

# Heron Cay

## HOA

# Newsletter



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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Welcome to the month of May, and Happy Mothers' Day! We say goodbye to the last of our snowbirds, as they head north for the summer months. A special thank you to Robert Desrochers for his incredible piano playing this winter. We wish you safe travels as you head back to Canada, and we look forward to listening to you again next season.

As you know, Fun n Games is hosting a Cinco de Mayo party on (of course) May 5<sup>th</sup>. Since we all want to enjoy the day and evening, **the HOA is cancelling our May 5<sup>th</sup> Board meeting this month.** We will meet again on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. We all need a day off, dontcha think?

We start this newsletter with some updates on repairs and improvements that have taken place over the last month.

We now have a beautiful new entrance sign, welcoming all to Heron Cay. It was a long time in coming but was truly worth the wait! Now all we need is for the entrance gate, which was damaged when it was hit by a car, to be replaced. Hopefully this month!

The blinking light in the clubhouse portico was fixed by JMC Electric, as was the light that had been hanging in the auditorium.

A cigarette ash receptacle has been placed at the side door leading to the parking lot and a bench was installed there, as well.

The shuffleboard table that had been in our billiards room has been relocated to the auditorium near the bulletin boards.

For those of you who are new to our community, we welcome you and invite you to join the HOA. The dues are \$25 per calendar year, per household. We meet monthly with our community manager and quarterly with Heron Cay's owners' 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.

For our residents' convenience, our HOA maintains a website – [www.heroncayhoa.org](http://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 our 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. 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.

### **Laws pertaining to feeding wild birds**

We encourage our residents to resist the urge to feed the ducks and geese who visit us for the winter months because it is detrimental to their health and well-being.

According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), feeding geese and ducks is generally discouraged due to risk of disease, dependency and public nuisance. Feeding causes them to become dependent on the food, and they do not learn to search for their own food. In many cases, when the resident leaves, either permanently moving away, or going north for the summer, the wildlife starves. Also, because they are attracted to the birdfeed, they end up pooping all over neighbors' roofs, yards, driveways and on their cars and houses. The birdfeed also attracts rats and other rodents, which end up invading our homes.

In addition, feeding birds **bread** is actually harmful to them, because it offers zero essential nutritional value, acting as empty calories that fill their stomachs and prevents them from foraging for necessary healthy food. It causes malnutrition, serious health issues like "angel wings" in waterfowl, and, if moldy, can cause fatal lung infections.

It is illegal to feed **Florida scrub jays**, under both state and federal law. For a first violation of general wildlife feeding, the standard penalty is a \$100 noncriminal infraction. Repeated offenses can be upgraded to a second-degree misdemeanor, which may involve higher fines or court appearances.

**Sandhill cranes** in Florida are a state-designated threatened species protected by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Feeding them is a second-degree misdemeanor that can result in fines up to \$500 and up to 60 days in jail.

So, enjoy our wildlife, but please don't feed them.

## And a few reminders:

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.").

Remember, there is a "leash law," in Indian River County that states that all dogs must be on leash 24/7 – this includes 12<sup>th</sup> Street. If you see an unescorted dog, or a dog running loose, or if there are any aggressive actions by a dog, call Animal Control at 772-226-3485. You should also report it to Heron Cay management through the [www.heroncayhoa.org](http://www.heroncayhoa.org) website on-line complaint form.

If you see an injured tortoise or other wildlife, please call the Humane Society at 772-388-3331.

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.

The front gates may be open for various events such as Regular Bingo, Musical Bingo, and Trivia, as well as Fun 'n' Games events.

If you have an **EMERGENCY** to report to management regarding a facility issue during after-hours (weeknights, weekends, or holidays), please contact the after-hours phone (772) 201-1667. If it is an **EMERGENCY** regarding a trespassing or criminal act, etc., please contact the Indian River Sheriff Department at (772) 978-6240.

**Bulk pickup will take place every Wednesday.** Please remember to place your items (limit of **4 items per household – no construction items, paint or tires**) out the **night before**, on Tuesday evening. For more information check the Indian River County Waste Management website.

DO NOT give out the pool gate code via NEXTDOOR or other methods. Please advise anyone asking for the pool gate code to visit the Heron Cay Management Office and request it.

DO NOT give out your Heron Cay entrance gate code. Please request your guests/vendors to contact you via the 'gate call box' so you may buzz them in. If you need to set up the 'gate call box' system for your household, visit the Heron Cay Management Office to do so.

DO NOT give out the HOA membership password. Please advise anyone asking for the HOA membership password to join the Heron Cay HOA.

Thank you all!

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

The birthstone for May is the **Emerald**, which is a symbol of rebirth and is believed to grant the owner foresight, good fortune, and youth.

Every May in the United States is **National Military Appreciation Month (NMAM)** to honor current service members, veterans, and their families. Designated by Congress in 1999, the month serves

to recognize the contributions and sacrifices of the U.S. armed forces. It highlights several key military-related observances, including Memorial Day, Armed Forces Day, and Military Spouse Appreciation Day. We thank you all for your service.

May 1<sup>st</sup> initiates the month with **Loyalty Day**, recognizing the American heritage of freedom. Established in 1958, this annual holiday recognizes American freedom and heritage, encouraging citizens to reaffirm their allegiance to the country.

In addition, people around the world celebrate **May Day** today. This holiday has been celebrated since ancient times. Spring festivals, parades, and maypoles are important traditions on this day. It has several meanings. In many other countries, it is a celebration of spring and the coming of summer. It is celebrated with many spring flowers, many of them blooming right in your backyard. To communist and socialist countries, it is a celebration for the workers.

May 2<sup>nd</sup> brings us **National Brothers and Sisters Day**, to honor the unique bond between siblings. It serves as a day to appreciate brothers and sisters, reflecting on childhood memories and the lifelong support they provide.

It's also **World Naked Gardening Day**, when people across the globe are encouraged, on the first Saturday of May, to tend their portion of the world's garden unclothed as nature intended. Hmm. Not sure where to go with this...Well, actually, if you're *really* interested, you can go to WNGD at *Sunspout Gardens* in Loxahatchee to check out your green thumb – and just about anything else on your body!

Or, you can make your way to Churchill Downs for the **Kentucky Derby!!** Don't forget that fabulous hat, my dears. Feathers and chiffon, anyone?

And, it's **World Tuna Day**, when we raise awareness about ending overfishing and safeguarding tuna supplies for the future. So, not sorry, Charlie?

Today is **Free Comic Book Day**, an annual promotional effort by the North American comic book industry to attract new readers to independent bookstores.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> is **World Press Freedom Day**, which celebrates the fundamental principles of the freedom of the press, 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.

**World Laughter Day**, which was created in 1998 by Dr. Madan Kataria, founder of the worldwide Laughter Yoga movement, is based on the idea that when people are happier, they spread that positivity to others. It's a positive manifestation for world peace, intended to build up a global consciousness of brotherhood and friendship through laughter. And laughing is highly beneficial for both physical and mental health, providing scientifically supported stress relief, enhanced immunity, and improved cardiovascular function! It acts as a natural pain reliever by releasing endorphins and it can burn calories. And I bet you thought it was just a day to tell a lot of jokes!

May 4<sup>th</sup> brings us **Star Wars Day**, so May the force – and the fourth - be with you. And 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

It's also **National Teachers Day**, and this year's theme is "The Teachers We Need for the Education We Want: The global imperative to reverse the teacher shortage". In these challenging times, teachers have emerged as beacons of resilience, adapting and innovating for their students. Do you remember who your favorite teacher was?

May 6<sup>th</sup> is **National Registered Nurses Day**. Time to honor the nation's indispensable registered nurses for their tireless commitment, and to focus on recognizing their critical impact and dedication.

It's **International No Diet Day**. A day to promote body positivity and health-focused education. Darn. I thought it meant we could eat anything today!!!

May 7<sup>th</sup> brings us **World Password Day**. 35% of people reported account compromises due to password issues in the past year, while 54% find passkeys more convenient and 53% believe they are more secure. As of May 2025, 69% of consumers have enabled passkeys on at least one account, and nearly half of the world's top 100 websites offer them. Time to replace that old password into something phish-resistant. So, no more "password123" for our password?

May 8<sup>th</sup> is **V-E Day**, (Victory in Europe Day), marking the end of WWII in Europe.

It's also **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?

And the Friday before Mother's Day in the United States 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.

And it's **No Socks Day**. Do you think we can finally get the guys to NOT wear socks with their sandals???

May 9<sup>th</sup> is **National Lost Sock Memorial Day**. I guess that's what you get when you didn't wear them with your sandals yesterday. Serves you right.

And it's **National Moscato Day**. You have the perfect excuse for this. After all, you just lost your socks!

It's also **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.

May 10<sup>th</sup> is **Mother's Day**. Time for mom to stay in bed, while the family destroys the kitchen making her that special breakfast.

You can treat her with an early morning shrimp cocktail, cause it's **National Shrimp Day**. Americans eat more shrimp than any other seafood, and this is the day to celebrate this delicious dish!

But be careful, because it's also when **Food Allergy Awareness Week** starts. The major food allergens are milk, eggs, fish, Crustacean **shellfish** (EEEE!! – not today of all days!!), tree nuts, peanuts, wheat, and soybeans.

It's also **World Lupus Day**. Lupus primarily affects women of childbearing age (15 to 44), and 90% of people living with lupus are women.

May 11<sup>th</sup> is **Eat What You Want Day**, the one day in the year when you can eat anything, with no regrets – ice cream for breakfast, folks? Donuts? Fast food? Junk food? What's your guilty pleasure?

May 12<sup>th</sup> is **National Limerick Day**. Celebrating the birthday of English poet Edward Lear. "An elderly man called Keith, Misaid his set of false teeth. They'd been laid on a chair, He'd forgot they were there, Sat down, and was bitten beneath."

And it's **National Odometer Day** which marks the 1847 patent of the device by William Clayton. While old movies showed people reversing them, modern digital odometers make that trick impossible. Darn it.

May 13<sup>th</sup> and it's time for some food. First, we have **International Hummus Day**, highlighting the popular Middle Eastern dip made from chickpeas, tahini, lemon, and garlic. Enjoy hummus for breakfast, lunch, or dinner. Now, on to dessert, because it's **National Apple Pie Day**. This is so beloved by Americans that it was the first dessert added to the McDonald's menu in 1968, the same year the fast-food company introduced the Big Mac. The original recipe and turnover-style pie was fried to crispness with a light golden color and served hot in a folded cardboard carton. I remember many times when I burned the roof of my mouth with that.

May 14<sup>th</sup> and it's **National Dance Like a Chicken Day!** The song was written in the 1950s by Swiss accordionist Werner Thomas, originally called "Der Ententanz" (The Duck Dance) and made its way into the United States in the 1970s.

It's also **National Buttermilk Biscuit Day**. Ooooooh. Chickens and biscuits!

May 15<sup>th</sup> – In 1993, the UN General Assembly passed a resolution designating May 15 as the **International Day of Families**, and this year the theme is "Families, Inequalities and Child Wellbeing". It's also **National Chocolate Chip Day** and since I'm an admitted Chocoholic, this is obviously a very big day for me!

And it's **National 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**. Endangered animals face a high rise of extinction due to habitat loss, poaching and climate change, with the most critical species including the Vaquita (<30), Javan rhino (~72), Amur leopard (~84-130), and Sumatran Rhino (<100). The Tapanuli orangutan numbers fewer than 1,000 individuals. Major endangered groups include gorillas, pangolins, and sea turtles.

May 16<sup>th</sup> – Today we celebrate **Armed Forces Day**, when we honor those currently servicing in the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard. We thank you all for your service in keeping us safe.

And, **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 17<sup>th</sup>. **World Telecommunication and Information Society Day** commemorates the ITU's foundation to raise awareness of the possibilities the internet and new technologies bring to societies and economies, and to help bridge the digital divide, and recognizes the pivotal role of telecommunications in our lives.

May 18<sup>th</sup> – **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."

Since it's also **National Visit Your Relatives Day**, **National Cheese Soufflé Day** and **National No Dirty Dishes Day**, you can all pack a lunch (with paper plates) and head out to the nearest museum to check out those dinosaurs!

May 19<sup>th</sup> brings us **World Family Doctor Day**, recognizing the central role of family doctors in health systems.

It's **May Ray Day**. Time to go outside and celebrate "soaking up the rays". Just don't forget the suntan lotion and a hat!

And it's **National Scooter Day**, a day dedicated to encouraging people of all ages to get active and enjoy the outdoors on scooters. Yeah, right. At our age. Good thing we have our family doctor standing by.

May 20<sup>th</sup> – **National Rescue Dog Day** reminds us that there are millions of 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. If you haven't had a chance, you may want to catch "Secrets of the Bees" on the National Geographic Channel on TV .

It's **National Be a Millionaire Day** – Seriously? I mean, seriously?? I have been trying to attain that goal all my life! Oh, well. Maybe next year....

And it's **National Quiche Lorraine Day**. And 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 21<sup>st</sup> – **American Red Cross Founder's Day** commemorates the organization's establishment by Clara Barton on this day in 1881, in Washington, D.C. It honors the humanitarian efforts, disaster relief, and service to military families that the Red Cross has provided for over 140 years.

It's also **International Tea Day** – time to sip a cuppa tea, share smiles and spread unity – and maybe get your fortune told with those tea leaves??

May 22<sup>nd</sup> celebrates **National Maritime Day**, a United States federal observance to honor the maritime industry, the Merchant Marine, and the vital role of waterborne transportation in national security and the economy. The first successful transoceanic voyage under steam power, was taken by the *S.T. Savannah* on this day in 1819.

It's **National Road Trip Day**, celebrated the Friday before the Memorial Day weekend. Hmmmm. With the price of gas these days, I think I'll be staying pretty close to home.

It's also **Don't Fry Day**. Nope – not talking about food here, folks. This is raise awareness about skin cancer prevention and sun safety, as summer begins. So, if you're gonna take a road trip in that convertible, be sure to wear a hat!

May 23<sup>rd</sup> –Hey, everyone, it's **World Turtle Day**, raising awareness about the plight of turtles and tortoises, highlighting the importance of protecting these incredible creatures and their habitats. Of course, we have our very own Gopher Tortoises on 12<sup>th</sup> Street to take care of! Guess turtle soup would be off the menu today.

It's also **National Taffy Day**. According to lore, the "salt water taffy" is believed to have been "invented" in 1883 in Atlantic City, New Jersey, after a boardwalk candy shop owned by David Bradley was flooded, soaking his taffy stock with salty Atlantic water. The story goes that a young girl asked for taffy, and Bradley, joking about the flood, offered her "salt water taffy" and the rest, as they say, is history.

And it 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

And it's **National Wine Day**, when wine enthusiasts can unite and celebrate their favorite fermented fruit juice – remember to get a designated driver, if you're out on the town.

It's also **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 26<sup>th</sup> is **National Cherry Dessert Day**. Cherries seem to go perfectly well with almost anything, from cherry cobblers to cherry cheesecakes. They can be wild or tame, from bush or tree, cherries give us more vitamins and minerals than we can count. The first cherry trees were cultivated in Greece in 372 B.C. and arrived on June 18, 1639 in Brooklyn, New York.

**World Redhead Day** which honors the less than 2% of the world's population born with natural red hair. Today aims to boost confidence, celebrate the rarity of red hair, and combat negative stereotypes or bullying often directed at redheads. Go Gingers!!!

And it's **Sally Ride Day**, the birthday of the first American woman in space – to honor her legacy as an astronaut, physicist, and advocate for STEM education.

May 27<sup>th</sup> **National Senior Health & Fitness Day** is the nation's largest annual wellness event for older adults, encouraging older Americans to improve their health through physical activity, proper nutrition, and preventative care. Over 100,000 seniors participate in 1,000+ local events – such as walking, dancing, and health screenings – at community centers, gyms, and retirement homes to promote active lifestyles. What's *your* plan for today???

And it's **National Sunscreen Day**. So, if you're outside exercising, 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 and wear a hat too!

May 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

May 29<sup>th</sup> 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, supported by over 50,000 personnel from 121 countries deployed across Africa, the Middle East, Europe and Asia.

May 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

It's also **National Hug Your Cat Day**, dedicated to showering feline companions with extra love, affection, and, of course, hugs – if they allow you.

And it's **National Water a Flower Day** to encourage the care, hydration, and appreciation of garden plants and flowers. It serves as a reminder to nurture plants during late spring when gardens are in bloom, offering a therapeutic activity that supports plant health.

May 31<sup>st</sup> - **World No Tobacco Day** 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.

And it's **National Macaroon Day**. Not to be confused with Macarons, (the delicate French meringue-based almond flour sandwich cookies with smooth shells and ganache filling),

Macaroons are dense, rustic shredded coconut mounds, often egg-white based and dipped in chocolate. I don't care. I love them both.

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

Submitted by Bonnie McNair

## MEMORIAL DAY MEANING AND FACTS

If you were asked what Memorial Day was about how would you respond? You would most likely answer that it is a three-day weekend for family and friend get-togethers or picnics. You would be right, in a way, because that is how most Americans view the holiday.

That was not the day's intended purpose, however, when people back in the mid-1800s wanted to honor their fallen soldiers after the close of the American Civil War.

Many men died during the Civil War, the brutal war between the North and the South. After the conflict ended, people were looking for ways to honor the men who had died fighting. In 1864, a group of women in Pennsylvania began visiting the graves of the deceased soldiers, placing flowers on them in memory of their service. In 1866, after word spread about visiting and decorating the graves, women in Mississippi began doing the same thing. This is how the day became known first as "Decoration Day."

It didn't originally begin as a nationwide celebration. Waterloo, NY is the first place that officially celebrated the holiday, and it spread from there. Other towns and cities have claimed to be the first, but it is Waterloo that holds the title.

On May 5, 1868, General John Logan made the day official. Flowers were placed on the graves of both Union and Confederate soldiers at the Arlington National Cemetery.

After World War II, it became a day to honor all deceased veterans of any war or service instead of just those who had died in the Civil War. "Memorial Day" didn't become the official name of the holiday until 1967. And, on June 28, 1968, Congress passed the *Uniform Monday Holiday Act*, which moved Memorial Day from May 30 to the last Monday in May. It was officially made a national holiday in 1971, when government offices, schools, banks, and many businesses are typically closed.

I'm Proud to be an American!



**“We don’t know them all, but we owe them all”  
- Unknown**

**In honor of our fallen,  
the following is scheduled to take place  
in front of our clubhouse:**

**6:30 a.m. - The flag will be lowered to  
half-staff**

**10:30 a.m. - Memorial Day Service**

**12:00 p.m. - The flag will be raised back up**

**Coffee and donuts will be served after the 10:30 service.**

# Heron Cay Memorial Day Celebration

Join us at the clubhouse on **Monday, May 25th from 1 to 3 p.m.** after the HOA Memorial Day Commemoration Ceremony (10:30 a.m.) for a cookout.

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

We 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





# BUNCO

**MAY 2nd 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.





HERON CAY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING

**Tuesday, May 5, 2026  
IS CANCELLED**

Our next Board meeting will be  
Tuesday, June 2, 2026



## Cinco de Mayo Party on the Patio

**Tuesday, May 5**

**5 to 9 p.m.**

**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 29, and Thursday, April 30,  
from 1 to 2 and 6 to 7 p.m. Also available at the door.

Dr. Rock's Organized Chaos

# BINGO *Music*

FUN STARTS

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MAY 7-9 PM

PRIZES - BYOB FOOD - BYOB DRINK - FUN

*Let's play Music Bingo and have some FUN!*



Heron Cay Clubhouse 1400 90th Ave. Vero Beach 32966

## LOT RENT INFORMATION

Lot Rent 90-day Notices issued to homeowners whose lease agreements are renewable August 2026 reflect January Consumer Price Index (CPI) figures as determined by the US Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The March 2026 figure is **518.506** up from **503.161** from March 2025  
an increase of **3.0%**.

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

*The 2026 market rents established by ELS*

Lake -- \$ 1230    Perimeter -- \$ 1136    Interior -- \$ 1034

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual	HALF1	HALF2
2016	1.2	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7	1.0	1.4	1.5	1.6	2.0	1.1	0.9	1.4
2017	2.6	2.8	2.2	2.0	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.9	2.4	2.0	2.1	1.8	2.0	2.1	2.0
2018	1.8	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.7	2.7	2.9	2.4	1.7	2.1	1.9	1.5	2.2	2.4	2.1
2019	1.2	1.1	1.6	1.8	1.4	1.1	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.6	2.1	1.5	1.4	1.5
2020	2.3	1.9	1.1	-0.2	-0.4	0.3	0.6	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.0	0.8	1.1
2021	1.6	2.0	2.9	4.4	5.6	5.8	5.8	5.6	5.8	6.6	7.2	7.4	5.1	3.7	6.4
2022	7.8	8.4	9.1	8.8	9.2	9.8	9.4	8.9	8.7	8.1	7.7	7.0	8.6	8.9	8.3
2023	6.9	6.4	5.3	5.5	4.4	3.3	3.4	4.1	4.2	3.7	3.4	3.7	4.5	5.3	3.7
2024	3.4	3.7	3.8	3.3	3.2	2.9	2.9	2.3	2.1	2.5	2.7	2.8	3.0	3.4	2.5
2025	2.8	2.3	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.3	2.3	2.6	2.7	(X)	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3
2026	1.9	1.8	3.0												

X : Data unavailable due to the 2025 lapse in appropriations

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual	HALF1	HALF2
2016	372.230	372.517	374.676	376.295	377.806	379.318	378.432	378.869	379.692	380.128	379.627	379.912	377.459	375.474	379.443
2017	382.001	382.908	383.075	384.006	384.080	385.008	384.353	385.894	388.744	387.800	387.466	386.900	385.186	383.513	386.860
2018	388.943	391.135	391.900	393.346	394.632	395.429	395.438	395.162	395.217	396.066	394.964	392.801	393.753	392.564	394.941
2019	393.445	395.568	398.323	400.419	400.128	399.882	401.075	400.593	400.492	401.354	401.294	401.138	399.476	397.961	400.991
2020	402.298	402.958	402.511	399.459	398.552	401.030	403.295	404.949	405.847	406.415	405.948	406.658	403.327	401.135	405.519
2021	408.888	411.027	414.162	417.225	420.690	424.463	426.643	427.803	429.206	433.371	435.318	436.781	423.798	416.076	431.520
2022	440.628	445.582	451.925	454.002	459.563	466.247	466.540	465.826	466.619	468.533	468.784	467.509	460.147	452.991	467.302
2023	471.130	474.128	475.868	479.042	479.973	481.434	482.228	484.979	486.086	485.659	484.906	484.621	480.838	476.929	484.747
2024	487.325	491.741	493.926	494.922	495.232	495.332	496.080	495.986	496.502	497.817	497.798	498.008	495.056	493.080	497.032
2025	501.097	502.841	503.161	504.626	505.320	506.642	507.358	508.635	509.919	-(X)	508.697	508.824	506.102	503.948	508.687
2026	510.552	512.091	518.506												

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## Newsletter Editor

Are you looking for something you can do to help Heron Cay continue to be the great community it is and yet do it from the comfort of your own home?

I am in search of someone who would be interested in being the editor of the newsletter. This is a monthly endeavor that has a big impact on our community. Many people rely on our newsletter to know what is happening and what events are coming up in our community. If that is something you are interested in providing for them - please let me know. You can send me an email at [scottiekids@gmail.com](mailto:scottiekids@gmail.com).

Submitted by Kim Wheeler

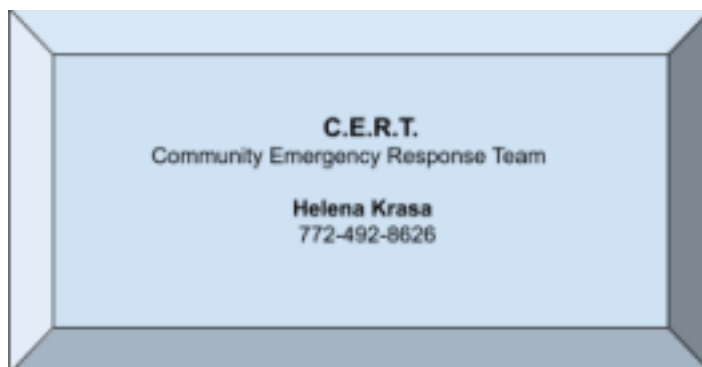
## F M O

Just a reminder. It's time to consider applying for - or renewing – membership in the FMO. That's the member supported agency committed to safeguarding the rights of residents in manufactured home communities statewide. It has been most effective in pursuing legislative proposals for that purpose. Action on SB 594, to provide an avenue for residents in need to obtain financial help, awaits the Governor's signature. Members can look forward to regular updates on this and other programs under consideration,

Remember, the annual dues - \$ 40 – is the only support for these efforts to protect this lifestyle. It is disappointing to note the extremely limited number of current FMO members among this Heron Cay community. Application forms are available in the clubhouse, or accessible on-line at [fmo.org](http://fmo.org).

*Federation of Manufacture Home Owners of Florida.com*

Submitted by Gwen Ripp



# **Fun and Games Committee**

## **Activities and Upcoming Events for May**

April started with a fun visit from the Easter Bunny. The Easter Bonnet competition was won by Mary Michon, Pamela Jensen and Erin (grandchild of Norm and Paula). Mary and Dennis Alexander won the golf cart decorating award. Thanks to everyone who came out. A big thanks to Chris Mandia for being the best Easter Bunny. It was a lot of fun.

Robert played his final two piano socials this month. We'll see him again this fall. We do appreciate him entertaining the community. We also did the Pet Parade on the 25th. Of course anything involving our pets is going to be fun.

### **May Events:**

**Cinco de Mayo, Tuesday, May 5, 5 to 8 p.m.**

**Tacos, nachos, beans and rice, salsa, non-alcoholic margaritas (BYOB) and music by Chris Fenn and Steve Cook. Tickets are \$8.**

**Coffee Social, Thursday, May 7, 9 a.m. Card Room**

**Poker Run, Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. at the clubhouse, registration starts at 8:30. Each hand is \$5. All cards must be back at the clubhouse by 10 a.m. Golf carts, bicycles, walkers only. Coffee and donuts served at 8:30.**

**Memorial Day Event, Monday May 25, 1 to 3 pm (the Memorial Day service is scheduled for that morning) \$5 (at door) for hamburgers, hotdogs, baked beans, chips and drinks. We're asking community members attending to bring salads and desserts. Also, we need grill guys or gals to grill beginning at noon.**

**Our May committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 6 at 2 p.m. in the card room.** We always need more members to help with our committee and with all events. If you have an event you'd like to propose, bring your ideas to this meeting. *Fun N' Games committee, Valerie Cottongim and Lynda Merrill, Co-Coordinator, Karin Bryan, Rich Saldanah, Sue Sowder, Jacque Stasonis, Debbie Drab, Pamela Jensen and Elizabeth McConnell.*

**Upcoming Events:** June 20 Summer Splash Pool Party, July 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Celebration

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Now that the daylight hours have lengthened, it's great for that evening stroll throughout the community. Just remember to **walk facing traffic** for your safety. As light diminishes before your return, light clothing and a flashlight will assure that you can be seen clearly by approaching drivers.

Interested in helping out on these N-W safety patrols, maybe just once a week to monitor safety and security concerns? Just contact Nancy Dawe for particulars at [shamrock1471@yahoo.com](mailto:shamrock1471@yahoo.com) or call 772-567-6128.

Your Neighborhood Watch Team

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9 a.m.

Thursday, May 7

Thursday, June 4

Thursday, July 9

No social in August

Clubhouse Cardroom

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## ***FUN 'N GAMES Poker Run***

***Saturday, May 16***

**Admission fee is \$5.00 per Poker Hand**

**The Poker Run begins at 9:00 AM**

**All poker hands must be turned in by 10:00 AM**

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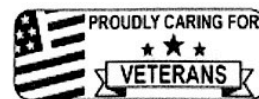
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