

Our next board meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 13th at 7:00 pm in the clubhouse

Just a reminder, dues are due on the 1st of the month. Many residents were late in January which creates a lot of extra work for our volunteers. Please, when your next payment is due, make a point to get it in our hands by the 1st!

#### **FUTURE EVENTS:**

March 15<sup>th</sup> - St Patrick's
Day Dinner
June 28<sup>th</sup> - Family BBQ
September 13<sup>th</sup> - Volunteer
Breakfast
November 15<sup>th</sup> - Thankful
for our Heritage Potluck
December 13<sup>th</sup> - Holiday
Dinner Party

# February 2025

The official newsletter of the Anchorage Homeowners' Association

## President's message

January is over and we head into a busy February. Several things from January for you:

Thanks to the Anchorage Board of 2024 for your efforts to make and keep our community one that we are proud of and where we wish to live.

I am happy to report that Mary Szukala has agreed to serve as board secretary through the balance of the year. Welcome aboard Mary!

The brown grass at the clubhouse is in the process of being fixed. A leak in the system requires us to redrill under East Lake Road to install a new feed line from the pump. When complete, the sprinklers will be back up and running.

We have put together a preliminary schedule of social events for 2025. SAVE THESE DATES! More details to follow.

For those interested the Florida State Fair runs from February 6 through the 17. Lots to see and you can also enjoy the "Fair food"!

Art Worth, President

We had close to 40 people at January's happy hour!!! This month's is on Friday the 28th. Bring a food item to share, your drink of choice and come join the fun! 5:30 at the clubhouse!

#### Contact Info

Anchorage Homeowners' Association 1025 Anchorage Lane (727) 785-2763 information@anchorage-hoa.com Also, you can join our unofficial Facebook Group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/anchorage55





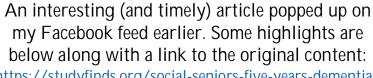
## BINGO'S BACK!

By popular demand we are reinstating bingo nights. They will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at the clubhouse. Our first game will start at 6:30, we play until around 8:00. Note: ALL monies taken in are awarded as prizes throughout the evening. Here's how it works:

To join the games, you must "buy in". The cost is \$3.00 for 4 cards or \$5.00 for 8 cards. You then decide how many of your cards you want to play for each game. It's \$0.50 per card, per game. So, if you want to play 4 cards it will cost you \$2.00 per game. You don't have to play all your cards; some play one card for a cost of \$0.50 per game. The winner of each game gets all the money collected for that game. The last game of the night is our jackpot game. Not only does the winner get the money collected for that game, but they also get the initial buy in money! With 25 people the jackpot game prize will near or exceed \$100.00!

We typically play between 8 and 10 games. You could come for the evening, buy in at \$3.00 play 1 card @ \$0.50 for 10 games and spend only \$8.00!!!

You are encouraged to bring any food or drink you want. We will be bringing back the Popcorn machine we used for movie night and have that delicious, hot fresh popcorn available (at no cost of course)



https://studyfinds.org/social-seniors-five-years-dementia/

## Why being a 'bingo night' regular could buy your brain an extra 5 years

Older adults who maintained active social lives developed dementia approximately 5 years later than their less social peers (age 92 versus 87), according to a study of 1,923 seniors

Simple activities like dining out, playing bingo, taking day trips, or attending religious services were associated with a 38% lower risk of developing dementia

A 5-year delay in dementia onset could save around \$500,000 in healthcare costs per person and add about 3 years to life expectancy for those who would otherwise develop the condition

So, do yourself a favor... get active!

## Our Anchorage HOA Board and Committee Chairpersons

2025 Board Members:

President - Art Worth (727) 781-2847 Clubhouse - Patty Boyle (727) 224-9321 Treasurer – Laura Ragain (727) 698-3157 (assisted by Leigh Wolfe) Pool & Grounds - Steve Gillespie (610) 937-4899 Secretary - Mary Szukala (727) 786-4339

> Committee Chairpersons Architectural Review - Gary Ware Neighborhood Watch - Richard Vincent Deed Restrictions – Rocky Trahan Library – Liz Harmon New Resident Review - Lisa Minich Newsletter - Rick Lyons

#### A note from the Editor

New year, new board, new energy! Come join us! Contact me: editor@anchorage-hoa.com

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