

The Audubon Village Voice

Audubon Clubhouse and Community News

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Dear Friends and Neighbors

"I'm so excited and I just can't stand it", to quote the Pointer Sister's singing group".

We have a new Publix and its BEAUTIFUL and only 2.5 minutes from my house. If you haven't visited this awesome store, you are missing a heavenly experience.

I am also excited about this glorious month of May. Larry and his staff have a ton of events planned this month my favorite is the Kentucky Derby Party. There will be more information within the Village Newspaper so I will not bore you with minor details. However, you might want to start working on your Kentucky Derby Hat. There will be a price for both men and women. Don't hold back!! Be creative and have fun while doing so. There will be a delicious spread of food and drinks.

Mother's Day is also in May. I am a Mom and a Grandmother, better known as MiMi. I am reminded everyday how much I miss my very special fun-loving Mother. So, as I am celebrated on this beautiful day, our family also share stories of our Mothers and Grandmothers that have passed far too soon.

I hope you are all still enjoying our Village Newspaper. It's a labor of love and your phone calls, emails and text messages have been so positive and appreciated.

My hubby, Merv, has come up with a wonderful idea. We will be including a section of the Village Newspaper called, "Neighbor Notes". We are a village, a community and it's important to share information and news amongst us. Tell us if you are having a birthday, if you know someone having an anniversary, maybe your child needs to be recognized because of a good report card or just because he or she has done something amazing. Maybe a food chain needs to be created because someone has been sick. Help us keep everyone informed!

To live in a true loving community, such as ours, it takes a Village, our Village residents. Stay well everyone and always remember to be kind to one another. I have a shout out to my neighbor, Raul Alfonso. Merv and I are not spring chickens, and this lovely kindhearted young man takes our garbage to the curb and returns it, every garbage pickup day. The other day he was cleaning off my entry way. We appreciate both he and his beautiful family every day.

One act of kindness can change a life. Until next month, stay safe and be well.







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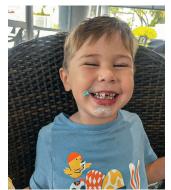
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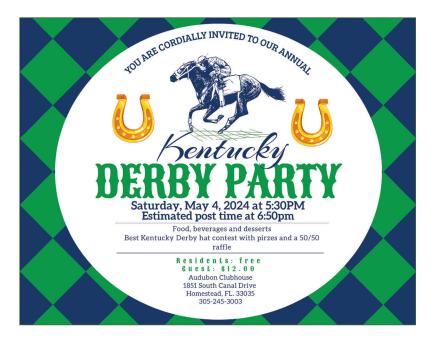
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"Neighbor's Notes"

e are happy to share your special moments, weddings, graduations, anniversaries, kids, grandkids, birthdays, engagements, memorials, etc. in our monthly newsletters.

Send your Neighbor's Notes to: villages.clubhouse@yahoo.com

In Loving Memory

Mario Basti

7/12/42-3/31/24 From Ortona, Italy Our resident Italian

Wheeling around the community, he was a regular at the Friday night dinners and he will be missed.

Homer Wayne Knowles

1 /23/39 - 10/19/23 Pan Am Pilot

He will be missed.

Calvin Burkhart

7/21/43 - 3/30/24 **Professional FIU** Librarian

a good man and will be missed.



Miami Marlins

May 1, 2024 Marlins VS Colorado 6:40 pm May 2, 2024 Marlins VS Colorado 12:10 pm May 3, 2024 Marlins @ Oakland 9:40 pm May 4, 2024 Marlins @ Oakland 4:07 pm May 5, 2024 Marlins @ Oakland 4:07 pm May 6, 2024 Marlins @ Los Angeles 10:10pm May 7, 2024 Marlins @ Los Angeles 10:10 pm May 8, 2024 Marlins @ Los Angeles 3:10 pm May 10, 2024 Marlins VS Philadelphia 7:10 pm May 11, 2024 Marlins VS Philadelphia 4:10 pm May 12, 2024 Marlins VS Philadelphia 1:40 pm May 13, 2024 Marlins @ Detroit 6:40 pm May 14, 2024 Marlins @ Detroit 6:40 pm May 15, 2024 Marlins @ Detroit 1:10 pm May 17, 2024 Marlins VS New York 7:10 pm May 18, 2024 Marlins VS New York 4:10 pm May 19, 2024 Marlins VS New York 1:40 pm May 20, 2024 Marlins VS Milwaukee 6:40 pm May 21, 2024 Marlins VS Milwaukee 6:40 pm May 22, 2024 Marlins VS Milwaukee 6:40 pm May 24, 2024 Marlins @ Arizona 9:40 pm May 25, 2024 Marlins @ Arizona 10:10 pm May 26, 2024 Marlins @ Arizona 4:10 pm May 27, 2024 Marlins @ San Diego 6:40 pm May 28, 2024 Marlins @ San Diego 9:40 pm May 29, 2024 Marlins @ San Diego 4:10pm

May 31, 2024 Marlins VS Texas 7:10 pm

TPC Craig Ranch- Mckinney, TX May 9-12 Wells Fargo Championship Quail Hollow Club- Charlotte, NC May 9-12 Myrtle Beach Classic Dunes Golf & Beach Club- Myrtle

May 2-5 CJ Cup Byron Nelson

Beach. SC May 16-19 PGA Championship Valhalla Golf Club- Louisville, KY May 23-26 Charles Schwab Challenge

Colonial Country Club- Fort Worth, TX

May 30-June 2 RBC Canadian Open

Hamiliton Golf & Country Club-Hamiliton, ON

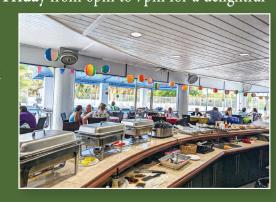
NASCAR

May 5, 2024 NASCAR Cup Series at Kansas Kansas Speedway 3:00pm May 12, 2024 NASCAR Cup Series at Darlington Darlington Raceway 3:30pm May 19, 2024 NASCAR Cup Series All Star Open Race N. Wilkesboro Speedway 6 - 8 PM May 26, 2024 NASCAR Cup Series at Charlotte Charlotte Motor Speedway 6:00 pm

CLUBHOUSE'S FRIDAY NIGHT

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







Hands of Colibri is a design company founded in 2007 by the senior graphic designer and civil engineer Jose Angel Navarro, and has the prestige gained by the quality of their work. Hands of Colibri, LLC is a multidisciplinary company that has the ability laborer in any branch of art and graphic designs. In early 2024, Hands of Colibri reached an agreement to create a newspaper for the Audubon Village Clubhouse with the support of President Judy Waldman, Larry Meno, other members of the clubhouse staff and board members, with the goal of keeping the Homestead community informed, as well as how to promote small businesses in addition to serving as a means of culture in general.

The project was welcomed for representing an important effort to stimulate reading on printed paper in an increasingly digital world where cell phones are only used to search for information that unfortunately is not always correct and is also ephemeral because it can disappear from the network in just an instant. However, a printed writing remains for life and serves as reference and collection material, including that the sources are always verifiable and supported by prior study and adequate documentation, which guarantees the veracity of the information offered. Therefore, a didactic, educational and informative newspaper is very important and the Homestead community and clubhouse members are privileged to have this flat press at their disposal every month.

This effort by Audubon Village Clubhouse should be supported by everyone because being informed and learning from the comfort of your homes is a true gift and that is why Hands of Colibri joined this project, contributing his experience and craft in graphic design.

If you are a business owner or simply want to promote your services in this monthly newspaper, you just have to contact the Audubon staff and request your advertising space. Of course, you will have the professional design work that Hands of Colibri offers, personalizing your advertisement and giving it a quality and updated image for the current market and the client you wish to inform about your services.

Always remember, there is no such thing as a small business but a poorly advertised one. Promotion is like food: "it catches the eye", hence the importance of making a good graphic design to advertise your business and in this newspaper, you have that opportunity. Just contact the Audubon Village Voice staff and you will have your space in the next edition.





his is an age-old question. As a realtor for many years, I have had that question asked of me hundreds of times.

My advice would be to start in the closets. Pull everything out and start with a blank slate. I have taken many classes over the years and I can tell you that for me this would be the toughest task to complete. I will make a confession, it is very hard for me to part with articles of clothing, and of course, my shoes. Oh, how I love my shoes. I am not a lover of the Marie Conde method, but, I have to admit it has great potential.

So...I always think that maybe a piece of clothing will come back in style, or, maybe I will lose a few pounds and it will fit again. I know that my ladies will relate. Because this a very personal and difficult task for most, I usually advise my customers to think of the last time you wore an item of clothing or a pair of shoes. If it has been more than 18 months, I do my best to say goodbye, kicking and screaming. *I never said it was going to be easy!!!!!!!!*

However, I should have mentioned before that you have to be prepared after you make that decision. In an area near your large pile of precious memories, place three large boxes. One to donate, one to discard and one to keep. Now, ladies and gents, I know you are going to have a huge box for the items you want to keep, NO NO NO, you must be strong and stick to the rules. You will also be surprised at the many other items you will find in your closets. I have found boxes of costumes, evening bags (where am I going that I will need an evening bag), so many tennis shoes and I will openly admit these shoes were certain-



ly not for exercising, however, to match a cute jogging suit which I would never be caught dead jogging in.

Well, I didn't get very far in this article, did I? Your first assignment is to **CLEAN YOUR CLOSETS**.

This article has now become a series of articles to prepare your house for selling or just spring cleaning. Guess I will go for now and start practicing what I'm preaching, or, just standing looking into the abyss.

Look for many more tips in upcoming articles.

You can always reach out to me at 305-216-6821 or jwal304677@aol.com



Upcoming Events









Part 1 of 6: An excerpt from 'A Broken-Winged Eagle ~ Hope for Grieving Hearts' by Laura K. Dahne

ivorce. Death. Forced separation. Failing health. Addiction. The collapse of a dream. The list of reasons for grief is as endless and varied as the people who experience grief.

If I could most aptly describe true grief brought upon by loss, I think I would describe it as a monstrous hole of pain that carves itself into one's heart. Understanding this helps me to understand why grief has such a unique way of making a person feel fragile, isolated and lonely. Honestly, grief is something that can really only be understood from the inside out. We're not capable of actually feeling the same level of pain that another is experiencing, although we may feel vast amounts of empathy for them. Acknowledging this truth is a great place to start when beginning the subject of grief. Knowing what a grieving person is going through and experiencing what they are going through are two vastly different things.

Grief is an all-members-club that frankly no one wants to join! It's a club that excludes no one; every age, gender, nationality and religious belief is brought into it – kicking and screaming, of course. However, once inducted it creates a strong bond between those who are members – no matter how unwillingly that initiation might have been. It's not so much that misery loves company as it is that there's a strong identity between people who share a common bond, especially loss.

Sorrow, a necessary but oftentimes harsh teacher, educates us in that though we are strong and full of faith, we can sometimes best be described as broken. Not irreparably, to be sure, though at times it can sure feel like

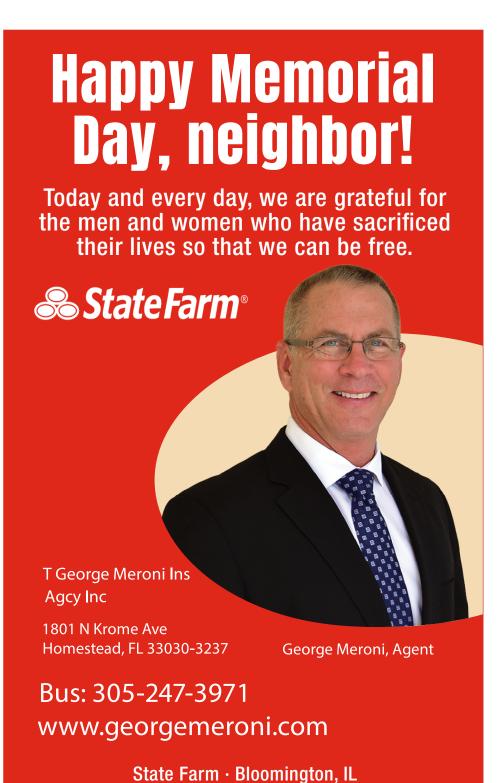
Weariness. Guilt. Anger. Confusion. These are just some of the heavy emotions that grief brings. When just days before everything seemed to make perfect sense, now things are blurred and uncertain. Grief has a way of throwing us off our axis. One day we go from flying high to the next day feeling high and dry. Some would describe grief as being in a black hole. With no shovel in sight."

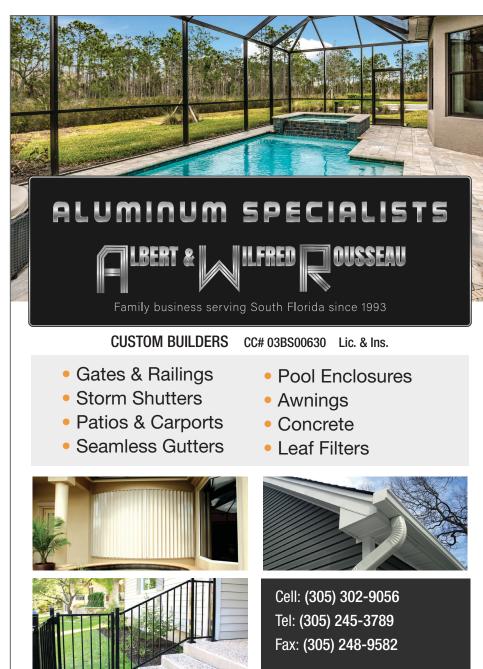
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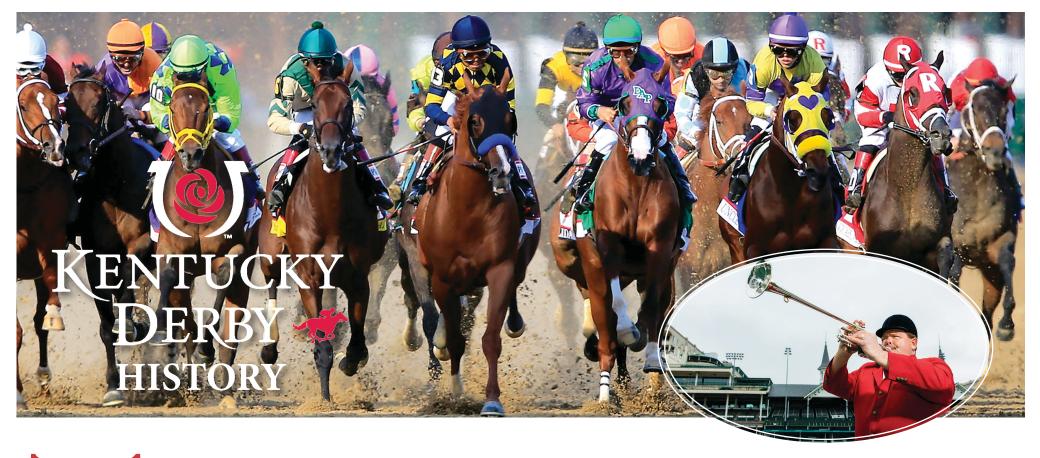
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he Kentucky Derby is a stakes race for three-year-old thoroughbred horses, staged yearly in Louisville, Kentucky on the first Saturday in May, capping the two-week-long Kentucky Derby Festival. The race currently covers one and one-quarter miles (2.012 km) at Churchill Downs; colts and geldings carry 126 pounds (57 kg), fillies 121.

Organized horse racing in the State of Kentucky dates as far back as the late 1700s when several different race courses were built in and around the city of Louisville. In 1872, Col. M. Lewis Clark, traveled to England, visiting the Epsom Derby, a famous race that had been running annually since 1780. From there, Clark went on to Paris, France, where in 1863 a group of racing enthusiasts had formed the French Jockey Club and had organized the Grand Prix de Paris, which eventually became the famous Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

Returning home to Kentucky, Clark organized the Louisville Jockey Club for the purpose of raising money to build quality racing facilities just outside of the city. The track would soon become known as Churchill Downs, named for Lewis Clark's relatives, John and Henry Churchill, who had provided the land for the racetrack. Officially, the racetrack was incorporated as Churchill Downs in 1937.

The Kentucky Derby was first run at 1-1/2 miles, the same distance as the Epsom Derby and the Grand Prix de Paris. In 1896 the distance was changed to its current 1-1/4 miles. On May 17, 1875, in front of an estimated crowd of 10,000 people, a field of 15 three-year-old horses contested the first Derby. Under African-American jockey Oliver Lewis, a colt named Aristides who was trained by future Hall of Famer, Ansel Wil-

liamson, won the inaugural Derby. Later that year, Lewis rode Aristides to a second-place finish in the Belmont Stakes.

Although the first race meet proved a success, the track ran into financial difficulties and in 1894 the New Louisville Jockey Club was incorporated with new capitalization and improved facilities. Despite this, the business floundered until 1902 when Col. Matt Winn of Louisville put together a syndicate of businessmen to acquire the facility. Under Winn, Churchill Downs prospered and the Kentucky Derby became the preeminent thoroughbred horse race in America.

Besides the consumption of the Mint Julep drink, other traditions have played a large role in the Derby atmosphere, with elegant women appearing in long dresses, big hats, and carrying fancy umbrellas.

The Derby is frequently referred to as "The run for the roses," because a garland of red roses is awarded to the Kentucky Derby winner each year. The tradition is as a result of New York socialite E. Berry Wall presenting roses to ladies at a post-Derby party in 1883 that was attended by Churchill Downs president, Col. M. Lewis Clark. This gesture is believed to have eventually led Clark to the idea of making the rose the race's official flower. However, it wasn't until 1896 that any recorded account referred to roses being draped on the Derby winner.

Between 1875 and 1902, African-American jockeys won 15 of the 28 runnings of the Kentucky Derby. On May 11, 1892, African-American jockey Alonzo

"Lonnie" Clayton, age 15, became the youngest rider to win the Derby.

The 1904 race was won by Elwood, the first Derby starter and winner to be owned by a woman, Laska Durnell.

by marked the first time that jockeys, as a result of a court order, were allowed to wear corporate

The 2004 Der-

advertising logos on their clothing. As part of gaining

income, horse owners began sending their successful Derby horses to compete a few weeks later in the Preakness Stakes at the Pimlico Race Course, in Baltimore, Maryland, followed by the Belmont Stakes in Elmont, New York. The three races offered the largest purse and in 1919 Sir Barton became the first horse to win all three races. However, the term Triple Crown didn't come into use until for another eleven years. In 1930, when Gallant Fox became the second horse to win all three races, sportswriter Charles Hatton brought the phrase into American usage. Fueled by the media, public interest in the possibility of a "superhorse" that could win the Triple Crown began in the weeks leading up to the Derby. Two years after the term was coined, the race, which had been run in mid-May since inception, was changed to the first Saturday in May to allow for a specific schedule for the Triple Crown races.

On May 3, 1952, the first national television coverage of the Kentucky Derby took place. In 1954, the purse exceeded \$100,000 for the first time.

Set by the great Secretariat in 1973, the speed record for the Derby is 1 minute 59 2/5 seconds.

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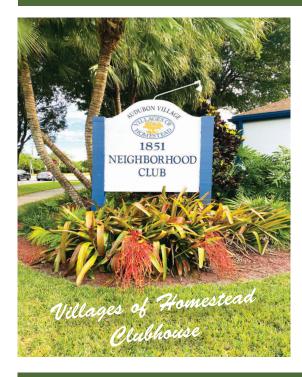






















An HOA Clubhouse can provide several benefits to our community. The Villages of Homestead was Established in 1979, The clubhouse has always been a major part of this community for decades from birthday parties to weddings, but most importantly everything has been centered around our great pool. We encourage 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

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May 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	Garbage Day Bulk Pickup Cinco de Mayo Friday Dinner 6:00 pm Mexican Food	Kentucky Derby 5:30 pm
5	Recycle Day	Garbage Day	8	9	Garbage Day Friday Dinner 6:00 pm: Bourbon Chicken	SNOW CONE 11 Saturday 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm Military Appreciation Day 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm Harris Field
Mother's	13	Committee of the Whole Meeting at City Hall 5:30 pm	15	16	Garbage Day Bulk Pickup Friday Dinner 6:00 pm: Pork Chops	Movie Night 18 6:00 pm Featuring Woody Woodpecker goes to camp
19	Recycle Day	Garbage Day	22 City Council Meeting at City Hall 5:00 pm	23	Garbage Day Friday Dinner 6:00 pm: Baked Ziti	6:00 pm RISE: Empowerment Through Mindfulness at Seminole Theatre 1:00 pm
26	27	28 Garbage Day	29	30	Garbage Day Bulk Pickup Friday Dinner 6:00 pm: BBQ Chicken	



