



HERON CAY HOA NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE HOA BOARD: Welcome to the month of November. We can't believe the year has gone by so fast! Most of our snowbirds have come back to the beautiful weather here in Heron Cay – Welcome Home!!

Hurricane Milton was a terrible and destructive storm, spawning deadly tornadoes all over Florida. As we now know, at least 6 people in Spanish Lakes Country Club were killed and our hearts and prayers go out for everyone affected by this disaster. We here at Heron Cay, thankfully, were spared the worst of it.

Designs and proposals for a new Heron Cay entrance sign were submitted to corporate for approval and we hope to have a new sign before the end of the year.

Work is continuing with the painting and, in general, sprucing up of the street signs throughout the community.

ELS has purchased a new defibrillator, which is replacing the one that the HOA has had by the clubhouse backdoor near the bocce courts. Please take a moment to learn where it is in case of an emergency. The HOA's defibrillator was returned to us and is currently located in the HOA office, for the time being, until it is decided where we should best place it so it is accessible to all.

We had a 9-1-1 emergency phone in the pool area but it was removed some time ago because people were using it to make personal calls. Management is working with the phone company to determine if the line can be reactivated so that a phone can be installed. Once that does happen, it will only be able to be used to call 9-1-1.

Management is working with a vendor to install a projector in the auditorium so that Fun 'n' Games can begin to show movies.

As you know, there are no street lights along 90th Avenue on Heron Cay's side of the street. There is only one streetlight which is located directly across from our entrance. Management will be installing solar lights on both the entrance and exit sides of our community.

We were scheduled to host a 90-minute seminar from Florida Heart on CPR/AED but it was canceled due to lack of interest.

Management is looking into the feasibility of moving the fire pit from its current location, possibly to the area closer to either the bocce court or the tiki hut.

The bats need to be removed from the gazebo and the gazebo needs to be cleaned. Management will be getting estimates from vendors who specialize in bat removal. Once the bats are removed, there is a mesh that can be hung to deter the bats from nesting in the gazebo. Since bats are creatures of habit, this may take some time before they all leave for good.

Our landscaping company, Top Notch, has hired a new supervisor and he has replaced all the workers with a new crew. After almost a month of no lawn care, work finally started on October 15th and our community is looking much better. We hope this continues to be the case.

We know everyone's been very frustrated regarding the lawn care, or the lack thereof. This is totally understandable, however, taking anger out on Denise and Michele in the office is not necessary. We ask that our residents please take a deep breath before threatening staff members. There are some things that are "above their pay grades" and they have no control over.

The HOA 2025 membership drive kickoff was held all day on Saturday, October 19th, and we had a record 80 residents sign up for next year on the first day! Thank you!!! For our new residents, your 2025 membership will also be good for the remainder of 2024 so you can take advantage of any discounts members get for events this year as well as next year. Congratulations to Pauline Moldenhauer, the winner of the \$50 raffle drawing of all who signed up early for 2025.

Vivian Manno was at the membership drive kickoff selling tickets for the two upcoming "That's Entertainment" events scheduled for January and February. One will be a magician/comedian and the other will be a murder mystery. She has already sold 20 tickets for both shows plus an additional 4 tickets for the magician/comedian. Remember, the murder mystery event is limited to 200 people so if you're interested in attending this fun filled night, you need to buy your tickets as soon as you can!

We celebrate Heron Cay's 40th Anniversary on Friday, November 1st. Feel free to dress in the style of the 80's at the dance – we'll have a contest for the best costume. We look forward to seeing you all there

REMEMBER: ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

Because two of our Board members are working for the Board of Elections on Election Day, our **HOA Board meeting will be on Wednesday November 6, instead of Tuesday, November 5th.** Please mark your calendars. We look forward to seeing you there.

The annual enrollment period for Medicare is from October 15 through December 7th. This can be a daunting time as we try to figure out which plan works best for each of us. To try to help you

through the maze, to answer any questions you may have and to help you in deciding which plan to choose, **Prosperity Health Group will be holding a seminar in our clubhouse on November 6th starting at 4 pm.**

We hope you have a great month, and HAPPY THANKSGIVING to you all!

Your HOA Board

SO, THIS IS NOVEMBER- DID YOU KNOW THAT...

November 1 is “Love Your Lawyer Day”, “National Author’s Day” and “Scented Candle Day”. So, we can write a book about how much we love our lawyers but we’d need to light a scented candle for that!!!

November 2 we celebrate “Look For Circles Day.” So, blessed are those who run around in circles for they shall be called big wheels.

On November 3, Daylight Savings Time ends. We turn the clocks back an hour and we learn that it’s “Give Someone a Dollar Day”.

November 4 is “Check Your Blood Pressure Day” and “National Use Your Common Sense Day”. I hope we’re doing both of those more than just once a year!

November 5 – **ELECTION DAY!**

November 6, 1429, It’s “Marooned Without a Compass Day” It’s also “National Stress Awareness Day”. I know *I’d* be stressed if I lost *my* compass.

November 7, 1990, brought us “International Merlot Day” and “International Stout Day”. I think I would have needed either one of them on November 6th when I lost my compass!

November 8 and it’s “National Harvey Wallbanger Day”. Again, could have used this on November 6th.

November 9-10 Kristallnacht (the night of broken glass) occurred in Germany as Nazi mobs burned synagogues and vandalized Jewish shops and homes. We must never forget.

November 10 is “National Vanilla Cupcake Day” and “National Pupusa Day”. Look it up. Yummy!

November 11 is Veterans’ Day, formerly called Armistice Day. On this day, at 5 am, in Marshal Foch’s railway car in the Forest of Compiègne, the Armistice between the Allied and Central Powers was signed, silencing the guns of World War I effective at 11 am – the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. In many places in Europe, a moment of silence in memory of the millions of fallen soldiers is still observed. On this day in 1972, The U.S. turned over its military base at Long

Binh to the South Vietnamese, symbolizing the end of direct American military participation in the Vietnam War. In 1973, Egypt and Israel signed a cease-fire agreement sponsored by the U.S.

November 12 seems to be all about food. It's "Chicken Soup for the Soul Day", "National French Dip Day" and "National Pizza with the Works (Except Anchovies) Day".

On November 13, we observe "World Kindness Day" - one of my favorites.

November 14 and it's "National Family PJs Day" – definitely gotta stay home for this one.

November 15. Well, it's time for some housework because it's "National Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day". Only once a year???

November 16 is "National Fast-Food Day". Wait a minute – that's every day for me!!!

November 17 marks "Zinfandel Day". So, individual wines get their own day? Cool!

November 18 and it's "National Princess Day". Really? National Princess Day?

November 19 is "National Carbonated Beverage with Caffeine Day". We'll definitely be awake for that one! It's also "National Have a Bad Day Day". I don't know about you, but.....

November 20 is "International Pay Back Your Parents Day". Hah! I'll wait..... You?

November 21 Yea! It's "National Gingerbread Cookie Day"! And it's "World Hello Day". So, hello world, wanna a cookie?

November 22 and it's "National Go For a Ride Day". At least they're not telling us to take a hike!

November 23 is most important, it is "Thankful For My Dog Day". And I am.

November 24, Time to "Celebrate Your Unique Talent" today. It's also "National Sardines Day". Hmm something fishy about that.

November 25 is the day we celebrate "Blasé' Day". So what. Who cares?

November 26 finds "Good Grief Day" and "National Cake Day" So....Good Grief, Charlie Brown! It's cake!!!

November 27 is, believe it or not, "Drinksgiving Day". So bottoms up everyone!

November 28 – **HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYONE!**

November 29 is “Black Friday Day”. It’s also “Buy Nothing Day”. I’m confused! Should I go shopping for all those bargains or not???

November 30 is “Small Business Day”. Let’s support our local businesses.

I hope you enjoyed November. Next month we will feature December in history.

Submitted by Bonnie McNair



ATTENTION!!

**HERON CAY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Business Meeting

Changed from

NOVEMBER 5 to NOVEMBER 6, 2024 at 7 pm

Due to several Directors working the election



BUNCO

NOVEMBER 2nd

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 me by 6:00 on the night of Bunco so we don't have to rearrange at the last second.

Call Elsie at 917-655-9395 to let us know that you are coming. **Cost will be \$5.00. Please, no large bills.** Bring your own drink and snack.

COFFEE

SOCIAL HOUR



November 7th at 9 am

CLUBHOUSE CARD ROOM



Special thanks to our MANY volunteers who helped with our October events. Coffee Hour: Jacque Stasonis and Sue Sowder. Poker Run: Elsie Quintero, Bonnie McNair, Jean Cunningham, Karin Bryan, Rich Sandham, Kevin Curran, Ingrid Cresta and especially those who came and participated. Prize winner for the winning hand was Dave Sowder.

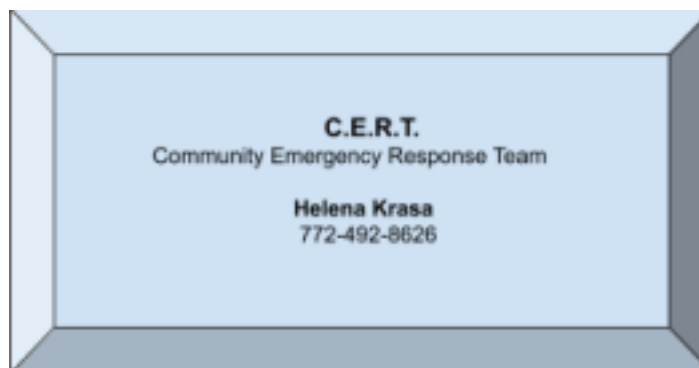
Coffee Social will be **Thursday, November 7 at 9 am**. Come and catch up with your Heron Cay neighbors with coffee, breakfast treats and good conversation.

Our Veterans Day Dance is on **Monday, November 11 from 6:30-9:30 pm**. All veterans are free, pick up your ticket at our ticket sales. Tickets will be sold Nov 6 & 7 from 1-2 pm & 6-7 pm. \$8.00 for members & 10.00 for non members but veterans get in free.

Your Help is needed! We are having a bake sale at our annual Craft Fair, Saturday, November 9th. Please sign up on the bulletin board at the clubhouse and bring your baked goods to the clubhouse on Friday afternoon between 2 and 4 pm or the morning of the craft fair. Call Penny Cahill for details at 401-439-2805.

Piano Man Robert is back to entertain us with new music. Friday, November 22 at 5 pm at the clubhouse. Enjoy Robert's music and Friday happy hour with your friends.

Respectfully submitted by Penny Cahill



The Annual Enrollment Period is here!



Join us for a

Medicare 101!

November 6th

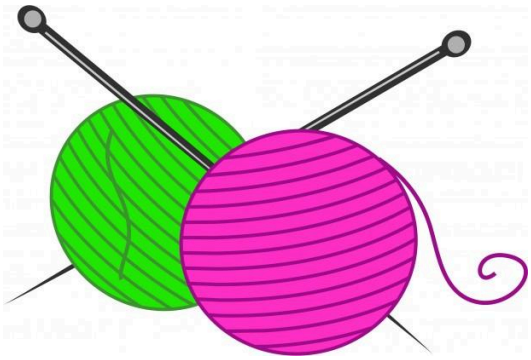
4:00 pm



**Did you get your
Annual Notice of
Change?**



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CRAFT FAIR

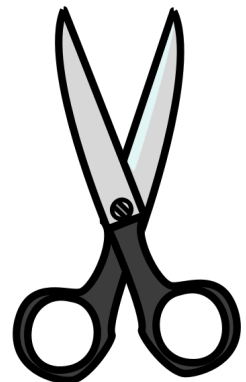
Saturday,
November 9th
9 am to 1 pm
Heron Cay Clubhouse



Includes bake sale, homemade crafted items, jewelry, plants and much more!!



Sponsored by Fun n' Games





Bake Sale

**Fun N' Games is having a Bake Sale
as part of our Craft Fair**

Sign up to bake

November 9, 2024

Heron Cay Cardroom

Drop off Baked Goods Friday afternoon from 2-4



HERON CAY BINGO

NOVEMBER 10

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

\$1 entry fee and Bingo packages cost

\$10, \$15 & \$20

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

Bring your own drink and snack.

BOCCE

Sign up sheets for the 2025 BOCCE season will be in the clubhouse on November 1. Games will be played on Mondays and Wednesdays starting January 6th.

Thanks,

Frank Inzinna

LOT RENT INFORMATION

Lot Rent 90-day Notices issued to homeowners whose lease agreements are renewable February 2025 reflect September Consumer Price Index (CPI) figures as determined by the US Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The September 2024 figure is **406.502** up from **486.086** for September 2023, an increase of **2.14 %**.

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

The 2025 market rents established by ELS

Lake -- \$ 1171 Perimeter -- \$ 1061 Interior -- \$ 984

HIDDEN TALENTS AT HERON CAY

So, ya' wanna be an actah? Tauk ta me. My name is Clara Feder McCarthy. I live in Heron Cay and I'm thinking of putting together a play reading group of residents in our community. With play reading, you would be reading your "part" from a script. There are no lines to memorize.

First, a little about me, I started acting over 50 years ago. In 1980, I directed my first play and fell in love with directing. Since then I have directed more than 40 shows. I've also been a stage manager for a number of productions.

I think we have a lot of hidden talent right here in Heron Cay and I think we could have a great little troupe. Have you ever acted on stage? Or have you always wanted to but never had the time or the courage?

If you are interested and would like to audition to be part of the "Acting Up In Heron Cay Players" text me at 772-643-3933 with your name and email address. I'd love to hear from you!



Veterans Day Dance

Monday, November 11th

6:30 – 9:30 pm

Ticket Sales Nov 6 & Nov 7

1 to 2 pm and 6 to 7 pm

Veterans Free

Frank Mazur Entertainment



ATTENTION!!!

**HERON CAY MUSIC
BINGO with DR. ROCK**
has changed the date &
time

NEW DATE is November 15th at 7 pm
\$5 Admission



Piano Social with Robert
Friday, November 22
5-6 pm in the auditorium



HERON CAY BINGO AT NIGHT

NOVEMBER 20th

Doors open at 6:00 pm and Bingo starts at 6:30 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.

Bring your own drink and snack

Instructions for using the Entry Gate

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 the 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 the gate entry system box. Although residents are encouraged 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.



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From 8:00 am to 11:00 am

All Donors will receive a \$20 egift card - Oneblood Halloween shirt - Wellness checkup (including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening)



Scan to make an appointment

Heron Cay Homeowners Association That's Entertainment Program 2025

The Heron Cay HOA presents the 2025 *That's Entertainment Program*. Tickets will be available at all Heron Cay events and during HOA office hours Tuesdays 6 to 7 pm and Thursdays 1:30 to 2:30 pm. Both shows are in the Heron Cay Clubhouse. Ticket prices are per person as follows: HOA members: \$40 for both shows, \$25 for 1 show; Non-HOA members: \$45 for both shows, \$27 for 1 show. Contact Vivian Manno for details at 516-749-5829.



MAGIC SHOW
AT HERON CAY PARK

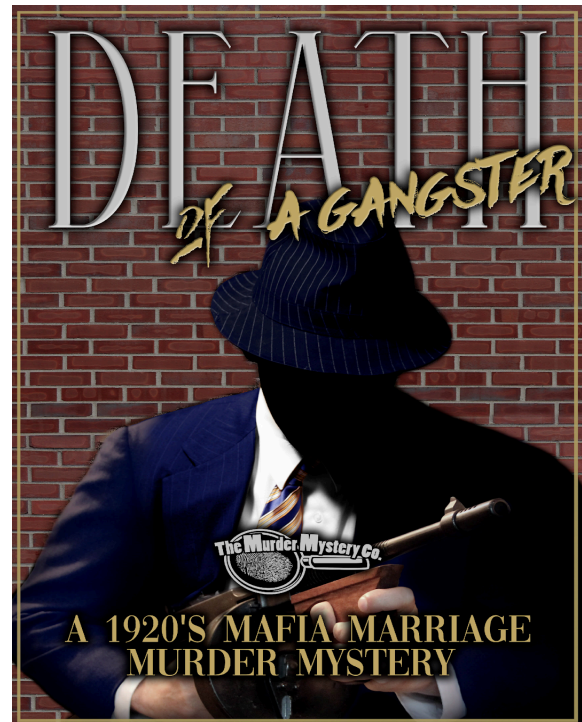
SAT. JANUARY 18, 2025
6:45 P.M.

WITNESS THE COMEDY MAGIC,
AMUSEMENT, & AMAZEMENT OF
BRANDON SMITH

IMAGINE THE IMPOSSIBLE

A photograph of Brandon Smith performing magic with a top hat and a wand is visible in the bottom right corner of the poster.

The first show presents the comedy and magic of Brandon Smith on Saturday, January 18, 2025. Doors open at 6:30 pm, Show starts at 7 pm. Bring your own refreshments.



DEATH
OF A GANGSTER

The Murder Mystery Co.

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MURDER MYSTERY

A photograph of a man in a 1920s style suit and hat holding a gun is visible in the center of the poster.

Join us for a night of mystery, murder and mayhem on Saturday, February 22, 2025. Doors will open on the Death of a Gangster Murder Mystery at 6:30 pm. Show starts at 7 pm. Seating is limited to 200, so get your tickets early. Bring your own refreshments. Guests are invited to wear 1920s period clothing, including Flapper dresses, Zoot suits, feather boas, headbands and fedoras or dress in a black, white and gold theme. A photo screen will be available.

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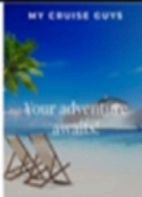
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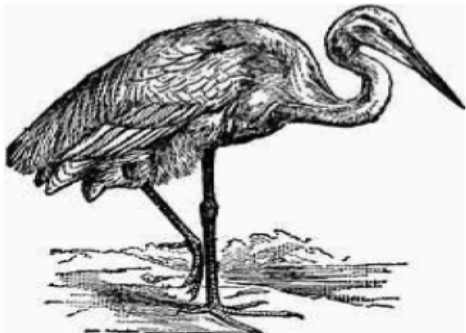
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