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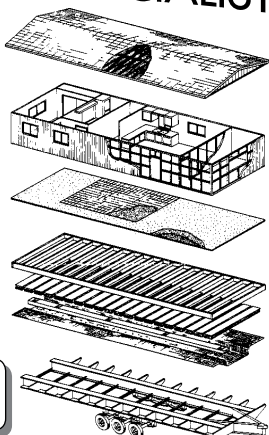
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From the Manager's Desk:

Vita Blough



It is time to re-set our gears and get into the summer schedule. This means we are starting to get ready for the next busy season by shifting the focus on being proactive.

My schedule will be busy with compliance inspections, outlining office procedures, assisting Board with Rules and Regulations revisions and concentrating on preventative maintenance of common areas – buildings and grounds.

This year the Board will be implementing a new set of Rules and Regulations which will include ARHC and Landscaping modification guidelines. The goal is to streamline Rules and Regulations to make them enforceable and reasonable. We want to make sure that they are easy to comply with and aid in making the community inviting and welcoming.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to highlight, as a courtesy reminder, several rules that are being violated:

Observing speed limit and traffic signs. Speed limit in the community is 15mph and stop signs are placed to ensure that there are no accidents at the intersections. The most overlooked stop sign is at the entrance of the Community. I see so many drivers failing to stop at that sign.

Walking dogs on a short leash. Pet Rules and Regulations state: pets are not allowed to run at large in the community, including the Clubhouse, recreation areas, common areas, laundry rooms, anyone's homesite, flower beds, shrubs, etc. I witness owners allowing their pets to go into people's homes and even front porches.

Parking on the grass is not permitted. We do have limited parking available and sometimes it is challenging to find parking spaces for your visitors, however parking on the grass of empty lots is not allowed. We have underground pipe system that may be damaged by the weight of your car and, more importantly, community just does not look appealing with cars parked randomly on the empty lots.

Political Signs and Flags. Political signs will be allowed to be displayed in the community 30 days prior to General election and must be taken down 3 days after. This election year the period to display signs is October 5th through November 8th.

I would also like to thank all the owners who reach out to me to ask questions and share their feedback. I am always happy to hear from you as no matter what feedback I get – it helps me grow as a manager and allows me to be more efficient in assisting you – the owners.

Warm regards,

President's Report:

Philip Quince



As we approach the first anniversary of hiring our Community Association Manager, Vita Blough, I am proud to report that she recently received the Associa 2023 Value Award for Innovation. This is a corporate award nominated by their branch leadership team, honoring her outstanding achievements for Associa Gulf Coast and her client, Americana Cove.

“Vita has been an instrumental part of the success in one of our new communities and

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has been a leader in finding new and improved ways of delivering Associa’s standards to her community.”

*Annette Byrd,
Branch President*

Vita's leadership has been instrumental in the progress and successes we've experienced this past year. Her dedication to excellence and commitment to continuous improvement have set new benchmarks for our community.

During Vita’s first year, she has accomplished much, her dedication and experience are evident and much appreciated. With her support, we will continue to develop our Policies and Procedures, negotiate the best value from our vendors, and ensure responsiveness to our residents' needs.

Please join me in congratulating Vita on this achievement, we are fortunate to have such a great professional as our Manager.

ACA News

By Ron Miller



Iwould like to say by saying, A BIG THANK YOU to Doug Howland and his outgoing board, of Sue Banning, Erica Fitch for a job well done.

The new ACA Board has been sworn in at the April meeting. Ron Miller as President, Daisy Dean Vice President, Linda Quince as Treasure, Sue Story as Secretary. We are looking forward to working with the Board of Directors, both boards have the betterment of the Cove on their minds.

The Burger Burns will be on the third Tuesday of each month unless something important comes up. If that should happen the information will be given as to the change.

We at the Cove have said a sad goodbye to a lot of our friends for up north. We will be looking forward to their safe return in the Fall

Website Committee

Donna Andrews, Chair (donna872@hotmail.com)



Hopefully you have had a chance to look at the revised Home Page of our community website, Americanacove.com. Please let us know what you think of the new view. We reduced the redundancy and, hopefully, the page is easier to maneuver and read.

Also, we ask our fellow residents to let a member of the Website Community know what more we can do that would make things easier for you to use the website:

Do you want additional features posted to the Residents Portal?

Are there any areas of the Residents Portal you find difficult to access?

Any suggestions are greatly appreciated!!

As always, please consider joining the Website Committee. We generally meet on a Thursday at 10:30am in the clubhouse once a month. If you are interested in attending, send me an email and I will let you know when the next meeting will be held.

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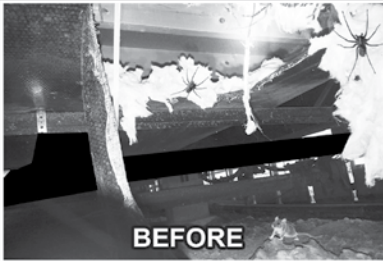
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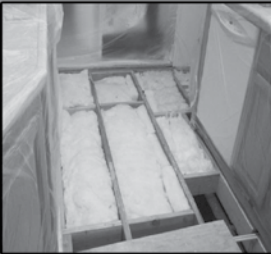
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By Ray Rodriguez – Editor

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Have a documented point of contact for your home listed in the office. It is your responsibility to care for these items before you leave for an extended period of time. The staff of Americana Cove should not be expected to care for this. They are responsible for taking care of all common areas in the cove. You are responsible for your home and boat.

Close storm shutters and awnings

Make sure doors are securely locked

Turn off outside main water valves

Turn off propane tanks to avoid leaks

Remove any loose outdoor objects that could become projectiles. This would include lawn furniture, garden tools, potted plants, grills with or without rollers, propane tanks, fire pits (remove propane tanks from fire pits and secure), totes, trash cans, lawn ornaments, kayaks, dock furniture, wind chimes, hanging plants, bicycles

Floor area of sheds should be cleared

Have sand bags ready for protection – City of St. Petersburg can be contacted for locations to pick up

BOATS

Shut off fuel lines at tank

Keep batteries charged, make sure bilge pumps are operating properly

Secure hatches and doors

Secure down dock boxes

Disconnect electric (at the breaker), water, fuel (at tank if available) and other dock connections

Raise boat and tie down securely

Be sure to take pictures of both the outside and inside of your home. This helps with insurance claims you may have to file.

Americana cove is in evacuation zone a. If we get official notification to evacuate it is expected that residents and Americana Cove staff evacuate. If you choose to stay in the cove and you have a need to call 911 for an emergency, you will be considered low priority. Emergencies in non evacuation zones will get priority not you.

If you are not in the cove and your property is listed with a real estate agency you need to be in contact with the agency to make sure all the above items are cared for. This is not Americana Cove's responsibility. This is between the home owner and real estate agency.



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Veterans

Ron Miller

For those new people in the park, and for some of the older persons, my job is to see that the Veterans names get placed on the COVE'S Plaques of Honor on the wall at the clubhouse.



Veterans that have served in the Arm Forces, whether the U.S. or any other country if you have served, please sign the list on the ACA's corkboard. When I get 6 or more names, I'll have yours placed on our plaque.

I also take Flags that are torn, or faded to the American Legion to see that they are retired in the proper way.

In the winter I also take care of the WRATH'S ACROSS AMERICA in which all the wrath's are placed at Bay Pines Cemetery.

Please sign up and have your name placed on our plaques.

Bridge

Gloria Julius

Duplicate Contract Bridge. "Contract" refers to the bidding process that determines who will play the hand and the level at which it will be played. "Duplicate" refers to the fact that the same cards are passed to the next table for bidding and play. At the end of all the games we get to see who made the best bid and play for that particular set of cards. Come and play or learn on Mondays, 10 - 12 AM in the Atrium or Game Room. The Bridge Lady; 727-525-1446.



Full Moon Kayaking

Audrey Dox

Full Moon Kayaking under a "Flower Moon" will be held on Thursday, May 23.

Leave from Founders Park at 7:50 PM

Sunset is at 8:17 PM

Moonrise is at 8:47 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.





POKENO

Nancy Hubartt



Start saving your pennies – next month in June we will start playing POKENO on Wednesdays at 1 PM.

We collect 6 pennies before each game. Each game ends when someone gets Pokeno (pokeno is a straight line (horizontal, diagonal, or vertical) except for the center vertical line) We do a full house, four corners, large diamond, straight flush (center vertical line) and a full card on the last game. Come and have fun. We will do this every Wednesday at 1PM June through October.

Marketing Committee

Fran Hardy



Friends and neighbors I feel like the Beatles song HELP.

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That said if we all share the clubs we belong to, family and friends, spread the word.

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If you have any ideas or questions email me fran.hardy@gmail.com I look forward to hearing from you.

From the Gate

Brad Coath



Like you, I can't believe it's May already!

By now many of our part-time friends are headed to their summer homes and those of us who call Florida our one and only home are settling in for a hopefully quiet and major storm free summer season.

Speaking of storms: PLEASE remember to lower your pool umbrellas when you leave the pool area. The afternoon and evening storms are often powerful enough to cause serious damage to the umbrellas if they are left up.

Over the past several weeks I have had a number of calls from people who are new to the community and are unsure how to use the gate. We are a Gated and Restricted Access Community. You must notify the Gate when you are expecting visitors and deliveries. You may do this by calling the Gate (727) 527-3329 OR by using the TekControl app on your phone or laptop/desktop. The Office can assist you in setting up this feature.

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Sunshine Report for May

By Cindy Peacock

"We all have two lives. The second one starts when we realize we only have one."
— Confucius



May Birthdays:

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5/2 Michael Lederhouse	5/11 Bill Cosner	5/20 Beverly Kane
5/3 Daisy Dean	5/11 Dottie Love - 98	5/20 Yvonne Thurston
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5/9 Linda Bresko	5/15 Syl Moulston	5/27 Lynn Quinn
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5/10 Andrea Bedard	5/17 Chuck Dudley	5/31 Gail Jones - 90
	5/18 Richard Julius	

May Anniversaries:

05/20/2022	Cecile & Mike Bourque	2
05/02/2022	Kate Korman & Robbie Follin	2
05/05/2021	Susan & Cliff Janzen	3
05/07/1966	Ruth & Wayne Brownlee	58
05/12/1977	Leah & Stephen Burg	47
05/12/1984	Sara & Ed Burnett	40
05/14/2011	John & Don Gillson-DeBoard	13
05/15/1953	Lorraine and Ed Boshek	71
05/16/1969	Jolee & Arne Rengo	55
05/16/2015	Susan & Robert Solomon	8
05/17/1976	Janna & Mike Bunker	48
05/19/1979	Carol & Jack Deatherage	45
05/20/2005	Donna & Mark Andrews	19
05/23/1986	Linn & Steve Wells	38
05/26/1984	Carolyn & Gary Schamburg	40
05/29/2003	Lynn & James Quinn	21
05/31/1969	Joyce & Tom Michels	55

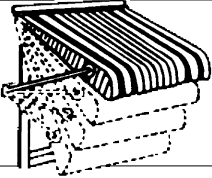


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Boat Club

By Mary Ann Meljac

The Boat Club will remain active during the summer months. Yes, we will miss our Northern neighbors, but the Club will do its best to provide a good time for those of us remaining in Florida during the summer months. Here is the schedule ... please mark these dates and times on your calendars so you don't miss out on any of the fun!

Meetings

Saturday, May 11th – 10AM Atrium

Note: There will be NO Meetings in June, July or August

Saturday, September 14th – 10AM Atrium



Tiki Hut Parties

Please note that there will be no grilling during the warm summer months but the parties will continue with everyone attending bringing a dish to share!



May 11th

June 8th

July 13th

August 10th

September 14th

As we head into summer, boating season in Florida is in full swing and many of us are excited to hit the water. However, it is important to keep in mind certain concerns and take necessary safety measures before embarking on your boating adventure. Please keep the following in mind:

Heat and sun exposure ... stay hydrated, wear sunscreen and protective clothing and seek shade during the hottest parts of the day

Thunderstorms ... they can develop quickly. Keep an eye on weather forecasts and radar updates

Navigation Aids and Markers ... these are essential for safe navigation. Pay attention to channel markers, buoys, and navigational aids and use charts or GPS systems to ensure you stay in safe waterways.

Increased Boat Traffic ... Be mindful of other vessels, follow the rules and always maintain a safe speed. Keep a lookout for swimmers, kayakers, paddleboarders and other watercraft.

Wildlife and Marine Life ... Be aware of nesting areas, protected species such as manatees and sensitive ecosystems such as seagrass flats and mangrove shorelines. Maintain a safe distance and avoid disturbing or harming wildlife. Be cautious of jellyfish and stingrays when swimming or walking on the beach.

Summer evenings can be a great way to beat the heat and enjoy the beauty of a sunset on the water, but ensure your boat has proper navigation lights that are functioning correctly before you do. Be “extra” cautious when boating at night, as reduced visibility can make spotting other vessels, buoys, or obstacles challenging.

Summer festivities sometimes involve alcohol, but it's important to **remember that boating under the influence is illegal and dangerous**. Designate a sober operator for your boat to ensure everyone's safety.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p style="text-align: center;">JUNE</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1</p> <p>2 3 4 5 6 7 8</p> <p>9 10 11 12 13 14 15</p> <p>16 17 18 19 20 21 22</p> <p>23 24 25 26 27 28 29</p> <p>30</p>		
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Cinco De Mayo		
12	13	Live M
Mother's Day		
19	20	Burger 4PM C
Pentecost		
26	27	Live M
	Memorial Day	

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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Fines Comm. 7PM GR Cornhole 6:30PM C <i>National Day of Prayer</i>	3 Bingo 6PM C	4 Got It! 4PM A
7	8 Board Workshop 9:30 AM A	9 Finance Comm 10AM A Cornhole 6:30PM C <i>Ascension Day</i>	10 Planning Comm 10:30AM A Welcome/ Orientation 1PM A Bingo 6PM C	11 Boat Club Mtg. 10AM A Tiki Hut Party 3PM C
14 Music 3PM C	15 Board of Dir Mtg 7PM C	16	17 Bingo 6PM C	18 Got It! 4PM A
21 r Burn C	22 TownHall Mtg. 10AM C	23  Full Moon Kayak 7:50PM Founder's Park	24 Bingo 6PM C	25
28 Music 3PM C	29	30	31 DOUBLE BINGO 6PM C	

Weekly Calendar Repeats

AMERICANA COVE WEEKLY Calendar Repeats - Month: May 2024

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	10:00am	Year around GR	
	Line Dancing	11:30-1:00p.m.	Nov-April C	
	Nickel Bingo	1:15pm	Year around C	
	Progressive Rummy	4:00p.m.	Year around A	
	Art Strong	6:00-8:00pm	Nov-April L	
	Cue Club-Men's	6:00p.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		4:00p.m.	Year around A	
Cue Club-Men's		6:00p.m.	Nov-April B	
Crafters		6:00-8:00pm	Nov-April C	
Cards		6:30p.m.	A	
Wednesday:		Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m..	C
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.		
	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.		
	Pokeno	1:00pm	June-Oct C	
	Hand & Foot (cards)	1:00 p.m.	Year round A	
	Cue Club-Women's	6:00p.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		4:00p.m.	Year around A	
Poker Pool		6:00p.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.		
	Poker Pool	6:00p.m.	Year around B	
Saturday:	Bingo	6:00p.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	
	Bocce Ball Pickup	1:00-4:00pm	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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Bocce Club

By Daisy Dean

Our Bocce Season is Winding Down & what a Great Season we had. Don our Vice will continue Bocce for a while until weather gets to Hot. Remember anyone can go anytime to play just remember to respect the courts & leave them as you find them. Balls & Score boards are in brown bin inside the court area.

Our Competitive Bocce Day was a Success with 48 Players signing up:

First Place team, winners were Sandy Shouse, Teri Stallone, John Hansen & Michale DAmbr.

Second Place winners, Linda Baden, Phil Arky, Jake Moore & Frank Brigladora.

Third Place winners, Linda Quince, Karen Bryant, John Whalen & Rick Welch.

Congratulations to all, Also Congratulations to Michele Guccio for Most Improved Player.

Our Banquet held on Saturday April 6th was also a Success with 50 Members in Attendance, Wings, Pizza & Dessert was Served, Thanks for all that helped.

We look forward to another Great Season starting in October & Hoping to do another Fun Bocce Day & everyone will be welcomed. We are also hoping to be Grilling Hamburgers, Hotdogs & have Cold Drinks, Stayed Tuned for more details & time.

Hope you all have a Safe & Healthy Summer & look forward to seeing you in October.



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Happy Mother's Day!



Book Club

By Nan Krueger



In April we read and discussed **The Measure** by **Nikki Erlick**. This was her first novel and it was both charming and very thought provoking.

We are now into May and many of our northern friends have left until the fall. We are reading **Etched In Sand** by **Regina Calcaterra**. This is our last group selection until September.

We continue to meet throughout the summer and discuss any books we are currently reading or have heard good things about.

The list of books we have read, and will be reading, is on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse under the “Friends of the Library” section. It is not yet complete as we vote on additional books throughout the year.

We meet the second Thursday of each month at 1:30 PM in the library. All women residents are welcome to join. Please feel free to stop by, meet us, and of course join us if you would like.

We are meeting on Thursday, May 11 and as always, Happy Reading!!

Buddhism

By John Howell

An extended summer break (family /travel/retreats) till Oct. 3rd. In the interim Dharma teachings will continue to be posted here. Also back by popular demand, a 3-part series on the “best of” expanded: Literature, Music, Movies...



Episodes conclusion: Navigating Huxley’s “Doors of Perception” at 16... (way back Zen); awakening in the “Matrix” while cavorting with a tribe of worthy seekers/explorers, expertly guided by elder Dharma brothers exhibiting a “genuine sacramental attitude”... flirting with ecstatic divine inner guidance... aka (“spiritual DNA upgrades”); conversely finding in the afterglow as ‘Jefferson Airplane’ poignantly sang; “When the (worldly) ‘truth’ is found to be lies and all the joy within you dies... don’t you need somebody to Love?” Ram Dass noted: this is the (“Be Here Now”) moment that is the progenitor to every seekers pursuit of real (Spiritual) Love... Having had (at this critical juncture) the extreme good fortune of finding an authentic lineage holding Satguru; H.H. the 14th Dalai Lama, his brother and benefactor Professor Norbu... (Guru translates as; “Giver of Light”) ... i.e. Enlightenment; thus manifesting in one-cognitive-moment an awakening of (Wisdom/Compassion)... the “Godhead” itself!

Now the practice continues with daily aspirational mantric prayers (morning, noon, and evening) thus fulfilling the Bodhisattva vow with the final yogin/shamanic-Tantrika appellation: “Vajradara“ realized. Ongoing mission: Highlighting the existential threat/crisis to humanity from A.I.

Advice: Life is exceedingly short, avoid wasting it on trivial pursuits, as the Buddha proclaims; (paraphrasing the ‘Diamond Sutra’): “Teaching authentic Dharma is the ultimate quest, providing an unfathomable , nevertheless far reaching benefit to all sentient beings“.

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Yes, the "doors" can be opened but with spiritual resolve one must pass through them (naturally) and face the "dependently-originated/holographic mirror" reflecting "Buddha Nature". May all who seek genuine liberation be so inspired.

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, Israel, and freedom-loving democracies

Namaste

Cornhole Club

By Erika Fitch

Cornhole club's season will be coming to a close Thursday, May 9th and we want to thank everyone for making it a great season. We are going to take a break for a few months and will start back up playing the second Thursday in September. Actual Cornhole Club membership drive will start in November as usual. We will have our first meeting for the season then also. Dues were voted on at our last meeting and will be staying at \$10 a season.

For anyone interested in playing, we play Cornhole on Thursday nights at 6:30 in the clubhouse. We welcome new players anytime. There are a few weeks left to come and join us before our break for the summer.

At intermission we play our new game Air Mail. 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.

We wish all our snowbird friends a great summer and will look forward to seeing you again in the fall. For those of us who live here all year, let it be a time to relax and enjoy ourselves too.

Call Doug or Debbie if you have any questions. (727) 366-4273.



Crafters Club

By Teri Stallone

The Crafters had a wonderful season and have concluded until the end of October. We celebrated our end of season with a birthday themed party to celebrate the birthdays of all crafters. Everyone had a wonderful time enjoying cupcakes, brownies, cookies and ice cream. and playing Bingo for prizes. We are sad to say goodbye to Debbie Lewison as Treasurer. She



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devoted 4 years to this position and we cannot thank her enough. Teri Stallone has moved into the Treasurer position for the coming season. Kathy Schultz will remain President and June Showalter will now be Secretary. We welcome Fran Gorton as Vice President.

Thank you to all the Crafters for their generosity, patience and friendship. We've had such fun and can't wait to begin again this Fall. Keep your eyes open for announcements in the Forecaster and on the Crafters' Facebook page. Also, check out the updated Crafters section on the bulletin board in the clubhouse.

Be safe, stay healthy and enjoy your summer!

Land Exercise

By Daisy Dean



Hi All. As you are reading this I am back home in Canada & probably in the cold, Our 6 months in the Cove goes far to fast.

I am very pleased how the Walking Class grew this year, due to Covid we lost a lot of Walkers & so Happy to see back to normal attendance.

March 22nd we held our Award Morning, Our Mrs. Inspiration went to Sandra Whalen & runner up Sandy Benningfield, after suffering a Stroke. We are Truly Amazed what you both have accomplished & you are an inspiration to us all.

Awards also went to Astrid Dye (for keeping the class going over the summer months, Thank You. Also Roxanne Noling (Most Late) Lisa Ouellette (Best sister in Sweat) Ruth Brownlee (Longest Walker) Laurie Dox (commercial Free T.V.).

Our Guys Joe Pereira, Brent Anderson, Joe & Steve Ouellette also got a Special Treat.

After our Awards Champagne, Orange Juice & Breakfast Treats were served & Huge Thank You to ACA for supplying the treats.

I hope you all have a Safe & Healthy Summer & God Willing see you in October.

Landscape Committee

By Deb Howland and Erika Fitch



We hope that you have had a chance to notice some of the projects that have been done in the Cove the last few weeks. We have had the old bushes in front of the shuffleboard courts and the end of the parking lot removed and replaced with new ones. This was done by Palm Tree Direct. The committee themselves are working on a new area by the clubhouse and hope to have it finished soon. Keep your eyes out for hopefully something that will put a smile on your face when you come for your mail or to attend an event in the clubhouse. All of the palm trees belonging to the Cove have been fertilized by a company contracted by the office.

Just a reminder that if you are planning on doing any landscape projects such as plantings or pavers make sure that you get a landscape request form from the office or off the Cove website. You need to turn in what you plan to do before you start, so that approval can be given. If you do not do this there is a chance you will have to take it out at your expense, if approval

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can't be given for what you have done.

The Landscape Committee meetings usually held each month are now done for the next few months, but the committee will still be hard at work as they are going to be holding work days in place of meetings. Regular meetings will start up again in September. Because of a conflict in the Atrium we will be changing the day and time so make sure you check the Forecaster next September for when the meetings will be.

Live Music

By Libby Hopkins

Hello Everybody!

This month, the traditional **Memorial Day Program** will be held on Monday, May 27, 2024, in the Clubhouse, at 10 AM. Please attend and honor our Veterans of all the wars. **Please come and thank our Veterans for all the sacrifices they made for us.** Help us show them how proud we are of all our men and women Veterans.

We will need at least 20 color guards/volunteers. More news about color guards is coming soon. Check your Volo messages, FB and emails for more information. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse.

There will also be a **sign-up** sheet for **Veterans** in the Clubhouse.

There will be a brief closing ceremony outside, and refreshments will be served afterward.

We hope to see you there!

As always, Live Music Group thanks you for your patronage and attendance of our shows during the season!!



Swim Exercise

By Nancy Olson

Hello everyone! The swim exercise group continues to welcome family and friends to our class. We welcome all and are happy to have you exercising with us!

Again, many, many thanks for the very kind, generous gift I received at our end of season party! What a great time we all had! The food, fun and friendship was second to none! This class is truly an inspiration to me and always will be! I love being the leader!

Thanks to all who helped in the kitchen, served the meal and were our clean up crew for the April 3 ACA luncheon. You were all AWESOME!

Items of interest:

The pool water temp goes to 85 on May 1 for the summer season. It is currently set at 86.

My last day of class is Tuesday, May 21. May 22 starts our summer school session. We will do audio tapes Mon - Sat. There will be no extra 20 minute days while I'm gone. Don't forget to request what you want to do for your birthday; this includes both tapes and oldies. The subs will need 3 days notice in advance for oldies to download music for your special day! A special thanks to Maureen (lead) Diane, Terry and Nan for leading during the summer while I am gone. THANK YOU ladies!! Swimming could not go on during the summer without you!

Please remember to check our group FB page on a daily basis especially for up to date information on weather impacting conditions impacting whether or not we will be able to have class. Our hurricane/tropical/rainy season is quickly approaching, starting June 1.

Have a great summer everyone. Stay healthy and swim exercise often!

See you the end of September!!

Pics include : Deb Lewison Joan Mahoney birthdays and Teri Carlo.



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Shuffleboard Club

By Anthony Daleo

Our year-end banquet at BJ Brewhouse was well attended and enjoyed by our shufflers and their guests.

Our 2023-2024 Shuffleboard Club season is over. Wishing our “snowbird” shufflers safe travels to their homes. Looking forward to seeing them return for the start of our 2024-2025 season!

Meanwhile, we will continue social shuffling on our courts throughout the summer on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays (Hoss Collar) at 10:30 a.m.

All shuffling days are for fun only; please come out and enjoy your summer.

The internet is key to selling homes

By Barefoot Realty Group, Brokerage Agent for Americana Cove

The National Association of Realtors explains that 100 percent of home buyers searched on the internet at some point in their home buying process. Normally, home buyers shop on the internet for the homes they like to see, then they contact a Realtor. Since home buyers are online, we are too!



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- Americanacovehomes Facebook page is another way we showcase homes for sale. As prices change or homes go under contract, the page lets sellers and buyers know the status. The page features homes for sale, events such as open houses and new home information. Check it out!
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By Audrey Dox

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