



Lake Henry Estates

Newsletter

OCTOBER 2026 Editor: MARY ANN OCALLAGHAN

Thank You Board & Volunteers for Upgrades to our Community



Monday Oct 12th



Saturday Oct 31st



A WATER RESTRICTION IS IN EFFECT NOW

The water use restrictions have been extended to March 31, 2027.

Lawn watering days & times: Under the standard schedule, watering days depend on the last digit of the house number in your address:

- 0 or 1: Monday
- 2 or 3: Tuesday
- 4 or 5: Wednesday
- 6 or 7: Thursday
- 8 or 9 and properties without a clear address: Friday

Unless a city or county already has stricter hours in effect, watering hours are reduced to 12:01 a.m. to 4 a.m. or 8 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. Properties less than one acre in size may only use one of these windows.

Residents may still hand water plants or use micro-irrigation on to water flower beds, shrubs, or other plant material (other than lawns) on any day, however under the Modified Phase III restrictions it is limited to the hours of before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m.

- Violations could result in a citation and fine from the city or county.

Thank you for your cooperation. LHE Board of Directors



GATE OPENING ISSUES AND I PHONES

We continue to have issues with the gate not opening when residents provide the 3-digit code to visitors/vendors. This is a known Apple compatibility issue with community gates and apartment call boxes. This is only for those who have iPhones. If you have an iPhone you can try the following suggestions:

1. If you have a landline, contact the office and have the phone number changed to your landline number.
2. When you receive the call hold the number 9 down until the gate opens.
3. If it is Monday-Friday between the hours of 7:00 to 3:00 have them dial 229 and the office will let them in.
4. If you are having Uber/Lyft coming to pick you up, contact the office for a 4-digit code to give to the driver. This number is not to be given to anyone but that Uber/Lyft driver who is picking you up.
5. If any of the above do not work and you need to get the gate opened give the person your 4-digit code and contact the office to get a new 4-digit code.

Thank you for your patience with this issue. Hopefully Apple will put a fix in place so that this is no longer an issue. LHE Board of Directors

We apologize for any omissions or errors in this edition.

Our Volunteers Make Lake Henry Estates 'A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE'



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, 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.

STREET CAPTAINS by HOUSE NUMBER

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 Jerri Gage: #437 - 444, #511 - 523, #538 (260) 242-1114
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 Val Moore: #590 - 607, #647 - 660 (863) 421-8768

SUNSHINE

HERB KRAMER: Hospitalization or illness: Update

Herb Kramer, of 672 Sweetwater Way E., had a SUCCESSFUL open-heart surgery, pericardiectomy, on August 27th in Grand Rapids, MI. He is now working hard at recovering at home in Michigan. Cards can be sent to 1440 Hinchman Rd., Baroda, MI 49101, or words of encouragement to kramer.herb@gmail.com

CHRIS RICE: Death

Chris Rice, of 619 Watercrest Dr., passed away in his sleep, sometime Wednesday night September 16th or 17th. Chris could be seen fishing off the dock nearly every morning and was a smooth ballroom dancer at our LHE dances. Please keep Rhoda in your prayers.

THANK YOU: from RHODA RICE:

Rest in Peace Chris Rice. I was just heartbroken at the recent loss of my best friend of 45 years. And then, in stepped the LHE community. Thank you so much for all the support and comfort you are providing me in this saddest chapter of my life. I am very grateful. Rhoda Rice



RABIES ALERT: POLK COUNTY

An alert from Polk County Animal Control Bureau: September 10th, a bat was impounded from the 100 block of 8th St. in Eloise, Florida. On sept 15th, the bat tested positive for rabies from the State Laboratory in Tampa. Please ensure your pets are currently vaccinated for rabies, and report any suspicious acting animals you encounter to the Polk County Sheriff's Office Animal Control at 863-577-1762.

OUR NEWSLETTER GOT A MAKEOVER!

You may have noticed that our newsletter looks a little different this month! Don't worry, we haven't changed the news, the information, the activities, or the people who contribute to keep everyone informed...just the format!

Our trusty old friend **Microsoft Publisher** has **officially retired** and is no longer available for us to use. So, we're learning to adapt new ways to put the newsletter together. After a little experimenting, a little learning, a lot of head-scratching, this is our new format going forward.

We hope you'll find the new format easy to read and that it continues to be a helpful way to keep up with everything happening at LHE. Change can be a little challenging, but **it's the same community, same information, just a new look!**

Thanks for your patience as we make the transition, and please keep reading, contributing, and letting us know what you'd like to see in YOUR newsletter.



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OCTOBER GREETINGS!!! Fall has arrived! We are now experiencing shorter days and daytime temperatures below 95 degrees!!! I do not know about you.... but I will be looking forward to some cooler temperatures! A year ago in October, interest rates dropped slightly. Here we are in 2026 and interest rates have just risen. The question is "How will this affect the sale of properties?". Will we continue in a slower and more selective phase in the sale of homes?" Winter Residents should be starting to return! Welcome Back! Wishing all a wonderful October!!!!

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 has a screened front entry offering 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; and, dual pane energy efficient windows installed throughout. The seller will assign the buyer one voting share in the Sweetwater East Investment Co after closing. **\$263,900.00**





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NEW RESIDENTS



RAY & TAMMY VILLANUEVA

Please welcome Ray and Tammy to Lake Henry Estates. They reside at 494 Sweetwater Way, purchased from Wayne and Liz Albert.

They are originally from Plattsburgh, NY. Due to family commitments they resided for 10 years in Winter Haven, FL, 6 years in Puerto Rico, moving back to NY about 14 years ago to be closer to family. They found LHE through their former realtor from Winter Haven. They will be full time residents here at LHE.

Tammy worked 40 years in education, retiring in 2024 from Clinton Community College, Ray is a Veteran serving 4 years in the Air Force and 4 years in the Air National Guard, His career has been logistics and warehousing. He has worked for Publix and Disney.

Tammy loves to cook, and they both love going to the Casinos and going on cruises. They have 2 boys, 1 granddaughter, and a beautiful cat named Sable.

Ray's birthday is June 29th, and Tammy's is March 21st. Their anniversary is September 4, 1987.

When you see them in the community, please say Hi, and introduce yourself.



LYNN & RYAN FRIED

Please welcome Lynn and her son Ryan Freid to Lake Henry Estates. They live at 601 Sweetwater Way, purchased from Joe Consolo. Originally from up-state New York, they heard about Lake Henry from Joe and Amy Tousignant, and will be full time residents.

Lynn retired from Work Force after 25 years. Ryan currently works for Work Force. Lynn is interested pickleball and walks daily. She previously loved horseback riding on a horse she had for 25 years. She is looking forward to attending LHE events once she is settled in.

You will see Ryan playing pool in the clubhouse often, and also at the pool. Lynn has 4 sons and 8 grandchildren, 7 girls and 1 boy. Lynn's birthday is in October and Ryan's is in May.

Please be sure to give them a warm welcome to our community.

BIRTHDAY'S

1 Terri Hasselman	17 John Muntzinger
4 Rod Parkinson	17 Vincent Miklaski
5 Roy Terry	17 Vicki Brand
6 Susan Reuwer	18 Bruce Greene
6 Mike Bergeron	19 Nancy Hanen
6 Betsy Baker	19 Eugene Radosevich
6 Mary Christianson	19 John Ricci
7 Nancy Ross	22 Jim Schmidt
7 Jim Hoffman	23 Vicki Matt
7 John Faneuf	23 Jacob Veltheer
7 Mary Cutler	23 Clifton Robinson
10 Judy Frodsham	25 Jim Pittman
12 John King	25 Sheila Passmore
12 Mike Baker	26 Donna Bars
14 Tu Earp	26 Billy Teal
15 Carol Aschebrook	27 Lois Hager
15 Hope Albino	27 Rocco Guarino
16 Janae Bledsoe	31 Garry Frey

ANNIVERSARY'S

2 Joe & Joyce Janssen	1971
10 Marc & Laure Trenkamp	1987
11 Alex & Nancy Kerr	1975
14 Chad & Mary Christianson	1978
16 Terry & Diane Lareau	1965
24 Glenn & Joyce Diesing	1964

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



Lake Henry Estates Community Event

October 2026



Ticket sales: Mary Ann O'Callahan 727-688-2178 Please call or text Lorri Milligan @586 344 9118 to report items
mayacalli482@gmail.com for the calendar events no later than the 15th of each month.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	9:00 am Golf (Teams) 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 (Men) 9:30 am Water Aerobics	9:00 am Bowling 9:30 am Water Aerobics Trash & Yard PICK-UP 1st Friday bulk pick-up	9:00am Bocche 6:30 pm Joker 6:00 pm Nickels-Group A 7:00 pm Nickels-Group B
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	5:30 pm Munchie Monday			5:30pm Thirsty Thursday		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	1:00 pm Line Dancing 5:30 pm Munchie Monday	10:00am coffee Talk Medicare Enrollment 		5:30 pm Pizza in the Pub	9:00am Bowling starts	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
3:30 pm Poker Run 5:30 pm Poker Run Dinner (COD 10/11)	9:00am Golf League Starts 1:00pm Line Dancing 5:30pm Munchie Monday		1:00 pm Veterans Coffee	5:30pm Thirsty Thursday	9:00am Board Meeting 6:00pm Karaoke	9:00am Bocche starts
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	1:00 pm Line Dancing 5:30 pm Munchie Monday	11:30am Ladies Luncheon Back Porch Restaurant		9:00am Quilting 5:30pm Thirsty Thursday		6:30pm Halloween Dance 

Events and Activities are subject to change. Please keep updated by reading the Clubhouse Bulletin board and checking Channel 2491 and our webpage regularly.

SOCIAL EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 2026

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 to be paid the day of the event. 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. Bring cards back 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. Barbeque Burgers, Calico Beans, Macaroni Salad and Dessert. Dinner tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Mary Ann OCallaghan. **COD is Oct. 11th.** Dinner Chairperson is Patty Shaffer.

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

Join us for a fun-filled evening with DJ Dan on Saturday, October 31st from 6:30–9:30 PM. Come dressed in your best costume for a chance to win prizes in our Costume Contest. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Mary Ann OCallaghan. Bring snacks to share at your table. Questions: Contact Beth Muntzinger, Chairperson.

SAVE THE DATE

SALVATION ARMY TOY DRIVE – November 1st thru December 2nd

THANKSGIVING BUFFET – Thursday November 26th at 1pm

DECORATE THE CLUBHOUSE -Saturday, November 28th at 9am

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 !**

REMEMBER - NO SAVING TABLES UNTIL 1PM DAY OF EVENT

To reserve tables, until further notice, we will meet in the Pub instead of the Lobby. Pat Dey will have the numbers to pass out, beginning at noon. The doors to the Ballroom will not be opened until 1pm. Please be in the Pub by no later than 12:55pm to be ready to go in.

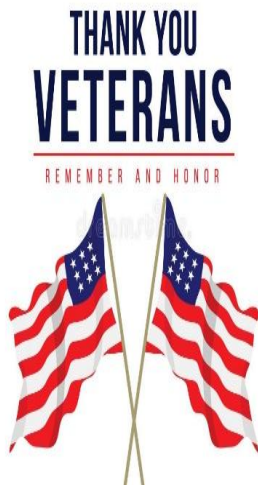


OCTOBER LADIES LUNCHEON

The October Ladies Luncheon will be held at The Back Porch Restaurant (on the outdoor patio) in Lake Alfred on Tuesday, Oct 27th. Our reservation is at 11:30 am.

Sign up at the Clubhouse by 10/24. Any questions call Rhoda Rice.

Thanks, Rhonda



VETERAN'S COFFEE HOUR

The Veterans enjoyed our Fall Kickoff Pizza Party on Wed., September 16th. 16 veterans and 6 support persons attended. All appreciated our time change to 1:00pm in the Pub. We look forward to our number growing with snowbirds returning.

Plans for our Veterans Day Celebration are well underway. We reviewed our progress on the numerous projects Veterans are undertaking. Our Veteran informational bulletin board near the Pub continues to grow, and our "Missing Man" table area in the foyer is lovely. We are now finalizing a 2027 budget with the support of our board directors. Veterans are very grateful for all the kindness and support from our Lake Henry Estates community.

Our next Coffee Hour will be held on Wednesday, October 21st at 1:00pm in the Pub for all veterans and their support persons. Please sign up early on our New Veteran Bulletin Board near the Pub. Transportation needed for a veteran to attend can be arranged by contacting one of our leaders: Group leader: Shirley Tilley, Secretary/Treasurer: Jeff Whalen, Resource/Events Coordinators: Carol Mangino and Jim Vella.



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13th

10:00am

Come and learn about the new changes to Medicare. Enjoy coffee and donuts, 50-50 raffle, and Birthday and Anniversary drawings. We will also start our Cancer Fundraiser for the season.

You're Invited!
MEDICARE INFORMATION Seminar
STAY INFORMED. STAY PROTECTED. PLAN AHEAD FOR 2027.

IMPORTANT 2027 MEDICARE CHANGES
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Big changes are coming to Medicare in 2027, and they could impact your coverage, costs, and benefits—no matter what plan you're on. Join me to get the facts, ask questions, and make confident choices for your health and your future.

WHERE: LAKE HENRY Clubhouse
WHEN: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH 10:00 AM
WHO SHOULD ATTEND? Anyone with Medicare! This information is relevant to all plans and all stages.

810-986-0483

Your Health. Your Future. Let's make sure you're ready.

BRING A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER! Everyone is welcome!



Arts and crafts will resume in November.

FRENCH TOAST CASSEROLE RECIPE

By popular demand, Patty Shaffer is sharing this wonderful recipe with our community:



- 6-8 cups cubed bread
- 2 cups milk
- ½ cup maple syrup
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 8 eggs
- 1 8 oz cream cheese softened

Mix all wet ingredients and pour over bread in a 9 X 13 pan. Mixture will be pretty wet. Dollop cream cheese on top of mixture before baking.

Bake at 350 degrees until center is done, approx. 45 minutes
Drizzle with a glaze of maple syrup and powdered sugar.

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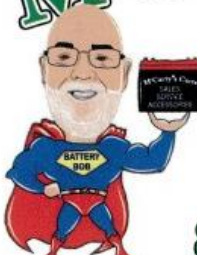
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PUB EVENTS OCTOBER 2026

5th, 12th, 19th- MUNCHIE MONDAYS

Bring a dish to share with friends.

26th -Bring Halloween themed dishes!!!

1st, 15th, 22nd, 29th- THIRSTY THURSDAYS

You are welcome to bring snacks to share.

8th- PIZZA NIGHT—\$5 pizza, order by 5:30pm

16th – KARAOKE

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



FRIDAY OCTOBER 16th

5pm for food, 6pm Karaoke starts

Cindy and Bev will be cooking

HOT DOGS (on the grill)

Get 1 Hot Dog, a bag of chips and a beverage
For **\$5.00**

Tickets can be purchased in the Pub on Munchie Monday or Thirsty Thursday, or from Cindy Poling, Rick Marston, Phil Shaffer, Bev Headworth or Judy Koblentz.

COD Thursday, October 15th

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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