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## President's Message

By Ginny Marcott



The State Fair is over and my life gets back to normal. Where has the time gone? Clubs are having their end of year parties and residents will soon start preparing to go north for the summer.

The work will begin on the clubhouse ceiling. I would like to have some input from the community as to things they would like to see in the clubhouse. Please put your suggestions in the Comment Box in the atrium and I will look at them as we move forward.

For the people who don't know me, I have lived in the park for over 20 years. I worked the gate for several years. I have always felt that the residents should have a say in what goes on in our wonderful community. I still feel that way and I will listen to you. We may not always agree but I want your voice heard. I was hesitant when I was approached to be President and didn't make up my mind until the night before the election. Now I am glad I said yes and I want this board to work together as a group of 9 not 3 or 4. Feel free to call me any time and I will be introducing myself to the many new faces in the park.

Here's to a beautiful spring and enjoy many exciting things happening in Americana Cove.

## Manager's Message

By Ryan Osburn



**Speed Bumps** – After hearing your comments about the speed bumps that were installed in January, we have made a change to how we have implemented this safety feature. We have removed the original speed bumps and have replaced them with wider speed humps to lessen the impact of driving over them. We hope these new speed humps will meet our needs. Thanks for all of the feedback!

**March Town Hall Meeting** – The March Town Hall Meeting will be held on March 11th @ 2:30.

**New Board Members** – Please join me in welcoming our new board members, Orna Smith, John Tyson, and Marge Shearer.

**Founders Day** – Final details for this years Founders Day BBQ are being worked out. Watch for more info on this fun celebration.

**Reminder** – Please wear light color clothing and/or carry a flashlight when you walk or ride your bicycle in the evenings. We have had several reports of pedestrians nearly being hit after dark.



## ACA News

By Ron Miller



Well this is a month when we elect next years officers for ACA. At this time, I don't know who would like to step up, because this article is written the beginning of Feb. We will just have to wait and see. GOOD LUCK!

I would like to thank the Shuffleboard Club for working with the Old Timers Club and moving their last Pancake Breakfast date so the Old Timers Dinner Dance can use the kitchen all day to get ready for their dinner dance. Thank you and your club for working together to make it work out for everybody. This is the way it should work, working for the benefit of the Cove.

Next month, April 4 will be the Street Dance.. ACA will take care of the Free ,beer, wine, soda and water. The cost will be \$5 for a box of KFC chicken, and music will be a DJ. This will be held in the parking lot, as it has been for years in the past. We set up corn hole, and maybe other games may take place.

I want to thank Dave for running the Super Bowl Party this year, it was well attended, it seems to get bigger each year. I was on a week of R/R and couldn't be there. A good time was had by all, Thanks Dave!

I need someone to step up and take care of the calendar. I'd like to thank Donna Andrews for the last two years. The job is take care of the upcoming use of the club events as well as the use of the club-house and booking events. Donna will help anyone who steps up to get started.

Some dates to remember this month are 3 March, clubs presidents meeting, 4 March ACA Lunch,17 March Burger Brun. On the ACA side of the house.

I hope by now all the Clubs have had their audits completed, I guess everything went well Don't forget the White Elephant sale on March 7 and a pre meeting for table captains on Feb 27th. If anyone needs items picked up, please call me at 302-382-2292.

## Old Timers Young at Heart

By Kathy Laramée



Thank you to all who cooked, prepped, served, performed and most importantly attended a thoroughly enjoyable Valentine Dinner Dance last month!

It has been brought to my attention that folks are STILL throwing trash and unrecyclable items in the bin marked specifically for ALUMINUM CANS! Please, please be considerate of our crew that works diligently on behalf of our club to provide funds for the lunches and activities we support! I and they thank you!

And, because many of you many not know I thought it would be good to remind you of the many activities we do support so here's the list:

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## Sunshine Report for March 2020

By Nancy Hubartt

### Deaths – With Sympathy

None to report

### March Birthdays

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|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 01 George Chamberlin   | 11 Shelia Delageo    | 21 Ray Larkin       |
| 01 Rick Lopez          | 12 AnnMarie Moretti  | 22 Dick Nemi        |
| 01 Hope Hedrick        | 13 Norm Nemi         | 22 Mary Ann Fairlie |
| 02 Mark Nixon          | 13 Carol Deatherage  | 24 Bobbi Rogers     |
| 05 Rick Nangle         | 13 Janet Miller      | 24 Helga Ellis      |
| 06 Jim Tanner          | 14 Bill Kocher       | 24 Aldie Howard     |
| 07 Sue Osfar           | 14 Lois Vogle        | 25 Joan Mahoney     |
| 08 Anne Marie Sumereau | 14 Bill Johnson      | 25 Nancy Morris     |
| 08 Dennis Herrmann     | 14 Debbie Lewison    | 26 Judy Daigale     |
| 09 Jeanette Imbrogulio | 16 Paul Powers       | 27 Linda Roberts    |
| 09 Vickie Domino       | 17 Kathy Laramee     | 27 Bart Beal        |
| 09 Mary Ann Amanti     | 17 Joe Pereira       | 28 Judy Nelson      |
| 10 Joanne Rolston      | 18 Claire Mosakowski | 29 Paula Barrows    |
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08	Liz & Tom Constant	12 year
09	Astrid & Jack Dye	24 years
12	Yvonne & Richard Thurston	58 years
19	Debbie & Joe Lewison	43 years
21	Sue & Terry Rein	15 years
22	Barbara & Richard Bielawski	52 years
24	Gail & Ray Larkin	54 years
28	Becky & Rick Nangle	30 years
28	Virginia & Eddie Clark	55 years



## Prayer

*By Elaine Nelson*



### March Prayer

Lord, we give you thanks for bringing us through another winter, and look forward to spring. Our hearts are full of gratitude for your wondrous works. Teach us to nurture our earth and not destroy what you have made. Preserve our oceans and the wildlife there, and the lands that have been set aside for all to enjoy. As the grass springs to life, and the world becomes green again, we are reminded of renewal. Renew our hearts in love and caring. If we cannot plant in gardens, let us plant kindness in what we do and say. Amen

## Announcements

*By Ray Rodriguez - Editor*

### VETERANS SEMINAR MONDAY MARCH 9 TH, 2020....

There will be the 15th annual Veterans Seminar on Monday 9 th 2020 at 10:30 to noon at the Club house. Sponsored by the Disabled American Veterans.

All veterans, military retirees, spouses and widows of deceased veterans are invited to attend. Topics to be discussed include: VA compensation, Hospital, Widow and Death Benefits. For example: All vets with ALS are Service Connected. WWII, Korea and Vietnam veterans may be eligible for hearing aides and VA compensation. Veterans that served in Vietnam are automatically service connected for Type 2 Diabetes, Coronary Artery Disease, Parkinson's disease, Prostate Cancer and over 20 different types of cancer. Widows of Vietnam vets who had any of these diseases when they died may be eligible for monthly death benefits.

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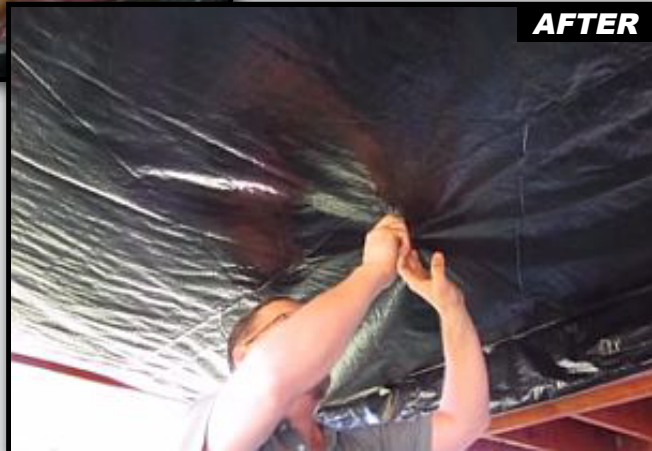
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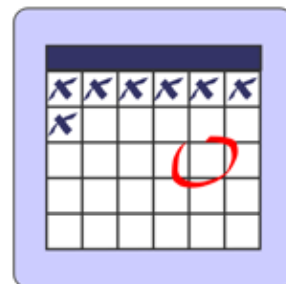
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We are searching for someone to step up and take the position of organizing the Monthly Calendar and Weekly Repeat Calendar schedule for the Forecaster.

Donna Andrews has assumed this position for the last two years and we thank her for the excellent job she has done getting it organized. Donna would be more than happy to train a new person to take over and turn over the forms and necessary paperwork.

Please consider getting involved in our community and some of the clubs we have, volunteer.

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## Something to Consider – Remembering a Father

By Bart Beal

**M**y father and I didn't get along well when I was growing up because we were very different and we didn't understand each other. I was very radical in his eyes and it scared him. Shoot, I even scared myself sometimes. He wanted to change me and I rebelled against his efforts to do so. Unfortunately, he died at age 58 when we were just beginning to build a new adult relationship. But I am very thankful that we were able to tell each other "I love you" before he passed away. Don't leave this world or let someone else that you care about leave this world without telling them you love them, which means that you should be saying it a lot because you never know when your time is up. By the way, do you know where you are going when your time is up?

As I aged and raised my family, I learned to appreciate my father more. He did the very best job he could and was a good man. He wasn't extraordinary, but he was honest, loyal and hard-working. He was of that "great generation" that grew up during the Great Depression. My father married my mother when he was 20 and she was 16, and they raised 4 kids on a middle class income. He did his best to provide a good life for his wife and family. I don't remember a lot of the things he told me, and he didn't say much, but I do remember some words of wisdom that have helped me through life. Below are a few that I want to share with you.

- *"Any honest hard work is good work."* (Meaning, son, don't judge a man by what he does or what he has. It's his character that matters.)
- *"If you have all that you need, and one or two things that you want, you have all this world has to offer."* (Meaning, son, happiness doesn't come from having more and more things. It comes from appreciating and enjoying what you do have.)
- *"How you manage your money will always be more important than how much money you make."* (Meaning, son, you must live within your means and save for the future. You may make a lot of money in your life, but if you live beyond your means, you won't sleep well or retire comfortably.)

On the lighter side, a month or so after I had withdrawn from my second year of college because I was bewildered and without direction, he told me that I was going to have to find something else to do besides lay on the couch and let my hair grow. Two weeks later I shipped off to Fort Polk, Louisiana for basic training and a two-year Army enlistment. It was one of the best decisions that I ever made. I am thankful to him for being the catalyst I needed to make it.



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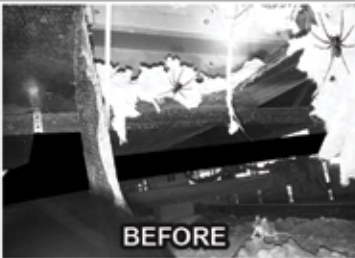
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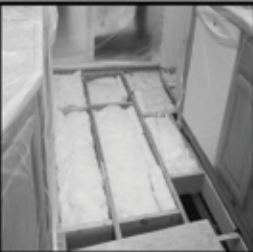
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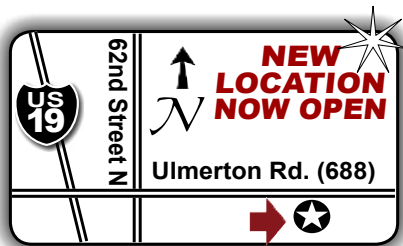
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# Boat Club

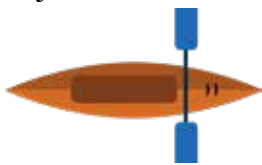
By MaryAnn Meljac



*The Boat Club is in full swing!*

**Tiki Hut Parties** continue and they bring a wonderful group of Cove residents together to share food and each other's company. The February 8th party hosted 83 members. Thank you to Roxanne Noling, Cindy Rodriguez, Jaci Klick and Mary Marcil for volunteering to prepare the sloppy joes. The next Tiki Hut party is scheduled on April 11th and burgers and hot dogs will be prepared by Team Nancy Olson. **There will be NO Tiki Hut party in March.** Join the Boat Club for \$10/year and attend the parties free of charge. If you have guests bring them along and pay only \$5 per person.

**Full Moon Kayak** outings have been enjoyed by many. February 9th we had a total of 5 kayaks, 2 boats and 21 people to enjoy the "snow" moon. Since the heaviest snow usually falls during this month, native tribes of the north and east most often called February's full Moon the Full Snow Moon. Some tribes also referred to this Moon as the Full Hunger Moon, since harsh weather conditions in their are-as made hunting very difficult. If you would like to join in the fun but don't have access to a kayak, please contact Pay Ley and she will assist you in finding one to use. The next excursion is scheduled for March 9th and don't forget to bring a life jacket, bug spray, flashlight, and put your valuables in a wa-ter proof baggy. Be assured that there is always a pontoon boat that also joins in the fun and is available for assistance



Full Moon Calendar 2020	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Native American Name</u>
March 9th	Worm Moon
April 7th	Pink Moon
May 7th	Flower Moon
June 5th	Strawberry Moon
July 5th	Buck Moon
August 3rd	Sturgeon Moon
September 2nd	Corn Moon
October 1st	Harvest Moon
October 31st	Blue Moon
November 30th	Beaver Moon
December 29th	Cold Moon

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**Island Bash “Luau”** plans are coming together. The menu for the March 14th Luau has been chosen. Tickets were sold on February 3rd and there are a few more left for \$20 each. This will include your meal, homemade desserts, music provided by the Rockin’ Raccoons’, beer, wine, soda and water will be included. Raffle tickets are also being sold for \$5 each or 5 for \$20. The raffle will be for \$500 cash plus \$50 in scratch off tickets and the winner will be announced at Founder’s Day. There will also be a wide variety of door prizes awarded.



**Starlite Lunch Cruise** is scheduled for March 28th. Contact Terri Carlo if you are interested in joining the group. There is still room and you have until March 9th to sign up. 61 folks have already signed up to enjoy this afternoon cruise and lunch on the Bay. Total cost is \$47.03 per person. All cove resi-dents are welcome to join in the fun!

**The Fourth Annual Fishing Derby** has been scheduled. Get your “lucky” fishing gear together with all of your hooks, lines and sinkers and join in the competition! The date is set for April 18th. You can fish from dawn to 3PM. Prizes will be awarded at the Tiki Hut Party that afternoon starting at 4PM. \$5 entry fee for Boat Club members. Guests and non-club members will be \$10. Everything is on the hon-or system so be sure to take a picture of your big catch of the day. **SIGN UP SHEET IS ON THE CLUBHOUSE BULLETIN BOARD.** Conatct Mark Betar (727-527-3561) our Derby Master of Ceremony if you have any questions.

## Book Club

*By Jill Moe*

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**T**he Book Club will meet Thursday, March 12, at 1:30 PM in the Library. Please feel free to join in as we discuss "The Little Old Lady Who Broke All The Rules" by Catherine Ingelmand-Sunberg.

Coming Soon - The Book Club will have its last meeting in April so be sure to check the Bulletin Board in the Clubhouse for next year's exciting reading list.



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# Buddhism

By John Howell



## Greetings

The healing (“Medicine Buddha”) experience, some of us were incredibly fortunate to have experienced (January: Fl. CraftArt) is still “reverberating” in and around the T. B. area. We have had numerous sanctified meetings (Thursdays 1pm) devoted to its complete and holy understanding. Moreover; as “Light” workers we have been able to distribute the “Mantra Empowered Rainbow Colored Sand” in many waterways from Clearwater to Bradenton and beyond, including the canals in our own wonderful park: Americana Cove. I was especially honored and blessed to have had private audience with the Lama (Rinpoche) where he not only reinforced some of my previous initiations from H.H. the 14th Dalai Lama, including special (“Protective Mantras”) for dispelling negativity, but also reminisced about our mentor and dear friend the late Takster Rinpoche. He instructed me to continue “Turning the Wheel of Dharma” (i.e. teaching) by passing along the sacred knowledge that has been entrusted via the lineage of what’s known in Tibetan Buddhism as; (“The Middle Way”). Also reinstated were “Bodhisattva” vows declaring to continue utmost to keep the Buddha’s teachings authentic “for the sake of all sentient beings” complete and final liberation from suffering: Nirvana. Some also attended the Happy New “Lunar” Year celebrations (consecrated by the community of Theravada Monks) at 62nd Ave Temple.

Upcoming events include:

- A field trip to the local 58th St. Theravada Lao Wat (temple).
- Continued analysis of the “turbulent times” we are going through by way of astrological chart reading guidance (presciently supported by the “Kalachakra Tantra Mandala” understanding and initiation received in the past) noting; not only “Mercury” retrograde cycles, but difficult “Venus” and “Mars” retrogrades along with “hard” lunar eclipse cycles... However, there are many beneficial opportunities for personal growth, healing and spiritual understanding!
- Introducing “unfiltered-uncensored” scholarly research into “The Lost Years of Christ”, and his association with “The Wise Men from India/Tibet”, “The Essenes”, and “Gnostic gospels”, along with Nag Hammadi (Dead Sea scrolls).
- Keeping (as always) the main focus on Buddhist teachings, contemplation, and genuine Meditation practice, while concurrently providing a “Safe Haven” for free-thinkers, facilitating camaraderie for all.
- “Feng Shui” around the home for “Quiet Enjoyment” of a mediative lifestyle.
- Consideration of the “Vegan” way for health, ethical, and “Spiritual Alignment”.
- The importance of staying tuned-in-to: “Buddha Nature”...and much more.

Thanking one and all for the continued positive feedback that has been an honor for our assembly to receive...and is now returned (from the Buddhist P.O.V.) by a power of 10x with “Metta” (loving kindness), along with an abundance of meritorious good Karma...for our community’s bright, harmonious, and positive future. Namaste

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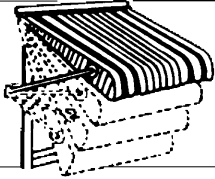
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## Crafters Club

By Debbie Lewison

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The month of March is a busy one for the Crafters.

On March 9 the Crafters will take any donations of cereal to be donated to a community organization. Any Cover is welcome to donate a box. Please bring March 9 to the clubhouse around 6:30.



On March 16, the Crafters will have their annual Ice Cream Social. Please join us at the clubhouse at 6:00 for ice cream. Cost is \$3.00 for this event.

Please be sure to check out our crafts at the luncheons.  
Thanks for all your support.

## Cue Club

By Ray Larkin

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Well, once again our Brews, Bratz and more Dinner and Dance was a great success. We had great entertainment again by "The Travelers". Thank you again to the Cue Club Crew for putting this all together and making it a big success!!! There's a lot of work that goes into making this a success, and this crew of fantastic cue club volunteers are the absolute best!!!!



Well, our cue season is coming to an end. The ladies will be playing their singles Feb. 26th. Men's singles on March 2nd. Ladies doubles March 4th and Men's doubles March 5th. The results will be posted in the April forecaster issue. Our Cue Banquet is scheduled for March 26th 2020, to be held in the clubhouse. Anyone is welcome to join us. At this time this newsletter was written we had not reached a decision on the menu or ticket price. These will be posted as soon as possible.

## Garden Club

By Denyce Kinkead

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Our winter season is past and spring is on its way in the Cove.

The ACA luncheon sponsored by The Garden Club on February 5th was well received and many thanks to all our workers who participated in the preparation and serving with incredible speed.

Our meeting on February 11 included the program by our own resident, Michelle Shiavone, who covered the many ways to grow and use everyday herbs and spices for cooking and salads with a myriad of useful tips that you may have never thought of.

The Garden and Travel Club concept needs additional participation in the planning of programs and trips and more members to step up to the plate or the club at its present stage will be facing dissolution.



## Hands across the Border, Canada Night

By Daisy Dean



Canada Night was a great success with 224 people in attendance, Tickets were sold out in record time with being sold out in first 2 hours.

Thank you to all Canadians that worked so hard to make this a success & Thank You to our American Friend's for attending.

Our huge raffle basket was won by Dick & Patty Gamache & second basket was won by Janet Callahan, Congratulations to you both.

We apologize to those that came late & were not able to get a ticket, Keep in mind tickets usually go on sale mid December so if you are late in getting here ask your friends to get tickets for you.

We got a lot of good feedback about the meal & music that it was great & we appreciate that, we realize with a group that large we will never please everyone but with only a few negative remarks we are very pleased.

I will be posting updates in forecaster in November on ticket sales Etc.

Looking forward to January 30th 2021!,

## Helping Hands

By Judy Hall, PhD



Depending on its severity, the flu virus can sicken between 9-49 million Americans. Most flu deaths involve people over 65. So, it's time to get your flu shot if you haven't already done so.

Getting the flu shot won't guarantee that you won't get the flu, but its effectiveness has averaged 45% over the past 10 years. Each year scientists must predict which strains of the virus will predominate. Yet, even when the match is no perfect, the vaccine reduces the chance of getting infected and, if you do get sick, the severity of your illness.

Tips for the flu season:

- Follow the "six foot rule," and stay 6 feet or more away from anyone who is coughing.
- Wash your hands often, especially after you handle an object someone else was using.
- When in public, try to avoid touching your lips, eyes or nose unless you've just washed your hands.
- Get your flu shot!
- If you have symptoms, talk with your doctor and follow instructions.
- Don't fall for claims that supplements will prevent the flu. They won't!
- If you get the flu, stay home so you won't infect others.

Let's get through this flu season without any of us getting sick! And these same tips will work for any other kind of virus that may arise. Stay well!

As of February 29, Helping Hands will no longer be providing doughnuts and bagels.

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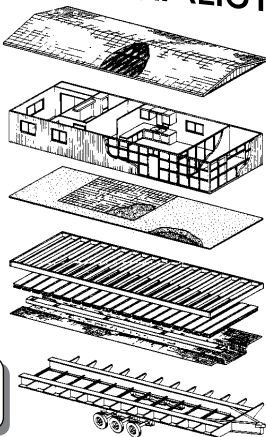
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## Land Exercise - Walk off the Pounds

By Daisy Dean

**W**e are already into March, How is that possible?? seems like I just got here. It has been a great season & have met more wonderful people that show up to walk & Tone each morning.

Don't forget our year end party will be March 25th.at 4pm, Along with Nancy & Swimming group & Judy with Line dancing. Looking forward to that but not looking forward to year end that it's over for another season.

My last class will be mid April & hoping it will continue during the summer. Will keep you posted on classes.



## Library

By Jill Moe

**I**t's so good seeing Maureen back and walking (and driving) around. You were missed Maureen. It's good having Nomi join us, too. It's even better knowing that Americana Cove residents appreciate their Library. Thank you one and all for your help, thank you one and all for your donations.



## Live Music

By Libby Hopkins

**H**ello Everyone!

We have one show this month – you will not want to miss it! It is our **St. Patrick's Day Show! Come get your Irish on!!**

**Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at – 3 PM -- in the Clubhouse.**

Thanks to all who attended the 90s Celebration last month honoring those who are 90 or above in the Park. A great time was had by all!!

Please join us for our shows---we look forward to seeing you!! Refreshments and drinks will be served. Please Note: Our Shows and Refreshments are FREE!! So come and enjoy yourselves! Friends and guests are welcome.

For those of you who are not familiar with us, we are a music group within the park that usually put on a performance the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. We work hard to provide an entertaining, fun hour, and we provide snacks, drinks, and sometimes, spiked punch! Please come to see us!! Take care and have a great month!

**Libby**





## Shuffleboard Club

By Greg Moe

I would like start off by thanking The Cove residents and their guests who came out to support the Shuffleboard Club by attending our Pancake Breakfast. We had a great showing this year in both January and February.



Our members are having a great time this year in League play. Nova has two teams and are currently in 4th and 5th place, Friendship is currently in 5th place as well, and Blue Sky remains in 1st place.

Americana Cove will be hosting the Blue Sky League End-of-Year Tournament on March 12 & 13. Feel free to come and support your tournament-style shufflers.

The Shuffleboard Club Banquet will be held on March 18th from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Atrium. Shufflers should contact Ed Walters. Remember, there is a \$5.00 charge for members and a \$10.00 charge for guests. Reservation deadline is March 4th.

Please note that Hoss Collar remains on Sundays at 1:00 PM. Our Social (handicap) League meets on Mondays at 1:00 PM. This is a great way to get in some extra practice as well as some instructional help. Everyone is welcome, membership is not required, having fun is our goal!

## Swim Exercise

By Nancy Olson

Hi everyone! Cannot believe March is already here. We have so far successfully survived our colder months! I need to make a shout out to our polar bears who are very dedicated to their swim exercise and always show up with a great attitude! We have had several birthday celebrations with the birthday person getting to select their favorite tape! Remember, if you have a birthday after you have headed out for the season you can still celebrate your birthday with the class. Just let me know a couple days ahead of time that you would like to do this. I would like to thank Maureen, Terry and Diane for subbing for me while I was away for 5 days at the end of February. Some key items of interest for our group:



Our end of season party will be Wed., March 25 at 4pm in the clubhouse and tiki hut. We will celebrate with Daisy's land exercisers and Judy's line dancers. We will have a sign up sheet closer to the date for bringing a dish to pass.

We will be cooking and serving at the April 1 ACA luncheon with Daisy's land exercisers. We will be needing servers. Let me know if you are interested.

Looking forward to our warmer weather and seeing you all at class. Happy St. Patrick's Day!!!!



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## Vespers

By Martha Sutton



**W**e have nearly come to the end of our season and it doesn't seem possible. Our next and last business meeting will be held on March 2 to discuss lunch prep for 3/11, date for

Welcome Back dinner/potluck in November and new officers. My position as chairperson is open and anyone interested please let Don Delzell, Kathy Laramée or myself know. I have served for approximately 16 years and it is time for new blood in this position. Other positions may become open too.

Our last service will be Easter sunrise, April 12 and forms for purchasing Easter lilies will be coming out very soon. You may keep them after the Easter service or donate them to a park shut-in for them to enjoy.

### Pastors for March

March 1 - David Harding, St. Petersburg Presbyterian

March 8 - Doug McMahon, Eckerd College

March 15 - Brent Anderson, Retired Methodist, Park Resident

March 22 - Kevin Loughran, Grace Lutheran

March 29 - Jackie McMillan, Retired Methodist

## Housing supply is low; prices are increasing

By Barefoot Realty Group, Brokerage Agent for Americana Cove

**A**ccording to the Florida Realtors Association, the Tampa/St. Petersburg/Clearwater area saw a 20 percent decline in active listings in January 2020 over the previous year. Homes priced under \$200,000 are especially in short supply.

The supply shortage is found at every price tier throughout the U.S., notes the Association, but “it’s especially pronounced at the entry-level.”

At Americana Cove, any home under \$100,000 that has been updated is never on the market long, explains Broker Marty Pozgay. “Prices were stable during most of 2019, but have increased in 2020.”

The challenge we see is that homeowners who are selling homes themselves are pricing their homes too low, because they don’t know the market, which in turn, hurts all other residents who are trying to sell their homes as it decreases the value of all homes. “We have seen cases where residents are leaving as much as \$20,000 to \$25,000 on the table because they priced their homes too low,” said Pozgay.

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# Weekly Calendar Repeats

## AMERICANA COVE WEEKLY Calendar Repeats - Month: March 2020

<u>Day</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>Monday:</b>	Walk Away the Pounds	8:15-9:00a.m.	C
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:20-9:20a.m.	
	Pool Exercises	9:20-10:20a.m.	
	Line Dancing	12:00p.m.	C
	Knitters and Crocheters	1:30-2:30p.m.	A
	Progressive Rummy	4:00p.m.	A
	Cue Club-Men's	6:30p.m.	B
	Bid Euchre	6:30p.m.	C
	Crafters	6:30p.m.	L
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Walk Away the Pounds	8:15-9:00a.m.	C
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:20-9:20a.m.	
	Pool Exercises	9:20-10:20a.m.	
	Poker Pool	6:00p.m.	B
	Progressive Rummy	6:00p.m.	A
	Cards	6:30p.m.	A
	Bid Euchre	6:30p.m.	C
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Walk Away the Pounds	8:15-9:00a.m.	C
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:20-9:20a.m.	
	Pool Exercises	9:20-10:20a.m.	
	Cue Club-Women's	6:30p.m.	B
	Texas Holdem	6:30p.m.	A
	Pinochle	6:30p.m.	C
<b>Thursday:</b>	Walk Away the Pounds	8:15-9:00a.m.	C
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:20-9:20a.m.	
	Pool Exercises	9:20-10:20a.m.	
	Dominoes	1:00p.m.	A
	Buddhism Mtg	1-2:30p.m.	G
	All Cards	6:00p.m.	A
	Cue Club-Men's	6:30p.m.	B
	Cribbage Club	6:30p.m.	A
<b>Friday:</b>	Walk Away the Pounds	8:15-9:00a.m.	C
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:20-9:20a.m.	
	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	8:45a.m.	A
	Pool Exercises	9:20-10:20a.m.	
	Poker Pool	6:00p.m.	B
	Bingo	6:00p.m.	C
<b>Saturday:</b>	Walk Away the Pounds	8:15-9:00a.m.	C
	Pool Exercises	9:20-10:20a.m.	
<b>Sunday:</b>	Shuffleboard Hoss Collar	1:00-3:30p.m.	S
	Vespers	4:50p.m.	A

\*A: Atrium

C: Clubhouse

L: Library

S: Shuffleboard Courts

B: Billiards

G: Game Room



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Blue Jay Estates Rummage Sale, 2755 Curlew Rd. Palm Harbor. Saturday, March 7 - 8:00am-1:00pm. Bakery, Kitchen, lunch.

Ranch Mobile Park Wide Yard Sale, Saturday, March 7th, 8:00am - 1:00pm at 6800 150th Ave. N., Clearwater (Largo).

Regency Heights Carport Sale, Saturday, March 7th, 8am-2pm. 2550 State RD 580, Clearwater.

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Annual Penny, Bake, Jewelry, Craft SALE: Saturday, March 7th, 9am - noon. Golden Acres R.O. Park, 1040 Main Street, Dunedin.

Palm Hill Country Club Bazaar: Sat., March 7, 9am-1pm. 1800 Seminole Blvd., South Clubhouse. Food Served, Lots of bargains. Come on over and find some Treasures!

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Teakwood Village East Carport Sale-Saturday, March 21, 2020, 8 AM-1PM. North Missouri Ave. between East Bay and Rosery 33770.

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Caribbean Isles Rummage and Craft Sale: March 21st 8-1. Food, baked goods, and raffle baskets available.

ART SHOW: Sunday, March 22, 12pm-4pm. Westwind MHP, 3301 ALT 19.

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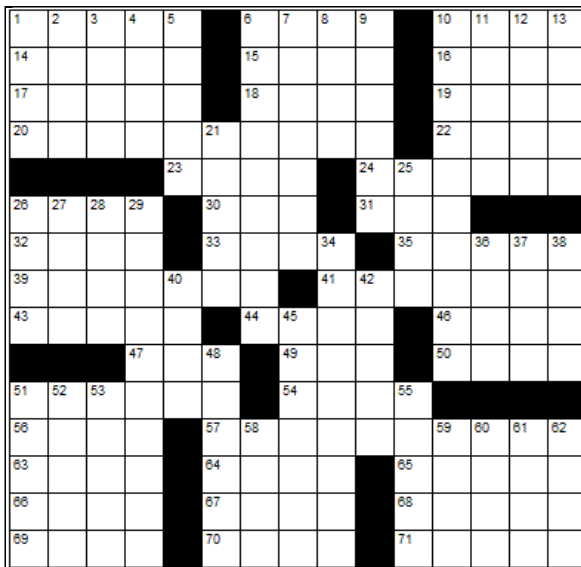
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- 67. French for "State"
- 68. Supporting column
- 69. Not false
- 70. Flows
- 71. Affirmatives



**DOWN**

- 1. Formally surrender
- 2. Bobbin
- 3. Diva's solo
- 4. Hairpieces
- 5. Slowly, in music
- 6. Optional school courses
- 7. Open one-horse carriage
- 8. A box or chest
- 9. A copy from an original
- 10. Concomitant
- 11. Birdlike
- 12. Army doctor
- 13. Lying facedown
- 21. Not outer
- 25. Telephoned
- 26. Prig
- 27. Part of the outer ear
- 28. Dethrone
- 29. Squadron
- 34. Cud-chewing hoofed mammals
- 36. Hourly pay
- 37. Biblical garden
- 38. "\_\_\_ we forget"
- 40. Applications
- 42. Show-off
- 45. Perfect
- 48. Cloth maker
- 51. Used a broom
- 52. One who lays asphalt
- 53. French farewell
- 55. Pantywaist
- 58. A Maori club
- 59. French for "Head"
- 60. Colored part of an eye
- 61. Leer at
- 62. Catches/font>

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