# HERON CAY HOA HOA NEWSLETTER



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### FROM THE HOA BOARD

Welcome to the month of August and what is called "The dog days of summer". Lucky us! Some updates for you: We now have a three-number lock on our pool gate and a robocall was made with the code that must be used to enter and exit the pool area. As you can see, the paving was completed on Morristown Cay. The FP&L contractor continues with the removal of any of the old streetlights that are located next to the new ones. Once the old lights are gone, they will drive around the community to check for dark areas. We are anxiously waiting for the installation of the new movie projector and screen in the auditorium. Once that is complete, we may be able to start up movie nights again. Stay tuned.

We started July off with a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July pool party, followed the next night with the last "Dr. Rock's Music Bingo" game with the Talbot's. We will all miss Mick and Mary Talbot and wish them well as they return to their family in Minnesota. Bunco was on the 6th and was enjoyed by all who attended. Although Fun 'n' Games' second "Ice Cream & Games" was scheduled for July 13<sup>th</sup>, it was canceled due to illness, along with the regular Bingo game that was scheduled for the 14th. Both of these events have been rescheduled for August. Check the flyers in this newsletter as well as the mail kiosk bulletin boards for more details about this month's events.

Remember that as of August 1, 2024, **ALL** rent payments are due before the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month and all payments **must** be made through the portal. No checks will be accepted. The Heron Cay office will have a laptop set up and can assist you if you have any problem or if you don't have a computer.

Just a reminder to all that we have 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 August 6 Board meeting.

## SO, THIS IS AUGUST - DID YOU KNOW THAT...

We refer to August as "the dog days of summer." Actually, this year's dog days are from July 3 through August 11. How did we get the name? Well, "back in the day" when Sirius would appear in the sky just before the sun, near the end of July, it marked the beginning of the very hottest days of the year. The Romans referred to this period as "dies caniculares" or "days of the dog star," which was eventually translated as just "dog days."

Some memorable, or fun or interesting holidays this month are:

August 4th – National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day (now that's one I can sink my teeth into);

**August 10**<sup>th</sup> – National Lazy Day. A day to do no work, no house chores and to just sit down and enjoy your favorite tv show, read your favorite book or anything you want, just as long as it is a lazy activity. The best part is that you don't have to feel guilty about it because this day is a celebration of laziness;

**August 13**th brings Left-Handers Day across the world while we celebrate the 10% of the world's population that relies on their left hand to do most tasks;

**August 16**th, marks National Roller Coaster day – for those who love the excitement of the ups and downs of life;

On **August 19**<sup>th</sup>, National Potato Day is celebrated every year to honor the humble but most versatile favorite food of people - potatoes. Whether they are roasted, fried, boiled or mashed, potatoes are the perfect side for any dish and everyone's favorite comfort food. This fan-favorite root vegetable is a significant part of cuisines across the world and is enough to make people full;

**August 20**<sup>th</sup> is World Mosquito Day – I'm itching just thinking about that!

**On August 24**, **2006** at the International Astronomy Union (IAU) General Assembly, the ninth planet was scrubbed only 76 years after its discovery. Even weirder is that it actually got voted out by astronomers, not planetary scientists. When Pluto was reclassified from a planet to a dwarf planet, there was widespread outrage on behalf of the demoted planet. Poor Pluto;

**August 26** is Women's Equality Day in the United States, when we commemorate the 19th amendment of the Constitution which, in 1920, gave women the right to vote;

August 27th is one of my favorites – it's "Just Because" day. Why? Well, just because.

Submitted by Bonnie McNair



## HERON CAY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Business Meeting AUGUST 6th at 7 pm

in the auditorium HOA Members only



## **HERON CAY**

**MUSIC BINGO** 

**WITH** 

DR. ROCK

August 2nd at 7 pm

Admission \$5 per person

Bring your own drinks and snacks



## **BUNCO**

## August 3rd at 6:30 pm 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 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 to let us know that you are coming.

Cost will be \$5.00. Please no large bills.

Bring your Drink and snack.



**Special thanks** to our MANY volunteers who helped with all our events this summer. When we have good participation it is always a fun time for everyone.

August 17, 6 - 9 pm <u>Ice Cream Sundaes and Games night</u> will be held at the clubhouse. We will have a repeat performance with new games to play and still have our delicious ice cream sundaes, root beer floats and our FahDallah chance. Mark your calendars for another summer fun evening.

We will be having a **Labor Day potluck and cookout** on **September 2**. Watch for details on our flyers or on next door or contact anyone on our committee for details and how you may help.

**Coffee Social** will begin again on Thursday, September 5 at 9 am. We always welcome anyone who is interested in joining Fun 'N Games either on the committee or just as a volunteer.

Respectfully submitted by Penny Cahill

## LOT RENT INFORMATION

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

The June 2024 figure is **495.332** up from **481.973** for June 2023, an increase of **2.9** %.

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



## **HERON CAY BINGO**

August 11th

Doors open at 12:30 pm

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.

## ICE CREAM SUNDAES AND GAME NIGHT



AUGUST 17th from 6 pm to 9 pm

**ICE CREAM SUNDAES \$2** 

FAH DOLLAR GAME



**CHOOSE YOUR GAME—** 

## **SHUFFLEBOARD**

We are bringing back a shuffleboard league to Heron Cay starting in the fall of 2024. Games will be played each Thursday at 10 am beginning November 7th through February 6th. Signups must be made no later than Friday, November 1st, on the signup sheet located on the bulletin board in the back of the auditorium. Please only one name per line with your address and phone number. If you prefer to be a sub only, please note that on the signup sheet.

The league will be played with two members to a team. Teams will be formed by drawing names the week of November 3rd. The schedule, the rules and a list of teams will be posted at the courts on November 5th. Looking forward to a fun-filled season! For further information call Patti Kemp at 772-321-1954.

Submitted by Patti Kemp



## **Neighborhood Watch**

Once again Neighborhood Watch is organizing the 9/11 dinner for Fire Station #7. Station 7 is north of Heron Cay off 90th Ave and services our community. We need monetary donations for this dinner as it is presented to the station in the name of ALL Heron Cay residents. We purchase the food from Olive Garden and they have helped by giving us a discount for this dinner. Please give your donations to Elsie Quintero, Mike Ross or Nancy Dawe. If you are writing a check, please make it out to "Heron Cay Neighborhood Watch". This will be Heron Cay's 8th year showing Station 7 how much they are appreciated.

Remember to lock your car, shed and house. Don't invite trouble by leaving things accessible.

Submitted by Nancy Dawe



## ATTENTION 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!





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