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#### In Remembrance of John Hill

By Nancy Hill

n June 22nd, John Hill went home to be with the Lord. He was a true servant of God; and he so enjoyed writing the monthly prayer. As chaplain, visiting hospitals, nursing homes and shut-ins was a pleasure for him. The Holy Spirit truly led him to pray just the right prayer for each person he visited.

John will be truly missed by all of us. We thank you for your service, John.

#### **Prayer**

By Lainey Nelson

Teavenly Father,

We give you thanks and praise for the beauty that surrounds us – the ocean, the flowers, and the birds that sing loudly.

We are in the middle of summer, the dog days of August (although our summer started months ago). This is the time for beaches, vacations, barbeques, pools, and fun gatherings with family and friends.

Sometimes our activities are interrupted by a sudden summer storm that passes quickly. We take cover; and then the skies turn blue again and the sun shines. This is part of summer in Florida.

We have personal storms that impact our lives and do not pass quickly, if at all. The loss of a life partner, family, and friends happens more frequently as we age. A major illness that affects our lives permanently or the death of a much loved pet – these are just some of our storms. This is when we must put our trust in You, God, to bring us through these times. Grant peace, healing, and comfort in the midst of these storms. Guide and encourage us to reach out to those around us who are going through a difficult time with support and prayer. Help us to weather these storms and find blue skies and a rainbow. Amen.

#### Vice President's Message

By Beverly Baker

#### **OUR COMMITMENT AS RESIDENTS**

**Read and comply with Americana Cove's governing documents.** These documents define such things as how we are organized and conduct business, comply with legal requirements, and conduct ourselves as residents. Make sure you understand and follow what's included in the rules and regulations.

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# A Complete Listing of Resident Services can be found on the page before your calendar



**Provide current contact information to the office.** You may need to be reached in an emergency and to receive mailings of important community information. If you rent out your home, provide contact information for your tenants also for use in an emergency. Ensure the office knows whom to contact if there is an issue with your home when you are not in residence.

Maintain your property according to established standards. The community's appearance can add value to all the homes within it—including yours. So it's important to keep landscaping neatly groomed and your home's exterior well-maintained.

Treat association leaders honestly and respectfully. Board members are homeowners—just like you—who have volunteered to give their time and energy freely to govern the community. While you should share your concerns about the community with them, do so in a way that's constructive, informative and helpful.

Attend board meetings and vote in community elections. Board meetings are open to all who wish to sit in and keep up with issues under discussion. Your voice and vote can affect important issues.

Pay association assessments and other obligations on time. Your regular assessments pay for common-area maintenance, amenities and other shared expenses. If you don't pay on time, the burden for paying your portion of the association's bills, like water, electricity and trash removal, falls on your neighbors. Contact a board member or the manager, if you're having problems, to discuss alternative payment arrangements.

Ensure that tenants, visiting relatives and friends adhere to all rules and regulations. If you are leasing your home, you're liable for maintaining the condition of the home and for the behavior of those who live in it. Make sure to screen tenants thoroughly, and familiarize them with the community's rules.

#### Manager's Message

By Jane Jarlenski

<u>Manager's Meeting</u> – I will be in the Atrium on Wednesday, August 2nd, for a Meet the Manager Meeting. I invite you to come and share your thoughts and concerns.

<u>Gate Options</u> – A representative from Envera Systems will be attending the Manager's Meeting to explain how Envera operates. As most of you know, the board of directors is in the process of investigating options for the entrance gate. One of those options is a hybrid of our current gate staff and a virtual gate attendant. Interested residents will have an opportunity to see a short video on Envera (virtual attendants) and ask questions.

<u>South Boat Ramp</u> – The South Boat Ramp is now a destination! There is a covered swing and picnic pavilion that offer shade. One of the recently purchased dog waste stations was installed there a few months ago.

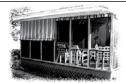
<u>Names</u> – We have a few areas that need names. What do you call that nice grassy area with a gazebo across from the Mt. Piney laundry & Hobby Shop? What about the South Boat Ramp, now that is has a pavilion and swing--should we call the location something else?

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<u>Guests</u> – Residents, please remember you are required to be with your guests when they use the common area facilities. This includes the **swimming pool**, **clubhouse**, **billiard room and boat ramps to name a few.** 

Residents should ensure they are placing aluminum in the recycle bins that are for aluminum, etc. The Old Timers have found, tin cans, medication bottles, trash and pet waste in the aluminum recycling bins. The Old Timers are volunteers that recycle aluminum items in order to generate the necessary funds to prepare luncheons on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday, during the season. These hardworking volunteers should not be required to take the time to sort trash while providing their service.

<u>Dog Walk</u> – New grasses and mulch have been added to the dog walk area. With all the rain we have had this summer, the grass has begun to grow in the dog park too!

The business office will be closed Monday, September 4th, for the Labor Day Holiday. That is all I have for August!

#### **Hurricane Categories Explained**

#### Category 1:

The lowest hurricane level, maximum sustained winds are between 74-95 mph. Still considered dangerous but typically no substantial damage to structures other than unanchored mobile homes.

#### Category 2:

Maximum sustained winds between 96-110 mph. Roof and siding damage can occur; shallowly rooted trees can be snapped or uprooted. Some damage to windows, doors, and roofing materials, but no major destruction other than to exposed mobile homes. Flooding can be expected in low-lying areas.

#### Category 3:

Maximum sustained winds of 111-129 mph, first level of major hurricane status. Large trees can be blown down; well-constructed frame homes could sustain major roof and siding damage, mobile homes can be destroyed. Extensive flooding can occur inland and may destroy smaller structures. Super storm Sandy was a memorable category 3 hurricane in 2012. It was the deadliest and most destructive hurricane of the 2012 season.

#### **Category 4:**

Maximum sustained winds of 130-156 mph; extensive damage to roofs, windows, and doors, with complete failure of roofs on many smaller residences (mobile homes completely Continued on page 10



destroyed). Terrain may be flooded far inland. Joaquin was a category 4 hurricane in 2015 with 155 mph winds.

**Category 5:** 

Rare but the most severe, they generate winds of 157 mph or higher and cause catastrophic damage; buildings can be completely destroyed. Flooding can cause major damage even very far inland. Memorable category 5 hurricanes include Andrew (165 mph in 1992), Katrina (175 mph winds in 2005) and Matthew (165 mph winds in 2016).

#### **Hurricane Preparedness**

uggested practices to ensure you're prepared for hurricanes and severe storms:

#### Now

- Re-read your insurance policy. Know what is covered and what isn't, how much your deductible is, and whom to contact in case you ever need to file a claim. The Business Office can download a copy of your insurance declaration page to your account file so you will always be able to access it. Simply provide a copy to us when your insurance is renewed each year.
- Store non-perishable food and drinking water. Severe storms can hinder your access to roadways, which can keep you from grocery stores. Power failures at water treatment plants can compromise water quality. You need to bring food and water with you if you evacuate to a shelter.
- Check flashlights and generators. Be sure they are in good working condition and keep extra batteries on hand. Stock up now before there is a large demand with an approaching storm
  - If you keep a boat at or near the coast, decide where you will move it if necessary.
  - Learn all official evacuation routes inland.
  - Trim trees and shrubs to minimize damage from falling or flying branches.
  - Pick up a Severe Storm Guide from the Business Office.
  - Sign up for a special needs shelter, if you will need assistance evacuating.

#### When a watch is posted in your area

- Tune to radio or TV news, or a NOAA weather radio for official updates.
- Adjust your VOLO Village setting to allow for weather alerts in the area.
- Fill your vehicle fuel tanks
- Withdraw some extra cash in case a power failure disables ATM's
- Stock up on first aid supplies and medications
- Secure outdoor objects such as garbage cans, patio furniture, kayaks, bicycle and gardening supplies or ladders that could become projectiles in heavy winds.
  - When a warning is posted in your area
  - Pay close attention to news outlets and weather radio for official bulletins.
  - Close storm shutters or cover windows with plywood.

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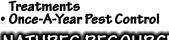
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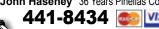
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  - Obey commands from local officials evacuate immediately if ordered.
- Notify neighbors and family of your evacuation plan so they are able to reach you if needed.
- If you do evacuate, don't return until the area is declared safe by local officials Use the text feature on your phone to contact relatives; text messaging will work when the phone lines are jammed.

#### **ACA News**

By Libby Hopkins

## "The month of August had turned into a griddle where the days just lay there and sizzled." — Sue Monk Kidd, The Secret Life of Bees

Hello Everybody!

It is really hot and steamy!! And all is well here at the Cove. We had a nice party last month to celebrate July 4th. Now night swimming in the pool is the name of the game. Folks gather after the heat of the day has diminished, and we have snacks and drinks. It is very festive.

Many of my neighbors are up north, and my street feels quite empty. Some people have only left for a week or two, and others for longer. Things have definitely slowed down here. The pace is dreamy and languid. August's sleepy charm is on me!!

Wishing you a wonderful, relaxing month!

#### **Welcome New Resident**

By Nancy Hubartt

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Abram, Paul C. & Laura L. 202 Mt. Piney Ave. NE Previously: Sheppard

Weissman, Mark S. (AZ) 203 Mt. Isle Ave. Previously: Bickhart Williams, Joel R. (OH) 300 Mt. Piney Ave. Previously: Dion

Fitch, Joseph P. (CA) 7118 Mt. Deleon Rd. Previously: Brunelle





#### **Sunshine Report for July 2017**

By Nancy Hubartt

#### **Deaths**

Paul Henkel John Hill

#### **Nursing Homes**

Mary Boyd Winifred Diederich Germaine Levkulich Bon Secour Maria Manor Bon Secour Maria Manor Bon Secour Maria Manor

#### **August Birthdays**

01 Mark Moran 01 Ray Krapf

02 Marilyn Waltz

02 Charles Hansen

02 Nancy Horner 02 Laura Abram

03 Dorrance Howland

03 Clifford Birtcher

03 Lainey Nelson

05 Jo Bourque

06 Susan Audy

08 Kim Nemi

09 Irene Brandmark

12 Barbara Young

12 Bob Hall

14 Diana Rogers

14 Donna Tanner

14 Ron Sellers

15 Tom Constant

15 Betty Penn 15 Mel Corey

16 Liz Klassen

16 Steve Howard

17 Nelson Taylor

17 Roger Girard

17 Frances Epilone

20 Libby Hopkins

20 Nancy Roberts

20 Cheryl Pavelka

22 Jo Waldron

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12 Toni & Jeff Jones	11 years
14 Joanne & Al Rolston	46 years
15 Chuck MacDonald & Mike Walsh	31 years
16 Maureen & John Karam	37 years
16 Carolyn & Jim Reising	49 years
17 Donna & Mark Peacock	49 years
20 Joanne & Tom Wallace	51 years
22 Diane & Roger LaRochelle Jr.	30 years
24 Georgette & George Meade	23 years
30 Jerry & Mike Regan	60 years
30 Helga & Robert MacPherson	64 years
30 Connie & Larry Wysong	51 years



#### **Red Hat Chilies News**

By Adele Seaman

Thank you all,
Thank you to everyone who brought food, beautiful gifts, came to visit me in the
Hospital and Rehab, flowers and walked my dog Shelby. As for my dog, a big thank you
to Becky and Ruth who still are walking him and he loves it. While I was in Bon Secures for
two weeks, Joyce Wollerman was also a patient. It helped us to talk about old times.

We are so lucky to live in Americana Cove.

Red Hat Chilies {Finally}

Lunch Tuesday Aug. 15th. We will meet at the Clubhouse by 11:30 AM to go to Gigi's on 4th St N. Rides will be available.

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Thursday Aug. 31st, 6:30 PM in the Clubhouse.

Please remember to bring your pennies to play with and a snack to share.

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#### Terri's Horoscope for August 2017

By me, Terri Mottl

**LEO** (07/23-08/22) The spotlight is on you....will you be famous or will you be infamous? Will you create or destroy? Just know that whatever you do this month will last at least six months.

**VIRGO** (08/23-09/22) Your carefully laid plans will be disrupted and what you thought was....wasn't. You can hide or you can go with the flow. I recommend the flow...new life awaits!

**LIBRA** (09/23-10/22) It's lively; it's exhausting; it's exhilarating; it's challenging; it's exciting; it's hopeful; it's life....and it's all yours!

**SCORPIO** (10/23-11/21) If you think everyone around you is at cross purposes, you're absolutely right. So, is it your job to keep everybody happy? Absolutely not!

**SAGITTARIUS** (11/22-12/21) Don't recreate decisions that weren't particularly wise the first time around. Opportunities are knocking, but be vigilant of false prophets.

**CAPRICORN** (12/22-01/19) The bottom line is not always the REAL bottom line, but it's a good place to start. You're on the right road to fiscal solvency...just don't get ahead of yourself.

**AQUARIUS**: (01/20-02/18) Love makes an appearance and a possible commitment is in the wind. Are you in the market for a full life partner, or should you get yourself a puppy? Either could be quite fulfilling.

**PISCES** (02/19-03/20) Step up to the plate and you'll hit out of the park; or sit quietly in the bleachers and you'll catch yourself a fly ball. Either way, you can't lose this month!

**ARIES** (03/21-04/19) No stopping you this month! Wanna sky dive? Go for it! Need to save the world? Have at it! You've got the "go" and there's no napping about it!

**TAURUS** (04/20-05/20) Love, change, challenge....and all in one package...or, maybe three packages all in one box, but they're all addressed to you. Now, will you open them or not?

**GEMINI** (05/21-06/20) You get it, you know it, and you understand it. All you have to do is say it. Say it in writing, say it out loud or say it with flowers....just do it.

**CANCER** (06/21-07/22) Your passion can be your success if you let it bubble forth. What you love will love you back and fill your bank account with proof.



#### **Boat Club News**

By Jill Moe

Boat Club members continue to have fun through the summer. Pot-luck finger foods at the Tiki Hut, planning for future activities, and getting together just to have fun are always on the agenda. Jolee Rengo is looking for volunteers for help out in planning the Island Bash scheduled for March 10, 2018. Sign-up sheets are posted in the Clubhouse or you can call her (727-525-1250). Pat Ley reported that 4 kayaks and 1 boat enjoyed a beautiful "strawberry moon" on June 9th. If you are interested in kayaking by the light of a full moon August 7, please contact Pat Ley (727-527-3561) or Ted Meljac (727-366-9453). The Boat Club meets the second Saturday of the month at 10 AM in the Atrium. Contact Ted Meljac (727-366-9453) or Linda Quince (727-592-1362) for more information about having some summer fun. Please join us at our next meeting August 12, 2017; membership is \$10 per person.

#### **Library News**

By Jill Moe

hanks to Jane's suggestion and Paula's handy work, looks like people are enjoying the jigsaw puzzle in the Library.

Our Classic section (bottom shelf on the right of the TV) is growing.

Many thanks to all who have been donating DVDs, CDs, and Audio books. The shelves are filling in with lots of new reading and listening. If you are looking for something in particular or just can't find it, please don't hesitate to call us. We can either direct you where to look or even pull it aside for you. If you have any suggestions or ideas for improvements, please don't hesitate to contact us and "we can talk".

Thanks to all who donate and/or help to make Americana Cove's Library one of the focal points to new residents. Enjoy the rest of the summer - it's gonna get busy soon!

#### **Reading Club News**

By Jill Moe

ooks and discussion and interesting conversation. Come and join in with the Readers Club (dates are subject to change).

**November 16 - Waves of Mercy by Lynn Austin** 

December 14 - The Silent Sister by Diane Chamberlain

January 18 - The Red Tent by Anita Diamant

February 8 - Winter of the Worlds by Ken Follet

March 8 - Loving Frank by Nancy Horgan

**April 12 - The Forgotten Garden by Kate Morton** 

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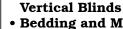
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#### **Swim Exercise**

By Nancy Olson

Lello everyone! Can't believe it is already August! The swim exercise group continues to have really good attendance. We are still very much in the rainy season; so please be guided by the guidelines that were covered in the July Forecaster concerning thunderstorms, etc. Maureen has sent an email to the City of St. Pete asking about the siren that goes on at Mangrove Bay Golf Course. It hasn't been working for some time, and it sure was nice to count on that for guidance. She has not heard back yet; when she does, we will keep you posted. A big thank you goes out to my subs in the summer: Maureen, Terry, Diane and Susie!! You all have been wonderful teaming together to make sure exercise days are covered. You are all the BEST! Have a great August everyone!!!

#### **Welcoming New Residents**

By Barefoot Realty Group, Brokerage Agent for Americana Cove

Tothing is more wonderful to hear than when we are touring new home buyers around the community and they tell us that they have heard that Americana Cove is a very friendly community. What a great reputation to have!

We asked new resident Jill Daugherty, who along with her husband Randy purchased a home a year ago, about helpful tips that residents can do for newcomers to the community. It is easy to forget what it feels like to be a new resident and how small gestures go a long way to making someone feel welcomed. Her comments are below:

Upon seeing a new face in the community, have you asked yourself, "Where did they move from and are they 'year-rounders' or 'snow-birds'?" It's natural for all of us to wonder, not necessarily being nosy, but just being curious as to who our new neighbors are. A plate of cookies or just a stop-in to say "Welcome" are such nice gestures. The best way to get to know your neighbors is to let them know that we were all new faces at one time. Show the new faces who we, as residents of Americana Cove, really are. Answer any questions that they may have or direct them to the person who may have the answer if you don't have one. Everyone needs a "go to" person especially when in a new environment. If you can be that "go to" person, it is worth the friendships created!





#### THE LAST WORD

By Terri Mottl

ark Nixon is NOT Shirley Temple's brother! He's quirky and opinionated and sassy, and his excellent sense of humor drips with satire and sarcasm. Although we often see him zipping around the community dealing with one project or another, he is NOT a social creature; you will not find him dancing at the club house or playing Parcheesi in the Atrium. As a matter of fact, if you invite him, he'll actually laugh at you for your effort! He is what he is, and what he is is a man with a brilliant mind and an altruistic heart. Look around you and you'll see evidence of Mark everywhere....in the computers that run smoothly after he's repaired them for us; in our web site; in the pool we enjoy every day; in our new water lines and resurfaced roads; in the lucky people who know how to use their computers after taking his classes; on our list bot, and on and on and on.

And now, Mark is in trouble. Some serious and mysterious thing has attacked his health and well-being and taken him away from his home and his beloved kitties. Mark needs our support and our prayers. It is time to stand up for the man who has stood behind us in so many ways.

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#### **Helping Hands News**

By Joyce Clark

Your body and walking - Did you know that ----

Walking just two hours a week can reduce your risk of having a stroke by 30%.

Walk around your house, walk early in the AM or early evening. Be careful of heat and use bug protectors.

Walking 40 minutes three times a week protects the brain region associated with memory and planning. Walk with someone and share memories or plans for the future.

Walking 30 minutes every day can reduce symptoms of depression by 36%. While walking, look for pleasant sights and sounds – birds and bunnies, water, fish, dolphins and manatees.

Walking 3,500 steps a day reduces your risk of diabetes. Burn those calories!

Walking 75 minutes a week briskly can add almost two years to your life. More birthday parties!

Walking 30 to 60 minutes most days of the week drastically lowers your risk of heart disease.

Lowers your blood pressure and increases your circulation.

Walking four hours a week can reduce hip fractures. Improves your balance, helps build stronger bones.

Walking one hour a day can cut your risk of obesity in half.

It doesn't matter where you walk – in the pool, in a mall, outside with a friend or at home. Every step counts to keep you mobile. Walking is ridiculously simple, astonishingly powerful, scientifically proven by study after study. Sneaking in a few minutes every day can transform your health, body and mind. Be safe, stay hydrated, and use lights at night.

Reminders: If someone falls and cannot get up without help, you can call 911 and they will send help. There is no charge for this service, and it is safer than having friends try to help only to hurt themselves.

Dr. Fred Clark will be here Wednesday, August 16, for our monthly meeting in the clubhouse at 3:30 PM. Join us for medical information and bring questions and introduce your friends to this great forum.



#### Traditional books are alive and well

Publishers and traditional readers alike have long been worried about the rise of electronic books as sales of Amazon's Kindle and other devices have grown, but their concerns may have been at least somewhat overblown. New studies suggest that the growth of e-book sales is leveling out—and possibly declining.

According to the Chicago Tribune website, during the first nine months of 2016 e-book sales dropped by 18.7 percent compared with the same period a year earlier. On the other hand, hardcovers, paperbacks, and audiobooks did not suffer a similar decline. In the same time frame, e-books' share of the total market fell to 17.6 percent from 21.7 percent. In addition, sales of hardcover books in 2016 outpaced e-books for the first time in five years.

Don't panic—books don't look like they're being replaced any time soon.

#### **More Americans taking advantage of technology**

he digital revolution continues gaining ground, according to the Pew Research Center. Seventy-seven percent of Americans own a smartphone, a figure that's almost doubled since Pew began tracking smartphone ownership in 2011.

Similarly, broadband access is on an upswing, with home broadband service rising 6 percent in 2016 (after a slight decline from 2013 to 2015). In November 2016, nearly three-quarters (73 percent) of Americans reported having broadband service.

Finally, 69 percent of U.S. adults are using social media, especially young people—86 percent of 18- to 29-year-olds are on at least one social media platform.

#### **New hope for headache sufferers**

luster headaches, such as migraines, are rare, but they can cause intense pain to the people (mostly men) who suffer from them.

But there's hope. According to the NBC News website, the Food and Drug Administration has recently approved a device known as the vagus nerve stimulator for treatment of cluster headaches. Sufferers place the small device, named gammaCore, against the neck and send a mild electrical stimulation to the vagus nerve—a large nerve that runs from the brain to the colon. The jolt disrupts signals along the nerve, reducing the pain.

Vagus nerve stimulation is already used to treat ailments such as epilepsy and depression. Gammacore, manufactured by the organization electroCore, is available in Europe, but electroCore plans to begin offering it in the United States later this year.

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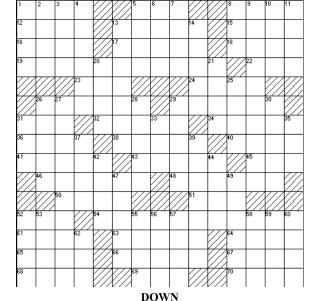
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- 30. Directed
  - 31. Fifty-six in Roman numerals
  - 33. Mineral bearing rock
  - 35. T
  - 37. Region 39. Furnish

- 20. A language of Pakistan and 42. A river in Spain 44. Ketch

  - 47. Words of a song
  - 49. A baby's undies
  - 52. Partially decayed vegetabl
  - matter
  - 53. A Tuscan island
  - 55. Pleased
  - 56. Assistant
  - 57. Bother persistently
  - 58. Magma
  - 59. Fifty-seven in Roman
  - numerals
  - 60. Shout
  - 62 Snake-like fish



1. Reflected sound

5. A Semitic people

10. Genus of the dogfish

11. Actor Connery

14. Swelling under the skin

3. Marketplace

6. Flexible tube

4. Not later

7. Assert

8. Macaws

9. Marginal

13. Degrades

2. Place

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