



Conquistador HOA

March 2026

Newsletter

CHA President Renee Drentkiewicz

Dear Neighbors:

I hope this message finds you all well. I am writing to encourage residents of Conquistador to report ongoing concerns regarding aircraft noise originating from Witham Field in Stuart.

Many neighbors have expressed concerns about increased jet traffic, low overflights, and early morning or late evening departures affecting our quality of life. While local officials are aware of these concerns, it is essential that individual residents also directly notify the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), as the FAA has primary authority over airspace operations and flight procedures.

Submitting a complaint to the FAA ensures that:

- Your concern is officially documented at the federal level**
- Noise patterns can be tracked and analyzed**
- Decision-makers have accurate data reflecting community impact**
- Potential procedural adjustments can be evaluated**

When filing a report, please include the date, time, approximate direction of the aircraft, and a brief description of the disturbance. The more specific the information, the more helpful it will be, however any information is helpful. Community participation is vital for Conquistador. The FAA relies on documented reports to assess trends and determine whether operational modifications are appropriate. If we want meaningful review and consideration of our concerns, it is important that as many residents as possible make their voices heard.

Please go to:

**www.faa.gov/ancir or
www.ksuaplan.com**

OR

scan the QR codes on the attachments and follow the directions.

You can do this as many times as you would like. There is no limit.

Thank you for taking the time to help to protect the peace and livability of our community.

Renee Drentkiewicz

**63 ACRE AIRPORT
EXPANSION
PLAN??!!**



ksuaplan.com

Manager's Corner Bonnie Guenther



As our community and the government of it is quite complicated, I thought I would give everyone a little Conquistador civics lesson.

When someone refers to CHA, they are referring to the master association, Conquistador Homeowners' Association which is governed by a Board of 15 Directors, one from each of the 12 condo associations and 3 representatives from the homes. A subset of that Board of Directors is the Executive Committee who is a recommending body to the CHA Board of Directors. The Executive Committee is comprised of members of the CHA Board of Directors.

Meetings of the Executive Committee are on the second Tuesday of the month in the Clubhouse Ballroom. Regular meetings of the CHA Board of Directors are on the third Tuesday of the month in the Clubhouse Ballroom. The CHA Annual Meeting is always on the first Friday of December every year. Each condo association of which there are 12 also has their own Board of Directors who govern their buildings.

Quarterly meetings are required for the condo associations.

Neither the CHA Board of Directors nor the CHA Executive Committee govern the condo associations. They are self-governed.

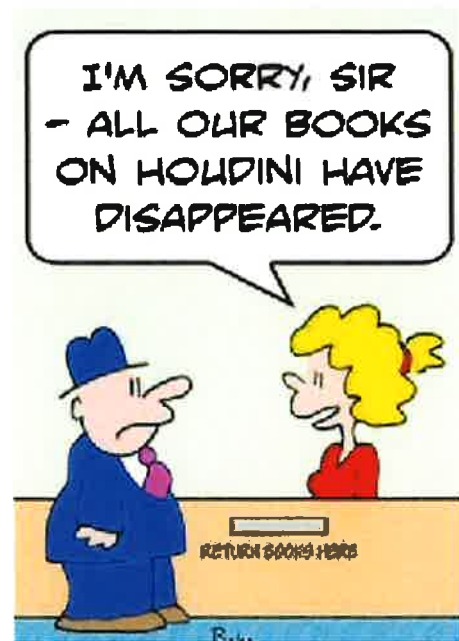
There are also various CHA ad hoc committees such as the Events Committee (who needs volunteers!), the Capital Improvements Committee, the Finance Committee, the Landscaping Committee, the Architectural Review Committee, the Fining Committee, etc. Each committee and Board is staffed with residents from the community who selflessly volunteer their valuable time. Those kinds of people are needed on all Boards and committees. If you are interested in helping, I can point you in the right direction.

Serving in the governance of Conquistador is often a thankless task, yet those who step forward out of altruism do so because they care deeply about improving and protecting the community for everyone. Please keep that in mind even when you may not agree with them.

BOOK CLUB

Karen Thomas

On Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 6:30 PM, we will be reviewing **A Covert Affair: Julia Child and Paul Child in the OSS** by Jennet Conant. This is a nonfiction book. If you are not a lover of nonfiction, Jackie Williams has suggested that you might want to read a fiction selection instead, such as **The Secret War of Julia Child** by Diana R. Chambers. You might also enjoy watching '**Julie & Julia**', a biographical comedy-drama. My husband and I recently watched it on Prime, and it was quite entertaining.



Also, please bring your book selections for next season to our March Meeting. Include your name and the titles/authors of the books that you think our book club would enjoy reading. I will make a list of these books so we can vote on them at our April Meeting and develop 5 Book Selections for the 2026-2027 Season.

Our April Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 6:30 PM. Please note this is the third week of the month instead of our usual second week. Our book is *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni.

LIBRARY NEWS **Shirley Reilly**

To all our seasonal residents and guests:

If you are leaving at the end of March, please check to make sure any library books you have enjoyed are returned to the Clubhouse library before you head home.

To all residents and guests:

Thank you for your book donations! I have been able to put out a newly donated collection every month. These books get borrowed quickly so please return them in a timely manner for all to enjoy. Some of the donated books in 2025-2026 have been missing for quite some time. I will be posting a list of missing books in April. Please make an effort to check the list.

Help yourselves to the many free books that are available in the library and the Clubhouse lobby. These books are usually older than 2015 or are duplicates. At the end of each month, the unclaimed books are donated to local thrift shops or the Book Depot.

Finally, thanks to previous library volunteer for assisting me in the library during her stay in February. In addition to the shelving and organizing, she has been a generous candy supplier!

EVENTS COMMITTEE
SEE ATTACHED.

TENNIS

**8:15AM on Thursdays on the courts.
Be there!!!**

PICKLEBALL

Leo Calderone

The Annual Conquistador Pickleball Tournament was played on Friday February 13th. This year the format was mixed doubles. Fourteen doubles teams squared off and the competition was fierce with a majority of games very close. After over 3 hours of play the results were in. Winning the gold medal were the team of Kyle Becraft and Pauline Calderone. The team of Lance Mar and Beth Sherlock captured the silver medal in a hard-fought final match, and the team of Fred and Lori Lewellyn came all the way back from the losers bracket to score the bronze medal. After all was said and done, fun was had by all, and good sportsmanship was prevalent throughout. Shout out to Donna Burton for her efforts and assistance running the tournament. A cookout followed by the pool and delicious burgers and hot dogs were served up by Chef Mike Suchy and Lance Mar.



Tip of the month:

Try to hit the ball low at your opponent's feet. Make it bounce on the court. This will often result in a pop-up that will give you a better next shot. Be patient, let the other team make the mistake.

Dink well with others,
Leo C

BOCCE BALL

John Calabro

It has been an excellent start to our new Bocce court!!!!

Thanks to Dan for making the walk up a little safer.

We have over 90 people on the roster. This is great as we have subs for those who cannot make it a certain week.

We have played 4 weeks – each team plays once per week.

That's 40 people playing on Tuesday and 40 people playing on Wednesday

In a few weeks, we will have some sort of playoff.

Not sure how that is going to work yet.

Please come by on a **Tuesday or Wednesday between Noon and 5PM** to cheer on your neighbors and see what the fun is all about.

John Calabro

jcalabro@charter.net

SHUFFLEBOARD Rich Stenseth

Welcome back fellow shuffle boarders.

New Time - Thursday 1:30 to 3:00 pm.

Come anytime to get a game in (or two or three).

Questions? Call: *Rich Stenseth Bldg 11 at 312-406-2644.*

See you soon!

CRIBBAGE Rich Stenseth



Our Cribbage group meets every Monday at 1:30 pm. Join us all you seasoned players. If you have 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

BINGO



**Feeling lucky????
3/3 and 3/17 7PM**



**Come test your knowledge!
3/25 6:30PM**



HAND AND FOOT CARD GAME 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 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

BUNGO



It's How We Roll!

3/16 at 5:30PM

BRIDGE NEWS
Jackie Williams

The Duplicate Bridge group meets every Friday at 12:45 in the Card Room at the Clubhouse. We are always happy to have new people join us.



MAHJONG
Virginia Callender

If you enjoy playing Mahjong, please come join us every **Thursday** (formerly **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!)

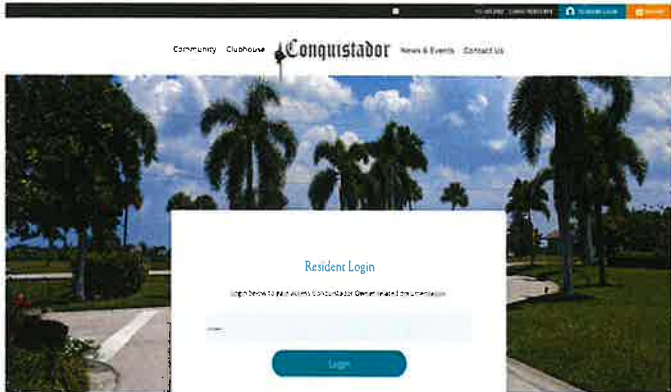
LANDSCAPE NEWS
Peg Weinand



Hello everyone,
Our committee is in full swing and we planted colorful flowers!! White and melon Sunpatiens in the front garden and Marigolds in the blue pots in front of the clubhouse entrance.
We also planted Lantana and Pentas in the large blue pots located around the clubhouse pool.
Unfortunately, we lost many of our beautiful flowers due to the very cold and dry weather.
We were able to save some, but we will not be replanting in the near future as we want to make sure the temperature does not drop again.
We all still love getting our hands dirty!!!
Happy Day!!!

CONQUISTADOR WEBSITE

www.Conquistadorliving.com



The Conquistador website is the only official site for all Conquistador news and information. Included on the site:

- Telephone/E mail directory
- Agendas and minutes
- Community forms, i.e. sales, lease, & Architectural Review applications, pest control request forms, etc.
- Governing documents
- **ProPay payment system link**
- Condo association webpages which include agendas, minutes, governing documents, reserve studies, wind mitigations, etc. for all associations
- And MUCH more

Contact the office or your Board for the password to the main resident page or to your condo association webpage.

ELEVATOR HELP



If you have an issue with the elevator in your condo building:

- Contact your Board President and the office to report exactly what is occurring with the elevator.
- **If someone is trapped in the elevator, call 911 immediately!** The Board President will then contact Bonnie in the office, TK Elevator, or the fire department.



The lost and found basket is located just outside of the Clubhouse office. Only remove items that belong to you.

Hello Conquistadorians!

Our first community event of 2026 was held on January 29th – the Welcome Back - Margaritaville Party sponsored by the Houses. The cool weather kept us inside, but it was a lot of fun - everyone enjoyed the burgers and live music by the RBJ band. Adrienne Scudero got us moving on the dance floor. We unveiled the “CHA BAH” with Rum Punch and Margarita Sangria cocktails! Watch out for our specialty cocktails at upcoming events. Here are some pictures from the Welcome Back Party!



Trivia night was well attended on 1/28/2026! The Trivia Master – Mark Mitchell will be back on 2/25 at 4:00 pm.

“Oh, what a Night” at the Races was held on 2/21 – sponsored by the Events Committee. Many thanks to the Event Committee Creative Director Julie Fall and team - Bob Russell & Diane Montouro for designing and creating the horse racing atmosphere throughout the clubhouse. Their innovativeness was enjoyed by a sold-out crowd – Jockeys along the Clubhouse entrance, Event photo opportunity, betting booths and sound effects for the horses. Jay Warford was our Race Emcee and did a great job! The “CHA BAH” specialty cocktails for Night at the Races were Bourbon Old Fashioneds and Lemon Drops.

We also would like to recognize Ron Robinson for his many years as emcee for this event and wish him a speedy recovery.

Thanks to our neighbors that manned the betting booths - Anna Dodaro, Renee Drentkiewicz, Janice Fallon, Walter Mihalik, Jan Malloy and Ann Ngo. A special thanks to Ann Ngo for also being our cashier! Thanks to Bob and Karen Milligan for arranging & handling the ice and water for the tables. Many thanks to all our dessert makers and clean up crew. We couldn't do it without you. It is great to see the CHA community supporting one another and taking part in the events!

The Event Committee received many compliments for the décor and the event overall. We thank you all for joining us and look forward to next year!



**Our Horse Owner Winner
Eddie Anzovar!!**

Join us on 2/28 from 9am – 2:00pm for a **Creative Hands Art and Craft Show** at the Clubhouse sponsored by Beth Sherlock. Check out the creativity of our community members and some outside vendors. Try your luck at the raffle and enjoy some desserts from the bake sale.

Spend Sunday afternoon (3/1) with us for Happy Hour at one of the CHA pools (Clubhouse or LR2 – to be announced) starting at 3:30 pm. Our CHA neighbors' live band - formerly known as the KTV Band will be performing. The band is searching for a new name & look forward to hearing some of your recommendations – “Still Kicking” is the current favorite.

In just three weeks, the Event Committee will be sponsoring a Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre – **Murder at the Masquerade on 3/12/2026 from 5-8:00pm**. This is a first-time event for Conquistador, and we are excited to bring a new event to the Community. We look forward to you joining us. Be sure to dress up and be eligible to win a prize! If you would like to volunteer at the event or need tickets, please contact Julie Fall - jfall.stuart@gmail.com; 603-781-1226!

Below is a list of our upcoming Events - come and join us!

- 2/25/26 – Trivia Night – 4:00pm Sponsored Jackie Williams -Bldg. 4
- 2/28/26 – Art Show – 9:00am– 2:00pm Sponsored by Beth Sherlock
- **3/12/26 – Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre – 5-8:00pm - Murder at the Masquerade- Sponsored by the Event Committee**
- 3/18/26 – Speaker Series – 4:00pm -Rick Cass (Bldg 4) – Abraham Lincoln – Sponsored Jackie Williams- Bldg 4
- 3/25/26 – Trivia Night – 4:00pm -Sponsored Jackie Williams Bldg 4
- 3/30/26 - Fashion Show – 12:30-3:00pm - Sponsored by Bldg 1
- 4/16/26 – Caribbean Nights – 5-8:00pm End of Season Party - Sponsored by Bldgs 7 &10

If you are interested in helping out at any 2026 Events, please contact a member of the Event Committee below:

- Patti Cobb - pattiv_99@yahoo.com; 845-489-8052
- Diane Encarnation - charlieanddiane@verizon.net; 401-578-7494
- Julie Fall -- jfall.stuart@gmail.com; 603-781-1226
- Faye Lizotte - flizotte5380@comcast.net; 954-812-6645
- Laurie Thor – thorlaurie@hotmail.com; 908-309-3548