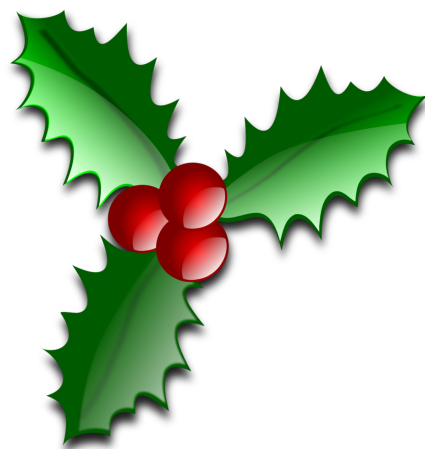


# HERON CAY HOA NEWSLETTER



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**FROM THE HOA BOARD:** Welcome to the month of December and another year gone. Our snowbirds have come back to the beautiful weather here in Heron Cay – Welcome Home!!

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.

Management is still working with a vendor to install a projector in the auditorium so that Fun 'n' Games can begin to show movies. Some things seem to take a l-o-o-o-n-g time to happen!

The fire pit has been moved to the area closer to the tiki hut.

The bats need to be removed from the gazebo and the gazebo needs to be cleaned. Management bought bat "houses" and will be installing them in the gazebo. Once the bats become more comfortable about nesting in these "houses", they will be able to be relocated to a different area in our community – away from the population. The gazebo will then be power washed with Clorox to get rid of their scent so they don't return.

Our landscaping company, Top Notch, has been working with management to catch up on the lawn care. Since Top Notch's contract is up on December 31<sup>st</sup>, management is looking for bids from two other companies. In the meantime, since we are in our "dry season", the grass shouldn't need mowing as often as every week.

Vivian Manno continues to sell tickets for the two upcoming “That’s Entertainment” events scheduled for January and February – the first will be a magician/comedian, followed by a murder mystery in February. 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 celebrated Heron Cay’s 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, and had over 150 party goers. The delicious food was catered by Wild Thyme Catering in Vero Beach and the entertainment was put on by The Southern Grace Band. The best costume from the 80’s was won by Sue Sowder. Congratulations, Sue!

The annual enrollment period for Medicare is from October 15 through December 7<sup>th</sup>. To help us through the maze, answer any questions our residents may have had and to help us in deciding which plan to choose, Prosperity Health Group held a seminar in our clubhouse on November 6<sup>th</sup> and was well attended by Heron Cay residents as well as residents from our sister parks.

### **ELECTION TIME IS HERE FOR THE HERON CAY HOA**

We will be accepting nominations from anyone who wishes to run for the HOA Board. We currently have 4 openings. **Nominations will be closed after our December 3<sup>rd</sup> Board/Member meeting.** Please contact Elsie Quintero at 917-655-9395 if you are interested in running or if you know of someone you would like to nominate. Elections will be held on Friday, February 4, 2025 for a two-year term.

We hope you have a great month and **HAPPY HOLIDAYS** to you all!

Your HOA Board

### **SO, THIS IS DECEMBER - DID YOU KNOW THAT...**

Some people get offended when they are wished “Happy Holidays” instead of “Merry Christmas”. We need to remember that there are several religious and secular celebrations during the month of December.

December 1 is Eat a Red Apple Day (leftover from Thanksgiving?) and National Christmas Lights Day – already??

December 3 is Make a Gift Day and National Hug Day. With my non-existent artistic talents, my family much prefers me to buy them something and they will hug me for my doing that instead of making them something.

December 4 brings us Cookie Day. Yea! The goodies begin!

December 5 and it’s Bathtub Party Day and International Ninja Day. Not sure where to go with this.

December 6 is **SAINT NICHOLAS DAY.** This Christian festival is celebrated with particular regard to Saint Nicholas’ reputation as a bringer of gifts. In many places, children wake up on this day to find their stockings filled with goodies from St. Nick – or with coal if they’ve been bad.

December 6 and it’s National Microwave Oven Day. Wait. That’s the way I cook every day!

December 8 – **BODHI DAY**- This Buddhist holiday commemorates the day Siddhartha Gautama, the founder of Buddhism, became the Buddha and attained enlightenment. The word bodhi comes from Sanskrit and Pali and means “to awaken” or “awakened”.

December 8 is Sales Person Appreciation Day. I, personally, think we should appreciate them **every** day!

December 9 – and it's Christmas Card Day. Time for that annual “news” letter to fill in everyone you haven't seen in forever with what you and your family have done over the past year.

December 10 – National Lager Day and Dewey Decimal System Day. Try finding that library book after you've had a couple of beers.

December 12 is Gingerbread House Day. Get baking everyone!

December 13 – Official Lost & Found Day and Pick a Pathologist Pal Day. I can't seem to find **any** doctor these days!

December 14 – is Gingerbread Decorating Day. Now's the time to show off your icing skills!

December 15 brings us National Ugly Christmas Sweater Day – which is what you'd be wearing if I make your gift. It's also National Wear Your Pearls Day. They will look lovely with that sweater.

December 16 is National Chocolate Covered Anything Day. I'm in!!!!

December 17 and it's National Maple Syrup Day. Get out those pancakes everyone.

December 19. Can't find that perfect gift in the store or online? Well, fear not, because today is National Regifting Day so check that upper shelf in your closet.

December 20 is National Sangria Day (finally, a booze day for December. I was wondering when it would be.)

December 21 to December 25 gives us **PANCHA GANAPATI**, a modern five-day Hindu festival that honors Lord Ganesha, the elephant-headed god of culture, new beginnings, and the arts. Celebrators work to mend past mistakes and bring joy and harmony into five realms of their life: family, friends, associates, culture and religion.

December 21 – **YULE** is typically associated with the winter solstice, which usually occurs around December 21<sup>st</sup> in the northern hemisphere. It is a festival that marks the longest night and the return of longer days. Pagans and Wiccans celebrate the winter solstice from December 21 to January 1. The tradition of Yule or Yuletide was a celebration of feasting, wassailing, drinking and dancing. This ancient holiday celebrated the victory of the Oak King over the Holly King, who symbolize summer and winter, respectively.

December 21 is also National Coquito Day, which celebrates the traditional Puerto Rican holiday rum drink. Yea! Another booze day!! I'm ready to try this Puerto Rican version of eggnog!

December 22 is National Cookie Exchange Day and National Date Nut Bread Day. More goodies!!!

December 23 – **FESTIVUS DAY** is a secular holiday celebrated on December 23 as an alternative to the perceived pressures and commercialism of the Christmas season. It's also National Pfeffernusse Day for all you spicy German cookie lovers.

December 24 is National Eggnog Day. Wait! What should I do with the Coquitos I made on the 21<sup>st</sup>???

December 25 – **CHRISTMAS** – Happy Birthday Jesus! This important celebration remembers the birth of Christians' Lord and Savior. It is a time to share joy and happiness, and to make memories. It's a time to celebrate love and togetherness, when the world seems to sparkle with joy and love. It's a season of warmth, laughter and togetherness.

December 25 – **HANUKKAH** - The 8-day Jewish celebration, also known as the Festival of Lights, is rooted in a 2<sup>nd</sup> century BCE event. In 168 BCE, King Antiochus IV Epiphanes outlawed Jewish practices and desecrated the Temple by installing an altar to Zeus and sacrificing pigs. The Maccabees, a small group of Jewish rebels led by Mattathias and his son, Judas Maccabeus, rebelled and fought back against the Greek-Syrian Seleucids. According to legend, there was only enough oil to keep the Temple's menorah burning for one day but the flame stayed alight for eight days. This year, Hanukkah begins on the evening of December 25<sup>th</sup> and ends on January 2.

December 25 is the celebration of **ZARATHOSHT DISO**. Founded by the Prophet Zoroaster more than 3,000 years ago, Zoroastrianism is one of the world's oldest monotheistic religions. Zoroastrians honor the death of their prophet on this day, typically by visiting a fire temple and offering prayers.

December 26 celebrates **KWANZAA**. This seven-day African-American cultural celebration which ends on January 1st focuses on seven principles, known as Nguzo Saba, which are: unity, self-determination, collective responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith. They all correspond to values that they believe help a person, their family and their community to prosper. The theme for 2024 is "Umoja" (Unity), which strives for and maintains unity in the family, community and nation.

December 26 is also **BOXING DAY**, a holiday celebrated after Christmas Day, occurring on the second day of Christmastide. This tradition originated in the 1800s when Queen Victoria ruled the throne. At the time, it was a day to ensure that upper class Britons gave servants and workers a day off, in addition to giving them a present. The holiday has since evolved into a more commercial occasion for gift-giving.

December 27. Today you celebrate a Make Cut-Out Snowflakes Day, No Interruptions Day, National Fruitcake Day and Visit the Zoo Day. This is gonna be a busy, busy day!

December 28 is National Call a Friend Day and National Chocolate Candy Day. So, can I munch on a Hershey's bar while making those phone calls?

December 29 – National Pepper Pot Day is an unofficial holiday that honors the stew famously associated with George Washington's army during the American Revolution. It's also Still Need To Do Day and Tick Tock Day which reminds us to complete any unfinished business that might need addressing before the end of the year.

December 30 – Falling Needles Family Fest Day. Time to say goodbye to that Christmas tree.

December 31 – National Champagne Day – which makes total sense, because tonight is...

December 31- **NEW YEAR'S EVE**

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

Bonnie McNair



**ATTENTION!!**

**HERON CAY  
BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS**

Business Meeting And Members Meeting

DECEMBER 3, 2024 7 pm

Nominations from the floor for Directors positions

# HOLIDAY HELPERS NEEDED



Here's an invitation to help to get Heron Cay into the holiday spirit, if you are so inclined.

On Sunday, December 1st, at 2 pm, please join us in decorating the clubhouse and the exterior. We'll have holiday music playing, apple

cider, coffee and hot cocoa.

If some of our wonderful bakers would bring a tray of cookies to share, we'll make an afternoon of it.

Invite your friends and neighbors to join us too.





**Special thanks** to all of our volunteers who helped with events this month:

\*Jacque Stasonis for hosting our coffee social.

\*Maria Johnson, Lynda Merrill, Valerie Cottongim, Ingrid Cresta, Jean Cunningham, Bonnie McNair, Richie Saldanah, Karin Bryan, Mary Michon, Vivian Manno, Bill DiGirolamo and Diane Taylor for the craft fair. Also, special thanks to all those who baked so many yummy goodies for our FNG bake sale. It was a great success.

\*Maria Johnson, Ruth Stevens, Scott Merrill, Daryl Murray, David Sowder, Mary Michon, Bonnie McNair, FNG team: Penny, Karin,

Sue, Lynda, Sue, Valerie for the veteran's dance. Nine of our veterans attended and were honored with a special service led by Lynda and Valerie. Check out our photos on the Heron Cay HOA website ([heroncayhoa.org](http://heroncayhoa.org)). Special thank you to all veterans who served.

**Christmas and Holiday Decorating** Sunday, December 1 at 2 pm. We will decorate our clubhouse and community entrance. Please come and help beautify our community for the holidays. Holiday music will be playing and apple cider, coffee and holiday cookies will be provided.

**Golf Cart Parade**, Sunday, December 8. Be at the clubhouse by 5 pm. The parade will start at 5:30 pm. A prize will be given for the golf cart with the most holiday spirit!

**Coffee Hour**, Thursday December 5, 9 am. Jacque Stasonis will bring the donuts, Sue will make the coffee and our guests will enjoy conversation and stories told to each other. Come and enjoy!

**Piano Man Robert** will entertain us with new music. Friday December 13 and December 27 at 5 pm in the clubhouse. Enjoy Robert's music and a Friday happy hour with your friends.

**New Years Eve Dance and Gala. December 31.** Starting at 8:30 pm – 12:30 am we will ring in the new year dancing to Dave and the Wave, a local Vero band that plays Classic Rock, Motown, R&B and Smooth Jazz. Make an evening of fun with your friends. Tickets sales will be December 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. See the flier for more information. We will also be selling tickets at the door.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a very Happy New Year to all of our Heron Cay neighbors and friends. Our committee is most grateful for your support.

Fun N' Games committee: Penny Cahill, Karin Bryan, Rich Saldanah, Sue Sowder, Lynda Merrill & Valerie Cottongim





# Coffee Social Hour

Thursday, December 5

9 am

Clubhouse Cardroom

Join your neighbors for  
coffee, doughnuts and  
conversation.





# HERON CAY MUSIC BINGO

WITH DR. ROCK

DECEMBER 6th at 7 pm

\$5  
Admission

Bring your own drinks and snack



No matter your faith or your beliefs - we wish HAPPY HOLIDAYS to everyone in Heron Cay



# HERON CAY BINGO

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th

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

**AND**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18th

Doors open at 5 pm 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

Refreshments will be available



# BUNCO

**DECEMBER 7th**  
**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 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.

## December Golf Cart Parade

Join us at the clubhouse on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 5 pm with your golf cart all decked out in its holiday finest for the Holiday Golf Cart Parade. The parade will start at 5:30 pm and will wind through the community. There will be a prize for the golf cart with the most holiday spirit.



## LOT RENT INFORMATION

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

The October 2024 figure is **497.817** up from **485.659** for October 2023  
an increase of **2.5 %**.

A new lot rent may not be in excess of market rent.

*The 2025 market rents established by ELS*

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



# Piano Social by Robert

## Fridays, December 13 and 27

### 5-6 pm

## In the clubhouse

Bring a snack and a beverage and enjoy Robert's music and have a Friday happy hour  
with your friends



**The Heron Cay HOA and the  
Fun 'n' Games Committee  
invite all Heron Cay Residents to  
be our guests at our second  
annual**

## **Holiday Dance**

**December 14th at 7:00 pm**

**Featuring our favorite DJ,  
Cheryl Garrett**

**Door prizes!!!**

**BYOB and snacks**



NAME THAT TUNE

by DR ROCK

DECEMBER 20 at 7 pm

Entry Fee is \$5

Bring your own drink  
and snack

# New Year's Eve Dance and Gala

Join us at the clubhouse on Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 pm to enjoy the music of ***Dave and the Wave*** and ring in the New Year. Ticket Sales will be on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 1-2 pm and 6-7 pm in the clubhouse.

Tickets are \$15 for HOA members, \$20 for non-members. Tickets will be available at the door.

A sparkling toast will be provided but bring your own beverages and food for your table.



# 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 located at 1400 90<sup>th</sup> Street, Vero Beach FL 32966. 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

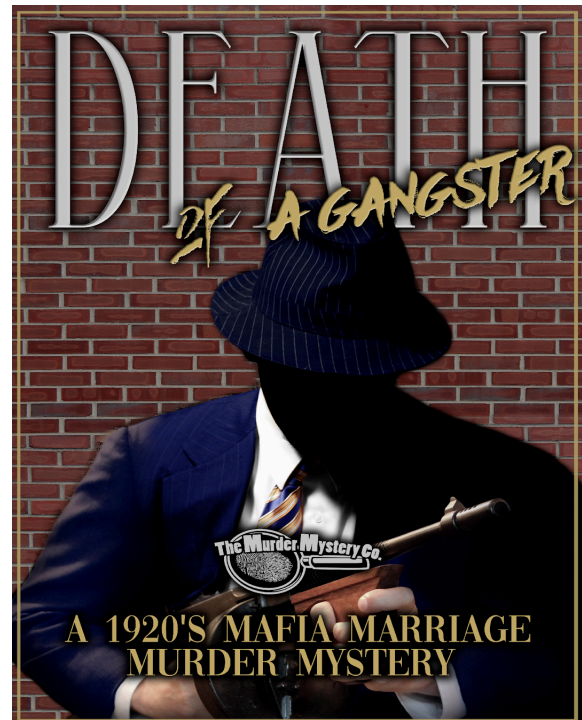
SAT. JANUARY 18, 2025  
6:45 P.M.

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

IMAGINE THE IMPOSSIBLE

The poster features a purple background with a large, glowing wand. In the bottom right corner, there is a small photo of Brandon Smith and his audience.

**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.

**A 1920'S MAFIA MARRIAGE MURDER MYSTERY**

The poster shows a man in a dark suit and fedora hat holding a revolver, set against a brick wall background.

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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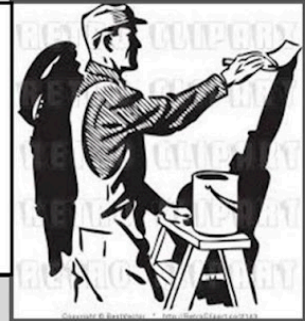
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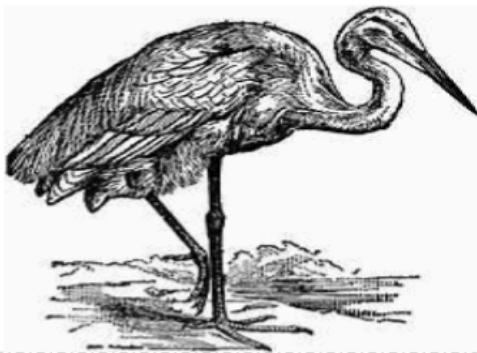
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