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All Mondays	6:00 PM	Game Night
All Tuesdays	10:00 AM	Walking Club, contact Debi Graham-Leard 508-272-0235 or Joan Barrett 845-616-1303
	6:00 PM	Card Night – Texas Hold ‘Em
All Thursdays	8:30 AM	Ladies Breakfast, call Cheryl Vought for info 727-510-4129
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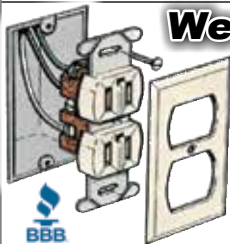


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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Well, it's September and things are going to start cranking up with activities and not weather, I hope. The HOA is going back to work with our monthly meetings, Bingo will start again on the second Saturday of October. We will have a celebration on Labor Day with free Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chips and Ice Cream, in the Clubhouse. There are only a few projects left to complete the remodeling of the community that should be done soon.

By next month, some of our residents that migrate north for what they expected to be a cooler climate should begin to return. But guess what, it was hot and, in many cases, even hotter than we have been here this record-setting summer. What's going on here, maybe "Climate Change", oh no, remember, there is no such thing as climate change according to our government leaders. Well, whatever it is it is just darn uncomfortable.

As our monthly HOA meetings start, I encourage you to join the HOA by contacting our Membership Chairperson, Sue Sears and renew your membership so you can participate by voting for your select Directors. Your HOA represents every resident, but voting is only allowed for paid members. The annual fee is \$10.00 and if you join or renew your membership it will carry on through 2026. You may sign up at the September HOA Board of Directors meeting.

We are finishing up the construction of a new HOA Website that you will be able to log into and view news of the community, events, garbage day changes, water shut-off's, and other important updates. We should have complete updates ready to present at the September HOA Board of Directors meeting.

Come on out and join in activities,

Happy Trails,  
Ray

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September 12, 1964	Paul & Ina Salisbury	61 yrs.
September 17	Joseph & Barbara Miles	
September 20, 1986	Pat & Kathy Griggs	39 yrs.
September 20, 1980	Timmy & Sandy Pettigrew	45yrs.
September 23, 1999	Ron & Wanda Clevenger	26 yrs.
September 24, 1994	Richard & Gloria Dunbar	31 yrs.
September 24, 1994	Robert & Doris McAuliffe	31 yrs.



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

DATE	RESIDENT	DATE	RESIDENT
2	Pamela Carpentier	16	Tanya Mattison
3	Sandra Nine	21	Sharon Carbley
	Robert McAuliffe		David Sayer
4	Tammy Tolzdorf		Sheila Tryhorn
5	Celesta Smith Diedrich	22	Skip (Edward) Fritchey
	Cynthia Miller		Jean Muncaster
6	John Anderson		Kenneth Milanese
7	Nancy DeCamp	23	Kathy Hauk
8	Noreen Nadeau		Ted Zukowski
	Maria Taylor	24	Michael Tyson
	Timmy Pettigrew	25	Kenneth Powers
9	Richard DeCamp		Cynthia Davies
10	Irissia Pederson	26	Diane Bartulis
	David Street	27	Susan Tuskowski
11	John Keaveny	29	Phil MacIntyre
	Darleen Richardson		Diane Gooden
12	Julie Hayes	30	Karen Miller
13	David Cox		Mary Jane (Candy) Mallin
14	Mary Fritchey		Robert Benedetto
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## LABOR DAY CELEBRATION

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Residents,  
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Hope to see you there.  
Ray

# Labor Day Celebration

## Monday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>



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## SUNSHINE

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**B**lanche Onley, 584-7372, is our sunshine person for the park. She requests that if you have family members, friends, and/or neighbors that have fallen ill, have been hospitalized, sent to rehab, or have passed away, that you inform her so she can let them know we support them as well as yourself, and will keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Sent get well cards to:

Melinda Noble ----- Illness

Sent sympathy cards to the families of long-time residents  
Lena Staschak & “Pool” Patty Karlhofer



## HEAR YE!! HEAR YE!! BINGO RETURNS!!

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**I**n spite of some hiccups and procedural changes, we are happy to announce the resumption of BINGO starting October 4th. Stay tuned to the October issue of this publication for more details.



## RESULTS OF AUGUST POKER RUN

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**T**he Saturday Poker Runs will now take place twice a month depending on participation. We do not anticipate a problem in that regard. The first September run will take place on Saturday, September 13th. Line up at the Clubhouse at 10:45 and pay your \$5.00 which is used to pay the winners who have the highest poker hand and the lowest poker hand. Then we draw the 50/50 for those that bought a \$5.00 ticket.

The August 9th Poker Run results were as follows:

High Hand - Debbie Valentino (\$45.00)

Low Hand – Alexander’s (\$30.00)

50/50 – Elaine Eckert (\$55.00)



## HAPPY FEET WALKING CLUB

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**A**ll residents are invited to join other walkers for a healthy stroll and a chat with other park residents... ladies, gentlemen, visitors!



Frequency: each Tuesday and Thursday morning

Time: 10am [time might change when summer heat arrives]

Place: Clubhouse overhang

Route: walkers will choose Shoreline Palms streets, then exit to the Walsingham public sidewalk before returning to the clubhouse.

If you have any questions, call or text either of these organizers:

Debi Graham-Leard 508-272-0235

Joan Barrett 845-616-1303.

## POKENO

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**P**okeno will be starting again in September beginning on the 3rd and continuing through September and beyond. Contact Rosie Penrod (618-559-9991) for more info.



## 2025-26 ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

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**Jan Freitas, Chairperson**

Sue Alexander

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Cyndi Johnson, President



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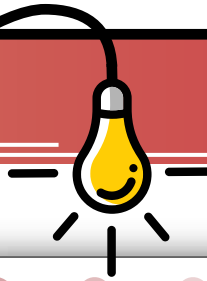
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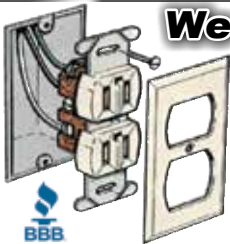
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	<p>1</p> <p>Lawn Mowing</p> <p>Labor Day Celebration 4:30 PM-6:00 PM</p> <p>Labor Day</p>	<p>HOA Board Meeting 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM</p>
7	<p>8</p> <p>Lawn Mowing</p>	
14	<p>15</p> <p>Lawn Mowing</p>	<p>Good Times Planners</p> <p>O'Keefe's 1219 S. F Clearwater</p> <p>11:30 AM 12:00 PM</p>
21	<p>22</p> <p>Lawn Mowing</p> <p>First Day of Autumn</p>	<p>Hot Dog/H. Night</p> <p>4:30 PM</p>
28	<p>29</p> <p>Lawn Mowing</p>	



# Shoreline Palms

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>2</div> <div>Board of ors Meeting PM</div>	<div>3</div> <div>POKENO 6:00 PM</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div>	<div>6</div> <div>Koffee Klatch  8:00 - 10:00 AM</div>
<div>9</div>	<div>10</div> <div>POKENO 6:00 PM</div>	<div>11</div>	<div>12</div>	<div>13</div> <div>Golf Cart Poker Run 10:45 AM</div>
<div>16</div> <div>es Social Luncheon  Restaurant ort Harrison r, FL  Social Lunch</div>	<div>17</div> <div>POKENO 6:00 PM</div>	<div>18</div> <div>Patriot Day</div>	<div>19</div>	<div>20</div>
<div>23</div> <div>amburger  M - 6:00 PM</div>	<div>24</div> <div>POKENO 6:00 PM</div>	<div>25</div>	<div>26</div>	<div>27</div> <div>Golf Cart Poker Run 10:45 AM</div>
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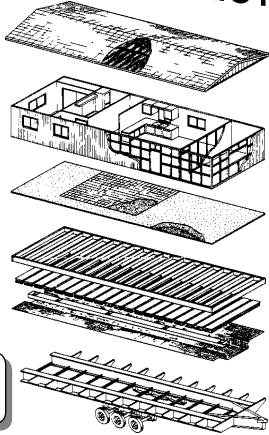
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The format is a Scramble. There are both women's and men's teams. Usually, the women outnumber the men, so the men's teams play separately. Teams are formed by picking chips.

It must be stressed that if you are NOT playing on a particular Friday, and you've already signed up, you MUST inform our chairperson, Cheryl Meyer, by the Wednesday before the game. This is how tee times are arranged. Cheryl is required to hand in a roster to the course by Thursday.

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SEPTEMBER 2025.....



**Y**ou'd never know it, but fall is coming back. This means the Entertainment Committee will be coming back, the weather will be cooler, which should promote more sports participation, and the overall result should be a return to life the way it should be for an active retirement community. If we can get by the rest of the hurricane season unscathed, we should be all right. We have some new allies in the phrase of the year (Saharan Dust) and the sacred Indian burial grounds working for us. So you can look for much more information in the coming months regarding sports.

It looks like I'm going to have to put my prognosticating skills on hold for awhile. No sooner did I predict a possible World Series title for my Detroit Tigers, they went on to lose 8 of their next 10 games. While they are still a shoo-in to win the American League Central Division, it will all depend on how they handle the also-rans in the rest of the league. But at least it will result in some interesting viewing for us Detroit fans, something we have not seen since 2012. Stay tuned....

## Quote of the month:

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**I**f you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.

Mark Twain

## Answer to last month's Trivia Question:

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**L**ast month's Trivia was answered by 2 people, Bob (The Answer Man) McAuliffe and Jean (The Trivia Queen) Muncaster. The way the question was worded, it asked only for Prince Harry's official first name. Bob answered (correctly) "Henry". Jean being the "Queen" answered (again correctly, "Henry Charles Albert David". They say never trust a person with 3 names. What do you do with 4?



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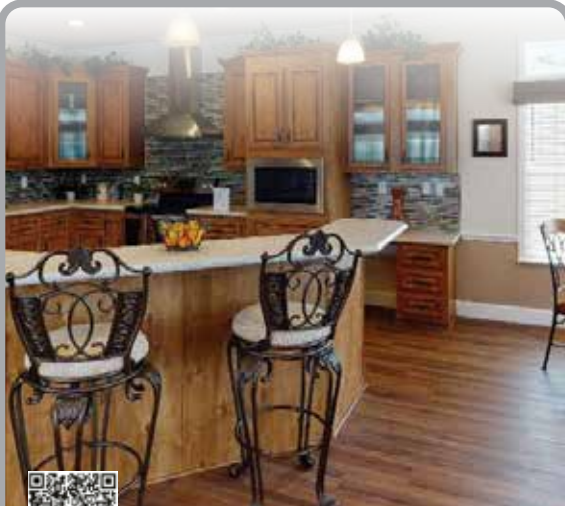
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And remember, when it's news in Shoreline Palms, it's news to me.



## September Sudoku

			9				8	
		2			4	6		
	6							7
	3			1				
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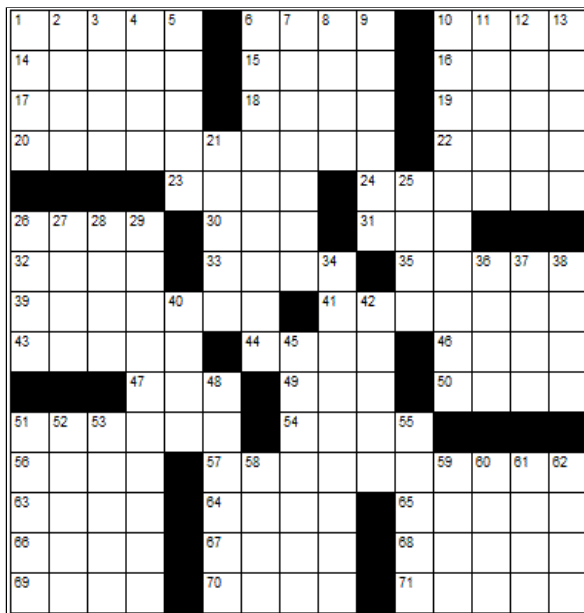


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6	4	9	3	2	5	7	1	8
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2	9	6	4	5	3	8	7	1
7	3	5	8	1	6	2	4	9
9	6	4	5	3	8	1	2	7
8	5	2	1	7	4	6	9	3
3	1	7	9	6	2	4	8	5



## 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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silly

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## September Holidays

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**L**abor Day – Monday, September 1, 2025  
Celebrated on the first Monday of September, this holiday honors the contributions of American workers.

## 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

**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.



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# 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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