decorate the Vespers pulpit area. Flowers can be given in honor of, or in memory of, a loved one. The loved one will be named and the donor recognized at the Vespers service. Flowers may be taken home following the Vespers service or we will deliver them to the home of a shut-in or someone in need. The cost is \$15. See the Vespers bulletin board in the clubhouse for sign-up sheets.

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

Pastors for March:

March 5 Roger Watts, retired Methodist pastor

March 12 Bob Spencer, lay speaker and Cove resident

March 19 Dierdre Banks, Faith Covenant Church

March 26 Brent Anderson, retired Methodist pastor and Cove resident



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 3:30 PM 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



Welcome to March! Unfortunately the Valentine Dinner Dance had to be cancelled due to non-participation. The first time that has ever happened as far back as I can remember. But, when the community doesn't participate there is certainly no reason to carry on so perhaps that event may go the way of Canada Night. Time will tell.

On to other things. The Young at Heart Club would like to commend the clubs and individuals for stepping up to take care of the lunches each month. It has been wonderful to not worry about each and every lunch meeting!! Thank You!!

Thank you again to Nelson Taylor for the use of your trailer to haul all those cans of recycling. And, of course, to our dedicated volunteers for getting them taken care of each and every week.

April 19th will be our last meeting for the season and looking forward to seeing all you there.



Buyer's Market in Florida

By Barefoot Realty Group, Brokerage Agent for Americana Cove



The past two years have been a seller's market for real estate, meaning that home prices had increased and inventory had been low so homes were selling very quickly. In 2023, the market has turned and inventory has risen and home prices are steady but not increasing.

For the over age 55 market, home pricing is flat or fallen a little since homes are not sold to the general population. At Americana Cove, buyers have to meet the age requirement and a credit score requirement of 700 or above. In addition, there have been a number of residents who have passed or who are moving into assisted living, so more homes are for sale than has been in the past two years when inventory was very low.

The 55+ market is different from the general population in that we generally see the trends first in a 55+ community as seniors react to the market more quickly than the general population, explains Broker Marty Pozgay. "Retirees are on a fixed income so they watch more closely what is happening with the stock market and economy, whereas the general population may overcome economic issues by working more hours or obtaining a new job with a higher salary."

According to the Florida Realtors Association, an average of 800 people net per day move to Florida and for the first time in 2023, Florida has the fastest growing population in the U.S. Within Florida, four in 10 residents are 50 years of age or older. The state has the second largest senior population in the U.S. behind California, according to SeniorLiving.org.

A so retirement community such as Americana Cove still have a lot of people looking for homes and is why home pricing is not falling rapidly. "The only time a listing may see a rapidly reducing price is because the home needs to be sold quickly due to the situation of the owner," said Pozgay.



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