



HERON CAY HOA NEWSLETTER

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Hello Heron Cay residents, welcome to June and Happy Father's Day!!

Many of our "snowbirds" have flown (or driven) north for the summer months and things are a little quieter here in Heron Cay and in Vero Beach in general. We hope that they continue to log on to our www.heroncayhoa.org website to read the newsletter, check out the photos and keep up to date with the happenings down here.

Now for some updates:

THE POOL: It is our understanding that the work permit for Countryside's pool was approved in mid-May and work will be starting as soon as possible. Yea, them!! However, in the meantime, we still have some issues. We know that with Countryside using our pool, it has become more crowded so an additional 12 chairs were brought over this past week from their community.

BABIES IN DIAPERS: At our April Board meeting, we were told that babies have been seen in the pool wearing diapers. Sumiko confirmed that no babies wearing diapers are allowed in the pool. However, as far as Florida State Guidelines are concerned, it states "When non-toilet trained children are allowed the use of any pool, the following guidelines apply: 1. A clean, close-fitting diaper with a plastic outer covering that has elastic at the waist and leg openings is recommended. Disposable or reusable swim diapers are suitable." Remember, though, that if one of those little babies has an accident and some poop ends up in the pool, the pool does have to get shut down.

Some residents have said they have seen the school bus drop off Lakewood kids and they head straight to the Heron Cay pool. When residents approached these kids to ask where they lived, they usually said they're visiting their grandparents but they don't know their address. It is also suggested that you ask them what their grandparents name is. Remember, in Exhibit "C" of your Prospectus, item 6 states: "Guests (invitees) are welcome but must be accompanied by a member to any of the Community facilities...."

In general, please call the office if you see any wrongdoing happening. If it's occurring **after hours**, please take a photo and text it to me at 954-802-0562 with the date and time. I'll make sure that the office gets it. We understand that many of you don't take your phone to the pool. In that case, when you get home you can call the non-emergency after-hours number and leave a message with the date and time so they can review the video.

HOT TUB: Florida law requires constant adult supervision for children under 12 in swimming areas including hot tubs. Specifically, according to Section 64E-9.008(7) of the Administrative Rules the sign should read: "Children under 12 must have adult supervision." While there's no explicit age restriction for hot tub use, infants and very young children may be susceptible to overheating in hot tubs so parental discretion is advised. It's generally recommended to keep infants and young children out due to potential overheating.

BOCCE COURT: As we know, because of all the rain we have experienced lately, the bocce courts do not have good drainage. Keith now has a sump pump that will be kept in the maintenance shed to be used when flooding occurs.

360 INSPECTIONS: The 360 inspections are done by ELS every week on an ongoing basis, without notice. If homeowners are keeping up with the maintenance of their homes, the inspections should not be an issue. If you have a problem in meeting the timeframe to get your repair completed, talk with management and they will be happy to work with you.

DARK AREAS IN HERON CAY: By now you may be seeing additional lighting in our community to correct the dark areas, as Keith and his crew are installing solar lighting. If you're still "in the dark" please let us know so that we can relay that on to management.

PROPANE TANKS: Please be sure to turn off the propane tanks around the fire pit and/or the barbeque after you are finished using them.

LANDSCAPERS: You may have noticed that the weeds have now been trimmed around the lakeside. Now that summer is here we should be entering into our rainy season, however, lately we have been experiencing unusually hot and dry weather. We have requested management to work with the landscapers' schedule so that they won't be mowing dried up grass and blowing dust and dirt all around. The cleanup of the corner of 12th Street and 90th Avenue is being done by maintenance and the landscapers and is a work in progress.

By now the removal of dead trees throughout our community, in anticipation of hurricane season, should be complete.

PARKING: Recently a robocall went out from management regarding no parking on the street or in empty lots. This is a reminder to everyone. If a car is parked illegally, you will receive two written warnings to move it. After the third warning, the vehicle will be towed without notice and at the owner's expense.

WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON:

On Wednesday, May 7th, ELS management and staff hosted a morning get-together for all the women in Heron Cay in honor of Mothers' Day, serving delicious pastries and orange juice. It was a great turnout with approximately 75 women in attendance and, as an added treat, ELS gave out raffle prizes of \$25 gift cards to four lucky winners.

Sunday, May 11th brought us Mother's Day and 68 people joined us at Bingo that afternoon to celebrate with good friends and great food – and some pretty awesome games and prizes!

May 17th, Fun 'n' Games held their Poker Run with over 50 residents joining in on the fun. Later that morning, a representative of the insurance industry gave a talk in our auditorium about the price of insuring our older mobile homes. We had well over 100 in attendance from Heron Cay and our four sister parks. Many of us walked away with a better understanding of what we could get coverage for.

On May 26th Memorial Day began at 6:30 am when Ralph Giaccio lowered the flag to half-staff as a symbolic expression of mourning and respect for those who died serving in the U.S. military. At 10:30 am 75 residents and guests attended the memorial service in front of the clubhouse, led by Rich Chiarantona. The Reverend Diane Taylor gave the invocation and Billy DiGirolamo & Matt Cresta presented the floral wreath. Our guests then enjoyed coffee and donuts in the auditorium. At noon, Ralph Giaccio raised the flag back up to full height, after which Fun 'n Games hosted Heron Cay's annual Memorial Day cookout. It was a rousing success with almost 130 people eating the delicious food and dancing poolside to the fabulous music by our favorite D.J. Cheryl Garrett. The brief rain didn't stop most of us – in fact, it actually cooled us all off!!

We look forward to seeing you at our June events. For more information about what's happening, look for the flyers in this newsletter as well as at the mailbox kiosks, the bulletin board in the auditorium, the shadow boxes in the clubhouse lobby and, of course, on the marquee in front of the clubhouse.

And 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. 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 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 JUNE. DID YOU KNOW THAT.....

June 1st is **Dare Day**, a day to embrace challenges and perhaps take on some daring acts. For me, getting out of bed every morning is a daring act! **Go Barefoot Day** encourages people to take off their shoes and walk barefoot, enjoying the sensation of connecting with the earth. Just **STAY OFF THE PAVEMENT!!!** It's **World Milk Day** which raises awareness of dairy's part in healthy diets (unless you're lactose intolerant, like me) and it's **Flip a Coin Day** – not sure this even needs an explanation but when I flipped a coin to see if I should say something about it, I lost.

June 2nd **National Bubba Day** celebrates anyone who is lovingly referred to as Bubba, which is a term of endearment rather than a formal name. Do you have a Bubba in your family? **National Rocky Road Day** commemorates the iconic flavor of the ice cream and dessert. Funny enough, this flavor is sold not just in the U.S. and Australia, but also in countries like India, China, Japan, South Africa, and many others.

June 3rd is **National Egg Day**, which finds eggs finally breaking out of their shells. They had some tough years as health experts fretted about the high cholesterol content. Now the highly nutritious and brilliantly versatile egg is highlighted for the vast range of unique benefits it brings to people of all ages – **IF** we can afford them!!! It's **Repeat Day** (I said, it's "**Repeat Day**"). Time to revisit and repeat activities you enjoy whether it's a favorite restaurant, a relaxing spa day or anything else – just make sure it's legal! It's also **World Bicycle Day**. For many of us, riding a bicycle without training wheels is the first challenging physical activity we ever learn how to master. We all remember, don't we? A running start.... and off we went! Now we've gone full circle - I just bought a tricycle.

June 4th is **Applesauce Cake Day**, it recognizes the delicious treat of applesauce cake which comes in many recipes. It's a great opportunity to bake, try a new recipe, share with friends or learn about the history of this classic dessert. I think I'll just head down to the bakery in Publix. **Hug Your Cat Day** is a day to celebrate and show love for your feline companions – as they totally ignore your existence. It's **National Cheese Day** - not to be confused with other popular cheese related holidays like Grilled Cheese Day, Cheesecake Day or Mac and Cheese Day. It's also **Old Maid's Day** to recognize the women who never marry and remain childless. While the term may not seem to be flattering, we still think it's important to celebrate Old Maids everywhere and honor their contributions to their families and communities. Women who were once called spinsters eventually started being called old maids. In 17th-century New England, there were also words like "thornback" – a sea skate covered with thorny spines – used to describe single women **older than 25!!**

June 5th brings us **Hot Air Balloon Day**. While I'd love to take that ride, any reputable balloon company will charge between \$175 and \$275 per person. EEEEEK – just a tad above my pay grade so I think I'll just stay "grounded." **Moonshine Day** celebrates the history of moonshine, often associated with bootlegging and the Prohibition era. Well I'll drink to that! **National Gingerbread Day** is dedicated to the enjoyment and appreciation of gingerbread in all its forms, from gingerbread cookies to gingerbread houses. It's also **World Environment Day** and this year it will focus on ending plastic pollution. For decades, plastic pollution has seeped into every corner of the world, leaching into the water we drink, into the food we eat and into our bodies.

June 6th is **D-Day** – During WWII, in the early morning hours of **June 6, 1944**, Americans received word that three years of concerted war efforts had finally culminated in D-day - military jargon for the undisclosed time of a planned British, American, and Canadian action. During the night, over 5,300 ships and 11,000 planes had crossed the English Channel and landed on the beaches of Normandy. The goal of every soldier and civilian involved in that effort was to drive the German military back to Berlin by opening a western front in Europe.

It's **National Donut Day**. No one really knows who invented the donut – or even when. One of its earliest ancestors may be the 15th century German dessert "gefüllte krapfen," a fried-dough pastry made without sugar. **National Gardening Exercise Day** highlights the numerous health benefits of gardening including physical activity and mental well-being. Gardening can be a great form of exercise incorporating activities like digging, raking and weeding which engage various muscle groups and burn calories. It's also **Yo-Yo Day**. Did you know that the yo-yo is considered, after dolls, to be the second-oldest toy in history? The first yo-yos were made of wood or terra cotta approximately 2,500 years ago in ancient Greece and some of them are on display now at the Greek Archaeological Museum in Athens.

June 7th brings us **Chocolate Ice Cream Day** which combines two of my favorite things! Did you know that chocolate ice cream was actually invented before vanilla ice cream? **National Trails Day** recognizes the incredible benefits that federal, state and local trails provide for recreation and

exposure to nature. So I guess we can safely say “go take a hike” without offending anyone? It's **VCR Day** and we take a look at the device that revolutionized the home movie-watching experience. Boy, we've sure come a long way since then! And, on this date in 1965, in the landmark case of **Griswold v. State of Connecticut**, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of the constitutional right of married persons to use birth control.

June 8th is **Best Friends Day** and it honors your closest and dearest friend. The relationship between best friends is often fierce and can withstand distance, storms and silence. It's **Name Your Poison Day** which encourages you to make a decision of choosing the least harmful option from a few available choices, whether it's selecting a drink at a bar or deciding how to vote. It's a playful way to acknowledge the need to make choices even when they might not be ideal. It's also **World Ocean Day 2025** and the theme this year is Sustainable Fishing Means, which underscores the importance of sustainable fishing practices in ensuring the health and abundance of marine resources for generations to come.

June 9th is **Donald Duck Day** which honors everyone's favorite quick-tempered yet lovable duck. Since his debut in 1934, Donald Duck has charmed audiences with his unique voice and mischievous antics. It's **National Strawberry Rhubarb Pie Day**. Rhubarb, the main ingredient, originated in Asia and made its way to Europe in the 13th century, eventually reaching the United Kingdom and Germany by the 16th and 17th centuries, respectively, and was introduced to the United States in the late 18th century. Strawberries, a more recent addition to the pie, were likely incorporated to balance the tartness of the rhubarb.

June 10th and **Ball Point Pen Day** commemorates the anniversary of the patent filing for the ballpoint pen in 1943 by brothers Laszlo and Gyorgy Biro. Wait a minute, let me write that down. **Herb and Spices Day** celebrates the diverse world of herbs and spices and their culinary importance. Now all I have to do is learn how to cook! It's also **Iced Tea Day**. U.S. tea has been around forever but iced tea didn't burst onto the scene and win over America's hearts and minds until 1904.

June 11th is **National German Chocolate Cake Day** which celebrates the popular cake which is actually named after Sam German, an American chocolate maker. **National Corn on the Cob Day**. Why do they call corn on the cob “ears”? Well, “ear” comes from the ancient word “ahs”, which meant husk of corn. **King Kamehameha I Day** is a public holiday in the U.S. state of Hawaii. It honors Kamehameha the Great, monarch who first established the unified Kingdom of Hawaii—comprising the Hawaiian Islands of Ni'ihau, Kaua'i, O'ahu, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, Kaho'olawe, Maui and Hawai'i.

June 12th **National Jerky Day** recognizes the history, popularity and nutritional benefits of jerky. It's also **National Peanut Butter Cookie Day**. How about those Girls Scout Tagalong cookies, eh, everyone?

June 13th And it's **Time to Blame Someone Else Day**. It's held on the first Friday the 13th of each year, when we can all say “I didn't do it! They did!! It's **National Weed Your Garden Day**..... but if I do that, all I'll have left is dirt!!! **Pigeon Appreciation Day** is celebrated today because it is the day in 1919 that Cher Ami, the famous carrier pigeon, died in Fort Monmouth, NJ from the wounds he sustained during World War I. His remains are preserved and on display at the National Museum of American History. **Sewing Machine Day** honors the invention of the sewing machine and its impact on various aspects of life including clothing, home decor and other crafts. That's something else I'm really not good at.

June 14th Today is the **U.S. Army's 250th anniversary** when we celebrate the service, sacrifices, and achievements of the American Army over the past two and a half centuries. It's also **Flag Day**. Whether it's waving in the wind or printed on your favorite t-shirt, this symbol represents a nation founded on freedom and hope. It's also **World Juggler's Day**, marking the anniversary of the foundation of the International Jugglers Association in 1947. I, personally, find myself doing a juggling act every day! It's **National Bourbon Day** in the United States - an opportunity to appreciate the uniquely American whiskey. I'll drink to that too!!!

June 15th and we celebrate **Father's Day** - time to show the paternal figures in your life some love. What?? Another tie? You shouldn't have. No. Really. You shouldn't have. It's **Global Wind Day** and that means that it's a day for discovering wind energy, its power and the possibilities it holds to reshape our energy systems, decarbonize our economies and boost jobs and growth. **National Nature Photography Day** – Well, I guess it's time to get out those hiking boots, hit the trails and take some awesome photos. Just don't stand too near the edge of that cliff as you take a selfie. **National Prune Day**. Let's celebrate the benefits and versatility of prunes today. Just be sure to eat them AFTER your nature walk.

June 16th is **National Fudge Day** - Time to indulge that guilty pleasure. Yummy! And, on this day in 1864, **the first roller coaster in America**, called the Switchback Railway, opened to the public at Coney Island in Brooklyn, New York. Designed by LaMarcus Thompson, this ride was a novelty and was an instant success, attracting large crowds. Reaching speeds of six miles per hour, it cost only a nickel to ride.

June 17th is **Nursing Assistants Day** and it honors the dedication of nursing assistants who work alongside nurses to assist patients with their daily living needs and other healthcare tasks. It's also **Eat Your Vegetables Day**, making it a great time to incorporate fresh, delicious produce into your meals as summer begins. OK, I'm good with that except for brussels sprouts. It's also **Global Garbage Man Day** – time to recognize the dedicated efforts of the men and women who keep our communities clean.

June 18th - Today is **Go Fishing Day**, when we encourage people to pick up a fishing rod and enjoy the recreational pastime of fishing. It's **International Panic Day**, a day when people are required to panic. Basically, the day is a mock holiday aimed at spreading awareness for mental health issues and to recognize and support those affected by panic disorders. **International Picnic Day** so it's time to bike, walk or hike to a nearby beauty spot or just take your sandwiches and cold hard-boiled eggs into the garden and enjoy an al fresco lunch. It's **Sushi Day**. You can't buy happiness but you can buy sushi, which is kinda' the same thing, and today celebrates this potentially delicious meal. How about taking some sushi on that picnic? **National Splurge Day** – Oh, yeah!!!! This day encourages people to indulge in a little bit of spending, whether it's a small treat or a larger purchase. I, personally, like to roam the aisles of the Dollar Tree. I can buy 5 things and still spend less than \$10!

June 19th – **"Juneteenth"** celebrates one of the most significant events in U.S. history – the June 19, 1865, announcement of the end of slavery in Texas following the Emancipation Proclamation and the Civil War. While the Emancipation Proclamation had been issued on January 1, 1863, it was not widely enforced in Confederate states. Enslaved people in Texas only learned of their freedom on June 19, 1865, with the arrival of Union troops in Galveston, more than two and a half years later. This date has been celebrated by Black Americans as "Juneteenth" since then. It is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the end of slavery in the United States. It's a time for reflection, celebration and continuing the pursuit of equality and justice.

And it's **World Sauntering Day**, a reminder to slow down and enjoy life, counteracting the fact-paced nature of modern life. Today encourages people to stroll, ramble and wander, appreciating their surroundings and taking time to reeeeeelaaaax. Go smell those roses people!

June 20th – Finally, **Summer Solstice** - the day when the sun's annual journey through the constellations of the zodiac carries it to its most northerly point in the sky, in the constellation of Cancer, resulting in the longest day of the year. It's also **Ice Cream Soda Day**. The ice cream soda was invented in 1874 by Robert M. Green in Philadelphia. He ran out of ice shavings as he was trying to prepare chilled soda and he used vanilla ice cream instead in his carbonated drink to cool it, thus, the ice cream soda was born. Today is **National Bald Eagle Day** which commemorates the anniversary of the bald eagle's selection as our national symbol on the Great Seal of the United States in 1782. It serves as a reminder of the bald eagle's status as a conservation success story and celebrates the eagle's triumphant return from near extinction. Did you know that the eagle, with its keen eyes, symbolized courage, strength and immortality, but is also considered "king of the skies" and messenger of the highest Gods? In ancient Rome, the eagle, or Aquila, was the standard of a Roman legion.

Hey, it's time to grab your car keys 'cause it's **Take a Road Trip Day** serving as the official kickoff of the summer road trip season. And it's **Take Your Dog to Work Day**. Not too sure how many employers would be happy with this one. It's **National Seashell Day**, when we appreciate the beauty of seashells and encourage people to visit beaches during prime shelling season.

June 21st is **Go Skateboarding Day**. A combination of athleticism, dance and art, skateboarding has grown up in an urban world. (Yeah, but I don't think I'll be doing that anytime soon). Hey, **Hollerin' Contest Day**, a tradition since 1969, is an annual event in Spivey's Corner, NC. It celebrates the unique art of hollering, a form of communication used in rural areas before the telephone. Yeeee Haaaaa, ya'll!! It's **International Yoga Day**. Following its adoption by the United Nations in 2014, today celebrates the physical and spiritual prowess that yoga has brought to the world stage. While it's an important source of exercise and healthy activity, millions join in and practice it on a daily basis. **National Selfie Day** is a fun and lighthearted opportunity to take and share selfies, celebrating self-expression and creativity. So find a unique location to get a cool selfie – in nature, at a zoo or in front of a national building or statute. The location for a unique selfie is only limited to your imagination.

June 22nd is **National Chocolate Éclair Day**. Now THIS is my kinda' day! The Éclair originated during the 19th century in Lyon, France, where it was called pain à la Duchesse ("Duchess-style bread") or petite duchesse ("little duchess") until 1850. I don't care what it's called, it's one of my favorites! **National Onion Ring Day**. Again with the food! Onion rings, as we know them, emerged in the early 20th century in the United States with a recipe appearing in a 1933 Crisco ad. However, earlier recipes for fried onions can be traced back to the 19th century with a recipe for "Fried Onions with Parmesan Cheese" appearing in John Mollard's 1802 cookbook, *The Art of Cookery Made Easy and Refined*. **World Rainforest Day** is a global event dedicated to recognizing the importance of the planet's rainforests and encouraging actions to protect and restore them. Often described as the "lungs of the Earth," rainforests play a crucial role in keeping our environment balanced. Half the world's rainforests have been razed in a century and the latest satellite analysis shows that in the last 15 years new hotspots have emerged from Cambodia to Liberia. At current rates they will vanish altogether in 100 years. **National Kiss Day** is all about showing your love and improving your health. That's right – kissing is actually good for you! It relieves stress, burns calories, and benefits your immunity. With so many perks, I can't imagine why anyone wouldn't want to celebrate, so pucker up!

June 23rd is **International Widows Day** which focuses on raising awareness of the plight of widows and their dependents, emphasizing the need for support and protection. **Let It Go Day** encourages people to let go of whatever is on their minds to make way for a better tomorrow. Regrets, grudges and any sort of negativity all hold us back and keep us from making progress. Life will be better and you will be able to begin anew after letting all the past go.

June 24th - **Celebration of the Senses Day**. Celebrating and participating in this holiday simply makes all the sense in the world. So, c'mon, use your common sense and party it up big time today! The five physical senses are hearing, sight, smell, taste and touch. Your body recognizes them thanks to your nose, ears, eyes, skin and tongue. In addition to the five physical senses, there are other "senses". Researchers tell us there could be as many as a dozen in total. For example, receptors in your body tell your brain things like temperature and pain. There's Extrasensory Perception (ESP). We all know about that one but did you ever hear of the Proprioceptor? This sensory receptor located in the subcutaneous tissue of the body detects motion and position of the body. And there's your sense of balance – I thought this one is for dealing with my checking account. **International Fairy Day** is dedicated to celebrating the magic and mythology of fairies, encouraging imagination and a sense of wonder. Where's Tinkerbell when you need her? **Swim a Lap Day** encourages people to get into that pool and enjoy swimming. Fortunately for us in Heron Cay, we still have use of our pool!

June 25th is **Global Beatles Day**. When was the first time you saw the Beatles? I can remember when they first appeared on The Ed Sullivan Show on February 9, 1964. June 25th was chosen to commemorate the date that the Beatles participated in the BBC show "Our World" in 1967, performing "All You Need is Love", which was broadcast to an international audience. It's also **Handshake Day**. Of all the various forms of greeting, the handshake is perhaps one of the most ancient and the most honorable. There are three rules of the handshake: (1) Both hands should be visible; (2) Always stand for a handshake – man or woman; and (3) make eye contact and smile warmly. Nowadays, with the scares of COVID and other widely and easily spread diseases, the fist bump is gaining in popularity among friends. **National Catfish Day** was established in 1987 by President Ronald Reagan who issued a proclamation recognizing the contributions of catfish farming to the American diet and economy. This is not to be confused with a Catfish, who is someone who creates a fake online identity to trick others, often with the intent to deceive them into a false relationship or to defraud them. Be careful out there, my friends.

June 26th is **National Beautician's Day**. Today we celebrate those men and women who make us look our best every day – and, in my case, that's a LOT of work!! How about **Forgiveness Day**? Sometimes it's difficult to forgive but it has been linked to many mental health benefits including reduced stress, anger, depression and anxiety. Positive relational health – including improved social support and marital quality – comes with forgiveness.

June 27th is **National Food Truck Day** and it's time to get out and show some love for the hard working entrepreneurs cooking up the nation's tastiest, most innovative food. **National Onion Day** has us appreciate the humble onion. Listen up folks - this is nothing to cry about. And it's **Sunglasses Day**, which raises awareness about the importance of protecting eyes from harmful UV rays. Question: Can I wear them while I peel those onions? Or maybe I should just find me a street vendor and buy my dinner from them.

June 28th - **Insurance Awareness Day** (now who do you think invented *that??*) What do you need? Life? Auto? Homeowners? Renters? Disability? Unemployment? Where oh where to begin? It's **International Body Piercing Day**. OUCH! I don't think so!! Unless I start simple, like

my ears. Yeah. I can do that. **Paul Bunyan Day** so we remember the tales of that mighty lumberjack and his big blue ox named Babe.

June 29th is **International Mud Day**. This is the time to spend the day splashing, rolling, squishing, sliding, making mud pies and more! Maybe I'll just leave that to the kids. **Waffle Iron Day** - ooooh - I like this one. Hmmmmm. I wonder if we can use the waffle iron to make mud waffles.

June 30th is **Social Media Day**. First there was the telephone, then the fax machine, and then social media – a revolutionary way of communicating. Since its creation, people have been able to connect with each other like never before. By 2030, the social media landscape will be unrecognizable compared to today. AI will create hyper-personalized content, VR and AR will replace traditional scrolling and blockchain-powered platforms will redefine data ownership. And I have absolutely NO IDEA what I just wrote!

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

Submitted by Bonnie McNair



HERON CAY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, June 3, 2025
7 pm

In the Clubhouse Auditorium
HOA Members only

Dr. Rock's Organized Chaos Presents

\$5



Prizes!!!

Friday June 6, 2025 7:00- 9:00 PM

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

**Heron Cay Clubhouse
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Coffee Social Hour

9 a.m.

Thursday, June 5

Thursday, July 3

Clubhouse Cardroom

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

LOT RENT INFORMATION

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

The April figure is **504.626** up from **494.922** from April 2024
an increase of **2.0%**.

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

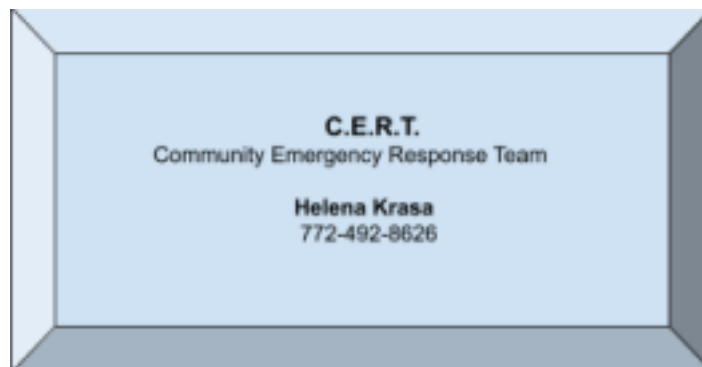
The 2025 market rents established by ELS

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

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

WALK SAFELY. Now that daylight hours are extended, what a great opportunity for a leisurely stroll throughout the community in the early evening. With your safety in mind, the rules of the road advise that walkers keep to the side of the road facing vehicle traffic. And as the evening light begins to dim, be sure to wear light-colored (preferably white) clothing and keep a flashlight handy so you can be clearly observed by approaching drivers. Now, don't let your companion fur-baby distract you (or drivers) as your journey proceeds. Don't be a statistic !!!

Nancy Dawe, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator





HERON CAY BINGO

SUNDAY AFTERNOON - JUNE 8

Doors open at 12:30 pm

Bingo starts at 1:30 pm

AND

WEDNESDAY EVENING - JUNE 25

Doors open at 5:30 pm

Bingo starts at 6:30 pm

\$1 entry fee

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

PUZZLES SOLVED ? ? ?

Were you able to correctly answer the questions raised in the May Newsletter? Just some background on the 'birth' of the Homeowners Association in April 1985.

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

At that time, there were just 30 homes onsite.

Question # 2 – How many homeowners were here then?

Then there were 51 individual homeowners.

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

The first occupied home site – June 1984 – was lot # 163 Freeport.

The first on Bimini – July 1984 – was lot # 172.

The first on Darby – December 1984 – was lot # 58.

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

In June of 1985, Sam & Judy Giacobbi moved in at # 242 Hawksbill.

In December of 1986, Charles and Dorothy Neumann occupied # 234 Hawksbill.

Sadly, both Judy and Charles have since passed away.

No doubt, both Sam and Dorothy have many memories of the growth of the Heron Cay community. And we continue to grow, adding more happy homeowners !!!

Gwen Ripp



BUNCO

JUNE 14th 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 June

Coffee Social Thursday June 5, 9:00 am in the Cardroom.

Puppy Parade Saturday, June 14, 10:00 am at the Gazebo. There will be prizes for best dressed/best costume (pups only, not their owners!)

Ice Cream Social, Sunday June 22, 3:00 pm at the Clubhouse followed at 6 pm by the regular Sunday night Mexican Train game and any other games that you wish to play.

4th of July BBQ, Friday, July 4th, 4 to 7 pm.

We started May with a Coffee Social on the first that outgrew the cardroom and had to overflow into the main room. Love seeing so many people come out and meet new friends and keep in touch with one another. Thanks to Four Star Homes for sponsoring the Coffee Socials.

The Cinco de Mayo Party on the Patio had to move inside (Florida weather!) but we had a great time. Thanks to Dos Amigos Locos, Chris Fenn and Steve Hope for the amazing music. We sold 100 tickets for the event. The food was amazing. Thanks to everyone who helped. Special thanks to the kitchen crew: Deb Drab, Lou Cordova, Karin Bryan, Penny Cahill and Valerie Cottongim. And for those people who helped decorate, serve, bring desserts or clean up, we couldn't have had such a successful event without you. A special thank you to Michael and Rose Venutolo for staying after and helping us clean up. You are there at every event and it is appreciated.

The Poker Run was a lot of fun. We had 49 hands turned in. Congratulations to our winners: Jim for his straight, Deb for her three of a kind and Claudine for her 2 pairs, Queens high. And of course, condolences to Mike Tortora for having the absolute worst hand. We'll schedule another Poker Run in the fall.

We had a great time at the Memorial Day Cookout with DJ Cheryll!

We always need more members to help with our committee. Come to our meetings on the 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-Coordinators, Karin Bryan, Rich Saldanah, Sue Sowder, Jacque Stasonis, Louis Cordova and Penny Cahill.

Puppy Parade

Join us at the Gazebo on Calypso on Saturday, June 14th, at 10 a.m. with your puppy all decked out in its finest costume for the Puppy Parade. The parade will start at 10:15 a.m. and will go around the gazebo.

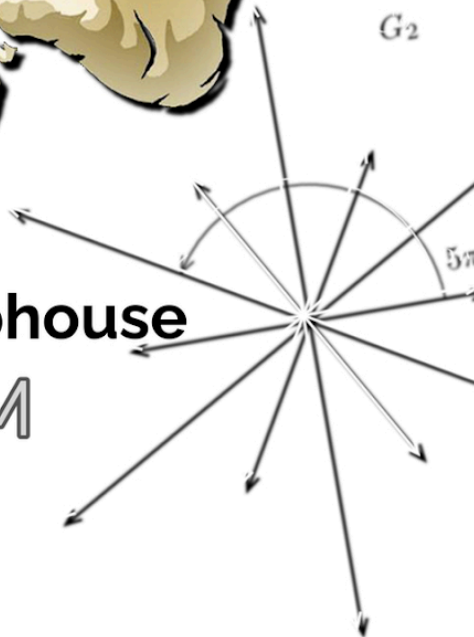
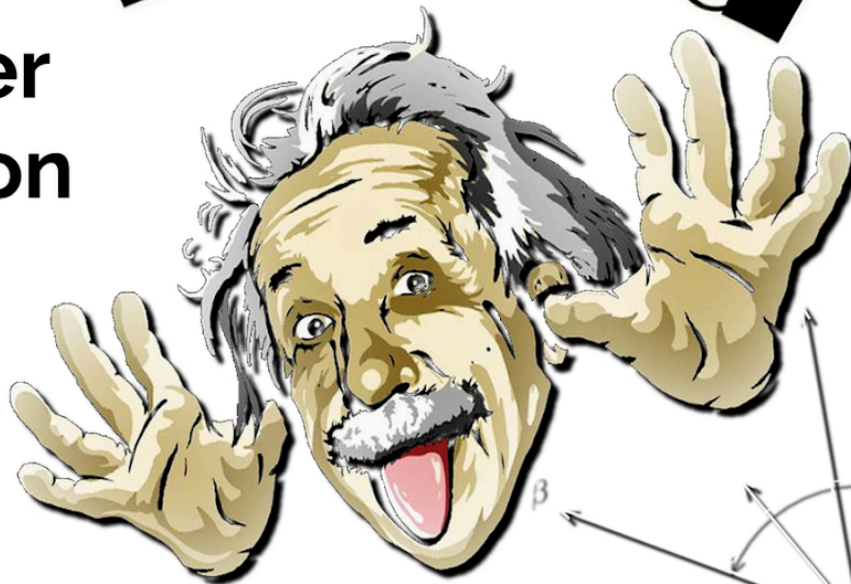
There will be prizes for the best dressed pup. All entrants will receive a snack bag with doggy treats. Make sure your dogs are on a leash and that you have plastic bags for any messes that need to be taken care of!



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Ice Cream Social & Fun Night

Sunday, June 22

3 pm

in the Clubhouse



Join us for an ice cream social and game night in the clubhouse.

Ice cream sundaes, root beer floats and shaved ice will be available. If enough people let us know that they would like pizza, we will have it available too but we need to determine the amount of interest first.

At 6 pm, the regular Sunday Mexican Train games will begin. Others may bring games to play or you can enjoy a relaxing time at the pool, browse the library for a good summer read, grab a jigsaw puzzle and some friends to put one together or play some cornhole.

Bring your friends and neighbors.



ATTENTION CRAFTERS:

Hey Crafters, it's not too early to start crafting and reserve your table for the Heron Cay Community Craft Fair. Call Maria Johnson at 860-841-3466 to reserve your spot for this year's Craft Fair on Saturday, November 15th.

Let's Get Crafting!



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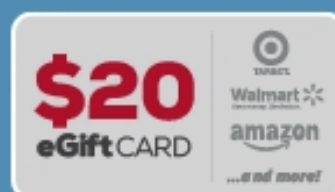


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NEW UNIVERSAL CURBSIDE COLLECTION SERVICE BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025

Questions?
Contact WM at 772-569-1776

Dear Unincorporated Indian River County Resident,

WM will be the environmental services provider for unincorporated Indian River County. **Beginning October 1, 2025**, the county will transition to Universal Curbside Collection Service, making it easier and more convenient for everyone to manage their waste and recycling.

Each residence will receive once per week collection service for carted Trash, Recycling, and Yard Waste, and up to (4) Bulk Trash items. These services will be provided on the same day.

Universal Curbside Collection Service means the cost for these services are included in your annual non-ad valorem assessment, which is part of your property tax bill.

Please take note of these **important dates** below regarding the **delivery** of your new **Recycling, Yard Waste, and Trash** carts.



JUNE & JULY – Recycling Cart

WM will be exchanging your current Recycling cart for a new 65-gallon Recycling cart. Please note that if your residence currently has multiple recycling carts, WM will exchange all of them at the same time. To ensure a smooth exchange, please place your current Recycling cart(s) curbside on your regularly scheduled Recycling collection day in **June** and **July** until it is picked up.

You may begin using your new Recycling cart immediately.



AUGUST – Yard Waste Cart

WM will deliver a new 95-gallon Yard Waste cart to your residence. Along with your cart, you'll find an informational brochure containing important details about your new curbside collection services and service days, effective October 1, 2025.

Yard Waste carts WILL NOT be serviced until October 1.



SEPTEMBER – Trash Cart

WM will deliver a new 95-gallon Trash cart to non-subscription customers and subscription customers will have their current Trash cart exchanged for a new cart.

Current subscription customers: To ensure a smooth exchange, please place your current Trash cart curbside on your regularly scheduled Trash collection day in **September** until it is picked up.

You may begin using your new 95-gallon trash cart immediately.

Non-subscription customers: Please **DO NOT** use your new 95-gallon Trash cart until **October 1, 2025**, when Universal Curbside Collection Service begins. Non-subscription Trash carts will not be serviced before this date.

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.**

Palm Beach: (561) 712-6400
St. Lucie: (772) 462-8100

Indian River: (772) 567-2154
Martin: (772) 287-1652
Okeechobee: (863) 763-3212

Names of Atlantic Storms

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Gert
Harold
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Jose
Katia
Lee
Margot
Nigel
Ophelia
Philippe
Rina
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2024

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Beryl
Chris
Debby
Ernesto
Francine
Gordon
Helene
Isaac
Joyce
Kirk
Leslie
Milton
Nadine
Oscar
Patty
Rafael
Sara
Tony
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.
- An extra set of car keys.
- A list of family physicians.
- A list of important family information; the style and serial number of medical devices such as pacemakers.
- Special items for infants, elderly or disabled family members.



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Federal Emergency
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