



# Lake Henry Estates Newsletter

JULY 2026

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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, we 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 these Emails: [newsletter@lakehenrystates.com](mailto:newsletter@lakehenrystates.com) or [mayacalli482@gmail.com](mailto:mayacalli482@gmail.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

### **BEVERLY BROOKS-GORE: Hospitalization or Illness & Thank You**

Beverly Brooks-Gore, of 497 Sweetwater Way, had major surgery at Advent Hospital in Tampa on June 10th.

**She responded:** I have been overwhelmed after receiving the numerous gestures of support after my surgery on June 10th. I would like to personally thank everyone for their cards, calls, visits and support. It has been stated previously by other residents, but LHE is truly a wonderful place to live with such wonderful, caring residents.

### **RICK COY- UPDATE: Hospitalization or Illness**

Rick Coy, of 629 Watercrest Dr., was hospitalized while doctors ran tests. After AFIB was diagnosed and the heart shocked back into rhythm, he is back home. Additional procedures may be scheduled. Cards and prayers are appreciated.

## NEW RESIDENTS



### **DAVID, SUZANNE AND CRAIG LEVESQUE**

Please welcome David, Suzanne "Sue" and Craig Levesque.

They live at 516 Sweetwater Way and bought the former home of Jean Johnson.

Originally from Bristol, CT. they will be part time residents here at Lake Henry spending the summer months in their home at Winterville Plantation, Maine.

Most recently, they were snowbirds at Lake Region for twelve years, before hearing about Lake Henry from friends.

Sue was an LPN and after having her family decided to work at the local school for 18 years in the cafeteria to spend more time with her family.

Dave retired after thirty years as plant manager in the manufacturing industry in Bristol, CT.

They have three boys, six grandchildren (five grandsons and one granddaughter).

Sue likes to knit and read, Dave enjoys fishing, and Craig enjoys watching TV. They were very involved in the Special Olympics while in Ct. They also enjoy the shows at the Ritz and Winter Haven Theatre.

Sue's birthday is Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>, Dave is Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> and Craig is Nov 14<sup>th</sup>.

They will be returning in October.

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**JULY GREETINGS!!** It is hard to believe that we just passed the longest day of the year and as the days pass by, they will become shorter! July 4, 2026 is the historic 250th anniversary of our American Independence! **MAY YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS HAVE A SAFE AND BLESSED 4th of JULY CELEBRATION!!**

**510 EASTLAKE DRIVE... OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS!** This lovely, spacious 1608 SF 2BR/2BA home with open floor plan, attractive paver driveway and inviting front patio area is located in The HIDDEN JEWEL of Lake Henry Estates! The screened front entry offers a place to sit and enjoy that morning cup of coffee or tea while listening to the birds sing. Note the beautiful front entry door that has leaded and beveled glass as you enter this "BARBADOS" style home. Attractive laminate flooring and a light wall paint color provide an easy backdrop for decorating. The kitchen has wood cabinetry with lower cabinet pullouts, plenty of counter top space, deluxe stainless steel appliances, SS sink with updated faucet, pantry closet and a breakfast bar. The adjoining dining area features 2 closets! The spacious great room with vaulted ceiling leads to a multipurpose Florida room! Step outside the Florida room and there is a large patio area to enjoy! There are actually two bedroom suites in this home. The primary ensuite bathroom has dual sinks and has been updated with a gorgeous walk in shower! Updates include: new AC/Heat system installed late summer 2025; removal of upper breakfast bar cabinetry and dated drop ceiling in the kitchen and installation of spot lighting; exterior repainted 2024; paver driveway/patio area resealed 2024; attractive laminate flooring installed 2023; roof replaced 2020; paver driveway and patio area installed 2020; dual pane energy efficient windows installed throughout; and more!!! The seller will assign the buyer one voting share in the Sweetwater East Investment Co after closing. **\$263,900.00**

**BUYING OR SELLING? I WILL BE GLAD TO ASSIST YOU, YOUR FAMILY**



**494 Sweetwater Way, Haines City, FL 33844**

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# Lake Henry Estates Club

## July 2020

Ticket sales: Mary Ann O'Callahan 727-688-2178  
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Please call  
 calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
	9:00 am Golf 9:30 am Water Aerobics 6:30 pm B&V Gaff Bible study	9:30 am Water Aerobics 6:00 pm Texas Hold em 6:00 pm Euchre	9:00 am Golf (Ladies) 9:00 am Bocce 9:30 am Water Aerobics	9:00 am Golf 9:30 am Water Aerobics
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				5:30pm TH Thursday
5	6	7	8	
	1:00 pm Line Dancing 5:30 pm Munchie Monday			5:30 pm Pi Pub
12	13	14	15	
	1:00 pm Line Dancing 5:30 pm Munchie Monday			5:30pm TH Thursday
19	20	21	22	
	1:00 pm Line Dancing 5:30 pm Munchie Monday			5:30pm TH Thursday
26	27	28	29	
	1:00 pm Line Dancing 5:30 pm Munchie Monday			5:30pm TH Thursday

Events and Activities are subject to change. Please keep updated by reading the Clubhouse Bulletin board

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# Community Events

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Call or text Lorri Milligan @586 344 9118 the  
no later than the 15th of each month.



THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
F (Men) Aerobics  2  9  16  23  30	9:00 am Bowling 9:30 am Water Aerobics  Trash & Yard PICK-UP 1st Friday bulk pick-up  3  10  17  24  31	6:30 pm Joker 6:00 pm Nickels-Group A 7:00 pm Nickels-Group B   Lunch - Noon  4  11  18  25  31

### Birthday's

- |                   |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| 3 Jay Walton      | 17 Roseann Mersche   |
| 4 John Bakle      | 18 Ron Habursky      |
| 5 Bill Brock      | 18 Chad Christiansor |
| 5 Rosemary Frost  | 21 Chip Hayward      |
| 6 Bev Brooks-Gore | 22 Jim Vella         |
| 7 Jean Lindsey    | 24 Nancy Habursky    |
| 8 Beverly Unger   | 24 Betsey Leale      |
| 8 Jim Bertucca    | 24 Beryl Hager       |
| 10 Julia Beretta  | 24 Barry Hill        |
| 10 Ken Ledoux     | 25 Judy Bretveld     |
| 11 Dale Porter    | 25 Dan Nolt          |
| 12 Norm Johnson   | 26 Jerry Infantino   |
| 14 Carol Mangino  | 28 Christine Awbrey  |
| 15 Roger Dennis   | 28 Terry Lareau      |
| 15 Jerry Mills    | 29 Susan Faneuf      |
| 15 Katie Ferrante |                      |

### Anniversary's

- |                              |      |
|------------------------------|------|
| 1 Russ & Debbie Jones        | 1977 |
| 3 Ron & Tina Ray             | 1999 |
| 4 Bill & Vivian Gaff         | 1961 |
| 6 Ted Bargwell & Mary Cutler | 2013 |
| 6 Walt & Rose Whorten        | 1958 |
| 7 Rusty & Janae Bledsoe      | 1990 |
| 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 Don & Judy Bitteker       | 2006 |
| 25 Ed & Nancy Hanen          | 1970 |
| 21 Bill & Juanita Heffner    | 1984 |
| 22 Ron & Mary Wisniewski     | 1994 |
| 25 Jason & Susan Wyman       | 2020 |
| 31 William & Catherine Grant | 2004 |

and checking Channel 2491 and our webpage regularly.

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## LHE SOCIAL EVENTS FOR JULY 2026

### INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION LUNCH- Saturday, July 4th –Noon



Lunch will be at Noon, followed by a **Salute to America Program** by Tim Peterson, celebrating the 250th anniversary of the United States Declaration of Independence. Menu will be Grilled Hot Dogs, Salad, Watermelon, Chips, and Ice Cream Sundaes, Tickets \$10, **Ticket COD was June 27th.**

### SAVE THE DATE

### SUMMER PICNIC POTLUCK DINNER– Wednesday, August 5th– 5:30pm

**Sign up in the clubhouse hallway by July 29th the number of people attending and the dish you will bring to share.** Please bring a dish with enough to share for a minimum of 6 people. Fried chicken will be provided by the social committee, Dee Albarado will chair. Remember to bring your table service. Guest tickets are available from Mary Ann OCallaghan for \$5.

### LABOR DAY POT LUCK LUNCHEON-Monday, September 7th-Noon

Grilled hamburgers will be provided by the social committee. Joann Hoffman will chair

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



### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FLAG REQUEST:** We are looking for someone to put out the flags on Friday 3rd and take them down on Monday 6th. This is a one-time job as our regular person is away. Please contact the office if you are willing and able. Thanks in advance.

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:** Our office will be closed Friday, July 3rd for the holiday. Our maintenance staff will also be off July 3rd & 4th.



There will be no Ladies Lunches July and August. They will resume in September. Thank you, Rhoda Rice.

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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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**VETERANS MONTHLY MEETING**

**PUB EVENTS JULY 2026**

**6th, 13th, 20th, 27th MUNCHIE MONDAYS**  
Bring a dish to share with friends.

**2nd, 16th, 23rd, 30th - THIRSTY THURSDAYS**  
You are welcome to bring snacks to share.

**9th- PIZZA NIGHT—\$5 pizza, order by 5:30pm**

\*Pub Rules update: No children allowed in the Pub without adult, even to merely go in and purchase a soda. No outside alcohol allowed.

The next Veteran coffee hour will be September 16th at 1pm. Thank you for your support, and have a great summer.



**No Karaoke in July or August. It will resume in September.**

**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/](http://www.lakehenryestates.com/news/)

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