

HERON CAY HOA NEWSLETTER

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Hello Heron Cay residents, welcome to May and Happy Mother's Day!!

April was a bit busy here in Heron Cay. Management hired a company to trim trees along the perimeter, at the entrance and in common areas throughout the community before hurricane season hits us.

The timer for the lights on the tennis/pickleball court have been adjusted so that the lights go off at 10 pm.

Some residents are experiencing problems with their fobs not working on the clubhouse doors. If you take your fob into the management office and it can be reset to work with the doors, there is no charge. However, if the fob cannot be reset and has to be replaced, there will be a fee of \$8.00 for a new fob.

Although FP&L installed new lights throughout the community, there are still dark areas. Management is working on finding out exactly where those dark areas are and will be installing solar lights.

Our community is changing, with new, younger residents moving into Heron Cay and wishing to work out before they start their workday. The exercise room has limited space and limited equipment. It tends to be very crowded in the early mornings and residents are not able to use the machine they want. The HOA Board requested earlier access and are now happy to say that the parking lot door near the exercise room now will open at 6 am.

As you know, Countryside's pool is still out of commission and their residents are using our pool as well as Vero Palm's. This is just a reminder that 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).

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.

The HOA held its Open Informational Meeting on April 15th and we shared with our residents what the HOA does for our community. For those of you who are not familiar with us, we'd like to give you a little history, a little background and a bit of information.

The Heron Cay community opened in 1985 and shortly after that our HOA was created. We operate under the law of Florida Statute 723, which is commonly known as the Florida Mobile Home Act and governs the legal framework for mobile home park operations and the rights of mobile home owners.

The HOA Board of Directors meets monthly with our community manager and quarterly with Heron Cay's owner's Regional Manager to address issues about community management and to discuss the concerns of homeowners. Reports of the progress of these issues are included in the minutes of the monthly Board meetings and are subsequently posted on the HOA website which is available to Association members.

The HOA advocates on behalf of homeowners regarding any issues affecting them, including lawn care, security, community activities, as well as the general upkeep of our amenities.

Each Board member serves a two-year term, beginning on March 1st. Our membership elected or re-elected four members to the Board this past February. Those members were 1st Vice President Jack Manno, 2nd Vice President Billy DiGirolamo, Director Ed Collins and Director Mike Tortora. Our other three members – President Bonnie McNair, Secretary Donnia Trent, and Treasurer Elsie Quintero - will all be up for re-election at the end of our term, which will be February 28, 2026.

For our residents' convenience, our HOA maintains a website – www.heroncayhoa.org. Glenda Levesque and Donnia Trent maintain the website, keeping it up-to-date and easy to navigate. Any resident of Heron Cay can get onto the website and find a wealth of information including information about the HOA, our Board of Directors, our Disaster/Emergency Relief Plan of Action, Florida Statute 723, Florida Administrative Code 61B and the FMO. It also contains the four Heron Cay prospectuses, as well as the latest update of these prospectuses.

In addition to the public side of our website, we have the "members side" where HOA members have access to the minutes of Board meetings, as well as the minutes of our meetings with Management and Regional. That portion of our website also has our Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation as well as the contact information of our HOA members.

In order to keep our community informed, we have a staff of volunteers who put together this monthly newsletter that can be downloaded from our website by anyone. Or you can pick up a copy in the rack outside the HOA office any time. We also prepare a monthly calendar of events, which can be downloaded from the website or can be obtained at the rack outside the HOA office.

We have a group of dedicated volunteers who work to keep our residents up to date with what affects them, such as Indian River County's Community Emergency Response Team, known as

CERT. Helena Krasa is Heron Cay's Representative and she encourages anyone who is interested in becoming a CERT volunteer to contact her. Her contact information is in the newsletter every month.

Our Fun N Games Committee hosts dances and parties throughout the year. Please look for their article in this newsletter where they will share what their upcoming events are.

Gwen Ripp is our community representative at the Federation of Manufactured Homeowners of Florida, also known as the FMO, keeping us informed as to what is happening in the legislature regarding mobile home parks such as ours.

ELS owns 81 age qualified manufactured home communities in Florida. Networking For Progress consists of HOA Board Members from our communities and they represent all the HOAs in ELS owned communities throughout Florida. They meet with ELS Corporate's Select Committee on a regular basis with concerns that all ELS communities have and they report back to our HOAs with any news.

Representatives of the Heron Cay HOA, along with our four sister parks - Countryside, Heritage Plantation, Vero Palm and Village Green - get together monthly to discuss our mutual concerns. And our Networking for Progress representative then takes those concerns to ELS Corporate to discuss possible solutions.

Our Welcoming Committee makes sure that as soon as management lets us know of a new resident, one of them visits that home and delivers a welcome bag filled with useful information about Heron Cay, Vero Beach, Indian River County and our surrounding area. If you are a new resident and you have not heard from our Welcoming Committee, please feel free to contact any of our Board members and we will be happy to make sure you are properly welcomed to Heron Cay.

Our That's Entertainment Committee, schedules 2 big shows in January and February of each year, such as magicians, comedians, murder mystery evenings and singers.

There are many regularly scheduled events for our community throughout the year – such as Bingo, Music Bingo, “Friendly” Feud, The Bunco Game, Shuffleboard, and Bocce. Each of those activities has at least one, but usually more than one person in charge of it, and a Board member is a liaison for that activity, in case there is a problem or a question that needs guidance.

All community events are posted in this newsletter, in our mail kiosks, on the auditorium bulletin board and in the clubhouse lobby shadow box as well as on the marquee outside the clubhouse.

In addition, Heron Cay also has a wide variety of other activities our residents can enjoy such as art classes, bridge, canasta, ceramics, line dancing, neighborhood watch, pickleball, quilting, walk aerobics and water aerobics. You can do as much – or as little – as you want in our community. Information about those activities can be found on our www.heroncayhoa.org website.

We encourage you to consider becoming a member of the HOA – the dues are only \$25 per year per household – about the price of breakfast for two at McDonalds! There is strength in numbers and a strong membership shows management that our Heron Cay residents support the HOA.

A few reminders:

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 "Il Heron Cay Club Rules").

Please note that **effective April 3rd**, the HOA Thursday afternoon office hours were 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.

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 the can and throw the garbage into the dumpster which is located in our parking lot next to the side door of the clubhouse.

So, this is May. Did you know that.....

May 1st is **International Workers' Day**, dedicated to the struggles and achievements of workers and the labor movement. Many European countries celebrated the beginning of summer and fertility on May 1st with traditions like dancing around a maypole. It's **World Password Day**, an annual event that encourages people to use stronger passwords to protect their online accounts and personal information. So you might rethink using "password" as your password. On this day Israel celebrates **Yom-HaAtzmaut** which marks the 77th anniversary of Israel's declaration of independence.

We are also celebrating **National College Decision Day**, when high school seniors who applied and were accepted into one or more colleges must confirm their enrollment with the school of their choice. Our **National Day of Prayer** is actually older than America itself, dating back to the Second Continental Congress, before the Declaration of Independence. Before America was born, it was already steeped in a tradition of prayer!

May 2nd is **International Harry Potter Day** – Are you a Gryffindor, emphasizing bravery? A Hufflepuff, valuing hard work and loyalty? A Ravenclaw, prizing intelligence and wit? Or a Slitherin, cherishing ambition and resourcefulness? It's also **World Tuna Day**, when we raise awareness about ending overfishing and safeguarding tuna supplies for the future. So, not sorry, Charlie?

May 3rd is **World Press Freedom Day** which celebrates the fundamental principles of press freedom, to defend the media from attacks on their independence and to pay tribute to journalists who have lost their lives in the exercise of their profession. Today is **Free Comic Book Day**, an annual promotional effort by the North American comic book industry to attract new readers to independent bookstores. Is it a bird? Is it a plane?.....

OK, ladies, time to break out that **fabulous** hat 'cause it's **Kentucky Derby Daaaay!!** Feathers and chiffon anyone?

May 4th brings us **Star Wars Day**, so may the force – and the fourth - be with you. It's **World Laughter Day**, created in 1998 by Dr. Madan Kataria, founder of the worldwide Laughter Yoga movement. It's a positive manifestation for world peace, intended to build up a global

consciousness of brotherhood and friendship throughout laughter. And I thought it was just a day to tell a lot of jokes! It's also **International Firefighters Day**, a day to salute the men and women who help keep us safe. Thank you all for racing into danger as we are racing out.

May 5th is **Cinco de Mayo**, a holiday that commemorates the Mexican army's victory over France at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. So....time to drink margaritas and eat those tacos!!! Heron Cay will be celebrating with a Cinco De Mayo party that evening.

May 6th is **National Registered Nurses Day**. Time to honor the nation's indispensable registered nurses for their tireless commitment. It's also **National Teachers Day** and this year's theme is "Empowering Educators: Strengthening Resilience, Building Sustainability". In these challenging times, teachers have emerged as beacons of resilience, adapting the innovating for their students. Do you remember who your favorite teacher was? It's also **World Asthma Day**. This year's theme is "Make Inhaled Treatments Accessible for ALL." Hopefully, we'll all breathe a little easier!

May 8th is **World Red Cross Day**. The non-profit organization's motto, "Per Humanitatem ad Pacem" translates to "With humanity towards peace." Wouldn't that be awesome?

May 9th is the Friday before Mother's Day and in the United States it is observed as **Military Spouse Appreciation Day**. It is a day to acknowledge the significant others of military personnel who hold down the fort at home while their partners are protecting our country. So thank you all for your service.

May 10th is **World Migratory Bird Day** but many bird species are under threat from human intervention, such as deforestation, the commercial bird trade, and neglectful ownership. Birds contribute to a healthy environment by acting as natural pest control, dispersing seeds, pollinating plants, and scavenging carrion. It's also **World Lupus Day**. Did you know that 90% of people living with lupus are women? And it's **National Shrimp Day**. Finally...food!! Did you know that Americans eat more shrimp than any other seafood and this is the day to celebrate this delicious dish!

May 11th is **Mother's Day**. Time for mom to stay in bed while the family destroys the kitchen making her that special breakfast. And it's **Eat What You Want Day**. The one day of the year when you can eat anything with no regrets – donuts? Fast food? Junk food? What's your guilty pleasure? But be careful because it's also when **Food Allergy Awareness Week** starts. The major food allergens are milk, eggs, fish, Crustacean shellfish, tree nuts, peanuts, wheat, and soybeans.

May 12th is **Buddha Purnima**, the auspicious festival celebrating the birth anniversary of Gautama Buddha. Gautama Buddha whose birth name was Siddhartha Gautama was a spiritual teacher on whose teachings Buddhism was founded. It is believed that Gautama Buddha obtained Enlightenment on this day.

May 15th – In 1993, the UN General Assembly passed a resolution designating May 15 as the **International Day of Families** and this year the theme is "One World, One Family: Building Bridges Across Generations." It's also **National Chocolate Chip Day**. Since I'm an admitted Chocoholic, this is obviously a very big day for me!

May 16th – And it's **Bike to Work Day**. Here's an interesting fact: 40% of all trips in the U.S. are less than two miles, making bicycling a feasible and fun way to get around. It's **Endangered Species Day**, held annually to bring awareness to the plight of wildlife

populations due to habitat loss, poaching and climate change. Some of the notable endangered animals include the African forest elephant, Amur leopard, Vaquita, black rhino, North Atlantic right whale and several primate species like the Cross River gorilla and orangutan. **International Day of Light** recognizes and celebrates the significance of light in science, culture, art, education, and sustainable development. Today commemorates the first successful operation of the laser by Theodore Maiman in 1960. It's also the **International Day of Living Together in Peace**, a day aiming to uphold the desire to live and act together, united in differences and diversity, to build a sustainable world of peace, solidarity, and harmony.

May 17th – Today we celebrate **Armed Forces Day**, when we honor all current service members of the U.S. Armed Forces. We thank you all for your service in keeping us safe. It is also **World Telecommunication and Information Society Day**. Established by Pope Paul VI in 1967, and first celebrated in 1969, it commemorates the ITU's foundation and recognizes the pivotal role of telecommunications in our lives and is aimed to increase global awareness about the societal changes brought by the internet and new technologies.

May 18th – **International Museum Day's** objective is to raise awareness about the fact that "Museums are an important means of cultural exchange, enrichment of cultures and development of mutual understanding, cooperation and peace among peoples." Let's all go look at some mastodons!!

May 20th – **National Rescue Dog Day** reminds us that there are so many dogs in shelters and rescues who are waiting for forever homes. Ever think about adopting a little fur baby? It's **World Bee Day**. This isn't just a day to marvel at these buzzing beauties. It's a call to action – a day to realize how bees are integral to many of our Sustainable Development Goals. They aren't just honey producers. These creatures are primary pollinators, ensuring that our ecosystems are healthy and functional. How about **National Streaming Day**? Established in 2014 by Roku, it is intended to celebrate streaming media. I, personally, love HULU and Netflix. It's **National Be a Millionaire Day** – Seriously? I mean, seriously?? And it's **National Quiche Lorraine Day**. You don't even have to be a millionaire to enjoy it – except for the eggs. Well, maybe you do need to be a millionaire after all.

May 21st – **International Tea Day** – time to sip tea, share smiles and spread unity – and maybe get your fortune told?? Today, **World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development Day**, urges everyone to do their part to bridge the gap between cultures. Maybe share a cuppa tea?

May 22nd – **International Day for Biological Diversity** celebrates "harmony with nature and sustainable development." It's **Red Nose Day**! Since 2015, the campaign has raised funds that provide medical care, food, shelter, education and more to over 31 million children. Save the Children is a proud grantee partner of Red Nose Day. So go ahead – put that silly thing on and support this cause. It's also **World Goth Day**, celebrating all things goth – gothic rock, post-punk, dark wave, and industrial. Get honest now: were you a goth fan?

May 23rd – Hey everyone, it's **World Turtle Day**. "Let's Shellabrate!" Dancing Turtles Rock! Of course we don't have to go very far to party with our gopherus polyphemus – we have our very own Gopher Tortoises on 12th Street! Guess turtle soup would be off the menu today.

May 24th – Brings us **National Brother Day** so, if you have a brother, call him and tell him you love him even though he'll say you're weird afterwards.

May 25th – Yea!! It's **National Wine Day** (Finally!!!) Wine enthusiasts can unite and celebrate their favorite fermented fruit juice – remember to get a designated driver if you're out on the town. And it's **Towel Day**, celebrated to honor the memory of Douglas Adams, the author of The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. It's a day for fans to celebrate his work and the quirky concept of the towel as an essential item for hitchhikers in space. What color is *your* towel?

May 26th is **Memorial Day**. Today is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Formerly known as Decoration Day, it originated after the American Civil War to commemorate the Union and Confederate soldiers who died in that war. Heron Cay will be holding our service at 10:30 this morning at the clubhouse. We hope you will be able to join us.

May 27th is **International Scribble Day**. With a stroke of a pen, ideas come to life through scribbling. Got a pencil and paper? Go ahead - you know you wanna. Who knows? Maybe there's another War and Peace just waiting to be written. You may think about doing it indoors, however, because it's also **National Sunscreen Day**. Remember, sun damage can cause painful burns, wrinkles, and, of course, the ever-dreaded skin cancer so use a high-SPF broad spectrum sunscreen any time you're out in the sun.

May 28th is **National Burger Day**. Today we celebrate America's most iconic food. Americans eat over 50 billion burgers a year so it's only fitting that we set aside a whole day for these special sandwiches. It's also **National Otter Day**. Dare I go there? Nah. I think I'll stick to beef burgers, thank you.

May 29th –Today the **International Day of UN Peacekeepers** pays tribute to the service and sacrifice of peacekeepers and the resilience of the communities that they serve. There are currently 11 peacekeeping operations deployed across Africa, the Middle East, Europe and Asia. On a completely different track, it's also **National Biscuit Day** so eat biscuits. Eat as many biscuits as you like. You can also bake biscuits and drop them off at my house.

May 30th is **World MS Day**. World Multiple Sclerosis Day creates an opportunity to boost awareness and connect those with MS to resources and improve support systems.

May 31st is **World No Tobacco Day**. It was established by the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1987 to draw global attention to the dangers of tobacco use and advocate for effective policies to reduce tobacco consumption. The day focuses on the harmful effects of tobacco on health, the environment and society. It also encourages individuals to quit smoking and promotes global efforts to combat the tobacco epidemic.

Well that's it for May! See you all back here next month!

Submitted by Bonnie McNair



ATTENTION!!

HERON CAY BOARD OF DIRECTORS BUSINESS MEETING



May 6, 2025 at 7 pm
Members only



BUNCO MAY 3rd 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.

Fun and Games Activities and Upcoming Events for May

Coffee Social Thursday May 1, 9:00 am in the cardroom.

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. Tickets will not be available at the door. This is a Heron Cay event only.



Poker Run: We will host a poker run on Saturday, May 17. We'll have donuts and coffee beginning at 9:30 am at the clubhouse and each poker hand is \$5. The run begins at 10 am and all contestants must walk, ride a bike or use a golf cart. All hands must be returned to the clubhouse by 11 am. No cars or motorcycles allowed.

Memorial Day Cookout will be held following the Memorial Day commemoration on Monday, May 26 from noon to 4. We'll provide hot dogs and hamburgers, baked beans, fruit salad, chips and drinks. We're asking residents to bring other sides and desserts. Cost will be \$5 per person.

At the April Ice Cream Social and Game Night, our wonderful neighbor, Barb Smith, made delightful Easter Eggs filled with surprises for our attendees. There were more than 60 people in attendance and everyone had a wonderful time. Robert played his final piano hour of the season for us. We wish him safe travels and look forward to him returning in the fall.

Special thanks to Sue, Karin and Deb for manning the kitchen. They scooped a lot of ice cream and sliced a lot of pizza! Thanks to all the volunteers and residents who helped set up, decorate, and clean up our events. We couldn't do it without your help!

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

Other upcoming events for June include: A Puppy Parade and another Ice Cream Social and Game night!



Coffee Social Hour

9 am

Thursday, May 1

Clubhouse Cardroom

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

Dr. Rock's Organized Chaos Presents



Friday May 2, 2025 7:00- 9:00 PM

**BYOB & Snacks | \$5 per
person | Everyone
Welcome! | Prizes!**

**Heron Cay Clubhouse
1400 90th Avenue Vero Beach, FL 32966**

drrockschaos@gmail.com

LOT RENT INFORMATION

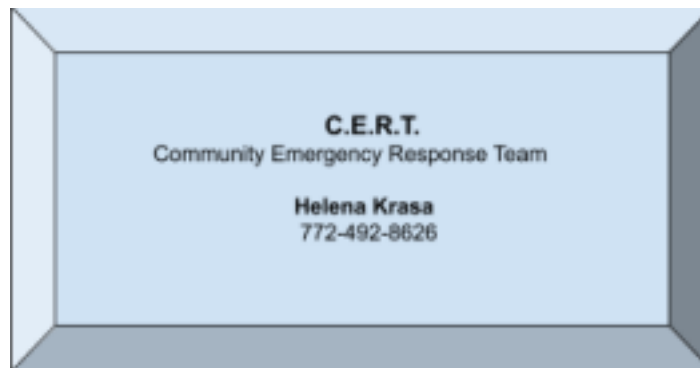
Lot Rent 90-day Notices issued to homeowners whose lease agreements are renewable August 2025 reflect March Consumer Price Index (CPI) figures as determined by the US Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The March 2025 figure is **503.161** up from **493.926** from March 2025
an increase of **1.9%**

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

The 2025 market rent established by ELS

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



F M O LEARNING ACADEMY

Another special program, sponsored by FMO, provides useful information and insights on Estate Planning, Probate, and Trusts. Key insights and practical guidelines are by a legal team featuring FMO Counsel Jeremy Anderson and associates. This *ZOOM* meeting is from 10 to 11 am on Thursday, May 8th. Access [FMO.org](https://www.fmo.org) to register at a fee of \$20 (FMO member) or \$30 (non-member).

Meanwhile, consider joining FMO or renew your membership before the June increase.

Submitted by Gwen Ripp



Cinco de Mayo Party on the Patio

Monday, May 5

5 to 9 pm

On the Clubhouse Patio

Live music from Dos Amigos Locos

Taco and Nacho Bar with all the fixings, Refried Beans, Taquitos,
Salsa

Non-alcoholic Margaritas (BYOB)

\$8 per person

Tickets available Wednesday, April 30 and Thursday, May 1, from
1 to 2 and 6 to 7 pm



HERON CAY BINGO

SUNDAY, MAY 11th

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

AND

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28th

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

\$1 entry fee

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



FUN 'N GAMES Poker Run

Saturday, May 17

Admission fee is \$5.00 per Poker Hand

**The Poker Run begins at 10:00 am
All poker hands must be turned in by 11:00 am**

Walk, ride a bike or golf cart around the Heron Cay community to collect your hand from designated stations

NO cars, trucks or motorcycles are allowed!

Coffee & donuts served at 9:30 AM



MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

MONDAY, MAY 26

10:30 am

**CLUBHOUSE ENTRANCE
COFFEE and DONUTS to follow**

Heron Cay Memorial Day Cookout

Join us at the clubhouse on **Monday, May 26th at noon** after the HOA Memorial Day Commemoration Ceremony for a cookout.

Cost will be \$5 at the door and we will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, chips, fruit salad and drinks. We're asking residents to bring other sides and desserts.

We'll have a DJ and are looking for a few volunteers to grill and help set up/clean up.

If you'd like to volunteer contact Valerie at 540-273-1252 or Lynda at 562-508-7550



ANOTHER CELEBRATION

Remember celebrating last year as we joined together to recognize the official establishment of Heron Cay as a manufactured home community – June 1984 – forty years ago ! ? ! ? !

Within a year of that date, a group of enthusiastic homeowners pursued legal procedures to develop the Article of Incorporation for the Heron Cay Homeowners Association, approved by the State in April 1985 – forty years ago ! ! ! It is through their efforts that the Heron Cay Homeowners Association exists today.

Your current Board of Directors continues to exercise its responsibilities according to the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws that govern the operation of the Homeowners Association.

Details of the Articles and Bylaws are on the Heron Cay website: www.heroncayhoa.org
Check it out.

Question # 1 – Prior to April 1985, how many homes were on site?

Question # 2 – How many homeowners were here then?

Question # 3 – What was the first occupied home site (lot #)?

Question # 4 – Who are the two longest-term homeowners?

one in 1985 and one in 1986

(Hint – both on Hawksbill Court)

Check for answers in next month's Newsletter

Submitted by Gwen Ripp



What To Do When A Hurricane Nears

Here is a list of the many things to consider before, during and after a hurricane. Some of the safety rules will make things easier for you during a hurricane. All are important and **could help save your life** and the lives of others.

Stay or Leave?

When a hurricane threatens your area, you will have to make the decision whether you should evacuate or whether you can ride out the storm in safety at home. **If local authorities recommend evacuation, you should leave!** Their advice is based on knowledge of the strength of the storm and its potential for death and destruction.

In General

- If you live on the coastline or offshore islands, **plan to leave.**
- If you live in a mobile home, **plan to leave.**
- If you live near a river or in a flood plain, **plan to leave.**
- If you live on high ground, away from coastal beaches, **consider staying.**

In any case, the ultimate decision to stay or leave will be yours. Study the following list and carefully consider the factors involved - especially the items pertaining to storm surge.

At Beginning of Hurricane Season (June) Make Plans for Action

- Learn the storm surge history and elevation of your area.
- Learn the safe routes inland. • Learn location of official shelters.
- **Take pictures for insurance purposes.**
- Protect your boat before the storm. **Boatus.com**
- Trim back dead wood from trees.
- Check for loose rain gutters and down spouts.
- If shutters do not protect windows stock boards to cover glass.

When a Hurricane Watch is Issued for Your Area

- Check often for official bulletins on radio station **WFLM The Flame 104.5 FM, TV, or NOAA Weather Radio.**
- Fuel car.
- Check mobile home tie-downs.
- Moor small craft or move to safe shelter.
- Stock up on canned provisions.
- Check supplies of special medicines and drugs.
- Check batteries for radio and flashlights.
- Secure lawn furniture and other loose material outdoors.
- Board, or shutter windows to prevent shattering.

- Wedge sliding glass doors to prevent their lifting from their tracks.

When a Hurricane Warning is Issued for Your Area

- Stay tuned to radio station **WFLM The Flame 104.5 FM, TV, or NOAA Weather Radio** for official bulletins.
- Stay home if sturdy and on high ground.
- Board up garage and porch doors.
- Move valuables to upper floors or in dishwasher.
- Bring in pets.
- Fill containers (bathtub) with several days supply of drinking water.
- Turn up refrigerator to maximum cold and don't open unless necessary.
- Use phone only for emergencies. **Charge cell phones.**
- Stay indoors on the downwind side of the house away from windows.
- Beware of the eye of the hurricane.
- **Leave mobile homes.**
- Leave areas which might be affected by storm tide or stream flooding.
- Leave early - in daylight if possible.
- Shut off water and electricity at main stations.

- Take small valuables and papers but travel light.

- Puddy Kat says: "Please don't forget to prepare your pets for evacuation!" Some shelters will not take them. Call the **Emergency Management Office** in your county now & find out. Some motels are pet friendly, check **petswelcome.com**. **Don't forget the microchip!**



- Lock up house.
 - Drive carefully to nearest designated shelter using recommended evacuation routes.
- ## After the All-Clear is Given
- Drive carefully: watch for dangling electrical wires, undermined roads, flooded low spots.
 - Don't sight see.
 - Report broken or damaged water, sewer, and electrical lines.
 - Use caution re-entering home. Wait until daylight.
 - Check for mold, gas leaks, broken glass, nails, and sharp debris.
 - Check food and water for spoilage.

Special Needs Registry

The people that are frail, elderly, or handicapped and will need assistance in evacuating should **REGISTER NOW** with their county's **Emergency Management Office.**

Indian River: (772) 567-2154
Palm Beach: (561) 712-6400
St. Lucie: (772) 462-8100

Martin: (772) 287-1652

Okeechobee: (863) 763-3212

Names of Atlantic Storms

2023

Arlene
Bret
Cindy
Don
Emily
Franklin
Gert

Harold
Idalia
Jose
Katia
Lee
Margot
Nigel

Ophelia
Philippe
Rina
Sean
Tammy
Vince
Whitney

2024

Alberto
Beryl
Chris
Debby
Ernesto
Francine
Gordon

Helene
Isaac
Joyce
Kirk
Leslie
Milton
Nadine

Oscar
Patty
Rafael
Sara
Tomy
Valerie
William

Disaster Supplies Kit

Assemble supplies you might need in an evacuation. Store them in an easy-to-carry container such as a backpack or duffel bag.

Include:

- A supply of water (one gallon per person per day). Store water in sealed, unbreakable containers. Identify the storage date and replace every six months.
- A supply of non-perishable packaged or canned food and a non-electric can opener.
- A change of clothing, rain gear and sturdy shoes.
- Blankets or sleeping bags.
- A first aid kit and prescription medications.
- An extra pair of glasses
- A battery-powered radio, flashlight and plenty of extra batteries.
- Credit cards and cash.
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- A list of family physicians.
- A list of important family information; the style and serial number of medical devices such as pacemakers.
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