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## Happenings September 2025

Paradise Island Update  
Cheryl Mathews Park 1 President



September is upon us and if we didn't live in Florida I would say Fall should be here soon,. but we all know that's not true. Thankful we've been blessed with mild storms. I could do without this unbearable humidity. Fingers crossed the next few months provide us with beautiful weather like we love.

We had a great turnout for our August Potluck. Fried Chicken and all the fixings. So happy to see a lot of residents chit chatting and enjoying themselves. Nothing better than a community who likes to get together and enjoy each others company. We hope to see you there!

No Park meeting in September. No potluck in September since there will be Labor Day Celebrations within the Community.

Please check the calendar in this month's happenings for all the fun events each park is putting on! In addition to Park 1's regular events; Ladies Hobby, Bingo September 18th and every Thursday after that. We will also have I Got It game September 19th.

Everyone stay cool. I'll most likely be seeing you at the pool or at a function.





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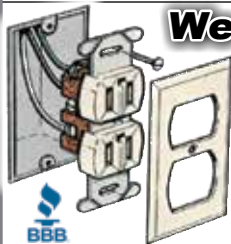


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Secretary: Jeanette Powers

Fall is here already....**HURRICANE SEASON** is in full swing...Evacuation Plans are posted in all the clubhouses...Hurricane Preparation is Essential.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO PARK 1** for donating the proceeds from the table rentals at the Christmas in July sale to the **HELPING NEIGHBORS FUND** and **THANK YOU TO CHRIS** for donating your proceeds from the sale to the **HELPING NEIGHBORS FUND**.....**WE HAVE A WONDERFUL COMMUNITY!!!!**

### EVENTS SCHEDULED SO FAR FOR THE FALL:

- October 4 Park 2 will host **MOVIE NIGHT/TOGA PARTY**...Movie is Animal House.. Details to follow as we get closer to the date.
- **LOTTERY TREE FOR NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS** will begin on Movie Night and will be drawn at the Christmas Party..December 13th.

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# PARK 3 GUANA CAY

President: Bobby Kawasaki

The last quarter of 2025 is right around the corner. In the blink of an eye our "snowbird" friends will be returning, and cooler weather will be here!

The Country Western Party featuring a free Line Dancing lesson led by Tracey Rast was a great success. Everyone looked great in their western duds, and we may have discovered several line dance superstars in our midst. I want to thank **CC Corley, Johnnie Corley, Brenda Hayworth, Nancy Kawasaki, Jeanette Powers, and Tracey Rast** for pitching in and bringing this all together; it looks like we **WILL** have to do this again during the fall/winter. A special shout out to **Dennis Gleeton**, who served as Lake Haven's favorite bartender!

The Park 3 Association Meetings will resume on **Wednesday October 1, 2025**. Please join us at an upcoming meeting. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am. Coffee and donuts are always served to residents who attend.

**REMINDER!** The Lake Haven Park 3 Association Facebook Group will be retired in September. If you haven't done so already, please make sure that you are a member of the Lake Haven Park Happenings Facebook Group to keep up to date on all the latest announcements and activities in the park. If you do not have access or have issues posting on the group, please let me know.

## September Sudoku

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# LAKE HAVEN HOA

President: Bobby Kawasaki



## Community News

### Capital Expenditure Updates for 2025

- Canal Seawall is nearing completion in Park 1. The next priority will be the seawall behind Lots 411-413 in Park 3. Park Management is still trying to reach out to the property owner on the business side of the canal to get agreement on the initiation of the work.
- Sidewalk repair work for 2025 has been completed. Residents and the members of the board have made Park Management aware that there are several areas in the park that were missed during this round of repairs. We will continue to press to determine if any additional work can be done this year or we will make this a priority for 2026.
- Park 1 Pool Heater work has not started and is pending a review of bids by Park Management.

There will be no other capital expenditure projects funded by the Park Owners in 2025.

### Capital Expenditure Priorities for 2026 (first thoughts)

- Sidewalk repair – Phase II
- Canal seawall – Phase II
- Park 2 pool deck / tile repair, pool pit replacement
- Mailbox post replacement
- Leak detection service
- Park 3 fountain repair/restoration/replacement

We need **YOUR** input on the request for capital expenditure projects! Please join a future Park Association or HOA meeting to have your voice heard. You can also contact any member of the board to add items to this list.

Pool Pass Wristband pilot. The HOA is going to work with Park 2 Association Board on piloting the use and distribution of Pool Pass Wristbands to Park 2 residents. As many of you are aware, this is an attempt to prevent non-residents from using the amenities. This has been a problem in Park 2 this summer.

The Fun continues in September! Trivia night returns to the Park 1 Clubhouse on September 10th featuring the category of Movies. Look for announcements posted in the Lake Haven Clubhouses and the Lake Haven Happenings Facebook Group for more information.

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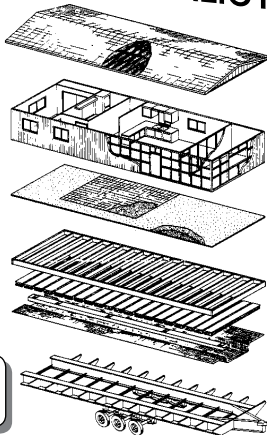
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## Monthly Observances

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- National Suicide Prevention Month
- National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
- National Preparedness Month
- National Self-Care Awareness Month

## Notable Observances by Date

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### September 1

- American Chess Day
- Ginger Cat Appreciation Day
- National Cheese Pizza Day
- National Tofu Day
- World Letter Writing Day



### September 2–7

- Sept. 2: National Blueberry Popsicle Day, World Coconut Day
- Sept. 3: National Skyscraper Day, U.S. Bowling League Day
- Sept. 4: National Wildlife Day, Eat an Extra Dessert Day
- Sept. 5: International Day of Charity, World Samosa Day
- Sept. 6: National Read a Book Day, Fight Procrastination Day
- Sept. 7: International Bacon Day, National Beer Lovers Day

### September 15 – October 15

**Hispanic Heritage Month** begins – celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

### September 22

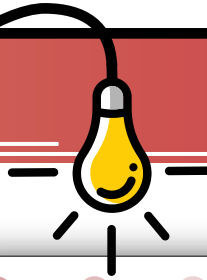
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- Information on your credit report for accounts you did not open
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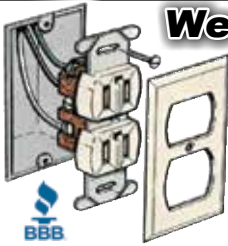
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## Monthly Observances

- National Suicide Prevention Month
- National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
- National Preparedness Month
- National Self-Care Awareness Month

## Notable Observances by Date

### September 1

- American Chess Day
- Ginger Cat Appreciation Day
- National Cheese Pizza Day
- National Tofu Day
- World Letter Writing Day



### September 2–7

- Sept. 2: National Blueberry Popsicle Day, World Coconut Day
- Sept. 3: National Skyscraper Day, U.S. Bowling League Day
- Sept. 4: National Wildlife Day, Eat an Extra Dessert Day
- Sept. 5: International Day of Charity, World Samosa Day
- Sept. 6: National Read a Book Day, Fight Procrastination Day
- Sept. 7: International Bacon Day, National Beer Lovers Day

### September 15 – October 15

**Hispanic Heritage Month** begins – celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

### September 22

**Autumn Equinox** – Marks the first day of fall in the Northern Hemisphere.

### September 7

**Total Lunar Eclipse** – A celestial event where the moon passes completely into Earth's shadow.

# Snow birds



## The Early Bird Shuffle

In Port Charlotte, a local diner owner shared how snowbirds would start lining up at 4:30 p.m. for the early bird special. “It’s like clock-work,” he said. “They come in, order the fish fry, and are out before sunset. One couple even brought their own salt shaker because they said ours wasn’t ‘zesty enough.’”



## Gator Misunderstanding

A snowbird from New Jersey staying near the Everglades mistook a sunbathing alligator for a “weird-looking log” and tried to take a selfie with it. A neighbor quickly intervened. “I thought Florida wildlife was just flamingos and pelicans,” she said later. “Now I know better—and I zoom in from a safe distance!”



## Laundry Room Diplomacy

In a Sarasota condo complex, the shared laundry room became a hub of snowbird diplomacy. One Canadian retiree recalled, “We had a sign-up sheet, but it turned into a social calendar. You’d go to do laundry and end up chatting for an hour about hockey, grandkids, and the best place for grouper sandwiches.”



## Golf Course GPS

A Michigan couple new to The Villages got lost on their golf cart trying to find the right course. “We ended up at a pickleball court, then a dog park,” the husband said. “Eventually, someone gave us a paper map. It felt like a treasure hunt—but with sunscreen.”



## Community Theater Surprise

In Naples, a snowbird from Ohio auditioned for a local play “just for fun” and ended up landing the lead role. “I hadn’t acted since high school,” she said. “But the director said I had the perfect ‘retired librarian energy.’ Now I’m a star every winter!”



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- ☐ First aid kit
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- ☐ Whistle to signal for help
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# Snow birds

## The License Plate Parade

In Florida, locals often joke that you can tell winter has arrived not by the weather, but by the sudden influx of out-of-state license plates. One resident recalled how their quiet street turned into a mini United Nations of vehicles—New York, Ontario, Michigan, and even a few from Alaska. “It’s like a car show for snowbirds,” they said, “except everyone’s driving a beige Buick.”



## The Bingo Showdown

At a community center in Arizona, a long-time snowbird from Minnesota shared how competitive bingo nights became the highlight of her winter. “You’d think we were playing for gold bars,” she laughed. “One lady brought her own lucky dauber and wore a visor like she was at a poker table in Vegas.”

## The Great Thermostat Debate

A couple from Quebec who wintered in Naples, Florida, had a running disagreement: the husband wanted the AC blasting, while the wife insisted on keeping windows open to “feel the tropical air.” Their compromise? Alternating days of climate control. “We called it the thermostat truce,” they joked.

## Golf Cart Culture

In many snowbird communities, golf carts are the preferred mode of transport. One retiree from Michigan recounted how he customized his cart with fuzzy dice, a mini fridge, and even a horn that played “La Cucaracha.” “It’s not just a ride,” he said, “it’s a lifestyle.”



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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.*

**—Joseph Campbell**

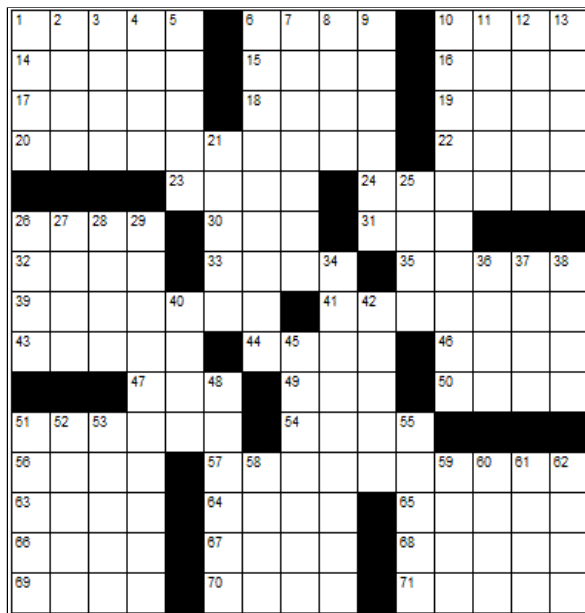
*Just because something doesn't do what you planned it to do doesn't mean it's useless.*

**— Thomas A. Edison**



## 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
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