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Manager's Message

By J.R. Lindstrom

appy December everyone.

I would like to introduce myself, my name is J.R. Lindstrom and I am your new General Manager for Americana Cove. I joined the team in mid-October and the community, BOD, and staff have made me feel welcomed. That is very much appreciated.

Having been in Property Management for over 10-years, worked for the government for 4-years, and with over 25-years of management &

leadership experience, I bring a nice, positive synergy to the community. Over the past couple of weeks, I have met a lot of residents and BOD members, attended many meetings with the different groups within the community, conducted multiple staff meetings to get to know them and to explain the expectations of the teams, and have settled into my role as your General Manager.

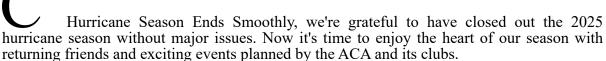
I look forward to an excellent relationship with the community. If you need assistance or such, please contact the office or email me at manager@americanacove.com. Have a great holiday season.

J.Ř. Lindstrom"

President's Report

Philip A. Quince

ommunity Update Highlights



Beautification Campaign Efforts are underway to restore and enhance our community's appearance after the 2024 hurricanes:

- Trimming, mulching, and landscaping in common areas
- Entrance and parking lot improvements
- Fence repairs and sign replacements
- Painting of common buildings and curbs Residents are encouraged to maintain their properties—your support makes a big difference!

New Homes Arriving New homes are being added to the community, helping future buyers envision the possibilities of building here.

Fiber Optic Network Update Tillman Fiber is moving forward with installation after delays. Completion is targeted for February 2026, bringing a 3rd option, T-Mobile, for high-speed connectivity to community.

Board Elections Three board positions are open—interested residents are encouraged to submit their names and get involved in shaping our community's future.



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ACA News

By Cindy Rodriguez

ur first Resident Social on Nov 5th was quite the success with over 70 people attending. Everyone enjoyed meeting some new neighbors and socializing with everyone. The first Queen of Hearts was drawn. The next drawing is at the Burger Burn.

Please join us at the next resident social on Dec 3rd at 6:30p.

You always receive a free beverage ticket when you walk in and we will have some snacks. Our Queen of Hearts is also drawn that evening at 7:25p.

The holidays are upon us and it's time to get festive.

The CHRISTMAS GOLF CART PARADE will be Saturday Dec. 13.

We will begin lining up at 5:30pm in the main parking lot and leave at 6pm.

This year we encourage everyone to showcase and light up the skies with lights on your cart for our annual parade around the entire community.

After the parade we will gather in the clubhouse for pizza.

We are also encouraging our residents to decorate their homes. Everyone's a winner. No competition. Residents and their guests love taking a ride around the community to view everyone's unique decorating skills.

We will not be awarding prizes for homes or carts.

New Years Eve Party tickets will be available after Thanksgiving.

The party time is 8:30pm - 12:30pm. Ticket price is \$15. There will be a light buffet. We will toast the New Year with champagne at midnight.

Announcements

Ray Rodriguez - Editor



Marketing/Website Committee

Andy McPhee

ots of news on the marketing/website side of things. First, thank you to everyone who has complimented the newly redesigned Americana Cove website, we're terribly grateful. If you haven't seen it yet, please check it out at https://americanacove.com

Second, after providing the committee with lots of hard work and excellent leadership, Kathy and Tom Wichmann have decided to withdraw from the committee. We wish to thank them for their commitment and energy, and I would like to thank them personally for guiding me through my co-chairmanship over the last several months. Third, with the website now fully realized and with only a few minor issues remaining, we have recommended to the Board that the joint committee split once again into a marketing committee and a website committee. We believe dedicated teams focusing specifically on marketing efforts and on website maintenance would best serve the community's needs.

If you would like to suggest updates to the website or submit ideas to the marketing folks, please feel free to reach out to me at webmaster@americanacove.com. Here's to a wonderful holiday season!

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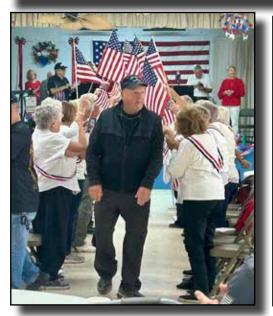
Salute to our Vererans

The Veterans Day Ceremony at our club house was well attended by our Veterans. Many of our residents came out to Honor them, and each branch of our military was given recognition. The Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard were well represented by Veterans within our community.

Thank you to all of those that made this Ceremony possible, the Music and Choir, the Color Guard and to those who served deserts. But, most of all Thank You to our Veterans.









Art Strong

Judy Daigle

hope you all had a great summer creating beautiful art. Our winter season will be held in the library, every Monday from 6:00-8:00. Bring your supplies of watercolors, paper, pastels, acrylics and canvas or any medium you like to work with. You can follow along with me as I create art using different mediums or bring your own to work on. There is no wrong way to create art so I hope you'll join us Monday evenings for a fun activity.....plus it's free!

Hi from the Hobby Shop!

his is a brief introduction to the Hobby Shop for individuals who may not be acquainted with it.

The Hobby Shop offers a range of equipment for member use, including a table saw, band saw, drill press, chop saw, lathe, thickness planer, scroll saw, and bench grinders. We also have many hand tools like sawzall, skill saws, drills, sanders, routers and wrenches, garden tools such as wheelbarrows, rakes, shovels, axes, post hole diggers, hedge trimmers, blowers, ladders and so much more. Tools are available for borrowing upon signing them out. We have containers that include nuts, bolts, washers, lags, mollies, wire nuts, hooks and eyes, screws, and other related items.

The annual membership fee is \$10. The next meeting is on Monday, December 1, at 9:00 A.M. at the Hobby Shop. Subsequent meetings are held on the first Monday of each month.

Many existing members have years of experience in various trades and volunteer to assist Cove residents with minor home issues. Contacting Dennis Herrmann (720-202-0244) or Al Martin (401-209-9487) will put you in touch with a team member and maybe we can help.

Thanks,

Al Martin, Vice President

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Tina and I would like to invite you to join us to hand appliqué and paper piecing and learn different techniques in hand sewing. All crafters such as crochet knitters are welcome. Please bring some ideas and any hand craft you would like to work on regarding sewing.



Looking forward to see you on Monday December1st @ 6:00 in the Game Room. Cecile Bourque -863-393-8756

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Veterans

Ron Miller

lad to see some of our northern friends are back in the Cove. Welcome to the newcomers. Sorry to say this year the Cove will not be send any money to Wreaths Across America! If you would like to support the Veterans, I have two answers for you. One is Tunnel to Towers, the other is Wounded Warrior. I give to both, but that doesn't mean that you have to. My one I like the best is T2T. You

have seen the ads on TV. They take any amount, plus they take care of the first responders also. This program has taken over 10,000 Vets off the streets and built many houses for the needed Vets and first responders.

By the time this month I will have the Honor Plaques up to speed. For the newcomers, these are the Plaques on the wall in the clubhouse. If you have been in the service, and would like to have your name placed on our wall. Please sign the list on the ACA board. Then I will see it gets placed on our plaque.

I would like to thank Live Music for doing the Veterans Day show. They always do a great job.

Old American Flags should be placed in the box at the Clubhouse and not your garbage can. Then I will take to my American Legion and see that they are retired to right way

You can call T 2 T at 718-987-1931 with any pledge amount! THANK YOU!

View From The Gate

nd suddenly it was December and almost the New Year!



Greetings from the Gate Staff.

We are already quite busy with the holiday season upon us. We want your visitors to have a positive experience entering Americana Cove and a positive impression of the community that we call home.

Please help us by insuring that you have notified the Gate, you may call us at (727) 527-3329. All we need is your name and address and the name of your visitor. First name is just fine. Please remind your guests that a drivers license is required to enter The Cove. Unless you tell us otherwise we assume this will be a one day visit. For your frequent visitors we are happy to issue 30 day passes which is convenient for all parties, just ask us.

Using the residents lane; we have noticed that a number of you are having difficulty with the residents gate opening. Many of you are coming in too fast. The gate manufacturer recommends 5-8 mph. And some of you are too far from the reader beam. Another consideration is that if your bar code is more than a couple years old, it may be time for a new one. The office can arrange that.

We wish you all a wonderful holiday season and a joyous New Year!

December Hypnosis Session

mericana Cove Hypnosis Session, December 2, 2025, 11:00 am game room.

The year is slowing down, winding down, closing down. Yet, in the middle of this month, the days will once again begin to grow longer, moving toward spring and renewal. So right now, in December, it is time to take stock of all our positive accomplishments of the year, to congratulate ourselves on our progress, and to feel gratitude for it all. With this hypnosis session we will revisit the positive growth and expansion in our lives for the past year. Join us for resolution and then movement toward the future. Join us and make your life better, happier, more confident and joyful.

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Welcome New Residents

By Mary Ann Meljac & Cindy Rodriguez

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Sunshine Report

By Gay McPhee

earest gentle reader. My goodness, I can't quite wrap my brain around the fact that the holiday season is upon us. The decor of the yuletide is slowly making its way around our community with festive lights, cheerful cherubs, colorful trees, and candles all aglow. I must say this author looks so forward to this time of year.

But I also realize that making our neighborhood so beautiful comes at a premium, particularly to those who are physically unable to do so.

In early November, Ladies Michaela Gruccio and Gypsy Gaeta volunteered to help those who cannot manage to spruce up their homes for the Community Beautification Program. In a flash, no fewer than ten others volunteered to help in their endeavor to make our neighborhood shine! What generous spirits Michaela and Gypsy are, thinking of others for the common good.

This is but one of myriad reasons that I find joy living here in Americana Cove. The residents, their many kindnesses, their abounding generosity and love woven into our tapestry of life.

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Peace, love, and joy to one and all, not just for the holiday season, but throughout the coming year!

Sincerely, Lady Twinkledown

Congratulations and best wishes to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in

December!

December Birthdays:

	Gloria Thwaits				Susan Westdyke
12/2	P.J. Petit	12/13 K	Karen Bryant	12/24	Carol Howard
12/2	Pat McClure	12/13 Je	ohn Tyson 1	12/24	Carol Russell
12/3	Chuck Weaver	2/14 Joe	e Fitch	12/24	Pam Paige
12/4	Jim Codella	12/15 C	Cathy LaVelle	12/25	Jocelyne Boyer
12/5	Maureen Karam	12/15 R	Robert Solomon	12/26	Mike Wagner
12/5	Joyce Michels	12/15 L	Linda West	12/28	Karen Billups
12/6	Francis Dox	12/16 C	Gary Griffith	12/28	Liz Christian
12/6	Roxanne Gregory	12/19 N	Mike Giacchetti	12/28	Gloria Cousins
12/7	Judy McDonough	12/19 L	arry Stake	12/29	Dolores Prusak
12/7	Bob Sutton	12/19 D	Debbie Thackery	12/30	Michael Bourque
12/7	Holly Carlson	12/21 R			Bill Besser
12/8	Dick Gamache	12/22 C	Charlie Petrites	12/31	Virginia Clark
12/10) Jim Gorton	12/22 R	Richard Telech	12/31	Virginia Riggs
12/10) Maureen Woodhead	12/23 P	atrick Norado		Jim Lyon
12/11	Nancy Olson	12/23 S	Stephen North	,	Joanne Minton

December Anniversaries:

12/2/1989	Jane t& Bob Larson
12/3/1967	Judith & Richard Krapf
12/3/1982	Wendy & James Watters
12/8/1990	Deedra and Craig Triezenberg
12/14/1985	Joan & Ron Miller
12/15/1984	MaryAnn &Ted Meljac
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12/27/2019	Gloria & Bill Thwaits
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	Judy & Joel Daigle
	Linda & Bill West



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Boat Club

By Roxanne Noling

Velcome back to all the winter residents! I hope everyone is enjoying this wonderful fall weather, and there's been a lot going on. The Boat Club November 8th meeting was followed by a Tiki Party poolside with entertainment by Hanah Selby. We had 94 members in attendance, and there were 15 soups and/or stews entered in the competition. The winner was Leighann Baxendell with her Tortellini Soup, Congrats!!

Gypsy won \$169 from the 50/50 raffle at the Tiki Party, and Michael Love won \$43 from the 50/50 drawing at the monthly meeting.

November began the renewal of Boat Club membership for the 2026 calendar year, \$20 per member. Please keep your membership current and pay at the next monthly meeting on December 13th. There will be no Tiki Party in December. The Club will be providing breakfast on 12/13 at 9am in the Atrium before the meeting starts at 10am.

The Comedy Night was held on November 15th and it was a HIT and a barrel of Laughs! This was a great event, something different, and thanks to all that planned this and helped with this and all of our events.

Members, please volunteer to sell 50/50 tickets once a year. You can't win unless you play, and you can't play unless someone volunteers to sell tickets. Thanks to all that do.

ŘEMINDER: The Boat Club Boat Parade is December 20th. Let's spread some Christmas cheer! Check out the Bulletin Board and Facebook page for further details.

- JANUARY meeting: January 10 with Tiki Party 3pm-6pm
- FEBRUARY meeting: February 14 with Tiki Party 3pm-6pm.
- MARCH no meeting Boat Club Bash 4:30pm See You All Soon!

Bocce Club

By Daisy Dean

February 21st we will be having A Bocce Fundraiser to help out with a Second Much Needed Shade.

ur Fun Bocce Day was a Great Success with a few New Members signing up.

Details to follow on Menu, Price Etc.

Many Thanks to ACA for a Generous Donation of OneThousand Dollars that will also go towards our New Shade.

Hope you all have a Very Merry Christmas & a Prosperous New Year!











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Book Club

By Nan Krueger

appy Holidays to our fellow readers. Maybe you will get a new book for Christmas. If not you can go to the library. Either way you can join a book club. Our book clubs meet once a month for approximately 1 ½ hours.



Public Service Announcement (PSA); Our Cove library has a wonderful assortment of books. Please feel free to stop by one of our book clubs to meet us, and definitely check out our library.

<u>Women's Book Club</u> selects from a wide variety of current books and meets the second Thursday of each month. Our December meeting is a holiday party and a time to review what we have read during the year.

As we develop our list of books they will be posted on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse under the "Friends of the Library" section. All women residents are welcome to join.

Our December meeting is on the 11th at 1:30.

<u>Classic Book Club</u> is choosing books that we have currently defined as literature "meeting the test of time". This group meets the second Wednesday of each month. For December we are reading <u>Animal Farm</u> by George Orwell.

The December meeting is on the 10th at 1:30.

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

Buddhism

By John Howell

This month we will examine chapter XIII of the Dhammapada: "The World"...



Do not live in thoughtlessness, Look upon the World as just a bubble, Look upon it as just a mirage. Brighten up the World like the moon freed from clouds, set your compass to go to heaven, like birds escaped from the net, Hansa (divine) swans go on the path of the sun, they go through the "ether" by means of their miraculous power, Be resolute, rise above the World. A wise person rejoices in liberality in thought and becomes blessed...here and thereafter. These are the first steps to holiness.

John (anxious to return to mtgs. as soon as he can) will continue his battle with cancer, which has revealed many inner "quantum" secrets. It is wise to augment traditional medical techniques with subtle spiritual approaches, all the while remaining grateful and content with Mother Nature's joy, yet illuminating concealed integrated beauty. Surround yourself with flowering plants, butterflies, song birds, and their innate uplifting presence, that can help with unavoidable trials. Call upon divine angelic protectors, using high quality ayurvedic-aromatherapy essential oils, fragrant incense, gemstones (lapis lazuli), yoga, healing music, art, and writings from authentic spiritual sources, to see you through difficult moments, thus countering negative energy. Practice the "Golden Rule". Cultivate positive companionships. Most of all boost the immune system, via a healthy diet (mind/body) using all of the above, for that is where the battle can be won!

Bless one and all

Namaste

Cornhole Club

By Erika Fitch

ornhole club for the season started in November on Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the clubhouse. If you are joining the club your membership dues will need to be paid the first time you come to play Dues are \$10 for the season. Members are given the first chance to play



play. Dues are \$10 for the season. Members are given the first chance to play if we have more participants than boards.

For anyone interested in playing, we welcome new players anytime. If you have never played, 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.

Because of the Holidays we will not be playing Cornhole on Thursday, December 25th or January 1st of the new year.

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We will see everyone again on Thursday, January 8th when Cornhole will resume playing.

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

Crafters Club

By Teri Stallone

The crafters are in full swing for the season and the leaders have more creative ideas planned for the month of December. The Craft schedule and signup sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse. If you'd like to get more information about crafters, feel free



to stop by on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 in the clubhouse. You can also find us on the Americana Cove Crafters Facebook page. Any resident in the Cove can join this page even if you are currently not a member of the club.

REMINDER TO ALL COVE RESIDENTS: We have a Holiday Craft Fair scheduled in the Clubhouse on Saturday, December 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you missed the November Fair or are looking for last minute gifts, please come check out the Individual crafts for sale and get your Christmas shopping done! Thank you to all who attended the craft show in November. We appreciate you supporting the very talented ladies in this community.



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Land Exercise

By Daisy Dean

I'm back at the Cove Walking Class and it's great to be back.

Thank you Roxanne Noling for stepping up to the plate to do Mondays class & thank you to Ruth Brownlee & Jocelyne Boyer for doing the Friday class, it's much appreciated.

I will continue to do Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday.

Hope you all have a Very Merry Christmas & a Prosperous New Year.

Landscape Committee

By Michelle Pugh and Erika Fitch

he Landscape Committee's next meeting will be Monday, December 8th at 10 a.m. in the Atrium. If you are a member please plan on attending as we have several things to update you on.

We would like to thank everyone who came out to help us decorate the park last month. It is a big project and couldn't be done without all the help of volunteers both from our committee and residents who just like to help. Everything looks so festive! Again a big thanks to all!!

Now just as important as putting all the decorations up we also need help in taking them down. We will be doing that on Wednesday, January 7th. If you have time we would appreciate you helping again with this. Please put the date on your new year calendar. We will meet again at the north laundry room at 10 a.m.

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. Even though the Landscape committee is not holding meetings through the summer we are still available to approve landscape requests that are turned in.

The Landscape Committee wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and hope you enjoy all the decorations!!



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Library

By Gay McPhee

Aske a good book to bed with you—books do not snore." - Fran Lebowitz

One of my most favorite times to read is just before bed. Teeth
brushed, jammies on, propped up on my pillows. I'm relaxed, comfortable, and
ready to tackle what's coming next in my story.

You, too, can enjoy a fantastic story before you fall asleep with one of the many books to choose from in our library. And you can take as long as you need to before you return it—no due

dates and no late fees!

Take it from me; books are way quieter than the snorer I've been sleeping next to for the past 30 years!

Line Dancing

By Judy Daigle

Tell, I'm back for another fun season of Line Dancing. Hope you all had a great summer and are ready to join us to improve your heart health without even noticing it. You'll be building coordination, balance and rhythm in a fun environment. Intermediate level is from 11:30 - 12:00 and beginners from 12:00-1:00 every Monday in the Library. No experience required. If you can count to 8, you can do this! See you there.....

Live Music

By Libby Hopkins

Please join us for our annual Christmas Pageant to start the holiday season off with Love, Hope and Joy! This meaningful event is free, and it takes place on Saturday, December 6, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the Clubhouse. There will be Christmas Caroling with audience participation, and the retelling of the story of the Nativity This spirit-filled night helps us all to focus on the true meaning of Christmas. Seats fill up, so please come early. Also, parking is limited, so if you can, share a ride. Refreshments and drinks will be served. Friends and guests are welcome. We are looking forward to spending time with you at this lovely event.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All!!!





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Swim Exercise

By Nancy Olson

Tello everyone! The swim exercise group is in full seasonal mode. It's great to see so many of our northern friends back! December is a very busy for all, here are our items of interest:

Seasonal weather guidelines are as follows: when Nancy is leading the class the outdoor temperature needs to be 55 or above. When the subs are leading the class the outdoor temperature needs to be 60 or higher. Please, on cold days be sure to check our group Facebook page for a go/no go decision. Our goal is to have it posted by 8:30 AM.

Holiday swim schedule: There will be NO SWIMMING on Christmas Day. We will swim on Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

We will have our annual toast - say good bye to 2025 and welcome 2026 on New Year's Day after swimming. Join us for mimosas and OJ along with some fruit, cheese and crackers. Your swim leaders - Nancy, Maureen, Terry, Jane and Gary will be your hosts/hostesses. If you don't swim that day, please come join us around 9:45 for our celebration!

The pool will be closed from January 5 for about 5-6 weeks for a much needed restoration. I have reserved the game room on Monday - Friday from 9-10am during this time for some chair exercises to music. Come give it a try. I know this will keep us motivated and give us a workout while the pool is closed. We will all miss not being in the pool. This form of exercise is designed for senior citizens (us). I find it very workable and fun with the music!

As a reminder, swimming starts sharply at 9, quick announcements first and then we immediately start!

Thanks to Maureen, Terry, Jane and Gary for leading the class for me Thanksgiving week and for some days around Christmas while I was on vacation. We wouldn't be able to have our class without this great team!!

Merry Christmas everyone!



Shuffleboard Club

By Robert Solomon

The club is actively underway with a few new members and regulars returning for more fun shuffling.

Our first monthly meeting was held November 5th. Dues are \$10 a year and no additional costs for playing in leagues. We have a Cove resident who is a pro and has offered to give anyone lessons or pointers at no cost. Questions? Call club President, Robert Solomon at 239-470-2759.



The date has been set for our annual All-You-Can-Eat Pancake breakfast with two sausages, orange juice, and coffee. This year we will be offering another choice on our menu: Sausage, Biscuits and Gravy, orange juice, and coffee. It will be Saturday, January 17th from 8:00 to 10:30 a.m. Watch for more details in the January Forecaster and on the information board.

As always, you are invited to the shuffleboard courts to learn this fun and easy game when we play Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday at 10:30 a.m., your choice. If you are comfortable, you can join the beginners' league (Nova) or just come for social play happening here in the Cove. Equipment is here to use. During season, our two leagues play other parks in the area; and when it is our turn to host, play right here on our courts. It is lots of fun meeting others and a challenge for us to play them instead of just each other. The play times and dates will be posted on the Americana Cove Community Face Book page and will take place on a Friday beginning in December for the Blue Sky team and Thursday in January for the Nova team. Happy Holidays and New Year to all of you!

Too much inventory; not enough buyers

By Barefoot Realty Group, Brokerage Agent for Americana Cove



Per after a quiet hurricane season for Florida, the buyers have not come back as quickly as Realtors had hoped. It's still a strong buyer's market with a lot of inventory. The statistics from the Multiple Listing Service are sobering.

- As of November 9, 2025, Pinellas County had more than 5,000 homes for sale.
- Of those homes, 1,433 were homes for sale in 55+ communities.
- Of those 1,433 homes, 398 homes were mobile/manufactured/modular homes. The other 1,035 homes were either condo/villas/single family homes, which are all competitors.
- Americana Cove has 44 homes for sale as of November 9, which is only 11% of the total of 398 mobile/manufactured homes for sale in the county. So, there is a lot of competition for homes.
 - With buyers having a lot of choices, is there any silver lining at Americana Cove?
- In the past 10 months, Barefoot Realty has sold 36 homes as compared with 35 homes in the same time period in 2024. Of the 36 homes sold thus far, 18 homes were newer than 1980 and the average sale price was \$290,000. The other 18 homes were 1970s homes that needed to be remodeled; 9 of those sold for less than \$80,000. So the positive news is that homes of all ages and price ranges are still selling but are selling for less in this strong buyer's market where competition is stiff.

Turning to the Barefoot Realty sales team, Debbie Brown, a Broker Association who has worked for the company for 13 years, has retired. Barefoot Realty wishes Debbie a well deserved and happy retirement and thanks her for the many years of service to the residents at Americana Cove.

Vespers

By Audrey Dox

Tespers services are held in the Atrium on Sundays at 4:45 PM beginning with a traditional hymn-sing. 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 December:

December 7 - Dan Lehman, retired Methodist Pastor

December 14 - Kevin Loughran, Pastor Grace Lutheran Church

December 21 and 28 – no service

We are pleased to announce that the Youth Choir from Grace Lutheran Church will be at our service on December 14 to sing for us. The youth choir performed Christmas Carols for us last year during service as well as after the service during fellowship and refreshments. What a blessing and a joy they were to us last Christmas. Join us to be blessed by these talented young people.

On December 14, our pulpit will be decorated with *POINSETTIAS* that can be purchased in honor of, or in memory of, a loved one. You may choose to take home your poinsettia or donate it to a shut-in after the service. Please see the Vespers bulletin board for sign-up sheets or contact Martha Sutton, text or call 727-201-7348.

NEW NAME – Vespers is having a name change for 2026. Vespers will now also be known as FAITH and FELLOWSHIP.

Vespers 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 a few fun photos from our recent Welcome Back Dinner where we celebrated a new season at Americana Cove with a wonderful dinner thanks to Chef Charlie Nealman and music by Mark Andrews.

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EVENTS & PROGRAMS

CRAFT SHOW, BAKE SALE, and RAFFLE. Saturday December 6, 9-1. Southwind MHC, 795 County Road 1, Palm Harbor. 440.227.5906

Lake Seminole Resort Christmas Craft Show and Flea Market. On Saturday, December 6th, 9:00am - 1:00pm. Located at 10245 110th Ave. N. Largo, Florida

Ranch Mobile Park, Park-Wide Yard Sale, Saturday, December 6, 2025, 8:00am -2:00pm at: 6800 - 150th Ave. N., Clearwater, (Largo).

CRAFT FAIR Saturday December 6th 8:00 am - 2:00 pm. East Bay Oaks Clubhouse 601 Starkey Road, Largo

Annual Carport & Craft sale, Lincolnshire Estates: 1071 Donegan Rd., Largo FL 33771. Saturday December 6th 8AM to 1PM. Over 50 homes: housewares, arts & crafts, clothes, furniture, tools, and lots more. Maps available at entrances.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR 12/13/25 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M. AMERICANA COVE 7201 1st Street NE Saint Petersburg

EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Jan & Feb Events

Biggest Church Wide Garage Sale In The Area! Northwood Presbyterian Church, 2875 FL-580, Clearwater, 33761. January 15th, 16th, 17th, 2026, from 8am-2pm. Call Susan: 727-709-8237 with questions or to donate.

VENTRILOQUIST MARK MINOR SHOW, January 17th, 7PM. Paradise Island Clubhouse, 1001 Starkey Road, Largo. Tickets only \$10, Contact Ken 386-450-0360

Rummage and Bake Sale at Golden Crest MHP clubhouse, 800 Main Street, Dunedin, January 18, 8-12. Quilt Raffle, glassware, jewelry, home decor, and more.

Lincolnshire Estates Annual Bazaar will be held Saturday Feb 7th, 8AM-1PM. 1071 Donegan Rd, Largo. Furniture, tools, jewelry, housewares, bake sale, nick-nacks, linens. Small appliances, silent auction, breakfast, and lunch for purchase.

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Envelope must be postmarked by 10th of the month to meet deadline. SORRY: No ads accepted by phone or email.

ACROSS

- 1. On-line journal
- 5. Rhinoceros
- 10. Gangs
- 14. Former Italian currency
- 15. A red fluorescent dye
- 16. Send forth
- 17. A Freudian stage
- 18. Totally
- 20. Vixen
- 22. Hypodermic
- 23. L
- 24. Donkeys
- 25. Class chums
- 32. Held on tightly
- 33. Japanese cartoon art
- 34. Beer
- 37. Not yours
- 38. Inscribed pillar
- 39. Make unclear
- 40. Damp
- 41. Villain
- 42. Communion table
- 43. Self-restraining
- 45. A long-legged S. American bird
- 49. Dawn goddess
- 50. Windfall
- 53. Detective (slang)
- 57. Noble
- 59. Greek cheese
- 60. Actors in a show
- 61. Give a speech
- 62. Relating to urine
- 63. Beers
- 64. Waste conduit
- 65. Lake (Scottish)

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DOWN

- 19. Delete 21. Blockage
- 25. Flat-bottomed boat
- 26. Hint.
- 27. Offended
- 28. Married partners
- 29. Concerning (archaic)
- 30. Diacritical mark
- 31. An uncle
- 34. Countertenor
- 35. Hawaiian feast
- 36. Makes a mistake
- 38. Bro or sis
- 39. Happy

- 41. Lose consciousness
- 42. "Smallest" particle
- 44. Spay
- 45. Hemp
- 46. Small goat antelope
- 47. Licoricelike flavor
- 48. Sail supports
- 51. Animal menageries
- 52. Unit of land
- 53. Way in
- 54. Protagonist
- 55. Ear-related
- 56. Every single one
- 58. Uncooked

DECEMBER CROSSWORD



1. Ho-hum

3. By mouth

sailing ships

6. Owl sound

7. Belief

8. Bites

9. Unique

11. Portents

12. Cause to leak

4. Square-rigged

5. Summon to return

10. Anagram of "Smite"

13. Infections of the eye

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December Word Search



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