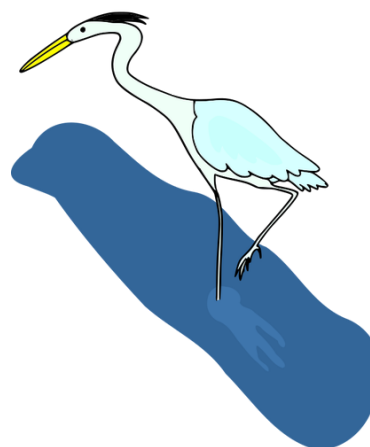


HERON CAY HOA NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE HOA BOARD:

Hello Heron Cay residents and welcome to the month of May! This month we celebrate Cinco de Mayo on May 5th, Mother's Day on the 12th and Memorial Day on the 27th. Three meaningful holidays to help make the most of the spring season.

Once again, we say goodbye to our snowbird friends as you head back up north to your summer homes. Safe travels. We will miss you all and look forward to seeing you again in the fall.

We start May off with a jam-packed week - Fun 'n' Games is hosting their Coffee Social Hour, followed by Dr. Rock's Music Bingo, Bunco and then a Cinco de Mayo dance. Wow - that's going to be a fun week! We have many other good things going on the rest of the month too. We have Bingo, Family Feud and then we'll wrap up the month with Memorial Day celebrations.

Just as we do every year on Memorial Day, we will have a service in front of the clubhouse at 10 am on the 27th. Diane Taylor will be doing the invocation. Coffee and donuts will be provided by the HOA after the service.

FP&L has been very busy installing the new lighting around Heron Cay and removing the old streetlights. With these brighter lights, walking at night in Heron Cay has become considerably safer for our residents.

As the school year winds down, we will be having more younger family members visiting us. Please remember the speed limit in Heron Cay is 15 mph.

We look forward to hopefully seeing our HOA members at our May 7th Board meeting.

AMENDMENTS TO YOUR PROSPECTUS:

By now you should have received a Notice of Amendments to your Prospectus. Please be sure to read the changes which will go into effect August 1, 2024. There are specific new regulations, as well as deletions that you need to be aware of that could adversely affect you. The amendments read in part:

RENT: All rental payments shall be due and payable ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST (1st) day of each month. A late fee will be assessed for each month lot rental amount payment is not received by the 5th day of the prospective month.....Residents are required to make payments using electronic payment methods.... No checks will be accepted.

ROOFS: Roofs are no longer restricted to gabled fiberglass shingles but they still must be "management approved."

DRIVEWAYS: Driveways can now be painted or pressure washed.

SECOND RESIDENT: A second applicant must be no less than 45 years of age.

PETS: Only two pets are permitted per household. All pets must be registered with the Community Manager and be up to date on their registration and shots. Certain breeds will not be permitted in the community due to their size and/or aggressive natures.

We have provided you with the highlights. We strongly advise that you carefully read the entire notice so that you are familiar with any changes in your prospectus.

Heron Cay HOA Board



HERON CAY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Business Meeting

May 7, 2024 at 7 pm

In Auditorium - HOA Members only

COFFEE SOCIAL



May 2, 2024

9:30am to 10:30am

Located in the
Heron Cay Clubhouse

HOSTED BY

Fun 'n Games

HERON CAY

MUSICAL BINGO



**By Organized Chaos
with Dr. Rock & Miss
Mary**

May 3rd at 7 pm

**Tickets at the door
\$5 per person**



Here is a highlight of April events with appreciation to all those who participated:

Coffee Social had volunteers come forward to greet those who had not been to a coffee event before. Jean Chillseyzn, Joan Toohey and our committee made everyone feel welcome.

Our Lunch with a Bunch was a delicious lunch served by our committee. The games were fun with Shut the Box being one of the most popular to play. Gerri Rubbert won the \$5.00 chance and the help from Bonnie McNair, Elsie Quintero, and Ron LeBlanc was greatly appreciated.

MAY ACTIVITIES

Coffee Social will be Thursday, May 2, at 9:30 am in the cardroom. Come and join us for our famous cup of coffee or tea with some fresh baked goods. Bring a friend or neighbor and join in the delightful conversation.

Cinco de Mayo will include dancing and nachos, Sunday, May 5, 6-9 pm. The clubhouse will be rocking with DJ Cheryl, nachos will be served as well as Mock-Margaritas for \$1.00. BYOB to enhance your Mock-Margarita. Ticket sales will take place at the clubhouse on Wednesday, May 1 & Thursday, May 2 from 1–2 and 6–7 pm. \$8 for members and \$10 for non members.

Memorial Day Potluck at the pool, May 27, 3–6 pm. Celebrate the holiday with your friends and neighbors. Bring a dish to pass and we will provide our famous 1/4 lb hotdogs for \$3.00. We will also have a selection of games for those who are interested in playing, they'll be both inside or outside by the pool.

Fun 'N Games meets the first Tuesday of the month in the card room at 1 pm to plan events and everyone is welcome to attend, bring your suggestions for future activities with you.

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

Respectfully submitted by Penny Cahill



Sunday, May 5th, 2024

6:00pm to 9:00pm

Tickets Sales at the Clubhouse

Members: \$8.00 Non Members: \$10.00

May 1 & 2, 2024

1:00pm to 2:00pm and 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Mock-Margaritas Available for \$1.00 each

BYOB - Blenders available to enhance your Mock-Margarita

Neighborhood Watch

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

Have you noticed the flashing yellow lights at night? Those flashing lights let residents know that the car/golf cart driving SLOWLY on our streets belong to a Neighborhood Watch member.

If a Watch member notices a car, shed, house or screen room door open at night, we stop and mention it to the resident. This is for your safety and convenience. If no one answers, we will call the sheriff's office. We will not close anyone's property. Deputies have the authority to fully investigate the unusual. Most times when doors are left open at night it's because the resident forgot to close it and is very thankful.

For YOUR safety always walk against traffic, bike with the traffic and follow the SLOW speed in the community. When walking two or more abreast, please move to single file when approaching a moving vehicle. It is not safe for the approaching vehicle to move into the oncoming lane. THIS IS FOR YOUR SAFETY.

Submitted by Nancy Dawe, Heron Cay Neighborhood Watch Coordinator



BUNCO

**May 4th 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 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 to let us know that you are coming.

Cost will be \$5.00 Please, no large bills. Also bring your own drink and snack.

ATTENTION CRAFTERS:

Hey Crafters - it is not too early to reserve your table for the Heron Cay Community Craft Fair. Call Maria Johnson at 860-841-3466 to reserve your spot for the November 9th fair. Let's get crafting!



LOT RENT INFORMATION

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

The March 2024 figure is **493.926** up from **475.868** for March 2023, an increase of **3.8 %**

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

Family Feud Is Back!!

Come join us for an evening of fun with Dr. Rock and Miss Mary

May 17th at 7 pm

Entrance fee is \$5 per person



HERON CAY

BINGO

May 12th

Doors open at 12:30 and Bingo starts at 1:30 pm
\$1 entry fee

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

Bring a friend and you and your friend receive a free card to play on any game.

SAFETY INFORMATION:

Hurricane season begins June 1 and goes through November 30. This year's predictions are not looking good. Here are some helpful hints:

1. Make a plan - write down emergency phone numbers, prepare an emergency supply kit, locate the nearest shelter and different routes you can take to get there if you need to evacuate

2. Gather emergency supplies - an emergency food and water supply, medicine supply, power sources such as flashlights (batteries), safety and personal items, important documents including medical, wills, passports and personal ID's.

3. Know the difference between a hurricane watch and warning:

A watch means hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or higher) are possible in your area.

A warning is more serious. It means hurricane winds are expected in your area.

4. Get your car ready - fill your gas tank and keep an emergency kit in your car.

5. Get your home ready: clean your yard of anything that can blow around and become a missile (bikes, lawn furniture, grills, propane tanks). Cover your windows, use storm shutters or plywood to protect.

6. Be ready to evacuate when authorities recommend doing so. Do not ignore an order. Staying home to protect your property is not worth risking your health and safety.

If you need to evacuate, grab your emergency supply kit and take what you need (cell phone, chargers, medicines, ID's like a passport or driver's license and cash).

Remember power could be out for a number of days and ATM's won't be working. Credit and debit cards won't be of any use. Gas pumps will not be able to pump gas.

Also keep a weather radio (battery operated) available. Listen to the TV or radio for updates. Just stay alert. Remember we live in manufactured homes which are not safe in a High Cat 3 and above hurricane. I have lived here through many storms and we have had a lot of destruction in these higher cat storms.

STAY SAFE AND BE PREPARED

Submitted by Bob McGill





MEMORIAL DAY POTLUCK AT THE POOL MAY 27, 3 – 6 pm

Celebrate the holiday with your
friends and neighbors

**Bring a dish to pass and we will provide
our famous 1/4 lb hotdogs for \$3.00**



**WE ARE BRINGING OUT THE GAMES
TO PLAY AROUND THE POOL OR INSIDE THE
CLUBHOUSE**

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**BEAUTIFUL SPECIMENS
In Our Community**

AGAVE ATTENUATA



Agave Attenuata is a flowering plant in the Asparagaceae family, native to Mexico. Other common names are Foxtail Agave, Lion's Tail Agave or Swan's Neck Agave.

Agave Attenata is popular in garden bed settings as the sea green leaves do not have teeth or thorns, hence a touch friendly "soft-tipped" agave. To keep the plant's rosette tidy, scissor off the lowest ring of leaves as they turn brown and curled.

After many years of slow growth, a healthy specimen will develop a very large, curved flower stalk which is much taller than the plant itself. The flower stalk grows out of the top of the rosette after 15 to 20 years and is very large, often over 6 feet in length and usually curved. The base plant dies after seeds develop on the flower stalk, but hopefully, many suckers have already sprouted from the base and/or flower stalk.

This succulent does well in large pots or in-ground, always well-drained. The suckers that grow from the base can be brought along to a modest size, 8-10 inches, then carefully removed to a new pot or in-ground location. Do not allow pets to eat or chew on this plant; the sap is not healthy to human skin.

At least one local nursery, Rock City Gardens, often offers small, but pricey, specimens.



Photos and column by Barbara Herring

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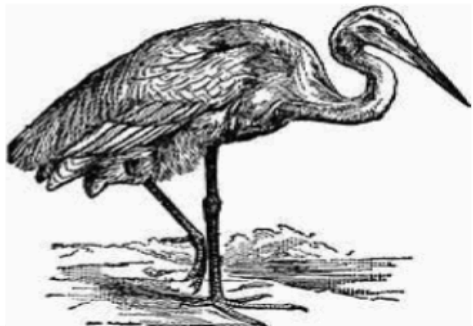
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