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# 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

Love is in the air and I hear Cupid  
has his arrows ready in his quiver



## Happy Valentine's Day

**V**alentine's Day is very special to me, as Merv and I will celebrate 39 years of marriage. We have lived here in the Villages since the day we were married. We have seen many changes in the City of Homestead; however, the Villages really hasn't changed very much.

We still enjoy the tranquil pathways, the beautiful trees, the Egrets that graze in our cul-de-sac and the birds that faithfully enjoy our many bird feeders every evening.

I must also mention our glorious sunsets that we are so very blessed to enjoy daily. We raised our family here and have made everlasting friends throughout the years.

I apologize for using this format to go down memory lane, but, I'm very hopeful that many of our young families will one day look back and realize they have also made beautiful memories.

*Please join us for Super Bowl Sunday.*

Next year, hopefully, the dolphins will be playing.

Don't forget to bring a dish to share.

Entry for residents are \$5.00 and guests are \$10.00

We also have our annual yard sale coming up and the spots are filling up quickly. *"One man's junk is another's treasure"*.

I would like to thank Larry and his staff for all that they do for our clubhouse and community.

See you at the Superbowl Party.

Until next month, *please* continue to show love and kindness to others just like my neighbor, Raul. He always takes our garbage cans to the curb and back again.

*Pay kindness forward, a small act of kindness means the world to others.*

*Judy Waldman*

President  
Audubon HOA



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## Clubhouse Staff

Larry Meno

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## Hours of Operation

Sunday-Thursday 10 am-9 pm

Friday-Saturday 10 am-10 pm

Call for Holiday Hours

## Contact

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## Christmas Memory



**SUPER BOWL**  
SUNDAY FEB. 9  
Party kick off 5:30pm  
Game kick off 6:30pm  
Come watch the finale on our BIG SCREEN TV'S  
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**For 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 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

February 1 Heat @ San Antonio 8:30pm  
February 4 Heat @ Chicago 8:00pm  
February 5 Heat @ Philadelphia 7:30pm  
February 7 Heat @ Brooklyn 7:30pm  
February 10 Heat VS Boston 7:30pm  
February 12 Heat @ Oklahoma City 8:00pm  
February 13 Heat @ Dallas 8:30pm  
February 21 Heat @ Toronto 7:30pm  
February 23 Heat @ Milwaukee 7:00pm  
February 24 Heat @ Atlanta 7:30pm  
February 26 Heat VS Atlanta 7:30pm  
February 28 Heat VS Indiana 8:00pm



## Golf

February 6-9 WM Phoenix Open  
TPC Scottsdale (Stadium Course)- Scottsdale, AZ  
February 13-16 The Genesis Invitational  
February 20-23 Mexico Open at Vidanta World  
Vidanta Vallarta-Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico  
February 27-March 2 Cognizant Classic  
in the Palm Beaches  
PGA National Resort & Spa (The Champion) -  
Palm Beach Gardens, FL



## Florida Panthers

February 1 Panthers VS Chicago 1:00pm  
February 2 Panthers VS New York 6:00pm  
February 4 Panthers @ Washington 7:00pm  
February 8 Panthers VS Ottawa 7:00pm  
February 22 Panthers VS Seattle 6:00pm  
February 25 Panthers @ Nashville 8:00pm  
February 27 Panthers VS Edmonton 7:30pm



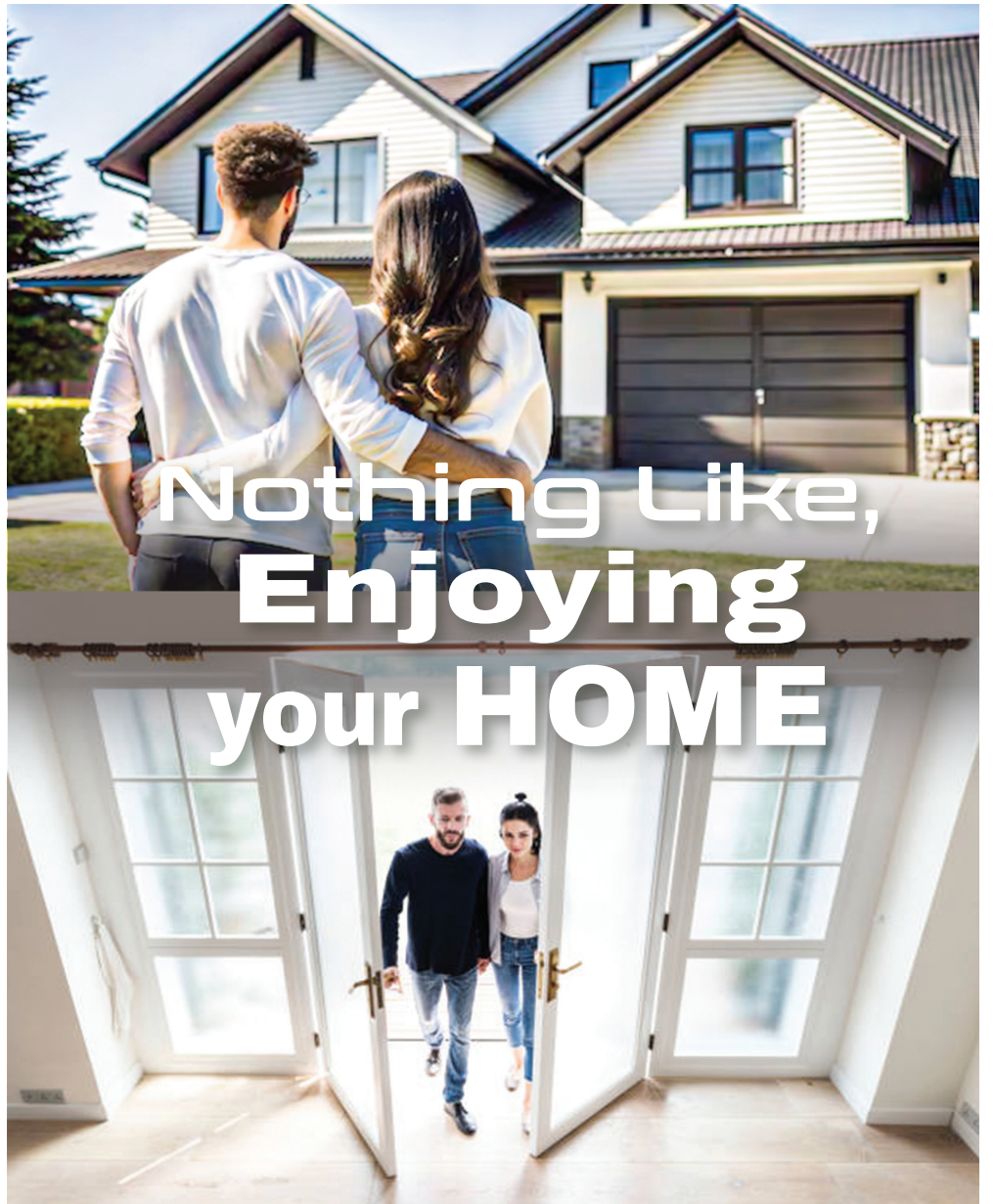
## NASCAR

February 2 Cook Out Clash at Bowman Gray- Bowman Gray Stadium.  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina 8:00pm  
February 13 Duel 1 at Daytona- Daytona International Speedway,  
Daytona Beach, Florida 7:00pm  
February 13 Duel 2 at Daytona- Daytona International Speedway,  
Daytona Beach, Florida 8:45pm  
February 16 Daytona 500- Daytona International Speedway,  
Daytona Beach, Florida 2:30pm  
February 23 Ambetter Health 400- Atlanta Motor Speedway,  
Hampton, Georgia 3:00pm



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### SOLID WASTE PICK-UP SCHEDULE

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

**2025**  
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**GARBAGE PICK-UP**  
RECOLECCIÓN DE BASURA  
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**BULKY WASTE PICK-UP**  
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\*Note  
In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day on January 20, 2025, Juneteenth Day on June 19, 2025, Independence Day on July 4, 2025 and Christmas Day on December 25, 2025, there will be no garbage service. Calendar indicates recycling and bulky make-up days.



# Upcoming Events



## MOVIE Night

Saturday February 15 @ 6PM

Featuring Wicked  
Free Popcorn, Chips, Drinks  
RSVP by February 10th



YOU ARE INVITED TO

## VALENTINE'S DAY

*Cookies and Chocolate*  
*covered strawberries*

Saturday, **FEB 8**

Stop by the Clubhouse on February 8th for a free cookie and chocolate covered strawberry. from 12pm-3pm

## COUPLES YOGA

Couples Yoga on February 20<sup>th</sup> 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.*



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## Community Parking lot Sale

**SATURDAY, MARCH 8 2025**

**7:30AM - 2PM**

Parking lot spots start at \$10.00  
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## VALENTINE'S DAY FRIDAY DINNER

JOIN US FRIDAY  
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VALENTINES DAY DINNER

CREAMY PARMEASAN CHICKEN WITH  
MASHED POTATOS AND ASPARAGUS WILL BE  
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**V**alentine's Day is celebrated in many countries around the world on February 14th, but how exactly did this loved-up holiday come about?

If, like many other people, the only thing you know is that it's associated somehow with a mysterious Saint Valentine, there's plenty more you must know.

Check out the lovely history of the most romantic day of the year!

#### Who is Saint Valentine?

Saint Valentine was a priest who conducted marriage ceremonies (and other services) in third-century Rome.



The emperor at the time was **Claudius II**, who had the bright idea that men would make better soldiers if they were all single.

As a result of his new theory, he banned marriage for young men, prompting Valentine to strongly disagree with him.

Rather than go along with the new law, the good-natured priest carried on with the marriage ceremonies, meaning that many young people across the country could still get married.

Of course, **Claudius II** was appalled by this when he found out what was going on, and had poor Valentine killed off.

#### Why do we celebrate Valentine's Day?

It is not known for certain why we celebrate Valentine's Day in February, although there are some interesting suggestions. The most popular is that this was the month in which Saint Valentine was martyred, although some theorists believe that it was first celebrated in February to overshadow a pagan festival.

The Lupercalia celebrations involved priests, a sacred cave and sacrifices in the forms of goats and dogs.

This was supposed to make the women of the city more fertile the year after, but since the Christians did not agree with this practice, it is very possible that they decided to celebrate Valentine's Day in this month too.

#### When did Valentine's Day become official?

Two centuries after Valentine's death, **Pope Gelasius** of the Catholic Church, and decreed that February Valentine's Day.

By now, the uprising of Christianity had well and truly Lupercalia festivals, so everybody could concentrate during this month.

However, it wasn't really associated with love until later on.

The people of the Middle Ages believed that February 14th saw the start of the mating season for birds, and when this theory was added to the legends of Saint Valentine, it started to make sense that this day should be one on which to celebrate lovers.

#### Valentine's Day evolution.

Valentine's Day messages become increasingly popular after the year 1400, but there weren't completely unheard of before this time.

In fact, legend has it that Saint Valentine was imprisoned and sent a message to his lover signed 'From your Valentine'.

This may be highly romanticized, but if it's true, definitely explains one of the most popular phrases seen on Valentine's Day cards today.

Inside London's British Library, there is a manuscript of the first Valentine's message which we still have on record today.

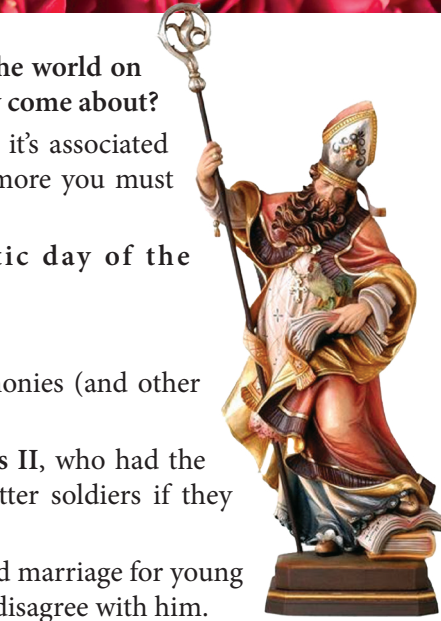


**Charles, Duke of Orleans**, was in prison and wrote a love poem to his wife in 1415. While Saint Valentine's message of love might be purely a legend, Charles' tale is definitely one which is true.

Fast-forward a few hundred years, and Valentine's Day cards started being mass-produced in their thousands.

In 1840's America, cards were being manufactured with lace, ribbons and other pretty decorations.

There are now around one billion Valentine's Day cards purchased each year, and (you won't be surprised to know) 85% of them are bought by women.



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# STRAWBERRY Kiss COOKIES

## INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup (226g) unsalted butter, softened
- 1 cup (200g) granulated sugar
- 1 large egg, at room temperature
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/2 tsp almond extract (optional, but enhances the strawberry flavor)
- 2 cups (250g) all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 package (3 oz) strawberry-flavored gelatin mix (for color and flavor)
- 1/4 cup powdered sugar, for dusting
- 24-30 chocolate kiss candies, unwrapped



## INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. Prepare the Dough

• **Cream the Butter and Sugar:** In a large mixing bowl, beat the softened butter and granulated sugar until light and fluffy. This should take about 2-3 minutes.

• **Add Wet Ingredients:** Beat in the egg, vanilla extract, and almond extract (if using) until well combined.

• **Mix in the Strawberry Gelatin:** Add the strawberry-flavored gelatin powder to the mixture. Beat until fully incorporated, giving the dough its pink color and strawberry flavor.

• **Combine Dry Ingredients:** In a separate bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, and salt. Gradually add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients, mixing on low speed until a soft, pink dough forms.

### 2. Shape the Cookies

• **Roll the Dough into Balls:** Scoop out about a tablespoon of dough and roll it between your palms to form a smooth, round ball. Place each dough ball on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper, spacing them about 2 inches apart.

### 3. Create the Indentation for the Chocolate Kiss

• **Press the Center of Each Ball:** Using your thumb or the back of a teaspoon, gently press down in the center of each dough ball to create a shallow indentation. This step is crucial because it gives the cookie its signature "thumbprint" shape, where the chocolate kiss will go after baking.

• **Perfect the Indentation:** For a cleaner look, gently twist your thumb or spoon as you press down to make the indentation smooth and rounded.

### 4. Bake the Cookies

• **Bake:** Preheat the oven to 350°F (175°C) and bake the cookies for 10-12 minutes. The cookies should be set but still slightly soft to the touch, with faint cracks appearing around the edges.

• **Cool Briefly:** Allow the cookies to cool on the baking sheet for 2-3 minutes. This helps them firm up slightly, making it easier to press the chocolate kisses into the center.

### 5. Add the Chocolate Kisses

• **Press a Kiss into Each Cookie:** While the cookies are still warm, gently press an unwrapped chocolate kiss candy into the indentation you made earlier. The warmth of the cookie will slightly soften the chocolate kiss, helping it adhere without melting too much.

• **Cool Completely:** Transfer the cookies to a wire rack to cool completely, allowing the chocolate to set.

### 6. Dust with Powdered Sugar

• **Add a Finishing Touch:** Once the cookies have cooled and the chocolate has set, dust a little powdered sugar over each one for a festive, snowy look.

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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

**BOOK YOUR EVENT TODAY!**

**Larry Meno**  
Clubhouse Manager

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Audubon Pool

FEBRUARY 2025						
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9 Superbowl Party 5:30 pm	10 Recycle Day	11 Garbage Day  Committee of the Whole Meeting 5:30 pm at the City Hall	12	13	14 Garbage Day  Friday Dinner 6:00 pm Valentine's Day Dinner	15 Movie Night 6:00 pm featuring <b>Wicked</b>
16	17 President's Day No School	18 Garbage Day	19 City Council Meeting 6:00 pm at City Hall	20 YOGA  Couples Yoga 6:30 pm	21 Garbage Day Bulk Pickup  Friday Dinner 6:00 pm Brown Sugar Pork Chops	22
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