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Audubon Clubhouse and Community News

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## Dear Friends and Neighbors

**“You’re a Grand Old Flag, you’re a high-flying flag and forever in peace may you wave.”**

**HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY** *You’re a Grand Old Flag was written in 1906 by George M. Cohan.* The original lyric for this favorite patriotic song came about when Mr. Cohan had a very special encounter with a Civil War veteran who fought at Gettysburg. The two men found themselves next to each other and Cohan noticed the veteran held a carefully folded but very ragged and worn old flag. The incident touched his heart and he immediately knew that he had to write about that tattered old flag that meant the world to that particular vet.

This is a very special holiday to me as my dad was a Navy soldier who fought in World War 2. His ship went down in combat and he was injured. As a result, he was a 100% disabled veteran. My dad was fiercely patriotic and devoted to his country. There is not a day that goes by that I do not thank God for the men and women who sacrifice their lives to keep our Country safe.

There will be fireworks at Homestead-Miami Speedway. The gates will open at 6:00 pm. If you stop by the Clubhouse, we will be treating everyone to 4th of July Bomb Pops (popsicle).

Enjoy your summer and please be kind to one another.

*Judy Waldman*

President  
Audubon HOA

P.S. Thanks Raul for always watching over us



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## POOL FUN



## Summer Friday Dinner Schedule one dinner a month

- July 19<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- August 16<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- September 20<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

*Regular Friday dinner schedule will resume in the fall*





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### “Neighbor’s Notes”

We here at the Clubhouse want to wish Dennis Garrard a swift and speedy recovery following your surgery.

Congratulations to Megan and Emil on becoming grandparents again to a baby boy! Wishing you immense joy and precious moments with your new grandson.

Dear Graduates, Congratulations on reaching this significant milestone! Your hard work and dedication have paid off. Wishing you all the best in your future endeavors.

Notes to: [villages.clubhouse@yahoo.com](mailto:villages.clubhouse@yahoo.com)

### What is RSVP?



“RSVP” derived from the French phrase “Répondez s’il vous plaît,” is a formal request for a response from invited guests to confirm or decline attendance at an event. It is a courteous and standard protocol used in invitations, indicating the host’s desire for an accurate headcount to facilitate proper event planning, including arrangements for seating, catering, and other logistics. Failure to respond may result in inconvenience to the host and may affect the guest’s inclusion in the event.

With the escalating costs of food, we kindly request your RSVP to our Friday dinner event, movie nights, as well as any other event we plan to properly prepare all food and drinks. All guests who do not RSVP by our regularly scheduled event will regrettably not be guaranteed a meal. Your timely response is greatly appreciated for proper event planning.

As a precautionary measure, we will be preparing an additional ten meals beyond the confirmed RSVP count but will provide meals to those that RSVP first.

Thank you for your participation and cooperation.

Please RSVP to the Clubhouse at 305-245-3003



### HURRICANE TIPS

HURRICANE SEASON JUNE 1ST–NOV. 30TH



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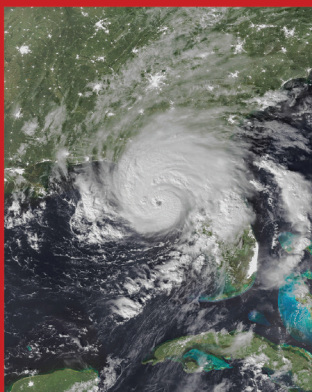


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#### PRE-REGISTER FOR THE EMERGENCY & EVACUATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EEAP):

Register early for the EEAP program offering specialized transportation and medical monitoring for residents with disabilities, medical needs, or other limitations. Pre-registered individuals receive priority during emergencies and post-disaster wellness calls, ensuring timely assistance. Residents only need to apply once to be a lifelong member of the program.

NOTE: RESIDENTS WITH NEEDS MUST PRE-REGISTER. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL A STORM IS APPROACHING.



# STAY INFORMED



#### MORE INFORMATION:

[WWW.CITYOFHOMESTEAD.COM/PREPAREDNESS](http://WWW.CITYOFHOMESTEAD.COM/PREPAREDNESS)

## CLUBHOUSE'S FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

Join us at the Audubon Clubhouse Friday July 19<sup>th</sup> 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





# SPORTS



## Miami Marlins

- July 2 Marlins VS Boston 6:40pm
- July 3 Marlin VS Boston 6:40pm
- July 4 Marlins VS Boston 1:10pm
- July 5 Marlins VS Chicago 7:10pm
- July 6 Marlins VS Chicago 4:10pm
- July 7 Marlins VS Chicago 1:40pm
- July 9 Marlins @ Houston 8:10pm
- July 10 Marlins @ Houston 8:10pm
- July 11 Marlins @ Houston 8:10pm
- July 12 Marlins @ Cincinnati 7:10pm
- July 13 Marlins @ Cincinnati 4:10pm
- July 14 Marlins @ Cincinnati 1:40pm



## Golf

- July 4-7 **John Deere Classic**  
TPC Deere Run- Silvis, IL
- July 11-14 **Genesis Scottish Open**  
The Renaissance Club- North Berwick, Scotland
- July 11-14 **Kentucky Championship**  
Kenne Trace Golf Club (Champions Course) -  
Nicholasville, KY
- July 18-21 **The Open**  
Royal Troon Golf Course - Troon, Scotland
- July 18-21 **Barracuda Championship**  
Tahoe Mountain Club (Old Greenwood) -  
Truckee, CA
- July 25-28 **3M Open**  
TPC Twin Cities- Blaine, MN



## NASCAR

- July 7 **Grant Park 165**  
Chicago Street Race- Chicago, Illinois 4:30pm
- July 14 **The Great American Getaway 400**  
**Presented by VisitPA.com**  
Pocono Raceway-Long Pond, Pennsylvania  
2:30pm
- July 21 **Brickyard 400**  
Indianapolis Motor Speedway-Speedway,  
Indiana 2:30pm



# THINKING OF SELLING YOUR HOUSE?

## HOW DO I PREPARE

PART III

**F**or the last two articles we have been talking about how to prepare your Home for sale.

In my quest to clean out my closets and my kitchen, I have unfortunately discovered the dreaded TERMITE. YIKES

Termites are awful pests. Though they're small, homeowners still need to take measures to protect their property from termite Infestations.

My house was tented only four years ago!!! Because of the very warm weather, the ter-



mite population decided to swarm later this year, thereby leading me to believe that I had escaped a huge fear that lurks in the mind of the average homeowner, which is that I have termites In my house.

**Now**, let's be real, technically you can professionally tent your house and if your neighbors have termites, you can almost guarantee that they will migrate back to your home sooner than later. If the af-

ected property is all the way down at the other end of the neighborhood, you might not be too concerned. But, if the affected house is next door or just down the street, have your house checked by an expert ASAP.

Research tells us that the closer the termite problem is to your home, the greater the risk. All termite colonies have winged termite pals called swarmer's, which go around finding new places to start new termite colonies. A swarm that is nearby won't have to travel far to find your house. In fact, they may start eating the wood on your property immediately. Termites will not hesitate to wreak havoc.

There are two different treatments of termites. If they are not too **bad**, the exterminator could do what is called, spot treatments. However, usually they will recommend tenting the house instead.

When selling your home, 99% of the time, the buyer will require a roof and termite Inspection. I have never seen them so bad in all the years that I have been selling real estate.

If you are thinking of selling, take a **good** look around beforehand so that you are not surprised when the house Is Inspected. The wings can often be found in window sills, bathrooms, lamps and of course baseboards and wooden doors.



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# Upcoming Events



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 6PM

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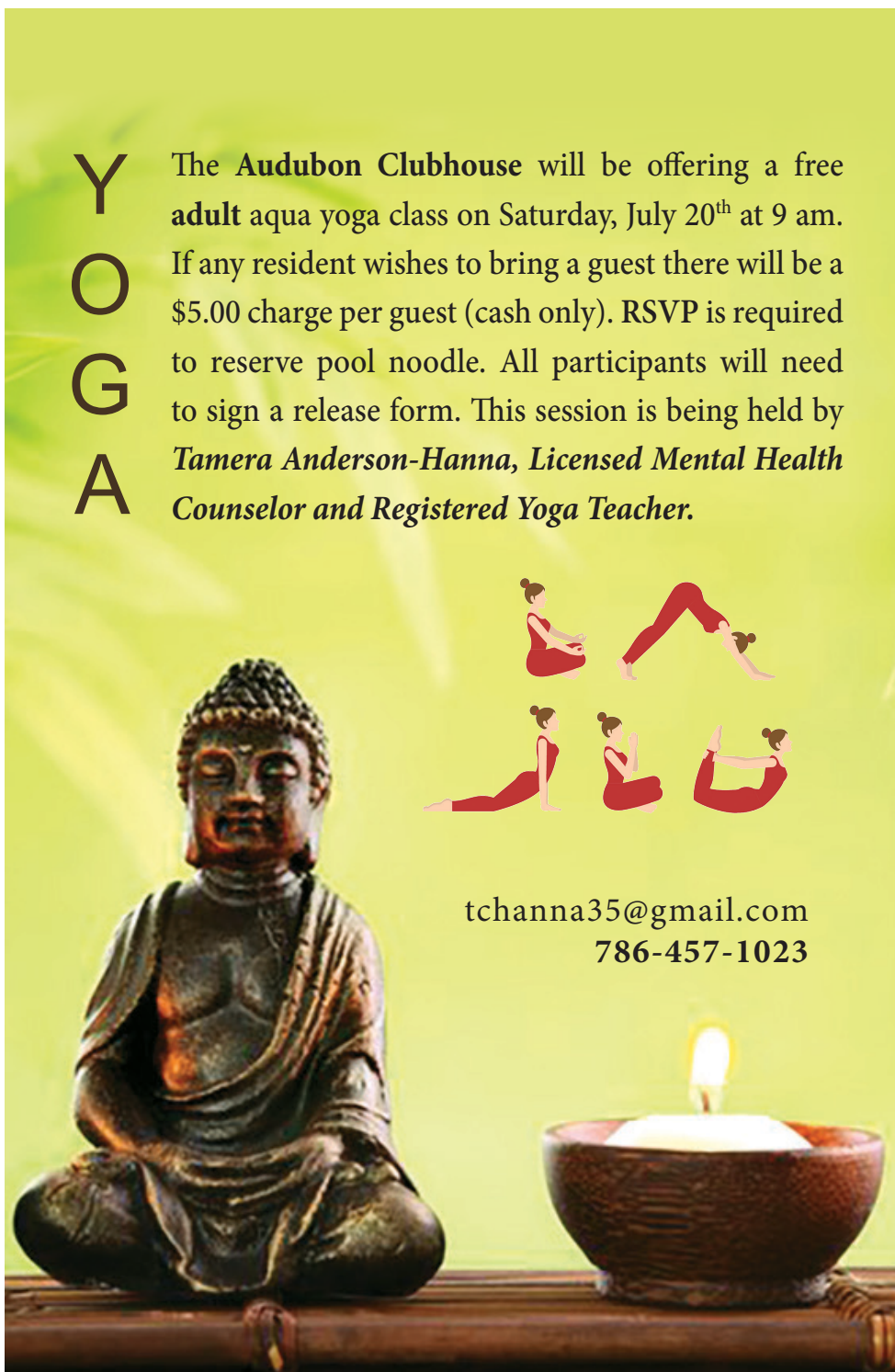


**RACE TO THE 4TH**

FREE ADMISSION

JULY 4, 2024  
 6 PM TO 10 PM

HOMESTEAD-MIAMI SPEEDWAY  
 1 Ralph Sanchez Speedway Blvd.  
 Homestead, FL 33035



**YOGA**

The Audubon Clubhouse will be offering a free adult aqua yoga class on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. If any resident wishes to bring a guest there will be a \$5.00 charge per guest (cash only). RSVP is required to reserve pool noodle. All participants will need to sign a release form. This session is being held by *Tamera Anderson-Hanna, Licensed Mental Health Counselor and Registered Yoga Teacher.*

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# Honoring Independence Day

Let freedom ring today and every day! My team and I wish you a happy and safe Fourth of July holiday.



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# The Story of the Fourth of July

## The Declaration of Independence

We celebrate American Independence Day on the Fourth of July every year. We think of July 4, 1776, as a day that represents the Declaration of Independence and the birth of the United States of America as an independent nation.

But July 4, 1776 wasn't the day that the Continental Congress decided to declare independence (they did that on July 2, 1776).

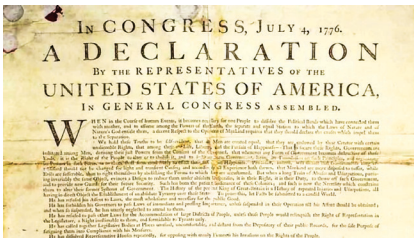
It wasn't the day we started the American Revolution either (that had happened back in April 1775). And it wasn't the day Thomas Jefferson wrote the first draft of the Declaration of Independence (that was in June 1776). Or the date on which the Declaration was delivered to Great Britain (that didn't happen until November 1776). Or the date it was signed (that was August 2, 1776).



## So, what did happen on July 4, 1776?

The Continental Congress approved the final wording of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. They'd been working on it for a couple of days after the draft was submitted on July 2nd and finally agreed on all of the edits and changes.

July 4, 1776, became the date that was included on the Declaration of Independence, and the fancy handwritten copy that was signed in August (the copy now displayed at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.) It's also the date that was printed on the Dunlap Broadside, the original printed copies of the Declaration that were circulated throughout the new nation. So when people thought of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776 was the date they remembered.



In contrast, we celebrate Constitution Day on September 17th of each year, the anniversary of the date the Constitution was signed, not the anniversary of the date it was approved. If we'd followed this same approach for the Declaration of Independence we'd be celebrating Independence Day on August 2nd of each year, the day the Declaration of Independence was signed!

## How did the Fourth of July become a national holiday?

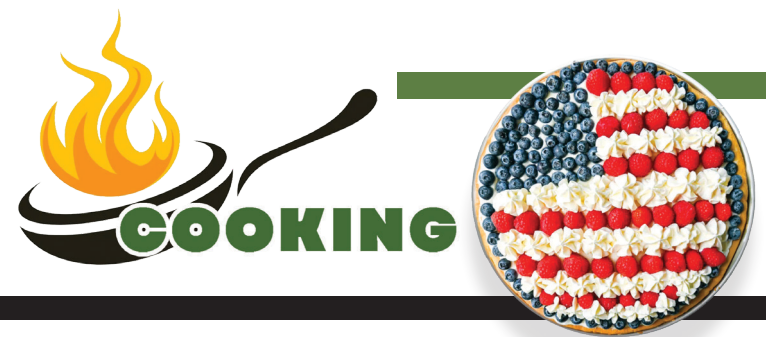
For the first 15 or 20 years after the Declaration was written, people didn't celebrate it much on any date. It was too new and too much else was happening in the young nation. By the 1790s, a time of bitter partisan conflicts, the Declaration had become controversial. One party, the Democratic-Republicans, admired Jefferson and the Declaration. But the other party, the Federalists, thought the Declaration was too French and too anti-British, which went against their current policies.

By 1817, John Adams complained in a letter that America seemed uninterested in its past. But that would soon change.

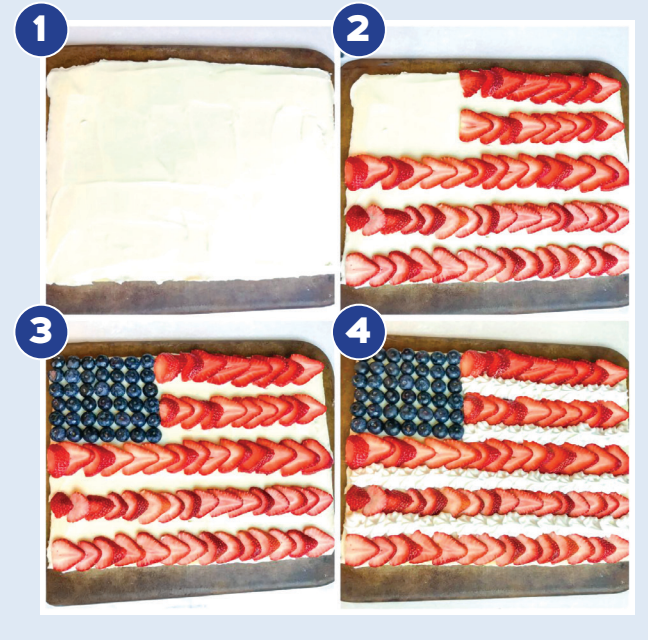
After the War of 1812, the Federalist party began to come apart and the new parties of the 1820s and 1830s all considered themselves inheritors of Jefferson and the Democratic-Republicans. Printed copies of the Declaration began to circulate again, all with the date July 4, 1776, listed at the top. The deaths of Thomas Jefferson and John Adams on July 4, 1826, may even have helped to promote the idea of July 4 as an important date to be celebrated.

Celebrations of the Fourth of July became more common as the years went on and in 1870, almost a hundred years after the Declaration was written, Congress first declared July 4 to be a national holiday as part of a bill to officially recognize several holidays, including Christmas. Further legislation about national holidays, including July 4, was passed in 1939 and 1941.

<https://www.constitutionfacts.com/us-declaration-of-independence/fourth-of-july/>



## Sugar Cookie Flag Fruit Pizza



### INGREDIENTS

- 1 17.5-ounce package refrigerated sugar cookie dough
- 1 8-ounce package cream cheese, room temperature
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Strawberries, blueberries and chipped topping for decorating

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees
2. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. On the parchment, press or roll the cookie dough into a large rectangle. You may need to use flour to keep hands or rolling pin from sticking.
3. Bake the cookie for 15 to 20 minutes or until the edges are golden brown and the middle is cooked. Remove from oven and allow to cool completely before decorating.
4. In a medium bowl, beat together the cream cheese, powdered sugar, and vanilla. Mix until smooth.
5. Wash and dry the fruit. Slice the strawberries.
6. Spread cream cheese mixture evenly over the surface of the cookie. Decorate flag as shown with fruit.
7. Place whipped topping in a piping bag fitted with an open star tip. Create white stripes with whipped topping.
8. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Best if served immediately.

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## A BROKEN-WINGED EAGLE

PART 2 OF 6

In a personal time of severe grief, I felt God draw particularly close to me. I alternated between feeling strong and feeling helpless. One moment I had absolute faith that God was in control, and the next moment I lamented about what the future held. To be sure, I was an emotional mess. One morning, quite unexpectedly, the Lord spoke these comforting words into my heart, "I see your faith. I see your strength. You are an eagle."

*I sure didn't feel like an eagle!*

He continued, "But for a time, you are a broken-winged eagle."

Gulp. There's nothing like God setting His stethoscope upon your spiritual heart to get an accurate reading. His assessment brought me comfort. My mourning was not a lack of faith – not at all. Instead, because my heart was so broken, I had neither the strength nor the ability to *mount up and fly*. The Great Physician had deftly and tenderly confronted the lie that I'd been believing. I'd been feeling guilty for not being *strong*. I'd wrongly confused brokenness for a lack of faith.

With those words, God made it possible for me to grab hold of the truth that – while we may be as strong as an eagle in our faith – there will be times when we become like a *broken-winged eagle*.

Shortly after this experience, I wrote a letter to a raptor center, a place that specializes in birds. Clearly this was before the days of easy internet access, and the question I asked them had to be asked because it was haunting me. I asked them this question: *When a bird, in particular an eagle, is in the wild and develops a broken wing, what happens to it? I held my breath in response! Does it starve to death? Does it get attacked and killed by another predator?* A short time later, I received a response to my question. The answer was short and sweet – "In answer to your question, it doesn't fly."

I couldn't help but laugh with relief.

Humor aside, I found that simple reply to my question quite profound. A broken-winged eagle is still an eagle...but for a time it's a grounded eagle. The eagle who was fashioned to glide effortlessly would now find himself at best hobbling. The capacity to fly – lost. And soaring? Forget it. In a time of brokenness, ascending would become but a distant memory. Limping along would now be more like it. The same is true for grieving people. In grief there are times when one is simply unable to do more than sit and wait on the Lord for healing.

An excerpt from 'A Broken-Winged Eagle ~ Hope for Grieving Hearts' by Laura K. Dahne. To purchase your signed copy please visit:

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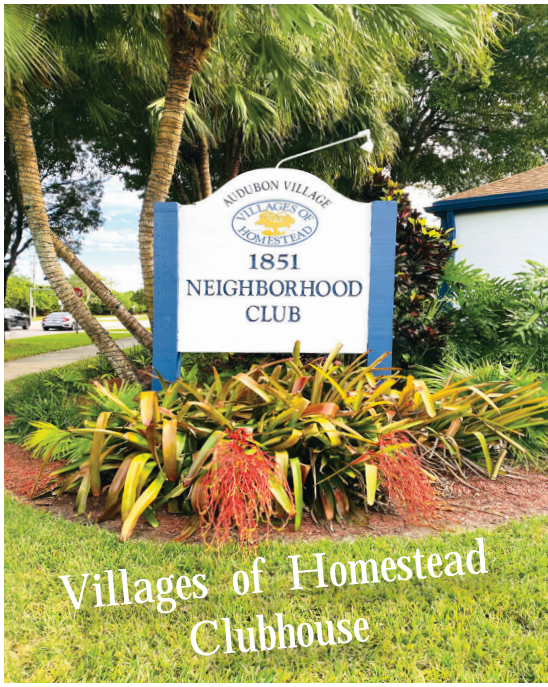
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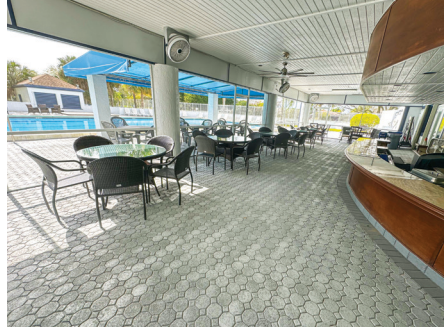
**Audubon Clubhouse:** The Audubon Clubhouse handles all matters including the Clubhouse and its surrounding property. All other concerns can be handled through the appropriate management companies.

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





Villages of Homestead Clubhouse



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

**BOOK YOUR EVENT TODAY!**

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# JULY 2024

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7	8	9 Garbage Day Committee of the Whole Meeting at City Hall 5:30 pm	10	11	12 Garbage Day Bulk Pickup	13
14	15 Recycle Day	16 Garbage Day	17 City Council Meeting at City Hall 6:00 pm	18	19 Garbage Day Friday Dinner 6:00 pm: Sloppy Joes Grease the musical at Seminole theatre 8pm	20 Movie Night The Flash Aqua Yoga 9:00 am YOGA Grease the musical at Seminole theatre 8pm
21 Grease the musical at Seminole theatre 3pm (ASL Performance)	22	23 Garbage Day	24	25	26 Garbage Day Bulk Pickup Grease the musical at Seminole theatre 8pm	27 Grease the musical at Seminole theatre 8pm
28 Grease the musical at Seminole theatre 3pm	29 Recycle Day	30 Garbage Day	31			



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All meetings are subject to change please call appropriate management companies for updated meeting dates.