



Lake Henry Estates Newsletter

DECEMBER 2025

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Thank you Board & Volunteers for Upgrades to our Community



Sun 14th– Mon 22nd



Thurs 25th



Fri 26th



Wed 31st



LHE CHRISTMAS ELVES ARE BACK.

Christmas card delivery is DECEMBER 7th –21st.
Bring your addressed Christmas cards to the Library in the Clubhouse,
and sort them into the appropriate boxes.
Our LHE elves will deliver them. Please remember to have a basket, box,
or something for the cards outside your front door.
If you need more info, please contact Jeanne Whitt. Happy Holidays!

CANDIDATES FOR THE LHE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Please join us for Meet the Candidates Night. This is designed to let residents be introduced to the volunteers running for positions on the Board. It will take place in the Ballroom on DECEMBER 8th at 7pm.



ELAINE LEWIS



MINDY SMITH



BOB REUWER

Thank you to those that share information for our pleasure. Everyone's help is appreciated.
Community Photographer– Herb Kramer

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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

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

LORETTA KRAMER: Hospitalization or Illness Update

Loretta Kramer, of 672 Sweetwater Way E., has been diagnosed with uterine cancer, and had a SUCCESSFUL surgery and expects a full recovery. All of the positive thoughts and prayers of support were much appreciated.



SALVATION ARMY TOY DRIVE

I would like to THANK everyone at LHE that donated toys for the 2025 Salvation Army Toy Drive. Again this year we had many lovely toys. You helped to make many children have a very Merry Christmas. Thank you, Beth Muntzinger.

CPR and AED CLASS DECEMBER 10

Polk County Emergency Services will be here on December 10th from 2-4pm. They will be holding a class on CPR and the use of the AED (defibrillator). Class is free of charge. This is very informative and life saving instruction, Sign up sheet is in the Clubhouse hallway. The class is restricted in size, so I'll post a standby list. If you can't make the date, or we get enough people signing up, we can get a second class for a future date.



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2nd- 9AM

We have Dr. Carniglia, from American Institute of Dermatology as our speaker.

There will be a Food Drive, 50-50 raffle, and loose change for our Cancer fundraiser.

Please arrive early if you signed up for the light breakfast being provided. Our speaker will start at 9AM.

If you have boxes that can hold 3-4 bags of groceries please bring them to the clubhouse on Monday.

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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DECEMBER GREETINGS!!! I believe most of us are so very fortunate to have a secure roof over our heads, a bed to sleep in, food for the table, decent support systems and access to healthcare. There are multiple times I am reminded of this as I see those that are less fortunate. This is good time of year to provide assistance in some manner... ..whether through a toy drive, donation of your time, food, clothing or monetary. **WISHING YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS A SAFE, BLESSED AND JOYFUL CHRISTMAS AND A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR!!!**

185 LAGOON RD ...JUST LISTED! CANAL FRONT PROPERTY WITH CONCRETE SEA WALL LEADING TO BEAUTIFUL LAKE NED! NO HOA! LOCATED IN SOUTHEAST WINTER HAVEN, this spacious 3BR/2BA 1788 SF home with 2 car garage has easy care flooring thought out & no carpeting. NEW ROOF 2022, AC CONDENSER 2019 & INSULATED DUAL PANE WINDOWS. The interlocking paver driveway is extended along side of home which is perfect for parking your boat or RV. The entry foyer leads to a separate living room & the large great room with high ceilings & a masonry real brick fireplace. The kitchen has plenty of cabinets & counter space and SS appliances. The primary bedroom is a generous 12' x 16' with ensuite bathroom & large walk in closet. Bedrooms #2 and #3 each have a walk in closet & are convenient to the hall bathroom with tub/shower combo. There is a total of 4 lg. walk in closets for all your storage needs. Two sets of sliding Glass doors lead to a 12' X 23' enclosed lanai with insulated roof. The rear yard is fenced & has a 5' gate for easy access to the canal front. A water edge deck and or small dock could possibly be added. **THIS IS A PERFECT HOME FOR THE BUYER THAT CAN ENVISION THEIR OWN DECORATING TOUCHES AND DESIRES SPACE!** Lake Ned Park with public boat ramp is just a couple of blocks away! Legoland, grocery store, restaurants, shopping & places of worship are located within 3-4 miles distance. Easy access to downtown Winter Haven & HWY 27..... \$275,000.00

SOLD...580 TEESDALE DRIVE



Merry Christmas

From festive lights to friendly neighbors, our community shines brightest at Christmastime. If buying or selling is on your wish list, let's connect! I'm here to guide you every step of the way.

Candia Centesino



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December

Ticket sales: Beverly Brooks-Gore 863-397-0784 / BJBrooksNC@tampabay.com
 Dianne Tebaldi 863-421-4374 dtebaldi@tampabay.it.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
1:00 pm Couples Shuffle-board	9:00 am Golf (Pairs) 9:30 am Water Aerobics 6:30 pm B&V Gaff Bible Study	9:30 am Water Aerobics 1:00 pm Couples Shuffle-board 6:00pm Texas Hold Em 6:00pm Euchre	9:00 am Golf (Ladies) 9:00 am Bocce 9:30 am Water Aerobics 3:00pm Pickleball	9:00 am Golf (Ladies) 9:30 am Water Aerobics 1:00pm Shuffle-board
	1 1:00 pm Line Dancing 5:30pm Munchie Monday	2 9:00am Coffee Talk Food Drive 	3 6:00pm Game night in Pub	4 9:30 am Golf (Ladies) 1:00pm Shuffle-board 5:30pm Pickleball
7	8 1:00pm Line Dancing 4:30pm Colette's party 7:00pm Meet Candidates	9	10 9:30am Veteran's Coffee 2-4:00pm CPR Class 6:00pm Game Night in Pub	11 9:30 am Golf (Ladies) 1:00pm Shuffle-board 5:30pm Pickleball
14	15 7:00pm Bell Choir Program 	16	17 6:00pm Game night in Pub	18 9:30 am Golf (Ladies) 1:00pm Shuffle-board 5:30pm Pickleball
21	22 1:00pm Line Dancing 5:30pm Munchie Monday	23	24 6:00pm Game night in Pub	25 1:00pm Shuffle-board 5:30pm Pickleball
28	29 1:00pm Line dancing 5:30pm Munchie Monday	30	31 8:00pm -Midnight New Year's Eve Dance 	
			Events and Activities are subject to change.	Please keep

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For more information, please call or text Lorri Milligan @586 344 9118 the calendar no later than the 15th of each month.



updated by reading the Clubhouse Bulletin board and checking Channel 732 and our webpage regularly.

1 Jan Moody	14 Sharon Conely
1 Peggy Bertucca	14 Val Moore
1 Mark Bockelman	15 Colette Parker
4 Lue Robbins	19 Ann Fifolt
5 Joe Tousignant	21 Dan Schoof
5 Linda McKelvey	22 Russ Woolums
6 Amy Tousignant	23 Daniel Tebaldi
6 Kim Anderson	23 Martha Sayles
7 Frank Albino	23 Herb Kramer
7 Laura Bateman	24 Jim Schultz
7 Pam Johnson	25 Rita Manly
9 Dawne Bockelman	25 Lorraine Ricci
10 Lyn Veltheer	25 Trina Nguyen
11 Carol Criger	25 Chris Downie
11 Jean Cyr	26 Bob Downie
12 Mark Frank	27 Clyde Nicely
12 Ron Tilton	28 Gene Urquhart
12 Bill Dam	30 Ted Bargwell
12 Sharon Spenik	30 Bob Collins
14 Norma Jones	

7 David & Nora Kay Francis	1985
8 Bill & Laura Bateman	1989
8 Dave & Pam Johnson	1986
9 Clyde & Pamela Nicely	1972
10 Rich & Susie Smice	2005
10 Fabian & Suleyma Caldera	1988
12 Denis & Rhonda Webber	2012
20 Dennis & Sue Wierck	1969
21 Jerry & Gerri Berringer	2007
23 Danny & Diane Tebaldi	1994
23 Dit & Bev Unger	1961
24 Jerry & Kathy Bennett	1967
26 Jerry & Suzie Infantino	1964
28 Noyland & Evelyn Francis	1980
28 Russ & Jen Woolums	2020
31 Blaine & Laura Weller	2014

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LHE SOCIAL EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2025

ADOPT A SENIOR PROGRAM –Beginning November 29th

The tree in the clubhouse foyer will be hung with name and gift requests for residents of the Lake Alfred Nursing Home. Sign the tag out (so we know who has it). Bring the wrapped gift back to the clubhouse by the deadline to be delivered to the nursing home residents. Carmen Wilde will chair.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS AUCTION– Saturday December 6th– 7 pm

How the Auction works: Bring a wrapped NEW gift item to donate (something that you would be happy to receive) to the Pub anytime on Saturday. The minimum to spend for the gift is \$20. Come that evening with a generous heart and a fat wallet to bid on the donated gifts. You go home with a nice surprise gift and the money raised will be donated to Fundamentals for Kids. No tickets or table reservations are required.

Dee Albarado will chair. See the Clubhouse Poster for more info.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15th - BELL CHOIR PROGRAM & CANDLELIGHT SERVICE at 7PM

Kris Bomgarden has arranged to have the Bronze Bell Christmas Bell Choir Program followed by a Candlelight Service chaired by Diane Tebaldi with the help of Tammi Shafer. A treat and coffee will be provided after the service. The event is free but you must get a ticket from Beverly Brooks Gore or Diane Tebaldi so we know how many will be attending. See Clubhouse poster for more info.

CHRISTMAS DAY POTLUCK BUFFET– December 25th-1pm

Ham will be provided by the social committee. You must sign up in the clubhouse hallway with the number of people attending and the type of dish that you will be bringing. Guests are welcome with a Buffet/Potluck guest ticket available from Beverly Brooks Gore for \$5. Remember to bring your own table service. Dee Albarado will chair. See Clubhouse Poster for more info.

NEW YEARS EVE DANCE– December 31st-with LHE's own Jim and Mandi–8pm to midnight

Bring snacks to share at your table. Champagne toast at 11pm. Tickets are \$15 and available from Beverly Brooks Gore and Diane Tebaldi. See Clubhouse Poster for more info. Beth Muntzinger will chair.

SAVE THE DATE

More information will be forthcoming for January events. Posters will be up by Dec. 1st.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION REMOVAL– Saturday, January 3rd 9 am

CHILI COOKOFF– Sunday, January 11th

Kris Bomgarden is chairperson.

DINNER SHOW with DUELING PIANOS PROGRAM—January 22nd

Pat Dey is chairperson.

REMEMBER - NO SAVING TABLES UNTIL 1PM DAY OF EVENT

***Potluck guest tickets are available for \$5 from Beverly Brooks Gore for Non-LHE residents attending Potlucks and Holiday buffets.**



NAME TAGS

To both new and old residents, please wear your name tag to ALL functions. We have so many new friends to meet. Remember, the new residents don't know us, and we old residents don't know the new ones. If you need a new name tag, Vicki Matt is willing to put in an order. Please contact Vicki if you are interested. 863-422-1655

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NEW RESIDENTS



TOM & SUSAN COWELL

Please welcome Tom and Susan Cowell to LHE. They reside at 664 Waterford Drive. The previous homeowner was the late Lynn Cowell, Tom's sister.

Tom's family grew up in the Berkshires of Western Ma. He is one of 7 children with Lynn being the 4th and he was the 5th. They had a very close relationship.

Tom and Susan have a home in Bellingham, Ma., and are going to be snow birds. They are familiar with the area because they would visit Lynn as well as Susan's family. Susan has a mother who lives in Champions Gate and a brother in the Orlando area.

Tom and Susan both retired from a career in education. Tom went to the University of Texas and then returned to the area to teach at the Medfield School District. He was a teacher as well as the athletic director for the school district.

Susan taught secondary education at the Medfield School District where she was also the Dept. Chair of Health and Wellness. They both coached multi sports. They also ran a summer camp program in Franklin, Ma. for 41 years.

They met at the Medfield School District and have been married for 39 years. Their wedding anniversary is August 17th. They have four sons, three grandsons and five granddaughters. Both love to golf, go to the gym and walk. Susan's birthday is Nov 30th and Tom's is June 23rd.



DECEMBER PUB EVENTS

- 8th – 4:30pm – special Munchie Monday in the Ballroom. Going away party for Collette Parker. Everyone at Lake Henry is invited. We are providing hotdogs with all the fixings. Please bring a dish to share, such as potato salad, mac & cheese, baked beans, chips, etc. No desserts, as cake will be provided. DEADLINE TO SIGN UP 12/4.
- 11th- PIZZA NIGHT—\$5 pizza
- 13th– 9am– BREAKFAST (in the Ballroom) \$8 Sausage, scrambled eggs, hashbrown Casserole, bread pudding see poster in Clubhouse.
- 18th- SECRET SANTA- Bring a wrapped, approx \$10 gift in the spirit of fun, if you would like to participate.
- 19th- KARAOKE
- 22nd- MUNCHIE MONDAY CHRISTMAS Bring a Christmas themed dish.
- 25th- NO THIRSTY THURSDAY (Xmas)

THANK YOU VETERANS

REMEMBER AND HONOR



CALLING ALL VETERANS

Our 2nd monthly coffee hour will be held Wednesday, Dec 10, 2025 @ 9:30 in the Ball room. Spouses/ support persons are welcome. There will be a short informational presentation.



NO LADIES LUNCHEON IN DECEMBER

We will resume in January.

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
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PUB TREE



The tree in the Pub is decorated with personalized ornaments from Lake Henry residents. We would appreciate you adding your ornament to this tree to create a great community Christmas tree. Merry Christmas And Happy Holidays!