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President's Message

By Ginny Marcott



It has been a long month with all the changes in our lives due to the pandemic. The park emptied out faster than when we get a hurricane warning. We have all had to make major changes to follow the statements from our President, Governor and Mayor. We lost our newspaper delivery 5 days a week and we scrambled to find toilet paper, sanitizer and face masks.

But through it all we have made so many adjustments and have weathered this storm like we didn't know we could. Our lives will be changed forever and this is one time I am glad I am old. I don't have to worry about no paycheck. As a matter of fact my social security check looks pretty good right now. I don't have children to worry about feeding or home schooling. I don't have to worry about a car payment, school loans or household bills being due with no paycheck. Instead my big worries were when will the pool finally open, when can I use the library and when will the clubs start up again.

We have been through a lot in a short time and I am so proud of the wonderful community we live in. People helping their neighbors, dropping off items for shut ins, offering to pick up items for ones who couldn't get to the store.

Hopefully nothing will ever happen like this again but if it does we know we have the strength to get through it. We are stronger and much wiser than we were a month ago. Thank you for the faith everyone had in the boards decisions and please know we worked together as a team to make these changes that have altered our lives.

Manager's Message

By Ryan Osburn



Hopefully, by the time you read this article, we will be returning to some of the summer activities we usually enjoy. Things like pool time, shuffleboard, community events, dining out, watching baseball at the Trop or on TV and more have been sorely missed.

I know that like me, your lives have been turned upside down by the COVID-19 virus. The management team and Board of Directors have had to make difficult decisions about re-opening our facilities and we appreciate the patience and understanding you have shown through this situation. Please know that we all want everything to be open and "business as usual" around here and we are working diligently to resume activities as quickly and safely as possible.

I hope this message finds you well and will look forward to seeing you at a future event!



ACA News

By Ron Miller

What can you say about the last few months, COVID-19. It has closed everything and changed just how we do things! ACA donated \$200 to the St. Pete F.D. at Fossil Park, that is the station who takes care of our park. The fireman used that money to buy food when they work 24hr shifts. It's just a small way we at the COVE can say THANKS for what they do.

We have lost out on a number of Burger Bruns because of the shut down, they should start up again in Sept. with any luck. Everyone seems to like them, so we will try to keep them going. We also missed out on the Block Party, I will see what we can come up with later on in the year.

I hope everyone as got through the hard times, no one has killed their partner! I don't think that I have never spent so much time with my wife as I have in the last four months. That's not a bad thing, but I always had something to do. I even had to buy another TV!!!! Hope everyone is safe. Keep a smile on your face.

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By Mary Ann Meljac & Cindy Rodriguez

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By Nancy Hubartt



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01 Nick Misciagna
01 Edward Lavoie
02 Mary Petersen
03 Sharon Kronsperger
05 Carol Risley
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06 Kim Bonney
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30 Donna Willard



June Anniversaries

04 Rita & Paul Legere 60 years
06 Nita & Tom Lambert 23 years
12 Linda & Terry Campbell 44 years
12 Pat & Elmer Bentley 44 years
12 Janet & Ronald W. Miller 39 years
14 Lori & Dave Casey 45 years
18 Sue & Paul Line 26 years
21 Connie & Dave Panach 21 years
30 Kathy & Greg Cindric 15 years
30 Ann & Philip Joseph 2 years





A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic

Most Merciful and Triune God,
We come to You in our weakness.
We come to You in our fear.
We come to You with trust.
For You alone are our hope.
We place before You the disease present in our world.
We turn to You in our time of need.
Bring wisdom to doctors.
Give understanding to scientists.
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.
Bring healing to those who are ill.
Protect those who are most at risk.
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.
Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal Home.
Stabilize our communities.
Unite us in our compassion.
Remove all fear from our hearts.
Fill us with confidence in Your care.



Amen.

Announcements

By Ray Rodriguez – Editor



*Standing united we shall prevail,
and coming together we all will hail,
we've survived,
and stand shoulder to shoulder once again.*

Standing united we all stood up to the devastation brought on by 9/11 at the hands of terrorist. We rolled up our sleeves and went to work to not allow terrorism to show its ugly head again on the scale of 9/11. While that attack brought on change to our daily lives we made the necessary adjustments and moved on.

We will defeat this pandemic as well, make the necessary adjustments and move on.

As we begin to reopen our Clubhouse, Swimming Pool, Shuffleboard Courts, Tiki Hut and all the Clubs and activities, I urge everyone to follow the guidelines set forth by ACA Management, the Board of Directors and Club leaders. Together they have compiled a list of guidelines to safely reintroduce our activities into our daily lives. Please respect those guidelines and respect the space of others, particularly those who may be anxious in rejoining our groups.



As of today, there have been no reported cases of anyone in American Cove contracting Covid-19, we must be doing something right, I applaud everyone, lets keep up the good work.

I'm looking forward to standing shoulder to shoulder with everyone and joining in on our activities.

Something to Consider

By Bart Beal

Did you find yourself being anxious when the coronavirus hit, especially before you came to a better understanding of the situation? Have you felt down at times because of the restrictions; not being able to visit family, not being able to worship in community, being lonely, and not being able to simply get out and go? Do you worry about your family's and others' health and welfare? I have to admit that at times I have let it get to me.



When we take a hard look at this, we realize that it is emotionally the same as many challenges we face in life - some much worse. These feelings are normal, but there are things we can do to help us to not live in fear and to move forward when life throws things at us?

- Stay busy. Being idle just gives you more time to worry about the worst, which rarely happens. In the Cove this can mean riding your bicycle, taking a walk, kayaking, working on a project, starting a new hobby, volunteering - doing whatever you are able to do.
- Help others. There is no better therapy for depression and anxiety than helping others. Helping others makes you feel good and takes your focus off yourself. It's a great spirit booster. If you are able, buy groceries or do a project for someone. Be a volunteer. Just about anybody can be a friend and encourager.
- Be thankful. Thankfulness puts life into perspective. It's difficult to recount all the things you are thankful for and feel sorry for yourself at the same time. We all have much to be thankful for.
- Develop an eternal perspective - a Christian world view. When you have an eternal perspective, nothing this world deals you looks as bad. Life here is very short compared to eternity. When you look toward an eternal life of peace and joy, you can face life's challenges much easier.

Don't live in fear. Living in fear is not living. Be smart and take care of yourself, but live!

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Crafters Club

By Debbie Lewison

Hello Crafters, thanks to all those who helped make masks for our community and Publix. It was very much appreciated and generous of all of you!



The new officers are very excited to try some new crafts once things are back to normal. The new officers are Cathy LaVelle, President; Judy Daigle, Vice President and Debbie Lewison, Secretary/Treasurer. Feel free to contact any of us with craft ideas you'd like to try or explore. Check the bulletin board for any announcements and schedule of activities once restrictions are lifted.

Stay safe!

Boat Club

By Mary Ann Meljac

Another month is behind us and COVID-19 is still rearing its ugly head. I would like to commend Americana cove residents for a job well done! Families are missing graduations, weddings, birthdays and even funerals, but thanks to modern technology, the virtual world of communication is keeping some sanity in our lives. Folks are keeping busy with home improvement projects that have been on the back burner, cleaning out closets, enjoying that book that you have been meaning to read, pumping up the bike tires to explore our community and surrounding areas and getting in some exercise. It is always nice to look out my windows and see friends and neighbors walking past the house and stopping to chat with neighbors along the way...always maintaining social distancing, of course! I have been amazed at the creativity and great ideas. Folks have been enjoying "happy hour" with local friends and family as well as our loved ones back home by utilizing "Zoom" and Facebook Instant Messaging. What fun!



To quote Morgan Freeman in the movie "Magic of Belle Isle" A little girl pays him \$34.18 cents to teach her about imagination. "Look Down the Road"... the little girls says she doesn't see anything and he responds "That's imagination...It's seeing what's not there".

Speaking of imagination...Boat Club member Patty Gulliver Whitlock used her imagination and suggested a golf cart crawl ... one post on Facebook and the idea took off! Friday evening, March 8th 36 golf carts met in the parking lot and enjoyed a ride around Americana Cove. What fun and a great idea! Some neighbors waved hello from their driveways and others waved through their front windows. Some even had a little "surprise" for us ... a little shot of

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“Fireball”! Following the crawl we all met back in the parking lot and enjoyed each other’s company and used the time to catch up with friends we haven’t seen for a while..

Let’s do it again! Thank you Patty!

For those of us who are able to go boating and fishing we are so thankful and blessed. Kayak sales are flourishing and thank you to all who have offered your kayaks to those who don’t have one. This has become a new favorite pastime for some of our newer residents. The next scheduled Full Moon Kayaking event is on June 5th and we will be celebrating the “Strawberry” Moon. The wild strawberries that start to ripen during early summer gave name to the Strawberry Full Moon in June. Other names are Rose Moon, Hot Moon, and Mead Moon.

Thank you to Mary Marcil and Cindy Rodriguez for initiating a little fund raiser for the Boat Club. See the photo of some of the oversized beach towels purchased and monogrammed with the Americana Cove logo. They are two sided, 100% cotton and priced at \$25. There are a few left. Since Mary has returned to her home in Michigan, you can contact Cindy Rodriguez if you are interested. Her number is in the new Dial Directories...by the way...**don’t forget to pick up your new directory at the Atrium or the Office.**

Book Club

By Jill Moe



Book Chat is still in limbo about meeting during the summer. I will keep you informed.

As for the Book Club, because we were not able to close our reading year off properly, the best I can do is give you the Reading List for 2020-2021 for now. Unfortunately, we have no set dates or specific hostesses.

Thanks to Maureen Karam, here's what the books are about...

Book Club Reading List for 2020 - 2021

- **EDUCATED** by Tara Westover (memoir) – Tara Westover grew up preparing for the End of Days in rural Idaho with radical survivalist Mormon parents. She didn't get a birth certificate until she was nine and had no medical records because her father didn't believe in doctors; She and her six older siblings worked in her father's junkyard. As she grew older, her father's beliefs became more extreme and one of her brothers grew violent. At 17, she decided to educate herself as a means of escape. Within 10 years she had earned a PhD in intellectual history and political thought from Cambridge but was estranged from her parents and half of her siblings. Now 31 and still living in Cambridge, she has written a powerful memoir, Educated, about the transformative power of education and the price she had to pay for it. Learning along the way that to be educated is to learn much more about the world than what's contained in books.

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- **THE FAMILY UPSTAIRS** by Lisa Jewell - Soon after her twenty-fifth birthday, Libby Jones returns home from work to find the letter she's been waiting for her entire life. She rips it open with one driving thought: I am finally going to know who I am. She soon learns not only the identity of her birth parents, but also that she is the sole inheritor of their abandoned mansion on the banks of the Thames in London's fashionable Chelsea neighborhood, worth millions. Everything in Libby's life is about to change. But what she can't possibly know is that others have been waiting for this day as well - as she is on a collision course to meet them. Twenty-five years ago, police were called to 16 Cheyne Walk with reports of a baby crying. When they arrived, they found a healthy ten-month-old happily cooing in her crib in the bedroom. Downstairs in the kitchen lay three dead bodies, all dressed in black, next to a hastily scrawled note And the four other children reported to live at Cheyne Walk were gone.
- **RADIUM GIRLS** by Kate Moore (non-fiction) - In 1926, radium was a miracle cure, Madame Curie an international celebrity, and luminous watches the latest rage - until the girls who painted them began to fall ill with a mysterious disease. Inspired by a true story, Radium Girls traces the efforts of a dial painter as she battles the US Radium Corporation. Her chief adversary is her former employee who cannot bring himself to believe that the same element that shrinks tumors could have anything to do with the terrifying rash of illnesses among his employees.
- **THE RED ADDRESS BOOK** by Sofia Lindbergh - A 96-year old woman lives alone in her apartment in Stockholm, her only family is a great-niece in San Francisco and her only company are the caregivers who daily drop in to heal her. To pass the time, she reminisces about the names written in her red leather address book, a gift given to her by her father on her tenth birthday, and shares her colorful past as a maid in Sweden, a model in Paris during the 30s, and fleeing to Manhattan at the beginning of the Second World War.
- **THE SWITCH** by Sandra Brown - Gillian and Melina Lloyd, identical twins, enjoy switching identities. Melina, the more impetuous twin, proposes that her circumspect sister take her place as a media escort to NASA astronaut and national hero. Gillian declines as she is preoccupied with whether or not the artificial insemination she underwent that day will be successful. The media-savvy chief turns out to be an easy assignment for Melina. But the following morning police arrive at Melina's door with the worst possible news: her twin has been brutally murdered in her own bed. And on the walls scrawled in blood, as obscenities directed at Gillian, along with insults linking Chief to the crime. Dissatisfied with the investigation, chief and Melina form an alliance and find themselves uncovering more questions than answers.



Buddhism

By John Howell



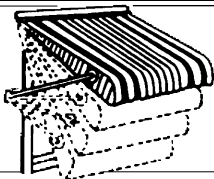
A Growing “Metta” Gratitude: How grateful we are for a community that has wisely participated in steps to slow the transmission of Covid-19. As this article for the June forecaster is being composed at the beginning of May, we all hope to resume a “safe new normal” status soon. Not only here in our Park; Buddhism Thursdays 1pm but around the world. Yet, our composure has and probably will be tested further in the coming days, even months. Better protected however than sorry, especially for Senior Communities like ours. Hopefully Science will prevail over politics.

Good News! No need to go stir-crazy, because from the Buddhist P.O.V. we have many “shelter in place” opportunities to help Mother Nature as we realize our Buddha Nature. Reflect on the beautifully landscaped Wats (temples). Many fine examples nearby. Buddha some 26 centuries ago recognized the interrelationship between Meditation and Nature. He created many fantastic retreat centers that exist to this day. H.H. the 14th Dalai Lama has gestured often; “It is the inalienable right of all sentient beings to have fresh air, clean water, and a healthy sustainable diet”. (see: May 4th “Time Magazine”) The synergy between Mindfulness and one’s surroundings are utilized skillfully in progressive communities. We in our own small way can be a part of this emerging “life-affirming” paradigm shift by creating unique and beautiful gardens around our homes. Barren is considered bad for living beings. Diversity is good on many levels, including Spiritual/Metaphysical. Evaluate the research...

Anecdotal (along with empirical scientific evidence) is mounting to suggest that plants and the human connection (Biophila) is superior for not only uncontaminated filtered air, but may well strengthen our immunity via the peace, harmony and quiet thus created. Feng Shui (Taoist art of placement) is the ancient science of this phenomenon. It has been an honor to have been asked to speak at Garden Club meetings over the years, to bring forth these apposite ideas suitable for anyone’s lifestyle. Container gardening (a perennial favorite) is perfect for many. It is easy to begin and manage. Watering, fertilizing and “Tao positioning” issues are easily solved and can be combined with “companion” planting schemas, balancing (yin and yang) energy. Please give it a try. Be part of the growing resolution. Birds, butterflies, (got milkweed?) and friendly bees can pollinate and propagate not only in our beautiful Park, but extend good-will neighborly “Metta” joyfulness throughout. Remember: Florida (= flower!) Even more to the point is an alignment with Buddha’s original “inner insights” (concerning the “protective” meditative fields) of certain sacred plants including bamboo, mango, and ground covers that don’t require toxic sprays. The liberal use of desert rose is another tip to dispel negativity. Don’t forget porches, patios, and the interior of your dwelling. Create “sacred meditative space”, inviting angelic entities. Choose: Illumination, Peace, and Harmony. Reject divisiveness by overcoming harsh speech, unwise actions, and unwholesome thoughts via “Gaia’s” remedial assistance. May we work together (for the sake of all) to make this world green. Hooray! We just celebrated 50th anniversary Earth Day April 22, 2020. Check out the photos of unpolluted (“lapis lazuli-Medicine Buddha blue”) skies, in every major city worldwide. Think 7 generations into the future.

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Victory over Virus! As food supply chains become unpredictable we can attempt to fill in some of the gaps with homegrown veggies. Many evolved societies including monasteries around the world grow much of their own food, thus fostering peaceful relationships with their neighbors. Voltaire's advise; "Tend your Garden" is becoming a survival Mantra! Haven't gotten the memo yet? Sadly things have changed. Some say indefinitely. An adjustment in mind-set and perceptions is now (not just a "new age" catechism extravagance) but a physiological-psychological necessity. From the Buddhist P.O.V. Mankind is finally being awakened to the misuse of resources and their consequences. May we listen to (reliably sourced) professionals, saving precious life. Please attempt a: (2020 "Dharma Vision") This fateful "novel-19" moment is an unprecedented challenge. A "growing-gratitude" with a loving kindness "Metta" attitude is a positive approach forward.

Stay Safe!

Namaste

Helping Hands - How to Avoid Getting Scammed!

By Judy Hall, PhD

While staying home may be getting boring, it's still open season on seniors for scams. They can happen in a variety of ways. To avoid being scammed, look for these RED FLAGS:

- Being asked to pay money to receive your prize.
- Being pressured to act quickly.
- The use of scare tactics if you don't act right now.
- Asking you to wire money.
- Schemes that sound too good to be true. (They usually are!)



One thing each of us can do is to add our phone number to the DO NOT CALL Registry by going to [donotcall.gov](https://www.donotcall.gov). Scammers can still call you, but if you are on the DoNotCall list, you know it is a scam.

Common scams include:

Sweepstakes/Lottery scams: You are told that you have won a sweepstakes, but you must first pay the taxes or customs duties, typically by wire transfer. Legitimate sweepstakes will not ask you to pay tax-es or fees when you receive your prize. You simply report the prize on your next tax return and pay the taxes then.

Tech Support Scams: You get a phone call or pop up on your computer that says Microsoft has detected a virus on your computer. They convince you to let them remotely access your computer to "fix the problem." From there, they can charge you for fake services or even a monthly maintenance contract. They may even install malware on your computer to detect your passwords for your accounts. Microsoft does not make unsolicited calls to consumers. It's a scam. Do not allow control of your computer to a third party who calls you unsolicited. Don't click on pop up ads that say your computer has a virus. If you need technical support, contact an established electronics or computer retailer.

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Imposter Scams: When a con artist poses as someone you trust in order to trick you into paying them money. For example, he may say he is an IRS agent and demand immediate payment. The IRS does not call anyone. It sends them a letter. Do not respond to an imposter, but call the IRS directly at 1-800-829-1040.

Other scams include asking for money by pretending to be utility workers, calling you pretending to be a grandchild in need of money, online dating services asking you for mon-ey, "Pie-in-the-sky" investment schemes or asking you to pay money to be a "mystery shopper."

Land Exercise - Walk off the Pounds

By Daisy Dean

Hi All from Canada, Hoping you are all well & staying safe. We are doing well but still awaiting warm-er temperatures, We have had only a few really warm days that we could go outside not bundled up since we got home, One of the coldest springs that I can recall.

I know most of you as us can't wait to get back to normal times & back to being able to workout & seeing all our friends again. The walking class will start up as soon as clubhouse reopens. A few ladies has volunteered to run it during summer, (Thank You to all volunteers) If you are interested in joining I do have a Facebook page it's called Americana Cove Walkers you can ask to join & it will be updated as to times & days of classes.



Praying this will be over soon & so hope we can see you in the fall.

Library

By Jill Moe

The AmCove Library Home-Service will continue for as long as we are in lock-down. Give me a call at 603-898-4614 if you would like any books, puzzles, or movies and be sure to leave a message so I can call you back. With the Clubhouse closed, **please do not** leave re-turns outside the Clubhouse doors. Instead, feel free to drop them off at

227 Mt. Piney Ave - leave them at the door at the end of the carport.

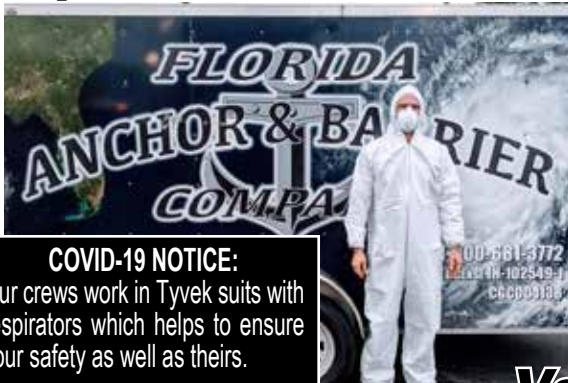
Thanks to Jude Whiteford, Maureen Saint-Guillen, and Nomi Lynch for making your deliveries special, Greg & I hope we have been able to keep you "well read".



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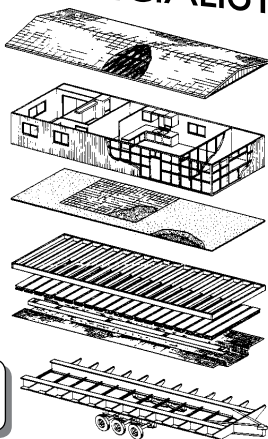
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Live Music

By Libby Hopkins



Hello Everyone!

Live Music continues to keep busy with Zoom Meetings! **Please note: We'll be changing our schedule to the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month beginning in October 2020– Watch for our announcements in the Fall!!!**

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we were not able to have our Memorial Day program. We miss you all, and hope everyone is staying safe during this time of quarantine. As we move into our summer season, we want to extend our thanks for your patronage at our past shows!

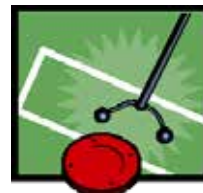
We have some great shows coming up for your entertainment and pleasure once we meet again in the fall. For those of you who are not familiar with us, we are a music group within the park that usually put on a performance twice a month on Tuesday from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse from October through April. We work hard to provide an entertaining, fun hour, and we provide snacks, drinks, and sometimes, spiked punch!

We want you to know that the Live Music members are praying daily for your safety and well-being. We look forward to seeing you all again in October!! Have a blessed and safe summer!

Shuffleboard Club

By Greg Moe

A sincere "thank you" to Ron Miller, Nelson Taylor, and Dennis Hermann for the great job they did in removing the old bleachers at the Shuffleboard courts and replacing them with 4 nicely painted picnic tables with umbrellas. We now have shade and a safer place to sit!



The position of Secretary is open for the upcoming season. Please contact me at 603-898-4614.

As soon as activities return to "normal", we will resume our Hoss Collar on Sundays at 1:00 PM and Social League on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM.

Swim Exercise

By Nancy Olson

We are cautiously optimistic that the pool will be open in June for exercise class. We will be following all COVID - 19 social distancing and CDC health and safety guidelines. Here is what our swim group will look like, I have also provided this information on our Facebook group page, "Americana Cove Water Fitness Group".



10 people in class.



You can attend either Monday, Wednesday, Friday OR Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday. People have already signed up for the months of June, July, August and September. You may have to be put on a waiting list if the class is full. We have a handful of residents who plan to leave by the middle of June. Please be patient. You will be notified when a space is available for you.

Only residents will be allowed to participate.

Bring your own noodles, I will no longer be providing them. Our daily FB posts will include what tape we are doing and if noodles or water weights will be used.

Wearing a face mask is your choice.

Class will start promptly at 9:30, daily announcements will be made at 9:25, so please be in the pool and ready to go at that time.

The subs and I will be reviewing these new guidelines every 2 weeks to determine if changes need to be made.

As we move into our summer months, the pool water temp has been lowered to 84.

Maureen, Terry and Diane will be leading the class until I return the end of September. We are in constant communication with each other throughout the summer making sure that class is running the best it can. We will all be challenged this summer, adjusting to COVID-19 so-cial distancing and CDC health and safety guidelines. As always, we appreciate your under-standing and working with us as we all manage these major daily changes in our lives. Stay well and be safe everyone!

How has the pandemic affected real estate?

By Barefoot Realty Group, Brokerage Agent for Americana Cove

The real estate industry is experiencing many changes due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The following are a few trends that are developing:

Open Houses: For the short term, open houses have stopped. In the rare circumstance that one is held, Realtors® have been encouraged to only allow small groups at one time, have hand sanitizer available and have disposable shoe covers for people who are viewing so they don't leave residue.

Videos: As open houses have waned, the use of videos or phone apps such as Facetime or Skype have increased substantially. Potential buyers are becoming comfortable with viewing homes in this manner; however, ultimately, they do want to see the home in person prior to closing. It is still rare for buyers to purchase a home without viewing it unless they have friends or family that they trust to view the home for them.

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Tiny-Home Trend: Some housing experts believe this trend will slow considerably as people have had to stay home. A recent survey from realtor.com showed that consumers overwhelmingly noted that must-have features are more space and an outdoor area. So, there may be a trend of people selling smaller homes for a home that gives them more space. "At Americana Cove, buyers always want a screened porch," explains Broker Marty Pozgay. "The house can be smaller, but it will always sell better if there is some type of outdoor space that extends the living area."

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