



Conquistador
January 2025
Newsletter

PRESIDENT

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CHA President Renee Drentkiewicz

Dear Neighbors:

My name is Renee Drentkiewicz and I have been elected by the Conquistador Homeowners' Association Board to serve as your CHA President for 2025. My family has lived in this community since 1978 and I live in Building 6, unit 105. I hope to stay true to the history and character that has always made Conquistador a wonderful place to live. I will make every effort to do the best job possible and keep the best interest of our Community in mind.

I would like to continue to encourage all of you to become involved in the community. Please attend or zoom the board meetings and/or read the minutes from these meetings. Also, consider volunteering for committees and any positions available so that YOU can learn more about YOUR community. Being involved is a great way to meet your neighbors.

Please don't forget to utilize our website, Conquistadorliving.com, for all the important community information also!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the association and contact me with any questions or concerns.

I look forward to seeing you all at the meetings, the events, the pools and just around the community in 2025!!

Renee Drentkiewicz



MANAGER'S CORNER Bonnie Guenther

We have a number of projects that are occurring on property. The tennis court is being resurfaced; portions of the fencing are

being replaced and a gate is being replaced. In addition, landscaping refurbishments and replacements are being done. Furthermore, the installation of the tennis court pavilion will begin within the next month or so. Thanks to residents for their patience. The end results will be great.



It is essential to the health and future of the community that we address projects as soon as their useful lives end. The property values and sell ability of units in the community depend on the condition of common areas.

I encourage Condo Boards to be conscientious not only in repairs but also in making their buildings, inside and out, aesthetically appealing.

Just a reminder that e mail is always the best way to reach the office. I am in and out of the office dealing with residents and contractors. Lolita may be speaking with a resident and may not be able to get to the phone. E mails are checked not only during business hours but also during off hours, so e mail is the best way to contact us.

I hope you had very Happy Holidays. Have a blessed New Year!



EVENTS COMMITTEE

Join us for our first event of the season, the Strawberry

Festival on January 25th. Tickets are available from your building representative and see posters for all the information.

This will be an indoor and outdoor function. Come see old friends and make new ones.

We are looking for ideas for other events. Contact anyone on the event committee to present your ideas.

We are still looking for a coordinator and volunteers for our end of season party.

*Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas
and a Healthy New Year.*

Lona Ciliotta - 772-221-0749

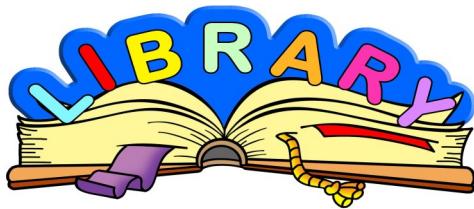
Sharon Kelly - 413-333-9785

Karen Milligan - 585-315-6920

Eleanor Rizzi - 516-238-3615

Kathy Smith - 401-419-5171

Diane Encarnation - 401-578-7494 - Treasurer
Looking forward to hearing from residents!



LIBRARY NEWS

Shirley Reilly

Many thanks for all the wonderful book donations. Luckily for the library, many seasonal residents bring books back with them to donate to our collection. Just a reminder that books 2017 or newer are accepted along with older editions of popular authors.

In addition to donated books, a few current best sellers are purchased each month. The funds for these books comes from the CHA budget. Unfortunately, many of these recent purchases have been checked out but never returned. I have posted a list of some missing titles in the library. Please read the list and check to see if you may still have one or more of the titles in your residence. If this trend continues the library might have to use a checkout system instead of the honor system.

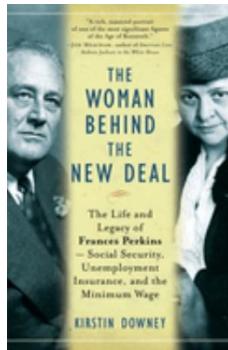
I have recently been asked about the free books that are available in the lobby and in the library. These books are duplicates, books earlier than the 2017 copyright date or books that have not been checked out in several years. The culling of these books allows more room in the library for newer purchases and donations.

BOOK CLUB

Karen Thomas

Please join us Wednesday, January 8, 2025 in the Card Room at 6:30 PM to review the **Dust Child: A Novel** by Que Mai Phan Nguyen. All are welcome even if you didn't read the book, you will enjoy meeting all of us. Hoping to meet some new Conquistador residents and catch up with our returning Snowbirds. If you enjoy reading it will be fun.

Next month, February 12, 2025 at 6:30 PM, Jackie Williams, our resident Non-Fiction Specialist will be presenting: **The Woman Behind the New Deal: The Life and Legacy of Frances Perkins** by Kirstin Downey. Jackie usually draws a large crowd. We are always looking for guest presenters. Please feel free to be one too.



SHUFFLEBOARD

Dennis Weinand

Shuffle board will start on Thursday, January 9th at 3PM.

Hope you all come down and enjoy the game!!

Bring your favorite beverage and snack!!

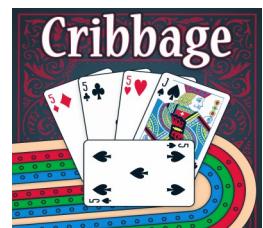
It's fun with lots of laughs!!!

See you at the courts!!!

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.

BRIDGE NEWS

Jackie Williams

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.



TENNIS Kathleen Murphy

The faithful tennis players are hoping to get back on the courts after the holidays, hopefully with new fencing and refurbished courts. If you are not already part of our stalwart crew and would like to be, call or text Kathleen Murphy at 518 744 2115.



BINGO Eileen Thibeault !!!!!!BINGO!!!!!!

Put it on your calendars. Bingo will resume January 7th, 2025 and on January 21st, 2025 It takes place every other Tuesday night in the Ballroom. Come join the fun!

Happy New Year!

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 and 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



LANDSCAPE NEWS Peg Weinand

We started planting flowers by the main entrance!! Violet sun impatiens!!!

The gardens in front of building 1 next to the wall just got a beautiful and fresh new

look!! Old wooden bushes were removed and some new were planted!!! We continue to make our Community the best it can be!!!

Happy Holidays to all!!

The Landscape Committee

BUNCO HAPPY "HOUR"

FUN – FUN – FUN!!

**And so VERY EASY to Learn
(5 minute "Learning Curve")**

Bring your favorite drink and snacks to nosh on as you enjoy this really, fun - and - maybe profitable evening.

**\$5.00 per person and ALL
proceeds are split between the winners!!!!
Since BUNCO is a very interactive game,
it is a GREAT way congregate with "old"
friends AND - meet new friends**

**Please call Felicia 914-907-2491 or Deborah
412-443-5121 with any questions.**

**January Date = Wednesday January 22nd,
Starts at 5:30 so come a little early - in the
Clubhouse Card Room.**

Felicia Calabro and Deborah Pavlic

CONQUISTADOR NEIGHBORHOOD

CRIME WATCH

By Mike McPhillips

Greetings neighbors, by the time you get this you may be back to paradise. Hopefully everyone has had a great holiday. I suspect some of you have joined me with our new diets. Just kidding...but it always seems like my belt tightens a bit over Christmas and Thanksgiving.

Earlier in December, the Martin County Crime Watch met at the Martin County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) where we were informed of current crime trends throughout Martin County. I have reported in the past that "bank joggings" have occurred at some of our banks. Apparently the MCSO has received reports of offenders recently attacking unsuspecting victims. Always be aware of your surroundings when banking and returning to your cars. Do not display cash as you leave a bank and do not leave large amounts of cash in your autos.



We also learned that crooks are monitoring our parks and beaches. After victims walk away from their autos, subjects are breaking into cars popping trunks and stealing the contents. Again beware of your surroundings. If you see something suspicious call the MCSO.

If you receive a text message or an email with regard to a technical issue on your computer, do not call a number in the message. It could be a scam. Call your provider.

Many times thieves have set up phony numbers for tech support that will come up in a Google search. Beware, thieves want access to your computer.

On Saturday January 25th between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., MCSO will be conducting a shred event along with a medical take back service, at the Sheriff's office, at 800 SE Monterey Rd., in Stuart. Residents can bring up to three banker's boxes for shredding which will be processed by a shredding vehicle right there in the parking lot. If you have more documents the Sheriff's department would appreciate a small donation. In the past the shredding project has been very well attended. It seems like the best time to arrive is around 11:30.

Finally, a couple of reminders for our residents: If you observe something suspicious, call the MCSO office to report the activity by dialing 9-1-1 immediately. Remember to note a detailed description of the individual and the vehicle if involved including the make, model, color of the vehicle and the license number. And, probably most importantly, please remember to wear light colored clothing or something reflective while walking in low light conditions at night or just before darkness. This is a senior's community and you are risking your life if you do not take precautions. We cannot see you! Stay well and stay safe!

Best regards, Mike

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



PICKLEBALL Leo Calderone

The good news is that construction on the pickleball/tennis courts has begun. The bad news is the courts will not be usable until the job is complete, hopefully shortly after New Year. The plan is to resurface the courts, construct a new fence and make a covered seating area just off the courts. Once the work on the courts is complete, wind nets will be added. Also, some new rolling nets have been ordered. For those that are currently in residence, you can find good play at Halpatiokee Park, or Langford Park within a 15-20 minute drive. I plan to be there the first week in January and look forward to seeing everyone. Feel free to text me at 203.314.4122 if you have questions.



May I is an easy to learn "Rummy Game" played on Thursday's at 1PM in the card room.



MAHJONG Marilyn Brown

Mahjong is played every Wednesday at 12:30 pm in the Clubhouse Cardroom.

**CONQUISTADOR
STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
SAVE THE DATE:
Saturday, January 25th, 2025**

11:30—2:00



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.



"A Night at the Races!"

When:

Saturday, February 8th, 2025
5:00 - 8:00 PM

Where:

Conquistador Downs
(Clubhouse Ballroom)

Menu:

Coffee & Dessert Provided
Bring Appetizers To Share With Your Table

BYOB

Cost:

\$5.00 per person

Entertainment:

4 EXCITING RACES - 1st Post Time @ 6:00 PM

BETTING IS CASH ONLY

\$1.00 & \$5.00 bills much appreciated

Sponsored By: Building 4

Ticket Deadline:

February 1st, 2025

