



Conquistador
October 2024

Newsletter

CHA President Kathleen Murphy

As I'm sure you've all heard by now, Matt Hollister has resigned as Board President. I shall serve in the interim until a new Board is elected in December. In the meantime, I know we all thank Matt for all his service, and, in addition, wish him and Debbie happiness in their new home.

I doubt there will be any changes in the short time I am President. Thank heavens we have Bonnie at the helm! In the meantime, I urge you all to attend board meetings and/or read the minutes. And, perhaps more importantly, consider volunteering for the many positions available on your own boards.

Happy October

Manager's Corner Bonnie Guenther

All I can say is where did this year go?! In another month, we will once again be bustling with activity. The office is extremely busy as usual. One major project being worked on is the new electronic voting system, Votegrity. Shortly, you will be sent e mails directing you how to use the new voting system. I encourage residents to utilize the new system as electronic voting minimizes the counting and recording of paper ballots which is very time-consuming for the office staff and volunteers who help with counts. If you have not done so already, please complete a consent to vote electronically form which also includes consent to receive notices electronically. Contact the office at bookkeeper@conquistadorliving.com for a consent form.

Notices of annual meeting and intent to run for office have been sent to condo residents. Finding eager, qualified residents to serve on Boards can be challenging. Being part of a condo or CHA Board is a way for you to stay involved in the governance of your association. If you are interested in serving on a Board, notices of candidacy need to be returned to your association 40 days before the annual meeting.

Volunteers are also needed on committees. The list of committees is on the website. This is also a way to be involved in the community.

Sadly, Florida has been devastated by Hurricane Helene. As someone who lost everything in Hurricane Irma, my heart and prayers go out to everyone affected by the storm. Unfortunately, this will impact the insurance industry in Florida. My estimations for insurance costs for 2025-2026 will be considerably more than originally planned which will affect condo budgets. Florida condo associations are rolling with the punches, but I will try to make my budget estimations as close to actual as I can.

Finally, I wanted to express my gratitude for the time served by Matt Hollister who stepped down as CHA President and as the head of the committees he led. Matt served as President from 2021-2024, a term extremely long for HOA Presidents. What was accomplished in his time as President is a testament to his progressivist thinking and ambition. A huge thank you to him and his wife Debbie Hollister who served on the Social Committee and the Holiday Lighting Committee. The community is better having had you as a part of it.

EVENTS COMMITTEE

The event committee will meet in late October and will have news to share in November's newsletter.

LIBRARY NEWS Shirley Reilly

The clubhouse library is overflowing with books thanks to generous donations and recent purchases. The books are being reorganized to make more room for fiction and non-fiction. Some of your favorite authors have shelves of their own so be on the lookout. Books selected for this season's book club have been purchased and are on display.

Please remember:

- The library does NOT accept magazines, CD's or DVD's.
- Donations need to be copyrighted **2015** - present.
- Make every effort to return books in a **timely manner**.

Happy Reading!



BOOK CLUB Karen Thomas

Conquistador Book Club 2024-2025

Meets on the Second Wednesday of the Month @ 6:30PM

November 13 - Still Life/Louise Penney

January 8 - Dust Child: A Novel/Nguyen Phan Que Mai

February 12 - The Woman Behind the New Deal: The Life of Frances Perkins, FDR's Secretary of Labor and His Moral Conscience

March 12 - Homecoming/Kate Morton: A Historical Mystery

April 9 - The Other Einstein/Marie Benedict

Jackie Williams will be presenting on 2/12/2025. Please let me know if anyone else would like to help out and present any of the other books.

See you in November!

TENNIS Kathleen Murphy

Join us for some mixed doubles every Thursday morning at 8:15am. We have a loyal few! For more information, or to officially join the group to receive weekly text messages on who's playing, call or text Kathleen Murphy at 518-744-2115. Hope to see you there!



CRIBBAGE Rick Stenseth

Our Cribbage Crew continues to grow, and we are having so much fun!

Come and join us. We have a chair just waiting for you.

Would you care to learn or brush up on your skills?

Call Rich Stenseth Bldg 11-108
312-406-2644

Mondays Game Room 1:00 PM start. Please come early.



PICKLEBALL Bonnie Guenther

The tennis court will be undergoing a face lift. At the 9/17/24 Board of Directors meeting, the Board voted to approve the resurfacing the tennis court,

replacement the south fence and NW gate, installation of a fence partition on the SE corner, and installation a shade structure outside of the tennis courts between the east wall and the tennis court fence. The shade structure will match the sunshade structure by the Clubhouse pool.

As pickleball is growing in popularity and more and more residents are on the courts, the shade structure was needed, and the Board agreed. It will be a great addition to our amenities.

Work on the project is being scheduled. I will keep you informed of start dates.

CONQUISTADOR

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY



Our Telephone Directory is posted on our website,

Conquistadorliving.com

It is updated on a regular basis. Call the office if you need the community logon password.

You can look people up by last name or scroll past the alphabetical listing to find their names listed by lot number or building with unit number.

We have added email addresses. If yours is not listed, and you would like it to be listed, please let the office know:

bookkeeper@conquistadorliving.com



BRIDGE NEWS Jackie Williams

The Bridge group has met all summer long and looks forward to players returning this fall.



There is always room for more players, and we are happy to welcome players of all levels. The purpose of the group is to have fun as well as meet the challenge of Bridge. In that spirit, every other month or so, the group enjoys a "Bridge Dinner" where we bring in dinner from local restaurants, or sometimes we cook hot dogs and hamburgers out on the grill.

The group meets every Friday at 12:45 PM in the card room. You do not need to have a partner to join us.

For information, or to sign up to play call or text Jackie Williams at 772-285-0677, or email her at jackiew37@yahoo.com.



HAND AND FOOT Pat Stenseth

An enjoyable, easier, version of Canasta. Join us for fun, laughs, and friendly competition. We play in The Cardroom. Tuesday 12:30

PM / Thursday 6:30 PM

Come a little early, we sign up for each week so please call.

Want to learn or brush up? We're glad to teach you.

Contact: Pat Stenseth
815-545-0507
Bldg. 11-108

MAHJONG Marilyn Brown

Mahjong is played every Wednesday at 1:00 pm in the Clubhouse Cardroom.





CRIME WATCH MIKE MCPHILLIPS

Greetings neighbors. Welcome back to those who traveled to exotic destinations this summer and have returned to our little slice of paradise. While the travelers were absent these past few months, little of any significance has occurred here in our community. Although, the Martin County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) has been quite busy apprehending miscreants and major criminals in the area including a would-be assassin of former President Trump recently. You may have seen the apprehension on I-95 on the national news.

Additionally, the MCSO combined their civilian intelligence group, and the neighborhood watch organization meeting once a month on the second Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Sheriff's office on Monterey. Each month officers of the MCSO provide a recap of crime trends across Martin County. Representatives from the various divisions of the department also provide information about their functions and discuss the duties they have in the department.

Further, Sheriff's representatives including command staff break down crime activity across the county in each of their patrol districts. Over the last few months, the department has made apprehensions of perpetrators of "bank jugging" where criminals are casing local banks watching for bank customers exiting the bank with cash withdrawals. The crooks followed the customers and subsequently robbed them after disabling the customer's vehicle. We learned that there have been reports of several south American gangs operating in the county and the MCSO has been monitoring their activities and arresting individuals involved in crimes.

Recently, there have been reported thefts of mail in our immediate area from postal facilities. The culprits have rifled through the stolen mail looking for checks. They have been "washing" checks changing the entity of "pay to the order of" and the amount of the checks. It is recommended that anyone who uses checks to pay bills should keep a close eye on the transactions in their bank accounts. Finally, just as a reminder, when witnessing a crime or suspicious activity, call the MCSO immediately to report the activity by calling 9-1-1.

You should advise the radio dispatcher what, when, and where along with a detailed description of the individuals involved, what they are wearing and a description of the vehicle being used including make, model and color of the vehicle.

In closing, stay safe, stay alert and stay well. We are enclosing a copy of the telephone numbers for the Martin County Sheriff's Office.

Best regards,
Mike



LOST & FOUND

If you have left anything behind in the clubhouse or by the clubhouse pool, check the lost and found basket in the office hallway.

ELEVATOR HELP

If you have an issue with the elevator in your condo building, please contact your Board President. **Unless someone is trapped in the elevator...then call 911 immediately!** The Board President will then contact Bonnie in the office, TK Elevator, or the fire department.



BINGO EILEEN THIBEAULT

Hi everyone. We had another successful summer session of BINGO. New friends and fun were the goal! We averaged 18-20 players, which has been similar to last year. We will continue to have fall bingo on October 10 and November 12 by popular demand! Please note there will not be BINGO in December. BINGO will resume every other week in January.

Looking forward to cooler weather.

Deborah, Rich and I will see you soon.





COUNCIL ON AGING

MARTIN COUNTY

Council on Aging Martin County

Home of Kane Center

Speaker : Lesley Vestrich, Community Liaison

Friday October 4th

10 am

The Ballroom at the Club House

Please join us to hear about all programs including

Adult Day Club

Community Center

Meals on Wheels

Day Medical Center

Memory Enhancement

Entertainment

Care Management

Classes

Caregiver Resources

Lectures & Workshops

Guide Program

Your Hub for Senior Resources



Emergency

9-1-1

Emergency	911
Non-Emergency (Dispatch)	772-220-7170
Administration	772-220-7000
Animal Services	772-463-3211
Community Operations/Crime Prevention	772-320-4737
Criminal Investigation	772-207-7060
Special Operations (Aviation, Marine, K-9)	772-220-7149
Human Resources	772-220-7023
Indiantown (Including Agricultural Crimes)	772-220-7190
Jail	772-220-7200
Special Investigations (Narcotics)	772-220-7160
Records	772-220-7050
Road Patrol (East County Operations)	772-220-7149
Traffic Enforcement	772-220-7144



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