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February 2026

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🎗️ Groundhog Day 🎗️ Valentine's Day 🎗️ President's Day 🎗️ Black History Month

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In The Estates of Fort Lauderdale

- ⇒ Due to work by FPL the golf course is temporarily closed.
- ⇒ Monday, February 2—Community Club Meeting @7:00 pm / Ground Hog Day
- ⇒ Thursday, February 5—BINGO! Doors open @5:30 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, February 8— Super Bowl Sunday
- ⇒ Tuesday, February 10—Women's Club Meeting, @ 11:00 am Social Time, Meeting 11:30 am
- ⇒ Sunday, February 15— Post Valentine Social @ 3 :00 pm—5; ;00 pm
- ⇒ Wednesday, February 22—POA Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- ⇒ Saturday, February 28—Community Club Mix and Mingle @5:30 pm
- ⇒ Every Monday—Pot Luck Social on the Patio @ 5:30 pm
- ⇒ Every Thursday—Spanish Lessons with Mateo on the Patio @

Dania Beach City Hall (check hours of operation)

- ⇒ City Commissioners Meeting - 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the Month open to the public and also on Comcast ch. 78 @7pm /C.O.P. Meeting (City Hall) - Second Thursday of each month @ 5pm

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FEBRUARY 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2  Community Club Meeting—7pm	3	4	5 Doors Open 5:30 	6	7
8 	9 <i>Every Monday at 5:30 pm Mix and Socialize with your Friends and Neighbors on the Patio.</i>	10 Women's Club 11 am—Social Time 11:30 am Meeting	11	12 SPANISH CLASSES with Mateo Baquero EVERY THURSDAY AT 7 PM	13	14 Valentine's Day ACA Dinner Dance 
15  Post Valentine Social	16 Presidents' Day	17	18 POA Board Meeting 7 pm 	19 SPANISH CLASSES with Mateo Baquero EVERY THURSDAY AT 7 PM	20	21
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Community Club

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

February is a special month — a time when love is in the air and we’re reminded how important connection, kindness, and community truly are. In the spirit of Valentine’s Day, this month is all about celebrating caring neighbors and the friendships that make our neighborhood feel like home.

Here’s what’s happening in February:

 Love Thy Neighbor: February is a time to appreciate one another and strengthen the bonds that make our community welcoming and supportive. Social – February 15th: Pat Tyra’s Social event sponsored by AMS. 

 Mix & Mingle – February 28th: Join us for a relaxed gathering that brings community members together with our valued newsletter advertisers.

 Neighbors Helping Neighbors: At the Mix & Mingle, we’ll begin creating a voluntary Neighborhood Directory — simply a way to know who’s nearby and how neighbors can help one another in times of need.

 Community Connection: We’ll also gage interest and share information about a friendly neighborhood program, focused on communication, connection, and checking in on neighbors — not just during emergencies but all year around encouraging community care. Do you own a business or have a skill that could help your neighbors? Come network and connect.

The Mix & Mingle is a wonderful opportunity to meet new neighbors, reconnect with friends, thank the local businesses that support our community, and continue building a neighborhood where people look out for one another.

Thank you for being such an important part of our community. I look forward to seeing you on February 28th and throughout the month.

Wishing you a warm, happy, and love-filled February!
With appreciation,

Staci Powell
Community Club President



Estates of Fort Lauderdale Women's Club



February 2026

My late husband used to say “A bad beginning always leads to a good ending.”

Well, I hope that is true because the Women’s Club got off to a disappointing start in January.

Due to the fact that our Vice President Caroll and Secretary Lisa were dealing with serious health and family issues and our Treasurer Staci had work commitments in Utah I cancelled the January meeting. I really struggled doing that but realized going forward with the meeting would be totally ineffective

I don’t care if a person is the President of the local fire department or President of the United States, they are only as good as the team that supports them. So knowing that much of my team would be absent from the meeting I felt compelled to cancel. I feel confident we will do a jump start in February!!

Additionally, Staci has advised me that due to her full-time work requirements and her many commitments right here within our community she has decided to step away from her position as Treasurer. Inasmuch as I have served in that capacity previously, I am fine with assuming those responsibilities temporarily. However, I would like to ask someone to step forward and volunteer to fill this important position ASAP. Please consider helping out. It’s not a huge commitment but it does require a little time and organizational skills.

The next meeting is February 10 th starting with social time beginning at 11:00 am and followed by the business meeting at 11:30 am. February is known as the month of LOVE so be sure to come to the meeting and share a little love!

Please remember, Any woman who has reached the age of 18 and is a registered resident of the Estates of Fort Lauderdale is eligible for membership. COME AND JOIN OUR FUN BUNCH OF LADIES!!!

Don’t forget Happy Hour on the Patio each Monday beginning at 5:30 p.m. Bring your own beverage and a snack to share! Hope to see everyone real soon.

Yours in fun and friendship,

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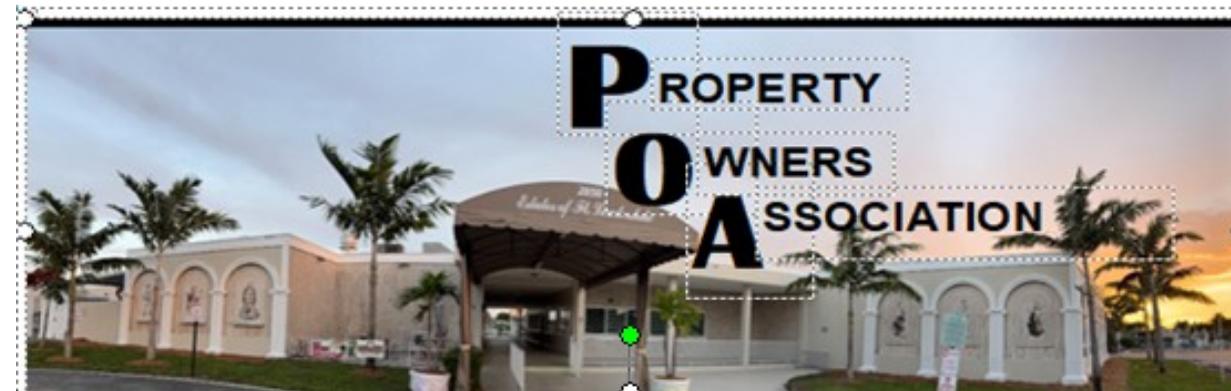
February Observances & Fun Facts

February is the shortest month. It was named after the Roman purification rituals known as lustratio, which were celebrated to restore harmony with the gods.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 2, – Groundhog Day February 12—Abraham Lincoln’s Birthday February 14—St. Valentine Day February 15—National Flag Day of Canada February 16—President’s Day February 17—Ramadan Begins February 17—Chinese New Year February 17—Mardi Gras 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> February is the only month that can pass without a full moon Leap year babies are called “leaplings”. February (do you see that extra "r"?) is one of the most frequently misspelled words in the English language. : For more than 40 years, February has been Black History Month. February also marks American Heart Month The first Sunday in February is Super Bowl Sunday (at least for the foreseeable future)
Birthstone	Purple Amethyst
Fruits and Veggies	Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage Grapefruit, Oranges, Pomegranites
Flowers	Violet symbolizes modesty & faithfulness Primrose symbolizing new beginnings, love
Astrological Sign	Aquarius : January 20—February 18 Pisces : February 19—March 20
Birthdays	Tom Brokaw, Jane Seymour

REMINDERS

Bulk trash collected on the **Second Thursday** of each month **ONLY!**
Please don't put items on the curb until the day prior.



Hello fellow homeowners!

Hope everyone is having a wonderful New Year! I would like to start by saying we have had many violations throughout the park already. Please have all of your guests registered and be sure they have IDs. We have a new pool guard and you must have ID. If not she will ask you to leave and either get a new ID or return with your previous ID.

Please stop parking on the lawn!!! Everyone in the community has the same rules and each week we see the same homes that just refuse to comply with the rules. If you have extra vehicles you can always use the parking lot at the club house. Just get a parking permit from Carmela.

We are all trying to achieve the same goal. A safe, clean, respectful community. We are trying our best so please do your part.

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone.

Thank you and God Bless,

Lisa Thompson

POA President



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Voilà, c'est le mois de l'amour! Nous sommes choyés de se retrouver en Floride durant un mois de l'amour mais aussi de grand froid au Canada. Ce qui vient avec le mois de février bien sûr c'est une variété de rhume, grippe, virus, etc. Nous les Canadiens qui sont tellement chaleureux, et en particulier les Québécois, les accolades sont en profusion et à tous les jours! Peut-être c'est le temps de mettre sur pause ces accolades?

Alors, on se garde occuper pour bien profiter de ce beau privilège de vivre en Floride en février avec des tournois de palet, pétanque, pickleball et golf ainsi que toutes les activités qui sont trop nombreuses pour nommer ici. Mais ce qui a de spécial ce mois, c'est la *Soirée Gaga Country* du 19 février. Ne manquez pas ça! Bonne st valentin!

Monique Vaillancourt
Présidente par intérim

February, the month of love! We Canadians love being here in Florida during one of the coldest months of the year in Canada. Of course, what comes with February is flu season and we Canadians can be called "Hugs and Kisses Are Us" because every time we see each other, we hug and we kiss. Maybe it's time to cool it with this practice this month given all the flus, colds and viruses going around.

This is how we will keep active in February. Our Wednesday tournaments will be golf, shuffleboard, pétanque and pickleball. We have too many other activities to name here but the schedule is posted. Our special event this month is our *Gaga Country Event* on February 19th. Come join us and happy valentines!

Monique Vaillancourt
Acting President





- **Question:** How did Valentine's Day get its name?

Answer: The holiday is named after St. Valentine, a somewhat mysterious historical figure. Though there are several legends about him, one of the most popular theories is that he was a priest who officiated the weddings of soldiers in the third century A.D. During this time, Roman emperor Claudius II forbade young men from marrying, aiming to strengthen Rome's soldiers. Legend has it that Claudius figured out what St. Valentine was up to and put him to death, making the saint a martyr for love.

- **Question:** Who wrote the 1375 poem "Parliament of Foules," commonly believed to be the first record that depicts Valentine's Day as a romantic day?

Answer: Geoffrey Chaucer

- **Question:** Who is believed to have written the oldest valentine still in existence?

Answer: Charles, Duke of Orleans. The valentine is believed to be a love poem he wrote to his wife in 1415.

The color of flower given on Valentine's Day holds meaning.

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February 20—Pat Tyra

February 21—Peter Vaughn



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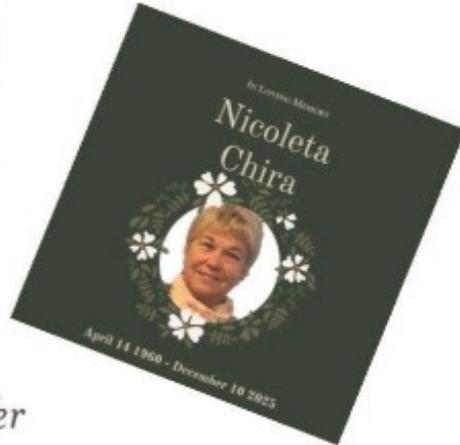
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Watch for another sale in September.

In this moment of reflection, we would like to honor the lives of those we lost in 2025. Each individual left a unique imprint on the world, marked by love shared and memories cherished. As we pause to remember them, we carry forward their legacy through the lessons they imparted and the joy they brought into our lives. Though their physical presence is no longer with us, their spirit continues to inspire and influence our community. Let us celebrate their contributions with gratitude and compassion, ensuring their memory remains a guiding light in our hearts.



Michael Flynn
1942-2025



Lisa Ann Schafer

MARCH 8, 1958 - SEPTEMBER 7, 2025



We remember
Lawrence Youngmans
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Michael Earle

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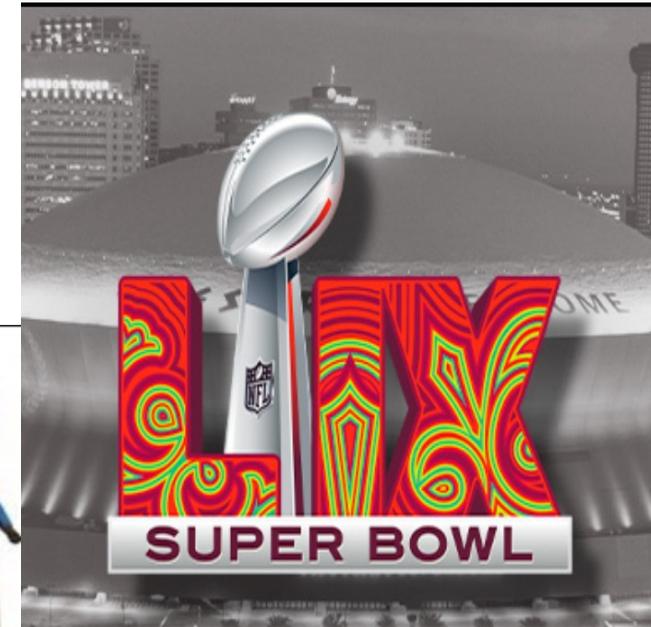
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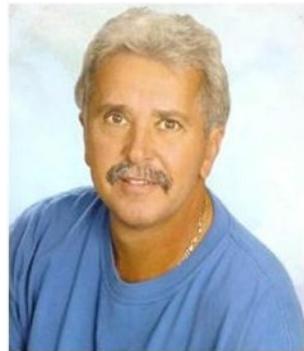
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Happy 2026 to everyone... Make sure this year is a healthy one,,,

We are always looking for new volunteers. Join us.. We have many of our Canadian friends from Ocean Waterways that participate.. We'd really love to have the same here on the west side of Dania Beach.

CRIME REPORT: A Dania Beach deputy was on a car stop when he heard gunshots. He saw an individual running and stopped him. It turns out that is was a domestic violence incident. The suspect fired multiple shots at the mother of his two kids. They were also in the line of fire. He was charged with three counts of attempted murder.

This past week, Detective Eric Hoff was presented a bronze sculpture of an American Bald Eagle at the city Commission Meeting. I was very proud to attend along with Patricia Tyra. We capped off the retirement week for Detective Hoff with more than 30 deputies and several command staff for a special luncheon at the Estates Of Ft Lauderdale Monte Carlo Room. We finished up with a lunch at the Outback. My very close good friend is leaving a huge void with his well deserved retirement.

FIRE REPORT: In November, Dania Beach BSO Fire Rescue responded to 653 calls..In December, that number ballooned to 775 calls. 657 were medical while 118 were fire related. Dania Beach Fire Rescue continues to be busier than any other city in Broward County. Our first responders remain the best there is.

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Leslie Kevles, Captain
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Abraham Lincoln

The contents of Abraham Lincoln's pockets from the day he died were found in the 1970's in a safe at the Library of Congress. They included: an Ivory-handled pocketknife, an embroidered linen handkerchief, a Confederate five dollar bill, and 8 newspaper clippings praising him.

The Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC was dedicated on May 30, 1922.

Lincoln was the first Republican-elected president and only the second presidential candidate from that party.

Lincoln remains the only president to hold a patent. His invention was a device for lifting boats over obstructions in the water.

Lincoln is the most written-about figure in American history, with more than 18,000 books devoted to him.

Lincoln was a lawyer and politician but tried several careers beforehand, such as surveyor, storekeeper, and postmaster (his first government job).

Lincoln loved animals and reportedly had many pets, including dogs, cats, horses, and even goats.

Happy Presidents Day



George Washington

As a British colonial officer, Washington's Fort Duquesne expedition was one of the triggers for the Seven Years War which can be considered the first true world war (fighting on multiple continents).

When he was suffering from dysentery and hemorrhoids around the time of the French-Indian War, he had a cushion fitted under his saddle. He also asked Sally Fairfax, a girl he was trying to court, to nurse him when he was sick with the disease in bed.

His lack of education was a source of insecurity for him. He stressed education for his step children, and lectured them to keep to their studies.

He kept very strict daily routines, and never deviated from them. However, he struggled a lot with managing money, and money was often a source of stress for him. Martha took over more of the financial management of Mount Vernon.

He donated much of his own money to the creation of new churches of different sects, synagogues, etc to promote religious tolerance in America. He also allowed his slaves to practice their own religions at Mount Vernon.

At Mount Vernon, he had a commercial whiskey distillery. He's also known as the Father of the American Mule, which he bred on his plantation

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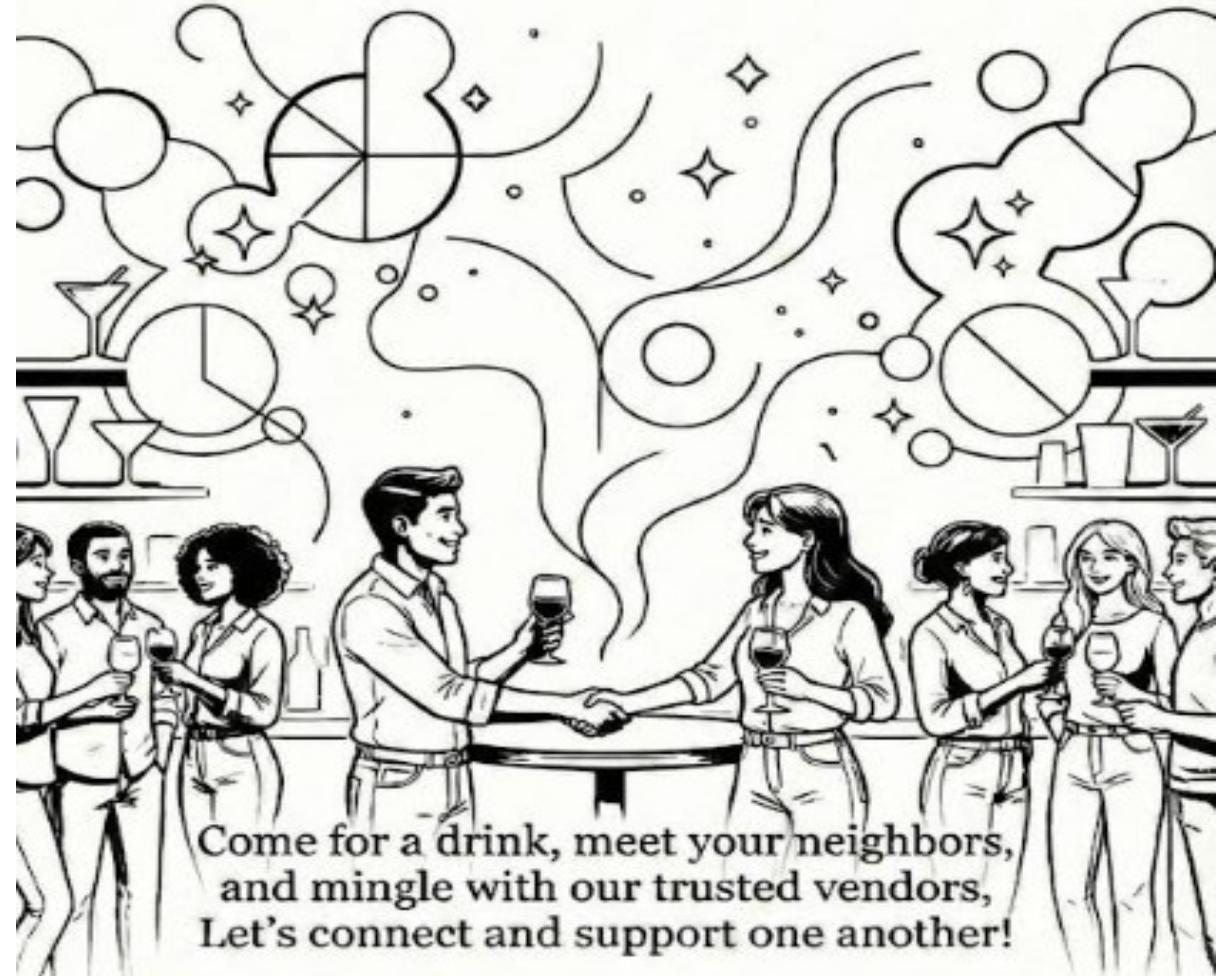
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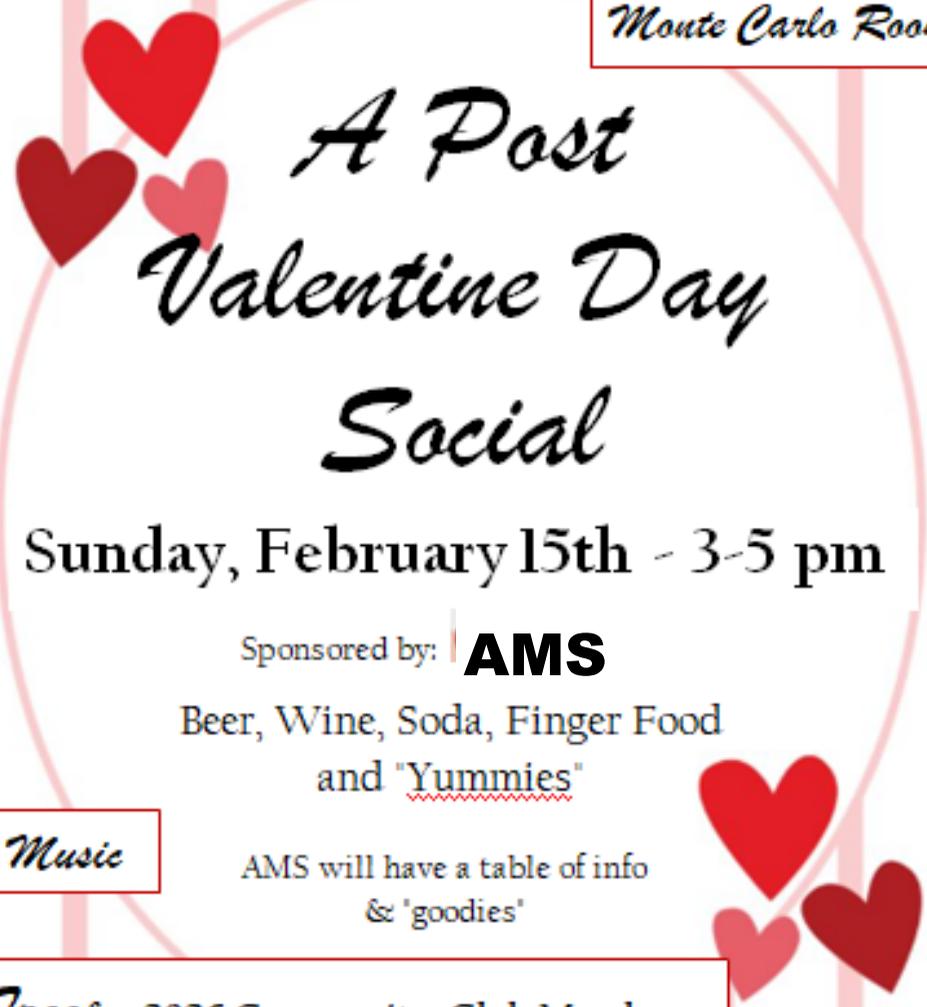
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Beer, Wine, Soda, Finger Food and "Yummies"

Piano Music

AMS will have a table of info & 'goodies'

Free for 2026 Community Club Members
Guests \$5.00
(Please bring your membership card/memberships sold at the door) (No charge for children with an adult)

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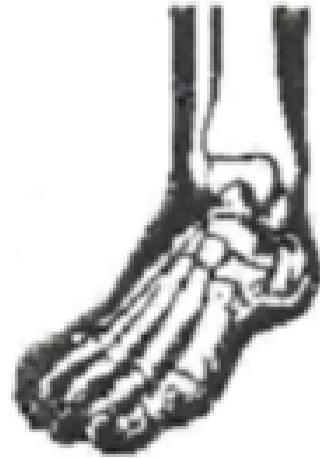
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Volunteer Spotlight

Help our community shine this year. Did You Know?

Most of our events only need a few extra hands to be successful. Volunteering is a great way to meet neighbors, share your talents, and have fun while giving back!

This month, we're shining the spotlight on Pam Delisle, one of the many volunteers who helps make our community a wonderful place to live.

Pam has generously contributed her time by always volunteering to help out with the community club membership and welcome committee. She recognizes what needs to be done. Takes action by giving her ideas and input to help plan and coordinate events for the community.

She is always friendly and welcoming to new people and makes them feel special. She also truly cares about her neighbors and friends and is often out helping them and checking on them. Her willingness to step up and help—often behind the scenes—makes a meaningful difference for everyone.

We are grateful for Pam's positive attitude, dedication, and community spirit. Volunteers like her remind us that when we work better together, our community truly shines.



Thank you, Pam, for all that you do!





IMPORTANT NOTICE

from the POA

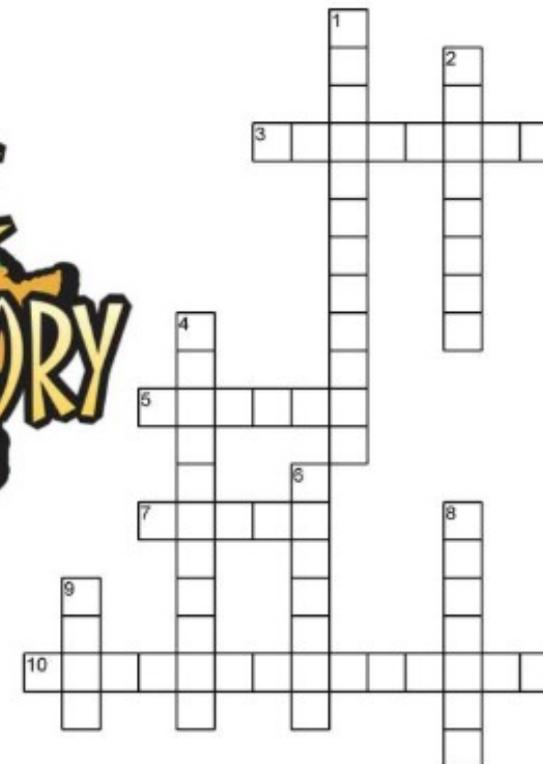
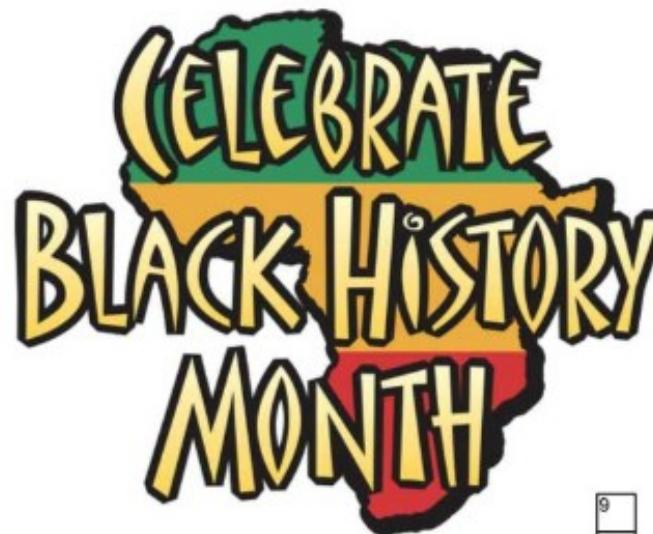
Bonne année à chacune et chacun de

3.2 Only the homeowner, Legal Assignee or a licensed real estate agent can rent any home in the Community to another person. No owner will be permitted to rent or lease his/her mobile home for the first Three (3) years of ownership. Homeowners are permitted to rent after the Three (3) year ownership to a person of their choice provided that a rental application form and required documents to include and not limited to; Lease Agreement, City of Dania Beach Business Tax Receipt be submitted to the office prior to renters moving in. A rental screening committee will screen/interview prospective lessees and purchasers and request their signature signifying that they have been informed and understand their obligations to uphold the Declaration of Covenants, By-Laws and Rules and Regulations. [Such Renters must be registered in the Office by the homeowner at least one week before the renters take occupancy and the date of their departure must also be registered.] Rentals are permitted only with the homeowner's absence from the residence. Such rental shall be allowed only one time during a year by a homeowner from the date the rental agreement is signed. Any person occupying a residence for over Three (3) weeks will be considered a Renter. Renters cannot sublet the residence. The Association has a New Tenant Set-Up Fee of One-Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for every rental or new owner. The One-Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) fee will be charged for every rental period, if renter is renting at a new location. When a renter rents for the season and returns the following year to the same location, a registration fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) will be required. Non-registered New homeowners or renters will be charged Two-Hundred (\$200.00), (A One-Hundred Dollar (\$100.00) Fine and the One-Hundred Dollar (\$100.00) Registration Fee.)

3.3 The rules and regulations for the Community Identification Card are as follows:

- a. A properly registered owner, family member of an owner or renter is permitted to bring up to six (6) guests to use the common area facilities by presenting their community identification card and a guest card issued by the Association.
- b. An unregistered guest of a home owner, family member of a home owner or renter is permitted to use the facilities up to 3(three) times before properly registering and being issued a community identification card.
- c. Guests seeking a community identification card must be accompanied to the office by a properly registered Homeowner.
- d. Children under 14 (fourteen) are not permitted to use the facilities without adult supervision. Children under 16 (sixteen) are not permitted to bring, or therefore be responsible for guests without adult supervision.

3.4 Each platted lot owner shall be held responsible for damage to the property of others, caused by him, his family, guests, invitees, servants or lessees. A platted lot owner or his approved lessee shall be liable and responsible for all damages sustained to property in the Community, including Community common areas caused by the platted lot owner or his lessee, or their contractors, employees or servants, whether such damages are caused by negligence, accident or otherwise. The platted lot owners shall also be responsible for the conduct of members of his family, guest or invitees in the Community and shall further be responsible to insure that such persons comply with all the applicable provisions of the foregoing Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions and of these Rules and Regulations, as well as, such other Rules and Regulations as shall be promulgated.



Across

- 3. Neo-Expressionism is the style of art that was created by Jean Michel _____.
- 5. Dr. Charles Drew extended the storage of blood for transfusions by separating the _____ from the blood and drying it.
- 7. Garrett A. Morgan had to hire a white man as the "inventor" of his products because of the _____ of his skin.
- 10. Dr. Charles Drew left the American Red Cross because the policies regarding the blood transfusions were _____.

Down

- 1. Shirley Chisholm is famous for being the first African American and woman to run for the Democratic Party _____ nomination.
- 2. Bessie Coleman obtained her pilot's license in Europe because _____ schools in the US did not admit women or black people.
- 4. Madam C.J. Walker was the first self-made female and African American _____.
- 6. Garret A. Morgan invented the "safety hood" and _____ light.
- 8. Shirley Chisholm represented the state of _____.
- 9. Madam C.J. Walker worked in the _____ care industry.





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*Party
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SPANISH CLASSES
 with Mateo Baquero
 EVERY THURSDAY AT 7 PM
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 See Club Bulletin for Details



Happy Birthday my love

Out and about with friends and neighbors from the community!

