



# 10th Anniversary Of Firewise Community Day Event

By Karen Wills, Herons Glen  
 Photos by Karen Wills, Herons Glen

Another very successful Firewise Community Day Event, sponsored by the Herons Glen Safety (SSEP) Committee, was held on Feb. 12.

The ballroom and surrounding parking lot was filled with equipment from the Florida Forestry Service, Lee County EMS, Lee County Mosquito and Hyacinth Control, Lee County Sheriff's Department, Lee Memorial Blood Mobile, Herons Glen CERT team, United Way, Leroy Nottingham's Local 1826, Investigative and Forensic Services, Fort Myers Amateur Emergency Radio Club, Morgan Stanley Peace River Team, Waste Connections, and Leroy's Southern Kitchen and Bar.

This year's event featured a meal hosted by Eric Loche and the Morgan Stanley Peace River team and prepared by Leroy's Southern Kitchen and Bar. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and bratwurst were also grilled by our volunteers. The Lee County Sheriff's Department brought their **What's The Scoop** ice cream truck and treated everyone to free ice cream.

The proceeds from the Firewise Community Day benefitted the two deserving charities described below.

- Home Front Heroes provides charitable assistance and community outreach to the needy, disabled, veterans, and youth including crime prevention and animal welfare.

- Local 1826 Leroy Nottingham Firefighter Paramedic Firefighter Benevolent Fund performs charitable, educational, fraternal, civic, and other activities to achieve

its purpose. It authorizes payments to firefighters and paramedics in line with the organization's exempt purpose.

The day began with SSEP Chair Craig Woolley welcoming everyone to the event and thanking our sponsors and vendors. After a few words from the Forestry Service, NFMFD, LCSD, and Local 1826, the fun began.

We saw robotic demonstrations, fire extinguisher training, bomb squad equipment, jaws-of-life and other fire equipment demonstrations, and the virtual reality simulator.

Lee Memorial Blood Mobile was on site and collected 22 usable pints of blood. Since two lives are saved per unit, over 44 people have been touched by the generosity of these donors.

A special thanks goes to Waste Connections for their very generous \$5,000 donation. The generosity of all our



SSEP Committee: Jo Moyer, Russell Long, Karen Wills, Marilyn Magiera, Sergeant Martin Hernandez, Craig Woolley, Ken Marohn, Barry Glaudel, Barbara Peet, Chester Bartkowski, Dave Kemp and Bob Castellanos

sponsors allowed us to present Home Front Heroes with a \$1,777.80 check and a \$6,751.20 check to Local 1826.

The committee would also like to acknowledge the numerous volunteers that made our event so successful. This could not be done without their commitment to this great cause.

# The HGHOA And The HGRD – Not Just Alphabet Soup

By Linda Lynch, Herons Glen  
 With input from Joyce Gillespie and J.B. Belknap

Whether you're new to Herons Glen or have lived here for a while, there may still be times when you're confused about the Herons Glen Recreation District (HGRD) and the Herons Glen Homeowner's Association (HOA). These are two separate and distinct organizations, and this article will provide a general overview of each.

The HGRD is a special district created under Florida law, and as such is a governmental entity. The HGRD was formed in 1999 when the residents voted overwhelmingly to purchase the recreational facilities from the developer. These included the golf course, clubhouse, restaurant, and the other recreational amenities in the Glen, along with the community irrigation system (CLIS). A provision of Florida law allowed the residents to finance this purchase through a tax-exempt bond issue creating an instrument of Florida State government known as the Recreation District.

As a special district, the HGRD serves a specific geographical area and is governed by a Board of Supervisors, all of whom must be residents of the State of Florida and who are elected by the property owners. Because it is a governmental agency, the HGRD is capable of issuing government-backed, tax-free bonds to raise funds for capital improvements. In fact, in 2020 the district issued bonds to provide \$12.9 million in construction funds to renovate HGRD facilities and amenities with projects that have been ongoing. However, as a government entity, the facilities owned by the district are public property and as such must be made available to the general public, albeit with some allowable restrictions.

Key areas of responsibility for the HGRD include the community irrigation system, cart paths and bridges on the golf course, lakes that touch the golf course or other

amenities, landscaping on HGRD property, the fitness center, tennis courts, bocce courts, pickleball courts, shuffleboard courts, the pool and spa, ballroom, card/activity rooms, restaurant and lounge (including the liquor license), pro shop, pump houses, rental golf carts, and restrooms on the golf course and tennis courts. (**Note:** This list is not comprehensive.)

The Homeowner's Association in Herons Glen was first instituted as part of the legal structure of the original developer in 1990. It is a Florida not-for-profit corporation and operates under specific Florida statutes. In 1997 the developer expanded the board from three to five members to add two resident board members. The developer held the majority on the board until Jan. 1, 2005, when the board was transitioned from developer control to resident control with a full resident board in place. The HGHOA is run by a Board of Directors elected by the members of the Association.

The HOA owns and is responsible for the maintenance of the streets and common areas within Herons Glen. HOA administered common areas include the guardhouse, gates, street lighting, street signs, entrance walls, neighborhood entry signs, common area landscaping, streets, curbs and sidewalks, street drainage, five wetlands and preserves, and eight lakes that do not border the HGRD Golf Course or other amenities property. The HOA is also responsible for community standards for homeowners, such as landscaping and the appearance of residences. (**Note:** This list is not comprehensive.)

While they have distinctly separate organizational structures and functions, both the HGRD and the HOA cooperate for the benefit of our community.

Several lists accompanying this article attempt to delineate the key responsibilities of the HOA and those of the HGRD. These lists can be found on page 5.

In addition, the HOA Communications Committee has developed an organizational and governance structures document that shows an overview of each organization side-by-side. This Herons Glen Community Governing and Oversight Structure document can be accessed at [http://hgcc.com/hghoa/pdfs/communications\\_committee/governance.pdf](http://hgcc.com/hghoa/pdfs/communications_committee/governance.pdf) and can also be found on the HOA website ([www.heronsglenhoa.org](http://www.heronsglenhoa.org)) by clicking on the Community Information tab on the left.

## Transportation

By Jack Cotter, Herons Glen

The Veterans of the Glen Outreach Committee and Friends Helping Friends Transportation Committee have joined in a partnership to help Herons Glen residents who are in need of transportation for medical appointments, prescription pickup, grocery shopping or some other essential transportation need. **Please do not call for rides to/from airport.**

During the period of Jan. 1 through May 30, residents may call a volunteer from the following list (Note: A 24-hour advanced notice would be very helpful):

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|-------------------|----------------------------------|
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We are always seeking volunteers, please contact Jack Cotter if you have an interest in volunteering.



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## Community News

### Coming Soon

3/13	Singles	Activities Room "A"
3/13	VOG	Activities Room "A"
3/14	Farmers' Market	Parking Lot
3/14	Wendy Renee	Restaurant
3/15	Players Of The Glen	Ballroom
3/16	Players Of the Glen	Ballroom
3/17	Players Of The Glen	Ballroom
3/17	St. Patrick's Day	Restaurant
3/19	Socialites	Ballroom
3/20	Pretty In Pink Lunch	Ballroom
3/21	Kat Orlando Duo	Restaurant
3/23	Bocce Dance	Ballroom
3/24	Chorus Show	Ballroom
3/25	Dermatology Bus	Parking Lot
3/26	HGRD Election	Card Room "C"
3/27	Oldies Dance	Ballroom
3/28	Farmers' Market	Parking Lot
3/28	Sunset Duo	Restaurant
3/30	Trivia and Buffet	Ballroom
3/31	Easter Dinner	Restaurant
4/4	Farmers' Market	Parking Lot
4/4	Ron Lorenzo	Restaurant
4/7	Marbles	Ballroom
4/11	Farmers' Market	Parking Lot
4/11	Mike Morris	Restaurant
4/13	Season Farewell Party	Ballroom
4/14	Ice Cream Social	Ballroom
4/18	Farmers' Market	Parking Lot
4/18	Smalltown Duo	Restaurant
4/23	Socialites	Ballroom
4/24	Volunteer Appreciation	Ballroom
4/25	Farmers' Market	Parking Lot
4/25	Jay Smith	Restaurant
4/27	Trivia and Buffet	Ballroom
4/29	Bloodmobile	Parking Lot

### HOA And HGRD Schedule Of Meetings

The following is a listing of HOA and HGRD meetings known at the time of publication. As these **dates are subject to change**, please check the Herons Glen website calendar and the community channel for updates.

#### Calendar Of HOA Meetings March 12 To April

All committee meetings are via Zoom/HOA Conference Room unless noted otherwise.

3/12	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.
3/13	Board Meeting, 5 p.m.
3/14	Grounds Committee, 1 p.m.
3/21	Activities Committee, 10 a.m.
3/22	SSEP Committee, 8 a.m.
3/26	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.
3/27	Communications Committee, 1 p.m.
3/28	Finance Committee, 1:30 p.m.
4/2	Board Workshop, 1 p.m.
4/9	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.
4/10	Board Meeting, 5 p.m.
4/11	Grounds Committee, 1 p.m.
4/17	Communications Committee, 1 p.m.
4/18	Activities Committee, 10 a.m.
4/23	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.
4/25	Finance Committee, 1:30 p.m.
4/26	SSEP Committee, 8 a.m.

#### Calendar Of HGRD Meetings March 25 To April

All committee meetings are via Zoom/Card Room C unless noted otherwise

3/25	Long-Range Planning Committee, 9 a.m.
3/27	Board Meeting, 9 a.m.
4/1	Resident Events Committee, 1 p.m., Activities Room "A"
4/4	Facilities and Amenities Committee, 1 p.m.
4/8	Long-Range Planning Committee, 9 a.m.
4/15	Golf Committee, 9 a.m.
4/22	Board Meeting, 9 a.m.
4/29	Finance Committee, 9 a.m.

### In Memoriam

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AJ Sembiant  
Bob Schroeder  
Gregory Trammell  
Marge Zerwick

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### Welcome

Lori and Marcel Asschert  
Thomas Cobus and Carman McKechnie  
Amy and Francisco Henderson  
Debrah Hocking  
Mark Robinson  
Mari and Thomas Wiertel



## Community Activities

### Artist Group

By Kathleen Lynch, Herons Glen

The Herons Glen Artist Group welcomed watercolor artist, Linda Lucas, on Jan. 19 and 20, for a two-day painting workshop. Participants worked on two paintings with Linda's guidance, an arrangement of flowers and a water landscape. We learned various techniques involving color mixing and "dropping in color" using a wet-on-wet painting method. Participants also experienced the use of acrylic inks, a watercolor-like painting technique. Both days were very informative, working alongside fellow artists.



Linda Lucas demonstrating watercolor technique

The Artist Group also hosted Mathew Halstead on Feb. 6. Halstead is a "Bob Ross" certified instructor! He came with all the supplies, oil paint, brushes, and canvases to lead the group, step by step, in creating an ocean sunset landscape. It was a fun activity and we hope to have Halstead back again next year.

In the meantime, artists are welcome to come up to Activities Room A on Tuesday for watercolor painting. On Friday, Sunny Lee, an accomplished artist, is teaching acrylic painting. Classes run from 9 a.m. to noon. If you have any



Bob Ross style painting class

questions, contact Kathy Lynch at [klynch30@gmail.com](mailto:klynch30@gmail.com) for more information.

### The Monarch Butterfly – *Danaus Plexippus*

By Helen Graziano, Herons Glen

Photo by Helen Graziano, Herons Glen

The monarch is a common and beautiful butterfly which graces our Butterfly Garden. It is best known in North America and has a powerful flight. It often sails with its wings in a "V." Monarchs are distasteful to predators because they obtain toxic chemicals from their food plant, the butterfly weed. Their bright coloration signals their toxicity to predators.

*The Monarch Butterfly on page 3*

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*The Monarch Butterfly from page 2*

They are most prevalent in April to May and October to November. Males have a black scent patch on their hind wings. Females lay their eggs on the underside of butterfly weed plants, where they develop into larvae and start eating.



The monarchs move south throughout the East in September and October, and many wind up in the fir-clad Mexican mountains. There are tremendous gatherings of these monarchs in Mexico, but pressures from logging, pesticides and other developments in that area jeopardize them. In the spring, these overwintering monarchs start their movement northward and lay eggs, and several generations are produced on their migration. The offspring continue to move north reaching the East Coast in April and May.

The care of monarchs is a rewarding hobby. A butterfly enclosure should be placed away from direct sunlight and drafts, and where it can be undisturbed for the duration of their life cycle. The enclosure needs to be kept clean daily from their droppings (frass) because the frass can stick to the caterpillars and interfere with their metamorphosis. The caterpillars eat a lot, and host plants in a pot should be placed in the enclosure. The caterpillars should not be touched as their bodies can be harmed. During this period, they grow for seven to 14 days and become chrysalides. You will see they are developing their organs and the wing color should become apparent.

Once the butterflies emerge from the chrysalides, they must not be disturbed. For seven to 10 days they will grow necessary organs and you will be able to see the change in the wing color. They will emerge from the chrysalides and still should not be touched. They will eventually spread their wings, which must dry before they are ready for flight. This can take several hours. When they are flapping their wings, you can allow them to walk on your finger, and they can be released or can be kept in the enclosure for 24 hours. If you keep them in the enclosure for up to 24 hours, prepare some nectar (dissolve three teaspoons of sugar in a cup of water) and place nectar on a paper towel and place it in the enclosure.

**Socialites Annual Fashion Show**

*By Pam Scheid, Herons Glen*

On a beautiful but chilly day, Socialites were treated to a look at this year's resort and cruise fashions from Trader Rick's. Eight Socialites modeled the colorful collection as the store representative, Ms. Stafford, described each outfit. She pointed out that many of the clothes were Italian designs and that much of the jewelry was created by a family enterprise in Atlanta and by Trader Rick himself.

The volunteer models were Bev Groft, Donna Johnson, Ana Ellis, Robin Farinet, Sue Wasserott, Carol Bryan, Elaine Dotolo, and Judith West. Each model wore two outfits and walked among the tables so that the 149 members and their guests could get a good look at the clothes. While the models changed outfits, Finney Noffsinger's and Gloria Selander's names were drawn as winners of Trader Rick's gifts.

Before the salad luncheon was served, President Janet Kerns opened the brief business meeting by welcoming everyone. She called on Treasurer Bev Groft who reported that this month's member contribution to the All Souls Church food bank totaled \$636. Program Chairman Rhonda Parkinson thanked the members who volunteered to be models for the fashion show. She also announced that the

March meeting will feature a speaker who will talk about women's health, specifically a-fib and stroke prevention.



*Eight Socialites runway lovelies model fashions from Trader Rick's*

**Alpha Delta Alpha Thanks HG Residents**

*By Denise Johnson, Herons Glen*

*Photos by Denise Johnson and Gerry Weinberger, Herons Glen*

Alpha Delta Alpha's annual Foster's Grille fundraiser for Hearts and Homes for Veterans was held on Monday, Jan. 22. Thank you, Herons Glen residents, for your turnout to support this worthy cause **and** a big thank you to Foster's Grille for hosting our annual event. A total of \$385 was raised.

Everywhere we looked, tables or booths, we saw Herons Glen residents. We were pleased to have our own Tom Donoghue of Hearts & Homes, as well as some of the volunteers attend, who roamed the restaurant to explain and answer questions about the services Hearts & Homes provide to our veterans. If you attended, we hope you enjoyed an evening of good food and comradery with friends.



*Tom Donoghue and volunteers*



*Herons Glen attendees*



*Herons Glen attendees*

**Travel Club Goes Cruising**

*By Jim Gormley, Herons Glen*

On Feb. 3 a total of 45 Travel Club members began an eight-day cruise on the *Celebrity Reflection*. The cruise was from Fort Lauderdale to the ABC islands just off the coast of South America. The cruise began with two sea days, and then docked at Aruba. After spending a day in Aruba, the ship made the short trip to Bonaire for another day. Next, we sailed to Curacao for the final port of call. From Curacao on a clear day, you can see Venezuela which is only 38 miles away. We then had a final two sea days to return to Fort Lauderdale.

The ship was beautiful, service was excellent, and the food was delicious. We were also treated to nightly shows, with two spectacular shows featuring acrobatics and aerial feats.

The evening of the first sea day after Curacao, we experienced an unexpected bit of excitement. One of our members suffered a heart attack and had to be airlifted by helicopter from the ship to a hospital in Jamaica. She had to be "winched" up into the helicopter since the ship did not have a deck area large enough for the helicopter to land on. She was subsequently flown back to Gulf Coast Hospital in Fort Myers. After a three-day stay, she was able to return to her home in the Glen.



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# Community Interests

## In Case You Missed It ... Highlights From The HOA Weekly Bulletins

*From Your HOA Communications Committee*

This listing highlights important articles covered in recent HOA *Herons Glen Weekly Bulletins* distributed by email to residents listed with the HOA Office. These issues affect every property owner, their renters, vendors, and guests.

The articles are intended to help residents better understand the actual requirements for our restricted community and may also include safety information. Reading about and understanding these issues could eliminate an escalation of problems that may result in potential fines.

If you have questions about a subject, you can locate the full article from the bottom left link on the HOA website at [http://hgcc.com/hghoa/files/office\\_news.html](http://hgcc.com/hghoa/files/office_news.html), then **click** the link titled HOA News Bulletins, EXTRA! EXTRA! Or you can see the issues listed by date in the middle of the web page under HG HOA News from Management.

**Feb. 16** – Solution for Owners Who Want to Leave Their Garage Doors Open, Five Tips on Why You Should Not Leave Your Device Chargers Plugged In When Not in Use from SSEP

**Feb. 9** – Open Garage Door Violations

**Feb. 2** – Notice of Herons Glen HOA Board Meeting to Consider Amendments to Community Wide Landscape Standards and Grounds Approval Request Form, Air Quality Control and Complaint Survey, Architectural Review and Approval Requirements for Exterior Modifications to Your Home

**Jan. 26** – Pet Reminders, Rules and Regulations; Herons Glen HOA Second Quarter Assessment Fees

**Jan. 19** – ARC Design and Development Guidelines and Violations Pertaining to Missing Lanais, Pool Enclosures and Missing Screening; ARC Dirty Roof Notices

**Jan. 5** – Portable Heater Safety Tips from SSEP

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## Beware Of The Ides Of March

*By Candace Huetteman, Herons Glen*

“Beware of the Ides of March.” No doubt you have heard this said as a warning to avoid danger or to be safe in the face of bad luck. But what does Ides mean in the Ides of March, and how did this day become associated with bad luck?

In the ancient Roman calendar, each month had an Ides. For the month of March, May, July and October, the Ides fell on the 15th day. In every other month, the Ides fell on the 13th day. The word Ides derives from a Latin word that means to divide. It therefore refers to days that land in the middle of the month, thus dividing it.

The Ides of March, the 74th day in the Roman calendar, was marked by several religious observances and was designated in Rome as the deadline for settling debts. In 44 B.C., it became notorious as the date of the assassination of Julius Caesar, which made the Ides of March a turning point in Roman history. In the play *Julius Caesar* by William Shakespeare, “Beware of the Ides of March” is uttered by a soothsayer telling Caesar that his life is in danger. The soothsayer tells Caesar to stay home on March 15 and to be careful what he does. Of course, he does not heed this warning, and he goes to the Senate meeting where he is brutally stabbed. While the Ides existed long before the Elizabethan era, the phrase “Beware of the Ides of March” was not famous until William Shakespeare.

Now people see The Ides of March as bad luck. However, before Julius Caesar’s death, the Ides of any month celebrated the first full moon in that month. In Rome the Ides of March was usually a time for celebration, family gatherings, and even parades. But now superstition defines this day as dangerous or unlucky.

Superstition has become a key part of our culture. There are more than 200 superstitions. Are you one of the 25 percent who considers himself superstitious? Do you think that black cats are bad luck, Friday the 13th is an unlucky day, or opening an umbrella inside a house brings you bad luck? Do you know what the most popular American superstition is? It’s believed, by those who are superstitious, that spilling salt brings bad luck. So, you should throw a pinch of salt over your left shoulder to cancel out any misfortune. Why the left shoulder and not the right? The left shoulder is where the devil sits, and when you throw the salt, you are throwing it in his eyes to keep him away.

So, is it an unfounded superstition that we should be afraid of the Ides of March? Looking back, history shows us that Caesar’s assassination was not the only dark day to remember. A cyclone destroyed six warships, three United States and three German, and killed more than 200 sailors in the waters of Apia, Samoa, on March 15, 1889. The Nazis invaded Czechoslovakia on March 15, 1939, further escalating tension leading toward World War II. Without warning, the most severe blizzard in modern history ripped North Dakota and Minnesota, killing 71 people on March 15, 1941. And more recently, the Syrian Civil War began on March 15, 2021. But not every March 15th has been an unlucky day. We should also note that Supreme Court Justice, Ruth Badger Ginsberg was born on March 15, 1933. On March 15, 1965 President Lyndon B. Johnson introduced voting rights legislation that was passed a year later. On March 15, 1972, the Academy Award-winning film, *The Godfather*, premiered. And on March 15, 2019, more than 1.5 million students participated in climate change protests in a movement started by Swedish environmental activist, Greta Thunberg. So, should we be wary of the Ides of March? Is it fact or just superstition that we should be mindful of what we do on March 15?

## Island Coast High School

*By Denise Johnson, Herons Glen*

*Photo by Gloria Selander, Herons Glen*

Former HG residents, Ed and Pat McQuiston, donated an antique clarinet and saxophone to Alpha Delta Alpha (ADA) Sorority. The clarinet was used by Pat’s first husband who



*Gloria Selander presenting donation to Steven Johnson, music director at Island Coast High School and his jazz band members.*

played with the Glen Miller Band. The instruments were taken to Mr. Music, an instrument retailer and appraiser/restoration expert. An interesting tidbit is that Mr. Music found a package of reeds in the case that were bought from him! Mr. Music bought the instruments for \$400 and is restoring them. These funds were earmarked for the Music Department at Island Coast High School. A check was presented to Steven Johnson, head of the music department. His jazz band was also present for the presentation. Everyone was excited and grateful to receive the donation.

You never know what you have that can be of use to someone else. If you or anyone you know has musical instruments they no longer use, but that are in working condition, donate them to a school. If you’d like to contact an ADA member to donate, feel free to contact the writer at (405) 830-9832.

## It’s Almost Here!

*By Janet Slater, Herons Glen*

The activities and excitement have been building for several months now, leading up to the big finale for **Pretty in Pink** on March 20. The day will begin with an **18-hole golf tournament**, and continue with a **luncheon** for golfers and non-golfers alike. The ballroom will be filled with ladies dressed in pink, a beautiful display of baskets to be raffled, a guest speaker, and a time of honoring survivors of all types of cancer. You won’t want to miss it! To register, contact Joyce Haist, (416) 970-0648, [joycekh@bell.net](mailto:joycekh@bell.net).



There are still other ways to be involved in this giant fundraiser for Partners for Breast Cancer Care, Inc.:

- **Sponsor a Hole** for \$100: Contact Fran Schroeder, (770) 823-2124, [faschroeder@comcast.net](mailto:faschroeder@comcast.net) or Cindy Matheny, (501) 318-5925, [cindyloufromar@gmail.com](mailto:cindyloufromar@gmail.com).

- Donate a gift card, other items, or a full basket for the **Basket Raffle**; or buy raffle tickets: Contact Nancy Thompson, (315) 466-9091, [dthomps@twcny.rr.com](mailto:dthomps@twcny.rr.com).

- Buy tickets for the **Jewelry Raffle** (pink tourmaline and diamond pendant; see photo), \$10 each or three for \$25: Contact Mary Koenig, (239) 989-3052, [mkoenig45@gmail.com](mailto:mkoenig45@gmail.com).



Thank you for your support.

## Players Of The Glen – Tickets Are Selling Fast

*By Janice Radcliff, Herons Glen*

*Photo by Janice Radcliff, Herons Glen*

Prepare to laugh until your sides ache as this talented cast brings to life a comedy that promises to leave you grinning from ear to ear. Set in the charming Sisters of Perpetual Sewing convent, Sister Philamena and Sister Augusta devise a plan to save the convent by producing and selling their own wine in secret. But as their operation grows, so do the hilarious complications, including mistaken identities, romantic entanglements, and a nosy reporter hot on their trail.

### Performance Dates

March 15, 5:30 p.m. gala, 7 p.m. performance

Guests who purchase tickets for Friday Opening Night are invited to attend the Gala Cocktail Party prior to the performance in the Herons Glen Grand Lobby. Guests are encouraged to dress in cocktail attire.

March 16 7 p.m., performance  
March 17 4 p.m., matinee performance

### Ticket Sales \$15, Reserved Seating

Tuesday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., March 12  
Wednesday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., March 13  
Thursday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., March 14



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Tuesday night prior to bingo in Ballroom Lobby, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Tickets also available at the door the night of performance.

For more ticket information contact Shirley Evans at (289) 380-2310.

## What It's All About

*By Janet Slater, Herons Glen*

Finney Noffsinger sat facing her oncologist. "I want you to have a really good year," he told her, "because it will be your last." Finney had Stage 4 uterine cancer. The doctor did the surgery to remove all he could, just in case, but he gave her no hope.

That was 41 years ago. Finney is still very much alive and kicking here in Herons Glen, and she's putting her heart into volunteering with Pretty in Pink (PIP) as a cochair. Recently she and her husband Jim were dining at a Cape Coral restaurant, partly to ensure a "yes" when she asked the manager for a gift card donation for the PIP Basket Raffle. After leaving, she proceeded to the other three restaurants sitting in a row along the canal.

In the next restaurant, she explained the PIP fundraiser to the manager, and then began describing the good work done by Partners for Breast Cancer Care, Inc., which the event supports. That's when tears filled the manager's eyes. She explained to Finney that one of their servers, a longtime employee, had just resigned because she learned she had breast cancer. The woman had no insurance, and didn't know how she would be able to afford her treatment in addition to her rent and other expenses.

Finney pointed to the Partners for Breast Cancer Care flyer she had just given the manager. "Have your friend call them," she said. "They will be able to help." The manager was so thankful for the information that she gave Finney not one but two gift cards for the restaurant. "God must have sent you to me," she said.

Finney is a veteran at soliciting donations. She is retired from the Chicago White Sox, where she led special events and investor relations. She even has a World Series ring from when she was called out of retirement to serve the White Sox team in the three months leading up to their 2005 championship (she'd love to show it to you; just ask). Her fundraising efforts are very successful. But she came away from this encounter with tears. "You know you're doing the



*Finney Noffsinger*

right thing when you see moments like this," she says. "That one 'yes' made all the difference."

A life-giving cause, dedicated volunteers, supportive community, connecting and giving. It's what Pretty in Pink is all about.

## From Rags To Riches

*By Jack Nelson, Herons Glen*

Millie Vonderhide was the wealthiest woman in a large city on the west coast of the United States. She was a single woman, well-known and admired for her benevolence, regularly donating large sums of money to such organizations as the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army.

Every Sunday morning, after attending church services, Millie would climb into the back seat of her Rolls Royce and have her chauffeur, Morgan, drive her around town to take in the hustle and bustle of the downtown area, then drive across the town to the city park where she'd feed the pigeons.

On one particular Sunday, as they motored along on a side street to reach the park, Millie noticed five large cardboard boxes lined up in a row against an apartment building. She was burning with curiosity to know why those boxes were sitting on a public thoroughfare. Morgan was the right person to ask, for he knew what was inside the boxes.

He informed his boss that they were shelters for the homeless. Millie was appalled at this revelation, and decided to take immediate action. She had Morgan park the car, then walked over to the boxes and tapped each one with her purse. Five gentlemen emerged without delay, and were astounded to see a well-dressed woman standing next to them with a Rolls Royce parked next to the curb.

She labeled each of them with a letter, starting from A and ending with E. Not surprisingly, the men wondered what could be on her mind. She told them that she would return next weekend with a gift for each of them, then made them promise to remain in their cardboard homes until she returned. They told her they'd definitely stay put.

Millie kept her word. On the very next Sunday, she arrived at the same spot where the five homeless gentlemen were waiting with eager anticipation. What they were about to receive from this gracious lady would leave them speechless. She had all five men join her at the trunk of the Rolls as Morgan opened the lid. He took out five rather large canvas bags and handed one to each of them, then Millie instructed them to return to their boxes and remove the contents.

When they emptied their bags, one of them nearly passed out. Each bag contained exactly one million dollars in cash. It took each of them nearly a half hour to count the money. A asked Millie why she doing this. C, who was the gent who nearly passed out, was regaining his composure. D had a pretty good idea what was on her mind. She wanted them to

use the money to turn their lives around, to make something of themselves. They all agreed to meet again five years later at the very same spot to show their results.

Exactly five years later, or 260 Sundays, Millie and Morgan arrived at the apartment building on that same side street, and to their surprise, the cardboard boxes were gone. Instead, they were replaced with five plush lawn chairs, and seated on them were five well-dressed gentlemen, A through E. A sixth lawn chair was placed next to A. It was for Millie. She was burning with curiosity to hear their stories.

A had earned a law degree at Harvard, graduating magna cum laude. He had recently become a partner at a major law firm in the city. B successfully completed a pilot training course, and was a captain on a major airline. C had attended Johns Hopkins University and became a successful neurosurgeon. D had attended a major dramatics school in New York City and his star was rising rapidly on Broadway, so much so that Hollywood was beckoning him to star in a major motion picture. E invested his money in the stock market, and was so successful, his bank account tripled in less than three years.

Millie was delighted to hear of their successes. She gave each of them a huge hug and a kiss on their cheeks. Then A reached into his jacket pocket, removed an envelope and handed it to Millie. All five gentlemen watched her intently as she removed the content. It was her turn to feel faint, for the content was a check made out to Millie Vonderhide. The amount? Five million dollars!

## Shredding Event

*By Sue McCoy, Herons Glen*

*Photos by Sue McCoy, Herons Glen*

A community-wide shredding event was sponsored by the Herons Glen Activity Committee on Feb.

12. Many Herons Glen residents were happy to bring their overflowing boxes and bags of items to be shredded by the huge mobile shredding machine. Approximately 4,400 pounds of documents were shredded during the event! The Activity Committee pays \$300 for the manned shredding machine provided by Secure Shredding, Inc. Generous donations by participants more than covered the cost of the machine and put some extra money in the coffers of the Activity Committee to be used for future fun. A big thank you to the Activity Committee for sponsoring the event and to all the generous Herons Glen participants.



## Key HGRD Responsibilities

- All community irrigation (CLIS)
- Pump houses on No. 15 and No. 18 and Mystic
- Bridge near the clubhouse
- Cart paths on golf course and driving range
- Clubhouse landscaping
- Golf course landscaping
- Fitness center landscaping
- Driving range landscaping
- Concert series
- Events requiring a ticket (parties in ballroom)
- Lakes that touch the golf course
- Pool, pool deck and furniture
- Spa
- Restaurant and lounge

- Liquor license
- Fitness center
- Tennis courts
- Bocce courts
- Shuffleboard courts
- Ballroom, card/activity rooms and scheduling
- Ballroom rental
- Pro shop
- Parking lots, clubhouse drive and bridge
- Golf maintenance facility and rental carts
- Restrooms on the golf course and tennis courts
- Golf cart registration
- HGRD General Manager – J.B. Belknap**
- Assistant General Manager – Karon Bennett
- Maintenance Supervisor – Dan Parker
- HGRD reception desk, (239)731-4501

## Key HOA Responsibilities

- Streets, curbs and sidewalks
- Stormwater drains and perimeter drainage ditches
- Street lighting on Herons Glen Boulevard, Via Verde and Via Estacado
- Neighborhood signs and lighting
- Street signs and posts
- Cart paths along Herons Glen Boulevard (from Palo Duro to Via La Quinta and Kayla Way to Kaidon Lane)
- Front entrance walls, lighted signs and up lighting
- Front gate access control (Platinum)
- Roving patrol (Platinum)
- Barcode management
- Dennisport gate and cameras
- Common area landscaping on Herons Glen Boulevard (including medians, greenbelt areas, and cul de sac islands on each street)
- Guardhouse maintenance and cameras
- Lakes that don't touch the golf course (eight) (Solitude)

- Two fountains at Athenian and Tisbury (Solitude)
- Five wetlands and conservation preserves (Solitude)
- Residential lawn mowing (Roberts)
- Changes to the exteriors of residences and violations (Architectural Review Committee)
- Changes to landscaping and violations (Grounds Committee)
- Post lamp and address light bulb replacement
- Street sweeping (USA Services)
- Cable TV service and Internet (Blue Stream)
- The Heron* (newspaper)
- TV channels 901 and 902
- HOA *Weekly News Bulletin*
- Bingo
- HOA Committee sponsored socials and activities
- HOA Manager – Joyce Gillespie**
- Assistant Manager – Kim Rambo
- Administrative Assistant – Lori Roy
- Maintenance – Jeremiah Radle
- HOA reception desk, (239) 731-0322

## The Danger Of The Charger Connection

*By Craig Woolley, Herons Glen*

In this fast-paced world of technology, it's common to see chargers plugged into outlets even when devices are fully charged. However, this seemingly harmless habit poses risks that often go unnoticed.

### Overheating Hazards

• Even when not actively charging a device, chargers have components that consume a small amount of standby power. Over time, the power consumption can accumulate, impacting both the device and your energy bill.



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# Sports News

Herons Glen Mixed Bowling League 2023-2024		
High Scratch Games and Series (S)=Substitute Bowler		
Games		
Jan. 23	Steve Christiansen - 221	Linda Protani - 181
Jan. 30	Ron Decker (S) - 225	Ali Foster - 189
Feb. 6	Ron Decker (S) - 222	Linda Protani - 192
Feb. 13	Dave Jager - 223	Linda Protani - 187
Series		
Jan. 23	Dave Jager - 568	Linda Protani - 528
Jan. 30	Ron Decker (S) - 606	Linda Protani - 511
Feb. 6	Ron Decker (S) - 597	Linda Protani - 513
Feb. 13	Dave Jager - 607	Linda Protani - 531
1st Place Team as of Feb.13: Rosie's Gang Rosemarie Prudhomme; Mary Kelley; Zenon Gluszak; Dave Badger		

## 2024 Can-Am

By Patti Cummings, Herons Glen

After two Saturdays of weather delays, finally, on the overcast morning of Feb. 3, participants in the annual Can-Am Bocce Tournament gathered at the bocce courts. Honoring each of their countries with the singing of the American and Canadian National Anthems started the event just right. Many thanks to the chorus members who led the singing helping to make beautiful music!



Paul Turley and Tom Schneider



Participants

The day soon morphed into a bright sunny one and from 9 a.m. until the last game at 1 p.m., Herons Glen residents will attest that the day did not disappoint. Who would be the final winner of the games? That proved to be the Canadian side with a win of 16 to 15 in the playoff game. Oddly enough, however, it's been said that there were no Canadians on the teams who played that final game! The challenge has never been too strict about on which side one plays, and it's been that way since the games began about 10 years ago. There's only been a brief break from 2021 through 2023, and we all look forward to continuing the Can-Am Challenge for many years to come.

## Duke And Duchess Golf Tournament

By Denise Johnson, Herons Glen

Photos by Denise Johnson, Herons Glen

The Lady Niners Nine-Hole Golf League held their 24th annual Duke and Duchess Golf Tournament on Wednesday, Jan. 31 at 1 p.m. The game was nine holes of alternate shots on the back nine with husbands or significant others as partners. An awards dinner followed in the formal dining room with cocktails, appetizers, and awards at 5:30 p.m. and an excellent dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

The title of Duke and Duchess for 2024 is Evan and Janet Slater. Second place is Ana and Bill Ellis; third place is Stacy and Steve Dahlstrom; fourth place is Susan and Jeff Visner. Pro Shop gift cards were awarded to the winners.

Thanks to the Pro Shop for coordinating tee times, the Food and Beverage staff and Chef for the wonderful dinner, and all the servers for their usual attention to the attendees.



Evan and Janet Slater

## Bocce Ball Feud 2024

By Patti Cummings, Herons Glen

A picture-perfect day was the setting for the teams who played in the 2024 Feud! Teams totaling 218 people along with spectators, the courts were filled throughout the day. Our restaurant served up a choice of succulent burgers or hot dogs as well as beverages and chips. We thank them for the tasty food enjoyed by so many folks.

The Feud continued from 10 a.m. with no definite winning side right up to the 2 p.m. match time. As it turned out, it all came down to those last three matches. Although the Schneider Team was leading, there was still a chance for the Cummings side. Then, in a surprise move, players for the Cummings Team won on courts two and four, leaving court three playing the final match. Not only was the win made on the last court during the last time slot, but also the very last shot determined the winning team to be Cummings.

Two things happened to bring about the spectacular finish. First, a new player, Karen Hartfield, playing for Cummings had a beautiful shot landing close to the pallino. Second, a player for Schneider, Dennis Robichaud, had two unfortunate missed opportunities, leaving Karen's shot in place which delivered a **16 - 15 win** for Cummings. Until that very last roll, the game had gone back and forth and then was all tied up for a couple of throws.

What a great tournament with a nail-biter ending witnessed by 35 or so people who remained at the courts up until that very last roll. Congratulations to the Cummings Team.



Tom Schneider and Larry Cummings

## Top Spin Hard Serves Make For Fun Tennis

By Janice Radcliff, Herons Glen

Herons Glen residents Gayle Kloosterman and Sue Savage played in the 2024 Golden Ticket to the Nationals Women's Florida Doubles Sectional Championship (18-year old-plus), held Feb. 10 to 11, at the Frank Veltri Tennis Center in Plantation, Fla. To get to this event they played in a United States Tennis Association (USTA) qualifier - Quest

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### The Danger Of The Charger Connection from page 5

- Chargers left plugged in are susceptible to overheating. The constant flow of electricity can lead to the degradation of internal components.

#### Fire Risk

- While rare, the risk of fire is a serious concern when chargers remain continuously connected to power sources. Sudden voltage spikes can cause the charger to overheat, potentially reaching the point of smoking or igniting.

#### Electrical Safety For Families

- For households with young children or pets, a plugged-in charger with a dangling cord poses an electric shock hazard. Children and pets may tamper with or chew on the cords, unaware of the potential danger. Taking steps to address this risk ensures a safer environment for your loved ones.

# Herons Glen Official Sources For Information

Herons Glen Golf and Country Club website:  
<http://hgccc.com>

Herons Glen Homeowners Association website:  
<http://heronsglenhoa.org>

Herons Glen Recreation District website:  
<https://heronsglenc.com>

Herons Glen Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/HeronsGlen>

HOA weekly bulletin emails and online:  
[http://www.hgccc.com/hghoa/files/office\\_news.html](http://www.hgccc.com/hghoa/files/office_news.html)

HGRD weekly newsletter emails and online:  
<https://heronsglenc.com/group/pages/communications>

The Heron newspaper online:  
<http://hgccc.com/hghoa/files/newspaper.htm>

Community TV Channels 901 and 902

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for the Golden Ticket – October 2023, held at Heritage Landing Golf and Country Club. Placing second secured the ladies a spot in the tournament.

The Golden Ticket event in February hosted 10 different men's and 10 different women's doubles brackets of varying skill and age levels during the weekend. Sue and Gayle competed against 12 other women's doubles partnerships in the 3.5 level in the 18 and over bracket. The first day was a round robin of four matches starting at 7:45 a.m. and finishing at 5:30 p.m. The match format is best two of three short sets with No-Ad scoring. The second day was a single elimination playoff with the winners from each group and the next best overall finisher across the three groups. The best two teams from the playoffs in their age bracket advance to the USTA National Championships. Although most of the players in their age bracket were around age 40, the overall winning partnership were 20- and 31-year-old players.



Sue Savage and Gayle Kloosterman

While they found the opponents' aggressive hard topspin ground strokes, and one player's killer serve challenging, both women agree it was incredibly fun. Sue and Gayle would definitely attempt to qualify again for the sectional and national championships. However, in future events, they are more likely to stick to the 40-plus or 55-plus age bracket tournaments, where the style of game they play is similar to what they see in the Lee County women's leagues.

Gayle and Sue participate in several different Lee County Tennis Association leagues representing Heron's Glen. Their next tournament will be the Lee County Senior games held every year January to March. These games consist of table



tennis, basketball (3x3 and shooting), archery, swimming, pickleball, billiards, and tennis (singles and doubles) for age categories 50 to 54, 55 to 59, 60 to 64, 95 to 99, and 100-plus+.

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February 10, 2024

**HOLE IN ONE**

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Hole #4 140 Yards  
Using a 6 Iron

January 23, 2024

**HOLE IN ONE**

Congratulations to ...

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