



Conquistador
April 2025
Newsletter



CHA President Renee Drentkiewicz

Dear Neighbors:

It's hard to believe that April's here. Easter is just around the corner, and the season has flown by.

The Mardi Gras Party on March 4th was a big success and enjoyed by all. Thank you to the Homes. Our last event this season will be The End of the Season Party which is on April 9th from 5pm – 8pm. My Brothers Band will be back, and you can expect a great dance party. Buy your tickets soon before they run out.



At a Special Board of Directors meeting on March 5th, the Board approved Blue Stream Fiber as our new Cable/Internet provider. They will start transitioning our service over in the fall, so that there will be no interruption in service when our AT&T contract expires in February. The best part is that not only will we be paying less per month than we have been, the internet speed will start at 1000 megabytes(1gig). We are only contracted for 50 megabytes with AT&T, so our internet will be much faster. Another good thing is that Blue Stream will be paying CHA \$500 per unit.

This money will go a long way for our future financial needs, such as our community roads and drains.

This time of the year owners are leasing their residences for next season. This is just a reminder to all owners that you must complete the lease application for the CHA office. This should be done every year, even if you have the same lessee.

At our last CHA Board of Directors meeting on March 18th, there was record attendance. It's exciting to see new faces there seeking to stay informed with what's happening in our community. The Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month. The CHA Board of Directors meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month, and everyone is invited to attend. Both meetings are held in the ballroom at 9:30 am.

For those of you that are leaving soon, have a safe trip home and a wonderful summer. We look forward to seeing you back again in the fall.

Manager's Corner Bonnie Guenther

The 2024-25 season has flown by. Every year I think this year cannot be busier than the last, and I am always proven wrong!

By the end of this year, we will be starting installation of the FPL project lights, and we will be in the middle of new cable/internet installation with Blue Stream. As usual, we will keep you well informed along the way. In the meantime, the east wall landscaping has been replaced. I think some of the old landscaping was original.



In addition, mulch was added on the inside of the east wall all over common property. Also, the area outside of the picture window in the Ballroom was cleaned and replaced with low-lying plants and river rock.



The tennis court pavilion was installed. The fencing in front of the pavilion will be lowered to four feet, and a gate will be installed. Also, seating and tables will be purchased shortly. Finally, after all construction is done, it will be beautified with some new sod and landscaping.



**The office has new hours:
Monday through Friday 8-12**

I will be in the office available by appointment, by phone, or preferably, by e mail in the afternoons. E mail is always the best way to reach me as my phone is always in hand.

I wish all residents and their families peace and joy during this Spring holiday season.

Thanks to the Landscaping Committee for all they do to make Conquistador so lovely and for their advice in landscaping choices. Keeping the community looking as good as possible is important, particularly for resales of units.

EVENTS COMMITTEE Diane Encarnation



In March, we all enjoyed a great **Mardi Gras party** hosted by the HOMES, fun time dancing with friends and neighbors.

The Events Committee would like to thank Bob Peterson for donating his time and expertise for both the February and March karaoke pool party. Also, many thanks to Adrienne Scudero for her patience in teaching line dancing. The Conquistador dancers looked great out there.

The next Events Committee meeting will be on 4/14 at 9:30am in the Cardroom. Bring your ideas and date for events for the 2025-26 season. All residents are welcome.

We are happy to introduce the new members of the Events Committee who are excited and look forward to a fun and enjoyable 2025-26 season. We will be keeping some of our favorite peak community events, as well as introducing new ones. In addition, we'll be looking into

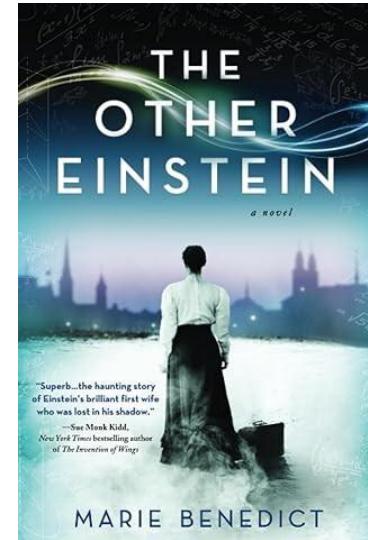
off-peak events which we feel will benefit our community.

The members of the 2025-26 Events Committee are:
Patti Cobb, Julie Fall, Faye Lizotte, Laurie Thor, Diane Encarnation: Treasurer and Nancy Flynn: Correspondence Secretary.

We encourage people to sign up for the Conquistador resident Facebook website as this will be our preferred communication platform for many peak and non-peak events. However, we will continue to produce flyers which will be posted in the building atriums.

BOOK CLUB Karen Thomas

The April Book Club Meeting date has been changed to **Tuesday, April 8th at 6:30 PM** due to the **End of the Year Party** being held on our originally scheduled date of **Wednesday, April 9th**. At this meeting we will be discussing **The Other Einstein** by Marie Benedict.



“From the author of *The Mystery of Mrs. Christie*, in the tradition of *The Paris Wife and Mrs. Poe, The Other Einstein* offers us a window into a brilliant, fascinating woman whose light was lost in Einstein's enormous shadow. It is the story of Einstein's wife, a brilliant physicist in her own right, whose contribution to the special theory of relativity is hotly debated and may have been inspired by her own profound and very personal insight.”

We will also choose 5 books from the list of suggestions we received last month for the 2025-2026 Season. Look for the complete list of books to read for next season, November, January, February, March and April of 2026 in the May Newsletter. If you are a fulltime resident and interested in continuing to attend Book Club during the offseason please email Ed Anzlovar @edanzlovar@gmail.com for more information.

TENNIS **Kathleen Murphy**

Tennis on the courts -
Thursdays at 8:15 am.
All are welcome!



PICKLEBALL **LEO CALDERONE**

The Conquistador pickleball tournament will be held on Tuesday April 15th. There will be a beginner division and an intermediate division. If there are not enough players for both divisions, we may end up combining the two divisions. Play will commence at 9am, with warmup from 8-9. Three new net systems have been added, with a fourth on the way. The off-court seating area has been completed. The fencing changes and gate will be completed soon, as well as seating. Once this is complete, the wind nets will go up. Shout out to Bonnie for her efforts in managing this project! Thanks to all that contributed to purchase new balls! Feel free to text me at 203-314-4122 if you have questions or concerns.

SHUFFLEBOARD **Dennis Weinand**

Shuffleboard is on Thursdays 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 1:30 PM start. *Please come early.*

MAY I Anne Allbee

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

Please contact Anne Allbee to sign up and find out more information. 860-213-1217

MAHJONG Virginia Callender



If you enjoy playing Mahjong, please come join us every Wednesday in the Clubhouse card room from 12:30 pm - 4:00. We have a \$3.00 limit so be sure to bring your quarters, nickels and dimes. (If you lose your \$3.00,

you still continue playing and possibly win your money back!)

BINGO EILEEN THIBEAULT

BINGO continues to roll on! We have 25-35 neighbors and friends come to play each time. Even the colder evenings were attended. What has been nice is that the winners have been spread out among all the tables.

We are trying to keep to the one-hour game time from 7-8.

Bingo is scheduled for 4/1, 4/15, and 4/29 at 7PM.

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.

Wednesday, April 23rd

It starts at 5:30 so come a little early - Clubhouse Card Room.

Felicia Calabro and Deborah Pavlic

BRIDGE NEWS

Jackie Williams

The bridge group is now in full swing. Now that our northern friends are in residence, we have between 5 and 6 tables every Friday.



We welcome all players with or without a partner. If you do not have a partner, that's fine. We'll pair you with someone.

We meet every Friday at 12:45 in the Card Room at the Clubhouse.

Our goal is to play some bridge, have fun, and make new friends. To join in the fun, call or email Jackie Williams at 772-285-0677 or 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 and Thursday 6:30 PM. Come a little early. We sign up each week so please call. Want to learn or brush up? We're glad to teach you.

Contact: Pat Stenseth 815-545-0507



CONQUISTADOR

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Our Telephone Directory is posted on our website,

www.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

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, and/or the fire department.



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.

Please be considerate and pick up your dog's waste.

Let's keep Conquistador clean!



CRIME WATCH MIKE MCPHILLIPS

Greetings, neighbors. Hopefully everyone is enjoying the great weather we are having here in paradise. Currently, there is nothing of note to report regarding crime in our community. Having said that, attending a meeting at the Martin County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) earlier this month, we

learned 2 suspects from Miami Lehigh Acres district have been apprehended in connection with the residential burglary in Cobblestone subdivision reported in the March newsletter column. Sheriff's Department Captain Romera who moderated the meeting shared information on crimes reported around Martin County over the past 5 weeks. There were several business burglaries, stolen autos and a couple of residential burglaries.



We were also informed of retail thefts that continue in the Treasure Coast Mall where thieves have been stealing "all types of clothing sets and fragrances from Macy's." The subjects attempt to blend in with other shoppers and fill bags they bring into the store with merchandise.

Additionally, we learned that there are several pickpockets working in retail establishments. Please pay attention to what you are doing when you are out shopping. Guard your purses and beware that there are those who would distract you in attempt to steal your wallet or purse. The captain also showed photos of several criminals and described the activities of the crooks who were arrested by the MCSO.

Furthermore, we were informed that MCSO has observed a sharp increase in vehicle

crashes, DUI crashes and hit-and-run accidents..." if the trend continues throughout 2025 the crashes will exceed those reported in the years previous." The MCSO has undertaken an effort to increase enforcement. 9500 citations were written in 2024, and thus far this year, the Sheriff's Deputies have written over 3500 citations. Captain Romera asked that we pass on his request to our residents to be vigilant, helping in their efforts to reduce these trends by reporting erratic, aggressive behavior of motorists to their department. Please call 9-1-1 if you see drivers driving impaired or erratically. Note the license number and description of vehicle along with your location and direction of travel. On a final note, we recently received a BOLO notification from the MCSO warning of a Publishers Clearing House Scam. Bonnie forwarded the BOLO to our residents...you may have received it. If you have received a Publishers Clearing House letter and a check in the mail, do not attempt to cash the check. IT IS FAKE. Stay safe and stay well.

WATCH YOUR SPEED WHEN DRIVING THROUGH THE COMMUNITY!



The safety of residents, guests, and pets are at risk when people speed. If you witness an extreme speeder, contact the office with their tag and make/model of their vehicle.

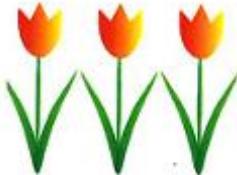


END of SEASON PARTY

WEDNESDAY APRIL 9th - 5PM to 8PM

MENU

Pulled Pork – BBQ Chicken – ****Veggie Joes Option**



Baked Beans – Potato Salad – Coleslaw

Cornbread – Rolls

Dessert – Coffee – **BYOB**

**** Mark Ticket for the Veggie Joes Option**



ENTERTAINMENT

MY BROTHERS BAND – PUT YOUR
DANCING SHOES ON!!



\$18.00 per Person – Ticket Deadline is March 26th

FOR TICKETS:

Call or See Your Building or House

Social Representative



**Books that have been checked
out of the library and not
returned:**

<i>Code Red</i>	by Vince Flynn
<i>Capture or Kill</i>	by Vince Flynn
<i>Dark Angel</i>	by John Stanford
<i>Pineapple Street</i>	by Jenny Jackson
<i>Small Mercies</i>	by Dennis Lehane
<i>Identity</i>	by Nora Roberts
<i>The Paris Novel</i>	by Ruth Reichl
<i>By Any Other Name</i>	by Jodi Picot
<i>Hillbilly Elegy</i>	by JD Vance
<i>Shadow of Doubt</i>	by Brad Thor
<i>A Death in Cornwall</i>	by Daniel Silva
<i>The Teacher</i>	by Freida McFadden
<i>The Waiting</i>	by Michael Connelly
<i>In Too Deep</i>	by Lee Child and Andrew Child
<i>Death at the Sign of the Rock</i>	by Kate Atkinson
<i>The Covenant of Water</i>	by Abraham Verges
<i>Lessons in Chemistry</i>	by Bonnie Garmus
<i>Orbital</i>	by Samantha Harvey
<i>The White Lady</i>	by Jacqueline Winspear
<i>The Women</i>	by Kristin Hannah
<i>The Collector</i>	by Daniel Silva
<i>James</i>	by Percival Everett
<i>Tell Me Everything</i>	by Elizabeth Strout
<i>The Dark Wives</i>	by Ann Cleaves
<i>The Berry Pickers</i>	by Amanda Peters
<i>Hello Beautiful</i>	by Ann Napolitano

