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Manager's Message

By J.R. Lindstrom

Hello everyone, hope the beginning of the new year 2026 is going well. Things here in Americana Cove are starting off very nicely as well. Here are some of the highlights to look forward to.

The Guard House has received a nice makeover. New windows and doors, painting of interior and exterior, new community map sign, updated road signage, and refreshed landscaping make the community entry very welcoming to our residents and guests.

The Pool Renovation and the Pool Deck Renovation Projects are moving along as scheduled. The new pool floor and coping will enhance the pool and the pool deck projects, including the Tiki Hut, will create a fun atmosphere for all the community activities and events that take place.

The Founders Day Event is in the works. As things develop and such, our office will update the community.

As always, the Office, Maintenance, and Guard House Teams appreciate your support. If you have any questions, concerns, or need assistance, please contact our office.

President's Report

By Philip A. Quince



Ballot Amendments

Ballot would like to thank all the members who took the opportunity to vote on the recent ballot amendment proposals. By all accounts, this was the single largest voter participation in our community's history.

The passing of these amendments marks a transformative moment in our history and will benefit generations to come. Despite some misleading information circulating during the voting cycle, these changes place decision-making power in the hands of our members who participate in the governance of our community. Every member has the right—and is strongly encouraged—to participate in the process. No vote can take place without a quorum of all eligible members, which is greater than 50%, and it requires a supermajority (two-thirds) of those who participate to pass.

These changes ensure that a high standard is maintained, align with basic democratic principles, and guarantee that all eligible members can participate. We believe this is a fairer process, as it avoids the negative impact of non-participants and, most importantly, encourages voter participation.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank you.

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Message from Board of Directors

By Bill Moretti and George Paige

Important Public Safety Notice: Traffic Compliance

We are currently experiencing too many incidents of motor vehicle operators not complying with stop signs or the community-wide 15 mph speed limit.

Our community roads are narrow, and sidewalks are limited. The roadway is frequently shared with residents who are exercising, riding bicycles, walking their dogs, and engaging in other activities. Non-compliance poses a serious risk to pedestrian and cyclist safety.

The Board takes the issue of public safety seriously. With this in mind, additional traffic control and calming devices will be installed in the following areas:

- Mt Piney Avenue
- Mt Piney Road
- Mt Oak
- Americana Drive



Board of directors

As other high-incident areas are brought to our attention, they will also be analyzed and addressed.

Please help us minimize the amount of intervention needed by strictly observing the posted 15 mph speed limit and fully complying with all stop signs. Your cooperation is essential to maintaining a safe community for everyone.

Thank you for helping to keep our community streets safe.

Water Use & Irrigation

We've had some questions from the community about the differences between potable water, well water, and irrigation water, and we're happy to explain.

Potable (Drinking) Water

All homes in our community receive potable drinking water from the City of St. Petersburg, supplied by Tampa Bay Water. This water is treated, tested, and regulated to meet all federal and Florida safety standards. Twelve percent of our monthly CO-OP FEE pays our potable water bill including sewage, the sewage portion of the bill is based on water usage.

Irrigation Water – CO-OP Well System

Our CO-OP uses well water exclusively for irrigation of lawns and landscaped common areas. This system is separate from household drinking water. Well water is fine for landscaping but is not treated or tested for drinking. Please address common area overspray, leaks, or broken sprinklers to CO-OP management.

Reminder: Shareholders are responsible for repairs and maintenance of potable water and irrigation systems on their lot. Example: Shareholders/Residents are responsible for repairing sprinkler systems/heads on their lots and leaky toilets, dripping faucets or any repairs needed after the main supply water valve to their home/lot. If you have questions please contact the office for clarification.

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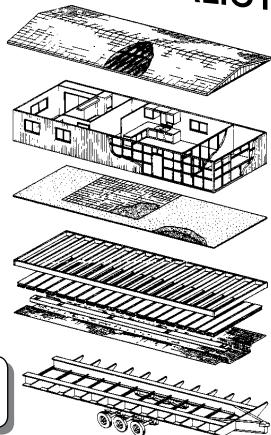


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Common Questions

- Is irrigation water the same as tap water? No. Irrigation uses CO-OP-owned wells; homes use City potable water.
- Can irrigation water be used for drinking or washing? No. It is for landscaping only.
- Why does irrigation water sometimes smell or look different? Natural minerals such as sulfur or iron are common in well water.
- Does using well water save money? Yes. It significantly reduces CO-OP potable water costs.
- Can I use potable water for irrigation? No. This is against our Rules and Regulations to help maintain cost of our common utilities.
- What is the common area watering schedule? The business office, gatehouse and founder's park are watered on Wednesday and Sunday. Homes with addresses ending in even numbers may water on Tuesday and Saturday. Addresses ending in odd numbers may water on Wednesday and Sunday. Watering times are from 5:00-9:00 AM and/or 7:00-11:00 PM.

Landscaping & Water Use in St. Petersburg, FL (33702)

Water early morning to reduce evaporation.

Avoid irrigation during or after rainfall.

Use Florida-friendly plants where possible.

Report broken sprinklers, leaks, or overspray promptly (in common areas).

Check your household faucets, toilets and water fixtures for leaks and repair as needed.

We follow City of St. Petersburg water guidelines. Link: (https://www.stpete.org/residents/sustainability/water_conservation/water_restrictions.php?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

Florida Statute 719 (Cooperative Associations)

As a Florida cooperative association governed by FS 719, the Board is responsible for maintaining common-area systems, managing expenses responsibly, and keeping residents informed. Using well water for irrigation supports conservation and cost control.

Thank you for helping to conserve our community's water resources.





ACA News

By Cindy Rodriguez

We danced the night away and toasted '2026' in with champagne. The ACA board thanks everyone that volunteered to help and to those attended the 'sold out' New Years Eve Party.

ACA Clubs & Activities meetings are always the **1st Tuesday of the month**. **Presidents and/or representatives are expected to attend**. All residents are welcome, as it is an open & informative meeting to hear what is going on and what is coming up in the future from all the clubs and activities.

The **Resident Socials** are going very well. It is held the **1st Wednesday** of the month, **6:30-7:30pm in the Clubhouse, Nov. thru April**. As you enter, you will be given a name tag and a free beverage ticket. We always have some light snacks there. It's a good way to meet other residents especially if you're new. Sit at a table with others that you don't know and introduce yourselves.

The **Queen of Hearts** is also drawn this evening at about 7:25pm. Tickets are available until 7:15pm. Rules are posted on the ACA bulletin board.

The **BURGER BURN** is **February 17th**, always the 3rd Tuesday of the month, **5:00-6:30pm**. your choice of 1/3 lb. hamburger, cheeseburger, or a *jumbo* hot dog (with all the fixings'), along with sides of fries, beans, coleslaw & a cookie plus a beverage of your choice.....all for \$9.

There is a 50/50 raffle and another drawing of the Queen of Hearts, which is drawn at 6:30pm. Tickets for the Queen are sold until 6:15 pm.

This is another great opportunity to gather and meet other residents.

Announcements

Ray Rodriguez – Editor



AC Notice for February, 2026, Hypnosis Session

By now I guess we've all had time to adjust to the beginnings of a new year and to try out any resolutions we might have felt inclined to make. I hope one of them is to continue giving yourself the gift of the monthly sessions of hypnosis that are geared to making your life better in all ways you desire and to give you tools to continue attaining what will make your life sweeter. A couple of hours a month that lift you up. That is what I have been striving for—to make sure you have access to changes that can be brought on more clearly and successfully by going directly to your subconscious, avoiding the constant censoring that our conscious mind burdens us with.

During the January session, we explored our core essence, a deep look into our basic, essential self. So, join us again, Tuesday, February 3, at 11 a.m. in the Game Room, to continue bettering our lives. Remember that we all have everything we need already, we just need to give it permission to shine from within us into our life in the outside world.

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Call or email if you have any questions/would like to schedule a session; 904-866-0903

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Veterans

Last month was a slow month for old and worn Flags, I only retired 10 flags. Keep up the good work. If you are new in the Cove and have served in the military, and would like to have your name placed on our plaques of Honor, please put your name and branch on the Veterans sheet which is on the ACA Board in the clubhouse. When I get six or names I'll get them place on the plaques on the wall in the clubhouse.

If you have any worn or torn flags, don't put them in the garbage please place in the flag box, in the clubhouse by the East door. I would love to see more flags on the houses in the Cove, the more the merrier! If you should need help in putting them up, call me and I'll be more than glad to help.



Art Strong

Judy Daigle

ATTENTION: Our Cove artists are currently gathering their completed pieces of Artwork for our annual Art Exhibition set for Monday evening, February 16, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the Library. While you browse, help yourselves to some wine, cheese and crackers. There will be a free drawing for the 9 x 12 Cove Community Art canvases that were created during last year's exhibition. This is a canvas that was painted by the guests as they walked by the art easel which allowed them to slap on some paint and create a Masterpiece! Mark your calendars for February 16.

Our Art Strong group gathers every Monday evening from 6-8 in the Library, No drawing or painting experience needed. All you need are your supplies for painting or drawing, Watercolors, acrylics, pastels etc. Hope you'll join us!

Welcome New Residents

By Mary Ann Meljac & Cindy Rodriguez

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Sunshine Report

By Gay McPhee

Dearest Gentle Reader,

This author deemed it necessary to clarify and temper some gossip that has been circulating around our little hamlet.

The date was 20 December, the place was Good Sir George and Lady Pam Paige's boat dock.

What actually occurred: It was a marvelously mild evening for a pontoon ride in and around the canals of the Cove. Sir George and Lady Pam bedecked their vessel with lights of white and bedazzled snowflakes. There was a cacophony of shouts of glee from bystanders and well wishers for a Merry Christmas. Even Santa's cousin Bruce was aboard (IYKYK).

We cruised up and down the inlets, and finally went back to the dock to disembark. One such inexperienced boater who thought he'd help was the Jester, Don Shockley.

As your author was stepping off the boat and onto the dock, trickster Don put his hand out as if to help me. But before I could even grab a hold, he wobbled, and as if in slow motion, he teetered over and landed in the drink!



I shrieked, "Help him! Jester Don has fallen overboard!"

Thank goodness for the quick-responding hero Sir George, who helped him climb back onto the dock and allowing him to control his sea legs.

The next morning as I was perambulating around the ton, several concerned citizens asked why your Lady Twinkledown had pushed Jester Don into the canal! To which I replied, "I most certainly did not!"

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Sincerely, Lady Twinkledown





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02/2	Mary Lou Pribesh	02/11	Mark Curtis	02/21	Joe Leland
02/3	Gery Hart	02/11	Mike Guiler	02/22	Joan Irwin
02/3	Polly Kuizel	02/11	Beverly Hamel	02/24	Susan Eaton
02/04	Terri Shaw	02/13	Janet Pendino	02/24	Pat Perry
02/5	Susan Chavie	02/14	John Cole	02/25	Randy Daugherty
02/06	Suzanne Gati	02/14	Marge Lang	02/25	Bill Moretti
02/7	Jan Ernst	02/16	Ann Joseph	02/26	Joel Daigle
02/7	Susan Lloyd	02/16	Rebecca Terpstra	02/27	Gary Clark
02/8	Ronald W. Miller	02/17	Anthony Boccarossa	02/27	John Karam
02/8	Frank Manganello	02/20	Kim Lavoie	02/28	Diane Barnum
02/8	Carolyn Conrad	02/20	Linda Pizzano	02/29	Linda Cook
02/9	Vanessa Caponigro				

Happy Birthday



February Anniversaries:

02/5/1994	Dolores & Jeff Prusak
02/6/1965	Shirley & Tony Giaquinto
02/7/1992	Melissa & Mark Guiler
02/13/2003	Pam & Richard Lord
02/14/1999	Cathie & Joe Golf
02/16/1980	Sharon & Rick Leclair
02/21/1970	Lorna & Richard Roberts
02/27/2016	Helga & Donnie Ellis
02/28/1987	Patricia & Rodney South

Happy Anniversary!



Congratulations and best wishes to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in February!

In Memoriam

Michael D'Ambra 12/12/25 - (wife Diane, 669 Mt Newcastle)
Doris Poole 12/28/25 - (son Ralph, Salzburg, Austria)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
1 Bocce 11AM BC Vespers/Faith & Fellowship 4:45PM A	2 Hobby Shop Mtg. 9AM HS Chair Exercise 9AM GR Sit & Sew 6PM GR Art Strong 6PM L Groundhog Day	Chair Exe ACA Pres Council 10 Group Hy GR Crafters 6
8 Bocce 11AM BC Vespers/Faith & Fellowship 4:45PM A	9 Chair Exercise 9AM GR Landscape CMTE 10AM A Art Strong 6P L	Chair E 9AM GR Live Mu Crafters
15 Bocce 11AM BC Bocce Mtg. 4:30PM C Vespers/Faith & Fellowship 4:45PM A	16 Chair Exercise 9AM GR Art Strong 6PM L President's Day	Chair E 9AM GR Burger C Q of H 6:30PM Ma
22 Bocce 11AM BC Vespers/Faith & Fellowship 4:45PM A	23 Chair Exercise 9AM GR Art Strong 6PM L	Chair E 9AM GR Crafters
		Washington's Birthday

Americana Cove

Please note that the kitchen will be busy for party food prep on Feb 6th & 7th - Feb 20th & 21st - Feb 27th & 28th

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Exercise 9AM GR idents 10AM A pnosis 11AM PM C	3 Chair Exercise 9AM GR Shuffle Mtg. 9:30AM A Chair Volleyball 3PM C Resident's Social 6:30PM C	4 Chair Exercise 9AM GR Good Neighbor 1PM C Fines CMTE 7PM GR Cornhole 6PM C	5 Chair Exercise 9AM GR Beer Friday 3PM GR Friday Nite at the Movies 7PM GR Bingo 6PM C	6 Chair Exercise 9AM GR Brews & Brats 5PM C Got It! 4PM A Dealer's Choice Poker 6PM A Dart League 6:30PM GR
Exercise R usic 3PM C s 6PM C	10 Chair Exercise 9AM GR Classic Book Club 1:30PM L	11 Finance CMTE 10AM A Women's Book Club 1:30PM L	12 Chair Exercise 9AM GR Planning CMTE 10:30AM A Beer Friday 3PM GR Friday Nite at the Movies 7PM GR Bingo 6PM C	13 Chair Exercise 9AM GR Boat Club Mtg. 10AM A Tiki Party 3PM C Dealer's Choice Poker 6PM A Dart League 6:30PM GR Valentine's Day
Exercise R Burn 5PM Drawing C ardi Gras	17 Chair Exercise 9AM GR YAH Luncheon 12N C Chair Volleyball 3PM C Board of Directors Mtg 7PM C Ash Wednesday	18 Chair Exercise 9AM GR Private Book Club Presentation 11AM GR Cornhole 6PM C	19 Chair Exercise 9AM GR Beer Friday 3PM GR Friday Nite at the Movies 7PM GR Bingo 6PM C	20 Chair Exercise 9AM GR Private Astrology Group 12N A Got It! 4PM A Bocce Fundraiser 4:30 PM C Karaoke 7PM C Dealer's Choice Poker 6PM A Dart League 6:30PM GR
Exercise R s 6PM C	24 Chair Exercise 9AM GR	25 Chair Exercise 9AM GR Cornhole 6PM C	26 Chair Exercise 9AM GR Beer Friday 3PM GR Friday Nite at the Movies 7PM GR DOUBLE Bingo 6PM C	27 Chair Exercise 9AM GR 90's Celebration 3PM C Dealer's Choice Poker 6PM A Dart League 6:30PM GR

Weekly Calendar Repeats

AMERICANA COVE WEEKLY Calendar Repeats - Month: February 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
	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.	C
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.	
Tuesday:	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
	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m..	C
Wednesday:	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
	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.	
Thursday:	Dominoes	1:00pm	Nov-April A
	Progressive Rummy	4:00pm	Year around A
	Bid Euchre	6:00pm	G
	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.	
	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.	
Friday:	Beer Tasting	3:00-6:00pm	Year around G
	Poker Pool	6:00p.m.	Year around B
	Bingo	6:00p.m.	Year around C
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.	
	Shuffleboard Hoss Collar	10:30am-12:30p.m.	S
	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	3:30pm	A
	Bocce Ball Pick-up	1:00pm-5:00pm	BC
Saturday:	Summer Bocce	2:00pm	BC
	Vespers	4:45p.m.	A
	Pinocle	6:30p.m.	C
	Misc Cards	6:30p.m.	Courts
Sunday:			



*A:	Atrium
C:	Clubhouse
L:	Library
S:	Shuffleboard
B:	Courts
G:	Billiards
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Location, location, location!

By Barefoot Realty Group, Brokerage Agent for Americana Cove

Homeowners often forget that it's not only the home or community, but location is a primary determining factor as to why buyers select Americana Cove over another community.

According to RREAF Holdings, a national commercial real estate firm that buys multi-family housing, location is the primary factor that determines property value, desirability and investment potential.

Here's how location is a factor for residents at Americana Cove:

Property Value: Communities that have waterfront property generally have higher property values. Look at the competition to Americana Cove and property values become very clear:

- Doral MHP in Clearwater has 527 homes and currently the highest priced home listed for sale in the community according to the Multiple Listing Service is \$220,000 out of 8 homes listed.
- Sunset Palms, which has 520 homes and is located in Pinellas Park, has the highest price home listed at \$160,000 out of 18 homes for sale.
- Clearwater Cascade, Pinellas Park, has 464 homes for sale and the highest price home available as of this writing is \$250,000 out of 17 homes listed for sale.
- Fairway Village, a golf course community in Largo, has 751 homes and the highest price home listed is \$279,000 out of 22 homes for sale.
- Palm Hill, a 1,096-space golf course community in Clearwater, has 45 homes for sale and the highest price listed is \$250,000.

These factory-built housing communities that are competitors to Americana Cove are located inland and not on water. Bay Aristocrat, a community located on open Tampa Bay water in Clearwater has only 361 homes but in spite of the smaller size the highest price home listed is \$380,000 out of 16 homes listed for sale, which is more similar to pricing in Americana Cove, which has more waterfront homes than Bay Aristocrat and several homes listed at \$350,000 and above.

"Even with a 9-hole golf course, Fairway Village and Palm Hill can't compete with the higher home pricing found in the two waterfront communities," explained Broker Marty Pozgay.

Desirability and Convenience: Buyers in the 55+ age group look at convenience to shopping, dining and medical professionals. Americana Cove is located only 10 minutes from downtown St. Petersburg and minutes to 4th Street. "Both locations offer a high quality of convenience and desirability which buyers want," Pozgay noted.

Neighborhood: Purchasing property in a community with good "curb appeal" further enhances property values. "Americana Cove is located in highly desirable northeast St. Petersburg and has the added advantage of a 24 hr. manned gate, which is the ultimate in curb appeal as only more exclusive communities have manned gates," said Pozgay. Out of almost 50 factory-built housing communities in the county, Americana Cove has the only manned gate.



Boat Club

By Kathy Williams



Hope everyone is surviving "winter" in Florida! I know there has been some bitter cold up north. Boat Club Bash VIP Red Carpet Extravaganza ticket sales started on January 9th to members only. They went on sale to non-members on January 26 (if any were left). Don't forget: Boat Club Bash Cruise Raffle Tickets are on sale now! This is a fully paid one week cruise with a balcony cabin, gratuities and transportation to and from the Tampa port from the Cove. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. You can purchase them from Robert Solomon (239-470-2759), Deedra Triezenberg (303-522-3104) or Kathy Williams (317-441-5995). They will also be available at many community events. You do not have to be present or a resident to win. We are accepting donations for the Bash basket raffle, as well.

Our January meeting took place on the 10th, and due to the pool renovations, the tiki party was held inside the clubhouse that evening featuring Michael May James for entertainment. Michael collected donations for a charity called Instruments for Children which provides new and refurbished band instruments for kids that cannot afford them. Over \$100 was donated. Music is an important part of childhood and this charity has an excellent cause. Yummy food was shared and everyone had a great time.

Upcoming events:

February 14, 2026: meeting 10:00am. Clubhouse/tiki party 3:00pm to 6:00pm. The boat club will provide a nacho bar and everyone should bring a dish to share. Entertainment will be Music Bingo! Test your music knowledge.

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 4:30-8:30pm. There will be live music. The boat club bar will be open to members for complimentary drinks (you must have your membership card with you) or to nonmembers and members without their cards for \$1 per drink

We always need volunteers to sell 50/50 at our events and meetings. Please sign up on the bulletin board at the clubhouse. We appreciate all the volunteers that make these events happen from set up to clean up to hiring contractors/entertainment. There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes to make it look seamless.



Bocce Club

By Daisy Dean

Our Bocce Season is Going Great. We would like to Welcome our New Members:: Andy McPhee, Vanessa Loring Caponigro, Allan & Jackie Charland, Cindy Allaire Cassidy, Jocelyne Boyer, Luc Dupuis, Judy & Joel Daigle, Sue & Teri Rein.

We play every Sunday from 11Am to 3 Pm & We Welcome New Players, We are a Fun Group & for \$10.00 you can become a Member.

We have a Fundraiser coming up February 21st. Tickets will go on Sale beginning of February, 120 Tickets will be Available. \$15.00 per Person, BYOB, Several Raffle Baskets, 50/50 Tickets Available. Menu will be Chicken Marsala, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots, Dinner Rolls & Dessert. Thank You all that supports our Fundraisers, Much Appreciated

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Book Club

By Nan Krueger

Both of our Book Clubs continue to meet regularly. If you like to read and discuss books, whether you live in the cove all year or are here seasonally, we welcome you as a new member. The groups meet in the Library, once a month for approximately 1 ½ hours. Although we call ourselves a Club we are officially an activity and do not have a fee. Please feel free to stop by and meet us.

Women's Book Club selects from a wide variety of current books and meets the second Thursday of each month. For February we have selected **The Recovery Agent** by Janet Evanovich. This is an author that some of us read regularly. This is the first book in a new series. Usually a fast, fun read.

The list of meetings and books for the remainder of the year is posted on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse under the "Friends of the Library" section. All women residents are welcome to join. Our February meeting is on the 12th at 1:30.

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. This is being lead by Wendy Watters and me. We have chosen **The Trial** by Franz Kafka for February.

Members are informed of upcoming selections via email, and there is a list posted in the Clubhouse that is updated as selections are made. All residents of the Cove are welcome to join. Our February meeting is on the 11th at 1:30.

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



Buddhism

By John Howell

"Happiness" is the focus this month from the Dhammapada. The Buddha directs us all to find the real joy achievable while passing through this world. Spiritual pursuit following guidance given; "Metta" (loving kindness), "Compassion" (in action), "Sympathetic joy" (being happy for everyone's worthy achievements), and "Equanimity" (the bliss of selfless, renunciation/detachment) compose the "Four Heavenly Abodes". These worthwhile goals are obtainable in this very life while meditating along the "Path to Nirvana". Not only are these requisite for our highest good (perfect peace) but foster gratitude, contentment, and tranquility along the way.

May we all create and share, "Happiness"!

Next month; chapter XVI's topic will be "Pleasure" from a spiritual POV.

Namaste





Cornhole Club

By Erika Fitch

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

Happy Valentines Day Cove Neighbors! The Crafters had a busy month in January creating Lady Planters, Cork Trivets and Sand Dollar Suncatchers. If you are interested in joining Crafters, please stop by on a Tuesday night at 6 p.m (check Calendar for dates). The annual dues are \$10 (Jan - Dec). There is typically no additional cost for materials. Our sign up sheets for each craft are posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. You can also join our Crafters Facebook page to receive information about future crafts and events..





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Faith & Fellowship – Vespers

By Audrey Dox

Faith and Fellowship - Vespers services are held in the Atrium on Sundays at 4:45 PM beginning with a traditional hymn-song. All residents and guests are welcome to attend this inter-denominational worship service for an inspiring message followed by a time of refreshments and fellowship in the Clubhouse.

Speakers for February:

Feb 1 - Bart Beal, lay speaker and Cove Resident

Feb 8 - Brian Brinkley, Methodist Pastor

Feb 15 - John Underwood, Woodlawn Presbyterian Church

Feb 22 - Steve Massey, Methodist Pastor



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. The cost is \$15. See the Vespers bulletin board in the clubhouse for sign-up sheets.

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*

Below are the doners that did not make it into the January Forecaster.

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Land Exercise

By Daisy Dean

New Year, New Resolutions, So Glad to see a Larger group in Walking Class, Keep up the Goal to be a Healthy You. We start at 8am every morning till 8:45, If you are new to community come out & join us, easy workout to follow. Look forward to seeing New Faces.



Landscape Committee

By Michelle Pugh and Erika Fitch

We would like to thank everyone who came out last month to help us take down the Christmas decorations in the Cove. It takes many hands to do this and everyone is appreciated. All our decorations are safely put away until next year.

The Landscape Committee's next meeting will be Monday, February 9th at 10 a.m. in the Atrium. If you are a member please plan on attending as we have several things to work on. We hope to have a new look in landscape plants around the pool as the pool project gets finished and could use some ideas from the committee.

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.

Enjoy the cooler weather that these next few months will bring. It is a great time to get outside in your own yard and spruce it up.

Line Dancing

By Judy Daigle

Line dancing every Monday from 11:30-12:00 for intermediate and 12:00-1:00 for beginners. No experience needed. Its great exercise and good therapy. Hope you'll join us.





Library

By Gay McPhee

A few months ago I thanked my library angels for helping to clean up the library shelves, updating the books to keep only those published in the last ten years.

We've now been generously given an enormous collection of movies and TV series on DVD, by Jolene and Mark Devaney, honoring the memory of their cousins Bill and Brad, movie aficionados who formerly lived at 7300 Americana Drive. Thank you so much Jolene and Mark.

Their gift includes more current movies and some favorite TV show series including Blue Bloods, Golden Girls, and the Carol Burnet Show.

So if books aren't your thing, why not hunker down with a terrific movie? January is the cold month and doesn't popcorn, a cozy blanket, and an entertaining movie sound wonderful?



Live Music

By Libby Hopkins

Hello Everyone!!

We are slowly moving toward spring and all is well. Our first show of this month honors Valentine's Day, featuring musical selections that remind us that *Love is in the Air*. This show will take place on February 10, 2026, Tuesday, in the Clubhouse at 3 PM.

Also this month, we have our very special event happening, which you will not want to miss!!! We will be celebrating with the **90s folks** in the park. It is a pleasure for us to provide the entertainment for their **birthday party** every year. The **90s Celebration** is an event in which we honor Americana Cove Residents who are 90 and above. **This year's party is scheduled for February 28, Saturday.** Anyone can come to help celebrate with our 90+ residents – it is a heartwarming event you will want to attend!! **Tickets will be available.** Please watch Facebook, Volo and other media for specific information as the date gets closer.

For those of you who are not familiar with Live Music Group, we are a Music Group within Americana Cove that usually performs the second and fourth Tuesday of every month from October through April from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM in the Clubhouse. Our Performances and the Refreshments we offer you are **FREE!!!** We work hard to provide an amusing, meaningful, and fun hour, and we provide snacks, drinks, and sometimes, spiked punch!! But you can also **BYOB!!**

We are looking forward to entertaining you!! See you soon!!



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Shuffleboard Club

By Robert Solomon

Thank you to everyone who attended the All-You-Can-Eat Pancake breakfast. The addition of Sausage Gravy and Biscuits seemed to be a popular menu item! All of us are glad to be a part of the Americana Cove community and provide this early morning breakfast as another way for you to get out and meet each other and enjoy the special place we all live in at the Cove.

League play is still happening! The Nova team plays on Thursdays with their next home games on February 5th, February 12th, February 26th and March 5th at 10:00 a.m. The Blue Sky team plays on Fridays at home on February 6th and February 20th at 10:00 a.m.

Americana Cove will host the league tournament on our courts this year in March, and we will let you know the date. Watch the Cove Facebook page. It means a lot to us players when we see residents swing by and grab a seat at the picnic tables and watch us play these other RV parks, even if it is just for a few minutes. Though we are playing other parks in a league, we still welcome you to come and learn the game on Tuesdays and/or Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. for fun. Joining our club does not mean you have to play in a league. Hope to see you on the courts!



Swim Exercise

By Nancy Olson

We celebrated the start of 2026 with our annual New Year's Day toast of mimosas and OJ. We thank the ACA for providing champagne, orange juice, fruit and cheese trays, delicious mini brownies and all of our paper goods! And, a thank you to Rosemary Ferreri for taking our group pic and several action shots!

Towards the end of December the cold arrived and we had to cancel class for 3 days prior to our last day of swimming January 3. The pool renovation started as planned on January 5.

Items of interest: Chair exercise started on Monday, January 5. These classes are held in the game room Monday-Friday starting at 8:57 with announcements and lasts until 9:45 - 9:50.

Our attendance has been great for the first week and non swimmers are certainly welcomed.



If you are a non swimmer and attend please be sure to join our Americana Cove Water Fitness Group Facebook page. This page is my way of communicating to our group what is going on in class - if you need your weights, chair exercise tips, birthdays, special events, etc.

Happy Valentine's Day everyone!

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ARTICLES FOR SALE	DORAL VILLAGE YARD SALE BAZAAR, Saturday, February 28th, 8am-1pm, 29250 US Hwy 19 N, Clearwater. Furniture, Clothing, Linens, Books, Electronics, Glassware, Jewelry, Kitchen Items, Baked Goods, Lunch, and Great Raffles and Prizes!	Rummage Sale, Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater, 2470 Nursery Rd, Clearwater, Saturday March 7, 8am-2pm. Kitchen ware, home decor, books, clothing/accessories, linens and more
EVENTS & PROGRAMS	 ATTENTION RESIDENTS! Did you know this Emporium/ Classified listing reaches over 21,500 homes in Pinellas County? It goes into 60 community newsletters (just like this one) from Dunedin to St. Petersburg. This is a great market to sell items, advertise your next event, try and get help for a function, and many other things. Remember to think about this the next time you're planning something. -Monthly Media Staff	Crafters Wanted March 21st at Palm Hill Country Club. 401 8th Ave, Largo, 8am - 1pm. Contact Tom Sagitas at 727-315-4369. \$20 per table.
ANNUAL RANCHERO VILLAGE CARPORT SALE. Ranchero Village, 7100 Ulmerton Road, Largo, will be hosting their annual carport sale on Saturday, February 7, 2026 from 8 AM to 8 PM. A wide variety of items will be for sale throughout the park!	Embassy Mobile Park, Inc. Rummage Sale, Saturday, February 7th, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in the clubhouse on 4th Street. 16416 US Highway 19 N., Clearwater - Largo area. Off East Bay just West of Tri-City Plaza; come in by Wendy's onto Pine Forest Drive.	Paradise Island Annual Flea Market, March 28th 9am-2pm. 1001 Starkey Rd. Largo. 8am early entrance \$1.00. Large selection of home goods, tools, furniture, linens, clothes, bake sale and more. Follow signs for Clubhouse.
Clearwater Cascade park-wide yard sale. Saturday, February 21, 8:00am - 2:00pm. 9790 66th Street N, Pinellas Park	Blue Jay Estates - Annual Community Rummage Sale. Friday and Saturday, February 27 and 28, 2026. 8am - 1pm. Bake Sale and Lunch available both days. In clubhouse and deck. 2755 Curlew Road, Palm Harbor, FL 34684	

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