



HERON CAY HOA NEWSLETTER

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From the President:

Hello Heron Cay residents and welcome to April! March was a busy month in our neighborhood and FP&L continues its work in April installing new lighting throughout our community. Hopefully the project will be completed by the end of this month. As you walk or ride through the neighborhood, you may have noticed that we have four new benches installed in strategic places around Heron Cay for you to take a little break. I understand that more benches will be coming. And, for some fun, a large checkerboard game has been installed near the fire pit, next to the giant chess game. Management will be supplying shuffleboard sticks for ease in pushing the checkers or chess pieces around the boards. The plan is that the sticks will be stored in a box near the gameboard but in the meantime, you can get them in the sports equipment storage area in the auditorium. This month we start to say goodbye to our "snowbirds" as they head back north for the summer. Safe travels to you all and we'll see you in the fall!

From the Board of Directors:

This month, April 22nd marks the 54th anniversary of "Earth Day," an annual celebration that honors the achievements of the environmental movement and raises awareness of the need to protect Earth's natural resources for future generations. The first Earth Day was held April 22, 1970, and was organized by U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson to draw attention to the negative effects of modern life on the environment. The April 22 date was selected, in part, because it fell between colleges' spring break and final exams and also from the observance of Arbor Day, which began in Nebraska in 1872, a day when people are encouraged to plant trees. Heron Cay management is working with the HOA in planning something to celebrate Earth Day in our community. In addition,

I would encourage our residents and hope we can each do our own small part this year. Remember – Earth is our only home.

Passover starts on the evening of April 22nd and ends on the evening of April 30th. The eight-day Jewish holiday of Passover commemorates the emancipation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. In Hebrew the holiday is Pesach, which means to pass over, "because God passed over the Jewish homes when killing the Egyptian firstborn on the very first Passover eve." The holiday is marked with Seder meals that incorporate a retelling of the story of Exodus, accompanied by four cups of wine, bitter herbs and matzah. Matzah is an unleavened bread that is eaten throughout the holiday. Leavened bread is off the menu and the matzah is representative of the unleavened bread that was a staple for Israelites on their journey out of Egypt. We wish all of our Jewish friends a Happy Passover!

Submitted by Bonnie McNair



HOA BOARD BUSINESS AND ANNUAL MEETING: The Board of Directors held its regular business meeting and the annual meeting at 7 pm on **Tuesday, March 5, 2024**, in the clubhouse auditorium. Monthly HOA minutes are published on the HOA website www.heroncayhoa.org

Special Note: All members in good standing can attend the **upcoming** Board of Directors regular business meeting to be held **on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 7 pm in the clubhouse**. To speak and be placed on the agenda, send an email to: Donnia Trent, Board Secretary, at (donniatrent@yahoo.com). Please supply topic information in advance. The speaker will have 3 minutes of speaking time.

And, Here's to The Rest of the Story: Each month we highlight a person or persons residing in Heron Cay who create, plan, or participate in special programs, activities, or events, that provide personal enjoyment, spiritual and/or physical enrichment and/or simply fun for the residents of Heron Cay.

Heron Cay's own "**Artist,**" Jennifer Hammer, has been a Heron Cay resident living on Bimini Cay for five years now. She retired at the age of 70 from a corporate career in credit



management and moved here near her sister who also resides in Heron Cay. She was born in Wales, Great Britain, but hails from Ohio. "I never taught in a school or college, but my love of art, and the relaxation I enjoy when being creative, has brought me complete joy," she stated. "And, I sometimes forget to eat, which isn't a bad thing," she joked. Jennifer holds art classes on Tuesdays at 8:45 am in the clubhouse. She also teaches art classes in Port St. Lucie. Her technique, in teaching people to paint, focuses on brush usage and demonstrates the many uses that each brush can provide to the artist. "I teach the students how to choose the right paint brushes to get the job done," she said. Jennifer believes, "If an artist has the right brush in their hand, they can paint anything."

And her Heron Cay students have shown that their brushes can do just that! From paintings of an ocean as seen through an open window, (shown in the picture above), to paintings on tissue boxes portraying swans nesting in a pool of water, her projects are beautifully brought to life by the students. She offers classes throughout the year. Stop by on a Tuesday morning and find out for yourself what this wonderful program is all about.

Did you
know?

The **1965 Ford Mustang** was developed in record time on a shoe-string budget. It was introduced by Ford at the World's Fair on **April 17, 1964**, to instant acclaim. Ford planned for 100,000 first-year sales, but dealers sold 22,000 on the first day with a price tag of \$2,368. Today, the **2024 Ford Mustang** price range is **\$30,920 - \$57,970**.



Did you know that the Professional Golfers' Association of America was established on **April 10, 1916**, thanks to Rodman Wanamaker, a New York businessman, and Tom McNamara of Brookline, Massachusetts, an outstanding player and talented individual, who planned a luncheon on January 17, 1916, where sixty influencers were invited. McNamara was able to convince Wanamaker that it was a prime time to bring U.S. professionals together and that the publicity would be beneficial to Wanamaker who was locked into a retail battle with rival A.G. Spalding & Bros. for the sale of golf balls. Wanamaker enthusiastically approved the initiative. Consisting of nearly 29,000 members, the PGA of America's undertaking is to establish and elevate the standards of the profession and to grow interest and participation in the game of golf.

In 1968, the PGA Tour was spun off from the PGA of America as a separate organization to administer professional golf tours. On December 4, 2018, the PGA of America announced plans to relocate its headquarters from Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, to a planned 600-acre mixed-use development in Frisco, Texas. The Frisco site has two golf courses: Fields Ranch East and Fields Ranch West.

**WHAT'S
HAPPENING!!**

at Heron Cay in March?

"Music Bingo," Friday, April 5 - brought to you by the HOA in the clubhouse. Join Dr. Rock and Mary at 7 pm. Admission is \$5 per person. No experience needed. Just the need to have some fun is the requirement. All are welcome to join in the fun! Doors open at 6:30 pm. The gates to Heron Cay will be open for our neighboring communities.

Bunco Game, Saturday, April 6 – Join in the fun at the clubhouse. No experience needed. Be ready to have a good time and meet some new friends.

Regular Bingo, Sunday, April 14 – held on the 2nd Sunday and brought to you by the Heron Cay HOA. Doors open at 12:30 pm and the games begin at 1:30 pm. Bingo cards are available for \$10, \$15, and \$20. The entry fee is \$1. The more people who play, the bigger the jackpot! Come one, come all, community gates will be open at 12:30 pm. **Bring a friend and you both will get a free game card good for any game.**

"Name that Tune" Friday, April 19 to you by the HOA in the clubhouse. Join Dr. Rock and Mary at 7 pm. Admission is \$5 per person. No experience needed. Just the need to have some fun is the requirement. All are welcome to join in the fun! Doors open at 6:30 pm. The gates to Heron Cay will be open for our neighboring communities.

HOA That’s Entertainment Program Update: The last of the three-part series of the HOA That’s Entertainment Program ended in March with the Sophisticats performance where we experienced great music, dancing, and fun in the clubhouse on Saturday, March 23, 2024. The HOA is thrilled to have a successful first year program and we thank all of you for coming out and supporting our efforts. Please consider attending a “meeting of the minds” on April 12, 2024, at 9 am in the clubhouse. We are looking for ideas on the type of entertainment you want to see happening next year in January, February, and March. Below is a survey and we ask that you clip along the dotted lines and drop it off in the HOA suggestion box located in the clubhouse. Without your input, we are really guessing at the ages, type of music, type of entertainment that you would appreciate having here in the Heron Cay clubhouse. “If you build it, they will come” was a classic line in the Field of Dreams movie. **We need your ideas to make our program successful....please help us!**

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SURVEY

YOU CAN HELP THE ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM TO BRING BIGGER AND BETTER PROGRAMS TO HERON CAY BY COMPLETING THIS FORM --- THANK YOU! PAT, VIVIAN, BILLY, DEBBIE, AND VALERIE. (CLIP AND DROP OFF IN THE HOA SUGGESTION BOX.)

1. Did you buy the 3-Ticket Concert Series ____ If not, why not?

2. Which concert did you enjoy the most? (Check one)
Neil Diamond ____ HypnoLarryous ____ Sophisticats ____
Please tell us why you enjoyed the entertainment.

3. Do you believe the tickets were priced fairly?_____

4. Keeping in mind that the Entertainment Program is targeting bigger events (the type one might see on cruise ships) and different from the year-round social activity calendar, what could we do to make entertainment program better for next year?

5. Thinking of the tribute bands, local bands, entertainment venues and/or entertainers that you have seen in the past, what type of BIG acts should the Entertainment Program bring into Heron Cay in January, February and March of 2025?

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It's not too late to become a 2024 member of the Heron Cay HOA. Visit the HOA office located in the clubhouse during office hours **on Tuesdays from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm or Thursdays from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm.** There is an application on the HOA website: www.heroncayhoa.org Membership costs \$25 per year, per household and membership cards will be issued to all household members who are on the lease and a bonafide homeowner. You may also become a lifetime member with one fee of \$150. If you are new to Heron Cay, bring your title or registration form that shows ownership of a home within the community. Regardless of how many members are on the lease or owners, only one member who is an owner can vote in the election, and may cast one vote during the annual HOA Board of Directors elections held in February. Eligible household members will be issued a membership card for access to HOA monthly business meetings and the annual membership meeting, and members get **password access to the members-only section of the HOA website.** The HOA also offers discounts to its membership on any events sponsored by the HOA or any of its committees. **No membership fees will be collected by the HOA Fun 'n Games Committee.**

JOIN NOW!



MAKE A NOTE OF THIS IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBER! Suppose you can't get into Heron Cay because the gates won't open!! Or you have an emergency to report to Heron Cay Management that needs immediate attention. Don't fret! **CALL** the following 24-hour hotline for Heron Cay. This number **does not** replace 911.

1-772-201-1667



Do you have something to share with Heron Cay Residents? Please send your article or information to the Heron Cay Newsletter Editor, Kim Wheeler at scottiekids@gmail.com

Submitted by Pat O'Hara

HERON CAY
BOARD OF
DIRECTORS



Business Meeting
APRIL 2, 2024 at 7 pm
In the auditorium - HOA Members only

COFFEE SOCIAL



April 4, 2024
9:30am to 10:30am

Located in the
Heron Cay Clubhouse

HOSTED BY
Heron Cay
Fun & Games



We are heading into April with our Fun 'N Games under new leadership, but first I want to recognize our outgoing committee. Sandy Ray, Ingrid Cresta and Jean Cunningham are leaving and will take a well deserved break. Sandy served 9 years in many roles. She has led our meetings, searched for bands, counted money and written many newsletter articles. Her expertise will be greatly missed. Ingrid was the keeper of all things clubhouse. She had established a well oiled machine for decorating, setting up tables, making coffee and with her car on auto control to Dunkins as well as making lots of shopping trips. Jean had a shorter term with us taking minutes and was always upbeat and spreading good cheer. As you see these ladies around the community, please stop to thank them for all the time and effort they put forth to provide a good time for the residents of Heron Cay.

We head into a new era of leadership but don't worry, we will still have your favorite activities and throw in some new ones to be enjoyed. We have already begun to plan events so please come and support us as it is a great way to meet your neighbors and have fun too. Our first official meeting is April 2 at 1 pm (new time) in the card room. All are welcome to attend and we want resident participation!

Leadership on our committee is Penny Cahill, Coordinator; Teddie Jo Curran, Co-Coordinator; Robin Roman, Treasurer and Buyer; Sue Sowder, Secretary; Kate LaBlanc, Volunteer Scheduler and calendar dates; Lynda Merrill, Entertainment and Music; Richie Saldham, posting of flyers and coffee hour support; and Rindy Wohlstadder as support person. We are ready to provide the best possible events for all the residents of Heron Cay.

We want to send special thanks to our volunteers who came to help set up for our St. Patrick's Day Dance: Sandy Ray, Ingrid Cresta, Penny Cahill, Lynda Merrill, Jean Cunningham, Elaine Kempter, Robin and Rich Roman, Karen Brownlee, Teddie Jo Curran, Sue Sowder and Richie Saldham. Congratulations also to our \$5.00 winners at the dance: Jim Ray and Jim & Eileen Middlestat.

APRIL ACTIVITIES

Coffee Social, Thursday, April 4, 9:30 am (new time) in the cardroom. Come out and join us for our famous free cup of coffee or tea with some fresh baked goods and yes, some of our favorite Dunkin donuts. Great time to come and meet our new Fun 'N Games committee members too.

Music Social, Friday evenings of April 12 & April 26 at 5:00 pm. Robert will entertain us with his piano performances in the clubhouse auditorium. These are his last performances for this year. Thank you Robert for all of the beautiful music.

Lunch with a Bunch and Games. Saturday, April 13 at 12:00 pm in the clubhouse auditorium. We will be serving minestrone soup, garden salad and breadsticks from Olive Garden with cheesecake delights for dessert. Ticket sales will be Wednesday, April 10 and Thursday, April 11 from 1-2 pm and 6-7 pm. Tickets are \$8.00 for HOA/FNG members and \$10.00 for non members.

Tickets will not be sold on Friday or at the door. We hope to see everyone there and after lunch we will have games of corn hole, shuffleboard, ping pong and darts.

We will continue to advertise the same way - at the mail kiosks, clubhouse bulletin boards, on the marquee and on NextDoor for event updates and reminders. Our Heron Cay HOA website also has a posting for our events with flyers attached.

Future planned events for May:

May 2-Coffee Social

May 5-Cinco de Mayo

May 18-Horse Races

May 27-Memorial Day Cookout

Respectfully submitted by Penny Cahill



BUNCO

**April 6th at 6:30
sharp!**

Rules and instructions on how to play will be explained at 6:30.

YOU MUST CALL to let us know if you are coming (so we know how many tables to set up, etc.) If you call and say you are coming and at the last minute you find you can not make it, PLEASE call us again by 6:00 on the night of Bunco so we don't have to rearrange at the last second. Call Teddie Jo at 904-248-1725 or Elsie at 917-655-9395. Don't forget to bring your own drink.

Cost will be \$5.00 Please no large bills.



HERON CAY

MUSICAL BINGO

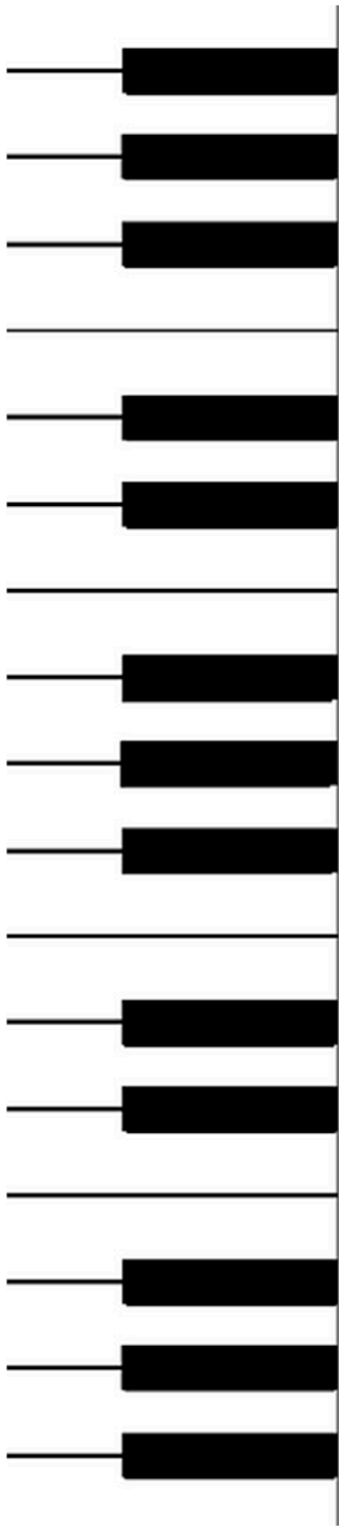
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April 26, 2024

5:00pm to 6:00pm

Heron Cay Clubhouse



April 13, 2024

Noon to 2:00pm
Heron Cay Clubhouse

Tickets

HOA Members: \$8.00 Non Members: \$10.00

Afternoon of Fun Included
Cruise Deck Games

LOT RENT INFORMATION

Lot Rent 90-day Notices issued to homeowners whose lease agreements are renewable July 2024 reflect February Consumer Price Index (CPI) figures as determined by the US Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The February 2024 figure is **491.741** up from **474.128** for February 2023, an increase of **3.7 %**.

Compare to last year's increase of 6.4 %.

Please note that the amount of increase may not result in a new lot rent in excess of market rent.

The 2024 market rents established by ELS

Lake -- \$ 1115 Perimeter -- \$ 1039 Interior -- \$ 937

Neighborhood Watch

Being on the Neighborhood Watch is an easy way to give back to your community. You can walk, ride your bike, drive your golf car or your vehicle. Walkers and bikers are great in the morning hours and drivers are best for the night hours. Neighborhood Watch is only the EYES and EARS for the sheriff's office. Interested? Give me a call @ 772-567-6128.

For YOUR safety, always walk against traffic and ride your bike with traffic. At night, to stay safe, always wear light color clothing and carry a flashlight. Bikes and golf carts should have lights on both the front and the back.

Any unused pills can be disposed of in the lobby of the sheriff's office, 4055 41st Ave. There is a metal container for this purpose.

Submitted by Nancy Dawe, Heron Cay Neighborhood Watch Coordinator



NAME THAT TUNE

By DR ROCK and MISS MARY

April 19th at 7 pm

\$5 per person -

pay at the door

SEE YOU THERE

Beautiful Creatures in our Community

The North American River Otter!

This water-loving animal is a Florida native found in all areas of the state except the Keys. River otters can be found in many types of freshwater bodies including lakes and ponds. Otters usually live in burrows on the bank of the water body, often under tree roots or other structures. Adult river otters can weigh 10 to 30 pounds and grow as large as five feet in length. As many as four otters together have purportedly been seen in our lake, a very unusual sight!

Otters are powerful swimmers and eat a wide variety of prey including fish, turtles, birds and small mammals. The picture of the otter in our lake shows a substantial large-mouth bass about to be the otter's supper!



Do not approach an otter. They're cute but can also get nasty so give them a wide berth and keep your dogs away. If annoyed or threatened, an otter may choose to attack, especially a female with her pup.

Never feed an otter, like raccoons, otters will go into your trash if the smell is inviting and they have become familiar with human interaction.

Please respect and enjoy our community's wildlife,

Submitted by Barbara Herring/Photo courtesy of Mary Ellen Esser



Gate Entry System

Our Gate Entry system is called a LiftMaster. It has many features to help make our community more secure. The gate entry codes were updated from 4 to 5 digits back in the early summer of 2022. If you have not yet changed your code with the office, please do so. You may want to check the gate entry system box to determine if your name is in the community list. You can do that by visiting the box and using the arrows to scroll up and down to find your name.

A person can gain entry by a couple of ways:

1. Residents may gain entry by using:
 - a. their 5 digit gate entry code, simply follow prompts on gate entry system box.
 - b. AND, of course, the resident may gain entry by using their remotes or their fobs.
2. Guests may gain entry by using:
 - a. a resident's 5 digit gate access (entry) code, simply follow prompts on gate entry system box. Although, ELS does encourage residents to **NOT** share your entry access entry code with others. Instead, have them utilize the calling feature.
3. Calling feature:
 - a. Guests may gain entry by using the LiftMaster touch screen. Instructional prompts are on the screen.
 - b. If the guest uses the calling method, you will receive a phone call from the gate or from the phone number of **772-999-6854**.
 - c. After speaking with the guest and deciding to allow the guest entry, the resident may open the gates by pressing **#9** on their phone keypad.
4. Suggestion: Program the gate phone number of 772-999-6854 into your contact list on your phone.
5. For more information and a quick overview of the entry system, please watch this video: <https://youtu.be/CwcuUK3F6XE>.

See the YouTube link above for an example on how to use the calling feature. If you notice that your name is not programmed in the community list, please be sure to let the Heron Cay Management Office know.





HERON CAY BINGO

April 14th

Doors open at 12:30 pm and Bingo starts
at 1:30 pm

\$1 entry fee

Bingo packages cost \$10, \$15 & \$20

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receive a free card to play on any game



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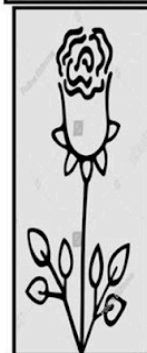
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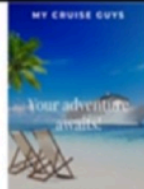
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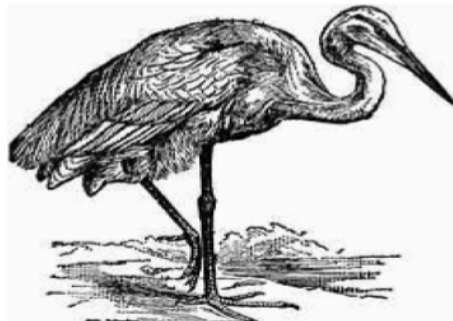
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