



Lake Henry Estates *Newsletter*

JULY 2023 Editor: Karolina Straw

Thank you Board & Volunteers for Upgrades to our Community



Photo by Cindy Criger-Poling



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Thank you to those that share information for our pleasure. Everyone's help is appreciated.
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We apologize for any omissions or errors in this edition.

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NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Please have all information submitted by the 20th of each month for the next months publication.

For any submissions, please use this Email: newsletter@lakehenryestates.com



SUNSHINE - Judy Koblentz is our Sunshine Committee Chair. Street Captains, please EMAIL your verified information to Judy at jkoblentz@gmail.com. Residents please continue to contact your Street Captains, as listed below according to assigned house number, with verified information regarding illness or death. As always, we want to ensure correct information is shared with the community. All information must be verified by family members.

STREET CAPTAINS by HOUSE NUMBER

Nancy Brinson: #420 - 433, 543-553, 554 - 557

Diane Tebaldi: #478 - 486

Nancy Karhoff: #498 - 499, 533 - 537, 610 - 646, 661 - 669

Phyllis Hennen: #437 - 444, 511 - 523, 538

Roseann Merschen: #541-542, 686 - 696, 558 - 565, 698 -709

Val Moore: #590 - 607, 647 - 660

Sharon Adler: #445 - 477

Beverly Brooks-Gore: #487 - 497

Cindy Poling: #500 - 510, 524 - 532

Carmen Wilde: #539 - 540, 589, 670 - 683

Viv Kotsitz: #566 - 588, 684 - 685, 697, 710

SUNSHINE

MARY BENARD, formerly of 619 Watercrest Dr. passed away on April 26, 2023. Mary was very active in Lake Henry Estates when she lived here.

DALE SPRADLIN of 555 Harbourview Dr. passed away while in Ohio visiting family. A service was held on June 4th. Cards may be dropped off at their home.

USPS is hiking the price of a stamp to 66 cents - a 32% increase since 2019

The U.S. Postal Service said it is raising the price of its first-class stamp to 66 cents, an increase of 4.8% from its current 63 cents. The move is the latest in a flurry of rate boosts that will result in the cost of a first class stamp rising nearly 1/3 since 2019.

The latest hike will go into effect **July 9**. Under Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, the money - losing agency has embarked on a 10 year plan to get on a path to profitability - with higher postage rates as part of the blueprint.

The July 2023 price hike would represent the **fifth increase** since early 2019, when a Forever stamp cost 50 cents. The higher postage prices haven't come without criticism, however, with some postal experts pointing out that customers are paying more while getting less for their money.

That's because the 10 - year plan has slowed the post office's delivery standard for mail to 6 days, down from its prior goal of 3 day delivery to any destination within the U.S. And the series of price hikes means that the cost of a postage stamp has soared much higher than inflation, which has jumped 20% in the same period, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The USPS said the latest price hike is needed to offset higher operating expenses "fueled by inflation" as well as "the effects of a previously defective pricing model."

The higher cost for stamps will "provide the Postal Service with much needed revenue to achieve the financial stability sought by its Delivering for America 10 - year plan," it said in the statement.

Other postage fees will also rise in July, USPS said. For instance, postcards sent within the U.S. will rise to 51 cents, from 48 cents currently, while international letters will rise by 5 cents to \$1.50. Together, the various price hikes represent a boost of 5.4%, the agency said.

The Postal Regulatory Commission, the federal regulator that oversees the postal agency, will formally review the price hikes before they go into effect, USPS said. The increases have already been approved by the governors of the U.S. Postal Service.

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Have you been getting scammy text messages?

By: Ari Lazarus, Consumer Education Specialist, FTC, June 8, 2023

Don't click on links or respond to unexpected texts. **EVER.**

If you get tons of scam text messages, you're not alone. Lots of people have been reporting to the FTC that they're getting texts from scammers impersonating people and organizations you know and trust - like your bank or companies like Amazon. An analysis of consumer reports reveals the top text scams from 2022. So, what are they? And how do you avoid them?

The latest FTC Data Spotlight explores how text scams try to get you to act NOW. Whether it's the thrill of getting a free item or the panic about a large unauthorized charge, scammers know that these texts are hard to ignore. The most reported text scam looks like a fraud alert from your bank, but it's fake. It might say there's suspicious activity on your account and tell you to call a number. Or to reply "yes or no" to confirm a big purchase (that you didn't really make). But don't do it. There is no real problem. They just want your money or personal information.

Another common text scam promises a "free gift" - if you click a link. But then they ask you for payment information to cover the "shipping costs". If you give it, you'll get unauthorized charges on your account ...and no free gift.

So how do you avoid these and other text scams?

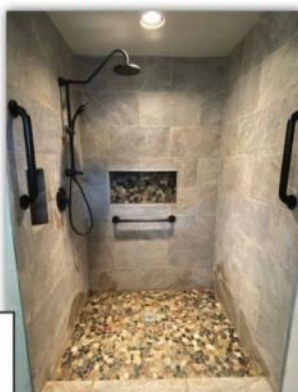
Don't click on links or respond to unexpected texts. If you think a text might be legit, contact the company using a phone number or website you know is real. Don't use the information in the text message.

Report text scams. Forward them to 7726 (SPAM). This helps your wireless provider spot and block similar messages.

And, if you spot a text scam, the FTC wants to hear about it. Tell us what happened at: [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov/identity-theft/identity-theft-report)

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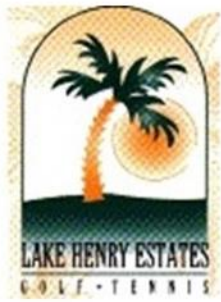
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July 2023

Tickets Please Contact: Carol Walker 863-353-8633 or Diane Tebaldi 863-421-4374

Call or text Denise

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
1:00pm Shuffleboard	8:00 am Golf (Couples) 8:00 am Pickle Ball 9:30 am Water Aerobics 6:30 pm Joker GARBAGE PICK-UP	9:30 am Water Aerobics 1:00 pm Men's Shuffleboard 6:00 pm Texas Hold é m	8:00 am Golf (Ladies) 8:00 am Pickle Ball 9:30 am Water Aerobics	8:00 am Go 9:30 am Wa 9:30 Coed S
2	3 1:00 pm Line Dancing ballroom 6:00 pm Munchie Monday in Pub	4 1:00 pm Pot Luck No Coffee Talk this month	5	6 5:00 pm Happ Pizza
11	12 6:00pm Munchie Monday in Pub	11	12	13 5:00 pm in Pub
16	17 1:00 pm Line Dancing ballroom 6:00 pm Munchie Monday in Pub	18	19	20 5:00 pm in Pub
23 3:00pm Cookbook Club, this month "Summer"	24 6:00 pm Munchie Monday in Pub	25 No Ladies Luncheon this month	26	27 5:00 pm in Pub
Events and Activities are subject to change. Please keep updated by reading the Clubhouse Bulletin board and checking Ch				

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Community Events



Call 386-848-5442 to report items for the calendar no later than the 15th of each month

Birthdays

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Golf (Men) Water Aerobics Shuffleboard	9:30 am Water Aerobics 8:00 am Pickle Ball 1:00 pm Men's Shuffleboard YARD WASTE PICK-UP COUNTY RECYCLE PICK-UP	8:00 am Pickle Ball 9:00 am Bocce 6:30 pm Joker 6:30 pm Nickels-Group A 7:00 pm Nickels-Group B
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Happy Hour in the Pub	7	8
	14	15
Happy Thirsty Thursday	21 9:00 am No BOARD MEETING 6:00 pm Karaoke	22
	28	29
Call Channel 732 and our webpage regularly.		

3 Rehana Ramdayal	15 Katie Ferrante
4 John Bakle	16 Sue Hall
4 Sue Hill	17 Roseann Merschen
5 Rosemary Frost	18 Chad Christianson
6 Joe Schaefer	21 Chip Hayward
6 Bev Brooks-Gore	21 Anne Hackworth
6 Diana Winn	23 Ginger Andreason
7 Clayton Andrews	24 Beryl Hager
7 Bobbie Ann Stone	24 Barry Hill
7 Jean Lindsey	25 Dan Nolt
8 Beverly Unger	25 Judy Bretveld
8 Jim Bertucca	26 Jerry Infantino
10 Julia Beretta	28 Terry Lareau
10 Ken Ledoux	30 Elva Greene
15 Roger Dennis	30 David Shuff
15 Jerry Mills	31 Gary Alhemovich

Anniversary's

1 Russ & Debbie Jones	1977
1 Tim & Diane Etkorn	1995
3 Ron & Tina Ray	1999
4 Bill & Vivian Gaff	1961
6 Ted Bargwell & ML Cutler	2013
6 Walter & Rose Whorten	1958
9 Norm & Jane Davies	1983
10 Fred & Irene Dye	1965
14 Jeff & Carol Whelan	1984
15 Jerry & Linda Atterson	1966
19 Doug & Lina Hinds	1982
19 Rodney & Judy Bretveld	1969
21 Tyrone & Rehana Ramdayal	1975
21 Bill & Juanita Heffner	1984
21 Don & Judy Bitteker	2006
22 Ron & Mary Wisniewski	1994
25 Ed & Nancy Hanen	1970
27 Jim & Sharon Adler	1985

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JULY GREETINGS!!! Summer most definitely arrived with the heat and humidity! Fortunately we are also having SOME rain which helps to cool us down slightly and provide much needed water for our thirsty grass and plants! Three years ago at this time our family was at our one week Captiva timeshare practicing social distancing and wearing masks due to Covid. This year the property remains under renovation after being damaged in September 2022 from the effects Hurricane Ian! We miss that special family beach time this year and look forward to returning to Captiva in 2024! Wishing you a wonderful July 4th!

601 6th ST NE FORT MEADE...IMMACULATE 2019, 4BR/2BA, 2 CAR GARAGE HOME PLUS SCREENED ROOM ON LARGE CORNER LOT & NO HOA. This 1 owner home has an open, split bedroom floor plan with volume ceilings. The kitchen has a breakfast bar, pantry, granite tops, glass tile backsplash, SS appliances, and a 2022 French door refrigerator. A generous sized master bedroom suite provides a 6'6" walk-in tiled shower, dual vanity sinks, private water closet, freestanding soaker tub, and linen closet. Bedrooms 2,3 and 4 allow plenty of room for family, guests, office, and/or hobbies. The garage that has an insulated garage door with an automatic opener, ceiling fan, motion activated LED lighting, pull-down stairs for attic access & insulated attic ceiling. Additional features include an interior laundry room, Security system, insulated windows, shaker style cabinetry, luxury vinyl flooring, plantation shutters, lever door handles, etched glass front door, front storm door, comfort height toilets, 6 ceiling fans, gutters, painted/flaked garage floor, driveway & sidewalk, garage shelving, irrigation for plants and trees, coach lights and more! The large corner lot is conducive for a possible future detached garage, workshop or storage building. The charming historic city of Fort Meade offers shopping, restaurants, parks, places of worship, schools, library, recreation, and nearby canoeing, kayaking and paddle boarding. Fort Meade is approximately 10 minutes from Bartow and 20 minutes to Winter Haven and Streamsong Golf Resort, 30+ minutes to Lakeland, Legoland & Bok Tower, and approximately an hour to Gulf of Mexico beaches, Tampa and Orlando. \$299,500.00

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(Sayings from the 50's)

Heavens to Mergatroyd)

Mergatroyd: Do you remember that word? Would you believe my spell checker did not recognize the word, Mergatroyd? Heavens to Mergatroyd!

We were In Like Flynn and living the life of Riley. And don't accuse us of being a knucklehead, a nincompoop or a pill: not for all the tea in China!

Well, I hope you are Hunky Dory after you read this and chuckle.

“Hearts are the strongest when they beat in response to noble ideas.”

I hate it when I can't figure out how to operate the Ipad and my tech support guy is asleep. He's 5 and it's past his bedtime.

NEWSBRIEFS FOR NEWCOMERS Newsbriefs is the main communication venue for residents of Lake Henry Estates, with Loretta Kramer as the Administrator. It is a component of the Lake Henry Estates website and can be accessed through the following address: www.lakehenryestates.com/news/

The Newsbriefs website is actually updated daily or whenever Loretta receives new information, however, for your convenience, an email update reminder is sent every Wednesday and Sunday. The email reminder includes a link to the Newsbriefs website. So that you are included in Loretta's Newsbriefs Update Email Google Group, please send your email address to: kramer.loretta@gmail.com

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LHE SOCIAL EVENTS FOR JULY 2023

SUMMER POTLUCK LUNCHEON with Program - July 4th 1:00 PM

Social Committee will provide grilled hamburgers and the fixings! Sign up required in the Clubhouse hallway by June 27th which is one week prior, This allows time to buy and prepare the needed food. Program to follow.

LADIE'S LUNCHEON - JULY is CANCELED!

COOKBOOK CLUB & THEME - Sunday July 23rd - 3PM

Summer - bring a dish reminding you of summer– simple or complicated

SAVE THE DATE

COOKBOOK CLUB & THEME - Sunday 3PM - PUB

Aug 20 zucchini
Sept 17 you pick

Mark your calendars. It would be helpful if you can RSVP Judy Koblentz by the Wednesday before if you're coming. This allows people to plan how large to make their shareable dish. You can text Judy or leave a message.



Lake Henry Residents got together in Kendallville, Indiana For a mini reunion and potluck at the Hasselman's home.

Pictured are: Terri & Wayne Hasselman; Karolina Straw; Jerri Gage; Denise Sheldon and Colette Parker.

My mind is like an internet browser. At least 18 open tabs, 3 of them are frozen, and I have no clue where the music is coming from,

When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask, "Why, what did you hear?"

There is no such thing as a grouchy old person. The truth is that once you get old, you stop being polite and start being honest.

I hate when a couple argue in public, and I missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on.

Did you hear about the actor who fell through the floorboards? He was just going through a stage.

Why does a golfer take an extra pair of socks with them? In case he gets a hole in one!

Why are elevator jokes so funny?
They work on many levels.

I had a dream I was a muffler, I woke up exhausted.

If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?"

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