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ACA News

By Ron Miller

I can't believe it's February already, 2025 is flying by as quick as 2024. I hope that more of our new people in the park would come to our meeting and lunch and learn about a lot of things that the Cove offers.



Our Karaoke is going very well with the new DJ we hired and with have a lot of good singers. It's a good way to spend Sat night with friends and neighbors. Bring something to eat and drink and have fun. Most months it's held on the 3rd of every month but this month it's on Sat. 22nd so come out and have some fun.

Feb.18 will be ACA Burger Burn this helps raise a few bucks which goes back into the Cove's functions. So please come out and support ACA. We work hard for you.

Announcements

Ray Rodriguez – Editor

90's BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Saturday February 15 3:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse

We are excited to announce a very special event for our 90+ residents, family and friends.

We would like to celebrate their many years with us and wonderful memories.

The 90's Birthday Celebration, is to be held Saturday, February 15th.

Doors open at 3:00, dinner at 4:00, program/birthday gifts following dinner/dessert.

The dinner will include: 1 bottle of wine per table, appetizer, Italian dinner, tossed salad, bread/butter, dessert, coffee, hot tea, lemonade.

Any family and friends are welcome to join us. The cost for dinner, wine and entertainment is \$15.00. If you would like to donate or help with the celebration please contact:

Sandy at 814-746-6595, call or text.

Tickets can be purchased from:

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Karen 484-343-6305 at 6909 Mt. Orange.

Thank you and hope to see you there.



Marketing Committee

Fran Hardy

I have concluded that seven out of ten buyers in the Cove are family or friends of existing residents. Following that conclusion, we are our best promoters. The current storms show our strength, we came together and took care of each other.

Much is still needed, but one day at a time, we can get it done. So join us, we meet the first Tuesday in the Club House 1:00.

Fran Hardy - fran.hardy@yahoo.com



Website Committee

Donna Andrews



The Website Committee is actively searching for new members to join their committee. In particular, a new Chair for the Website Committee is needed as the current chair is relocating.

Anyone who is familiar with the Wordpress platform and/or has experience with website building/management would be a great asset to the committee and community.

As a member of the Website Committee team, responsibilities include posting reports in a timely manner, keeping the website informative and fresh looking, writing articles for the monthly Forecaster and keeping the Board of Directors updated on website activity. All of this is done as a team effort.

If interested please contact a member of the Website Committee or call the Business Office for further information. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

Wally Schultz President



Come one, come all to the YAH Luncheon Meeting at 12:00 noon in the Clubhouse. Luncheon will be provided and served courtesy of the Boat Club!

Receive current updates from other clubs, celebrate birthdays and anniversaries and have a relaxing time while socializing with your friends and neighbors. There's also 50/50 and bingo following the meeting.

Volunteers are urgently needed to help with collecting cans in order to sustain funding for the club. We would like to return to being a philanthropic club who donates to worthwhile efforts and assists other activities within the community. Contact Dave Laramée if you have any questions, 845 541 0454.

Veterans

The Flag box in the clubhouse is working very well! It's inside the clubhouse east door. If you are new in the Cove and have served in the military, and not previously signed, please sign up on the ACA board with your name and branch of service. When I get 6 or more names, I place them on the WALL OF HONOR plaque, located in the clubhouse. Be proud of your service! I know I'm proud of mine!



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Art Strong

Judy Daigle



We have been painting up a storm to prepare for our annual Art Strong Exhibition!

Our Event will be held on February 17 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the Library. Artists have created artwork using Watercolor, Acrylic, Pastels and Mixed Media. Come and browse the works of art that our Americana Cove residents have created and possibly even purchase some local artwork. :o} There will be wine and cheese for you to enjoy while looking at different artistic pieces. We will also have a blank canvas for guests to brush on some color and create an Americana Cove masterpiece! Hope you'll join us on February 17.

For anyone interested in painting along for a fun evening, we meet every Monday from 6-8 in the library. You must bring your own supplies that you wish to paint with.. Ex. (Watercolors, brushes, acrylic paint. canvas. etc.) No experience necessary. Abstract art is very popular using paint and a few strokes with a paintbrush.

GOOD FEELINGS

Greetings to everyone and especially to those who have taken a moment to improve their lives by coming to the group hypnosis session from Larizza, Hypnosis here at American Cove. Due to the loss of some of my paperwork in the flood, I do not have the email address of everyone who came to the sessions previously, and I can't contact all of you directly; I'm sorry. So, I'm letting you all know in this short message what is coming up this month (February).



At the session, we'll be working on a behavior I've notice in just about everyone I meet or speak to about self-care and self-improvement (myself included!). It is a behavior that erodes our confidence and our ability to move forward. And, further, we've all been told not to behave this way, so why do we continue? In many cases it is because we do not perceive or believe that we are doing it; in others, it is because we do not think it is so bad for us; in addition, even when we acknowledge it, sometimes we doubt our ability to stop doing it. This behavior becomes automatic and unconscious, a bad combination when something that impacts us negatively is happening. So, what is it? What do you think it could be? You'll find out soon. The quote at the end is a hint.

Next group session at 11 a.m. Tuesday, February 4. Note that the other sessions were on Monday and we are changing the day so that coming to the session is more convenient to some folks. We'll see how it works out. See you Tuesday for a spectacular hypnosis session for your personal benefit and improvement.

For more information, or to schedule a personalized session, please contact Rosan Larizza at 904-866-0903.

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We had wonderful Christmas Elves this year decorating the clubhouse, atrium, billiard room and the game room. It was a lot of work decorating and undecorating. What a great team we had this year. It might be a bit of work, but once everything is up and looking beautiful for all to enjoy, it certainly is worth it. Thank you all again for volunteering!



Welcome New Residents

By Mary Ann Meljac & Cindy Rodriguez



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7300 Americana Drive NE
Prev: Davis

Sunshine Report for December

By Gay McPhee



Dearest Gentle Reader, How marvelous it is to be welcoming February in the midst of our warm clime. Gone are those nasty days of blizzards and frigid temps. Whilst they make lovely photographs, this author never wants to experience the horrid cold of the north again.

February 14th elicits much contemplation of love. Who we love, why we love, inclusive love. Which got me on the path of thinking about second-time-around love. Dearest ones, I'm always intrigued about how couples meet, not that I'm nosey, just curious. And here in the Cove we have many couples who are finding love the second time, mayhaps, even better than the first time. Take for example your Lady Twinkledown who is wedded to the well-known scribe, Sir Andy McPhee. They are members of the second-time-around club—for 28 years! They met doing theater together in the countryside of Connecticut, performing Fiddler on the Roof. When Sir Andy sang Do You Love Me, It was a resounding yes, from this author's lips.

Ladies Gypsy Gaeta and Michael Grucio met in their mid-sixth decade at an RVing Women Rally, and became fast friends over the next year. Since they often showed up in similar clothes and shoes, they decided to merge wardrobes and grow even older together! The then popular dating site,

Match.com, was how Sir Robert and Lady Susan Solomon met in 2010. An attractive widower whose photograph with his darling Shitzu, caught Lady Susan's eye. They decided to rendezvous at Panera Bread of all places, which lingered for 3 hours! And that was all it took to send this couple to the altar!

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And then there was the true second-time-around–the redo. Lady Rosemary Ferrari and Good Sir Jim Zurawski first fell in love when they were mere teenagers, and sadly departed when they were 19 years old. Fifty full years later whilst Lady Rosemary was in the process of getting divorced, she contacted Sir Jim, and they met for dinner, delightfully noting that the sparks were still there! They married in 2017.

And so dear readers, love is where you find it. It's out there whether by a chance act of doing theater, sharing each other's fashion sense, eating fine victuals, or renewing former relationships. And of course, lust must be present. Oh my!

Yours Sincerely, Lady Twinkledown Best wishes to the following celebrating February birthdays and anniversaries.

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02/2 Mary Lou Pribesh
02/3 Gerry Hart
02/3 Polly Kuizel
02/4 Terri Shaw
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02/7 Jan Ernst
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02/8 Ronald W. Miller
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02/7/1992 Melissa & Mark Guiler
02/8/1976 Denise & Jim Nichols
02/13/2003 Pam & Richard Lord
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Boat Club

By Roxanne Noling



Well, 2025 is now under way as Valentine's Day is just around the corner! Just a few details from December 2024, we closed the year with 244 members. The Boat Parade, held December 15th, consisted of 8 star bright & seasonally decorated boats. No judging this year, just some fun on the water for all to enjoy. A special treat this year, as the boats gathered in the basin in front of the Atrium, 30 children from Grace Lutheran Church & School gathered outside the Atrium and joyfully sang seasonal Christmas Carols. What a treat! Thank you Vespers, for including us in your special Program!

New officers were elected at the December 10th meeting as follows: Pres: Deidra Triezenberg, VP: Kathy Williams, Sec: Mike Nixon, Treas: Mike Bourque. Congrats to you all and thank you for volunteering to serve!

We want to thank our outgoing Board for all that they have done for the last 2 years! It is a BIG job, and it takes a village (lots of volunteers) but it also takes good leadership! Dennis Deatherage will continue to be the Beer Meister, and Gypsy will continue to do the 50/50 with a few backups, and Joan Mahoney won \$36 from the 50/50 drawing.

No full moon kayaking for now, but Audrey Dox is always happy to accompany those wishing to kayak, and there are always kayaks available.

The Tiki Parties will resume on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 3pm. Look for reminders and details on our FB page and always remember to bring something to share.

Mark your calendars for the next Island Bash, March 8th. Save your baskets for the Silent Auction, and anything you might have to fill those baskets is greatly appreciated! Happy Valentine's Day to All!! Make it Special!!

Bocce Club

By Daisy Dean



Our Bocce Fundraiser was a Huge Success, Thanks to the 135 people that attended & supporting our Bocce Club. Many Thanks to Astrid Dye & her helpers, Bev Meldrum, Clark & Karen Mackin for preparing a delicious meatloaf dinner. Thanks to Michele Gruccio & Gypsy Greta for doing 3 beautiful Booze Baskets which was all donated by Bocce individuals. Thanks to servers, ticket sellers & cleanup crew.

With Monies raised we are hoping to purchase a few new benches, We do have a lot of chairs but many are broken & needs replacing.

We are having our competitive Bocce Tournament in March, date & details to follow. You must be a member to play in this one.

We play every Sunday from Noon to 4.

If you would like to play come on out & give it a try. We are a fun group.

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Book Club

By Nan Krueger



Our January discussion about **A Psalm For The Wild-Built** by **Becky Chambers** (a fantasy book about the future of humankind and robots) was enjoyable. Our selection for February is **Small Things Like These**, by **Claire Keegan**. This book is historical fiction that takes place in Ireland in the 1980's.

For those of you who may be interested in the Book Club we make our selections for the books as a group. We do not repeat authors during the year and we strive for a variety of genres to keep our reading interesting. As we develop our list of books they will be posted on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse under the "Friends of the Library" section.

We meet the second Thursday of each month at 1:30 PM in the library. Our meetings last approximately 1 ½ hours depending on the depth of our discussion and the number of attendees. All women residents are welcome to join. Please stop by, meet us, and of course, join us if you would like.

This month we are meeting on Thursday, February 13 at 1:30.

Classic Book Club

Wendy Watters and I lead the first meeting of this new book club. We had a good turnout for our first meeting. **East of Eden** by **John Steinbeck** was our selection. We enjoyed the development of the story and the characters. We are very excited to continue with this new venture. February's selection is **For Whom the Bell Tolls** by **Ernest Hemmingway**. Books are selected by the group and will be limited to Classics which we have currently interpreted to mean books that have stood the test of time.

We meet the second Wednesday of each month at 1:30 PM in the library. All residents of Americana Cove are welcome to join. Please stop by to meet us and join if you are interested.

Happy reading and we hope to see you at one of our groups.

Buddhism

By John Howell



Hopefully everyone was able to join us in celebrating an invaluable teaching created at the Florida CraftArt. This blessing for the entire Tampa Bay community in the form of a healing Mandala, meticulously brought into existence one grain of "mantric empowered" colored sand at a time, was made by the Tibetan Monks from the Drepung Gomang Monastery. This occurred the week of Jan 13th, yet can be seen as collaborating nicely with next month's Tantric/Astrology debrief, thus completing the 3 levels of Buddhism's narrative review. Having brought forth an outline of the Theravada (teaching of the Elders) last month, we will take a closer look at the 2nd level; the Mahayana (great vehicle), this month. Some of the key factors of distinction are:

- First and foremost, an emphasis on the concept of a Guru (giver of light) and the creation of a Karmically fortuitous relationship with devotees.

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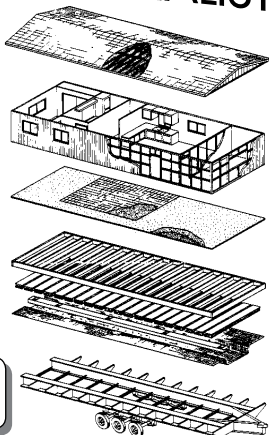
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- This connection (having taken many lifetimes of meritorious work) introduces the concept of a “linage” that harkens back to the historical Buddha, and beyond.
- An unfathomable beyond! ... of further aspiration that includes; the many eons of Buddha fields spoken of in the “Diamond” sutra that populate the “multiverse” since beginningless time.
- The great vehicle also points to an expanded understanding that can be delivered in an expedient fashion/heart to heart chakra, via a direct reflection of the light of Compassion/Wisdom, within the “subtle body”.
- Facilitating enlightenment in one precious lifetime.
- An upgrade into a “non-dual consciousness” transcending mundane reality, transforming it into the requisite “Supramundane” path to Nirvana.
- Yet, the Bodhisattva selflessly remains here in this world (Samsara) while temporarily delaying their own entrance into Nirvana, for the sake of helping others seek complete deliverance.
- This Middle Way approach is currently guided by H.H. the 14th Dalai Lama, my “Sat guru”, a living embodiment of all of the above, and more...
- This “spiritual legacy” thus can be seen as an example...as noted elsewhere.

We acknowledge poignantly; the A.I. fueled social media conquest (that those in the spiritual community around the world have been warning) is now complete. Nevertheless it is our sacred duty to continue to guard and protect the “Dharma” from this unseemly technological driven infiltration, with nefarious attempts at corrupting humanities moral compass. It has now become an open question if even humanities “historical integrity” will survive this existential threat. 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

Crafters Club

By Teri Stallone



The Crafters had a busy month in January creating unique shadow boxes, cigar box succulents, decorative perfume bottles and jewelry. They always have so much fun and do a terrific job!

If you are interested in joining Crafters, you can come on Tuesday nights at 6 (or at 6:30 on Burger Burn night) and pay a \$10 dues for the year. Our sign up sheets for each craft are posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. Sign up for those crafts you'd like to make. You can also join our Crafters Facebook page to receive information about future crafts and events..

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
2 Vespers 4:50PM A <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3 Island Bash Ticket Sales - MEMBERS ONLY 6P-8P C	Self-H 11AM Crafter
9 SuperBowl Party 5PM C Vespers 4:50PM A	10 Landscape Mtg. 10AM A Island Bash Ticket Sales NON-Members 6P-8P	Market 1PM C Live M Crafter
16 Bocce Mtg 4:15PM L Vespers 4:50PM A	17 <i>President's Day</i>	Burger Crafters
23 Vespers 4:50PM A	24 Live M Crafter	

Americana Cove

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Brews & Brats 5PM C Got It! 4PM A
4 ypnosis GR rs 6PM C	5 Shuffle Mtg. 9:30AM A ACA Luncheon 12N C	6 Finance Comm. 10AM A FinesComm 7PM GR Cornhole 6:30PM C	7 Bingo 6PM C	8 Shuffle Breakfast 8AM C Ticket Sales - Island Bash 9AM A = Members Only Boat Club Mtg 10AM A Tiki Hut Party 3PM C
11 ting Mtg. C usic 3PM C rs 6PM C	12 BOD Wkshp 9:30 AM A "Classic" Book Club 1: 30PM L Budget Q&A 6PM C <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i>	13 Book Club 1:30PM L Cornhole 6:30 PM C	14 Bingo 6PM C <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 90's Celebration 3PM C Astrology Mtg 10:30 AM A Got It! 4PM A
18 Burn 4PM C 6:30PM C	19 YAH Luncheon 12N C Board Meeting 7PM C	20 Cornhole 6:30PM C	21 Bingo 6PM C	22 Cornhole Fundraiser Chicken Dinner "TO GO" 4PM C Karaoke 7PM C <i>Washington's Birthday</i>
25 usic 3PM C rs 6PM C	26 TownHall Mtg 11:30AM C Chair Volleyball 3PM C	27 Cornhole 6:30PM C	28 Double Bingo 6PM C	

Weekly Calendar Repeats

AMERICANA COVE WEEKLY Calendar Repeats - Month: February 2025

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.		
	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
Wednesday:	Cards	6:30p.m.		A
	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.		
	Hand & Foot (cards)	1:00 p.m.	Year round	A
	Cue Club-Women's	6:00p.m.	Nov-April	B
	Board Games	6:00pm	Year round	A
	Texas Hold'em	6:30pm		A
Thursday:	Rug Braiding	6:30p.m.	Nov-April	G
	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	4:00pm	Year around	A
	Poker Pool	6:00p.m.	Nov-April	B
Friday:	Cornhole	6:30-8:00 pm	Sept-April	C
	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
	Bingo	6:00p.m.		C
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.		
	Shuffleboard Hoss Collar	10:30am-12:30p.m.		S
Saturday:	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	3:30pm	Nov-April	A
	Bocce Ball Pick-up	1:00pm-5:00pm	Nov-April	BC
	Summer Bocce	2:00pm	June-Oct	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
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Cornhole Club

By Erika Fitch



IS CHICKEN ONE OF YOUR FAVORITES? If so Cornhole will be having a Chicken fundraiser dinner on Saturday, February 22nd in the clubhouse. You will be able to pick up your dinner at the serving window starting at 5 p.m. and then stay to eat your dinner in the clubhouse. There is Karaoke sponsored by ACA at 7p.m. The \$10 dinner will include 2 pieces of chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll & butter and a chocolate chip cookie. BYOB. Tickets must be purchased before the dinner from any Cornhole officer. So come out and make an evening out of eating and singing.

Cornhole is played every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the clubhouse. If you're not sure if you would like to join the cornhole club this season come out and give it a try. It is an easy game to learn and we have lots of fun.

Cornhole club will be holding a double elimination tournament on Saturday, March 1st, starting at 9 a.m. A flyer will be posted on the Cornhole bulletin board in the clubhouse by February 1st with all the details and sign up. If you are interested in participating please make sure to sign up on the bulletin board or contact Doug Howland. Also it will be open to all residents and their guests from the Cove, not just Cornhole club members. We hope you will come out to have some fun and try your luck at winning some cash!!

Our actual Cornhole Club membership drive started in November but you can join at any time during the season. Dues are \$10 for the season.

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 cash in this game. We also have a 50/50 drawing every week.

As you can see Cornhole has a lot going on in the next few months so hopefully you can come out and join in the fun!

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

Land Exercise

By Daise Dean

Our Walking Class is going well with most Snowbirds back. Sadly we had to say Good Luck to our Longtime Walker Astrid Dye who has moved to South Carolina after losing her home to Milton. She will be greatly missed.

I see a lot of new faces in the Park, if you would like to join us we meet in the Clubhouse where we do a different workout most days by different leaders from YouTube. We start at 8am & most Workouts last 45 minutes.

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Landscape Committee

By Deb Howland and Erika Fitch



We would like to thank all those who came out and helped us take down the Cove's Christmas decorations. A few who are not even part of the Landscape committee came and helped too. We appreciate the help from community members. We do have a few repairs to make over the summer but everything is now put away and waiting for next year's Christmas Season.

The Landscape Committee's regular meetings are on the 2nd Monday of each month. Next month's meeting will be Monday, February 10th at 10 a.m. in the Atrium. We hope to see all past members there as well as anyone new who would like to help in keeping our park beautiful by helping with some landscaping projects.

Just a reminder again from the Landscape Committee for all the new residents moving in. If you are planning on doing any landscape projects such as plantings, stone 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. This can happen if approval can't be given for what you have done.

We are looking forward to a few new projects in 2025!!

Line Dancing

By Judy Daigle

We started the year on the right foot.....just like most of our starting steps to a line dance. It's so much fun to exercise, listen to music, laugh with friends and keep your mind and body healthy, all within an hour!

We meet every Monday, in the Library from 11:30 - 12:00 for intermediate dancers and 12:00 -1-00 for beginners. Absolute beginners are welcome any time since we review dances weekly. Hope to see you there!



Live Music

By Libby Hopkins

Hello Everybody!

This month, we have our very special event happening, which you will not want to miss!! We'll be celebrating with the **90s folks** in our park. It is a pleasure to provide the entertainment for their birthday party every year. The **90s Celebration** is an event in which we honor residents in the park who are 90 and above. This year's party is scheduled for Saturday, February 15, 2025. It is a heartwarming event you will want to attend. Anyone can come to help celebrate with our 90+ year old residents. Tickets will be available. Please watch volo, Facebook and other media for specific information.

Then, our last show of the month will be on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 in the Clubhouse, at 3 PM. The Title has not yet been determined, but we will keep you posted.





For those of you who are not familiar with Live Music, 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 and the Refreshments we offer you are **FREE!!!** We work hard to provide an entertaining, fun hour, and we provide snacks, drinks, and sometimes, spiked punch!

We are looking forward to performing for you!!! See you soon!

Shuffleboard Club

Anthony Daleo

At this time, we would like to welcome back our community's snowbirds and remind all of you that we continue to have social shuffling (which is just for fun) on Tuesdays and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Our seasoned shufflers truly enjoy teaching the game's fundamentals to any new residents, who come out to join us.

Our NOVA and Blue Sky teams have begun League Play. Everyone in our community is invited to come out and watch our shuffleboard team members playing on Thursdays and Fridays. If the Americana Cove flag is flying by our courts on these days, our competition against teams from area mobile parks is in progress.

Also, we would like to mention our annual fundraiser, the Pancake Breakfast, which will be held on Saturday, February 8th, 8:00 to 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$6.00 per person...for "all you can eat pancakes", 2 sausages, orange juice, and coffee or tea. We will also have a 50/50 drawing; winner does not have to be present to win. We hope to see you there!

Swim Exercise

By Nancy Olson

Hello everyone! The swim group continues on! We are experiencing the cold snap as everyone is. As I write this article, in the month of January I have already had to cancel 5 days. Looking at the current forecast we will be cancelling even more days during the month. Looking forward to the 55 degrees temps so we can get back in the pool consistently and exercise!

Items of interest:

We had a great New Years Day celebration with mimosas, orange juice, cheese, crackers, fruit and miscellaneous sweets. Thanks again to ACA for contributing the funds to help us out!

We started learning a new tape in January. It is from the We Coach series titled Aqua Fun Interval. Everyone is doing great! This is our second new tape we learned this season. It's been great to add these 2 tapes to our current schedule.

As an ongoing reminder please check our group Facebook page, "Americana Cove Water Fitness Group" on a daily basis, especially during these very cold mornings for class cancellations. \

Happy Valentines Day everyone! ♥

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Pics include birthdays :Joyce Michaels, Holly Carlson, Nancy Olson, Robert Solomon, Karen Billups and New Years Day photos





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Strong buyer's market: What does that mean?

By Barefoot Realty Group, Brokerage Agent for Americana Cove

The new year has begun and buyers are in the driver's seat. Homes are going under contract but sellers are seeing lower offers from buyers since there is more inventory available. "If there were fewer homes for sale, buyers would have more urgency to purchase," explains Broker Marty Pozgay. "But it's normal to have more homes for sale during season as this is the time that many homeowners put their homes on the market."

From 2021 through 2023, there was a seller's market where the inventory was low creating an urgency for buyers to purchase. Beginning in June 2024, the market turned as more homes went on the market. Then when the St. Petersburg area saw two back-to-back hurricanes in October 2024, the market paused for a month as homeowners decided whether to sell or repair their homes.

The sales during 2024 began strong but fell during October with the hurricanes. In spite of no closings occurring in October 2024, which was a first for the community in 10 years, there were 43 homes sold during the year and the highest priced paid for a waterfront home was \$591,000 in January 2024 followed by \$499,000 for another waterfront property that closed in March 2024.

Comparing this sales activity to 2023, there were 49 homes sold and the highest price paid was \$485,000 for a waterfront property.

Although waterfront pricing garners attention, the average home price was \$204,000 in 2024 and \$228,000 in 2023. "We find that Americana Cove is unique in that each home is different so values vary," says Pozgay. "One of the positive comments that we receive from buyers is that there seems to be a home for everyone, no matter what price range a buyer is in."

In spite of hurricanes and the rebuilding process, the year ended strong with eight home sales in November and December 2024 and has started strong with five closings occurring so far in January 2025. Many buyers like to purchase in Americana Cove because they know their home values will hold and there will always be a market for selling their home.

Pozgay notes, "In spite of two hurricanes, the community is stronger than ever and that will serve residents well who are wanting to sell in a buyer's market."

Vespers

By Audrey Dox

Vespers 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.

Speakers for February:

Feb 2 Brian Brinks, Methodist Pastor

Feb 9 Jackie McMillan, retired Methodist Pastor

Feb 16 John Underwood, Woodlawn Presbyterian Church

Feb 23 Rebecca Lehman, Methodist Pastor

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This past December 15 was a joyous celebration day for Vespers. We were blessed to have two local youth guest choirs sing Christmas music at our service. The students from Grace Lutheran Christian School even went outside to the dock to sing for the boaters as they prepared for the annual boat parade! Following the service, the youth continued with singing and performing as we enjoyed sandwiches and refreshments and fellowship together.

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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*



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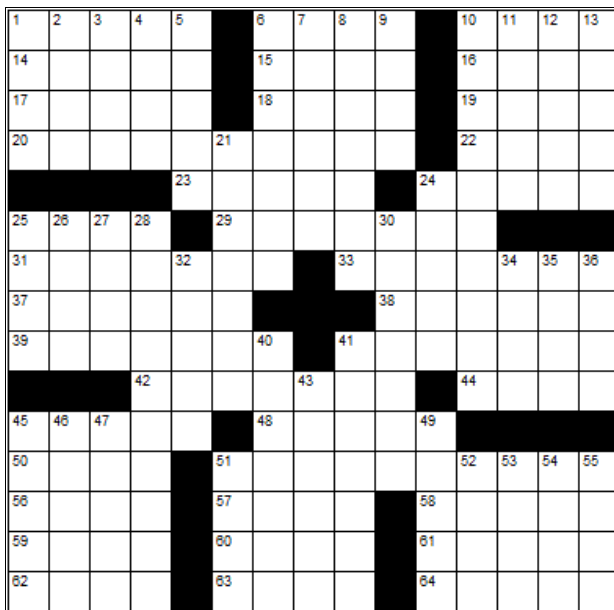
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Carport Sale Feb. 1, 2025. East Bay Oaks and Eldorado Village. 601 Starkey Rd and 2505 East Bay Dr. 8am-2pm. NO EARLY BIRDS	DORAL VILLAGE YARD SALE BIZAAR, Saturday, February 22nd, 8am -1pm, 29250 US Hwy 19N, Clearwater. Furniture, Clothing, Linens, Books, Electronics, Glassware, Jewelry, Kitchen Items, Baked Goods, Lunch, and Great Raffles and Prizes!	Ranch Mobile Park, Park-Wide Yard Sale, Saturday, March 1, 2025, 8:00am -2:00pm at: 6800 - 150th Ave. N., Clearwater (Largo)
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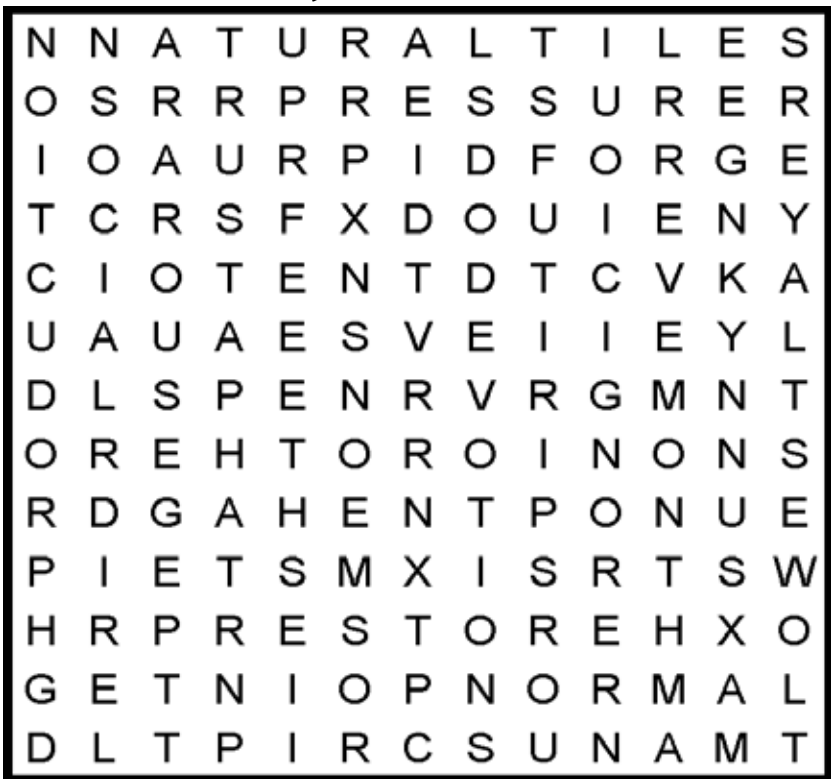
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