



Lake Henry Estates *Newsletter*

JANUARY 2026 Editor: Mary Ann OCallaghan



JANUARY 1ST



JANUARY 19TH



ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING **MONDAY, JANUARY 12TH-7:00PM**

The Sweetwater East Investment Co. (dba Lake Henry Estates) will conduct it's annual meeting at the Clubhouse. Pursuant to the By-Laws, the agenda will include the Election of Directors, the presentation of the Internal Audit Report for fiscal 2025 and the Operating Budget establishing the 2026 Monthly Maintenance Fee effective January 1, 2026, and any additional business that may rightfully come before the Shareholders. Only voting Shareholders may attend.

We must have a quorum, or we will not be able to conduct business. Therefore it is extremely important that you submit your absentee ballot, complete a proxy, or attend the meeting.

CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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.

DENNY DURYEA: Hospitalization or Illness

Denny Duryea, of 502 Eastlake, has been diagnosed with Leukemia. He is undergoing treatment up North. Get well cards can be sent to Denny at 24 Romagna Road, Niantic, CT 06357.



LHE COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE HOTDOG SALE & BAKE SALE

FRIDAY, FEB 27th-8AM-1PM—for LHE residents ONLY.

SATURDAY, FEB 28TH-8AM-1PM— Open to the public with a Bake Sale and hot dog roast.

Sign up in the Clubhouse hallway if you plan to participate in the community garage sale. The fee is \$2 per house to help pay for the advertising. Fee must be paid at the office. Pat Dey will chair the Bake Sale. Jackie Pratt will chair the Hot Dog Sale. Volunteers are needed to bake and donate items to be sold at the bake sale. Dick Karhoff will chair the Traffic Control.



THANK YOU!

I want to thank everyone who helped put the new wood on the Bocce Courts. It was a community effort. We play Bocce every Wednesday and Saturday at 9:00AM. All are welcome!! Thanks again, John Muntzinger.

A very special **THANK YOU** to the LHE Christmas card elves who willingly gave their time and effort in this busy time of year to deliver holiday cheer to the residents of LHE.

Your awesome 2025 Christmas card elves were:

Ronda Batty, Wendy Brock, Marla Coy, Jean Cyr, Joyce Diesing, Jerri Gage, Nancy Hayward, Clarence Hoffman, Debbie Jones, Vivian & Jim Kovitz, Carol Mangino, Lori Milligan, Beth Muntzinger, Colette Parker, Jackie Pratt, Sue Reuwer, Diane Tebaldi, Amy Tousignant, and Laura Weller.

Wishing everyone Happy Holidays and may the joy and spirit of the Christmas season be with you in the coming year!
Jeanne Whitt, Chairman

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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625 GELTHORPE DRIVE ... DAVENPORT...NO BACKYARD NEIGHBORS! This MOVE-IN READY immaculate 1972 SF 4BR/2BA home is located in Laurel Estates overlooking a tranquil conservation area! Perfect for a full-time residence, winter retreat or a rental property. Short term rentals are allowed. Designed with a split floor plan, the home features a living room/dining room area and a family room with sliding glass doors that open onto a covered lanai! The well appointed kitchen features: wood cabinetry with 36" uppers; granite countertop; deluxe SS appliances; 60/40 sink; pantry closet; and a breakfast bar. The primary bedroom suite features: walk-in closet; ensuite bathroom with water closet; dual sinks; and, a garden tub with separate glassed in shower. Bedrooms 2, 3 and 4 each have nice sized closets. The bonus alcove area located adjacent to the interior laundry room could be used for a multitude of purposes! Sit back and relax or host a BBQ on the covered lanai! Outstanding features include: brick paver driveway/walkway; attractive landscaping; easy to clean 17x17 tile flooring in high traffic areas; dual pane insulated windows; 2" Blinds throughout; vaulted and high ceilings; separate interior closet for the AC/heat system Air Handler/Furnace; and more! Back yard is spacious...want to add a patio, a garden, a pool?! Community amenities include sidewalks, a playground and pool! The community is located with a well known grocery store just minutes away, easy access to shopping destinations, restaurants and I-4. Disney, Sea World, other Central Florida attractions, medical facilities, Orlando airport and Sunrail are within a relatively short drive. Beaches on either coast are within approximately 50-75 miles.
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Ticket sales: Beverly Brooks-Gore 863-397-0784 / BJBrooksNC@tampabay.
Dianne Tebaldi 863-421-4374 dtebaldi@tampabay.it.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
1:00 pm Couples Shuffleboard Pickleball 3:00pm Mon-Fri	900 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 Shuffleboard 6:00pm Texas Hold Em 6:00pm Euchre	900 am Golf (Ladies) 9:00 am Bocce 9:30 am Water Aerobics	900 am Golf (Ladies) 9:30 am Bocce 1:00 pm Couples Shuffleboard
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4	5 1:00pm Line dancing 5:30pm Munchie Monday	6 9:00am Coffee Talk 	7	8 9:30am 1:00pm 5:30pm
11 Chili Cookoff Cancelled	12 1:00pm Line dancing 7:00pm Annual Meeting	13	14 9:30am Veterans Meeting	15 9:30am 1:00pm 5:30pm
18	19 1:00pm Line Dancing 5:30pm Munchie Monday	20	21	22 9:30am 5:30pm COD 1/15
25	26 1:00pm Line dancing 5:30pm Munchie Monday	27 11:30am Ladies Luncheon Carrabba's	28	29 9:30am 1:00pm 5:30pm
		Events and Activities are subject to change. Please keep		



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Community Events

2026

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



Thursday	Friday	Saturday
am Golf (Men) am Water Aerobics om Couples Shuffle- d	9:30 am Water Aerobics 9:00 am Bowling 1:00 pm Shuffleboard for everyone Trash & Yard PICK-UP Bulk pick-up 1st Friday	9:00 Bocce 6:30 pm Joker 6:30 pm Nickels-Group A 7:00 pm Nickels-Group B
 pm Thirsty Thursday	2 1:00pm Stained Glass	3 9:00am Take Down Christmas Decorations
30am Quilting pm Arts & Crafts pm pizza in the pub	9 1:00pm Stained Glass	10
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9:30 am Quilting pm Dinner Show 	23 1:00pm Stained Glass	24 9 :00am Golf Clinic
30AM Quilting pm Arts & Crafts pm Thirsty Thursday	30 1:00pm Stained Glass	31
p updated by reading the Clubhouse Bulletin board and checking Channel 732 and our webpage regularly.		

Birthdays

1 Tony Moore	10 Clara Meehan
1 Loretta Kramer	11 Joe Janssen
2 Shirley Tilley	11 Pam Lottinville
3 Joann Hoffman	12 Bob Reuver
3 Jane Jacques	13 Ron Bard
3 Barbara Gordon	15 David Gear
3 Sally Porter	16 David Francis
3 Betty Fitzgerald	18 Nancy Karhoff
4 Carol Lefebber	18 Evelyn Francis
4 Elaine Lewis	20 Fabian Caldera
6 William Grant	25 Shirley Katleski
6 Dit Unger	25 Nan Costanzo
6 Tami Nunn	26 Lewis Trask
6 Anne Schoof	26 Denice Gaudette
6 Sondra Spradlin	28 John Dey
7 Vivian Gaff	31 Rose Whorten
8 Blaine Weller	31 Diane Lareau
9 Wayne Hasselman	

Anniversary's

7 Gary & Sheila Passmore	1967
13 John & Pat Dey	1968
24 Pat & Gina Diapolo	2016
29 Dan & Cindy Nolt	1993

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LHE SOCIAL EVENTS FOR January 2026

NEW YEARS EVE DANCE with JIM and MANDI– Wednesday, December 31st 8 PM to Midnight

Bring Hors d'oeuvres or desserts to share and place them on the buffet table in the Pub to be enjoyed by all throughout the night. Champagne Toast at 11PM. Table reservations at 1PM. Tickets are \$15 and available from Beverly Brooks-Gore and Diane Tebaldi. Beth Muntzinger chairs.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION REMOVAL– Saturday January 3th– 9AM

Undecorate the clubhouse Please make plans to help.

COFFEE TALK– Tuesday, January 6th– 9:00 AM

CHILI COOKOFF– Cancelled

Only 9 people signed up to make chili. Because the season is full of events this year, it will not be rescheduled. For those who have bought tickets, you can get a refund, or transfer your credit to the Olympics Greek Dinner (2/1) or the Valentine Dance (2/13).

ANNUAL DINNER SHOW - Thursday January 22nd—5:30PM

Dinner Show with Dueling Pianos Program. This is sure to be the wildest dueling piano show in the south with 2 singing pianists and lots of audience participation. Dallas Reese is an accomplished singer-songwriter with over 3 decades of experience performing. John has over 20 years of experience and has performed across Florida and the US. Tickets are \$35 and will be available from Beverly Brooks Gore or Diane Tebaldi until January 15th. The dinner menu is BBQ ribs, Cheesy Potatoes, Coleslaw, Corn Casserole, Roll & Key Lime Pie. Pat Dey is chairperson.

LADIES LUNCHEON –Tuesday, January 27TH –11:30AM

Carrabba's Italian Grill, Winter Haven.

SAVE THE DATE

LHE OLYMPICS AND GREEK DINNER- Sunday, February 1st.

We are having a FUN afternoon of events celebrating the upcoming Winter Olympics. Kris Bomgarden will be preparing a Greek Dinner to follow the games. You may attend one/or both of the events. The Olympics are free, but dinner tickets must be purchased in advance.

LHE OLYMPICS– Sunday, February 1st– 2PM

Come and join the free fun. Meet in the Pub for directions. Awards will be given for the Man and Woman receiving the most points in each event. LHE Olympic Medals will be given to the top Men and Women who compete in all 10 events. All awards will be presented at the conclusion of the Greek Dinner following the games at approximately 6:15pm. (you do not need to purchase a dinner ticket to attend the awards ceremony.)

GREEK DINNER– Sunday, February 1st –5:30PM

In celebration of the upcoming Olympics that originated in Greece. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased from Beverly Brooks-Gore or Diane Tebaldi by **January 26th**. The Menu is: Greek Salad, Souvlaki (marinated chicken), Lemon Herbed Potatoes, Pita Bread and Tzatziki Sauce, and Baklava (walnut and honey pastry). Kris Bomgarden chairperson.

VALENTINES DANCE -Friday, February 13th-6:30-9:30PM

Carlos and Company will be returning. Tickets are \$10 from Beverly Brooks Gore or Diane Tebaldi. Kris Bomgarden is the 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.**

NEW RESIDENTS

MICHAEL & SARA HOBBS



Please welcome Michael and Sara Hobbs to LHE. They live at 580 Teesdale Drive. Originally from Minnesota and most recently from Lake Alfred. They learned about Lake Henry from their church and family members. They are full time residents. He worked in tool and die and retired about 5 years ago, and she works remotely for US Bank. Between them, they have 8 children 14 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren with the 4th on the way. They have interest in the many activities LHE has to offer. They both share December birthdays and their anniversary is in September. If you see them please welcome them.



CARD MAKING CLASS JANUARY 29th-1pm

A special class with Nancy Brinson devoted to Cardmaking. Will accommodate up to 8 people. No charge. Call Karen Mitchell to schedule (608) 790-4331



JANUARY LADIES LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27TH
CARRABBA'S ITALIAN GRILL
WINTER HAVEN

Please sign up at the clubhouse by 1/24.
Meet at the restaurant at 11:30am.

Any questions, call Rhoda Rice.



CALLING ALL VETERANS

Our 3rd monthly coffee hour will be held Wednesday, Dec 14, 2026 @ 9:30 in the Ball room. Spouses/a support persons are welcome. There will be a short informational presentation.



TUESDAY JANUARY 6th - 9AM

People start arriving about 8:30 am for coffee and donuts. The speaker is Mark Turner, an Attorney with 30+ years as a resident of Florida. He has a lot of good information to share with us. There will be a 50-50 raffle and a birthday and anniversary drawing.

SNEAK PEAK FOR FEBRUARY 6th
HEALTH FAIR— 15 to 25 vendors!

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JANUARY PUB EVENTS

- 1st, 15th, & 29th– THIRSTY THURSDAYS**
You are welcome to bring snacks to share with friends.
- 5th, 19th, 26th– Munchie Mondays**
Bring a dish to share with friends.
- 8th– PIZZA NIGHT—\$5 pizza**
- 12th– NO MUNCHIE MONDAY** due to Annual Shareholder Meeting.
- 16th– KARAOKE**
Lots of fun!! Please join us to showcase your talent .

“My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive.” - Maya Angelou

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