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January 2026

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(JANUARY) ARIANA EVENTS CALENDAR (2026)

ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION AND TIME CHANGE. WATCH BULLETIN BOARD AND EMAILS FOR CHANGES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 1:30 P.M. "313" Card Game 6:30 p.m. Shuf-fleboard	2 9:30 a.m. Water Aerobics	3 6:00 p.m. Social Night
4 2:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social	5 9:30 a.m. Water Aerobics 1:00 p.m. Craft Club 6:30 p.m. PoKeNo	6 9:00 a.m. Quilting Class 6:30 p.m. Shuf-fleboard	7 9:30 a.m. Water Aerobics 7:00 p.m. Bingo	8 10:00 a.m. Activity Meeting 1:30 P.M. "313" Card Game 6:30 p.m. Shuf-fleboard	9 9:30 a.m. Water Aerobics	10 6:00 p.m. Horse Racing
11	12 9:30 a.m. Water Aerobics 6:30 p.m. PoKeNo	13 9:00 a.m. Quilting Class 6:30 p.m. Shuf-fleboard	14 9:30 a.m. Water Aerobics 7:00 p.m. Bingo	15 1:30 P.M. "313" Card Game 6:00 p.m. Potluck 6:30 p.m. Shuf-fleboard	16 9:30 a.m. Water Aerobics	17 9:00 a.m. Community & Vets Breakfast
18	19 9:30 a.m. Water Aerobics 1:00 p.m. Craft Club 6:30 p.m. PoKeNo	20 9:00 a.m. Quilting Class 6:30 p.m. Shuf-fleboard	21 9:30 a.m. Water Aerobics 7:00 p.m. Bingo	22 1:30 P.M. "313" Card Game 6:30 p.m. Shuf-fleboard	23 9:30 a.m. Water Aerobics	24 Time To Be Announced Poker Run
25	26 9:30 a.m. Water Aerobics 6:30 p.m. PoKeNo	27 9:00 a.m. Quilting Class 6:30 p.m. Shuf-fleboard	28 9:30 a.m. Water Aerobics 7:00 p.m. Bingo	29 1:30 P.M. "313" Card Game 6:30 p.m. Shuf-fleboard	30 9:30 a.m. Water Aerobics	31 Hobby Shop Thank You Luncheon (Time to Be Announced)



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Happy Birthday / Anniversary!
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January Birthdays

DATE	RESIDENT	ADDRESS
1	Dick Mikesell	1631 Poppy Circle
2	Henry Sinda	1791 Poppy Circle
3	Janet Root	1710 Aster Loop
3	Ron Longworth	1633 Poppy Circle
4	Jeniffer Casteneda	1779 Poppy Circle
4	Joann Payne	1703 Poppy Circle
5	Mary Frantz	1627 Poppy Circle
7	Edward O'Hare	1751 Alyssum Loop
7	Shirley Rollins	1668 Poppy Circle
9	Parks R. Warren	1664 Poppy Circle
10	Bill Utzler	1042 Clematis Avenue
12	Rosann Abeyta	1771 Poppy Circle
14	William Pachilis	1687 Coleus Cove
15	Edward Kondenar	1620 Poppy Circle
15	Ginny Maitino	1665 Poppy Circle
17	Kimberly Byron	1687 Coleus Cove
22	Robert Williams	1759 Alyssum Loop
24	Theresa Masucci	1212 Ariana Village Blvd.
26	Britteny Warren	1664 Poppy Circle
27	Al Walters	1015 Cosmos Drive
31	Patricia May	1194 Ariana Village Blvd
31	Preston Westlake	1051 Clematis Avenue
31	Brian Parsons	1744 Poppy Circle

January Anniversaries

DATE	RESIDENTS	ADDRESS
9	Dick & Donna Mikesell	1631 Poppy Circle
20	Edward & Donna Kondenar	1620 Poppy Circle
31	Bill & Pam Allmann	1030 Clematis Avenue

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The New Year is a time to reflect on, and remember the good things and times we've experienced during the past year and to try to put behind us the sadness and hardships that we've endured, while looking forward to a happy and prosperous 2026.



From our family to yours, hoping the new year brings health, peace and happiness to all our Ariana neighbors, their family and friends.

Lorraine & Joe Buono

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Happy New Year, everyone!

As we turn the page to 2026, I want to take a moment to reflect on the year behind us and the community we continue to build together. Over the past year, we have experienced joy, change, and moments that reminded us just how special our 55+ community truly is.

We've said heartfelt goodbyes to cherished friends who will always remain part of our story. At the same time, we've welcomed new residents who have quickly become wonderful additions to our community. We've watched neighbors become friends, and even strangers become a married couple—proof that new beginnings can happen at any age. Through every season, one thing has remained constant: **we are stronger together**. Thank you for the kindness, support, and spirit you bring to this place we proudly call home.

As we begin this new year, I'm excited to share that we currently have several beautiful homes available. If you have family or friends who have expressed interest in joining our community, this is a perfect time to invite them to come take a look. Let's continue to grow and welcome new faces into the warmth and friendship that make our neighborhood so special. Don't forget to let us know you sent them, and if they purchase, you will receive \$100 referral fee credit on your ledger.

WISHING EACH OF YOU HEALTH, HAPPINESS, AND NEW JOYS IN 2026!

JANUARY 2026 LEASE RENT REMINDER

Before paying your January 2026 lease rent, **please double-check the amount due**. We know many residents have been paying the same amount for a full year, and it can be easy to write the old number on a check. Verifying the updated amount will save you time and prevent the inconvenience of having to return with the remaining balance due to this year's rent increase.

Storage Rent Increase

The Storage Fee increased by \$5 in 2026 making the monthly fee \$50 a month.

Rent Due Date & Grace Period

Rent is due on the 1st of each month. Sun provides a Grace Period through the 5th. No late fees are charged if rent is paid on or before the 5th.

Late Fee Schedule (New Policy)

\$40 Late Fee is added on the 6th of the month

If the 6th falls on a weekend or holiday, the fee is added on the next business day.

Additional \$40 Late Fee is added on the 15th of the month

This is charged to any account still owing rent as of the 15th.



H.O.A. News



By: Pat Amato

January HOA News Letter

Happy New Year!

Every year comes with the promise of new beginnings, new experiences, new friends and celebrating old friends. Find joy in the little things, peace, love and sharing the good, and sometimes the bad, with new and old friends alike.

December was a great month in Ariana Village. So many events and festivities. It is so amazing to see everyone pull together to bring yet another Parade of Lights to life for our Lakeland neighbors to enjoy. How lucky are we to live in such an incredible place? It is a wonderful time of the year!

2026 HOA dues are payable in January prior to our next meeting which will be held somewhere near the end of January. (Date to be announced later). We have elections coming up in January for some openings and nominations are open to the entire community, however, you **must be a member of the Homeowners Association to be nominated for a position and your dues must be paid prior to being able to vote.** We'd love to see more people join and renew for this year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or any board member. A list of board members and their contact information is listed in the rear section of each monthly newsletter.

We are here to collectively represent the community needs to management for the betterment of all Ariana Village homeowners.

For 2026 - "Our future looks bright, (almost as bright as the Parade of Lights!). Let's make this a great year for our community.

Pat



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Activities

By: Cindy Gwin



Happy New Year to everyone. We hope the new year brings good health and happiness to our community. We are adding two new events to our calendar in this new year. An Ice Cream Social, the first Sunday of each month, honoring the birthdays of that month. Also, we are going to add a Breakfast on the third Saturday of each month. This will be a ticketed event.

The Activities For January Are:

January 3rd, 6:00 p.m., Social Night



January 4th, 2:00 p.m., Ice Cream Social

(Come and enjoy a bowl of ice cream with toppings along with socializing with the Community)



January 10th, 6:00 p.m., Horse Racing

(Bring your quarters and come bet on your favorite horse while cheering them on. It's a Fun Time)



January 15th, 6:00 p.m., Potluck Dinner



January 17th, 9:00 a.m., Community / Vets Breakfast

(Details coming soon)



January 24th, Poker Run (Time to be announced)

(Collect playing cards from stations throughout the park, return to the clubhouse to make your poker hand. Details to follow)





CAP Corner

Fred Akersen & Maryanne Carrico



“CAP Program News”

Please be sure to notify one of our Coordinator, after you call 911, if you have or see an incident in our park. We can't report problems if we aren't aware of them.

BELOW IS AN AFTER HOUR NUMBER FOR PARK RELATED EMERGENCIES:

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Also, we need more "CAP" volunteers to help insure that we continue to have a strong patrol program. It only involves a commitment of 8 hours per month. If you feel you can help with this, please contact:

CAP PROGRAM COORDINATORS

Fred Ankersen 321-243-8973 (and) Maryanne Carrico 863-329-3467

Crafty Creations

By: Lois Toland



HI EVERYONE:

THE CRAFT GROUP IS LOOKING FOR SOME CRAFTERS THAT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HOSTING A CLASS AND OR TEACHING THEIR CRAFT TO RESIDENTS. INTERESTED PARTIES PLEASE CONTACT LOIS:



Hobby Shop News

The Hobby Shop graciously accepts aluminum soda and beer cans. Residents can place them in the foot locker box outside the hobby shop door. The hobby shop members crush and stores them in containers and take them to the scrap yard for redemption. These monies help the shop towards paying our electric bill.



Steve

HAPPY Memories



Dec 6th, 2025





**Ariana Village ~ January 2026
Home Site of the Month Winners
John & Judy Phillips
1710 Poppy Circle**



We are thrilled to celebrate **John and Judy Phillips** as our **January 2026 Home Site of the Month Award** recipients! John and Judy have shown exceptional dedication, meticulous care, and tremendous pride in maintaining their beautiful home site. Their property shines year-round and truly reflects their commitment to excellence and community pride. Their hard work not only enhances the overall appearance of our neighborhood but also inspires others and strengthens the sense of pride we all share in our community. We are incredibly grateful for their continued efforts and the positive example they set.

As part of this well-deserved recognition, John and Judy have been awarded a **\$25 gift card** and will enjoy the honor of displaying the exclusive **Sun Home Site of the Month** yard sign throughout January. Please join us in giving a big congratulations to **John and Judy** when you see them around the community. Their outstanding dedication and spirit truly make our neighborhood a brighter place!



CAP Corner



Attention Ariana Village Residents, Your CAP Patrol Needs Your Help

The CAP program is in desperate need of new members to patrol our neighborhood, in order to assist our residents and keeping our community safe. There are morning, afternoon, evening and night-time positions available. Requirements are, that you must be a licensed driver, agree to a background check (which may take up to 60 days to be returned) and commit to a one day, Sheriff's Office training program, somewhere in Polk County. Upon completing the one day training program, you will be paired up with an experienced CAP member for a shift or two, until you are comfortable with patrolling on your own or with a partner and at that point, you can select your time slot from a list of available dates and times. All it takes, once a CAP member, is to commit to at least 2 hours per week, which can be split into two, one hour tours. Being a CAP member and patrolling the community, is also an excellent way to get around the neighborhood and meet new people or just simply greet your friends and neighbors along the way. For assistance and information please contact Fred Ankersen at: 321-243-8973 (or) Maryanne Carrico at: 863-329-3467. Thank you in advance.

Fred & Maryanne



VETERAN'S CORNER

By: Kent Pfremmer



Military events that occurred in the month of January

World War II (WWII)

Jan 1, 1945 -The Luftwaffe launched Operation Boden Platte, a surprise attack on Allied airfields in Europe.

Jan 2, 1942 – Japanese forces captured Manila, the capital of the Philippines.

Jan 29, 1945 – U.S. forces landed at Subic Bay in the Philippines, advancing on Luzon.

Vietnam War Era

Jan 22, 1969 – Operation Dewey Canyon, a major offensive, began in the A Shau/Da Krong Valleys.

Jan 27, 1973 – A ceasefire agreement was signed, effectively ending direct U.S. involvement in Vietnam

POST Vietnam & Cold War

Jan 16, 1991 - Operation Desert Shield transitioned into Operation Desert Storm, beginning the Persian Gulf War.

Jan 31, 1990 – The U.S. Panama Campaign concluded with Operation Just Cause.

Naval & other Conflicts

Jan 8, 1815 – The decisive Battle of New Orleans took place, a major American Victory in the War of 1812.

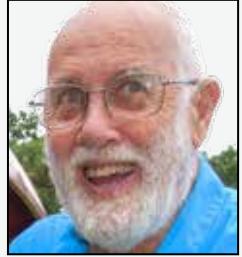
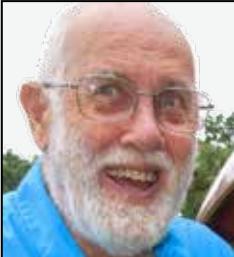
Jan 10, 1995 – U.S. Marines deployed to Somalia for Operation United Shield

Jan, 1966 - The first Nigerian Coup d'etat occurred, a significant military takeover.

There were enough events to fill two pages, January was a very active month for our veterans throughout history. Wishing all Veterans a special New Year. We need to work on increasing our attendance at the Monthly Veterans meetings. These meetings are a great way to share military experiences with each other. It is also a way to share current Congressional issues that affect Veterans. Looking forward to seeing you at our January meeting. The Veterans meeting in January will be on Saturday Jan 17 at 0900 at the Ariana Village Clubhouse.

Joe Buono will be putting out additional information on the meeting, as it becomes available. Some issues are still being worked out.

Kent



Bingo Time Schedule

Every Wednesday Evening At 7:00 p.m.

Must purchase packets no later than 6:45p.m.

Must be 18 years or older to play Bingo

Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m.. \$6.00 for first bingo packet per person, plays all 10 games. \$5.00 for each additional packet per person

\$1.00 each for additional sheets for last game.

We are asking for bills to be no higher than \$10.00. Larger bills make it very difficult to divide money for payouts for each game. Thank you.



*****BINGO COMMITTEE UP-DATES*****

Happy new year from your bingo committee. We start the new year with a few new games and a new box of instant tickets!

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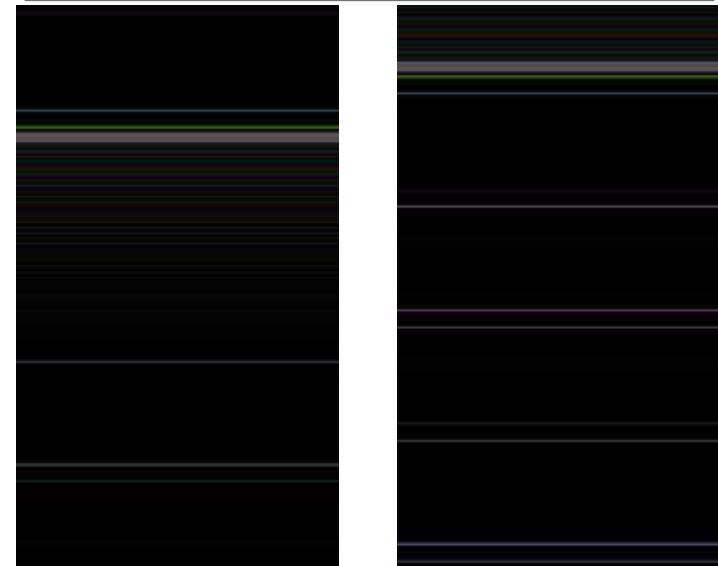


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Activities Group Mission Statement: Our goal is to provide activities for the residents of Ariana Village, their family, friends and guests. You can contact any member for event information or questions you may have.

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