



Conquistador

November 2025

Newsletter

CHA PRESIDENT RENEE DRENTKIEWICZ



Dear Neighbors:

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the season here in our beautiful community. As always, thank you for your continued support, feedback, and involvement in making Conquistador such a special place to call home. I'd like to share a few important updates as we head in to the busy fall season:

Community Speed Limit Reminder

With more residents out walking, biking and enjoying the amenities, I want to remind everyone to please observe our community speed limit of **15 mph**. This is especially important during early morning and evening hours when visibility can be reduced. Let's all do our part to keep our streets safe and peaceful for neighbors, guests and pets alike.

Blue Stream Installation Progress

Many of you have been looking forward to the improved internet and television services through Blue Stream. I'm happy to report that installation is now well underway. The crews have been making steady progress throughout the community, and I appreciate everyone's patience as they work their way through the different phases. If you experience any issues or have any questions, please contact the CHA office so we can help direct your concerns appropriately.

New Bocce Court Installation

It's exciting to announce that the new bocce court will soon be under construction. This addition has been

requested by many residents. The court will be located near the clubhouse and next to the Shuffleboard court. It will offer a fun, low-impact recreational option for all. I hope you're all looking forward to friendly community matches once its ready.

Thank you again for being such an engaged and respectful community. Whether you're a full-time resident or returning for the season, I'm glad you're here and look forward to another enjoyable fall at Conquistador.

Renee Drentkiewicz



MANAGER'S CORNER BONNIE GUENTHER

I cannot believe it is November already. This year has flown by!

Updates on our many Conquistador projects:

FPL Lighting Project installation: All surveys were accepted by FPL, and I have filed them with Martin County. I am waiting on an installation start date from FPL.

Blue Stream Fiber installation: Blue Stream is working all over property doing installation. We have had some understandable hiccups, but Blue Stream has been great to work with and has stayed on schedule.

- **Bocce ball court installation:** The company that was chosen to install the new court cannot begin until spring of next year, so we opened the project for new bids.
- **Clubhouse bathhouse renovation:** The bathrooms are completed with the exception of the FOB system. The exterior of the bathhouse is also completed except for the pool room door which is on order.

Thankfully, I finished all the condo and CHA budgets. I am pleased with the outcome. Most condo buildings stayed close to their 2025 maintenance rates with only slight increases. The financial condition of the condos was bleak when I started 7 years ago as most condos had little to no reserves. Most condo building boards are now able to tell potential buyers that they are fully funded in their reserves. This is a great accomplishment in a time where many other associations are struggling financially. Adhering to reserve and capital replacement schedules is the key to long-term success.

We have had an unusual number of resident newspapers delivered to the Clubhouse. Please notify your carriers to let them know that they should not be delivered here.

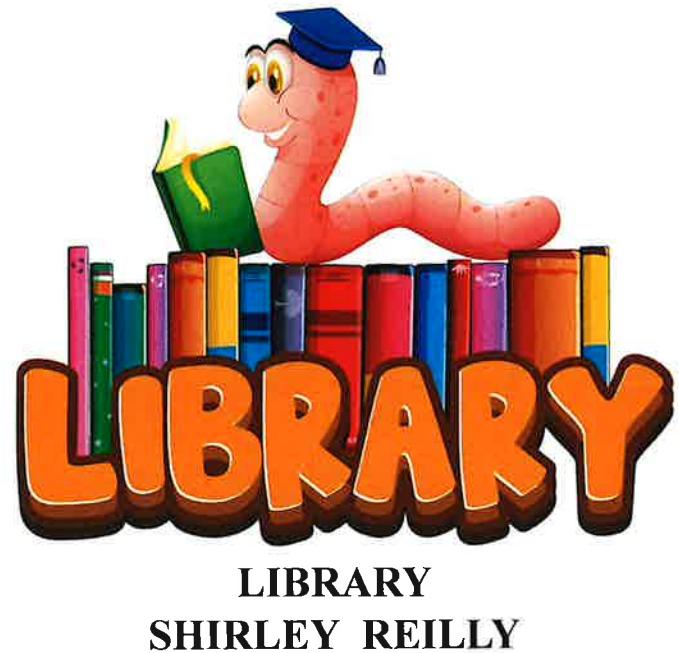
Just a reminder that the office is open Monday through Friday from 8-12. If you need to contact the office in the afternoon, send an e mail to

manager@conquistadorliving.com.

The office will be closed 11/27 and 11/28 for Thanksgiving.

I am thankful for my position in this community and for the trust that is placed in me as your manager.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!!!!

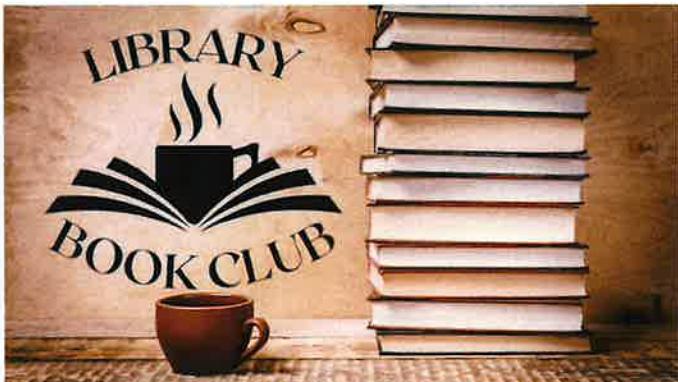


The library continues to update its collection each month. Thanks to many donations, we are well stocked with new reading material. If you haven't been to the library in a while, please note that there has been some minor reorganization of books and authors. The puzzles have now been shelved for easier access. Please make every effort to return books in a timely manner- especially newer books, current best sellers and book club books. Books that have been culled from the shelves are available for free in the baskets provided in the clubhouse. PLEASE do not return them to the library.

Happy Reading!



BOOK CLUB KAREN THOMAS



The Conquistador Book Club will kick off its 2025-2026 Season in the Card Room on Wednesday, November 12th at 6:30 PM. Our November Book is **An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History of the 1960s** by Doris Kearns Goodwin.

The #1 New York Times bestseller from “America’s historian-in-chief” (*New York* magazine).

An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History of the 1960s by Doris Kearns Goodwin, one of America’s most beloved historians, artfully weaves together biography, memoir, and history. She takes you along on the emotional journey she and her husband, Richard (Dick) Goodwin embarked upon in the last years of his life.

Even if you haven’t read the book, please join us. You will meet new friends and might even find your next good book. Feel free to bring a friend or two.

We do not have Book Club in December. Our January Book Club is Wednesday, January 14, 2026. Our January Book is **Eruption** by Michael Crichton, James Patterson. “The master of the techno-blockbuster joins forces with the master of the modern thriller.”

CRIBBAGE RICK STENSETH



Our Cribbage group meets every Monday at 1:30 pm. Join us all you seasoned players. If you never played and think you would like to learn, it really is a lot of fun. For more information:

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



MAHJONG VIRGINIA CALLENDER

If you enjoy playing Mahjong, please come join us every Wednesday in the Clubhouse card room from 12:30PM - 4:00PM. 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!)



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 860-213-1217 to sign up and find out more information.

SHUFFLEBOARD DENNIS WEINAND



As we look forward to our northern friends returning for another season of fun, fellowship and warmer weather all you shuffle boarders need to brush up on your skills. We will get together once again on Thursday’s from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm. Call Rich Stenseth with any questions at 312-406-2644.

See you soon!

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 at 12:30 PM and Thursday at 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

Welcome back snowbirds to our beautiful Conquistador!!

You will start to see our committee planting colorful flowers in our gardens and around the clubhouse pool!!

It's beginning to look like the Holidays!!!

**CONQUISTADOR NEIGHBORHOOD
CRIME WATCH
MIKE MCPHILLIPS**

Greetings neighbors. Hopefully everyone is enjoying the great weather we are having here in paradise. At this time, there is nothing of note to report with regard to 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 a number of 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 a number of pickpockets working retail establishments. Please pay attention to what you are doing when you are out shopping. Guard our purses and beware there are those who would detract 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.

Further, 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. While writing over 9500 citations in 2024, 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 effort reducing 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.

Best,

Mike





PICKLEBALL LEO CALDERONE

Conquistador pickleball season is beginning. Although not everyone has returned yet, there are enough players to get things going. I suggest using the team reach app to communicate. We are planning to hold another tournament in February or March, more details to follow. So get out there stay safe especially when going back for lobs.

Tip of the month: When approaching the kitchen, always pause before your opponents hit the ball so you can be balanced when you when you hit your shot.

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



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 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.



ELEVATOR HELP



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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.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd



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

Let's keep Conquistador clean!



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.

Holiday Lighting Party



**November 22
5pm to 7pm
Club house**

**Come listen or sing along
with Conquistador
Professional Musician
Luanne Dwyer on the piano**



**Also specialty coffees
and wine, or BYOB.
Light appetizers and
desserts will also be served.**

**Please consider sharing one of your
favorite appetizers or holiday desserts**

LIGHTS TURN ON AT 7PM

Hosted by the Events Committee





UNITED WAY HOLIDAY PROJECT

Once again, the Conquistador community in support of the **United Way Holiday Project** (formerly **White Dove**), will be a donation site for **Toys-For-Tots**

New, unwrapped toys can be brought to the Clubhouse
November 1 to December 10th

ALWAYS in need are gifts for the **older children, ages 10 – 15** as most people donate to the younger ones. Some suggestions are:

Fishing poles or gear

Bean bag chairs

Sleeping bags

Legos

Drones

ANY Nintendo SWITCH games or Xbox Games

Art Kits/Painting Kits/Jewelry Kits

(Board games and balls are donated directly from the manufacturers)

You can also donate online at

<https://www.unitedwaymartin.org/HolidayProject>

Checks made out to **United Way/Holiday Project** can be sent to:

United Way of Martin County
10 SE Central Parkway
Suite 101
Stuart, Florida 34994

Or support:

Zweben Law Group Beyond Bikes project

<http://www.unitedwaymartin.org/Bike>

Your donations will provide a child with a bike and a helmet.

Bike Donation Kickoff Party

Shrimp and Dolphin Bar & Shrimp House

Thursday, November 20th 5-7pm

See above site for Tickets and details.

Your efforts and contributions will help make this Holiday Season merry for many Martin County children and families. Thank you for supporting the United Way Holiday Project!