



Lake Henry Estates Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2026

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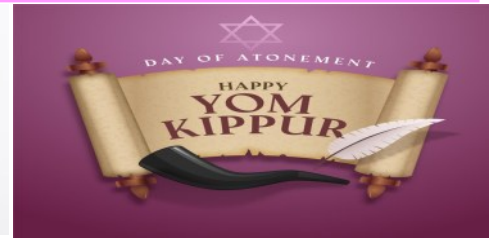
Thank you Board & Volunteers for Upgrades to our Community



September 7th



September 12 & 13



September 21st

GATE CODES UPDATE



Thank you to the residents that have taken this seriously, and have contacted the office to confirm or change their 4-digit codes.

The 3-digit code is the one you need to give guests, vendors, delivery persons, and workman. They do not need to hit the # sign when using this 3-digit code. It will call your phone, you press 9 for 1 to 2 seconds and hang up and it will open the gate. **If you are not expecting anyone, do not respond. Be sure to program the gate phone number into**

your phone and label it so you know it's the gate: 863-207-5397. If delivery people or workman are due between 7am –3pm Monday through Friday, they can use 229 (which contacts the office, and is on a sign at the gate).

If you are ordering from Amazon you can give them #2629. This code is valid from 3:45am to 9:00pm.

Improper use of the personal 4 digit code continues to be a MAJOR problem. For example, from 8/20 to 8/26, there were 27 improper uses of the 4-digit codes. Dit Unger has generously volunteered to try to resolve these issues by monitoring the cameras when these codes have been used to see who is coming in when the 4-digit code has been entered (especially during overnight hours). If you are still having issues, please contact the office or Dit Unger at 863-258-0370. A safe community is the goal.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

I will be taking resumes for the openings coming up on our Board of Directors. We have 3 open positions coming up next year and we need dedicated volunteers to step up and help.

I wanted to give you time to put together a resume and think about volunteering in our community.

Our volunteer board is what keeps this community going. It is a group effort, and we appreciate all of the dedicated people over the years that have taken positions on the board.

Over the last few years we have had many new residents that have moved into our community, and we welcome them to join in.

If you would like more information, please feel free to reach out to me.

Thank you, Judy Koblentz

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@lakehenryestates.com or mayacalli482@gmail.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, 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.

ED HANEN: Hospitalization or Illness : UPDATE

Ed Hanen, of 697 Pinnacle Dr., was in the hospital going through some tests. He is now recuperating at home. Nancy asked for prayers. Cards can be dropped off at their home.

JOE CONSOLO: Hospitalization or Illness: UPDATE

Joe Consolo, previously of 601 Sweetwater Way, fell and broke his femur. He had surgery July 15th, and is now in rehab. His house has been sold, so cards may be sent to him at: **Spring Lake Rehabilitation Center, 1540 6th St. NW, Winter Haven, FL 33881**

HERB KRAMER: Hospitalization or Illness

Herb Kramer, of 672 Sweetwater Way E., had open heart surgery (pericardiectomy) on August 27th in Grand Rapids, Michigan. This is a rare surgery designed to remove the entire damaged pericardium (the sac surrounding the heart). During surgery, Herb will be put on a lung/heart bypass machine. He expects to be in the hospital for about a week. Cards or words of encouragement, and prayers would be greatly appreciated. **Herb Kamer, 1440 Hinchman Rd. Baroda, MI 49101 or kramer.herb@gmail.com**

2027 Polk Senior Games-February 27—March 13, 2027

Polk Senior Games is a non-profit organization that presents an annual two-week series of Olympic-style sports and games for men and women 50 years of age and over. The Games inspire an active lifestyle, combine an interest in sports and games with fun and fellowship, promote a positive image of seniors and recognize their efforts and achievements, and encourage volunteerism.

Registration begins January 1 and ends February 10 (paper) and 12 (online).

Competition, held at various locations throughout Polk County, is offered in Archery, Bag Toss, Basketball Shooting, Billiards, Bocce, Bowling including Team Bowling, Bridge, Chess, Cribbage, Ballroom and Social Dancing, Darts, Euchre, Field Events including Punt Pass Kick,, Fishing, Golf 18 Hole Singles, Mixed Doubles & Putt & Chip, Horseshoes, Pepper, Pickleball, Road Race 5K, Scrabble, Senior Smarts, Shooting – 5-Stand, Pistol, Rifle, Skeet, Sporting Clays & Trap, Shuffleboard, Softball, Sudoku, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Track, and Walking. Gold, silver, and bronze medals are awarded in each event and age division.

Entry fees include a T-shirt and Refreshments. Some events have extra facility fees. Times vary and locations vary throughout Polk County.

Deena Wilbur: Office address – 515 East Boulevard Street, Bartow FL 33830, 863-533-0055

Email Polkseniorgames50@gmail.com for an entry booklet to be mailed to you in January

Check out <http://polkseniorgames.org/> January 2 – February 12 for online registration



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SEPTEMBER GREETINGS!!! The July 2026 Stellar MLS Report (residential listings across Stellar MLS covering MULTIPLE COUNTIES in Florida) reflects that there are: 71,684 Active listings; 20,723 New Listings; 18,086 Pending sales and 15,857 Listings Sold; Average days on the market 72 (up 4% from a year ago); 4.5 Months worth of inventory; and lastly, average sales price of \$469,592. Naturally, these are statistics and cover a broad base of residential listings!

126 LAKE REGION CIRCLE...ALMOST PARADISE! Enjoy the peaceful surroundings from this 2142 SF 4BR/2BA home located in The Gates of Lake Region! Landscaping, TILE ROOF and BRICK paver driveway and walkway provide CURB APPEAL! Designed with an open floor plan, split bedrooms, formal dining room and living room, family room and interior laundry room, the home offers flexibility of use. The well planned kitchen has a breakfast bar, white cabinetry with neutral colored solid countertop and SS appliances. The primary suite has sliding glass doors leading to the lanai, two walk-in closets and an ensuite bathroom with dual vanities, jetted tub, separate shower and a water closet! Bedrooms #2 & 3 are spacious in size. Bedroom #4 is currently used as a home office. Recent updates include: Water Heater replaced Feb. 2026; AC/Heat system April 2025; garbage disposal and microwave 2025; and lanai screen & door 2025. Settle back on the screened lanai and listen to the birds singing and observe the cows on the adjacent ranch property! The 90 X 120 lot is generous in size with room to add a pool, outdoor kitchen, play area and/or garden! The HOA fee provides re-use irrigation water and maintenance of the gate and common areas. For those who enjoy golf and/or tennis, the Country Club of Winter Haven is just 2 Blocks away! Publix Supermarket and additional stores are located within 0.8 mile! Easy access to downtown Winter Haven, HWY 27 and I-4. Legoland, Bok Tower, world-famous theme parks of Disney, Universal Orlando, Sea World. **\$400,000.00**



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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 9:30 am
		1	2	
6	7	8	9	5:30pm Thursd
	Noon Labor Day Luncheon (COD 8/31) 5:30 pm Munchie Monday			5:30 pm Pub
13	14	15	16	
	1:00 pm Line Dancing 5:30 pm Munchie Monday		1:00pm Veteran's meeting in the Pub	5:30pm Thursd
20	21	22	23	
	1:00 pm Line Dancing 5:30 pm Munchie Monday	11:30am Ladies luncheon Lucilles American Café		5:30pm Thursd
27	28	29	30	
	1:00 pm Line Dancing 5:30 pm Munchie Monday			

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

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Community Events for 2026

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



THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Men's Golf (Men) Men's Water Aerobics	9:30 am Water Aerobics Trash & Yard PICK-UP 1st Friday bulk pick-up	6:30 pm Joker 6:00 pm Nickels-Group A 7:00 pm Nickels-Group B
3	4	5
Men's Thirsty Day	10	11
Men's Pizza in the	17	18
Men's Thirsty Day	6:00pm Karaoke	9:00am Breakfast COD 9/15
24	25	26
Men's Thirsty Day		

Birthday's

1 Joe Bars	15 Judith Watkins
1 Dolores Calvin	15 Don Sherman
1 Doris Figueroa	21 Jackie Henderson
2 David Levesque	21 Beverly Headworth
4 Glenn Diesing	22 Denise Spoore
5 Joyce Cowan	22 Billie Lockett
7 Rhoda Rice	22 Judy Koblentz
8 Ed Hanen	24 Carol Whelan
8 Nancy Benz	24 Luis Rivas
9 Lorri Milligan	25 Dave Dockstader
9 Nete Maultsby	26 John Robbins
10 Janet Varns	26 Alex Kerr
11 Pamela Matzkin	28 Floyd Jerzak
11 Pat Diapolo	29 Jorge Cedeno
14 Marla Coy	30 David Fitzell
14 Paul Maddock	

Anniversary's

4 Lewis & Gwen Trask	1971
4 Joe & Amy Tousignant	1992
6 Vaughn & Elaine Lewis	1992
7 Dale & Sally Porter	1974
7 Wayne & Terri Hasselman	1968
9 Ken & Shirley Ledoux	1979
11 Dan & Wendy McShea	1993
11 Jim & Mandy Hoffman	1993
12 Michael & Sara Hobbs	2009
18 Beryl & Lois Hager	1960
21 David & Suzanne Levesque	1974
22 Jim Vella & Carol Mangino	2018
24 Reid & Judy Hartsuff	1966
25 Darrell & Jan Moody	1981

ward and checking Channel 2491 and our webpage regularly.

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THE SOCIAL EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

LABOR DAY CELEBRATION POTLUCK – Monday, September 7th– Noon

Hamburgers and fixings will be provided by the Social Committee. Please bring a dish enough to share for a minimum of 6 people. **COD** Signup in the clubhouse hallway by 8/31 with the number of people attending and the dish you will bring to share. **Remember to bring your table service.** Guest tickets are available from Mary Ann OCallaghan for \$5. Joann Hoffman is the chairperson.

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST - Saturday, September 19th– 9am

The menu is scrambled eggs, sausage links, French toast casserole, home fried potatoes, juice and coffee. Tickets are \$8. **COD** is 9/15 to pay for tickets. To purchase tickets, contact Patty or Phil Shaffer, or Rick Marston. The meal will be prepared by Patty and Phil Shaffer. It will be held in the Ballroom.

OCTOBER

COFFEE TALK - Tuesday, October 13th– at a special time 10am

Guest Speaker regarding Medicare changes and open enrollment.

FALL POKER RUN – Sunday, October 18th–3:30 PM

\$5 per card to play. Sign-up in advance at the Clubhouse. Meet at the Pub at 3:30pm to get your list of designated homes to visit to draw your cards. Cards must be returned by 5pm to the Clubhouse Ballroom for the judges to determine the winning hands. All collected money will be returned in winnings to players with the best hands. Joann Hoffman will chair.

DINNER FOLLOWING THE POKER RUN– 5:30PM

You may participate in one or both of the events. Dinner tickets are \$10.

HALLOWEEN PARTY AND DANCE- Friday, October 31st-6:30-9:30PM

NOTE: In order to insure that the planners of events that include food and special seating, please note **COD (Cut Off Date)** on the monthly calendar. This indicates the last date to sign up. **HELP MAKE SURE THERE IS ENOUGH FOOD and ROOM FOR YOU !**

RESERVED TABLE POLICY REMINDER: Tables may reserved beginning at 1PM the day of the event. Your assistance is appreciated.



LADIES LUNCHEON

The September Ladies Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, September 22nd at Lucille's American Café in Winter Haven. Please sign up at the Clubhouse by 9/19, We will meet at the restaurant at 11:30. Any questions, call Rhoda Rice at (863)242-8266.

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THANK YOU VETERANS

REMEMBER AND HONOR



Attention all LHE Veterans!

Our Fall kick off Veteran Social hour will be held on Wednesday September 16, 2026 @ 1PM. Please note the time change as requested by the Veterans. All Veterans and their support persons are welcome!

This will be a very informative meeting. We will review our group's growth and exciting upcoming projects. Additionally, Veterans will meet our new young friends, the Winter Haven Civil Air Cadets #274. We will discuss conjoint activities, including this year's Veterans' Day celebration.

Veterans will enjoy free pizza, iced tea, and lemonade. Please sign up by 7PM September 9, 2026 on our bulletin board outside the Pub. Veterans who wish to attend, but will not yet have arrived in the park for the season, should contact Shirley Tilley or Carol Mangino to have their names added to our attendance count. Veterans needing transportation to attend our activities can contact one of our leaders.

Group leader: Shirley Tilley: 315-584-1014

Secretary/treasurer: Jeff Whelan: 315-296-4929

Resource/Event Coordinators: Carol Mangino and Jim Vella: 585-734-3034



ATTENTION LHE BOWLERS

We are gathering interested bowlers for our 2026-2027 LHE League. The League starts on October 9, 2026 and will end on March 19, 2027. Every Friday at 9:00am at Incredi-Bowl in Winter Haven.

Weekly cost per Bowler is \$16, up a \$1.00 from last year. \$3.00 of that will be for prize money at the end of season. We are short bowlers for a few teams so any individuals the would like to bowl we can surely accommodate, and will welcome any new complete 4 person teams. Friends outside of LHE are also welcome.

Anyone interested or would just like some information please email Juanita Heffner at jawrheffner@gmail.com, call or text at 863-206-6786.



SAVE THE DATE

COFFEE TALK WILL RETURN TUESDAY OCTOBER 13TH

It will be at 10AM to accommodate our guest speaker, who will discuss the many changes in Medicare. We planned this for October so you can be prepared for open enrollment.

There will be coffee and refreshments, birthday and anniversary drawings, 50-50 raffle and more.

ATTENTION : CHAIRPERSONS

IT'S BUDGET TIME

Just a reminder that budgets for 2027 are to be submitted to the office by September 11th.



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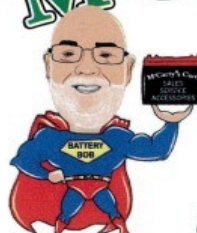
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PUB EVENTS SEPTEMBER 2026

14th, 21st, 28th -MUNCHIE MONDAYS –5:30pm
Bring a dish to share with friends.

3rd, 17th, 24th -THIRSTY THURSDAYS 5:30pm
You are welcome to bring snacks to share.

10th– PIZZA NIGHT—\$5 pizza, order by 5:30pm
18th - KARAOKE—6pm

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

NO WEAPONS ALLOWED

At the Board Meeting on August 21 a resident indicated that we were not allowed to post signs that weapons were not allowed in the clubhouse.

We contacted our attorney and received confirmation that we are allowed to post the signs under statute 790.06 section 12. Which states “a license issued under this section does not authorize any person to openly carry a handgun or a concealed weapon or firearm into any establishment licensed to dispense alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises.



KARAOKE RETURNS

Friday, September 18th at 6pm. Lots of fun!! Please join us to showcase your talent !!



OLD or DAMAGED FLAGS

If you have old, tattered, or damaged flags, please bring them to Phil Shaffer at 569 Teesdale Drive. He will take them to the American Legion for proper disposal. Any questions, call Phil Shaffer.

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/

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