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Manager's Message

By J.R. Lindstrom



Hello everyone, Spring is in the air and things here at Americana Cove are looking bright. The community pool will be re-opening in the month of March and the Founders Park Celebration is scheduled for late March. Final preparations are underway to give our community an excellent venue, to include food, fun, a DJ for music and dancing, and more. I so look forward to that party – it is going to be a blast!

Our Maintenance Team is prepping for the upcoming mowing season. Regular mowing schedules will begin at end of month, beginning of April and reminders will be sent to the community.

Our entire team Thanks the community for their continued support. If you have any questions, concerns, or such, please contact our office to get those matters address.

Thanks,

President's Report

By Philip A. Quince



Why Does the Board Spend Money?
“When we invest in our community, we are investing in ourselves. Because we own the land together, every improvement increases our safety, our comfort, our home values, and our financial stability. Unlike renting, where improvements benefit a landlord, every dollar we put in here comes back to us—in lower long-term costs, better quality of life, and a stronger, more resilient community. Investing is how we protect what we have today and ensure this community thrives for the next generation.”

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4. Improves Loan Terms Communities that invest in themselves often receive lower interest rates and better financing because they're seen as lower-risk.

Bottom line: We invest today to protect our homes, reduce future costs, and keep our community strong and stable for years to come.





ACA News

By Cindy Rodriguez



March Burger Burn – the 3rd Tuesday - March 18th, 5 - 6:30pm.

Join your fellow residents at our monthly Burger Burn. For \$9. you will have your choice of a hamburger, cheeseburger or a jumbo hot dog with all the fixins' along with side of fries, beans, coleslaw & a cookie PLUS a beverage of your choice. There is a 50/50 raffle. The QUEEN OF HEARTS is also drawn at 6:30pm. Tickets available for purchase until 6:15pm. 2 names will be drawn.

Resident Social - the 1st Wednesday of the month – March 4th, 6:30 – 7:30pm.

As you enter the clubhouse you will be given a ticket for a free beverage of your choice. There are always free snacks too.

The Queen of Hearts (progressive raffle) is drawn the same evening at around 7:25pm.

Tickets for only \$1. each are available to purchase until 7:15pm. 2 names are drawn.

Rules are posted on the ACA bulletin board

Don't forget the **ACA Clubs & Activities meeting on March 3rd** (1st Tuesday of month).

Presidents or representative are expected to attend. All residents are welcome as this is an informative meeting. All clubs and activities report what is going on and what future activity is planned.

Volunteers are what make our community special. Without them, our clubs and activities would not be what they are today. If you disagree with something within a club or activity, please address it respectfully. Disrespectful or inappropriate behavior is not acceptable and may result in being asked not to attend future activities.

Announcements

Ray Rodriguez – Editor



HYPNOSIS, March 3, 2026

This month we will use our powerful minds to create for ourselves a deeply positive outlook, creating the knowledge that all is well, that we are strong and competent, able to achieve anything we set for ourselves. We will banish the intrusion of negativity and enjoy the calm, sure feeling of positive thoughts and. Join us and let this investment of your time and energy repay you many-fold.

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Art Strong

Judy Daigle



Well another season has come to an end for me. This will be my last month of teaching art techniques til the fall. There may still be a summer class available so watch for future articles in the forecaster to see what the plans will be. We've had a great season with very creative Americana Cove Artists! No experience needed. Simply bring art supplies on Monday evenings from 6-8 pm in the library. It can be pastels, watercolors, acrylics or oils. We are all there to help each other out. Hope you'll join us during the month of March.

Thanks to all who came out to support our Art Exhibition that was displayed in February. We truly appreciated seeing you at our Event. Thank you ACA for supplying our napkins, paper plates and wine glasses for the guests. Thank you Sandy for letting us use the beautiful tablecloths to make our displays stand out. Appreciate all you do for Americana Cove!

View from the Gate

Brad Coath



And suddenly it is March ! What a busy and chilly winter it has been !
Folks, we need your help please:

We want your guests to have a pleasant experience coming into the community to visit. Please remind them that a driver's license is required to drive into our community, there are no exceptions to this rule. Please make certain that your visitor knows your last name and your address; seriously we have people who are coming to see "John" or "Kathy" or whomever and do not have a last name nor an address.

Please remember to call in your visitors. Every person that you have invited to your home be they a friend or a furniture delivery needs to be called into the gate or added to your TekControl app.

The gate staff generally will not call you. If we do make that exception your called ID will display " OFFICE ".

You do not have to call for UPS, Fedex, Amazon deliveries.

Driving into the residents side. Broken record here: SLOW down please. The gate manufacturer advises that the best speed to pass the bar code reader is 5 mph.

We see day in and night out people charging at high speed through the residents' entrance and coming very close to hitting the gate which has not gone up. Please don't be that person that hits the bar.

Also rain, fog and mist can and does interfere with the beam. Use extra caution please.

The Gate will not open if you are too far from the reader, if you are traveling too fast or if your bar code needs replacement. Depending on how much sun your bar code is exposed to, you may need a new bar code in as few as a couple years.

Lastly, please introduce yourself to us whether you are calling on the phone or seeing us in person. Unless we have been friends for years we likely don't know you.

Thanks very much to all of you for being pleasant and careful out there, we appreciate you!

Attention Michiganders

Sue Tomayko

Let's do it one more time before most of us go back up north. Did you know that part of Michigan was owned by.... Did you know that they wanted to change.. Did you know that my town was well known for... Come and get the answers on February 9th at 2pm in the Atrium. Should we be called MICHIGANDERS or MITTENERS ?



Welcome New Residents

By Mary Ann Meljac & Cindy Rodriguez

George & Elizabeth Wilson
7158 Mt. Bristol Road NE
Prev: Catugno
Catherine Denise Johnson
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Who is visiting?

By Barefoot Realty Group, Brokerage Agent for Americana Cove

Barefoot Realty keeps a tally of how many potential buyers either walk-in or make appointments to view homes. The trend has been for more buyers to look on-line and then call for an appointment.

Between January 1 and December 31, 2025, there were 165 people who made appointments to view the community and see homes for sale. During the same time period, 46 visitors came to the sales office as walk-ins making for a total of 211 visitors to the community.

Comparing this to the strong sellers' market that began in 2021 through 2023 and the numbers were higher. In 2022, the sales office had 414 potential buyers who visited while in 2023, there were 359 home shoppers who came to the sales office.

Whether there is a buyers' market when inventory is high or a sellers' market when inventory is low will determine how many buyers are shopping. "When inventory is high, home shoppers are looking for bargains; when inventory is low, buyers are looking to purchase and are scrambling to find a home due to the low number of homes for sale," explains Broker Marty Pozgay.

Other factors including interest rates, economy and the Florida weather also influence the real estate market. "With no hurricanes hitting Florida in 2025, buyers began to come back after hurricane season. We are all hoping for no storms again in 2026," said Pozgay.





Sunshine Report

By Gay McPhee



Dearest gentle reader, ah, the March winds are upon us and the only question remains, is it a whisper or a roar? Only time will tell.

March is typically associated with St Paddy's day, and this author was intrigued to learn that St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, famously used the three-leaf clover (shamrock) to teach the concept of the Holy Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit). In Ireland and the US as well, the day is a religious day of feasting, with Lenten fasting rules temporarily lifted—which encourages celebration and the drinking of, um, **alcohol. Oh my!** The day is observed every March 17, the day of St Patrick's passing, and is positively packed with parades, good luck charms, and all things green.

The luck of the Irish was not with the Patriots for the Big Game, I'm *not* sorry to say—oh my! Better luck next year, New England. Go Birds!

Sincerely, Lady Twinkledown

Congratulations and Best Wishes to our March birthday and anniversary celebrants.

March Birthdays:

- 03/1 George Chamberlin
- 03/1 Hope Hedrick
- 03/2 Mark Nixon
- 03/2 Yvette Comeau
- 03/5 Rick Nangle
- 03/6 Rick Leclair
- 03/7 Sue Osfar
- 03/8 Dennis Herrmann
- 03/8 Cheryl Martin
- 03/8 Anne Marie Sumereau
- 03/9 Mary Ann Amanti
- 03/9 Vickie Domino
- 03/10 Gypsy Gaeta
- 03/10 Ritchie Comfort
- 03/12 AnnMarie Moretti
- 03/13 Carol Deatherage
- 03/13 Janet Miller
- 03/13 Norm Nemi
- 03/14 Carolyn Satta
- 03/15 Carolyn Schamburg
- 03/17 Kathy Laramie



- 03/17 Joe Pereira
- 03/18 David Bond
- 03/18 Janet Callahan
- 03/18 Claire Mosakowski
- 03/19 Christine Mahoney
- 03/21 Michael D'Ambra
- 03/21 Ray Larkin
- 03/22 Dick Nemi
- 03/23 David Neener
- 03/24 Helga Ellis
- 03/24 Bobbi Rogers
- 03/25 Joan Mahoney
- 03/25 Nancy Morris
- 03/25 Marie Rutigliano
- 03/26 Judy Daigle
- 03/27 Linda Roberts
- 03/28 Doug Howland
- 03/29 Paula Barrows
- 03/29 Teri Stallone
- 03/30 Mike Bunker
- 03/30 Tom Wichmann



March Anniversaries:

- 03/12/1989 Sue & Frank Briogliadora
- 03/12/1962 Yvonne & Richard Thurston
- 03/21/2005 Sue & Terry Rein
- 03/24/1966 Gail & Ray Larkin

- 03/25/2017 Pat & Teri Stallone
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Boat Club

By Kathy Williams



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Our February meeting took place on February 14th, as did the tiki party, held inside the clubhouse due to the pool renovations. We had a great time playing music bingo. The boat club provided a nacho bar and everyone brought something to share.

Upcoming Events



March 14, 2026: no meeting. ****Boat Club Bash VIP Red Carpet Extravaganza**** in the clubhouse at 4:30pm.

April 11, 2026: meeting 10:00am. ****Food truck parking lot party**** will be from 4:30-9:00pm. There will be live music by the Nightly Brew Band from 5-9pm. Food trucks open from 4:30-7:30pm. Don't forget to bring some cash to buy from the food trucks! The boat club bar will be open to members for complimentary drinks (you must sign in at the membership table to get a wrist band) or to nonmembers for \$1 per drink.

May 9, 2026: meeting at 10:00am. Tiki party 3-6pm. Entertainment is to be determined.

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Book Club

By Nan Krueger



WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB selects from a wide variety of current books and meets the second Thursday of each month. For March we have selected a Mystery: **The Impossible Fortune by Richard Osman.**

All women residents are welcome to join. Our March meeting is on the 12th at 1:30 in the Library.

CLASSIC BOOK CLUB is choosing books that we have currently defined as literature “meeting the test of time”. This group meets the second Wednesday of each month. As of the writing of this article we have not yet chosen a book for March.

Our March meeting is on the 11th at 1:30 in the Library.

Members of both clubs are informed of upcoming selections via email, and there is a list posted in the Clubhouse that is updated as selections are made.

Happy reading! We hope to see you at one of our groups.

Buddhism

By John Howell



H.H. the 14th Dalai Lama has spoken often in public forums and private groups about the pleasure we can create as we transverse the “Path to Nirvana”. Our journey begins early in life with the foresight to engender happy memories that will manifest when old age approaches and will be a spiritual blessing to sustain us as chapter XVI of the Dhammapada describes.

- Forgiving others who may not of had opportunities to receive “Wisdom and Compassion” knowledge from an authentic source.
- The pleasure of listening to “Mother Nature’s” softly spoken spell
- Being able to hear it when the time arrives
- The “Word”...
- The pleasure in helping others to gain at least some of this knowledge in later years
- Sharing the joy of sponsoring those who have taken the vows of lay or full ordination
- Remaining peaceful in the face of unconscious ill will
- Selflessness

Albert Einstein observes: “A human being is part of a whole called a “Universe” a part limited by time and space. Our task is to widen our viewpoint to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature and her healing beauty.”

John continues his ongoing health issues, guided by his wellness team, and sincerely thanks everyone who sends him well wishes.

Next Month we conclude our readings from the Dhammapada with chapter XXV “The Monk”. Also a preview of a rare and wondrous “Blue Moon” (two full moons in the same month of May) celebration worldwide; the Buddha’s Birthday, Enlightenment, and Parinirvana. If John adheres to his wellness team’s medical orders, regular Cove meetings will be joyously restarted June 4th.

Namaste

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<p>8</p> <p>Bocce 11AM BC</p> <p>Vespers Faith & Covenant 4:45PM A</p> <p><i>Daylight Savings Begins @ 2am</i></p>	<p>9</p> <p>Chair Exercise 9AM GR</p> <p>Landscape Mtg 10AM A</p> <p>Michigansers 2PM A</p> <p>Art Strong 8PM L</p>	<p>Chair Exercise 9AM GR</p> <p>Marketing 10:30AM A</p> <p>Live Mus 10:30AM A</p> <p>Crafters 10:30AM A</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Bocce 11AM BC</p> <p>Bocce Mtg 4:30PM C</p> <p>Vespers Faith & Covenant "MOVIE" 4:45PM GR</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Chair Exercise 9AM GR</p> <p>Art Strong 6PM L</p> <p>"Private" 6:30PM A</p>	<p>Chair Exercise 9AM GR</p> <p>Burger 10:30AM A</p> <p>Queen 10:30AM A</p> <p>Drawing 10:30AM A</p> <p>St. P 10:30AM A</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Bocce 11AM BC</p> <p>Vespers Faith & Covenant 4:45PM A</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Chair Exercise 9AM GR</p> <p>Cue Club Awards Banquet 5PM C</p> <p>Art Strong 8PM L</p>	<p>Chair Exercise 9AM GR</p> <p>Live Mus 10:30AM A</p> <p>Crafters 10:30AM A</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Bocce 11AM BC</p> <p>Vespers Faith & Covenant 4:45PM A</p> <p><i>Palm Sunday</i></p>	<p>30</p> <p>Chair Exercise 9AM GR</p> <p>Art Strong 6PM L</p>	<p>Chair Exercise 9AM GR</p>

Americana Cove

NOTE: Chair Exercise will end when pool renovation is complete.

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																										
3 Chair Exercise 9AM GR Council Mtg. Poolside 11AM GR Social 5:30PM C	4 Chair Exercise 9AM GR Bottle Mtg 8:30PM A ACA Luncheon 12M C Chair Volleyball 3PM C Resident Social 8:30PM C Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30PM	5 Chair Exercise 9AM GR Good Neighbor 1PM C Fines CMTE 7PM GR Gomhole 6PM C	6 Chair Exercise 9AM GR Fri Nite at the Movies 7PM GR Bingo 6PM C	7 Spring Craft Show 10AM C Got It! 4PM A Dealers Choice Poker 6PM A Dart League 6:30PM GR																																										
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24 Chair Exercise 9AM ic 3PM C "Final" 6PM C	25 Chair Exercise 9AM GR End of Year Party Swim, Walk, Line Dance 4PM C Town-hall Mtg 7PM C	26 Chair Exercise 9AM GR Gomhole 6PM C	27 Chair Exercise 9AM GR Fri Nite at the Movies 7PM GR DOUBLE Bingo 6PM C	28 FOUNDERS DAY Private Astrology 12M A Dealer's Choice Poker 6PM A Dart League 6:30PM BR																																										
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Weekly Calendar Repeats

AMERICANA COVE WEEKLY Calendar Repeats - Month: March 2026

Day	Event	Time		Location	
Monday:	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.		C	
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.			
	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.			
	Line Dancing	11:30-1:00p.m.	Nov-April	C	
	Nickel Bingo	1:00pm	Year around	C	
	Progressive Rummy	4:00p.m.	Year around	A	
	Art Strong	6:00-8:00pm	Year around	L	
	Cue Club-Men's	6:00p.m.	Nov-April	B	
Tuesday:	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.		C	
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.			
	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.			
	Shuffleboard Social League	10:30am -12:30pm	Nov-April	S	
	Maj Jong	2:00pm	Year around	GR	
	Progressive Rummy	4:00p.m.	Year around	A	
	Poker Pool	6:00 p.m.	Nov-April	B	
	Cards	6:30p.m.		A	
Wednesday:	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m..		C	
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.			
	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.			
	Hand & Foot (cards)	1:00 p.m.	Year round	A	
	Cue Club-Women's	6:00p.m.	Nov-April	B	
	Board Games	6:00pm	Year round	A	
	Texas Hold'em	6:30pm		A	
	Rug Braiding	6:30p.m.	Nov-April	G	
Thursday:	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.		C	
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.			
	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.			
	Dominoes	1:00pm	Nov-April	A	
	Progressive Rummy	4:00pm	Year around	A	
	Cue Club-Men's	6:30p.m.	Nov-April	B	
	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.		C	
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.			
Friday:	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.			
	Beer Tasting	3:00-6:00pm	Year around	G	
	Poker Pool	6:00p.m.	Year around	B	
	Bingo	6:00p.m.	Year around	C	
	Saturday:	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.		
		Shuffleboard Hoss Collar	10:30am-12:30p.m.		S
		Vespers Choir Rehearsal	3:30pm	Nov-April	A
	Sunday:	Bocce Ball Pick-up	1:00pm-5:00pm	Nov-April	BC
Summer Bocce		2:00pm	June-Oct	BC	
Vespers		4:45p.m.	Nov-April	A	
Pinochle		6:30p.m.	Nov-April	C	
Misc Cards		6:30p.m.	Year round	A	



***A:** Atrium
C: Clubhouse
L: Library
S: Shuffleboard Courts
B: Billiards
G: Game Room
BC: Bocce Court

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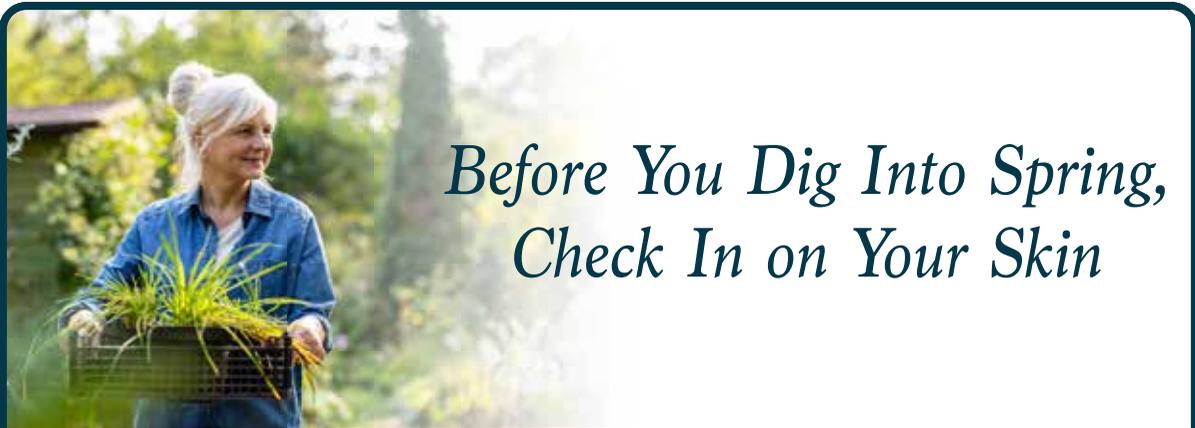
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Cornhole Club

By Erika Fitch

Just to let you know the Cornhole Chicken Dinner fundraiser scheduled for March 7th has been canceled for this year, even though it might be listed on the March calendar in the Forecaster.



Cornhole club season is well under way but we always welcome any new members. Membership dues were collected starting in November but you can still join at any time. If you would like to join the club dues are \$10 for the year and members are given the first chance to play if we have more participants than boards. We play every Thursday night at 6:30 in the clubhouse. If you have never played before don't worry, we are glad to teach you. It's an easy game to learn. If you are not a member then drop in play is \$2.00 a night.

At intermission we play the game Air Mail. Don't forget to bring extra money to purchase a ticket for a chance to play this game and win a cash prize. Also at the end of the evening's regular Cornhole session we play Last Man Standing for another chance to win some cash. This costs \$1.00 to play. We also have a 50/50 drawing every week. So bottom line, just bring extra cash for chances to win more.

It's good to see all our snowbirds back!!

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

Crafters Club

By Teri Stallone

The Crafters will host their **ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL** on Tuesday March 3th in the clubhouse from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. **All Cove neighbors are invited.** Enjoy a dish of vanilla ice cream with your favorite toppings. Cost is only \$5.00. There will also be a 50/50 raffle.



Crafters will also have a **SPRING CRAFT FAIR** on Saturday March 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the clubhouse. Great place to find new spring / summer decor, beautiful one of a kind jewelry and many other one of a kind items made by the Cove Crafters.



Thank you to all crafters that volunteered to cook and serve at the Young at Heart Luncheon in February. We appreciated all the residents that attended this event.

Hard to believe we are winding down the 1st half of our craft season on March 24th with the election of officers and an end of season party. We hope everyone has enjoyed the variety of projects made this season. The craft leaders appreciate all your help and look forward to returning in the Fall.



Faith & Fellowship –Vespers

By Audrey Dox



All residents and guests are invited to gather in the Atrium on Sundays at 4:45 PM as we begin our service with a traditional hymn-sing. Various guest pastors and speakers lead us in prayer, scripture reading and a spiritual message each week. Special music is provided by our choir of Cove residents.

Speakers for March:

Mar 1 – Roger Watts, retired Methodist Pastor

Mar 8 - Brian Brink, Methodist Pastor

Mar 15 – NOTE: Christian MOVIE Night in the Game Room

Mar 22 – Bill West, Lay Speaker and Cove Resident

Mar 29 – Palm Sunday - Kevin Loughran, Pastor Grace Lutheran Church

SEND SOME CHEER – HONOR SOMEONE WITH FLOWERS! Each week, flowers decorate the pulpit area in honor of, or in memory of, a loved one. The loved one is named and the donor is recognized at the service. Flowers may be taken home following the service or we will be happy to deliver them to the home of a shut-in or someone in need. See the Faith and Fellowship/Vespers bulletin board in the clubhouse for sign-up sheets or Sandy Shouse. Cost \$15

LOOKING AHEAD – Pastor Roger Watts will lead the *EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE* April 5 at 7AM. *EASTER LILIES* can be purchased for the service in honor of, or in memory of, a loved one. You may choose to take home your Easter Lily after the service or have Vespers deliver the lily to a shut-in. Please see Martha Sutton or the Faith and Fellowship/Vespers bulletin board for sign-up sheets. Cost \$10

CHOIR - choir members practice at 3:30 PM on Sundays with an accompanist. If you like to sing, won't you consider joining our group of happy voices singing praises to our Lord. We are always happy to welcome new vocalists. *I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.* [Psalm 9:2](#)

Won't you come join us in worshiping our Lord together, fellowship, and partnering to reach out to our Cove family with the Gospel message.

Landscape Committee

By Michelle Pugh and Erika Fitch

The Landscape Committee has been hard at work on helping spruce up the planted pots around the pool area for the reopening of the pool. We hope that you like what we have done and are able to enjoy them when the pool opens back up. Thanks to everyone who worked hard on this project.

Hopefully your own plants did not get too much damage from the cold weather we have had the last few weeks. We do know that some of our landscape areas look a little rough because of the cold but with time all the plants should bounce back. We will be keeping an eye on them and also trimming a lot of plants that need it in the next few months to promote new growth.

The Landscape Committee's next meeting will be Monday, March 9th at 10 a.m. in the

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Atrium. If you are a member please plan on attending.

We also would like to remind everyone that when you are walking your dogs near any of the flower beds in the park and especially Founders Park to please keep them from peeing on any of the plants. This does damage to the plants and they then have to be replaced. This work is all done by volunteer residents and it makes us sad that we have to replace things because of this. Please help to keep the Cove looking nice for your neighbors and yourself.

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

We are hoping that with the cooler spring weather we are having right now you can get outside to enjoy your own yards as well as the public areas in the Cove.

Library

By Gay McPhee



“I declare after all there is no enjoyment like reading! How much sooner one tires of anything than of a book!...when I have a house of my own, I shall be miserable if I have not an excellent library.” —Pride and Prejudice

Fortunately, none of us should be miserable, as we have a most excellent library in the Cove. Although we live in Paradise, wouldn't it be fun to escape to another place of intrigue, all from the comfort of your own home? Please feel free to partake of this lovely little gem, our own library!

Line Dancing

By Judy Daigle



Well, it's been another great season of Line Dancing. This will be our last month to enjoy dancing. Every Monday we have Intermediate dances from 11:30 - 12 and Beginners from 12:00 - 1pm in the Library. No experience needed. Repeat dances weekly so you can quickly catch on. Hope to see you there!





Live Music

By Libby Hopkins

Hello Everyone!

You will not want to miss our programs this month!! Our St. Patrick's Day Show is on March 10, Tuesday, at 3 PM in the Clubhouse. The Americana Cove Line Dancers will be there to perform their famous Irish Jig.

Our second show of the month will be on Tuesday, March 24, at 3 PM. This show is in TBD status, but we are sure it will be a fabulous one!!

We would like to thank all who attended the 90s Birthday Celebration last month honoring those who are aged 90 or above in the Park. A special thanks to all those who contributed to the Celebration, and who attended to cheer our 90s folks on!!! A wonderful 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 2nd and 4th 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!

See you soon!!!! Take care and have a great month!



Shuffleboard Club

By Robert Solomon

With Shuffleboard being played outside here in the Cove, it has been a challenge some days to keep warm. The Blue Sky Team captains even cancelled and re-scheduled our last home game due to the chill. Most of the other parks we compete against and play with have enclosed courts. As we wrote last month, our team will be hosting the tournament here on our courts on Friday, March 20th. This will determine who gets the coveted trophy to display for the year. Last year, we came in second place and are working hard to take first place and bring that trophy to our case in the atrium.

Our club had an outing to the St. Petersburg Club courts at 559 Mirror Lake Dr. N, St. Petersburg, on Tuesday, February 24. This is home to the world's largest shuffleboard club with 75 courts. We took beverages and snacks and played on the courts where shuffleboard began in Florida back in 1928! Look at their web site and read the interesting history: www.stpeteshuffle.com. We encourage everyone to give this fun sport a try! It will cost you nothing to come down to the courts on a Tuesday or Saturday morning at 10:30 and learn to play. Instruction and equipment are included.



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Swim Exercise

By Nancy Olson

Hello everyone! The pool restoration is on schedule and looks like early March for reopening. While the pool is closed, we are meeting Monday through Fridays in the game room from 9-10 doing some chair exercises with our “you tube video friend Paul Eugene!” Our group is both the swim exercise and anyone else in the park who would like to come. We are averaging about 25 people a day. The response has been awesome!



Items of interest:

On Wednesday, March 4 we will be preparing, serving and cleaning up at the ACA luncheon. We will be serving pot pies and a small salad. Thanks to all who have volunteered to cook, serve and clean up.

Our end of season party which will include the swim, land exercise, line dancers and chair exercise groups is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25 from 4-7 in the Club House. We will be passing out sheets to each group to sign up for a dish to pass. We will do this about 2 weeks before the event.

I want to thank Maureen for leading the chair exercise group while I was away for a week in February. Thanks Maureen!

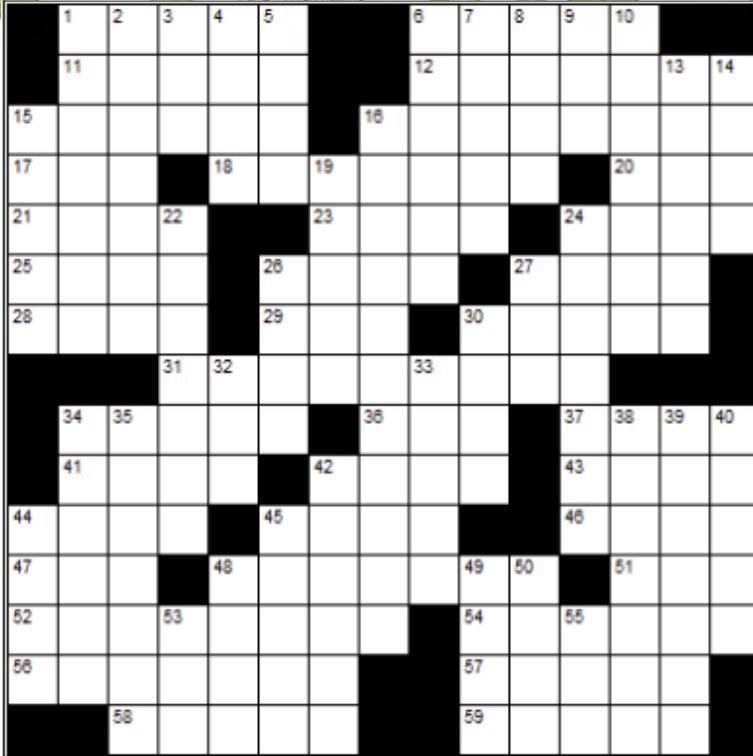
Happy St. Patrick’s Day!

Pics include Kathy Williams and Teri Shaw





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ACROSS

1. Boundary
6. Reveals
11. Battery terminal
12. Futile
15. Reply
16. Nasal spray, for example
17. Decay
18. Metal refinery
20. Sticky stuff
21. Distinctive flair
23. Secluded valley
24. Belch
25. One less than 10
26. Dry
27. Puncture
28. Against
29. Animal companion
30. Invoices to pay
31. Flashy
34. Earth tone
36. Small piece of cloth
37. A cooperative unit
41. Jury member
42. Chats
43. Decorative case
44. Darling
45. Carry
46. Tatters
47. N N N
48. Kneecap
51. Destroy the interior of
52. Snobs
54. Blood vessel
56. Nerve junction
57. Tally
58. Color of most grasses
59. Rip up

DOWN

1. Ointment ingredient
2. Blink of an eye
3. Cut grass
4. Mid-month days
5. Duration
6. Tapped without swinging
7. Pale
8. Towards the back
9. Addition
10. Mostly white aquatic bird
13. Breathes noisily while sleeping
14. Cease
15. Sporting venue
16. Nonreaders
19. Wading bird
22. Not one or the other
24. Fortify
26. Abbey area
27. Not hers
30. Pleads
32. Arrange (abbrev.)
33. Record company
34. Candidly
35. Discontinuing
38. Knickknack holder
39. Foretold
40. Foggy
42. Received
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45. Thigh armor
48. Tube
49. Young woman
50. Curve
53. Driveway surface
55. Craggy peak



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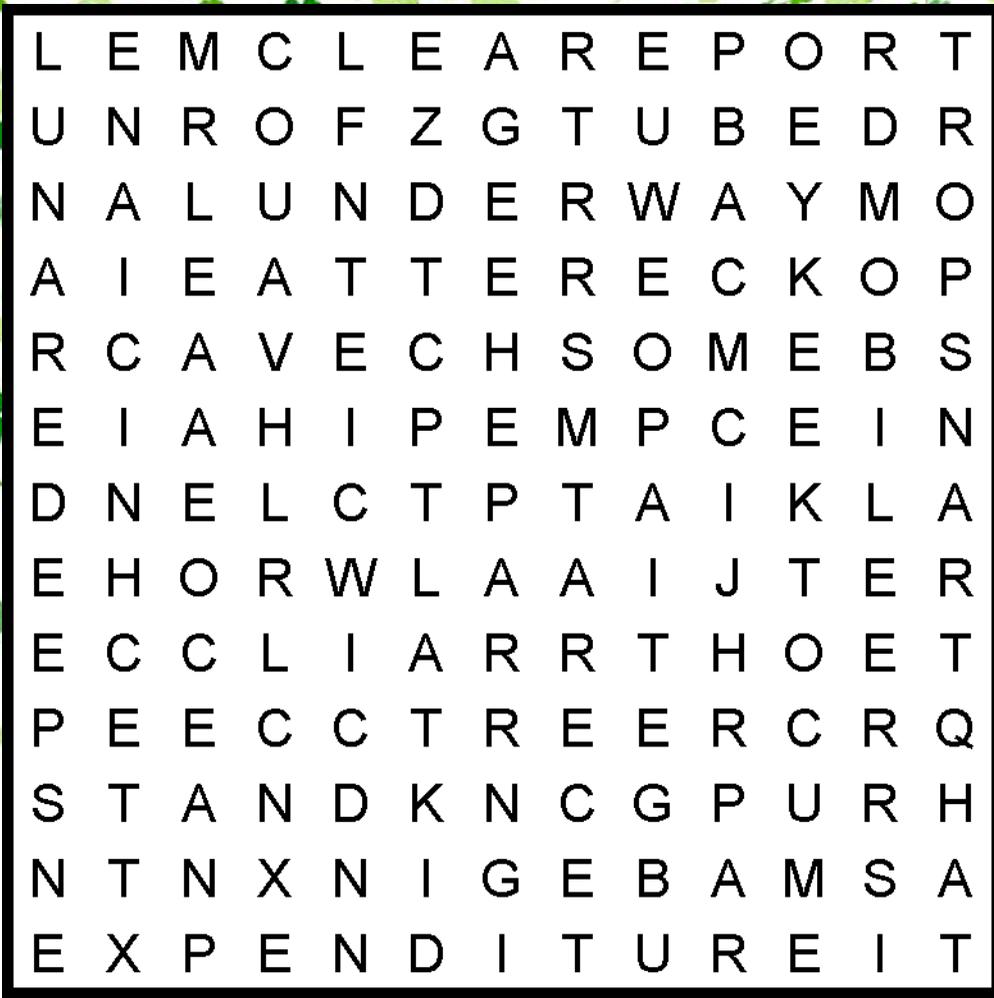
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<p>EVENTS & PROGRAMS</p>	<p>Golden Acres ROA Bazaar. Saturday, March 7, 9am-12:30pm. Clubhouse, 1040 Main Street, Dunedin Florida</p>	<p>Spring Craft Fair, Sunset Palms MHP, 3401 Gandy Blvd., Pinellas Park. March 21st, 9:00am until 2:00pm. Handmade arts and crafts: quilted items, resin art, handmade cards, diamond art creations, jewelry, wreaths and so much more. Homemade baked goods.</p>
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