



# Lake Henry Estates Newsletter

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Thank you Board & Volunteers for Upgrades to our Community



## HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS TIPS



It's that time of year again! Time to get prepared for the upcoming hurricane season. We were very fortunate last year, our community had minimal impact from the storms that ravaged the Tampa/St. Petersburg area. We did lose power, however, and should always be ready for that possibility when planning. Following are tips from the Disaster Preparedness and Recovery Plan found in the Documents section of the LHE website.

### START EARLY : These things need be DONE NOW!

- ♦ Take photos or video of your house, furniture, and accessories. Use a smart phone or tablet for easiest accessibility if needed (you'll have your phone with you no matter where you go) , or develop photos and keep in a very safe place (safe deposit box, or mail to relative not affected by hurricanes).
- ♦ Get and keep extra cash (stores without power cannot accept credit cards).
- ♦ Get sufficient supply of prescription drugs, don't wait until the last minute.
- ♦ Have a battery powered radio, flashlights or battery lamp, and plenty of batteries.
- ♦ Make sure your tub will hold water. If not, buy a flat rubber stopper. (Use to flush toilets).
- ♦ If you have a cell phone, get a car charger for it or power banks (make sure power banks are fully charged in advance)
- ♦ Have a house phone that does not require electric power.
- ♦ Get box (shelf stable) milk, non-perishable food (peanut butter, tuna, etc) and coffee drinks or instant.
- ♦ Get trees and shrubs trimmed.
- ♦ Check insurance policy. Write policy and agent's telephone numbers down, or have in phone.
- ♦ Prepare a personal first aid kit.

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Thank you to those that share information for our pleasure. Everyone's help is appreciated.

**Community Photographer– Herb Kramer**

**We apologize for any omissions or errors in this edition.**



## 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](mailto:newsletter@lakehenryestates.com)



**SUNSHINE** - Judy Koblentz is our Sunshine Committee Chair. Street Captains, please EMAIL your verified information to Judy at [jkoblentz@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## SUNSHINE

### **KATIE GALLO: Death of Former Resident**

Catherine ("Katie") Gallo, formerly of Lake Henry Estates, passed away Wednesday, Feb 5, 2025, at age 92, in Wooster, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her husband Paul. Online condolences may be left for the family at: [www.mcintirebradhamsleek.com](http://www.mcintirebradhamsleek.com).

### **CLARENCE HOFFMAN: Hospitalization or Illness (UPDATE)**

Clarence Hoffman, of 670 Sweetwater Way, had emergency stomach surgery at Celebration Hospital on May 15. Clarence is at HOME now and as of June 13th his recovery is going as expected, and he is slowly getting better. He is on a soft food diet for 3 to 6 months. Thanks for the cards and prayers, and please continue, as he has a long road ahead.

### **KAREN BROWNELL: Hospitalization or Illness (UPDATE)**

Karen Brownell, of 698 Pinnacle Drive, is home from rehab. She will continue the rest of her recovery at home. Cards may be dropped off at her house.

### **DICK STROUD: Hospitalization or Illness**

Dick Stroud, of 679 Sweetwater Way East, has suffered a stroke and is in rehabilitation. Thoughts and prayers are appreciated.

### **MANLEY NIPE: Death**

Manley Nipe, of 427 Harbourview Dr., passed away June 12th at 90 years old, surrounded by his family. Cards may be sent to his wife Nancy Benz and his family at 23 Cedar Croft, Ogdensburg, NY 13669.

### **KLARA WOLF: Death of Former Resident**

Klara Wolf, formerly of 423 Harbourview Drive, has passed away. She and her husband were among the first residents at Lake Henry. Her daughter thought there might be some residents still here that knew her. Cards may be sent to: Karen and Michael Fohey, 1833 Landre Ct., Burlington, WI 53105. Share Memories & Support the Family at: <https://www.danielsfamilyfuneral.com/>



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

### AED DEFIBRILLATOR BOX LOCATIONS

One box is located in the Clubhouse ballroom, near the doors by the stage.

The other is located in the Pub, next to the door leading to the kitchen and Ballroom. As a reminder, nothing should be put in front of these boxes.

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Last year our family was looking forward to returning to our beach vacation timeshare on Captiva Island after missing a year while the property was under going renovation from the effects of Hurricane Ian (9/22). We have been very fortunate to return this year after Hurricane Helene hit the area Oct. 2024 and dumped a lot of sand and wrought destruction! REAL ESTATE: Mortgage rates remain the same. In our Stellar MLS area, which also includes Haines City, Davenport and Winter Haven, the first quarter of 2025 reflects: home prices have declined slightly with the exception of in the Orlando where they are flat; months of inventory has increased 25-50%; and, sales activities are down. It is a good time for Cash buyers! That said, it is a challenging time for short term investors who want to flip a property! Wishing you a safe and Happy Fourth July!

**1491 Ave F NE CHARM, PERSONALITY, A POOL and NO HOA!** This 1824 SF 3BR/2BA **Winter Haven** home with family room and screened lanai has been well maintained and creatively decorated! The home is cozy yet spacious and features: open floor plan; living room with electric fireplace; and, plenty of closet storage space plus built in cabinetry and shelving! The kitchen overlooks the pool area, has a gas range, tile countertop, breakfast bar and large pantry closet. Adjacent is the dining room which leads to the family room and 14x16 screened lanai. The master bedroom suite has an insulated glass door leading to the 13x16 wood deck and the pool area. Ready to relax or go for a SWIM? What could be nicer than spending time in the 18x36 pool, enjoying the back yard oasis or gathering on the huge pool deck area with family and/or friends surrounded by a privacy wall/fence! Behind the one car garage is a utility room/workshop and an adjacent carport. Second water meter for irrigation is economical! Improvements with approx. dates include: whole house re-piped 2009; pool interior refinished 2015; AC/heat system replaced 2019; pool pump replaced 2024; and ROOF REPLACED 2024! New electric panel box installed and electric updated to 200 amp service 2024. Lake Elbert walking path which is almost completed is just a block away! Located close to downtown Winter Haven, schools, places of worship, restaurants and medical facilities! \$289,900.00



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## July 2

Ticket sales: Beverly Brooks-Gore 863-397-0784 / [BJBrooksNC@tampabay.com](mailto:BJBrooksNC@tampabay.com)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
1:00 pm Shuffleboard	800 am Golf (Couples) 9:30 am Water Aerobics 1:00pm Line dancing 6:30pm B&V Gaff Bible study	9:30 am Water Aerobics 1:00 pm Couples Shuffleboard 6:00pm Texas Hold em 6:00pm Euchre	800 am Golf (Ladies) 9:00 am Bocce 9:30 am Water Aerobics	8:00 am Golf (Couples) 9:30 am Water Aerobics 1:00pm Line dancing 6:30pm B&V Gaff Bible study
		1	2	3
6	7 1:00pm Line Dancing 5:00pm Munchie Monday	8	9	10
13	14 1:00pm Line Dancing 5:00pm Munchie Monday	15	16	17
20	21 1:00pm Line Dancing 5:00pm Munchie Monday	22	23	24
27	28 1:00pm Line Dancing 5:00pm Munchie Monday	29	30	31
Events and Activities are subject to change. Please check the website for updates.				
COD means last day to sign up for event				

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# Community Events

## 2025

rr.com Please call or text Lorri Milligan @586 344 9118 the calendar no later than the 15th of each month.



### Birthdays

3 Jay Walton	15 Jerry Mills
3 Rehana Ramdayal	15 Roger Dennis
4 John Bakle	15 Katie Ferrante
4 Sue Hill	17 Roseann Merschen
5 Rosemary Frost	18 Chad Christianson
5 Bill Brock	21 Chip Hayward
6 Bev Brooks-Gore	22 Jim Vella
7 Jean Lindsey	23 Ginger Andreason
8 Beverly Unger	24 Barry Hill
8 Jim Bertucca	24 Beryl Hager
9 Gil Catherwood	25 Dan Nolt
10 Julia Beretta	25 Judy Bretveld
10 Ken Ledoux	26 Jerry Infantino
11 Dale Porter	28 Terry Lareau
12 Norm Johnson	28 Christine Awbrey
14 Kathy Reciniello	29 Susan Faneuf
14 Carol Mangino	30 David Shuff

### Anniversary's

1 Russ & Debbie Jones	1977
3 Ron & Tina Ray	1999
4 Bill & Vivian Gaff	1961
6 Ted Bargwell & Mary Cutler	2013
6 Walter & Rose Whorten	1958
9 Norm & Jane Davies	1983
10 Fred & Irene Dye	1965
13 Dick & Jane Jacques	1968
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
31 William & Catherine Grant	2004

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10 am Golf (Men) 10 am Water Aerobics 10 pm Couples shuffle-board	9:00am Bowling 9:30 am Water Aerobics 1:00 pm Men's Shuffle-board YARD WASTE PICK-UP Trash Pick up	9:00am Bocce 6:30 pm Joker 6:30 pm Nickels-Group A 7:00 pm Nickels-Group B
10 pm Thirsty Thursday	4 1:00pm Pot Luck COD 6/27	5
10 pm Pizza in Pub	11	12
10 pm Thirsty Thursday	18 NO BOARD MEETING 6:00pm Karaoke	19
10 pm Thirsty Thursday	25	26
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Please keep updated by reading the Clubhouse Bulletin board and checking Channel 732 and our webpage regularly.		

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## **LHE SOCIAL EVENTS FOR JULY 2025**

### **INDEPENDENCE DAY POTLUCK - Friday, July 4th –1pm**



Grilled hamburgers and fixings provided by the Social Committee. [Remember to bring your own table service.](#) Guests are welcome, but must have a \$5 Guest Ticket Available from Beverly Brooks Gore. Chaired by: Joann Hoffman.

**REMEMBER- NO SAVING TABLES UNTIL 1PM DAY OF EVENT!**

### **PUB EVENTS:**

Just a reminder that all Pub events continue through the summer months. Munchie Mondays and Thirsty Thursdays at 5:30pm each week. Pizza night for \$5 the second Thursday of the month, and Karaoke at 6pm the 3rd Friday of the month.



There will be no Ladies Lunch-eons July and August. They will resume in September. Any questions, call Rhoda Rice.



### **BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY CARDS AND BALLOONS**

A reminder that we consistently have difficulty finding volunteers to take on the task of delivering cards and balloons for these special occasions. It is very easy! The office supplies the cards and balloons, and they are only delivered to the residents that are presently home (easier in the summer). If we get multiple volunteers, it can be split to be just 15 days each.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Rita Fournier.

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## HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS CONTINUED

### When Storm Appears Imminent:

- ♦ Fill vehicle gas tanks and gas cans for generators. Also propane tanks for generators and grills or camp stove.
- \* Do all laundry.

- \* Start freezing blocks of ice in plastic bottles or jugs, or freeze water in zip lock bags. These can be used in a cooler chest to keep perishables in after the storm.
- ♦ Fill up your tub with water to use for flushing toilets, etc. Have buckets to use for this purpose.
- ♦ Stock up on water bottles for drinking, or keep separate jugs filled for this purpose.
- ♦ If you plan to leave, give your phone number and location where you will be going, with the office and neighbors. If you are staying, it is also a good idea to leave your family emergency contacts in a visible area (on refrigerator) in case anyone needs to reach them on your behalf.
- \* Cover or board up your windows to protect from flying debris.
- ♦ **Remove ALL loose items from yard.** (This is what causes a lot of the flying debris).
- ♦ Remove all perishables from freezers and refrigerators.
- ♦ Remove nameplate, bulb, and globe from Lamppost. Cover open light socket with a plastic bag, secure it with duct tape.
- ♦ Cover your roof vents ; many homes in 2004 had water come into the house via the roof vents,
- ♦ Have cell phones and battery chargers fully charged.
- ♦ Put a week's supply of medications, car and house keys, credit cards, cash, jewelry, first aid kit, community directory, etc. in a large purse or tote bag and keep it near you during the storm, or in case of evacuation.
- ♦ If you are not evacuating, use your dishwasher to store important papers or some of your irreplaceable items. (The dishwasher is waterproof when closed).
- ♦ Place valuable electronics (computers, TVs, etc.) in garbage bags, tie the bags at the top and place another bag over that and tie on the side (so water will not leak in the top). Place on high counters if possible.
- ♦ Unplug electronic equipment that you cannot fit in bags. (VCR, TVs, DVDs, etc.) to avoid surges.

### IF YOU ARE LEAVING THE COMMUNITY FOR A PERIOD OF TIME DURING THE SEASON

- ♦ Have a resident neighbor watch over your home.
- ♦ They should have a key and your contact information.
- ♦ These residents are not responsible for conducting repairs to your home if needed..

### AFTER THE STORM:

- ♦ If power is lost:
  - \* Turn off your main circuit breaker.
  - \* Make sure all faucets are turned off.
  - \* Empty out your refrigerator after 48 hours.
  - \* Now it should be safe to leave your home , if necessary, to go to a motel or family.
  - \* Take phone directory with you so you can call the community to see if electric is restored.
  - \* Once power is restored, turn on the main circuit breaker.
- ♦ All residents must remember they are responsible for their home and property and should take these proper steps and measures to protect their property themselves.
- ♦ You should be prepared to be self-sufficient for a minimum of 72 hours immediately following a major disaster.
- ♦ Preparedness is an individual responsibility.
- ♦ Remember, committee members have homes and families too.

**NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER WILL CONTAIN ADDITIONAL STORM INFO.**

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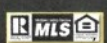
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