

HERON CAY

HOA

NEWSLETTER



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Hello Heron Cay residents and welcome to April! Well, we made it through March. With storms raging throughout the United States, we stayed safe and (relatively & mostly) warm.

March was a fairly quiet month with just a few things happening.

The bat houses have finally been removed. The gazebo had bat netting covering all the entrances and exits so that they couldn't re-enter it and the gazebo has been sprayed with bleach to kill the bat scent. Time to party!

The trash can in the tiki hut is emptied daily by our maintenance crew but if you are having a party there, please remember to empty it and throw the garbage into the dumpster, which is located in our parking lot next to the side door of the clubhouse.

The Heron Cay pool usage is increasing. As we know, Countryside has been without a pool since last June. Their residents have been invited to use both Vero Palm and Heron Cay's pools. Unfortunately, it has been reported that they are being disrespectful and rude at our pool. If you are noticing or experiencing rudeness or disrespectfulness from visitors, you should call the Heron Cay Management Office - (772) 567-0480. If it is a weekend, call the management non-emergency number - (772) 201-1667 - and leave a message. This way management will be able to have a date and time to review the surveillance video(s).

We also seem to be getting people from Lakewood Village using our pool. Some of you may remember when we had pool bracelets for our residents to identify residents and residents' guests without having to have an awkward conversation with an unfamiliar pool guest. If you want a bracelet, you can pick one up from the ELS office or the HOA office.

In addition, Management is going to place a sign in a visible location, stating that the pool area is under video surveillance. Hopefully this may deter some of the unauthorized users. If the situation justifies, Heron Cay residents do have the option of calling the Indian River Sheriff Department, as we have a standing "No Trespass Order."

Some of Countryside's chairs and tables were brought over to our pool on loan to Heron Cay while Countryside residents are using the Heron Cay pool. We ask that you be sure to close the umbrellas when you are finished using them and if you see an open, unattended umbrella, please take a moment to close it.

People are trespassing through residents' lake front lots to fish. This is not acceptable. If you do not own a lakefront home then you need to fish in the common areas. Heron Cay residents wishing to fish may come in through the parking lot and fish around the clubhouse area or enter at the 12th Street mail kiosk and fish behind the kiosk.

Please remember that dogs must be on a leash when you are walking them. There are doggie trash bags supplied in various areas around the community. Please clean up after your fur babies. And 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 "Heron Cay Club Rules.>").

The 12th Street gate box no longer opens with a gate code but it will open with the front gate remote.

Please note that **effective April 3rd**, the HOA Thursday afternoon office hours have changed. We are now open on Thursdays from 1 pm to 2 pm. We continue our Tuesday evening hours of 6 pm to 7 pm.

As to our activities, *That's Entertainment's* audience-participation show, "Death of a Gangster" on February 22nd was a blast with 105 "detectives" figuring out "who dun it". The roaring 20's costumes that many of our party-goers wore were outstanding.

March 10th through the 14th, ELS held their Second Annual Olympics games with contestants from Countryside, Heritage Plantation, Heron Cay, Vero Palm, Village Green, and this year, included Sunshine Travel in Sebastian, another ELS community. We competed in Billiards, Bocce, Connect 4, Corn Hole, Horseshoes, Pickleball, Ping Pong, Shuffleboard, Tennis and Texas Hold 'Em. We took first place in Bocce and Pickleball, second place in Billiards and Ping Pong, third place in Corn Hole and fourth place in Texas Hold 'Em. Go Heron Cay!!!

The St. Patrick's Day dance hosted by Fun n Games on March 15th was a huge success with 130 guests dancing the night away to the awesome sounds of The Real Deal band. Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day!!

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

This is National Frog Month, so.....ribbitt?? It's also National Kite Month so without meaning anything nasty, let me just tell you all to go fly one – and enjoy!!

April 1 is April Fool's Day and International Fun at Work Day. It seems like those two should go together. It's also Atheist Day – do they say "OMG"?

April 2 – Brings us National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day and National Walking Day. I'd walk a mile for a.... Oh, wait, I think that's a Camel commercial.

April 3 – Is Don't Go to Work Unless It's Fun Day (I know what MY decision would be). It's National Burrito Day and World Party Day – another two celebrations that pair up well.

April 4 – It's Walk Around Things Day. Does that mean I shouldn't bend down to pick up that one hundred dollar bill that's just lying there on the floor??? And it's World Rat Day (as in James Cagney's famous line – “You dirty rat.”?..... He actually said, “You dirty yellow-bellied rat”.)

April 5 – Brings us Go for Broke Day (try to not gamble). It's Deep Dish Pizza Day – Food!! It's also National Dandelion Day. Did you know that dandelions are chock full of vitamins A, B, C, and D as well as minerals such as iron, potassium, and zinc? Their leaves are used in salads, sandwiches and teas, the roots are used in some coffee substitutes and the flowers are used to make wines. What a versatile flower!! It's also Read a Road Map Day – remember them, with the multifolds that you tried to figure out how to close?

April 6 – Brings us California Poppy Day – another great treat from nature, it's used for insomnia, aches, nervous agitation, bed-wetting in children and diseases of the bladder and liver. It's also used to promote relaxation. Wow. Who knew? It's also National Tartan Day, commemorating the day that the Declaration of Arbroath (the Scottish Declaration of Independence) was signed in 1320. It's Plan Your Epitaph Day (a little morbid for me); it's also Sorry Charlie Day – a day to think about the times we've been rejected by anyone for anything.

April 7 – Brings us Caramel Popcorn Day (more food!) and National Beer Day – goes great with the popcorn. It's National Coffee Cake Day – I need a cuppa' coffee for this. And it's No Housework Day – I honor this one every day.

April 8 – All is Ours Day is a time for everyone to pause and appreciate the beauty and abundance in our lives and in the world around us. It's Zoo Lovers Day and Draw a Picture of a Bird Day – and you don't even have to go to the zoo to find one!

April 9 – is Bookmobile Day and Name Yourself Day. A perfect pair since there are so many baby naming books out there.

April 10 – **Mahavir Jayanti** Celebrates the birth of Lord Mahavira, the founder of Jainism. Here's to Golfer's Day and National Farm Animals Day. Just don't hit any cows while you're out there. It's National Siblings Day – a good day to make that call you've been putting off. It's Safety Pin Day, commemorating the date Walter Hunt patented the safety pin in 1849. Many a clothes malfunction has been hastily saved by the mighty safety pin.

April 11 – How about Barbershop Quartet Day? Come on - sing along – you know you want to. It's Eight Track Tape Day (I know that we all remember **them** and maybe you can find some good barbershop quartet songs!). It's National Pet Day – every day is national pet day in my house. It's National Submarine Day, which celebrates the purchase of the USS Holland, the first modern commissioned submarine.

April 12 – **Passover** begins at Sunset today and lasts for 7 days. Passover celebrates the story of the Exodus, when the Israelites, led by Moses, escaped from slavery in Egypt and were led to freedom. On a completely different note, it's also Big Wind Day (this one blows me away!) and Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day (I like mine with tomatoes and bacon – yummy); it's National

Licorice Day – it's delicious but don't put it on your grilled cheese sandwich; and it's also Walk on Your Wild Side Day – a day to embrace adventurous, risky behavior. Getting out of bed is adventurous and risky behavior for me.

April 13 – **Palm Sunday** recalls the story in Christian Scripture of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, greeted by people waving palm branches. It is the Sunday before **Easter** and marks the start of Holy Week. It's also International Plant Appreciation Day and National Peach Cobbler Day. Can we just plant a peach tree? And it's Scrabble day. Invented by Alfred Mosher Butts, the game was originally called "Lexiko" then "Criss-Cross Words" before Mr. Butts eventually settled on the name Scrabble.

April 14 – **Vaisakhi** marks the Sikh New Year and celebrates the spring harvest. It's also International Moment of Laughter Day. I think the entire world could benefit from this one every day – life is too short to spend it in a bad mood. It's also Look up at the Sky Day (but please, not directly at the sun), and National Dolphin Day – FLIPPER!!!

April 15 – TAX DAY – EEEEEK!!!! It's Rubber Eraser Day ('cause we all make *mistakes*); and Take a Wild Guess Day ("taking a wild guess" means making a guess or prediction without any solid evidence or knowledge, implying it's likely to be inaccurate or based on little to no information. I know **lots** of people who do that every day). It's Titanic Remembrance Day – shortly before midnight on April 14, 1912, the ocean liner struck an iceberg. The ship sank in about two and a half hours. And, appropriately, it's "That Sucks Day". It's also World Art Day, celebrating the birthday of Leonardo da Vinci in 1452. So go ahead and draw that picture. I, myself, can do an awesome smiley face.

April 16 – **Theravada Buddhists** celebrate their New Year, which typically falls around the first full moon day in April, marking Buddha's birth, death, enlightenment, and the start of the rainy season. It also brings us Bean Counter Day, recognizing and appreciating the work of accountants and financial professionals who worked so diligently to try and save us from paying in too much this year. It's also Eggs Benedict Day and Mushroom Day. Combine them and it becomes Eggs Florentine Benedict. Just be careful what kind of mushrooms you use! And it's Stress Awareness Day (first workday after U.S. taxes!)

April 17 – How about Bat Appreciation Day – especially here in Heron Cay where we really appreciate the fact that they're finally gone from our gazebo! It's National High Five Day so high five to the bat removers. And it's Blah, Blah, Blah Day, a day to acknowledge and act on the "nagging words" or advice from family and friends. Yeah, right. Like I'm really gonna listen to that.

April 18 – **Good Friday**. Today is the day that Christians commemorate the day Jesus died on the cross. It's International Juggler's Day (this also applies to multi-taskers) and it's Pet Owners Independence Day. Sorry, but if you are a pet owner you don't *have* an independence day.

April 19 – Is Husband Appreciation Day. Come on girls, ya' know ya' love him – even though ya' wanna strangle him. It's National Garlic Day – just be sure you **both** eat a clove. And it's National Hanging Out Day. Nope, not at the corner candy store. It's a day to encourage using clotheslines and drying racks instead of gas or electric dryers, thus promoting environmental benefits and energy savings.

April 20 – **Easter Sunday**. This is the day Jesus rose from the dead. Easter is late in 2025 (April 20th) because it's a "movable feast" tied to the spring equinox and lunar cycles, specifically the first Sunday after the first full moon following the equinox, which in this case is on April 12th. **Passover**

ends after nightfall tonight. We have Look Alike Day to celebrate those who resemble other people, acknowledging that even people who look alike are unique.

April 21 – Kindergarten Day, observed annually on this date, is the birthday of Friedrich Froebel, the founder of the first kindergarten. Kindergarten is a crucial steppingstone in a child's education, providing a foundation for future learning through play and exploration. It's also Volunteer Recognition Day celebrated to recognize, honor, and celebrate people who selflessly volunteer their time, energy, and resources towards helping others without seeking any compensation for themselves. And it's Patriot's Day, which commemorates the battles of Lexington, Concord, and Menotomy, which were fought near Boston on April 19, 1775, and were the inaugural battles of the American Revolutionary War. For this reason, the third Monday in April is symbolic for the emerging independence of the new country.

April 22 – is Earth Day and the theme for this year is "Our Power, Our Planet," focusing on the importance of renewable energy and urging a global shift towards clean electricity generation. And it's National Jelly Bean Day – a day to celebrate the candy in all its glory and flavors.

April 23 – Good morning! It's National English Muffin Day, celebrating one of the most beloved breakfast foods in the world! It's also National Picnic Day and Take a Chance Day. Grab that blanket, basket, bottle of wine and cheese and hope it doesn't rain!

April 24 – The Library of Congress was established on this day in 1800. Pigs in a Blanket Day – given the name, it's safe to assume that the earliest renditions of pig in a blanket utilized pork sausage. These days, many iterations of pigs in a blanket are made with kosher, all-beef hot dogs, particularly those served at bar and bat mitzvahs. In any event - more food!!!

April 25 – Arbor Day. Recognizing the importance of trees, a popular tradition is to plant a tree in honor or memory of a loved one. It's East Meets West Day, also known as Elbe Day and it commemorates the meeting of Allied forces (American and Soviet) at the Elbe River near Torgau, Germany in 1945, a significant step towards the end of World War II. It's also National DNA Day - ever since Watson and Crick's discovery of the double helix, DNA has aided healthcare, science, even crime.

April 26 – And it's time for Hug an Australian Day – I will sacrifice and hug Chris Hemsworth. You're welcome. It's National Pretzel Day but we don't have to get ourselves all twisted up about this. And it's Richter Scale Day, celebrating the birthday of Charles Richter, the inventor of the Richter scale, a numerical measurement of earthquake magnitude. I know I'm all shook up about this one.

April 27 – Is Morse Code Day, the birthday of Samuel Morse, the inventor of the telegraph. While less common than in the past, Morse code is still used by the U.S. Navy and in some amateur radio communication. It's also Tell a Story Day – but that would take so long to do it in Morse Code so maybe just read a book. And it's National Prime Rib Day – time to head out to your favorite steakhouse!

April 28 is Great Poetry Reading Day. The theme this year is "Poetry as a Bridge for Peace, Creativity and Inclusion." And it's Kiss Your Mate Day. So, after reading that love poem.....

April 29 – International Dance Day, founded in 1982, celebrates the birthday of Jean-Georges Noverre (1727-1810), creator of modern ballet. So go ahead, dance like nobody's watching. It's

National Shrimp Scampi Day and National Zipper Day. After that dinner, I usually need to unzip my pants just a little.

April 30 – Hairstylist Appreciation Day. Remember them when you're having a great hair day! It's Honesty Day, when you only tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth – and that's gotta be SO hard to do! Then you can reward yourself because it's National Raisin Day and it's time to snack on a box of raisins or bake a batch of oatmeal raisin cookies.

And that's it for April! See you all back here next month.

Submitted by Bonnie McNair



ATTENTION!!

**HERON CAY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Business Meeting

April 1st at 7 pm



Coffee Social Hour

Thursday, April 3

9 am

Clubhouse Cardroom

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Submitted by Gwen Ripp

LOT RENT INFORMATION

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

The February 2025 figure is **502.841** up from **491.741** from February 2024
an increase of **2.3 %**.

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

The 2025 market rents established by ELS

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





BUNCO

APRIL 5th

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 if 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 drink and snack.



2025 ART/ACRYLIC PAINTING CLASSES RESUMING INFORMATION

Hello neighbors, would you like to learn an easy way to paint beautiful pictures for your house or to give as gifts?

I will be starting a new set of classes in the CRAFT room at the clubhouse beginning **TUESDAY, APRIL 8th at 9:00 am.**

PLEASE CALL OR TEXT TO THE NUMBER BELOW TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT.

THIS FIRST CLASS WILL BE FREE AND YOU DO NOT NEED TO BRING ANY SUPPLIES. I will provide all that you need to complete a painting to take home.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO KNOW HOW TO PAINT AND YOU DO NOT NEED TO KNOW HOW TO DRAW A STRAIGHT LINE. I have been teaching for 20+ years and the way I teach is by showing you how to use each different brush and how you can use it to create beautiful paintings.

Please call Jennifer Hammer at 330-807-7814 to reserve your place.

Fun and Games Upcoming Events for April and May

Coffee Social Thursday April 3, 9:00 am in the Cardroom.

Piano Man Robert Social Hour

Friday, April 11 and **Friday**, April 25
5 pm at the clubhouse

Ice Cream Social and Game Night

Friday, April 11, 6 pm at the clubhouse

Ice cream sundaes, root beer floats and pizza will be available. If you would like to host a game and teach your neighbors how to play, contact Valerie or Linda. We'll have Cornhole, Mexican Train, Connect 4 and various card games.

Cinco de Mayo Party on the Patio

Monday, May 5, 5 to 9 pm at the clubhouse patio. Live music, taco and nacho bar with all the fixings, non-alcoholic Margaritas (BYOB). \$8 per person. Tickets available on Wednesday, April 30 and Thursday, May 1 from 1 to 2 and 6 to 7 pm in the clubhouse and at the door.



At the March Coffee Social, hosted by Four Star Homes, Kerry Mitras found the baby in the Mardi Gras King Cake and won a free admission to the St. Paddy's Day Party!

We want to thank all of our wonderful volunteers who come forward to help decorate for our events. The hall looked great for our St. Paddy's Day Party. Thanks to Mary Michon, Sue Sowder, Karen and Al Brownlee, Sandy Guile, Deb Drab, Bobby and Valerie, Penny Cahill, Valerie Cottongim and Lynda Merrill. Thanks to all who stayed after the dance to help clean up. We couldn't have these fun events without those of you who stay after to help.

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

Other upcoming events include: Poker Run and Donuts on May 10 and a Cook-Out on Memorial Day



HERON CAY BINGO

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BINGO

April 13th

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

AND

WEDNESDAY EVENING BINGO

April 23rd

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

\$1 entry fee

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



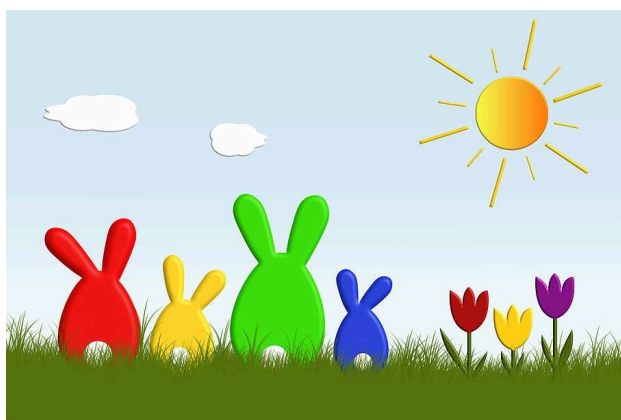
Piano Social by Robert

Fridays, April 11 & 25

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.





Ice Cream Social & Game Night

Friday, April 11

6 to 8:30 pm

in the Clubhouse

Immediately following Robert's Piano Social, join us for an ice cream social and game night in the clubhouse. Bring your favorite game and teach your neighbors how to play. More details will follow.



Friendly "Family"



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