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Dear Friends and Neighbors *Happy New Year*

It's a New Year and we all need to celebrate in our own way. Merv and I plan on bringing in the New Year quietly watching the ball drop on television and sipping a glass of champagne with a few dear friends.

I stopped making New Year resolutions several years ago. I would be so dedicated the first few weeks and so disappointed in myself thereafter.

So, my goals in life are simple: be kind to others and to be a good wife, mother friend and neighbor. Very simple Philosophy, however, it works for me.

The Board of Directors, Larry and the clubhouse staff are very excited about the new year. The Super Bowl party is being planned as I write this. Please join for a whole lot of **FOOTBALL**, food and camaraderie.

Larry and Tiffany are the CEO's of FUN in 2025.

I know they have many "fun" events planned. Please mark your calendars and join us on Friday nights for dinner. It's a great way to meet your neighbors, especially our new residents.

Our world is going through trials and tribulations. It's time to come together in peace and love.

I am wishing you all a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2025. See you in the New Year.

Judy Waldman

President
Audubon HOA



Clubhouse Staff

- Larry Meno
- Tiffany Bishop
- Michelle Velez
- Jennifer Greenwald
- Maria Gracia

Hours of Operation

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

Contact

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SUPER BOWL

SUNDAY FEB. 9

Party kick off 5:30pm
Game kick off 6:30pm

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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 Townhomes 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 all matters concerning the Clubhouse and its surrounding property. All other concerns can be handled through the appropriate management companies.

Alton Madison: 305-247-5085



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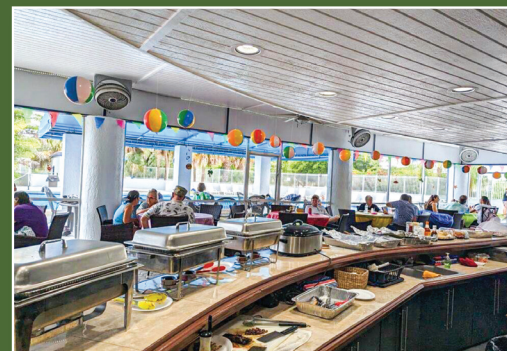


CLUBHOUSE'S FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER



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



SPORTS



Miami Heat

- January 1 Heat VS New Orleans 7:30pm
- January 2 Heat VS Indiana 7:30pm
- January 4 Heat VS Utah 8:00pm
- January 6 Heat @ Sacramento 10:00pm
- January 7 Heat @ Golden State 10:00pm
- January 9 Heat @ Utah 9:00pm
- January 11 Heat @ Portland 10:00pm
- January 13 Heat @ LA 10:30pm
- January 15 Heat @ Los Angeles 10:00pm
- January 17 Heat VS Denver 8:00pm
- January 19 Heat VS San Antonio 3:00pm
- January 21 Heat VS Portland 7:30pm
- January 23 Heat @ Milwaukee 7:30pm
- January 25 Heat @ Brooklyn 6:00pm
- January 27 Heat VS Orlando 7:30p
- January 29 Heat VS Cleveland 7:30pm



Golf

- January 4-7 The Sentry
Kapalua Resort (Plantation Course)-Kapalua, HI
- January 11-14 Sony Open in Hawaii
Waialae Country Club- Honolulu, HI
- January 18-21 The American Express
La Quinta Country Club- La Quinta, CA
PGA West (Nicklaus Tournament Course)-
La Quinta, CA
Pete Dye Stadium Course- La Quinta, CA
- January 24-27 Farmers Insurance Open
Torrey Pines (North Course)- La Jolla, CA
Torrey Pines (South Course) – La Jolla, CA



Florida Panthers

- January 2 Panthers VS Carolina 7:00pm
- January 3 Panthers VS Pittsburgh 7:00pm
- January 6 Panthers @ Colorado 9:00pm
- January 8 Panthers @ Utah 10:00pm
- January 11 Panthers VS Boston 1:00pm
- January 13 Panthers @ Philadelphia 7:00pm
- January 14 Panthers @ New Jersey 7:30pm
- January 16 Panthers VS Detroit 7:00pm
- January 18 Panthers VS Anaheim 6:00pm
- January 21 Panthers @ Anaheim 10:00pm
- January 22 Panthers @ Los Angeles 10:00pm
- January 25 Panthers @ San Jose 10:00pm
- January 26 Panthers @ Vegas 8:00pm
- January 29 Panthers VS Los Angeles 7:00pm



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Judy Waldman 305-216-6821



SOLID WASTE PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Garbage - Tuesday & Friday
Recycling - See Below
Bulky - See Below

2025

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Upcoming Events

MOVIE
Night

Saturday January 18 @ 6PM

Featuring *Mulan (2020)*
Free Popcorn, Chips, Drinks
RSVP by November 10th

ICE CREAM
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SATURDAY

1-11-2025

Stop by the Clubhouse for a free
Ice Cream Cone from 12pm-3pm

1851 South Canal Drive
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GENTLE YOGA
& HOT CHOCOLATE

Gentle Yoga & Hot Chocolate on January 23rd at 6:30 pm at Audubon Clubhouse. If any resident wishes to bring a guest there will be a \$5.00 charge per guest (cash only). 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.*

tchanna35@gmail.com
786-457-1023

Community
Parking lot

Sale

SATURDAY, MARCH 8 2025

7:30AM - 2PM

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The Origin and History of Chinese New Year: WHEN START AND WHY

Chinese New Year, also known as the Lunar New Year or the Spring Festival, is the most important among the traditional Chinese festivals. The origin of the Chinese New Year Festival can be traced back to about 3,500 years ago. Chinese New Year has evolved over a long period of time and its customs have undergone a long development process.

A Legend of the Origin of Chinese New Year

Like all traditional festivals in China, Chinese New Year is steeped with stories and myths. One of the most popular is about the mythical *beast Nian* (/nyen/), who ate livestock, crops, and even people on the eve of a new year. (It's interesting that Nian, the 'yearly beast', sounds the same as 'year' in Chinese.) To prevent Nian from attacking people and causing destruction, people put food at their doors for Nian. It's said that a wise old man figured out that Nian was scared of loud noises (firecrackers) and the color red. Then, people put red lanterns and red scrolls on their windows and doors to stop Nian from coming inside, and cracked bamboo (later replaced by firecrackers) to scare Nian away. The monster Nian never showed up again.



Chinese New Year's Origin: In the Shang Dynasty

Chinese New Year has enjoyed a history of about 3,500 years. Its exact beginning is not recorded. Some people believe that Chinese New Year originated in the *Shang Dynasty* (1600–1046 BC), when people held sacrificial ceremonies in honor of gods and ancestors at the beginning or the end of each year.

Chinese Calendar "Year" Established: In the Zhou Dynasty

The term *Nian* ('year') first appeared in the *Zhou Dynasty* (1046–256 BC). It had become a custom to offer sacrifices to ancestors or gods, and to worship nature in order to bless harvests at the turn of the year.

Chinese New Year Date Was Fixed: In the Han Dynasty

The date of the festival, the first day of the first month in the Chinese lunar calendar, was fixed in the *Han Dynasty* (202 BC – 220 AD). Certain celebration activities became popular, such as burning bamboo to make a loud cracking sound.

In the Wei and Jin Dynasties

In the *Wei and Jin dynasties* (220–420), apart from worshiping gods and ancestors, people began to entertain themselves. The customs of a family getting together to clean their house, having dinner, and staying up late on New Year's Eve originated among common people.

More Chinese New Year Activities: From the Tang to Qing Dynasties

The prosperity of economies and cultures during the *Tang, Song, and Qing dynasties* accelerated the development of the Spring Festival. The customs during the festival became similar to those of modern times.

Setting off firecrackers, visiting relatives and friends, and eating dumplings became important parts of the celebration.

More entertaining activities arose, such as watching dragon and lion dances during the Temple Fair and enjoying lantern shows.

The function of the Spring Festival changed from a religious one to entertaining and social ones, more like that of today.

In Modern Times

In 1912, the government decided to abolish Chinese New Year and the lunar calendar, but adopted the Gregorian calendar instead and made January 1 the official start of the new year. After 1949, Chinese New Year was re-named to the Spring Festival. It was listed as a nationwide public holiday.



Nowadays, many traditional activities are disappearing but new trends have been generated. CCTV (China Central Television) Spring Festival Gala, shopping online, WeChat red envelopes, fireworks show, and overseas travel make Chinese New Year more interesting and colorful.



Hot Cocoa Poke Cake

INGREDIENTS

- 1 15.25-ounce box of chocolate cake mix (plus ingredients listed on box)
- 1 7-ounce jar of marshmallow creme
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1 11.25 ounce of chocolate fudge sauce
- 1 8-ounce tub of whipped topping, thawed
- 2 packets of hot chocolate mix ¼ cup
- 1 ½ cups mini marshmallows
- 2 tablespoons mini chocolate chips



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Prepare the cake in a 9×13-inch pan following the directions on the box. Allow the cake to cool to room temperature.
2. Use the handle of a wooden spoon or the thick end of a chopstick to poke rows of holes into the cake 1 inch apart.
3. Add the marshmallow fluff and water to a microwave-safe bowl and microwave for 20 seconds. Mix until well incorporated. The marshmallow fluff should be a pourable consistency. If it is too thick to pour, microwave for an additional 10 seconds and stir well again.
4. Pour the marshmallow creme over the cake. Use a rubber spatula or the back of a spoon to spread the marshmallow and press it down into the holes.
5. Heat the chocolate fudge sauce according to the directions on the jar. Spread the chocolate sauce over the top of the cake. Allow the fudge sauce to cool.



6. Add the whipped topping and hot chocolate mix to a medium bowl and gently fold until well combined.
7. Spread the chocolate whipped topping over the cake and refrigerate for at least an hour to allow the flavors to meld.
8. When ready to serve, sprinkle the mini marshmallows and chocolate chips over the cake, slice and enjoy.

<https://myheavenlyrecipes.com/hot-cocoa-poke-cake-recipe/>



Why does the New Year Begin on January 1?

On December 31, when the clock strikes midnight, January 1 will be here, and we'll all ring in the New Year. Have you ever wondered why we celebrate each new year on January 1? We answer this question with help from *History.com* and *EarthSky*.

Believe it or not, New Year's Day wasn't always celebrated on Jan. 1. According to *EarthSky*, the earliest recording of a new year celebration is believed to have been in Mesopotamia in 2000 B.C., but it was celebrated during the vernal equinox or mid March. Later, the ancient Egyptians, Phoenicians and Persians would celebrate their new year with the autumnal equinox, or mid-September, while the ancient Greeks celebrated on the winter solstice or mid-December.

The first time New Year's Day was celebrated on Jan. 1 was in 45 B.C. During his reign as a Roman dictator, Julius Caesar reformed the traditional Roman calendar with help from Sosigenes, an Alexandrian astronomer. Following the solar year, the new calendar calculated a year to be 365 and ¼ days long. *That year, 45 B.C., Caesar added 67 days so that the new year would begin on Jan. 1.*

The ancient Romans celebrated their New Year's Day with a feast for the god of doorways and beginnings, Janus. The Roman god had two faces, one looking to the past and one to the future.

In the Middle Ages, when it was discovered that Caesar and Sosigenes made a slight mistake in the calendar calculation, many stopped following the dictator's calendar. In the 1570s, Pope Gregory XIII commissioned Christopher Clavius, a Jesuit astronomer, to fix the 11-minute mistake and, in 1582, the Gregorian calendar was implemented. Since then, Jan. 1 has become widely accepted as the New Year.

Tomorrow's celebration not only follows the December solstice, or the shortest day of the year, but it is also when Earth is closest the sun in its orbit. And so, because the days will now begin to grow longer and the Gregorian calendar deems it, Jan. 1 is when we celebrate the new year, a natural day for new beginnings.

<https://www.childrensmuseum.org/blog/why-does-the-new-year-begin-on-jan-1>



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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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- Social Events
- Meeting Rooms
- Receptions
- Quinceañeras
- Sporting Events

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Audubon Pool

JANUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Happy New Year Clubhouse CLOSED	2	3 Garbage Day Bulk Pickup Friday Dinner 6:00 pm Lasagna	4
5	6 School Back in session 	7 Garbage Day	8	9	10 Garbage Day Friday Dinner 6:00 pm Tacos and Burritos	11 ICE CREAM CONE Saturday 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
12	13 Recycle Day	14 Garbage Day Committee of the Whole Meeting 6:00 pm at the City Hall	15	16	17 Garbage Day Bulk Pickup Teacher Planning Day No School Friday Dinner 6:00 pm Pulled Pork	18 Movie Night 6:00 pm featuring Mulan Styx The Company presents "Not a Ballet" 7-9 pm at Seminole Theater
19	20 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday No School 	21 Garbage Day	22 Council Meeting 6:00 pm at City Hall 	23 YOGA Gentle Yoga and Hot Chocolate 6:30 pm	24 Garbage Day Friday Dinner 6:00 pm BBQ Chicken Homestead Rodeo 6:00 pm at Harris Field	25 Rumours ATL - A Fleetwood Mac Tribute at 8:00 pm Seminole Theatre Homestead Rodeo 12:00 pm at Harris Field
26 Homestead Rodeo 12:00 pm at Harris Field 	27 Recycle Day	28 Garbage Day	29	30	31 Garbage Day Bulk Pickup Friday Dinner 6:00 pm Meatloaf	



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