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### Summer Recreation Committee Members:

Elaine Mackey  
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## Events

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Bingo Committee .....	Anne Knott, Marilyn McKay, Paula Bunevith
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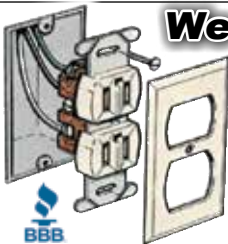


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# President's Report

By Tammy Davis #21



Hello GA family,

I can't believe how quickly the summer is coming to an end. The board has been busy this summer with the transition to Qualified Property Management. New signs have been posted around the community with their contact information.

Your first monthly maintenance fee with QPM was processed on August 4th. If your payment did not come out of your account, please contact the office to discuss.

The Unity of Title (combining the Hardin lot with 1040 Main Street) is complete. Our attorney has made application to the city and county for a zoning and land use change for that parcel with the anticipated completion of this application and approval during late fall. Stay tuned for more information on this subject.

With the fall approaching, we want to remind members who rent out their units, to please make a copy of our rules available to your tenants. All paperwork for tenants must be completed by the homeowner and submitted to the office for approval PRIOR to their arrival.

Repeat tenants must go through the same process with the necessary paperwork each time they stay in GA. Any questions on this topic, please call the office.

Finally, the board has identified every amendment to our governing documents that has been filed at the state level for Golden Acres. Upon your arrival this fall, you will be receiving a copy of these amendments. You may also view these on our website.

Enjoy the beautiful weather in September and I look forward to seeing everyone in the upcoming season.

Thank you.

## Greetings from the Office

By Karin Desmone #1

**Park Directory** – If you want to make changes to your contact information, please contact the office. Changes must be received by September 30th. You may list two telephone numbers or one telephone number and one email address. 2026 directory will be distributed in November.

**Effective October 1st** – The access code to use the power tools in the workshop has changed. Please stop by the office to sign waiver and receive new code.

## From the Editor's Desk

By Sue Bailey #188  
suebail999@gmail.com

**S**eptember is here. Where did the summer go? It won't be long, and the park will begin filling up and we'll start another season of friendship, fun, and great conversations.

School will be starting shortly in the north (hopefully some of you will take advantage of the tax free days of shopping). Both the US and Canada will be celebrating Labor (Labour) Day on September 1st and the first day of Fall (Autumnal Equinox) on September 22nd with equal hours of day and night.

Patriot Day is the day the US remembers the terrorist attacks on September 11th, 2001 (commonly referred to as 9-11). President George W. Bush proclaimed September 11th as Patriot Day in 2002. Flags should be flown at half-mast both on US soil and abroad. A moment of silence will be held at 8:46 a.m. (EST) across the nation commemorating the time the first plane struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City.

Established by the United Nations in 1981, September 21st is an International Day of Peace to promote peace among nations and people. On this day the UN urges all hostilities to stop worldwide. With all the hostility around the world, let's hope and pray that this day is recognized for what is intended.

Many thanks to all who provided articles and pictures for this month's newsletter.

**Quote of the Month** "Sometimes you climb out of bed in the morning, and you think, I'm not going to make it, but you laugh inside remembering all the times you've felt that way."  
*Charles Bukowski, American Poet and Novelist*

Until next time,  
May God bless and keep you well and safe...

## A Wonderful Visit This Summer

By Anna Lisa and Denis Deluca #186

**W**hat a wonderful visit we enjoyed with our friends and Golden Acres neighbours, Cindy and Dan Guggi #184!!



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## Golden Acres has a Facebook Page

*By Elaine and Jerry Janes #216*

**D**o you want to see if anyone in the park can use your old bike? Are you wondering when the first dance will be? There's a Facebook page for that. It is a private page created by residents for residents of Golden Acres Mobile Home Park. It is called Golden Acres Resident Owned Fun Group. We invite all homeowners to join.

The page has been very helpful to residents. It provides an outlet for selling or giving away unneeded belongings. The Recreation Committee announces activities happening in the park. Residents often share photos of family, fun up north, and vacations.

If you are already in the Golden Acres Facebook group, great! Continue to use it and share news about your summer. If you are not in the group, do a search for Golden Acres Resident Owned Fun Group and request to join the page. We have about 200 members. We hope you will be a member soon, too.

## Surprise Activities Fun Day on July 17

*By Summer Recreation Committee*

**C**ard game is "Trash". They also played dominos and had eclairs for dessert.



## Great Visit with Old Friends From Golden Acres

*By Paula and Joe Bunevith #202*

**W**e had a great visit and picnic at Gil and Gail's summer home in Lakefield, Ontario, Canada, on beautiful Buckhorn Lake. Joe & Paula Bunevith #202, Gil & Gail Callingham (former residents #159), Wayne & Moya Bettridge (former residents #147), Connie & Al Woodlock (former residents #71), and Jean & Ed Morin #134.



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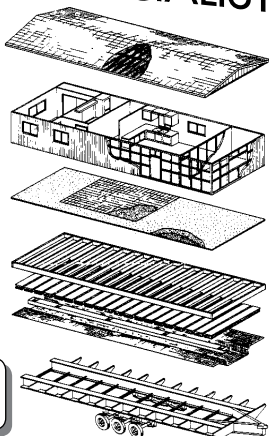
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By Debra Farris #28

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- Be physically active. Physical activity can help strengthen your heart and lungs, so they work better. Talk to your doctor about what level of physical activity is right for you.
- Limit exposure to air pollution. Check the Air Quality Index ([airnow.gov](http://airnow.gov)) before outdoor activities. Make sure your home is aired out and cleaned regularly.
- Stay up to date on vaccines against diseases that harm the lungs. These can include flu, COVID-19, and pneumonia.
- Use protective gear if your work exposes you to dust, silica, allergens, chemical fumes, or other pollution sources.
- Make good sleep a priority. Poor sleep can cause lung disease symptoms to worsen. Sleep is also critical to overall health.

## Florida Musings

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By Sue Bailey #188 as an AARP Fraud Watch Fighter

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- They may warn that you're about to lose benefits if you don't act immediately.

## WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

- Criminals often use caller ID spoofing to make a call appear as if it's coming from Medicare or another trusted source.
- They may sound legitimate and even reference some of your personal details, but their goal is to steal your personal information or your money.
- Medicare will not call you unless you first receive a letter that you will be contacted or if you called and left a message.
- Medicare does not issue plastic cards or call to offer new ones.

## WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

- The only people who you can safely share Medicare information with are your health providers.
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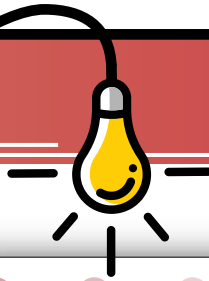
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- Information on your credit report for accounts you did not open
- Denials of loan applications
- Mail stops coming to, or is missing from, your mailbox

### How to report identity theft

To report identity theft, contact:

- The **Federal Trade Commission (FTC)** online at [IdentityTheft.gov](http://IdentityTheft.gov) or call 1-877-438-4338
- The three **major credit reporting agencies**. Ask them to place fraud alerts and a credit freeze on your accounts.
- The **fraud department at your credit card issuers**, bank, and other places where you have accounts

### How to protect yourself from identity theft

- **Do not answer phone calls**, texts, social media messages, or email from numbers or **people you do not know**.
- Do not share personal information like your bank account number, Social Security number, or date of birth.
- **Collect your mail every day** and place a hold on your mail when you will be on vacation or away from your home.
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- **Government** imposter scams - Unless you contact them first, government agencies typically initiate communication with you by letter. Unexpected contact or demands through any other method may be a scam.
- **IRS** imposter scams - scammers pretend you owe the IRS money for taxes and may threaten legal action
- **Social Security** imposter scams - scammers claim there is a problem with your Social Security account or promise to increase your benefits
- **Charity** scams - scammers pretend to be from a real or fake charity and try to get you to contribute
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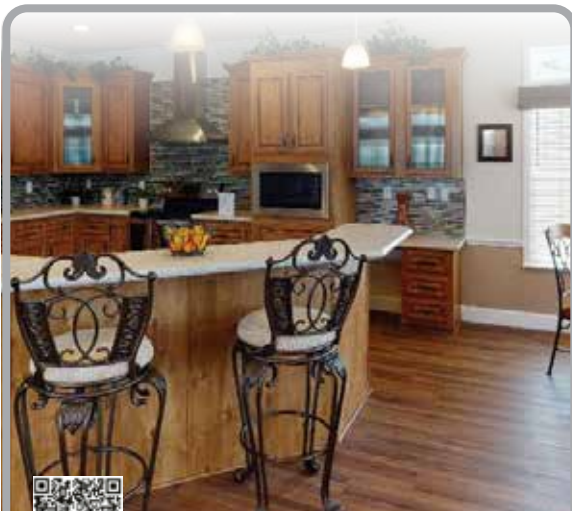
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Adam Coburn (British Army), Nephew of Mildred and David Todd, Lot #2.

Damien Fitzpatrick (Tech Sgt. USAF) Grandson of Judith Fitzpatrick, Lot #87.

Sean Fitzpatrick (Major US Army) Grandson of Judith Fitzpatrick, Lot #87.

Reid Forster (Master Corporal with the 4th Royal Canadian Regiment) son of Dave Forster & Colleen Collins #128

Tim Joy, US Army Special Forces Green Berets, Fort Bragg, NC - Nephew of Jack Terry, Lot #141.

Daniel Jones (US Navy) Grandson of Carol Diniz, Lot #25.

Matthew Jones (US Navy) Grandson of Carol Diniz, Lot #25.

Brian Karhoff (US Army LTC) Son of Nancy Karhoff, Lot #67.

Colleen Terry, US Navy, Petty Officer 3rd class, Naples, Italy - Daughter of Jack Terry, Lot #141.

Joshua Ryan Torres Air Force National Guard Staff Sargent (EOD unit) deployed – Son of Susan Franco, Lot #17

John Wilson (PFC 1st Class USMC) Iraq – Grandson of Jean Key, Lot #138.

So that we might get to know these courageous soldiers better, I would like to add their pictures to this section. Please forward any photos to Sue Bailey [suebail999@gmail.com](mailto:suebail999@gmail.com)  
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# **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

By Norma Moore #54

**W**e want to mention all those who are celebrating this month and send them our absolute best wishes.

## **Golden Acres September Birthdays**

Dan Guggi	September 1	Ann Shibley	September 18
Cathy Hollenback	September 1	Don Webb	September 19
Marie Hutchison	September 1	Donna Hickey	September 20
Lena Bergstrom	September 3	Nadine Templeton	September 20
Lynnmarie Kolenko	September 6	Nancy Armeli	September 21
Steven Walsh	September 6	Linda Swann	September 23
Scott Meka	September 7	Patty Kirkey	September 24
Judith Fitzpatrick	September 8	Frank St. Peter	September 24
Michelle McGaughy	September 8	Mary Lou Webb	September 25
Richard Barnes	September 9	Beverley Wood	September 25
John Kamerer	September 9	Sandra Guptill	September 27
Rose West	September 9	Gayle Kavanagh	September 27
Sandy Franco	September 11	Gina Douthit	September 28
Richard Kinzie	September 12	Pete Chorba	September 29
Deborah Matthews	September 13	Patricia Higgins	September 29
George Vander Schelde	September 14	Charlotte Vaughn	September 29
Shannon Kamp	September 15	Doug Walsh	September 30

## **Golden Acres September Anniversaries**

Stephen and Patricia Cockerill	September 2
Gerald and Eleanor Saunders	September 7
Scott and Penelope Meka	September 8
Karl and Patricia Deering	September 9
Rick Lane and Micheline Roy	September 11
Gordon and Glenda Spafford	September 11
Michael and Donna Hickey	September 15
Don and Mary Lou Webb	September 19
Mario and Kathy Spadafore	September 19
Paul and Maureen Shannon	September 20
Thomas and Suzanne Fleming	September 24







## Obituary



Jean Hall, #44  
January 23, 1945 – July 26, 2025



## September Sudoku

			9				8	
		2			4	6		
	6							7
	3			1				
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2	9	6	4	5	3	8	7	1
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heel  
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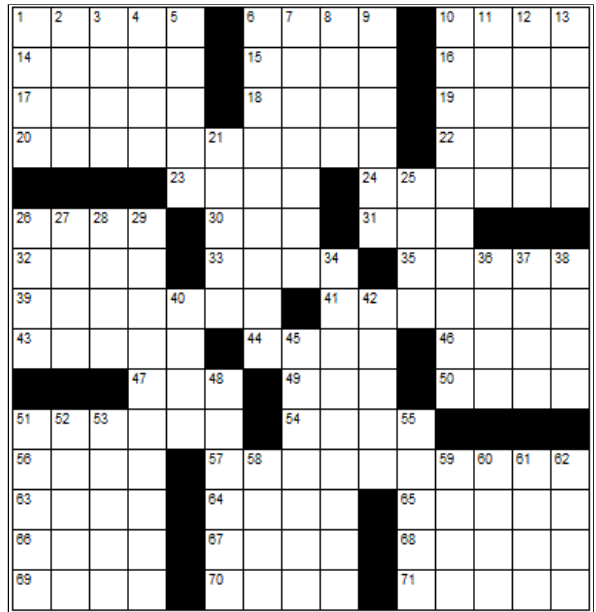


## ACROSS

1. Cognizant
6. Beige
10. Clutter
14. Not earlier
15. Blackball
16. Broadcast
17. Moan
18. Writing styluses
19. Nil
20. Value
22. Greasy
23. Coin opening
24. Granny Smiths and Red delicious
26. Ballet attire
30. Half of two
31. Anagram of "Eat"
32. Any minute
33. Voting district
35. Scrutinize
39. Coating of gold
41. Annoying
43. Not liquid
44. Being
46. European mountains
47. Observe
49. S
50. In order that not
51. Mixologist
54. Female deer (plural)
56. Fertilizer component
57. Teasingly
63. Between black and white
64. Whale
65. Red Sea peninsula
66. Wash
67. Bearing
68. Economic down time
69. Got a good look at
70. Strong fiber
71. Affirmatives

## DOWN

1. Seaweed
2. Distort
3. At the peak of
4. Backside
5. Anagram of "Sneer"
6. Spying
7. Deceiver
8. Litter member
9. Oust
10. Relating to menopause
11. Electronic letter
12. Move furtively
13. Doesn't go
21. Buffoon
25. Summit
26. Anagram of "Stag"
27. Freshwater mussel
28. Fee
29. Undaunted
34. Disharmonious
36. Handout
37. Little devils
38. Exam
40. Bright thought
42. Adjust again
45. Lures
48. Bury
51. Army brass instrument
52. Impressive display
53. Female ruff
55. Pantywaist
58. Diva's solo
59. Egyptian river
60. Wildebeests
61. Hardly believable
62. Puppy sounds



# September Crossword





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**What's the best thing to put in a pumpkin pie?**  
*Your teeth!*

**Why do birds fly south in the fall?**  
*Because it's too far to walk!*

**What did one autumn leaf say to the other?**  
*I'm falling for you!*

**Why did the scarecrow win an award?**  
*Because he was outstanding in his field!*

**What's the cutest season?**  
*Aww-tumn!*

**Why don't trees play poker in the fall?**  
*Too many cheaters!*

**What do you get when you drop a pumpkin?**  
*Squash!*

**Why did the apple stop in the middle of the road?**  
*Because it ran out of juice!*

**What's a tree's favorite drink in the fall?**  
*Root beer!*



### ***On plans***

*We must be willing to get rid of the life we've planned, so as to have the life that is waiting for us.*

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# September



**S**eptember is the 9th month of the year in the Gregorian calendar.

Its name comes from the Latin word “*septem*”, meaning **seven**, because it was the seventh month in the ancient Roman calendar.

## Seasonal Significance

In the **Northern Hemisphere**, September marks the start of autumn (around September 22–23).

In the **Southern Hemisphere**, it signals the beginning of spring.

## Back to School

September is traditionally associated with the **start of the academic year** in many countries, especially in the U.S., Canada, and Europe.

## Celestial Events

September often features the **Harvest Moon**, the full moon closest to the autumn equinox.

It's also a month known for **clear night skies**, making it great for stargazing.

## Historical Highlights

**World War II** began in September 1939.

The **Constitution of the United States** was signed on **September 17, 1787**.

## Birth Flowers

Aster and Morning Glory are September's birth flowers, symbolizing love, wisdom, and affection.

## Birthstone

The sapphire is September's birthstone, representing wisdom, loyalty, and nobility.



### *On goals*

*A goal without a plan is just a wish.*

— **Antoine de Saint-Exupery**

*Let me tell you the secret that has led me to my goal. My strength lies solely in my tenacity.*

— **Louis Pasteur**



# What Is Labor Day?

Labor Day honors the **American labor movement** and the **contributions of workers** to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of the country. It's a day to recognize the social and economic achievements of American workers.



## History

- **Origin:** The holiday originated during the **late 19th century**, a time of growing industrialization and labor unrest.
- **First Celebration:** The first Labor Day was celebrated on **September 5, 1882**, in New York City, organized by the Central Labor Union.
- **Federal Recognition:** It became a **federal holiday in 1894**, following the Pullman Strike—a nationwide railroad strike that led to significant unrest and prompted President Grover Cleveland to make peace with the labor movement.

## How It's Celebrated

- **Parades:** Many cities host parades showcasing labor unions, workers, and community organizations.
- **Barbecues & Picnics:** It's also seen as the unofficial end of summer, so families often gather for cookouts and outdoor fun.
- **Retail Sales:** Major sales events happen over Labor Day weekend, especially for back-to-school shopping.
- **Sports:** College football season often kicks off around Labor Day weekend.

## Fun Fact

Labor Day is sometimes confused with **May Day** (International Workers' Day), which is celebrated on **May 1** in many countries. The U.S. chose September to distance itself from the more politically charged May Day.

*"Without labor, nothing prospers."*  
— **Sophocles**

*"The reward of a thing well done is having done it."*  
— **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

*"Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life."*  
— **Confucius**

*"Work is no disgrace; the disgrace is idleness."*  
— **Greek Proverb**



## Funny Quotes



### ***On vices***

*He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire.*

— **Sir Winston Churchill**

*To escape criticism — do nothing, say nothing, be nothing.*

— **Elbert Hubbard**

*If criticism had any power to harm, the skunk would be extinct by now.*

— **Fred Allen**

*Before you criticize people, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away. And you have their shoes.*

— **J.K. Lambert**

*I love criticism just so long as it is unqualified praise.*

— **Noel Coward**

### ***On friends***

*The imaginary friends I had as a kid dropped me because their friends thought I didn't exist.*

— **Aaron Machado**

### ***On vacations***

*No man needs a vacation so much as the person who has just had one.*

— **Elbert Hubbard**



### ***Cat wisdom***

*Dogs come when they're called; cats take a message and get back to you later.*

— **Mary Bly**

*Some people say that cats are sneaky, evil, and cruel. True, and they have many other fine qualities as well.*

— **Missy Dizick**

*If cats could talk, they wouldn't.*

— **Nan Porter**

*To bathe a cat takes brute force, perseverance, courage of conviction and a cat. The last ingredient is usually hardest to come by.*

— **Stephen Baker**

*One cat just leads to another.*

— **Ernest Hemingway**

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