

HERON CAY HOA NEWSLETTER

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Hello Heron Cay residents and welcome to March! Well, “in like a lion.....” We hope you enjoyed the beautiful weather we had in February and are looking forward to another month of clear and sunny days in March.

FEBRUARY 7 WAS HERON CAY HOA ELECTION DAY

We had five candidates running for 4 seats on our HOA Board on February 7th. We welcome Jack Manno and Bill DiGirolamo back as they return for the next two years and we congratulate Ed Collins and Mike Tortora for their wins. Our newly formed HOA Board is off to a great start with seven Board members and we look forward to working together over the next year to continue assisting our residents.

The bats have finally been removed from the gazebo. The gazebo has bat netting covering all the entrances and exits so that they can't re-enter it and soon the gazebo will be sprayed with bleach to kill the bat scent.

Last month 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 gave the map to management to review with FP&L. Management is trying to coordinate with FP&L as to when they will come out to assess those dark areas.

As to the 9-1-1 phone being installed in the pool area, there have been a few hangups. (Excuse the pun). There are separate contractors involved. One contractor has to install the line and another has to install the phone. Management does expect this will be done soon. The phone may only be used for making calls to 9-1-1 and will not work for regular phone calls.

Many of you, when logging into the Portal to pay your rent last month, were met with a “Terms of Service” notice that you were instructed to read (all 27 pages) and at the end, indicate “agree” or “don’t agree”. If you agreed, you were then able to pay your rent. If you hit “don’t agree” you were kicked out of the portal. We spoke with our attorney regarding this. He said that you have two choices: (1) hit “agree” or (2) go to the office and sign up for EFT (“Electronic Fund Transfer”). So, it’s a matter of “who do you trust with your information” – your bank or this third party vendor. If you decide that you are going to sign up for EFT, you will need to bring a voided check with you to the ELS office when you fill out the request form for your bank to begin transferring your rent to ELS on a specific date, but before the 5th of the month. Remember, if you are going to sign up for EFT you will need to do it before the 21st of the month in order for the next month’s payment to go through.

If your visiting friends type “Heron Cay” in Google to get directions to our community, Google Maps is directing people to use the 12th Street entrance gate rather than sending them to our 90th Avenue entrance. However, if you tell them to type in “1400 90th Avenue, Vero Beach”, on Google Maps, it will direct them to the front gate.

In regard to our heroncayhoa.org website complaint form, our new manager Sumiko Chilcott said that she will respond to your complaint within 24 hours of receiving it (except weekends). If you do not hear from either Sumiko or Michele, please let us know and we will follow up on it. We encourage all our residents to use this method to report issues to management.

The HOA’s Super Bowl party on Sunday, February 9th was attended by an amazing 98 residents and guests, many wearing their team’s colors. Everyone enjoyed good food, good company and great friendly competition bantering between the fans of the Eagles and the Chiefs. Congratulations to the Eagles on their win. We hope to see you all next year!

That’s Entertainment’s audience participation show, “Death of a Gangster” was a blast with well over 100 participants figuring out “who dun it”.

This past September we started evening Bingo games on the fourth Wednesday of each month and attendance is growing each month. Last year, between the Sunday afternoon games and the Wednesday evening games, the HOA gave out over \$12,800 in bingo prizes. This year we expect it to be even more!

Our monthly Music Bingo with Dr. Rock also continues to become more popular as more people find out how much fun it is. Come on down!

This month, from March 10 to 14, ELS will hold its Second Annual Olympics games with Billiards, Bocce, Connect 4, Corn Hole, Horseshoes, Pickleball, Ping Pong, Shuffleboard, Tennis and Texas Hold ‘Em. Last year we came in first place in Bocce and Pickleball, second place in Billiards, third place in Shuffleboard, 4th place in Corn Hole and 5th place in Texas Hold ‘em. This year we hope to do even better. We will need “cheerleaders” for all the games so get out those pom poms and our team’s colors and see where you want to be:

Monday March 10: **VERO PALM:** 10 am: Corn Hole and 1 pm: Texas Hold ‘em.

Tuesday, March 11: **HERON CAY:** 10 am: Tennis and 1 pm: Bocce

Wednesday, March 12: **HERITAGE:** 1 pm: Billiards

VILLAGE GREEN: 2 pm: Shuffleboard

Thursday, March 13: **COUNTRYSIDE:** 10 am: Pickleball and 1 pm: Connect 4

SUNSHINE TRAVEL (Sebastian): 2 pm: Ping Pong

On Friday, March 14, Countryside will host the Awards Luncheon for all players and judges.

The Bloodmobile Bus was here on February 26th in the clubhouse parking lot.

NO DOGS IN OR AROUND THE CLUBHOUSE AREAS

We love our dogs and we love taking them for walks, but please remember that dogs are not allowed in the clubhouse or the activity areas around the clubhouse. This includes the bocce and shuffleboard courts, the tiki hut and the pool. (See Exhibit "C" of your prospectus, #5 under "II Heron Cay Club Rules.")

SO, THIS IS MARCH DID YOU KNOW THAT....

March has many special days including holidays that celebrate women, the environment, and mathematics.

March 1 **Ramadan**, the Islamic holy day begins at sundown for nearly 2 billion Muslims around the world. Muslims believe that in the year 610, the Quran, the Muslim holy book, was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad by a messenger of God. During the month of Ramadan, Muslims abstain from food, drink (including water), smoking, gossip and sexual relations from sunrise to sunset. The Fasting is meant to bring Muslims closer to God and help them better emphasize with those who are less fortunate.

It is National Peanut Butter Lover's Day. (My dog's favorite treat). It's also National Pig Day when we give thanks to those domesticated animals. Did you know that they are clever and intelligent animals and can be taught to do tricks? – (I LOVE bacon). And, it's World Compliment Day so say something nice to the people - and the pigs - you see today.

March 2 marks Namesake Day. Do you know who you were named after? Do you know what the origin of your name is? It's also Old Stuff Day (that's about everything I own) and Reuben Grill Day – ok, my mouth is watering.

March 3 is Read Across America Day; it's World Hearing Day, which raises awareness about hearing loss and promotes hearing. It's also Caregiver Appreciation Day, I Want You to be Happy Day, If Pets Had Thumbs Day, National Anthem Day and Peach Blossom Day.

March 4 celebrates Mardi Gras, which is the beginning of Lent, a time of fasting and abstinence in the Christian religion. It's also Hug a G.I. Day, National Snack Day and Holy Experiment Day, which is an annual holiday that encourages people to be more open-minded and tolerant of different religions. The term was coined by William Penn who established a Quaker colony in Pennsylvania.

March 5 – **Ash Wednesday**, officially known as the Day of Ashes, starts today. It's National Cheese Doodle Day (during Lent?!?! How could they!!!) and Multiple Personality Day. A man was pacing back and forth in a psychiatrist's office saying "I'm a wigwam. I'm a teepee. I'm a wigwam. I'm a teepee" The psychiatrist says, "You better sit down. You're too tents."

March 6 is National Dentist's Day when we show our appreciation for our dentist. This is where I do NOT want to hear "Drill, baby, drill." It's National Frozen Food Day and National Oreo Cookie Day. How about frozen oreo cookie ice cream? That way you can combine two celebrations in one!

March 7 Both National Salesperson Day and Employee Appreciation Day are celebrated on the first Friday in March so go shopping....and be nice!!! National Cereal Day; Plant Power Day; World Day of Prayer.

March 8 and International Women's Day honors the social, economic and political achievements of women. It's also a day to call for gender equality and to raise awareness of discrimination. International Fanny Pack Day (really??); National Proofreading Day.

March 9 and Daylight Savings begins at 1 a.m. It's Barbie Day; Get Over It Day and Panic Day. So don't panic – just get over it. Barbie is here to stay.

March 10 is Harriet Tubman day, which commemorates the day of her death. It's also International Day of Awesomeness (I like this one); International Find a Pay Phone Booth Day (good luck with *that*). And Middle Name Pride Day.

March 11th commemorates the death of Johnny Appleseed and also marks the start of planting season. Johnny Appleseed was the nickname of John Chapman, an American pioneer who introduced apple trees to the frontier. He planted trees in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Ontario, giving away books and sharing his wisdom as he traveled. It's also Worship of Tools Day (guys can relate to this one).

March 12 – Marks National Girl Scouts Day (LOVE them cookies) and Plant a Flower Day.

March 13 – Ear Muff Day (Not down here!!!); Jewel Day (yes, down here); Popcorn Lover's Day (Ohhhh yes) and Smart & Sexy Day (even at our age!)

March 13-14- Marks **Holi** (a major Hindu festival celebrating the onset of spring along with good harvests and the fertility of the land) and **Purim** (a Jewish holiday that commemorates the saving of the Jewish people from annihilation at the hands of an official of the Achaemenid Empire named Haman, the royal vizier to the Persian king of Ahasuerus)

March 14 is National Pi Day – nope, not the kind you eat. This day recognizes the mathematical constant Pi. Why today? Because today is 3.14, the value of Pi. (I have *absolutely no* idea what that means.). It's Learn about Butterflies Day and National Potato Chip Day (sit outside and watch those beautiful monarchs while munching on the world's favorite snack.)

March 15 - The Ides of March – the day Julius Caesar was assassinated in 44 BCE. It's also Buzzards Day (I guess Mr. Caesar can relate to that), Everything You Think is Wrong Day and Dumbstruck Day.

March 16 is Everything You Do is Right Day (I guess to counteract yesterday); Freedom of Information Day (ok, where are all those UFO's??) and Giant Panda Day.

March 17 brings us Saint Patrick's Day and, of course, Corned Beef and Cabbage Day to go celebrate it. It's also Submarine Day – do we celebrate the sandwich or the boat???

March 18 is Awkward Moments Day, Goddess of Fertility Day (now that's awkward); Supreme Sacrifice Day and Tea for Two Day. I will make the supreme sacrifice of giving up coffee for this day only.)

March 19 is Poultry Day and Let's Laugh Day. So do we make fun of chickens??

March 20 – This is the day of the Spring Equinox. It's also Earth Day this year; Extraterrestrial Abductions Day (anyone you know??); International Day of Happiness. (Maybe someone you really don't like was abducted??)

March 21 Is International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (wouldn't that be awesome?) It's Credit Card Reduction Day (I try to reduce mine a little more often than just today); Fragrance Day and World Poetry Day. Does that mean that "An ode to Perfumes" is in order?

March 22 and we celebrate As Young As You Feel Day and National Goof Off Day. Go ahead, be silly and have fun today. It also brings us World Water Day, which raises awareness about the importance of water and the need to protect it.

March 23 is Chip and Dip Day and Melba Toast Day. Dip your chip or your toast. National Chia Day. Do you have a chia pet? No? Well fear not because it's also National Puppy Day. Awwwwwww.

March 24 is National Cheesesteak Day and National Chocolate Covered Raisin Day. Chocolate covered raisin cheesesteak anyone?

March 25 is **Feast of the Annunciation** celebrates the coming of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to announce to her the special mission God had chosen for her in being the mother of His only son. And it's Pecan Day and International Waffle Day – so pecan waffles for everyone!

March 26 Live Long and Prosper Day (thank you Mr. Spock), Make Up Your Own Holiday Day and National Spinach Day.

March 27 is National "Joe" Day – the coffee? The GI? Not sure where to go with this one.

March 28 brings us Something on a Stick Day and Weed Appreciation Day. Hmmm – weed on a stick maybe? Is that even legal???

March 29 is National Mom and Pop Business Owners Day – and very well-deserved! It's also Smoke and Mirrors Day and World Piano Day.

March 30 and it's National Doctors' Day. Just try to make an appointment. It's Grass is Always Browner on the Other Side of the Fence Day – for all you pessimists, I guess. It's also National I Am In Control Day and National Pencil Day. Wait. Let me write that down.

March 31 and **Eid al-Fitr** (Islam) marks the end of **Ramadan** which began on March 1st. It is a joyous time for Muslims, who come together for prayers, feasting and charitable giving. It's Cesar Chavez Day, celebrating the birth and legacy of the civil rights and labor movement activist.

I hope you enjoyed the month of March. See you all back here in April!

Submitted by Bonnie McNair

ATTENTION!!

HERON CAY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Business Meeting

March 4th at 7 pm

in the clubhouse auditorium



BUNCO

March 1, 2025

at 6:30 pm Sharp!

Rules and instructions on how to play will be explained at 6:30.

Please call or text Elsie at 917-655-9395 or Karin at 404-966-5762 to let us know that you are coming (so we know how many tables to set up, etc).

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

FMO LEARNING ACADEMY

Get a grasp on the legislative process by participating in this educational program which focuses on the critical role which FMO plays in lobbying efforts with the Florida government. Invest in your ability to influence changes in the laws that affect our lifestyle.

This webinar is scheduled for Friday, March 7 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am via *zoom*.

Minimal cost is \$20 for FMO members; \$30 for non-members.

Contact members@fmo.org to register.

Submitted by Gwen Ripp

LOT RENT INFORMATION

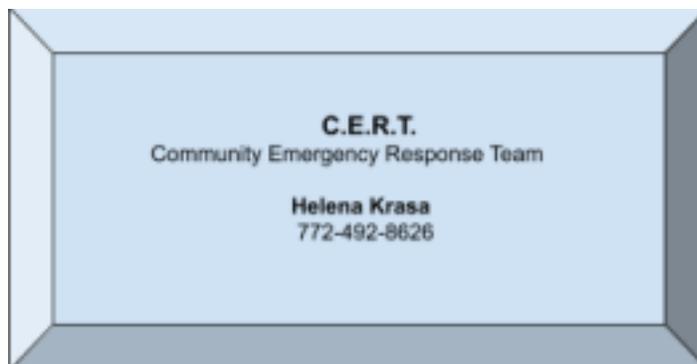
Lot Rent 90-day Notices issued to homeowners whose lease agreements are renewable June 2025 reflect January Consumer Price Index (CPI) figures as determined by the US Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The January 2025 figure is **501.097** up from **487.325** from January 2024 -- 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





Coffee Social Hour

Thursday, March 6

9 am

Clubhouse Cardroom

Join your neighbors for coffee, doughnuts
and conversation. Coffee Social Hour is
sponsored by Four Star Homes.



Upcoming Events for March

Coffee Social Thursday March 6, 9:00 am in the cardroom.

Piano Man Robert Social Hour

Friday, March 14 and **Friday**, March 28
5 pm in the clubhouse.

St. Patty's Day Party

Saturday, March 15
7:00 pm-10:00 pm

Live band The Real Deal
(Iconic Classic Rock Music)
7-10 pm

Members \$10, nonmembers \$12

Ticket sales: March 12th and March 13th 1-2, 6-7 pm



The committee will also help with the Bocce Banquet on Saturday, March 22nd. Details available from Bocce League.

Congratulations to our Valentine “FiveDollar” winners Doug Stearly, Kris Silva, Ruth Stevens and a guest from Heritage Plantation.

We want to thank all of our wonderful volunteers who come forward to help decorate for our events. The hall looked great for our Valentines party thanks to Ruth Stevens, Mary Michon, Sue Sowder and friend Carol Heywood, Karen Brownlee, Penny Cahill, Valerie Cottongim, Lynda Merrill, Christine Stears, Charlie Miller, Nancy Leary, as well as Bonnie McNair and Elsie Quinterro as balloon blower uppers. Thanks to all who stayed after the dance to help clean up.

We reorganized our supply closet and put away the Valentine's decorations and we thank our helpers: Jean Cunningham, Allen Brownlee, Sandy Galien, Penny Cahill, Valerie Cottongim, Lynda Merrill and Sue Sowder.

I have passed the FNG coordinator position off to Valerie Cottongim and Lynda Merrill. I have served on the Fun N' Games committee since 2016, serving as treasurer, selling lots of tickets, decorating the hall for many events, serving coffee, donuts and have shopped for lots of supplies and made a lot of friends. It has been my pleasure to help with all events that provided entertainment to the residents of our community.

We always need more members to help with our committee. Come to our meeting held on 1st Tuesday of each month at 2pm in the cardroom to check us out. *Fun N' Games committee, Valerie Cottongim and Lynda Merrill, Co-Coordinators, Karin Bryan, Rich Saldanah, Sue Sowder, Jacque Stasonis, and Penny Cahill*

Submitted by Penny Cahill

Heron Cay
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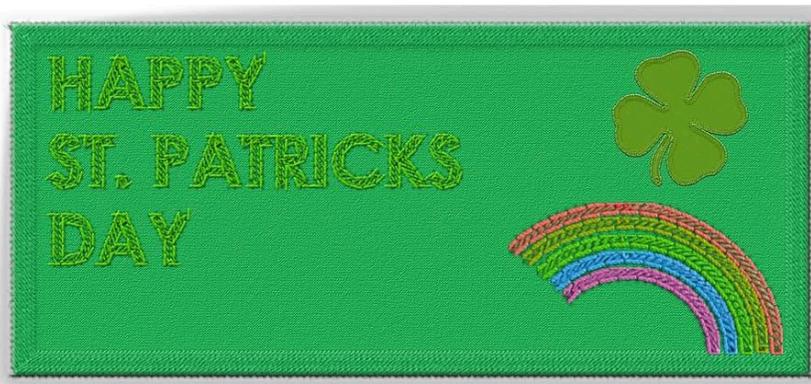
March 7, 2025

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[Dr. Rocks Chaos@gmail.com](mailto:Dr.RocksChaos@gmail.com)





HERON CAY BINGO

SUNDAY, MARCH 9th

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

AND

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26th

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

\$1 entry fee

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



Piano Social by Robert

Fridays, March

14th and 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 and neighbors.

Heron Cay St. Patrick's Day Party

Join us at the clubhouse on **Saturday, March 15 at 7 pm** to enjoy the music of *The Real Deal* and to have a “wee bit of fun”.

Ticket sales will be on Wednesday March 12th and Thursday March 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. To reserve a table, all tickets must be purchased together. Volunteers are needed to help set-up on 3/15 at 1 pm.

As usual, please bring your own beverages and food if you wish, some for your table for all to share.



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Per Person

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March 21, 2025

7 PM TO 9 PM

B.Y.O.B and Snacks

Everyone Welcome!

Heron Cay Clubhouse

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