

The Audubon Village Voice

Audubon Clubhouse and Community News

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The Villages of Homestead Audubon Clubhouse is solely responsible for the clubhouse and its surrounding property



Dear Friends and Neighbors _

Spring is here and the clubhouse is abuzz with activities.

Larry, our clubhouse manager and the ladies have many fun and tasty events planned for all of us. Please take a minute and browse the calendar in this edition of the Village Voice for more information.

Our Friday Family Fun Nights are well attended and the food is delicious. Where can you go out for dinner, dessert and beverages, including wine and beer, for \$7.00.

The FFFN's start at 6:00 pm. If you could, please call the clubhouse and let them know you will be attending. This is not necessary; however, it sure helps the staff to prepare enough food for all. Guests are invited for a cost of \$12.00

On Sunday-April 7^{th} at 6:00 pm, Villages Resident, Tamera Anderson-Hanna, will be offering a free Yoga class at our Clubhouse for residents and \$5.00 per guest. More information is printed within the Village Voice.

April 27th is our annual "Parking Lot Sale". Please call the clubhouse for more information. You can participate by selling your wares or just stroll through the parking lot and shop your heart away.

On May 4^{th} we will have the Kentucky Derby Party. Start preparing your hat for the Best Kentucky Derby Hat Contest. A Mexican feast is planned on May 3^{rd} to celebrate Cinco de Mayo.

Now, for the important question, how are you enjoying our new, hot off the press, Village Voice? Please, let us know. Our staff and our board are working hard to bring you the latest and greatest village news.

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter and Passover.

I hope to see you at the clubhouse! Please remember to be kind to one another. A little kindness goes a long way. Until next month, stay safe and well.





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Hours of Operation

Sunday-Thursday 10 am-9 pm Friday-Saturday 10 am-10 pm Call for Holiday Hours

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our name is



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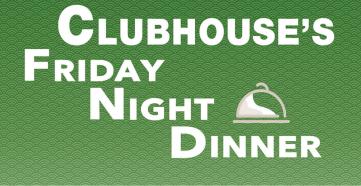
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We manage the Audubon Village HOA and facility also known as YOUR Clubhouse property. Not to be confused with the Villages of Homestead HOA which handles roads, trees, and other facets in the Villages of Homestead.

How may we help you? We are only 5 minutes away by car or call us at: **305-247-5085** or email us at: villages@altonmadison.com

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Join us at the **Audubon Clubhouse** every **Friday** from 6pm to 7pm for a delightful home cooked dinner. It's a fantastic opportunity to connect with your neighbors and enjoy good company. We hope to see you there. All residents are only \$7.00. Any questions please call us at 305-245-3003







ome historians speculate that **April Fools' Day** dates back to 1582, when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar, as called for by the Council of Trent in 1563. In the Julian Calendar, as in the Hindu calendar, the new year began with the spring equinox around April 1st.

People who were slow to get the news or failed to recognize that the start of the new year had moved to January 1st and continued to celebrate it during the last week of March through April 1st became the butt of jokes and hoaxes and were called "April fools." These pranks included having paper fish placed on their backs





and being referred to as "poisson d'avril" (April fish), said to symbolize a young, easily caught fish and a gullible person.

Hilaria in Ancient Rome

Historians have also linked April Fools' Day to festivals such as Hilaria (Latin for joyful), which was celebrated in ancient Rome at the end of March by followers of the cult of Cybele. It involved people dressing up in disguises and mocking fellow



citizens and even magistrates and was said to be inspired by the Egyptian legend of Isis, Osiris and Seth.

There's also speculation that April Fools' Day was tied to the vernal equinox, or first day of spring in the North-

ern Hemisphere, when Mother Nature fooled people with changing, unpredictable weather.

History of April Fools' Day

April Fools' Day spread throughout Britain during the 18th century. In Scotland, the tradition became a two-day event, starting with "hunting the gowk," in which people were sent on phony errands (gowk is a word for cuckoo bird, a symbol for fool) and followed by Tailie Day, which involved pranks played on people's derrieres, such as pinning fake tails or "kick me" signs on them.

April Fools' Day Pranks

In modern times, people have gone to great lengths to create elaborate April Fools' Day hoaxes. Newspapers, radio and TV stations and websites have participated in the April 1 tradition of reporting outrageous fictional claims that have fooled their audiences.

In 1957, the BBC reported that Swiss farmers were experiencing a record spaghetti crop and showed footage of people harvesting noodles from trees. In 1985, Sports Illustrated writer George Plimpton tricked many readers when he ran a made-up article about a rookie pitcher named Sidd Finch who could throw a fastball over 168 miles per hour.

In 1992, National Public Radio ran a spot with former President Richard Nixon

saying he was rundent again... only it not Nixon, and the all an April Fools' caught the country In 1996, Taco Bell,



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the fast-food

restaurant chain, duped people when it announced it had agreed to purchase Philadelphia's Liberty Bell and intended to rename it the Taco Liberty Bell. In 1998, after Burger King advertised a "Left-Handed Whopper," scores of clueless customers requested the fake sandwich. Google notoriously hosts an annual April Fools' Day prank that has included everything from "telepathic search" to the ability to play Pac Man on Google Maps.

For the average trickster, there is always the classic April Fools' Day prank of covering the toilet with plastic wrap or swapping the contents of sugar and salt containers.

Sources

A Brief, Totally Sincere History of April Fools' Day. Washington Post. History's Greatest April Fools Jokes. National Geographic.

Some of the greatest April Fools' pranks of all time. CNN.

15 Best April Fools' Day Hoaxes. CBS.



llow me to reintroduce myself. My husband Merv and I have lived in the Villages for 38 years. I served the City of Homestead as a Councilwoman and as Vice Mayor for approximately 15 years. I have been in the real estate business for decades, seeing the best of times and the worst of times. One thing I know for sure is that nothing stays the same with real estate.

The title of this article is from a song written in the 80's. This is the question I am asked constantly. Is it time for me to sell my house? Should I wait, maybe the prices will go up or maybe I should just sell and move away?

First of all, do you have a plan? Prices in South Florida have remained high for the most part. Why? Who wouldn't want to live in beautiful south Florida? We have gorgeous weather, lots of things to do and Florida has no state income tax.

WHO COULD ASK FOR MUCH MORE?

Most buyers have a plan in place and they know where they want to live. The elephant in the room is usually the interest rate. The good news is that the national prediction is that we will gradually see an interest rate reduction starting in June. This will open many doors for buyers to jump into the Buyer's market. Afterall, it has always been said that June is the best time to sell a house.

However, if you do sell your house, have you put a plan in place as to where you would relocate? For years I have heard people say that they want to relocate to a quiet town. A place where life is a little slower and somewhere where traffic is less. My suggestion to you is to be sure that you have done



your research and you have that plan secured sooner rather than later.

When interest rates start to drop, we could have another buyer's crazy market. The other thing you must be prepared for is the fact that finding "the deal" may not be the deal you had in mind. For example, if your house goes up in price, so do others. My advice this month is, do your research and have your plan in place. If you need any advice or assistance, please reach out to me. My cell is, 305-216-6821 or email me at Jwal304677@aol.com.

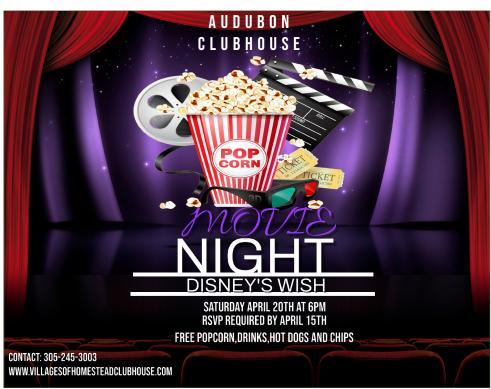


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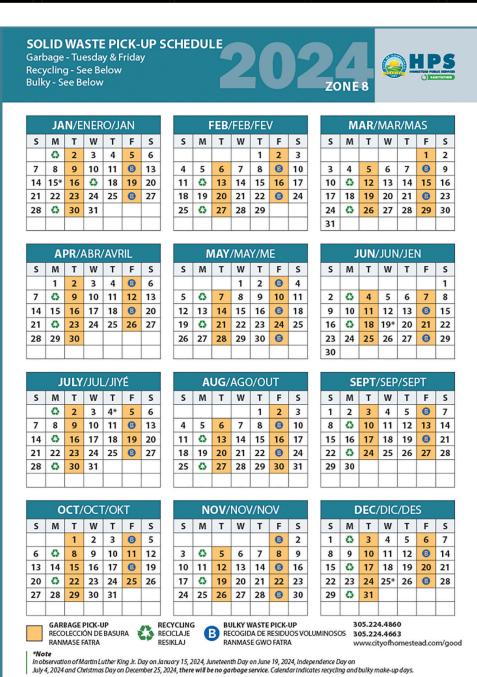














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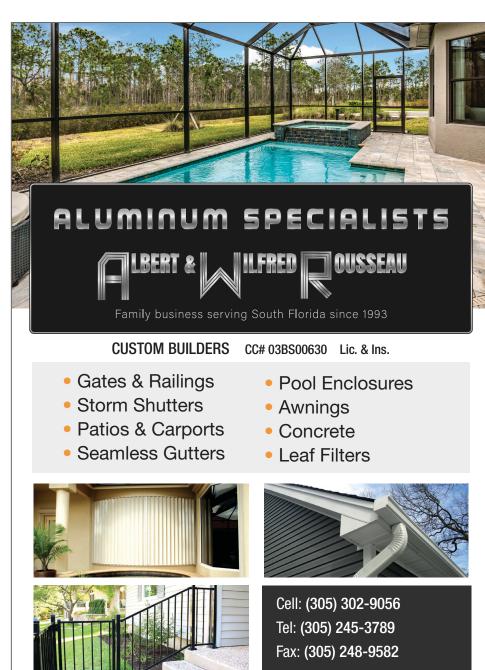
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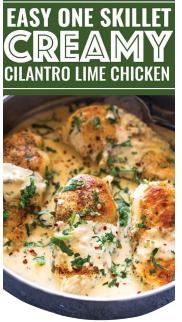
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INGREDIENTS

- 4 medium boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1 Tablespoon oil of choice
- 1/4 cup finely chopped onion
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed or minced
- 1 cup chicken broth, water can also be used
- Juice of 1 lime, or 2 tablespoons
- 2 tablespoons cilantro chopped cilantro
- 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup heavy cream or half and half, or sour-cream or greek yogurt

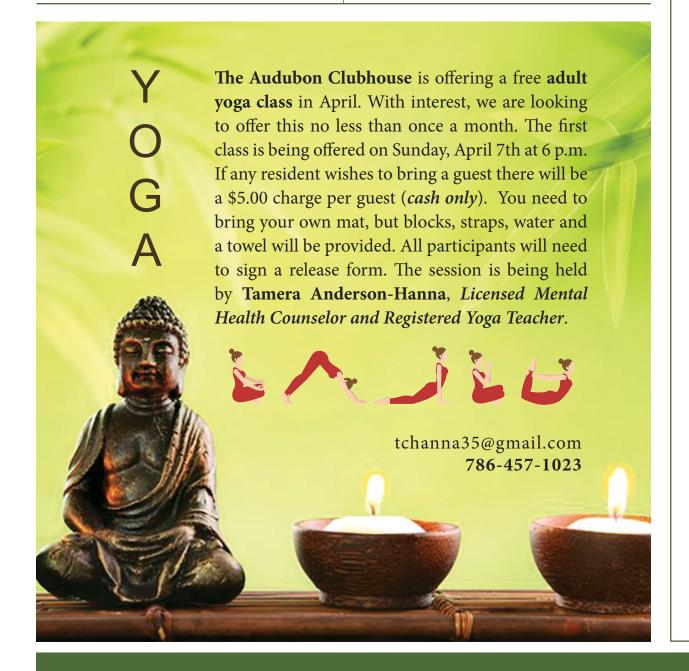


INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. In a large heavy-duty skillet, heat the oil over medium-high heat. Season chicken generously with salt and pepper then add the chicken and cook for 7-8 minutes, turning once or until chicken is cooked through. Remove chicken from skillet and cover with foil on a separate plate, set aside.
- Add onions to the same skillet (without washing it) and cook onion for 1 minute. Add garlic and cook for just 30 seconds. Add chicken broth, lime juice, cilantro, red pepper flakes, and salt and pepper to taste. Bring to a gentle boil for 8-10 minutes or until liquid is reduced by 1/4 cup.
- 3. Whisk in cream during the last minute. Turn off heat and return chicken to the sauce. Garnish with more cilantro. Serve with a side of steamed veggies or rice. Enjoy!

https://gimmedelicious.com/easy-one-skillet-creamy-cilantrolime-chicken/









Miami Heat Games

April 2, 2024 Heat VS New York 7:30pm April 4, 2024 Heat VS Philadelphia 7:30pm April 5, 2024 Heat @ Houston 8:00pm April 7, 2024 Heat @ Indiana 5:00pm April 9, 2024 Heat @ Atlanta 7:30pm April 10, 2024 Heat VS Dallas 7:30pm April 12, 2024 Heat VS Toronto 8:00pm April 14, 2024 Heat VS Toronto 1:00pm



Golf

April 4-7 Valero Texas Open TPC San Antonio (Oaks Course)- San Antonio, TX

April 11-14 Masters Tournament

Augusta National Golf Club-Augusta, GA April 18-21 RBC Heritage

Harbour Town Golf Links- Hilton Head Island, SC

April 18-21 Corales Puntacana Championship Puntacana Resort & Club (Corales Golf Course)- Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

April 25-28 Zurich Classic of New Orleans TPC Louisiana-Avondale, LA



NASCAR

April 7, 2024 NASCAR

cup series at Martinsville - Martinsville Speedway 3:00pm

April 14, 2024 NASCAR

Cup Series at Texas – Texas Motor Speedway 3:30pm

April 21, 2024 NASCAR

Cup Series at Talladega – Talladega Superspeedway 3:00pm

April 28, 2024 NASCAR

Cup Series at Dover – Dover International Speedway 2:00pm



Florida Panthers

April 1, 2024 Panthers @ Toronto 7:00pm April 2, 2024 Panthers @ Montreal 7:00pm

April 4, 2024 Panthers @ Ottawa 7:00pm April 6, 2024 Panthers @ Boston 3:30pm

April 9, 2024 Panthers VS Ottawa 7:00pm

April 11, 2024 Panthers VS Columbus 7:30pm

April 13, 2024 Panthers VS Buffalo 5:00pm

April 16, 2024 Panthers VS Toronto 7:30pm

For any questions or concerns in the neighborhood please contact the appropriate management companies!

ACC: The ACC handles all homeowner issues pertaining to exterior home improvements, changes that are made, as well as parking concerns. Harbor Management handles Audubon, Cluster homes and townhomes north ACC matters and they can be contacted at 305-246-5867 ACC forms can be obtained by emailing acc@harborms.com

Villages of Homestead Overall: Harbor Management handles common areas this includes association payments, tree cutting and grass cutting and can be contacted at 305-246-5867

Townhomes South: Lakeview Management handles Town homes south concerns which includes association payments, ACC approvals, estoppels, tenant and homeowner approvals. They can be reached at 305-255-9058

Townhomes North: Alton Madison handles Townhomes North concerns this includes association payments estoppels of Townhomes north. They can be reached at **305-247-5085**

Audubon Clubhouse: The Audubon Clubhouse handles only matters involving the Clubhouse and the property the Clubhouse resides on. All other concerns can be handled through the appropriate management companies.

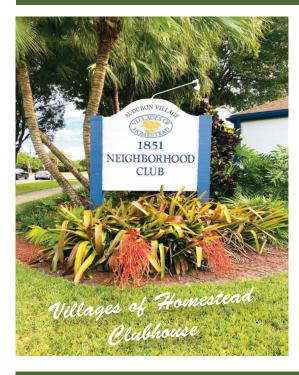
Alton Madison: **305-247-5085**





















An HOA Clubhouse can provide several benefits to our community. The Villages of Homestead was Established in 1979, The clubhouse has always been a major part of this community for decades from birthday parties to weddings, but most importantly everything has been centered around our great pool. We encourage all residents to visit are state of the art facility because creating a sense of community is indeed an essential part of the clubhouse staff's role. We are very happy to announce The Audubon Village voice newsletter will be mailed to every house in the villages once a month with information about clubhouse events along with community information. Please feel free to contact the clubhouse with ideas or things you would like to see. Audubonclubhouse@att.net or 305-245-3003

Miami **BOOK YOUR EVENT TODAY!** Social Events Larry Meno Meeting Rooms Clubhouse Manager Receptions 1851 South Canal Drive Quinceañeras Homestead, Fl 33035 Sporting Events Tel: 305.245.3003 Fax: 305.245.8301 Cell: 305.297.1902 like us on **facebook**. Email: Villages: Clubhouse@yahoo.com Audubon Pool

APRIL 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	April Fool's day	Garbage Day	3	4	Garbage Day Bulk Pickup Shrek the Musical JR at Seminole Theatre 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm Friday Dinner 6:00 pm Pulled Pork	Shrek the Musical JR at Seminole Theatre 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm
6:00 pm Shrek the Musical JR at Seminole Theatre 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Recycle Day	Garbage Day Committee of the Whole Meeting at City Hall 5:30 pm	10	11	Garbage Day Friday Dinner 6:00 pm: Parmesan Chicken Bake	SNOW CONE 13 Saturday 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
14	TAX DAY	16 Garbage Day	17 City Council Meeting	18	Garbage Day Bulk Pickup THE SELENA EXPERIENCE AT SEMINOLE THEATRE 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm Friday Dinner 6:00 pm: Meatloaf	Movie Night 20 6:00 pm Featuring Disney's Wish
21	Recycle Day	Garbage Day	24	25	Garbage Day Friday Dinner 6:00 pm: Lasagna	COMMUNITY 27 YARD SALE 7:30 am to 1:00 pm Community Yard Sale
28	29	30 Garbage Day				



