

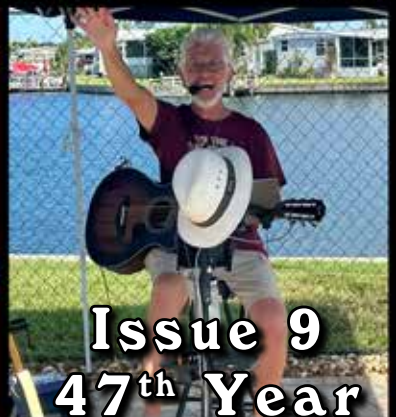


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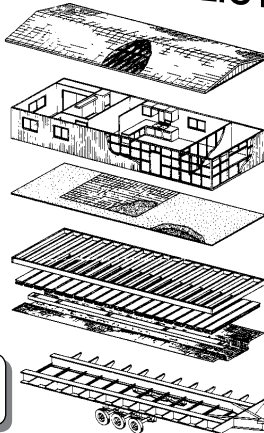
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## From the Manager's Desk:

Vita Blough



**MANAGER**

**D**ear Americana Cove Residents,  
As the year end festivities are starting and since I am a perpetual planner, I would like to share some Holiday season reminders with you.

Start planning ahead of time – please email [manager@americanacove.com](mailto:manager@americanacove.com) for Clubhouse booking calendar as I am sure it will be filled with events and availability will be limited.

Gatehouse will be busy with the Family and Friends visiting. Please get familiar with the gatehouse procedures, please call in your guests ahead of time or register them through Securitas or TEK Control application. Please reach out to the Office to make arrangements for additional parking and guest accommodation assistance and questions.

Decorations bring so much joy to everyone despite how old or young you are. Please check your outlets to make sure they are fitted for outdoor use, please tuck away cords so landscapers do not cut them.

Amazon and other web retailers have a section to be completed with delivery instructions before you place the order. Please utilize this feature to leave instructions for the driver to ensure your packages are left safe.

With the Holidays approaching I am sure there will be some projects to beautify your homes. Open top trash containers fill up really fast and everyone can help manage the trash and debris by breaking down boxes and throwing away only the items the open top container is intended for. Contractors are not allowed to dump construction debris and have to haul it away. The space is very limited and it would be great if you could please communicate to your contractors prior to the project start.

We have a great maintenance team and they really work hard to keep Americana cove looking as beautiful as it can be. Please be mindful and please pack your garbage and place it into the containers with lids. It would be great if you could avoid placing garbage in gondolas overnight as wild animals tear the bags and scatter garbage. It is the little things we do that keep overall appearance of the community so beautiful.

And please remember to be safe. So many thefts happen during festive season as everyone has too much on their minds and leave cars and homes unlocked. Remember to stay vigilant and aware of your surroundings.

I wish everyone a plentiful and joyous November.

## President's Message


By Kathy Wichmann



**C**an you believe we are nearing the end of yet another year? Currently, I feel we are on the right path with a Board of Directors that works very cohesively with one another and is constantly putting the affairs of Americana Cove at the forefront.

We are in a great position with our new manager, Vita Blough, who is not afraid to tackle anything and really helps to move things along. We have a phenomenal staff with Chrissy and Tracye in the office answering the millions of questions and assisting current and new

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homeowners. Maintenance staff is working smoothly and our Gate staff is here for you. It takes a village and that village would not be complete without the many volunteers and the staff we have working hand in hand with our Board to keep Americana Cove a premiere 55+ community!

Our biggest challenge at this time is still the accounts and misunderstandings about monthly maintenance fees. Fees are due on the 1st of the month. Mailing it after the 1st means it could reach the account after the 10th giving you a \$25 late fee and a \$15 charge for a notice of late assessment. When you send a check, it goes to a lock box in Miami. The lock box is opened by banking officials, not by Associa, who must rely on the bank to tell us when they opened the lock box and scanned your payment. Mailing in your payment can take 10 to 15 days or longer to post to your account. Direct Debit or ACH payments come out when scheduled (generally the 5th of the month) and with Direct Debit or ACH you will not have late fees. The safest system is to do Direct Debit or ACH. This *does not* give access to your bank account as I hear so many residents share this concern. Please consider visiting with us if you need more reassurance in switching over to Direct Debit or ACH. Chrissy, Tracye, and Vita are all very capable to help you set up the paperwork to go to this payment method. Remember, payments are no longer accepted in the office.

Another item that needs to be addressed is that many residents have golf carts to assist in getting around the community. You must have a drivers license to operate a car or a golf cart. Children should NOT be driving golf carts. Please don't allow your grandchildren to get around the community in your cart, you will be held responsible. We want everyone to stay safe and alert. Thank you for following the rules of the road.

We are excited to see Fall and realize how busy things will be getting here as residents return for the "colder months". Again, please talk with the members of the Board or with the Office Staff to resolve issues, ask questions, check your account, or learn some of the new systems that are available. Thank you!

## ACA News

By Doug Howland

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Welcome back to all our "Snow Bird" friends. It's good to see familiar faces back in the Cove again. We would like to also thank everyone who came out for the Halloween Party. It was a huge success and a spooky time was had by all who came.

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. Then Wednesday, November 8th 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.

ACA Burger Burn will be canceled for this month because it falls only two days before Thanksgiving. We will have our next ACA Burger Burn on the 3rd Tuesday of December, which is December 19th from 4-5:30 p.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.

Several clubs are sponsoring events this month so make sure to check out the calendar. We hope you are able to attend some of these events to support them. We also want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and hope that you are able to spend it with family or friends.

# Announcements

By Ray Rodriguez – Editor

## Website Committee

By: Donna Andrews, Chair (donnaaf872@hotmail.com)

At this time Americanacove.com has approximately 340 registered users. But there are many new residents in our community. And many residents may not know how to register on the community website. This article is a reminder/refresher of how to register for the “private” section of our website: the Residents Portal. Hopefully we can get more people to register and use our website.

The Residents Portal is private; for homeowners of our community only. It has important documents, Business Office forms, reports and handy information for the community. It is easily accessible, navigable and saves a lot of time from calling or visiting the Business Office.

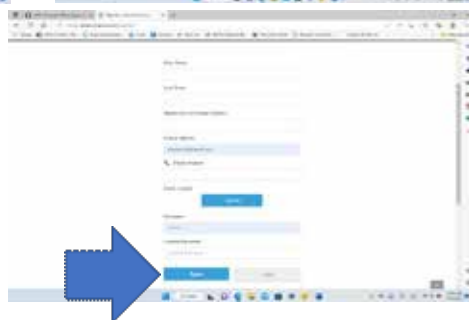
Please let any member of the Website Community know what you like to see added, revised or even deleted from the website. We are always open to your suggestions. This is your website and the Committee wants to make sure it is maintained the way you want it.

Thank you and have a great November and Happy Thanksgiving!

Here are the instructions for registering:

### How to Register on Americanacove.com (Website Committee; November 2022)

1. Type in “Americanacove.com” in the search bar
2. Hover the cursor over “Residents Portal”
3. Click on “Login”
4. Click on “Not yet Registered? Click here.”
5. Complete all blank fields on the form
6. “upload” is to upload your photo (please contact a website committee member if you have questions regarding uploading a photo)
7. Click “Register”





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Hope you all had a great summer! We are back to another season of Creative Art! Starting on Monday, November 6, 2023, we will be meeting at the Library in the clubhouse from 6-8 pm. Anything goes .....watercolors, acrylics, oils, pastels, charcoal or even mixed media. Everyone is welcomed.....No experience necessary.....Art is Art! You'd be surprised at what you can create. Simply bring your own art supplies and a creative mind. Sometimes, we'll have tutorials and other times work at our own pace..... so check out our Americana Cove Art Strong page on facebook to see what we'll be working on. See you there!

Judy Daigle

## VETERANS

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November is here. This month I reach out to the people in the Cove to remember their Veteran loved ones and friends by donating to WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA. The Wreaths are placed on the grave of the Veterans at Bay Pines National Cemetery. They sell for \$15 each, and are given in the name of someone you know or a family or friend's name. Last year the Cove gave \$2000, I hope we might be able to surpass that number this year. As for myself I buy 5, one for me and the other are in my sons and their wives, which all of them have served. So, please help and buy a Wreath or two.



As of November our Veterans Plaques have been updated with all the new residents' names. The names on the Plaques were paid for by our Young at Heart Club. For that I say thanks. If you are new to the Cove, we take great pleasure in recognizing our Veterans, if you are a Veteran, please sign your name on the list on the ACA's Board and your name will be placed on our plaque. I also take care of all the American Flags. I see that they get retired in the proper manner. Let's have a Great Year in the Cove!

If you plan to give PLEASE, PLEASE make the check out to ACA and then they write one check to Wreaths Across America. Thank You and God Bless!

## SHOTS IN ARMS

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A big thanks to everyone who participated in this year's Seasonal Vaccine Clinic which was held on October 10th. We are fortunate to have a great relationship with Walgreens Gulf to Bay, Clearwater location and our amazing pharmacist, Lourdes, who came to us on her day off. This has been the 4th time that we have been able to provide this clinic to The Cove. Brad Coath, MSN, CRNA (ret.)

## Bridge

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Here is a Bridge Quickie for all Bridge fans. Your partner opens One No Trump. The next player passes. You have 4 hearts and enough points to bid. What is your response? Answer next month or call the Bridge Lady at 727-525-1446 for a Quickie Answer or come to the game on Monday mornings at 10:30 AM.



## Full Moon Kayaking

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Full Moon Kayaking under a "Beaver Moon" will be held on Monday, November 27. Leave from Founders Park at 5:00 PM Sunset is at 5:35 PM Moonrise is at 5:46 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 boaters 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. Contact Audrey Dox via text at 518 331-5067 with questions.

## Young At Heart Club

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By Kathy Laramée

WELCOME BACK TO OUR NORTHERN FRIENDS!!

On November 16th the first luncheon will be held at 12:00 in the Clubhouse. I'm urging all members to attend so that we may elect the new officers for this year.

Additionally, Joan Miller will be stepping down as Vice President. Please consider running for this position which essentially guides the lunches and fills in for the President when absent.

This club has been in existence for over 30 years and provides much needed funding to other clubs and activities within the community. Our funds are derived solely from the recycling of aluminum cans and volunteers are always needed to accomplish this project. Please contact us if you wish to sign up or have any questions.

## View From The Gate

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Like you I am rather surprised that November is suddenly here! Wow seems like just the other day it was Easter Sunday. What Happened!

As our part-time residents return for the winter and our newer residents are getting settled we at the Gate remind everyone that we live in a gated and restricted access community. This benefits all of us with an extra layer of security from un-wanted visitors and keeps our crime rate amongst the lowest in the 33702 zip code.

We at the gate need your cooperation, especially during these busy winter months; You MUST notify the gate of any and all visitors that you are expecting. This includes deliveries that you have arranged such as Home Depot, Trades People such as plumbers, and your food deliveries.

PLEASE advise your visitors that the driver of the vehicle MUST have a valid driver's license. Persons unable or unwilling to provide a driver's license will not be allowed to enter our community. Additionally, at this time, per our Board, the maximum validity of passes will be 30 days.

Thanks very much for your understanding and cooperation. Let's all have a great season!

Brad Coath, Gate Staff



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*By Mary Ann Meljac & Cindy Rodriguez*

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By Cindy Peacock

*"If you smile when you are alone, then you really mean it." - Andy Rooney*

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11/5 Joe Golf  
11/6 Margaret Lederhouse  
11/7 Tom Filstrup  
11/7 Nancy McKay Hill - 90  
11/7 Patricia Ley  
11/9 Susan Brown  
11/9 LouVerne Campbell  
11/9 Doris Dion  
11/10 Lori Casey  
11/12 Jim Nichols  
11/14 Tom Michels  
11/14 Joya Richter  
11/14 Lisa Spata  
11/15 Laura Schwanger  
11/16 Ann Hansen  
11/16 Richard Krapf



11/16 Ed Mosakowski - 91  
11/17 Janna Bunker  
11/17 Nedra Hebbard  
11/18 Kevin Brown  
11/18 Terry Carlo  
11/18 MaryAnn Foley  
11/18 Pat Gamache  
11/18 Nan Krueger  
11/18 John Niles  
11/20 Beverly Clark  
11/20 Jaci Klick  
11/24 Michael Nixon  
11/24 Don Shockley  
11/26 Mark Andrews  
11/26 John Mahoney  
11/28 Christy Bohannon  
11/28 John Gillson-DeBoard  
11/28 Orna Smith  
11/30 Melissa Guiler

## November Anniversaries:

11/07/1970 Debbie & Doug Howland 53  
11/18/1978 Pat & Dave Bernfeld 45  
11/24/1990 Ann & John Hansen 33

Passed Away and Will Be Missed:  
Terry Campbell



# November



# Boat Club

By Mary Ann Meljac



Football season is in full swing and our Northern neighbors and friends are returning to the Cove and clubs and activities are moving into full swing. The Boat Club had their September meeting and requested all members to put your thinking caps on and bring your ideas for the March 9, 2024 Island Bash ... we need a theme to start the planning process. Our next meeting is scheduled Saturday, November 11th. Bring your ideas with you ... always remember ... never a bad idea! Remember Vince Lombardi's quote..."We would accomplish many more things if we did not think of them as impossible"

Our monthly tiki hut party for November is scheduled on Saturday the 11th. Entertainment will be provided by guitarist, Melody. The party begins at 1:00 PM. Another Margaritaville Cooler with a built in Bluetooth speaker and embroidered with the Americana Cove Logo will be raffled off. Tickets will be 7 for \$5, 3 for \$2 and 1 ticket for \$1. Come and enjoy the fun and bring your favorite party dish to share!

Mark Andrews provided the entertainment for the October 14th Tiki Hut party. 89 members attended along with 6 new members and 3 guests. 2 new members joined the club at the monthly Boat Club meeting the same day. Welcome to everyone! There were two 50/50 winners this day also. Bev Kane took \$42 home from the meeting and Jeff Jones won \$135 at the party. Thank you everyone for supporting our club and bringing your dishes to share ... always something for everyone. No one leaves hungry!

The Annual Boat Parade is scheduled on Saturday December 16th. We have so many new residents, some of which are also boat owners. Let's show them a good time and how to decorate a boat! This event really helps get residents in the Christmas spirit and encourages more and more participation every year. Our goal this year is to have 20 boating participants. We will need volunteers to help in the judging of best decorated boats and the winners will be announced at the "after glow" party on Sunday, December 17th. There will be more information provided in the weeks to come. We are looking forward to another great holiday season.







## Bocce Club

By Daisy Dean



**H**i All, I hope you are having a Great Summer & we are sure looking forward to getting back to the Cove.

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.

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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.

## Book Club

By Nan Krueger



**H**ello and welcome to the November update. We have loose guidelines for choosing books and this month we chose to read a classic novel.

We read Frankenstein by Mary Shelley. In 1816, Mary, her future husband Percy Bysshe Shelley, and Lord Byron had a competition to see who wrote the best horror story. After thinking for days, Shelley was inspired to write Frankenstein after imagining a scientist who created life and was horrified by what he had made. She was 18 when she started writing the novel and 19 when she finished it. I don't know about you, but it seems she may have won the competition.

Each month we discuss the book that we read and there is usually additional information provided about the authors and the circumstances that inspired them to write. 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 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.

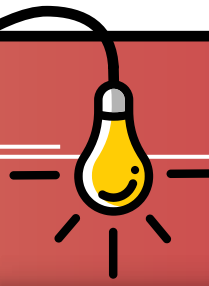
All residents are welcome to stop by and see what we are about and of course to join us if you would like. We meet on the second Thursday of the month at 1:30 PM in the library. Those who are members of the book club receive email updates. Happy Reading!!

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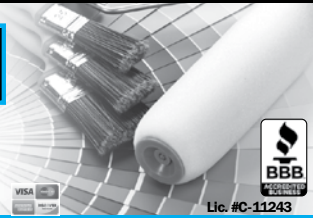
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>DECEMBER</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2</p> <p>3 4 5 6 7 8 9</p> <p>10 11 12 13 14 15 16</p> <p>17 18 19 20 21 22 23</p> <p>24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p> <p>31</p>		
5	6	ACA C 10 a Ele
12 Vespers Welcome Back Dinner. 4:30 C	13	Live 3 p
19 1st Vespers Mtg. 4:50. A  Private Party 1 pm. C	20	
26	27 	
	Full Moon Kayaking	

# Americana Cove

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Shuffle Mtg. 9:30. A  <i>All Saints Day</i>	2 Buddhism 1:30 GR	3 B I N G O  Christmas Choir rehearsal 12-2. C	4 Got It! 4 pm A
7 Council Mtg 11am. A  <i>Reflection Day</i>	8 ACA Lunch- noon Bd of Dir Wrkshp 9 am. A  Landscape Mtg. 11am. A	9 Finance Com.Mtg 10 a.m. A  Book Club 1:30. L	10 Christmas Choir rehearsal 12-2. C  B I N G O  Welcm/Orient. Com. 1 pm A	11 Boat Club Mtg. 11 10 am. A  Craft Show 8-1 C  Tiki Party 1 pm <i>Veteran's Day</i>
14 Live Music 7pm. C	15 Young @ Heart Luncheon. Noon  Brd of Dir Mtg. 7pm. C	16	17 Christmas Choir rehearsal 12-2. C  B I N G O	18 Got It 4 pm. A  Karaoke 7 pm C
21	22	23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING  <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	24 Christmas Choir rehearsal 12-2. C  B I N G O	25
28	29 DressRehearsal Christmas Choir 6 pm. C	30	Christmas Choir rehearsal 12 - 2 C	

# Weekly Calendar Repeats

## AMERICANA COVE WEEKLY Calendar Repeats - Month: November 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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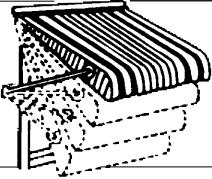
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# Buddhism

By John Howell



Oct. restart was a success. It's an honor to moderate such a diverse yet intelligent group aspiring to uphold the Socratic tradition of "Know thyself". Next mtg. Nov. 2nd

- Celebrating the Billion dollar initiative put forth to help replant many species of trees that continue to be tragically lost. With climate change now being sold as "climate changed" it is more important than ever to provide shade. Many of our spiritual friends around the globe live at or near sea level, including the T.B. area that will spend millions
- AG's across the country pursuing fossil fuel litigation, as those with foresight roll out more sustainable "spiritually based lifestyles" that respect ecology
- Nobel winner Maria Ressa's insights; Nihilism (destroying reality based "Truth" using A.I.) will open the door to dictatorial influences, producing less spiritual freedom...

Thankfully many are waking up. These are not left or right wing talking points, but what can be seen as the Spiritual (Buddha's) Middle Way. One participant humorously put it this way; "It's just not fashionable anymore to burn at 8mpg an old loud polluting jalopy."

Beginning this month and going forward excerpts episodically from moderator John's upcoming biography presented here (highly abbreviated) with the sole intent of inspiring others to pursue a spiritual way of life. One of Rinpoche's final words to John (2003) was to keep teaching and ultimately produce a memoir illustrating this. The complete work will be published next year (Dragon).

1. John's earliest recollection: gazing with tranquility at vast open pastures (part of a nearly 2k acre family farm) while surrounded by grandmothers rose gardens, thus imprinting nature (Dharma) from the very beginning... Next a pivotal moment (age 5): reaching for a silver Buddha statue on grandpa's fireplace mantel that still inspires. Jumping ahead: gifted a large spiritual library from a mentor at 17, which included Watts, Kerouac, Castaneda, The Dalai Lama, Huxley, among many. Then while studying in L.A. early 1970's at Janov's Institute: being invited to meet and have audience with The Maharishi Mahesh Yogi (at his Santa Barbara compound) acquiring a T.M. mantra directly. Episode 2 to follow...



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, and Israel

Namaste

# Cornhole Club

By Erika Fitch



Cornhole club for the fall will officially start this month. We will be playing every Thursday night at 6:30 in the clubhouse. Our first official night will be November 2nd along with our first meeting and social time starting at 6 p.m.

At this time we will start collecting yearly dues which will again be \$10 for the year, guaranteeing you a spot to play every Thursday evening. Club play will be weekly on Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. **Please bring last year's membership card for a drawing for a free yearly**

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We set up at 6:00 and would appreciate any help.

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## **Crafters Club**

*By Teri Stallone*



Crafters began in October with a Halloween themed project. We had a great turn out for our first Fall craft. We have many holiday themed projects planned for November and December. A full list of dates and projects is posted on the Crafters Bulletin Board in the clubhouse. Sign-up sheets for each craft are posted about 10 days before each project. If you would like to join the Crafters Club, please attend any Tuesday evening at 6 p.m. (6:30 on Burger Burn nights) and bring \$10.00 to cover dues through the end of 2023. All are welcome. If you currently belong to Crafters, you should have received an agenda via email. If you didn't get one, please contact Teri Stallone at [AmericanaCoveCrafters@gmail.com](mailto:AmericanaCoveCrafters@gmail.com). As a reminder we will always post our upcoming crafts on our Facebook group page (Americana Cove Crafters). Looking forward to many of our 'snowbird' members rejoining us this month.

**REMINDER TO ALL COVE RESIDENTS:** A craft show with over 20 tables will be held in the Clubhouse on Saturday, November 11th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lots of wonderful items made by our talented Cove Crafters will be available for sale. Time to think about holiday gifts for the special people in your life!

## **Cue Club**

*By Ray Larkin*

Welcome back to all our snowbirds and hello again to all our year round residents. It's great to be back home again at the cove for another fantastic season of great times with good neighbors and friends.

Our first meeting this year is Monday November 6th at 7pm. At that time we'll be doing registrations for the upcoming season for the Monday Men's, the Wednesday Ladies and the Thursday Men's. There are still openings for new players so come on out and join us, it's a great way to meet new friends. See you all on Monday November 7th.

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## Land Exercise

By Daisy Dean



**H**i Everyone, We will be back in the Cove October 23th. And I will take over the Walking Class Monday November 6th.

I look so forward to returning to my Home away from Home, and I also look forward to seeing you all again. I'm hoping you all had a Safe & Healthy Summer.

If you are new to the Park, we would love to see you at the Walking Class.

The class starts at 8: AM Monday through Friday.

We also have a Walking Page called Americana Cove Walkers where I will be posting what workout we will do daily.

A Big Shout Out & Many Thanks to Astrid Dye for keeping this class running all Summer, also thanks to Maureen Guillen for helping out. Much Appreciated!

See you all next month where we will Walk, Walk, Walk.

## Landscape Committee

By Deb Howland and Erika Fitch

**A**fter taking a few months off this summer from meetings the Landscape Committee is back at work. We did continue to do landscape approval requests and a few maintenance projects over the summer.

We now are heading into the busier time here at the Cove. One of the first big projects we have on our schedule is getting ready to decorate the Cove for Christmas. We held a work day in October to make sure all our decorations were ready. We will be putting these decorations out in November as we "light up" the park the weekend of Thanksgiving. If you would like to help, we start putting these decorations out the week of November 13th. We will meet at the North Laundry area that Monday at 10a.m. and work throughout the week to get it all done. If you enjoy decorating and would like to help anytime that week, it would be greatly appreciated. If you can't make it that Monday, contact Erika at 734-856-2895 and she will let you know where and when you can help.

Since November is decorating month our next regular scheduled Landscape Meeting will be Wednesday, December 13th at 11:00 in the Atrium. We invite anyone who is interested to join us.

## Library

By Nomi Lynch



**W**elcome home snowbirds, travelers, and new neighbors. As you settle back into your little piece of paradise, do stop by and check out the Cove Library located in the Clubhouse.

- About returning books: Please place them neatly in the blue and white cart with the spines facing up so that the titles can be seen and read while waiting to be re-shelved.
- About donations: Thanks to all who share their books with our library. These are so appreciated by readers, as that is what keeps the library alive! We do ask that fiction books



are no more than 10 years old (check each copyright date) due to limited shelf space. Also, we are now asking that you call for pickup of larger donations in order to keep the tables by the cart cleared of overflow (call or text Nomi at 561-714-9956 for pickup).

- Remember: When you visit the library relax, take your time, check it all out, borrow a few that catch your fancy, and then go home and enjoy a good book! Happy Thanksgiving!

## Line Dancing

By Judy Daigle



I hope you all had a great summer! Welcome back to another year to meet new friends, move to good music and just have a good time? Well, this activity is for you! We will start on November 6, 2023 and it will be held in the Library area at the clubhouse every Monday from 12:00 - 1:00 pm. Beginners are always welcomed as we learn new steps to new dances weekly. Whether you are in it for the exercise or just want to dance without a partner at our dance events, this is for you! No stress.....good for the mind, body and soul. Hope to see you there! You may also want to join our Line Dance facebook page for a sneak peek to new dances being introduced. "Americana Cove Line Dancers" on facebook.

## Live Music

By Libby Hopkins

Hello Everyone!

We are in the month of thankfulness and appreciation, and we are certainly grateful for you all!!

We will be performing a **Tribute to Our Veterans Program** on Tuesday, November 14, beginning at 3:00 PM, in the Clubhouse. We will pay tribute to all our Veterans in our community. **Please come and thank our Veterans for all the sacrifices they made for us.** Please help us honor our Vets. We look forward to seeing you!

**\*Annual Evening of Christmas Carols and Nativity Tableau, our community Christmas Show.\***

This will be held on Saturday, December 2 at 7 PM. We need to get a volunteer **Christmas Choir** together for this program, which is a really wonderful event that we are sure you will enjoy participating in. It is a truly special community show that warms all our hearts.

Please call **Joan Miller** ASAP at **302-382-2291** if you are interested. **Rehearsals start the first week of November.**

**\*\*December 12 – Live Music Group’s Christmas Show, 3 PM, Clubhouse**

**All Live Music Group Events are free!!!!!!** 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 Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse from October through April. We work hard to provide an entertaining, fun time full of music and laughs. We also serve free refreshments, and sometimes spiked punch!! Come and see us...

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# Shuffleboard Club

By Anthony Daleo

Welcome back to another year of Shuffleboard at Americana Cove! We encourage all of our existing members and those who are interested in shuffleboard to attend our 2023-2024 season's first meeting on Wednesday, November 1st, at 9:30 a.m. in the Atrium. See you there!

## Swim Exercise

By Nancy Olson

Hello and welcome back to our northern friends! Our swim classes continue to increase. We are welcoming new residents along with our seasonal friends! The weather has been wonderful, the pool water temp has been perfect.

As we head into our season, here are some items of interest:

Our seasonal schedule has been implemented. As a review, we do audio tapes led by me on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. On Tuesday and Friday we do oldies music, exercises led by me with assistance from the subs.

Swimming starts at 9am sharp each morning with daily announcements first and then class will begin.

Be sure to check our group Facebook page "Americana Cove Water Fitness Group" on a daily basis. Info such as what we will be doing in class, equipment you may need, birthday celebrations, weather watches, etc will be posted on this page. If you are not yet a member please go to our group page and ask to join. I will accept your request as soon as I get it. This page is our method of communication to the group.

November 1 the water temperature will go up a degree to 86.

We will not be having class on Thanksgiving Day.

A HUGE thank you to Maureen, Terry, Nan and Diane who continuously support me and our group, couldn't do it without them!

Happy Thanksgiving to all.





## How high will interest rates climb?

By Barefoot Realty Group, Brokerage Agent for Americana Cove

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According to the National Association of Realtors (NAR), mortgage rates could rise to 8% in 2023, but predicts that they will lower to 6% by March or April 2024. The association noted that high interest rates are harming home sales nationwide.

At an economic summit in Naples, Florida in October, three economists spoke about the lack of inventory, higher interest rates and higher rents affecting many real estate markets nationally.

On a brighter note, they predicted that Florida is doing better than most of the U.S. due to so many people continuing to move to the state. According to the US Census, approximately 900 people per day move into Florida and the trend should continue. They also predicted that 2024 would bring a better real estate market due to interest rates lowering.

Fannie Mae (Federal National Mortgage Association) agrees with the NAR and predicts that 30-year mortgage rates will drop to 6.3% to 6.8% range in 2024.

## Vespers

By Audrey Dox

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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 for welcoming your friends and neighbors back for another wonderful season here at Americana Cove.

ALL ARE WELCOME! You can purchase tickets for \$10 from Martha Sutton (727-201-7348) or Frances Dox (518-331-5067) for this annual, fun event sponsored by Vespers.

Vesper services will resume on Sunday, November 19. We meet in the Atrium on Sundays at 4:50 PM beginning with a traditional hymn-sing. All residents and guests are welcome to attend this inter-denominational worship service for an inspiring message followed by a time of refreshments and fellowship in the Clubhouse.

Pastors for November:

November 19 Pastor Roger Watts, Retired Methodist Pastor

November 26 Pastor John Ekers, Wesley Methodist Church

Vespers would like to invite you to join our choir! The Choir practices at 3:30 PM on Sundays before the service. The first practice of the season will be on Sunday, November 5 at 3:30. Come and meet our new music director, Lucas, a music student from Tampa University. If you like to sing, won't you consider joining our group of happy voices singing praises to our Lord.



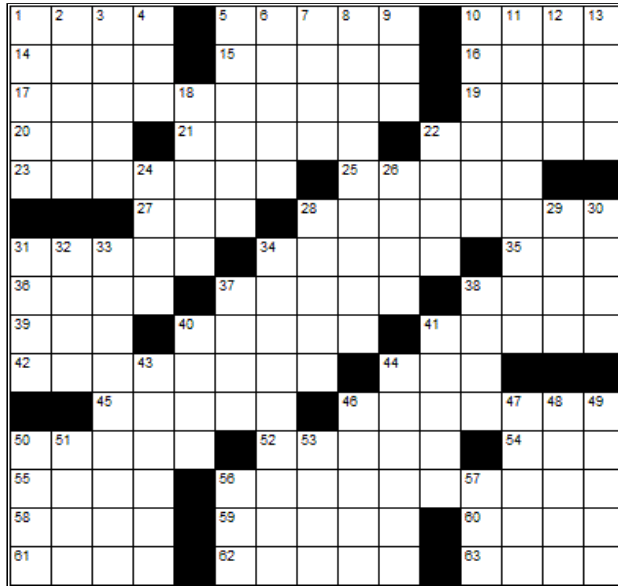
Would you like to send some cheer to someone in need or honor someone with flowers? Each week, flowers decorate the Vespers pulpit area. Flowers can be given in honor of, or in memory of, a loved one. The loved one will be named and the donor recognized at the Vespers service. Flowers may be taken home following the 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 has been a Cove activity since 1963. We encourage attendees to suggest speakers which range from lay speakers, missionaries, and pastors from a variety of religions.



**ACROSS**

- 1. Small containers
- 5. Personnel
- 10. Circle fragments
- 14. Brews
- 15. Reef material
- 16. Arid
- 17. Writing paper
- 19. Gush forth
- 20. Be mistaken
- 21. The best people or things
- 22. Femme fatale
- 23. Dawdled
- 25. Domicile
- 27. N N N
- 28. Assembled in one place
- 31. Thin person
- 34. Legal setting
- 35. Chapter in history
- 36. Durable wood
- 37. Nonpoetic writing
- 38. Make a sweater
- 39. Commercials
- 40. High-pitched woodwind instrument
- 41. Waits
- 42. Chide
- 44. Encountered
- 45. Sesame
- 46. Illness
- 50. Select by voting
- 52. Ice a cake
- 54. Needlefish
- 55. Telegram
- 56. Blending
- 58. Makes a mistake
- 59. Mistake
- 60. Countertenor
- 61. Articulates
- 62. File
- 63. Kind of moss



**DOWN**

- 1. Enclosed
- 2. Extreme
- 3. Necklace item
- 4. Supersonic transport
- 5. A large amount
- 6. In shape
- 7. District
- 8. Farmer's home
- 9. Travel by plane
- 10. Help
- 11. Criticize
- 12. Algonquian Indian
- 13. Stitched
- 18. Sugarcoating
- 22. Tallow source
- 24. Fluid escape
- 26. Beast
- 28. Bicuspid
- 29. A Great Lake
- 30. Rodents
- 31. Asterisk
- 32. Formally surrender
- 33. Boo or hiss
- 34. Shaped like a cross
- 37. Scheme
- 38. Toy with a tail
- 40. Typeface
- 41. Beats
- 43. Alcove
- 44. Woe
- 46. Sorrow
- 47. Nimble
- 48. Father Christmas
- 49. Grain disease
- 50. Flock members
- 51. Former Italian currency
- 53. Scarce
- 56. C
- 57. Type of hat



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