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From the Manager's Desk:

Vita Blough



appy and Healthy 2024!

Hope you had a very lovely Christmas and holiday season and MANAGER

celebrated the New Year with laughter and toast of champagne.

I am an avid planner and goal setter in my personal life and it is no different for my work. Setting personal achievement goals gives me an opportunity to grow and be better.

Now that I have gotten acquainted with the community, had some successes and made my share of mistakes – I would like to start concentrating on improvements.

I would like to streamline the processes in the office and gatehouse to ensure that we are adhering to consistent service standards. I will continue having staff meetings where we will find ways to implement improvements and get better at how we service our clients – you, the owners.

Our maintenance team has been doing an outstanding job in keeping up with the work orders, they are consistent in maintaining and improving community appearance and I am so happy to see everyone working together. The busy holiday season was a challenge, but we all got through it because we worked together.

Consistency is a foundation for success and improvement. With Board's support I would like to start concentrating on compliance and making sure that community is well maintained and taken care of. With the marketing committee starting to promote the community and Pinellas County being one of the most desirable counties in Florida – I am sure the demand for homes will increase and we want to be successful in selling homes and especially empty lots. Therefore it is important to make great impressions and I will concentrate on ensuring the community looks its best. Street captains will help me with initial Spring inspections that will start on January 15th. Each home will be inspected and a checklist of items to maintain will be provided to each homeowner. There will be more information sent out as this project is approaching.

I am looking forward to a productive, exciting, and eventful 2024.

President's Message:

Kathy Wichmann



7 ou have heard it before....it takes a village. Here at Americana Cove, we have a village. Last month I mentioned how we as a board are working

so cohesively. I have been on the board for three years and the last two were a little bumpy...okay, very rocky. It's always good to have fresh ideas and new people to serve but having people that know what they are doing and are able to work with others is also important. Over a year ago, Gary, our then manager, Linda, and I wanted to have a financial committee and I formed a committee to look at expenses related to payroll. We talked about a marketing contract with Spectrum and we talked about making improvements to the gatehouse. We talked about repairs to the north boat ramp as well as repairs to the atrium and fitness center. I think that has been a board's biggest issue, the ideas are there but actions were not able to be taken.



Volunteers help to make this a village. They have stepped up in every aspect of the Cove operations. I am grateful for the board that we currently have as they are willing to work together and get things done. Our manager helps guide the volunteers and she connects with every one of us in the Cove and keeps us all informed and in the loop, she is priceless. When we were without a manager, I asked board members to step up and help with multiple items throughout the community. We pulled through because you have a board that is working hard, willing to put in the time and effort, to get things done.

We have been tasked with putting together some committees and you, the residents, have come forward. We now have a finance committee, a marketing committee and a website committee. Our planning committee is busy organizing thoughts on where we need to be headed over the next few months to few years. The landscape committee and the architectural committee are consistently busy. Tonight we add the committee of volunteers we call the Street Captains who help with the communication to you, the homeowners. And we have our group of volunteers that forms the Fine Appeals Committee. Along with all those committee volunteers, we have the ACA and the many groups of individuals that keep the fun activities going for our enjoyment. We also get volunteers to help with routine tasks such as recording our meetings or if we need to have rules looked at.

We are getting things done. It takes a village and at Americana Cove, we have that village, and it is working together and making things happen. It takes all of us. I want to thank you for stepping up, helping us through the tough times, and supporting us in projects that need you as well as the support of the board. Thank you.

ACA News

By Doug Howland

Were many holiday celebrations and events last month and hopefully you were able to get out and enjoy some of them. ACA would like to thank everyone who came out for the New Year's Eve party. Everyone seemed to have a good time eating, visiting and dancing the night away. Everyone also welcomed in 2024 with a champagne toast!

The first ACA Club President's meeting for the New Year will be held the first Tuesday of the month, January 2nd at 10 a.m. in the Atrium. Then Wednesday, January 3rd 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.

There will be a **date change** for the ACA Burger Burn because most everyone involved with putting it on will be on a cruise with everyone from the Cove. The new date is just the next Tuesday, January 23rd 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.

ACA is helping with plans for a 30 year celebration of the founding of Americana Cove. This Founder's Day event will be happening on Saturday, March 16th. So be sure to mark this on your calendar as we hope to have many attend to celebrate this milestone.

Announcements

By Ray Rodriguez – Editor



An Evening of Carols and Live Nativity

would like to personally thank all of those who took part in production of the Live Nativity presented on December 2nd. This was the 14th Annual production. We were able to attend this year and we were truly moved by the presentation and their professionalism. Most of the fifty plus individuals that took part in the performance are fellow residents, friends and relatives.

The production required the talents of many individuals, producers, musicians, costume/set design, lighting, choir, cast, greeters and those that provided refreshments. I thank all of you for an enjoyable heartwarming, entertaining evening depicting the Birth of Christ

Photos on cover provided by photographer extraordinaire, Rosemary Ferreri, thank you Rosemary.

It's Tax Season for 2023 Federal Returns

gain this year, Dr. Judy Hall and her team of IRS certified preparers will be filing federal tax returns for residents of Americana Cove on Thursday, February 22 and Thursday, March 14, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, 2024 in the Game Room next to the Clubhouse. Appointments can be made by calling Judy at 727-643-4736. This is a FREE service, and all preparers are trained volunteers.

Judy Hall

Website Committee

By: Donna Andrews, Chair (donnaf872@hotmail.com)



s of the writing of this article the americanacove.com website has 354 registered homeowners on the Residents Portal of the website. The Website Committee is thrilled that more and more residents are registering for the website and using it to obtain and review the vast amount of information available at your fingertips!

With the New Year here, the Website Committee will be looking for ways to make more information available for the residents of our community and for potential buyers in our community. Stayed tuned for new areas of interest on our website on both the "public" side of the website as well as the Residents Portal.

As always, please feel free to contact any member of the Website Committee with your thoughts and ideas to make our website even better.

On behalf of myself, Susan Solomon, Bob Hardy and Phil Quince we wish everyone in Americana Cove: HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!



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Art Strong

mericana Cove Art Strong group and I would like to wish you all the best for the New Year. We have had a great year of creativity and look forward to see more of what these artists will create. We are still

working with watercolors but you can use other mediums like acrylic, oil, pastels, charcoal, etc. Simply bring your art supplies and join our group for a fun filled evening. You can follow along with a tutorial or slap on some paint and create some amazing abstracts on your own. Anyone is welcome and no experience is needed. We meet in the Library every Monday evening from 6-8 pm. Join us on our facebook page at Americana Cove Art Strong to see what we've created.

Judy Daigle

VETERANS

would like to take this time to say thanks to all the Clubs and the people who gave money for Wreaths Across America. You beat last year's \$2,000 by \$290.

▲ Next year, we will have a new goal to beat. If you happen to be in the area of Bay Pines, stop in and ride through the cemetery and look at the wreaths that have been placed on the graves. They will be there until mid-January.

New Cove residents that have served in any branch of service has the right to have their name placed on one of our plaques of honor on the wall in the Clubhouse. Please sign the sheet on ACA's bulletin board in the Clubhouse and I will see that your name is put on the plaque.

If you have a worn or torn flag, please give to me and I'll see that they are disposed of in the proper manner.

Ron Miller

Marketing Committee

We are arranging groups to come in and tour our community. I am asking for volunteers to help conduct golf cart tours; please contact Fran Hardy if you can help. February thru June.

Our meetings are posted and open to everyone. Please come and share ideas, after years of not promoting our hidden community it is time to join in and expand our neighbors. Building on the empty home sites will benefit everyone, new people equals new energy and more income.

Think outside of the box, try new things, be amazed.

Fran Hardy







Bridge

The Quickie bids so far are: One No Trump and 2 Clubs. Opener responds 2 Diamonds signaling that he doesn't have a 4-card major suit. Partner has the original 4 Hearts and 5 Clubs, 3 Diamonds and 1 Spade. Partner bids 3 Clubs. What will Opener bid? Call the Bridge Lady for the answer at 727-525-1446 or come to the game Mondays at 10 AM to 12 PM in the Game Room or Atrium.

Gloria Julius

Full Moon Kayaking



ull Moon Kayaking under a "Wolf Moon" will be held on Thursday, January 25. Leave from Founders Park at 5:30 PM

Sunset is at 6:05 PM

Moonrise is at 6:07 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. White headlamps in the front are preferred. 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 Volo 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.

Young At Heart Club

By Kathy Laramee

Relcome to a brand new year! And a sort of new Board! Allow me to introduce them: Kathy Laramee (not new)! President Wally Schultz Vice President Udy Hall Treasurer Sue Line (not new either)!!

As most of you know, this club is first and foremost a means for members of our community to come together for lunch and camaraderie. Secondly, it's a means to gain information and thirdly, to meet new residents. Our goal is to provide this opportunity once a month. But, with that being said, our real goal is to provide monetary assistance to those clubs and activities within our community when the need arises. Additionally, we contribute to other worthy causes, such as Wreaths Across America. To insure this continues we use proceeds from all the aluminum cans disposed of here in the community. And this is where I again ask for assistance in putting the cans in the proper receptacle and <u>MOST importantly</u> please become a volunteer to assist in this endeavor. Please contact me or Dave Laramee for further information. <u>WE DESPERATELY NEED YOUR HELP!!!</u> Thanking you in advance!!

Please join us for our next lunch on January 17th in the clubhouse. 10 10 10 17th in the clubhouse. AMERICANA COVE FORECASTER JANUARY, 2024 D







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Nancy Olson

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Mt. Saxon	Rosemary Ferreri

Our schedule is very busy in January and February.

January Schedule: Shareholder Door to Door Delivery

Thursday, January 18 Street Captains will be conducting door to door delivery to all shareholder homes between the hours of 9am - 4pm. This delivery includes the 2024/2025 budget and the associated proxy for a YES OR NO vote on this budget. If you are not home at the time of delivery you may come to the Atrium to pick it up on Thursday January 18 from 5-7pm or on Friday January 19 from 10am - noon. All envelopes not picked up or delivered will be mailed out on Friday afternoon, January 19.





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Spring Cleaning Outside Home Inspections

These inspections include the outside of your home. They will take place from January 15 - 30. Please see the inspection form that is used by the Street Captains. This should help you determine what needs to be done prior to the January inspections taking place. Communication of the above activities will take place via VOLO, Americana Cove Facebook group page, Forecaster and the Resident Americana Cove website. The inspection form will be included on those sites.

Welcome New Residents

By Mary Ann Meljac & Cindy Rodriguez

erri Shaw 224 Mt. Curve Ave. NE Prev: Welsh

Judy & Brett Ray 227 Mt. Piney Ave. NE Prev: Moe

Michelle & Charles Pugh 115 Mt. Piney Ave. NE Prev: Kronsperger



Michael & Karen Hearne 6836 Mt. Quincy Dr. NE Prev: Imbrogulio / McIntyre

KirtKleiner 7257 Mt. Georgetown Dr. NE Prev: Hernandez

Linda Shelton 7064 Mt. Hawthorne Rd. NE Prev: Lambert

Sunshine Report for January

By Cindy Peacock

"I love that this morning's sunrise does not define itself by last night's sunset." – Steve Maraboli

January Birthdays:

- 1/1 Jeff Janus
- 1/2Grace Bodley - 92
- 1/3Asha Bhagat
- 1/3 Carol Shepard
- Helen Cook 1/4
- 1/4 Becky Nangle
- 1/5Eleanor Bond
- 1/5 Phyllis Entreken
- 1/5 Gloria Julius
- 1/5 Cindy Peacock
- 1/5Louann Schnebel
- 1/8Alice Thomas
- 1/10 Tony Daleo
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- 1/16 David Laramee
- 1/16 Jennie Wosil
- 1/17 Joan Miller
- 1/17 Richard Roberts
- 1/18 Diana Shannon

- 1/25 Ruth Brownlee
- 1/25 James Quinn

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1/26 Lorraine Boshek
- 1/27 Debbie Brown
- 1/27 Carol Nygard
- 1/27 Scott Wood
- 1/28 Carol Perrotto
- 1/29 Don McVicar
- 1/29 Kathy Williams
- 1/30 Mike Barron
- 1/30 Erika Fitch
- 1/30 John Hansen
- 1/30 Dianne Massey
- 1/30 Bill Thwaits
 - 1/31 Cathy Thomas

- 1/12 Phyllis Kenney

	Anniversaries:		Passed Away and Will Be Missed:
1/1/1991	Jill & Mick Marckese	33	Susan "Suzie Q" Brown
1/1/1978	Joan and Dennis Moore	46	Joyce Dolan
1/1/1991	Marsha & Joe Gray	33	Ed Kimak
1/8/1965	MaryAnn and Bill Foley	59	Frances L'Ours
1/8	Kelly & Don Zahaba		Sharon Regan
1/10/2005	Carol & Roger Howard	19	Connie Sigley
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Boat Club

By Mary Ann Meljac

The January Forecaster article is the most difficult to write. It is due by the 5th of December and there are so many things going on this month but all after the 5th. So what do I tell you? Well, let's talk a little about New Year's resolutions. Do you make any? Do you make more than one? Do you keep your resolution(s)? Do you think they are silly? Here is an interesting fact. At the start of 2022, 23% of U.S. citizens resolved to live healthier, while 21% were focused on personal improvement and happiness and 20% resolved to lose weight. However, of the 41% of Americans who make New Year's resolutions, only 9% followed through on them. Think about it. Do you fit into any of these categories? Whatever you do, take pride in what you do and remember there is always room for improvement. With that said, the Boat Club wishes everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. Stay tuned next month for the results of the best decorated boats and the best waterfront home decorations.

At the November 11thTiki Hut party, a total of 123 folks joined in the fun. Ron Miller was the 50/50 winner of \$132! John Gillson-DeBoard was the winner of the Margaritaville Bluetooth cooler. Congratulations to both Ron and John on their winnings! The next Boat Club meeting is scheduled on Saturday, January 13th at 10 a.m. in the Atrium. There will also be a Tiki Hut party the same day at 3:00 PM. Sloppy Joes will be provided by the Boat Club and remember...bring a dish to share and some extra cash for 50/50 raffle. We will be in full swing with the 2024 Island Bash planning and look forward to another successful year!

Bocce Club

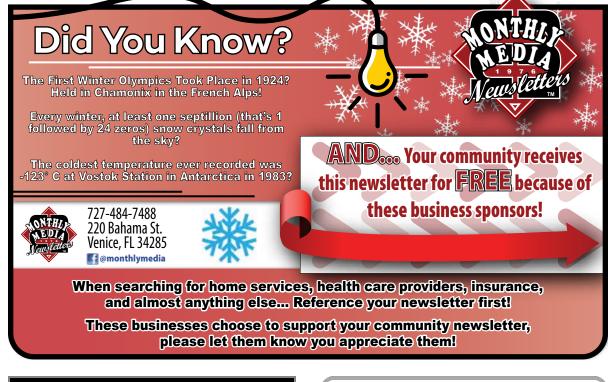
BOCCE

By Daisy Dean

e are so proud to be able to say our Bocce Courts are finally completed after many Delays & Obstacles.

We are also very proud to say this 6 Thousand Dollar Project did not cost the Park or any Clubs a Penny, It was all done by Our Fundraising & some very Generous Donations.

It could not have been done without the Many hours of Planning & Researching by none





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Weekly Calendar Repeats

	AMERICANA COVE	WEEKLY Calendar Re	peats - Month: Janu	ary 202	24
Day	Event	Time		Locati	on
Monday:	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.		С	
	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	С	
	Nickel Bingo	1:00pm	Year around	С	
	Progressive Rummy	4:00p.m.	Year around	А	
	Art Strong	6:00-8:00pm	Nov-April	L	
	Bid Euchre	6:00p.m.	Nov-April	С	
	Cue Club-Men's	6:00p.m.	Nov-April	В	
Tuesday:	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.		С	
	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	Q-
	Maj Jong	2:00pm	Year around	А	DUIT TUIS
	Progressive Rummy	6:00p.m.	Year around	А	
	Cue Club-Men's	6:00p.m.	Nov-April	В	ONVOLIK
	Crafters	6:00-8:00pm	Nov-April	С	DADI
	Cards	6:30p.m.		А	CALENDAR!
Wednesday:	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m		С	U
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.			
	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.			
	Pokeno	1:00pm	June-Oct	С	
	Hand & Foot (cards)	1:00 p.m.	Year round	Α	
	Cue Club-Women's	6:00p.m.	Nov-April	В	
	Texas Hold'em	6:30pm		Α	
	Rug Braiding	6:30p.m.	Nov-April	G	
Thursday:	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.		С	
	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	А	
	Progressive Rummy	6:00pm	Year around	Α	
	Poker Pool	6:00p.m.	Nov-April	В	
	Cornhole	6:30-8:00 pm		С	
Friday:	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.		С	
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.			
	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.			
	Poker Pool	6:00p.m.	Year around	В	
	Bingo	6:00p.m.		С	
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Sunday:	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	3:30pm	Nov-April	A	S: Shuffleboard
	Bocce Ball Pickup	3:00pm	N T 1 1	BC	Courts
	Vespers	4:50p.m.	Nov-April	A	B: Billiards
	Pinochle	6:30p.m.	Nov-April	С	G: Game Room
	Misc Cards	6:30p.m.	Year round	А	BC: Bocce Court

SUB-FLOOR & FLOORING EXPERTS!

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other than our Ray Larkin, Thank You Ray, to hear so many compliments about the Courts you did us proud.

To the Guys that came out & Helped out, Thank You, You know who you are & I don't want to name names as I may forget someone but all your Hard Work did not go unnoticed & was very much Appreciated.

Phil Quince, Âl Martin non Bocce Members you both were there 100%, We Thank You.

Saturday November 25th we had our Grand Opening of our New Bocce Courts, We started with a Champagne Toast for Bocce Members & Sad that we were missing quite a few members.

During our Games which was attended by 70 plus people we served Hamburgers, Hotdogs & Drinks which was a Huge Success. Thank you to all that helped with this event. To Heather & Bill Wilcox, Mike & Phyllis Arkanoff for opening up your Driveways for everyone to hang out was very much appreciated.

Bocce started out with Myself & Joe asking Tom & Sandy Shouse if they wanted to play

a game one Sunday afternoon, Next week we asked a few others & it escalated from there. Last year we had 35 members & after our Fun Bocce Day we now have 70 members & still growing.. How awesome is that.

If you wish to join Bocce please reach out to me or Don DeBoard, Pat or Teri Stallone. \$10.00 for Membership. \$2.00 for Guests.



Book Club

By Nan Krueger



W ishing you all a beautiful and peaceful 2024. We have chosen books for January through March. The list is on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse under the "Friends of the Library" section.

All women residents are welcome to join. We meet the second Thursday of each month at 1:30 PM in the library. You are welcome to stop by and see what we are about and of course to join us if you would like.

As always - Happy Reading!!

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Buddhism By John Howell



appy New Year! Next meeting (after holiday break) Feb. 1st 1pm game room, will include Astrological predictions for the: "Dragon"

Exciting news... A friend who works with an A.I. startup here in the T.B. area has confided an important development (proprietary algorithms) designed to achieving a long sought after goal; "Interspecies communication" This will not only include the research continuance of notables like John C. Lilly (dolphins), but as far reaching as Carl Sagan's SETI project. Who will be the first reporter to interview our fellow travelers (birds/animals/ aquatic/insects/vegetation) of planet earth, and possibly (alien-life-forms) from light years away... interdimensional realms too? Begging the question; "What spiritual/philosophical/ and humanitarian advice might they offer?" "Would we be wise enough to understand or heed it?" Hmmm...

Episode 3. Continuing patronage from family/friends in collaboration with professor Norbu; facilitator/guide, assists further activation of past-life karma... setting in motion an incredible "sacred heart journey". Rinpoche's many years of teaching, 1970's-80's-90's (Tibetan Buddhism in particular) proceed what was to eventually become one of the pinnacles of a blessed life: Having the honor of "Geshe", with recognition of "Tulka", thus an authentic linage holder. All the while "chopping wood, carrying water" attempting to live off the grid, sustained by a modest lifestyle of travel/retreat, study/meditation, and discourse offerings. Rumors (early 1987) of an initial visit to Bloomington from H.H. the 14th Dalai Lama to consecrate the "Jangchub Chorten" (holy relics shrine) being built on the grounds of the T.C.C. begin to circulate. Anticipatory excitement escalates (off the scale!) in contemplation of such wondrous good fortune/blessings to be bestowed...



Episode 4 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

ornhole club season is well under way! We have had an increase in membership but always welcome any new members. Membership dues
 were collected starting in November but you can still join at any time. If



you would like to join the club dues are \$10 for the year, guaranteeing you a spot to play every Thursday evening. We will be playing every Thursday night at 6:30 in the clubhouse

Our new game Air Mail that we started last year is also back again. Don't forget to bring your money for a ticket for the drawing for a chance to play and win some money in this game. We also have a 50/50 drawing every week at Cornhole.

It is an easy game to learn and we will help anyone who would like to give it a try. 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.**

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Crafters Club By Teri Stallone

Description of the date and our Crafters balletin board about 10 days before the date and our Crafters balletin board about 20 days show a picture of the upcoming projects. If you're

interested in joining crafters, come on a Tuesday evening at 6 pm in the clubhouse. The dues are \$10 for the calendar year no matter when you join. For those that are current members we will begin collecting the 2024 dues on January 2nd. Below are pictures of some of our December crafts.

Cue Club

By Ray Larkin

The Cue Club is back in full swing for another year but we still have a few openings for new members. Come on out and join us, meet some new neighbors and make new friends. Men's league is divided into either Monday or Tuesday at 6 pm and ladies league is at 6 pm on Wednesdays.

Mark your calendars for the February 3rd annual Brewz and Bratz dinner and dance, tickets are \$15. Each and include your meal, entertainment and refreshments. We will also be hosting a Superbowl pot luck party on February 11th at the club house. Bring a dish to share and come on out and enjoy the game with us.

The next Cue Club meeting will be held on January 8th at 5pm, pizza and refreshments will be provided. I would like to see all members out for this meeting.

Land Excercise

By Daisy Dean

appy New Year to All, Wishing you a year filled with Good Health & Happiness. New Year comes, New Year Resolutions & Trying to start the year with being

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Landscape Committee

By Deb Howland and Erika Fitch

Appy New Year!! Now that Christmas is over we will be busy taking down all the Christmas decorations and putting them away until next year. We will be doing this the second week in January. If anyone would like to help with this big project we will be meeting on Monday, January 8th at 10 a.m. to do this at the north laundry room.

The next Landscape Committee meeting will be Wednesday, January 10th at 11 a.m. in the Atrium. At this time we will be discussing a few projects we have in the works and also wrapping up our holiday season. Come and join us if you have an interest in landscaping and keeping our park beautiful.

Library By Nomi Lynch



From the AC Library Staff: We wish you all a happy and peaceful 2024! And to all our newer and many long-time residents, we invite you to come on over to the Clubhouse and spend a few minutes browsing through the diverse selection of informative, entertaining, exciting, nostalgic, and suspense-filled collections of books that are waiting just for you. Also, a big thank you to all for such great donations throughout the year. Your sharing of these books is what keeps our awesome library alive. Remember ... start the new year off by enjoying a good book!

Line Dancing

By Judy Daigle

n behalf of the Americana Cove line dancers, we would all like to wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year! We ended the year with lots of fun dances and new steps. Our most fun dance was called "Stretchy Pants." (Thanks Deb Lewison for sharing that dance you learned in Nashville!) Perfect dance for the holiday season and I'm pretty sure you can guess why. Dancing is so good for the heart, mind, soul and overall good health. Come join us on Mondays from 12- 1 pm in the Library. No experience needed. You may also be interested in joining our facebook page where you will find tutorials on upcoming dances. Join us on facebook at Americana Cove Line Dancers.

Live Music By Libby Hopkins



Hew!! Christmas is over!! But what a wonderful way to celebrate the season with our friends and family!! We are talking about our splendid pageant held in the Clubhouse on December 2, 2023. This night is always so special to all of us. A heartfelt ovation to all who contributed as audience and as show participants. We would like to thank the manycontinued on page 30



people who attended, and also the talented people who participated in, our fourteenth **Annual Evening of Carols and Live Nativity.** Thank you, MAROA, and ACA, for your sponsorship. Your financial support made the evening possible.

We are so appreciative of the 50 plus people who were involved in the Carols and Nativity program - it takes a tremendous amount of work to put together such a show, and we are very grateful for all of your efforts. We would like to acknowledge some specific folks at this time: Jaci Klick for outside luminaries--Rosemary Ferreri for the fabulous pictures--Ed Mosakowski for video-- Sandy Shouse, who went above and beyond at every turn, in pretty much every area-- our great volunteer team of choir, soloists, greeters, dressers, stage crew, cue techs, and refreshments staff-- Mark Andrews, who stepped in to help with lighting—Astrid Dye, who made cookies and muffins! Thanks to Gary Wolk for his great guitar playing.

Kudos, and thanks to Andy McPhee, for his first time, excellent job of producing and directing our program, and putting in so many hours with the cast and crew.

Thanks also to those who came to our Live Music Group Christmas Show. We are so glad of your patronage.

We have two shows this month – you will not want to miss either one! You will be surprised and pleased when you see what we have for you. The themes will be announced soon, so please come to see us!

Tues. January 9, 2023 – 3 PM; Tues. January 23, 2023 – 3 PM

For those of you who are not familiar with us, we are a Music Group within the park that usually perform the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Our Performances are <u>FREE</u>!!! We work hard to provide an entertaining, fun hour. Please feel free to bring your own snacks and drinks to have during the show.

** If anything changes regarding these shows we will let you know via VOLO, Email and/ or Facebook.

Happy New Year!!!!! Take care and have a great month!

Sh	uffleboard	Club
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By Anthony Daleo



ur Club's meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 3rd, 9:30 a.m. in the Atrium. Our meeting agenda will include discussing (1) our Annual Pancake Breakfast scheduled for Saturday, February 3rd, 8:00 to 10:30 a.m. and (2) our club banquet. Input from all members is requested.

Reminder that all residents are invited to our Shuffleboard Courts on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. for social shuffling and on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. for Hoss Collar (a fun game to improve your aiming).

Most of our Americana Cove shufflers participate in two leagues in mobile home parks in Pinellas County. New players are invited to join our NOVA League, and seasoned players are invited to join our Blue Sky League. If interested in either League, contact Anthony Daleo at 727-374-5705.





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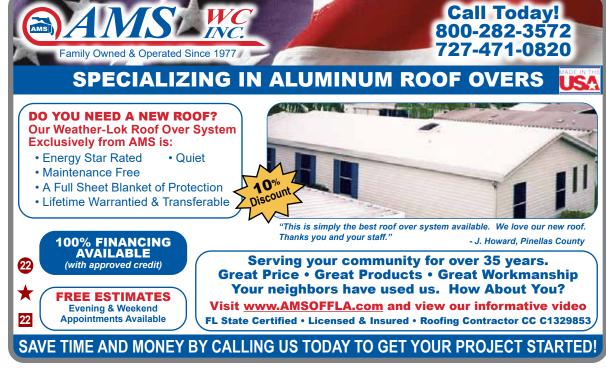
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Swim Exercise By Nancy Olson

Hello and Happy New Year to everyone! It's pretty amazing we are already into 2024! The swim exercise group continues 6 days a week, Monday through Saturday. We have recently had to cancel class due to weather conditions. This is a bit earlier than previous years and hoping it is not a trend!

Items of interest:

We will swim on Monday, January 1. After class we will be reflecting on 2023 and then welcome in 2024 with a champagne toast! We will be having mimosas, orange juice, fruit and cheese. If you are not able to swim on January 1 but you are around please come join us at the pool around 9:45AM. A HUGE thank you goes to ACA for making this possible for our swim group! MANY THANKS ACA!!

Thanks to Maureen (with assistance from the subs) for leading class over Christmas while I was away celebrating the holiday with my family. THANKS ladies!!



Winter weather guidelines: When I am leading class the outside air temp need to be 55 or higher. When the subs lead class in my absence, the outside air temp needs to be 60.

Please be sure to check our Group Facebook page "Americana Cove Water Fitness Group" on a daily basis for the latest weather updates, birthdays, pool closures, items of interest, etc.

As of writing this article, the pool is still in bypass mode. Vita continues to work with the vendors on delivery of parts and ongoing maintenance. I appreciate your patience as we await the delivery and installation of parts. Please be sure to read Vita's weekly Friday updates. She includes any update she has on the pool in these updates.

Have a great New Year!

Pics include: Terry Carlo, Nan Krueger and Kim Neimi

2023: Second Strongest Year for Pre-Owned Home Sales

By Barefoot Realty Group, Brokerage Agent for Americana Cove

That began as a slow year for home sales in Americana Cove ended with the year being the second best for total number of homes sold for the community.

Although there were no closings that occurred in January 2023, the number of closings quickly increased as the year progressed ending with 47 pre-owned home sales. Previously, the best years were 46 pre-owned home sales in 2020 and 2021. The year of 2022 was the best ever for homes sales in the state and also at Americana Cove with 56 pre-owned homes sold.

Of the 47 pre-owned home sales, five homes were below \$100,000 in price; 16 homes were between \$100,000 and \$199,000 in price; 15 homes were between \$200,000 and \$299,000



in price; nine homes were between \$300,000 and \$399,000 and two homes were more than \$400,000. The highest price home that has sold in the community was a 2015 waterfront property for \$485,000.

"We kept hearing from residents in 2023 make the comment: 'Why aren't homes selling in the community?' Yet, we had one of the best years ever in home sales," noted Broker Marty Pozgay.

In 2022, there were few homes for sale and some weeks there were no homes for sale at all. "Then in 2023, we began the first half of the year with 20+ homes for sale as we transitioned from a seller's market to a buyer's market," explained Pozgay. "The latter half of 2023, we averaged 17 homes for sale and that is a normal amount of homes for sale within the community."

Since 2020, there have been 195 homes sold which results in 195 resident households that have changed in the community. "We often forget that when homes sell, it's not just a number or a tangible home that has sold, but new residents have moved in. We've had so many new residents who are excited about moving into Americana Cove, and we extend a warm welcome to everyone."

Vespers

By Audrey Dox

espers services are held 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 January: Jan 7 Peter Andre Deacon, Sacred Heart Jan 14 Bob Spencer lay speaker and Cove Resident Jan 21 Phil Fogle lay speaker, Retired Army Jan 28 Dan Lehman retired Methodist Pastor



SEND SOME CHEER – HONOR SOMEONE WITH FLOWERS! Each week, flowers decorate the Vespers pulpit area in honor of, or in memory of, a loved one. The loved one is named and the donor is recognized at the Vespers service. Flowers may be taken home following the service or we will be happy to 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 choir members practice at 3:30 PM on Sundays with an accompanist. If you like to sing, won't you consider joining our group of happy voices singing praises to our Lord. We are always happy to welcome new vocalists. *I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High. Psalm 9:2*

Vespers has been a Cove activity since 1963. It is a non-denominational, informal evening prayer and worship service. We encourage attendees to suggest speakers which range from lay speakers, missionaries, and pastors from a variety of religions.



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EVENTS & PROGRAMS

The Royal Canadian Legion Post 144 Pinellas County, having survived COVID, is regrowing to continue supporting local Veterans, and providing social activities for new and existing Canadian Legion Members. Join us for our monthly Membership Meetings, Remembrance Ceremonies, VSO visits, raids, invasions, MLB game, dinner/ theater, museums, etc. For information, email: info@rclpost144.org.

Bingo Lake Seminole Resort 10245 110th Ave. Largo. Monday, January 8th at 6:50 pm. Doors open at 5:30, Cards on sale until 6:30

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EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Largest Garage Sale in southwest Florida! Northwood Presbyterian Church, 2875 State Road 580, Clearwater, FL 33761 will hold a gigantic sale on January 11th, 12th, 13th from 8:00am - 2:00pm. There will be something for everyone. Contact Susan Curry 727-709-8237 for information.

Point West MHP Annual Bizaar and Flea Market Jan. 27th, 8am-2pm. 12651 Seminole Blvd. Largo. Furniture, Clothes, Household, Jewelry, Electronics & Misc. Chinese Auction, 50/50, Food. Contact: Judy Master 708-602-3144

Sat. Jan. 27, 2024 -Community Sale-8:30am-1pm. Paradise Island Section of Lake Haven MHP. Main St. (SR580) & Lake Haven Rd. (W of Keene/CR1), Dunedin. Housewares, Linens, Small Apliances, Jewelry, Bakery, Raffle Baskets, Lunch.

Embassy Mobile Park, Inc. Saturday January 27th, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Park Wide Yard Sale, Off of East Bay just west of Tri City Plaza, come in by Wendy's onto Pine Forest Dr. 16416 US Highway 19 N, Clearwater -Largo area. **EVENTS & PROGRAMS**

HUGE carport sale inside and outside the clubhouse. Browse in comfort. Clearwater Cascades, 9790 66th St. North, Pinellas Park. February 17th, 8-2pm. Furniture, décor, housewares, tools. Refreshments available.

Flea Market Sat. Feb. 24th, 8-12 pm. Colonial Village, 2000 East Bay Drive, Largo. Furniture, Kitchen appliances, housewares, bicycles, clothing, homebaking.

Gateway MHP Community Sale, Saturday, Feb. 3rd, 8am-2pm. 10100 Gandy Blvd. St. Petersburg

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