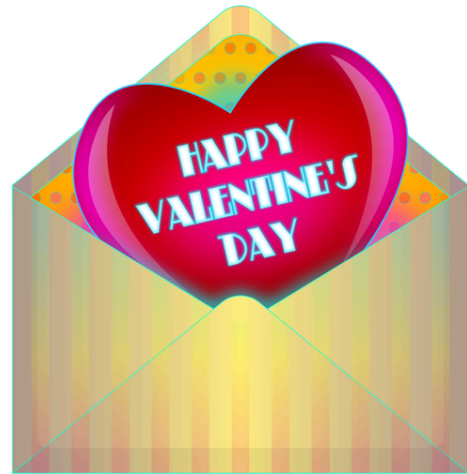


# HERON CAY HOA NEWSLETTER

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Hello Heron Cay residents and welcome to February! While most of the country is either buried in snow or just freezing temperatures, we here in Vero Beach get to enjoy a little of every kind of weather – from the rather “brrrrrrrisk” mornings to the “aaaaahhhh” lovely afternoons and back to the chilly evenings.

We have a few updates in Heron Cay. For example:

We now have a movie projector with bluetooth capability so we will be able to start streaming movies for the community.

The bat houses have been placed in the gazebo and once the bats are accustomed to using them they will be moved to the maintenance shed area. After moving the houses, the gazebo will have bat netting covering all the entrances and exits so that they can't re-enter the gazebo and the gazebo will be sprayed with bleach to kill the bat scent. Management expects this process to take about a month.

All of the shuffleboard lanes have been painted and Patti Kemp has started a shuffleboard competition on Thursday mornings at 10 am, with 28 players on 14 teams. If you've never played before and want to see how it's done, or if you're interested in playing, stop by – they might need a substitute player.

Our Bocce season is off to a great start and is growing year by year - from 24 teams last year to 26 teams this year. Scott Merrill, Kerry Mitras and Don Lungrin did an outstanding job repairing the lanes to get the courts ready. Frank Inzinna, with the assistance of Valerie Cottongim, once again organized the schedule. With 104 regular players and 4 substitutes, this was no easy feat but Frank and Valerie pulled it off seamlessly. Doug Stearly, Bernie Brozowski and John Drab continue

to maintain the courts, arriving early Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and keeping them in shape during the games. Thank you all!

The broken rope for the flagpole has been replaced by management and was installed by Top Notch Landscapers and once again our American flag proudly flies in front of the clubhouse.

The Top Notch Lawn Company has brought in a new crew and they are doing a great job. They ask that if you have any problem on lawn days, please call the office immediately so that the crew can go back to your house to correct the situation that same day.

As to the 9-1-1 pool area phone, our interim manager, Janice, has found a contractor to run the phone line and she is hopeful that the installation will happen by the end of this month.

Many of our residents had complained that they were not hearing back from management when they filed a complaint online at our [www.heroncayhoa.org](http://www.heroncayhoa.org) website, although they were acknowledged by Donnia Trent, our HOA secretary. Upon checking with ELS as to what email addresses were listed as recipients on that complaint email, it was noted that they were outdated and so online complaints were not received by ELS. Donnia coordinated with management and has updated their email addresses.

The maintenance crew checks for ants and sprays for them periodically around the mail kiosks. If you see ants, please notify the office through the [www.heroncayhoa.org](http://www.heroncayhoa.org) website online complaint form.

Our new Heron Cay entrance sign was scheduled to be delivered by the end of the year but the sign is not ready yet. Hopefully it will be installed by the end of this month.

Some of the new FP&L lights are not working, including one (1) light at 483 Bimini Cay. If you see a new light that is not working, please file an online complaint form so that we will have a record of it. Board members drove around Heron Cay at night to identify the exact locations of the FP&L lights and noted the dark areas in our community. They will be giving the map to management to review with FP&L.

**Five Park Olympic Games.** After an incredibly successful Five Park Olympic Games last year, management of the five sister parks has decided to run the games again this year. Heron Cay Management will be sending out a sign-up sheet for anyone wishing to sign up to participate in the Five Park Olympic Games. We will keep you posted as to where the signup sheets will be located. As you know, there are limited spots for the “athletes” so think about which activity you would be interested in competing in. Last year we had bocce, shuffleboard, cornhole, Texas Hold ‘em, pickleball and billiards. This year tennis has been added to the competition schedule. The parks include Heron Cay, Countryside, Heritage Plantation, Vero Palm and Village Green. The Olympic Games will be held in February this year.

The HOA will be hosting a Super Bowl party on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5:30 pm. We hope to see many of our residents there to enjoy good company along with a lot of friendly team spirit and bantering. So bring your favorite team shirts and hats and let’s have some fun!!!

## **FEBRUARY 7 IS HERON CAY HOA ELECTION DAY**

We have five candidates running for four seats on our HOA Board on February 7th. Remember, in order to vote, you must be a 2025 member of the HOA by February 6<sup>th</sup>. The HOA office will be open on Tuesdays from 6 pm to 7 pm and Thursdays from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm.

The Bloodmobile Bus will be here on February 26<sup>th</sup> in the clubhouse parking lot from 9 am until 3 p:m for anyone who is interested in donating.

### **SO, THIS IS FEBRUARY. DID YOU KNOW THAT....**

February 1 is Spunky Old Broads Day (that would be most of our female residents!), National Freedom Day and No Politics Day – so does that mean we are all free from thinking about politics? On this day in 1920, Canadian Prime Minister John A. Macdonald created the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and in 1964, the G.I. Joe toy action figure by Hasbro hit the market. It originally sold for \$2.49.

February 2 is Ground Hog Day – the day when townsfolk in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania gather in Gobbler's Knob to watch as an unsuspecting furry marmot is plucked from his burrow to predict the weather for the rest of the winter. I'm sure there are a lot of people across our nation hoping that he doesn't see his shadow! It's also National Tater Tot Day for all you tater tot lovers and the first 45 RPM record format hit the marketplace in 1949.

February 3 is The Day the Music Died – Buddy Holly, Richie Valens and the Big Bopper died in a plane crash in 1959. Walt Disney released Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs in 1938; Ruth Handler invented the Barbie Doll in 1949; and Mark Zuckerberg created the Facebook social media platform in 2004. This is also Feed the Birds Day and National Carrot Cake Day. The earliest known carrot cake recipe dates back to 1827. Hmmmm. I wonder if birds like carrot cake.

February 4 is Create a Vacuum Day, National Homemade Soup Day, Stuffed Mushroom Day and Thank a Mailman Day. How about we make a big bowl of mushroom soup for our postal carrier?

February 5 is National Shower with a Friend Day and National Weatherman's Day. (hmmmm. Now that could be interesting). The first issue of Reader's Digest was published in 1922.

February 6 is International Frozen Yogurt Day, Lame Duck Day and National Chopsticks Day. I don't know how to eat yogurt with chopsticks – do you? The first doughnut machine was sold in 1926; Monopoly first went on sale in 1935; Frank Sinatra made his singing debut on the radio show "Your Hit Parade" in 1943; and Astronaut Alan Shepard hit three golf balls on the moon in 1971.

February 7 is National Fettuccine Alfredo Day (Food!!!!) It's also Send a Card to a Friend Day (obviously this day was created by a card company) and Wave All Your Fingers at Your Neighbor Day. Just be sure it's ALL your fingers. The Beatles arrived in the U.S. for the first time in 1964.

February 8 is Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day and Kite Flying Day. The Boy Scouts of America was founded in 1910.

February 9 this year is Superbowl Sunday – the most watched event in the United States. Last year over 123.7 million people around the world watched it. Some people watch the game while for others, the ads or the halftime show are the big attractions. It's also National Pizza Day and

Toothache Day. The U.S. Congress passed an act authorizing the U.S. Weather Bureau in 1861 and the Beatles appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show in 1964.

February 10 is Clean Out Your Computer Day (OMG – that would take me *forever* to do), National Flannel Day and Umbrella Day (this should have been in January for us!) France ceded Canada to England, ending the French and Indian War in 1763; and in 1942, Glenn Miller received the first-ever gold record for selling a million copies of a song. That song was....."The Chattanooga Choo Choo".

February 11 is Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk Day, Make a Friend Day, National Inventors Day and White T-Shirt Day. Robert Fulton patented the steamboat in 1809, The Vatican became a sovereign nation in 1929 and Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin signed the Yalta Agreement in 1945.

February 12 is International Darwin's Day, Abraham Lincoln's Birthday, National Lost Penny Day and Plum Pudding Day. Maybe we could find that penny in some plum pudding. Women in the Utah Territory won the right to vote in 1870.

February 13 is Get a Different Name Day and National Wingman Day. The American Temperance Society formed in Boston, MA in 1826; President John Knox Polk became the first sitting president to have his photograph taken in 1849; Jesse James robbed his first (of many) banks in 1866; and in 2000, the last original "Peanuts" comic strip appeared in newspapers one day after the death of Charles M. Schultz, its creator.

February 14 is Valentine's Day, Ferris Wheel Day, (blessed are they who go around in circles, for they shall be called big wheels) and National Organ Donor Day (all I have is a piano). The original film "Dracula" starring Bela Lugosi was released in 1931. J. Presper Eckert, John W. Mauchly and Herman Goldstein demonstrated the first computer, called the Electronic Numerical Integrator and Computer (ENIAC) computer at the University of Pennsylvania in 1946 to calculate ballistics tables for the U.S. military. Sugar Ray Robinson became the world middleweight champion by defeating Jake LaMotta in 1951; and in 1971, President Richard M. Nixon installed a secret taping system in the White House.

February 15 is National Gum Drop Day, Singles Awareness Day and Susan B. Anthony Day. In 399 B.C. Philosopher Socrates was sentenced to death in Athens for corrupting the minds of the youth in the city. In 1842, the Post Office used adhesive postage stamps for the first time. Adolph Hitler announced the construction of the Volkswagen Beetle in 1936. In 2013, Asteroid "2012 DA14" at 150 feet across, became the closest approach to Earth of any object its size in history, passing less than 18,000 miles from Earth, within the orbit of geostationary satellites.

February 16 is Do a Grouch a Favor Day. In the year 600, Pope Gregory the Great declared "God Bless You" is the proper response to a sneeze. The Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks was formed in 1868. In 1883, The "Ladies Home Journal" was first published. NBC TV began its first nightly newscast in 1948.

February 17 is President's Day (celebrated the third Monday of the month); it's also Random Acts of Kindness Day and Spice Up Your Life Day. Myles Standish was elected the first commander of Plymouth Colony in 1621.

February 18 is National Battery Day and National Drink Wine Day. (Ya' know I'm gonna say "I'll drink to that!") Jefferson Davis was inaugurated as President of the Confederate States of America. (1861). Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* was published in 1885.

A ninth planet was discovered in the solar system and was named Pluto. The discoverer was Clyde Tombaugh. Note: To the dismay of many, in 2006, scientists reclassified Pluto as a “dwarf planet”. A prize was inserted into a Crackerjacks box for the first time in 1913 and in 1979, snow fell in the Sahara Desert.

February 19 is National Chocolate Mint Day; Thomas Edison was granted a patent for his Gramophone (Phonograph) in 1878. *Mister Rogers Neighborhood* debuts on television in 1968.

February 20 is Cherry Pie Day. It's also Hoodie Hoo Day - a holiday celebrated to help people say goodbye to winter and welcome spring. It involves going outside, making noise and waving things in the air that represent spring. It's also Love Your Pet Day (I love my pet every day!) In 1869, Congress banned dueling in the District of Columbia. Golfers in South Carolina were arrested for violating the Sabbath in 1927. Boy, have we come a long way since then! Batman and Robin comic strip premiered in newspapers in 1944; and in 1962, John Glenn became the first U.S. astronaut to orbit the Earth.

February 21 is Card Reading Day; Alka Seltzer was first sold in 1931; John Greenough received a U.S. patent for the sewing machine in 1842; and in 1972, Richard Nixon became the first U.S. President to visit China.

February 22 is George Washington's Birthday, Be Humble Day, International World Thinking Day, National Margarita Day, Open That Bottle Night (so I think I'll humbly have a margarita to celebrate George's birthday!) It's also Walking the Dog Day (are they talking about the yo-yo trick or actually getting out with your pooch?) Frank Woolworth opened the first “Five Cent Store” in Utica, N.Y in 1879; John Reid, the “Father of American Golf”, demonstrated golf in a cow pasture in Yonkers, NY in 1888, and the inaugural Daytona 500 race was run in 1959.

February 23 brings us International Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day, National Tootsie Roll Day (just don't feed your dog a Tootsie Roll biscuit!) and Tennis Day. The Battle of the Alamo began in 1836, when Mexican troops under General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna surrounded the Alamo Mission in San Antonio, Texas. It lasted 13 days.

Walter Wingfield of Pimlico, England, patented the game of lawn tennis in 1874; Rudolf Diesel receives a patent in Germany for the oil-burning diesel engine in 1893; Tootsie Rolls rolled into stores across America - created by Leo Hirshfield in 1896 (ah...so *that's* why it's National Tootsie Roll day!) In 1940, Walt Disney released *Pinocchio* to movie theaters and in 1945, U.S Marines raised the American flag over the Pacific island of Iwo Jima.

Britain's Prince Charles announced his engagement to Lady Diana in 1981 (Wow! Time does fly by, doesn't it?) Elton John was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in 1998 and 2011 brought the final launch of the Space Shuttle Discovery.

February 25 is National Clam Chowder Day and Pistol Patent Day - (don't shoot me for telling you that!) In 1791, The 1st Bank of the United States was chartered. Samuel Colt patented the revolver in 1836. Thomas Davenport patented the first electric printing press in 1837; the first tunnel under the Hudson River opened in 1908; in 1925 Glacier Bay National Monument in Alaska was established. Muhammad Ali (Cassius Clay) won his first World Heavyweight Title, defeating Sonny Liston in 1964.

February 26 is Carnival Day, Carpe Diem Day, National Pistachio Day and Tell a Fairy Tale Day. So, seize the day, grab your pistachios and head out to the nearest carnival! Congress created the Grand National Park in Arizona on this day in 1919; in 1983, Michael Jackson's “Thriller” album

was #1 on the charts and stayed there for 37 weeks. In 1993, A bomb exploded at the World Trade Center, killing 6 people.

February 27 is National Chili Day, Polar Bear Day, and No Brainer Day. It's also when Ludwig van Beethoven's 8th Symphony in F premiered in 1814. Mardi Gras was celebrated in New Orleans for the first time in 1827. The U.S. Men's Olympic hockey team defeated the U.S.S.R. to win Olympic Gold in 1960. Paul McCartney and Stevie Wonder recorded "Ebony and Ivory" in 1981.

February 28 is Floral Design Day, Public Sleeping Day (encouraging people to take a nap in a safe, clean public place such as a park, beach, movie theater or on public transportation). It's also National Tooth Fairy Day (remember when you got a nickel under your pillow?) Nylon was invented in 1935 and was first introduced to the public at the 1939 New York World's Fair. The first Gulf War ended in 1991; Pope Benedict XVI resigned in 2013.

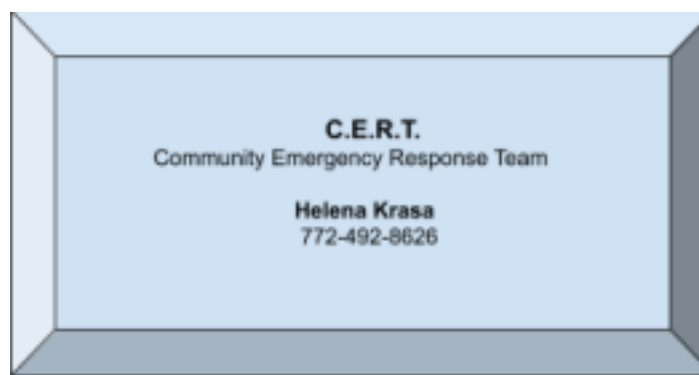
February 29 (also known as "Leap Day") is not happening this year so we're just gonna have to wait until 2028 to talk about it, except to say that it is, of course, the rarest day for birthdays. The chance of being born on Leap Day is 1 in 1,461!

Well I hope you enjoyed a look at February. See you all back here in March!

## **LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN**

Our newly formed play reading group, "Seniors Acting Up in Heron Cay", is off to a good start with some excellent talent but we need some men to join us. We meet in the clubhouse card room, each Friday, from 10 am to 12 pm and we read scenes from various plays – from comedy to drama – with the intention of putting together a presentation for the community. Don't worry – you don't have to memorize lines. We would be seated on stage, with microphones, reading the scripts. If you are interested in joining us, please call Clara McCarthy at (772) 643-3933.

Submitted by Bonnie McNair



**ATTENTION!!**



**HERON CAY  
BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS  
Business Meeting**

February 4, 2025 at 7 pm in the clubhouse



**HERON CAY  
ANNUAL MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 11, 2025 at 7 pm**

Please bring Membership cards  
Membership will be checked



# Heron Cay Election Day

Friday, February 7, 2025

8 am to 2 pm

You must bring your Membership  
card

HOA office will be open to sell and renew memberships on Tuesday, February 4 from 6-7 pm and Thursday, February 6 from 1:30-2:30 pm (membership expires Dec 31st of every year)





**Coffee Social** Thursday, February 6 at 9:00 am in the cardroom.

**Piano Man Robert, Social Hour**

**Thursday**, February 13 and **Friday**, February 28 at 5 pm in the clubhouse. (Please note the first one is on Thursday and not Friday)

## ♥ Heron Cay Valentine's Day Dance ♥

Join us at the clubhouse on **Friday, February 14th at 7 pm** to enjoy the music of **Collins and Company**

and celebrate friendships and love.

There will be sparkling beverages for toasts, water, lemonade and tea available but as usual, please bring your own beverages and food for your table and if you wish, some for the community table for all to share.

Come out and join us for all of the fun and celebration.

**Un-Decorating the clubhouse on January 2 was a FNG team effort.** Sue Sowder, Lynda Merrill, Karin Bryan, Jacque Stasonis, and Rich Saldhanah along with Bonnie McNair, Mary Alexander, Glenda Levesque and David Sowder. Thanks so much!

*Fun N' Games committee: Penny Cahill, Karin Bryan, Rich Saldanah, Sue Sowder, Jacque Stasonis, Lynda Merrill and Valarie Cottongim.*



**PLEASE NOTE:** Starting this month we have new advertising on the back pages of our newsletter. Please take a look at these ads and remember these people when you need services since they are supporting our community. Thank you.

Kim Wheeler, Editor



# BUNCO

**February 1st**

**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 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.

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MUSIC BINGO  
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February 7 at 7 pm



**\$5.00 Admission**

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# Heron Cay Valentine's Day Dance

Join us at the clubhouse on **Friday, February 14th at 7 pm** to enjoy the music of ***Collins and Company*** and celebrate friendships and love.

Ticket sales will be on Wednesday, February 12th and Thursday, February 13th from 1-2 and 6-7 pm in the clubhouse.

Tickets are \$10 for HOA members, \$12 for non-members and will be available at the door too.



There will be sparkling beverages for toasts, water, lemonade and tea available but as usual, please bring your own beverages and food for your table and, if you wish, some for the community table for all to share.

Collins and Company is a fun, high-energy professional variety cover band with a song list that includes danceable rock, pop, country, reggae and standards from the 50's through today.



**Piano Social by Robert**

**Thursday, February**

**13th and Friday, February**

**28th**

**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.**



# HERON CAY BINGO

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9th

Come for Bingo - Stay for the  
**SUPER BOWL PARTY**

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

**AND**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26th

Doors open at 5:30 pm Bingo starts at 6:30 pm

\$1 entry fee

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

# PAINTING CLASS NEWS FOR SPRING 2025



Hello neighbors,

Can you believe that it is 2025? Whether you are a snowbird or a permanent resident I have questions for you. "Would you like to learn an easy way to paint beautiful pictures to hang in your house or give as gifts?"

Have you ever said, while looking at a painting, "Oh isn't that beautiful? I wish I could paint like that but I can't even draw a straight line"? I can teach you. I have been teaching for over 25 years and the way I teach is very different from how you might have been taught in high school or college. I teach by showing you how to use each different brush and how you can use it to create beautiful paintings.

I have great news, starting TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025 at 9:00 am, I will be starting a new painting class at the HERON CAY CLUBHOUSE, in the craft room.

If you think you might be interested just "COME ON DOWN" and check out the poster on the painting cabinet in the craft room showing possible art projects that we might be painting. When you come to your first class you do not need to bring anything with you. Let me show you what YOU ARE CAPABLE OF and you will leave with a small, finished painting, I promise!

If you have questions, please call me, Jennifer Hammer, at **330-807-7814**. See you there.

## LOT RENT INFORMATION

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

The December 2024 figure is **498.008** up from **484.621**  
from December 2023 – an increase of **2.8%**.

Note that a new lot rent may not exceed market rent.

*The 2025 market rents established by ELS*

Lake -- \$1171    Perimeter -- \$1081    Interior -- \$984



**HERON CAY HOA's**

**SUPER BOWL  
PARTY**

**FEBRUARY 9**

**DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM**

**GAME KICKOFF IS AT 6:30 PM, EST**

**WE WILL HAVE PIZZA!  
DONATIONS APPRECIATED**

**PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH**



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