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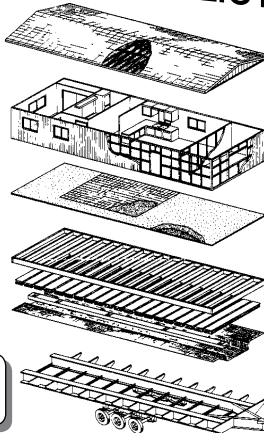
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From the Manager's Desk:

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MANAGER

Here are some important updates for October:

I would like to start this article by expressing gratitude. I practice gratitude every day as I learned to not take things for granted. Therefore, I would like to say that I am really grateful to have such an amazing Team to work with at Americana Cove – group of people who truly take pride in what they do. Each time that I drive around the community I cannot stop but be amazed at how well maintained and beautiful Americana Cove really is. I want to thank all the residents for taking pride in their homes and to thank my Team for putting so much effort and care in their daily tasks. Americana Cove is a premier Community, and I am so proud to represent and manage it.

Inspection follow up letters generated lots of positive owner responses – thank you for reaching out to me to ask for an extension to complete your home beautification projects or to let me know that they have been completed. Your efforts really show. Another community wide property inspection by your street captains will be planned for autumn and I will be sending more information once the date is set.

The Community Board and Committees are making incredible progress in putting together near future improvement plans. Please join us for Committee and Board Meetings – you will learn about the projects that we are working on and you will also get a chance to express your opinions on these matters. We welcome everyone's feedback -only by working together we can achieve the best results.

Budget Planning will become the most important topic at the end of the year. You have entrusted your Board with the fiduciary duty to manage the association's budget and Board members take this duty very seriously. Budget Planning will start with the Finance Committee meetings and a Budget draft will be presented to the Board to be reviewed and approved. Please join these meetings to listen in and to get a better understanding of the process. Finance Committee meeting notices will be posted, and meetings are open for everyone to attend.

I wish you all a plentiful Autumn.

President's Message

By Kathy Wichmann



I don't often talk of my family, but, I want to tell you of my Great Grandmother, Mary. Grandma was born in 1880 and she died prior to her 114th birthday in 1994. Back in the early 70's, I did a school project interviewing Grandma about the changes she saw in her lifetime to that point. Can you imagine? No running water or flushing toilets, no electricity. Going from horses to cars, seeing airplanes in the sky, hearing radio for the first time. We have all seen changes. Do you remember the black and white television with rabbit ears? How about the rotary phone with the party lines? Did you take typing class in high school? Remember when computers first came out? You had to dial a phone, connect it to the computer, type in some really strange codes that appeared on a black screen, and they called it internet! Look at the changes you have seen through your lifetime. What about the changes

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since Great Grandma passed away, the same year we became Americana Cove in 1994? Rotary phones don't exist, you don't see black and white tv or rabbit ears. Internet? It's everywhere and on the phone you carry in your pocket!

How do you respond to these changes? We all can talk about the "good ole days" but, we cannot continue to live in the past as the world changes around you. Grandma could not stop the businesses from booming around her little home that she lived in for all those years. She could no longer allow a horse to feed on her lawn or ride it down the street safely. Our current leadership team is aware that change is difficult, but, we need to adapt and show our resilience in accepting changes and being able to move forward. Documents that were written in 1994 need to be updated. We have engaged with a new legal firm that will streamline our documents to make them easier to read and follow. Infrastructure that was put in place needs to reflect where we are today. It's no longer feasible to have outhouses which changed to indoor plumbing with clay tile for sewer. We need to look at updating with PVC and ABS sewer pipes. We don't put in telephone poles anymore; now we need to add fiber optics. We are entering agreements with vendors for continual inspections and preventive maintenance. It's important to realize we can't continue to operate in the past. The world around us changes whether we like it or not. We need to show our strength, our determination, and our resiliency while we move with it.

Many of you are volunteering to help with those changes. I could not believe the number of people standing up to be on the committees we have asked for. The Planning Committee may suggest many changes and updates here in the Cove. The Marketing Committee will have good ideas to help implement ways to sell more property. Other committees are in place to ensure we continually strive to be better and more adaptive to the needs and circumstances around us. I sincerely appreciate you, your volunteer efforts, and your time and willingness to help update Americana Cove. Thank you!

Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Wichmann, MAROA President

Message from the Board of Directors

By Philip Quince

Next Generation Fiber Optic, Gigabit Network is coming to the Cove!

The Board of Directors is pleased to report that we have entered into a Right of Access (ROA) agreement with Tilman Fiber Co, to provide a Fiber Optic Next-Generation Gigabit Network throughout our community.

Tilman Fiber Co, in collaboration with T-Mobile, has a contract to lay fiber optics throughout the Southwest of Florida, in a campaign, T-Mobile refers to as "**First to Fiber**". They have offered to install a fiber optic network in our community at no cost to us. This would provide our residents an additional internet service provider, T-Mobile. This will be for Internet only, and not cable TV. Additionally, they will install free access points throughout our common



areas, such as the Office, Clubhouse/Pool Area, Gatehouse, Maintenance Building, Laundry Buildings, and possibly Founders Park and the South Boat Ramp.

By signing a Right of Access (ROA) agreement, we grant them access to existing easements and common areas, similar to what we have done in the past for our existing cable providers. They will first develop an engineering plan, and providing there are no impediments, they will install the fiber optic network. They are anticipating the installation to begin in late Q2, 2024. Tillman Fiber Co will maintain ownership and responsibility for maintaining the installed hardware, including the fiber optic cables. This is an excellent opportunity to enhance our infrastructure at no cost to the association.

The connection points will be at ground level, unlike our current unsightly pedestals that were previously installed by our cable providers.

Why would they offer this free of charge? T-Mobile secures exclusive rights to use the network for the first two years, with the potential to negotiate future use. By funding the installation, they gain access to almost 700 potential customers. Once the exclusivity agreement between Tillman Fiber Co and T-Mobile expires, the network will be considered open source and can support up to three additional providers.

What do we stand to gain from this arrangement? Updated Infrastructure in the form of Fiber Optics, at no cost to the association. With many of us switching to streaming apps, there is a need for faster internet speeds. Our current internet provider's equipment was installed more than 20 years ago. It is very outdated and they have no incentive to upgrade. This agreement will provide our residents access to a fiber optic, next-generation gigabit network. With our existing cable providers, we could potentially have access to as many as five internet providers, offering our residents more options, increasing competition, potentially lowering cost, while providing a next-generation gigabit network. As an added benefit, they will install free access points throughout our community, which will enable Wi-Fi connections to those areas.

It is important to note, that residents will still have access to their existing providers and there is no obligation to switch if you are satisfied with your current services.

When will this happen? Assuming there are no issues during the Engineering Study. They anticipate installation to begin toward the end of June 2024. We will update you on progress as the process continues.





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ACA News

By Doug Howland

Well only one more month and we are back in full swing here at the Cove. But for now it's time to start thinking about your Halloween costume for the annual ACA Halloween dance held on Saturday, October 28th from 6-10 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be bought from Doug Howland or Ron Miller. Music will be provided by Street Wise. There will also be prizes for the best costumes, so put your thinking cap on and come up with an original costume to take home that top prize. It is BYOB for the evening.

Our next ACA Burger Burn will be on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, October 17th from 4-5:30 p.m. (Back to the regular hours) For \$7.00 you get a one third pound hamburger, fries, baked beans and a drink. Come on out and let us do the cooking as you eat and visit with your neighbors.

Over the summer ACA purchased two new grills for the Cove. They will be put to good use at our Burger Burns and any other cookout events.

A reminder for November, our first ACA Club President's meeting will be held the first Tuesday of the month, November 7th at 10 a.m. in the Atrium. The ACA Luncheon will be the next day Wednesday, November 8th at noon. The luncheon is normally the 1st Wednesday of the month but this month it is being changed so that it falls after the President's meeting which is held on the first Tuesday. The reason for this is the info presented at the luncheon is usually the info discussed at the President's meeting.

Hope to see you at the ACA events happening this month along with any events that other clubs will be starting to sponsor as the season gets under way. Let's support all that goes on here at the Cove and have our best season yet. Welcome back to those returning!

Announcements

By Ray Rodriguez – Editor



Website Committee

By Donna Andrews, Chair

According to several Americana Cove residents, the AmericanaCove.com website has come a long way since the inception of the Website Committee. The Committee has worked hard over the last 12+ months to make the website easy to use, up-to-date, and informative to current day to day issues/activities.

The “public” side of the website presents information to prospective homebuyers regarding all amenities, activities and pertinent information that may be needed to live and enjoy life in Americana Cove.

New categories are being added to the Residents Portal to keep our residents in the know. Simply click on any link and you will be taken to the information you wish to see. For example,

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by clicking on “Forecaster and Newsletter”, you will be taken directly to the Forecaster publisher’s website and you can see the current community Forecaster or past issues of the Forecaster. By clicking on the “Forms and Misc. Info.” link under the Business Office, you will see many forms available from the office such as ARCH form, Work Order Request, etc. You can simply print them off from your own computer, complete and submit to the business office. You will also see miscellaneous information such as when resident vehicle gate stickers can be obtained.

As always, the Website Committee would like to hear from you with any suggestions for the website. Have a great October!

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- *Complete an ARCH/Landscape form for any construction/renovation around your home. If in doubt you need a form, it is best to complete one before work is started and submit to the Business Office. Form is below under the Business Office section.
- *Hurricane season is here. Take note of the important hurricane guides below for your safety.
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Five days a week, throughout the year, Kelli Casto rises at 3:30 a.m. to drive to the farmer’s market in Tampa to select fresh food and vegetables for seniors throughout Tampa Bay area. Then she, one part-time employee and volunteers make three to four stops per day to distribute the food to communities of people 55 and older. This is in addition to a large medical equipment program she runs in which individuals and companies donate items such as wheelchairs, four-wheel walkers, shower grab bars, hospital beds, and lift chairs.

Casto was thrilled to procure a trailer recently to transport all her farmer’s market food and some medical equipment. However, the offer of a truck to pull it fell through, so she hopes to find someone who could donate one. Please take advantage of their Pantry or use of Medical Equipment. To volunteer or request medical equipment or to make a cash donation, please visit www.SavingOurSeniors.org or call Director Kelli Casto at (727) 537- 6753.

VETERAN

Let me start with a big welcome back to our northern friends! Here it is Oct. all ready. Wow where did this year go? It’s time to start thinking about the holidays and that means thinking of our Veterans. For the past 4 years the Cove has given money for Wreaths Across America. Each wreath cost \$15. These wreaths are placed on a grave of a Veterans in the Bay Pines National Cemetery. They can be given in the name of a family member or someone you might know that has passed. The money has to be in at the end of November. Last year the Cove gave \$2,000, this year I would like nothing more than to break that record! All checks must be written to ACA than ACA will write one check for the total amount. Please find it in your heart to give to this great cause.



I also take care of all ripped and torn flags. I see that they are disposed of properly. Also, I take care of the Veterans plaques. For all new residents Veterans who’s name doesn’t appear on our Veterans Plaques in the Clubhouse, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet on ACA information board and I will see your name is placed on the Cove’s plaque. You have earned that right.

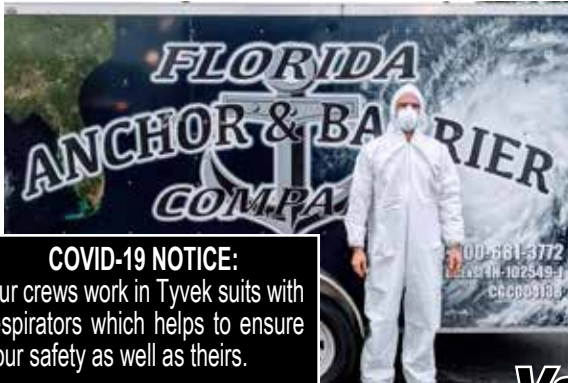
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Brad Coath, MSN, CRNA (ret.)



Bridge

The bridge game is going well. We met on Labor Day at 10:30 am in the Atrium. We'll meet there until the game room is ready. On Labor Day we reviewed the Stayman Convention which is a very challenging but necessary addition to the game of Duplicate Contract Bridge. Come and play.

From the Bridge Lady, any questions call, 727-525-1446

Full Moon Kayaking

Full Moon Kayaking under a "Hunter's Moon" will be held on Sunday, October 29. Leave from Founders Park at 7:15 PM

Sunset is at 6:48 PM

Moonrise is at 7:25 PM

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

Front and back headlamps or kayak lights are REQUIRED so boats can see you both from the front as well as the back. Boats cruise along with us for the safety of our kayakers. It is critical that the boats can see the kayakers!

For safety reasons, we stay together as a group. A pontoon boat will lead us on the return trip back in the dark.

It is recommended to bring bug spray, a flashlight, water, and a jacket, if chilly.

Full moon kayaking is open to ALL residents and guests. You do not have to be a Boat Club member to participate.

This event is weather dependent. A Vola will be announced by 2 PM if the event is cancelled due to weather. Contact Audrey Dox via text at 518 331-5067 with questions.



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Young At Heart Club

By Cathy Laramee

At our next meeting, we ABSOLUTELY MUST HAVE A QUORUM TO ELECT NEW OFFICERS!!!!

I beg of you to please attend the lunch meeting on the 15th of November so that this club does not fold.

We are seeking a candidate for Vice President as Joan Miller will be stepping down. Duties are minimal but will require filling in for the President if absent.

Thanking all you wonderful neighbors in advance.

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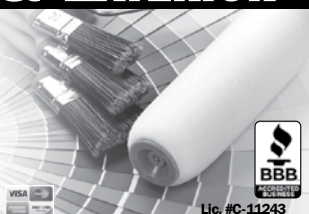
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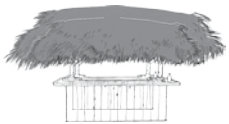

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8	9 Columbus Day	SHOT 11-2
15	16	BURGER 4:30
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Full Moon Kayaking		H

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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5 Buddhism 1pm GR	6 BINGO 6 PM. C	7 GOT IT! 4 PMA
10 CLINIC PM. C	11 Board Workshop 9 am. A Landscape Comm 11 am. A	12 Finance Comm. 10 am. A	13 Welcome/Orient. 1 pm. A BINGO 6 PM C	14 Boat Club Mtg 10 am. A  Tiki Party 3PM
17 BURN 0-6pm. C 	18 Board Mtg. 7pm. C	19 Book Club 1:30. L	20 BINGO 6 PM C	21 GOT IT! 4PM A KARAOKE 7PM. C
24 MUSIC PM. C ers Begins 30. C	25	26	27 BINGO 6 PM C	28 ACA HALLOWEEN PARTY
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Weekly Calendar Repeats

AMERICANA COVE WEEKLY Calendar Repeats - Month: October 2023

Day	Event	Time	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.	
	Bridge	10:30am	Year around GR
	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	6:00p.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..
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	
Thursday:	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.	C
Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.		
Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.		
Shuffleboard	10.30am	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	
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 B	
Bingo	6:00p.m.	C	
Saturday:	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	
Sunday:	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	3:30pm	Nov-April A
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	



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

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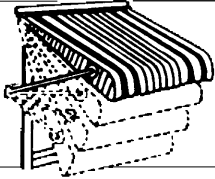
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Sunshine Report for October

By Cindy Peacock

“Butterflies can’t see their wings. They can’t see how truly beautiful they are, but everyone else can. People are like that as well.” – Naya Rivera

October Birthdays:

10/1 Judy Hall
 10/2 Sue Giacchetti
 10/2 Carolyn Norcross
 10/3 Eunice Maniaci
 10/6 Sue Brigliadora
 10/6 Charles "Chuck" Harvey
 10/6 Georgette Meade
 10/10 Donnie Ellis
 10/11 Pat Sanborn
 10/12 Jack Dye
 10/12 Roxanne Noling
 10/14 Janet Larson
 10/17 Gene Roberts
 10/19 Pat Bernfeld



10/19 Dennis Moore
 10/21 Tom Dolka
 10/22 Wayne Brownlee
 10/22 Linda Hansen
 10/22 George Paige
 10/23 Denese Dileo
 10/23 Richard Thurston
 10/25 Vincent Bickhart
 10/26 Debbie Lamont
 10/27 Sharon Greene
 10/29 Susan Garrette
 10/29 George Meade
 10/31 Walter Sparks

October Anniversaries:

10/2	Barb & Jerry Burnard	52	years
10/2	Lila & Gery Hart	29	years
10/8	Linda & Gene Roberts		
10/9	Susan & Richard Lloyd Jr.	41	years
10/14	Shelly & Mike Barron	40	years
10/15	Polly & Jonny Kuizel	12	years
10/19	Vera & John Cole	49	years
10/26	Kathy & Tom Wichmann	39	years



Boat Club

By Mary Ann Meljac



October and Fall walk hand in hand. Fall brings us harvest times, turning leaves, cooling temperatures and darkening nights. We are seeing pumpkins everywhere. Delicious deserts made with apples and pumpkins don our party tables, fashion trends move to the warmer side, fire pits are lit, neighbors are out walking briskly and our sweatshirts are happy to be taken off their hooks. The crafters’ ideas are buzzing in excitement of the upcoming holidays and the color spectrum of outside decorations change to brown and orange. Summer, fall, winter, spring does not put a damper on our residents having a good time.

The Boat Club’s membership has grown to 233! Amazing! We welcome all new members

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and thank all current members for your participation in this club. The Tiki Hut party held on Saturday, September 9th was attended by 72 folks and we welcomed another new member along with 9 guests. Hot dogs were prepared outside on the grille by Ted Meljac and Ray Rodriguez and Bob Hardy handled the beermeister duties. As always, dishes to share were delicious and enjoyed by all. Duane Hanning walked away with the 50/50 raffle of \$122. Congratulations Duane! The winner of the 50/50 raffle at the Saturday Boat Club meeting was new member Steve Wells for \$18. Congratulations Steve.

Upcoming events include:

- Tiki Hut Party – Saturday, October 14th – 3 PM – entertainment by guitarist and vocalist Mark Andrews.
- Tiki Hut Party – Saturday, November 11th – **1 PM** – entertainment by guitarist, Melody
- Boat Parade – Saturday, December 16th – watch for details. Our goal is to have 20 boating participants this year.
- After Glow Party – Sunday, December 17th – watch for details.
- 2023 Island Bash – Saturday, March 9th – watch for details.

Boat Club Merchandise Something has been added! Our inventory now includes men's and women's long-sleeve UV protection shirts in a variety of colors with the Americana Cove Boat Club embroidered logo for \$20. Other merchandise includes koozies, hats, flags and laminated maps. For more information, call or text Cindy Rodriguez at 248-496-6550.

Bocce Club

By Daisy Dean



Hi All, I hope you are having a Great Summer & we are sure looking forward to getting back to the Cove in October.

Who wants to play Fun Bocce???

As soon as the NEW Courts are ready (Which we are Super Excited about) We plan on having a Fun Bocce Day.

If you never Played before & would like to play we will Welcome All.

We will have teams of Four & Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd. & Last place winners.

If you want to get a team of 4 together that's Great or if you want to be teamed up with Bocce Member we can arrange that but keep in mind These New Courts will be a New Learning Experience for all of us.

Cost will be 5.00 per Person. We will be selling Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Beer, Water & 50/50 tickets will be available.

The time & more Details will be announced later as right now we are not sure when Courts will be ready. Thinking End of November for the Fun Bocce & it will be on a Saturday).

Stay tuned for more Details.

We hope you can Join us & if you like the game you can become a Member which is \$10.00 per person for the year, If you would like to come as a Guest cost will be \$2.00.

Hope to see you at the New Courts behind the South Side Laundromat for a Fun Afternoon.



Book Club

By Nan Krueger



It's October and Fall has officially arrived. In September we resumed our regular meetings with a discussion of *Daisy Jones and Six*, by Taylor Jenkins Reid. This book was literally about Sex, Drugs and Rock 'N Roll. The story was inspired by the band, Fleetwood Mac.

This month we are discussing *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* also by Taylor Jenkins Reid. No spoilers here - you either have to read it or you can join the Book Club if you want to know what we collectively think about the books we read.

Information from our meetings is shared with those not in attendance through email. This helps us in choosing our books for the months when we do have a group selection.

Book Club information, including a list of upcoming books, is on the bulletin board in the Club House under the "Friends of the Library" section.

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

Once again we are grateful for being spared a direct hit by another hurricane, yet more will surely come. Praise God Anyway! Our fall season starts Oct. 5th 1pm game room, and will continue Nov. 2nd, Dec. 7th, with a holiday break until Feb. 1st, March 7th, and then April 4th.

Additional topics:

- "This Fragile Planet" by H.H. the 14th Dalai Lama, an ethical approach to climate issues with urgently needed advice for every one
- Mother Teresa's "Anyway Poem"
- Celebrating a winning suit brought about by young activists standing up to fossil fuel... kudos!
- "Unwired" by Gaia Bernstein, skilful ways of gaining control over addictive technologies
- A.I.'s latest iteration: multimodal models examined and their implications for humanities uncertain future

As a special note; One of our Dharma friends who recently took full ordination is now situated at a highly regarded Temple near Chiang Mai Thailand practicing in the forest tradition promoted by the late Ajahn Chah. We will review correspondence with pictures sent that reveal knowledge and insights gained. As the beloved Ajahn often spoke; "The Dharma is all about nature".

Because of these uncertain times with much upheaval on the planet let alone in peoples mind, moderator John will be giving special prayers of protection in both Pali and Sanskrit with English translation, for those in attendance. Also confidential "Highest Yoga Tantra" mantras/mandalas will be shared next month that will help overcome negative forces (maras) which are obstacles to eternal salvation/complete liberation.



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We will continue to offer something for everyone with further exploration honoring many traditions. A veritable “tour de force”: from Athens to Rome, Luxor to Peru, the Hopi of the desert southwest, to Scottish cathedrals, Benares to the Aboriginal peoples of the outback. Luminaries: Aristotle, Socrates, Plato, Pythagoras, Carl Jung, Ram Dass, Buddha, Christ, Lao Tzu, Krishna, ad infinitum... with expressions of joy resounding through appreciation of art, music, film, theater, ballet. Astrophysics to Metaphysics and everything in-between!

Feel free to bring your ideas to share for a cooperative open-minded discussion throughout.

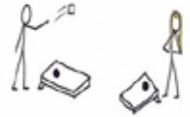


Next month inspiring excerpts from a new biography (in the works) illustrating John’s spiritual journey. Till next time try and keep a positive outlook, while being kind to all sentient beings as we continue to fully support and pray for our friends in Ukraine.

Namaste

Cornhole Club

By Erika Fitch



Cornhole is back!! We started playing again last month. We play every Thursday night at 6:30 in the air-conditioned clubhouse. If you're not sure if you would like to join the cornhole club this fall season which will start in November, come out and give it a try now. It is an easy game to learn and we have lots of fun.

Your last year's membership is still good for all play until the club starts again in November. If you don't have a membership drop in anyways and play for free to try it out.

We also have a 50/50 drawing every week at cornhole. 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 Teri Stallone



Fall has arrived and Crafters will begin again on Tuesday, October 24th, with a Halloween themed craft. Mark your calendars and plan on attending our first meeting on the 24th.

If you'd like to join Crafters, just come to one of our meetings any Tuesday evening at 6:00 (except Burger Burn Tuesdays which we start at 6:30). Dues for new members is \$10.00 through December. If you paid your dues in 2023 it is still good through the end of December. We post our projects and reminders on the Americana Cove Crafters Facebook page. If you are not already on that site, please send a request to join to make sure you receive all the information regarding each craft and upcoming events. Sign up sheets are posted weekly under the Crafters section on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse.

As a reminder we will be having a Craft Fair on November 11th. If you are interested in being a seller, please contact us at americanacovecrafters@gmail.com for details. A sign up sheet will be on our bulletin board in the clubhouse by October 20th.

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Live Music

By Libby Hopkins



Hello Everyone!

Live Music Group is back!!!!!!!!!!!!!! We will be performing our first show of the season on the last Tuesday of October, Oct. 24, from 3-4 PM in the Clubhouse. The Program Theme will be Welcome Back, and Halloween. We are hoping to have a couple of new members joining us, and you will not want to miss them!!! The regular Gang will be there, too, and we will be more than thrilled when you come to see us!!! !!

Some of you are now back at Americana Cove and some of you will return shortly and we are so looking forward to spending time with you at the Clubhouse when we resume our Live Music Program schedule this month.

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

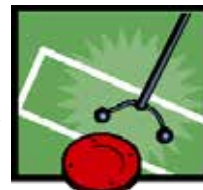
Information regarding our shows is conveyed via Volo, Email and Facebook, and the Forecaster,

So stay tuned!!!! We will keep you posted!

Live Music Group is wishing everyone a happy and healthy fall!!

Shuffleboard Club

By Anthony Daleo



October is here! Our first Shuffleboard Club meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 1st, at 9:30 a.m. Looking forward to seeing you there to discuss our league play and upcoming events, including the need for volunteers to prepare meals and serve at the ACA luncheon scheduled for Wednesday, November 8th.

At this time, I would like to inform you that the St. Petersburg Shuffleboard Club is hosting the International Shuffleboard Association World Championship, Sunday, October 22, to Friday, October 27. Hope you take this opportunity to go out and see some of the best shuffleboard players from USA, Brazil, Canada, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, and United Kingdom. The tournament begins on Monday, October 23rd, at 10:00 a.m.

It would also be an opportunity to visit the St. Petersburg Shuffleboard Club which was built in the 1920's and featured in the movie Cocoon. It is the oldest Shuffleboard Club in the U.S.

See you soon and keep shufflin!





Swim Exercise

By Nancy Olson

Happy October everyone! It's hard to believe we are heading into the fourth quarter of 2023. Amazing how fast time goes! I returned to class on September 28 and it was great to see our summer swimmers and to meet our new swim exercisers! I love being back and am so looking forward to the next 8 months with our group! I have worked on a few new exercises for our oldies classes. Stay tuned, not hard at all! And, most importantly I want to say "thanks" and give a HUGE shout out to Maureen, Diane, Terry and Nan for all the assistance they provided to continue our classes throughout the summer. THANK YOU LADIES!!



Items of interest:

October is the start of our northern friends returning to the Cove and to swim exercise. Welcome back to all! With the return of our friends, class size increases. Please be considerate of all! Last year there were weeks when we averaged 35 people in class!

Our seasonal schedule officially begins Monday, October 2. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday will be audio tapes that I lead. Tuesday and Fridays will be oldies led by me with assistance from the subs. I will schedule 3 days a week, Monday - Friday, 20 minutes extra after class. These days will be posted weekly on our FB group page. The days will be different based on my personal schedule. I will not schedule any extra days on Saturday.



As a reminder, we are still on hurricane and tropical storm weather watch until November 30.

Be sure to check our group FB a page on a daily basis to see what we will doing in class, if any additional exercise equipment is needed, cancellations due to weather, pool maintenance that may be scheduled, birthdays, etc.

I have had some requests on oldies days for some Tony Bennet, Peter Townsend and of course Jimmy Buffet music. Stay tuned!

Have a Happy Halloween everyone!

Birthday pics include Janice Zebley, Debra Garraffa and Denny Kinhead.





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Can I Rent My Home?

By Barefoot Realty Group, Brokerage Agent for Americana Cove

Renting is popular at Americana Cove—for both owners and renters. To assist residents who want to rent their homes, we have a list of names of renters for both annual and seasonal rental who would like to rent in the community. As an owner, if you would like to obtain this list, send an e-mail to info@barefootrealtygroup.com and we will e-mail the list to you. You can then contact the renter direct regarding terms and monthly rental fee.

What to remember when renting:

1. Americana Cove rules state that residents can rent their homes for no less than 60 days.
2. The renter must be approved by management the same as residents. E-mail Barefoot Realty at the e-mail address stated above and we will e-mail the residency application to you.
3. Management will need a copy of your rental agreement, no matter if seasonal or annual rental.
4. If renting for less than six months and a day, residents should go to the Pinellas County Tax Collector website to sign up to pay the Tourist Development Tax. Here's the website: <https://pinellastaxcollector.gov/property-tax/tourist-development-taxes/>
5. If you rent your home for six months or more such as an annual rental, then you do not have to pay the Tourist Development Tax.
6. If you need assistance with an annual rental, contact Barefoot Realty at the e-mail address listed above.
7. How much can you earn from seasonal rental? The best months for renting are Jan. through March as residents can command the most rental fees: On average, from \$1,500 to \$2,000 for interior seasonal rental per month and \$2,500 to \$3,500 per month for waterfront seasonal rentals. The amount charged depends on size and age of home and amenities provided.
8. Annual rentals for interior homes range on average from \$1,300 to \$1,600 per month depending on age and size of home, while waterfront home annual rents range on average from \$1,500 to \$2,000 per month depending on size, age and amenities.

Vespers

By Audrey Dox

Vesper services will resume beginning Sunday, November 19. Nancy Hill has been busy getting speakers lined up to share their spiritual messages. We meet in the Atrium on Sundays at 4:50 PM beginning with a traditional hymn sing.

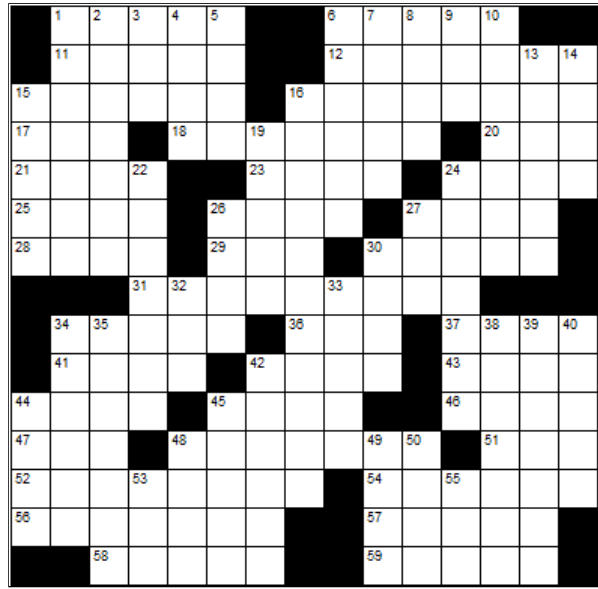
SAVE THE DATE! You will be seeing posters on the bulletin board and around The Cove announcing the *Welcome Back Dinner and Entertainment* on Sunday, November 12 beginning at 5PM. We are happy to have “Chef” Doug Howland doing the cooking for us! Our entertainment will be by Steve Mullis. We have enjoyed his entertainment in the past, as he has performed here in other years. It will be a great night to welcome your friends and neighbors back for another wonderful season here at Americana Cove. ALL ARE WELCOME! Signs will be posted and more details to follow about how to purchase tickets for this fun community event.

We encourage attendees to suggest speakers which range from lay speakers, missionaries, and pastors from a variety of religions. Please join us on Sundays, beginning November 19, for an inspiring message followed by a time of refreshments and fellowship in the Clubhouse.



ACROSS

- 1. Without delay
- 6. Days in a week
- 11. Nigerian money
- 12. Cut in thirds
- 15. Affectionate
- 16. Break
- 17. American Medical Association
- 18. Surround completely
- 20. Golf ball support
- 21. Scottish lake
- 23. Codlike fish
- 24. Streetcar
- 25. Leg joint
- 26. Anger
- 27. Unit of paper
- 28. Burn the surface of
- 29. Before, in poetry
- 30. Gelatin
- 31. Overburdens
- 34. Most important
- 36. Chemist's workplace
- 37. Chits
- 41. Be suspended from above
- 42. Young woman
- 43. Anagram of "Care"
- 44. Mark down
- 45. Not early
- 46. Marsh plant
- 47. Petroleum
- 48. Think likely
- 51. Label
- 52. Large masses of ice
- 54. Annul
- 56. Clear up
- 57. Fatuous
- 58. Primitive weapon
- 59. Daisylike bloom

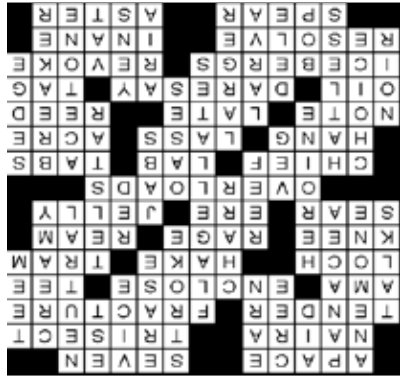


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- 1. Windflower
- 2. Greek goddess of healing
- 3. Assist
- 4. Algonquian Indian
- 5. Deserve
- 6. Golf shot
- 7. Delete
- 8. Moral weakness
- 9. Estimated (abbrev.)
- 10. Indifferent
- 13. Smooth
- 14. Abound
- 15. Speaks
- 16. Scourges
- 19. Small trout-like fish
- 22. Female protagonist
- 24. Early communications satellite
- 26. Coral formation
- 27. Crimson
- 30. Quick short straight punches
- 32. Chill (out)
- 33. Desert watering holes
- 34. Pick
- 35. Bareheaded
- 38. Common solvent
- 39. Wave
- 40. Marsh plant
- 42. Bigger
- 44. French for "Black"
- 45. Stage between egg and pupa
- 48. Expunge
- 49. Diva's solo
- 50. Cravings
- 53. Clobber
- 55. Tank



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