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Stingy Jack And The Jack-O'-Lantern

By Candace Huetteman, Herons Glen

Pumpkins with ghoulish or funny faces illuminated by candles are a sure sign of the Halloween season. The practice of decorating jack-o'-lanterns originated in Ireland where large turnips and potatoes served as early canvases. In fact, the name jack-o'-lantern comes from an Irish folk tale about a man named Stingy Jack. According to the myth, Stingy Jack invited the devil to have a drink with him. True to his name, Stingy didn't want to pay for his drink. So, he convinced the devil to turn himself into a coin that Jack could use to buy their drinks. Once the devil did so, Jack decided to keep the money, and he put it into his pocket next to a silver cross. This prevented the devil from changing back into his original form.

Jack eventually freed the devil. He did so only after the devil promised not to bother him for one year, and if

Jack were to die, the devil would not claim his soul. The next year, Jack again tricked the devil. He tricked him into climbing a tree to pick a piece of fruit. While he was up in the tree, Jack carved the sign of a cross into the bark so that the devil could not come down until he promised Jack not to bother him for 10 more years.



Soon after, Jack died. As the legend goes, God would not allow such an unsavory figure into heaven. The devil, upset by the tricks Jack had played on him, and keeping his word not to claim Jack's soul, would not allow Jack into hell. Instead, he sent Jack off into the dark night, with

only a burning coal to light his way. Jack put the coal into a carved-out turnip, and he has been roaming the Earth with it ever since. The Irish began to refer to this ghostly figure as "jack of the lantern" and then, simply "jack-o'-lantern."

Along with the Irish, the Scottish and English created their own versions of Jack's lanterns. The Scottish, as the Irish, carved out turnips and potatoes and placed them in windows, or near doors, to frighten away Stingy Jack and other wandering evil spirits. In England, large beets were used. Immigrants from these countries brought the jack-o'-lantern tradition with them when they came to the United States. Here they found that pumpkins, a fruit native to America, made perfect jack-o'-lanterns.

As I drive around the Glen in the coming weeks, I'll be looking for jack-o'-lanterns. How many of you are afraid that Stingy Jack might show up at your front door this Halloween?

Sailboats, Buoys And Gator Play

By Thomas Myers, Herons Glen

Most everyone has seen the Sailing Club's 10 multicolored buoys on the pond located on the No. 11 golf hole. The club began 11 years ago and positioned these buoys for different wind conditions and for starting and finishing points for our races. We draw the day's racecourse on a chart board depending on wind conditions, and post it near the launching ramp for all sailors to see. Most racecourses are set up to have two windward legs. A windward leg is the most difficult to sail and requires the most skill. A racecourse can be a simple two-leg run or multi-legs depending on who draws the daily course. We have a starting clock that counts down the time to cross the starting line. Boats jockey for favorable starting positions and must follow rules which govern rights-of-way for starting and further down the course. If a boat violates the rules, called a foul, the penalty is to clear all other boats and make a 360-degree turn and then return to the race.



White boat, new class boat, Dragon Flite 95; Orange boat, original club boat, Victoria



Some of the buoys are solid colors and some are striped. The colors on the buoys match those on the race chart near the launch ramp. The striped are starting and finishing buoys while the solid are turning buoys. Hitting the starting or finishing striped buoys is a foul, and if hit, you must restart. The buoy colors are on the upright section and the collars are all painted white. The collars are two feet in diameter, made of foam and sealed with many coats of paint. We added these wide collars because our primary boat has a long fin keel and when heeled rounding a mark, the keel bulb could catch on the anchor rope. It is very difficult to free the boat because it is impossible to get a sailboat to go in reverse.

We sail two different classes of boats. When the club was originally formed, we built Victoria Class boats from kits to supply boats to new members. These were relatively inexpensive but required 20 or more hours of build time. About five years ago, a new design entered the market and it required no building time and was a fantastic sailing boat called the Dragon Flite 95. It was designed by three Englishmen and built by a Chinese hobby company called Joysway. The club bought a dozen boats and assembled them in one of the craft rooms.



Yellow buoy

We have frequent spectators to the pond especially during the winter season. Two questions are always asked. Do the boats have motors and propellers and do the alligators harass the boats? The boats are strictly sail and the alligators have never attacked a boat. But something strange happened recently which was difficult to understand. When we arrived at the pond on Monday morning, our yellow turning buoy, normally located on the left side of the pond about halfway across, moved about 100 feet towards the front of the pond. The buoys are anchored with 10-pound barbell weights and usually stuck in the bottom mud and difficult to move. We assumed the anchor line tangled with a gator and he or she dragged it. The top of the buoy was intact and not damaged. We were not happy with the new buoy position but left it in place. A week later, we returned to race and the yellow buoy was now at the back of the pond about 30 feet from the tee boxes. It had moved again several hundred feet. We recovered the yellow buoy with a little powerboat dragging a rope

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The Lobby, Card Rooms A, B, C and the HOA Conference Room are now open. Hardback books, paperbacks, puzzles etc., are available again. Come and take a look.

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Community News

Coming Soon

Oct. 9	Bloodmobile	Parking Lot
Oct. 11	Singles Of The Glen	Activities Room "A"
Oct. 11	VOG	Ballroom
Oct. 12	Farmers' Market	Parking Lot
Oct. 12	Smalltown	Ballroom
Oct. 17	Socialites	Ballroom
Oct. 19	Farmers' Market	Parking Lot
Oct. 19	Jay Smith	Ballroom
Oct. 21	Trivia	Ballroom
Oct. 23	HOA Meet The Candidates	Ballroom
Oct. 26	Farmers' Market	Parking Lot
Oct. 26	Rick Austin	Ballroom
Oct. 28	Halloween	Ballroom
Nov. 2	Farmers' Market	Parking Lot
Nov. 2	Sunset Duo	Ballroom
Nov. 6	Dermatology Mobile Unit	Parking Lot
Nov. 8	Singles Of The Glen	Activities Room "A"
Nov. 8	Littleton Event	Ballroom
Nov. 9	Farmers' Market	Parking Lot
Nov. 9	Mike Morris	Ballroom
Nov. 11	VOG	Ballroom
Nov. 12	Marbles	Ballroom
Nov. 14	Socialites	Ballroom
Nov. 16	Farmers' Market	Parking Lot
Nov. 16	Ron Lorenzo	Ballroom
Nov. 18	Welcome Back	Ballroom
Nov. 25	Trivia	Ballroom
Nov. 30	Farmers' Market	Parking Lot
Nov. 30	Smalltown	Ballroom

Welcome

Kimberly Moore-Castaneda
David Coy and Elizabeth Reach
Nancy and Michael Lincoln
Peggy and Richard O'Toole

In Memoriam

Beth Burnett
Gary Robinson
Ellen Ebben
Mark Whyte (H2B Jamaica)

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 Oct. 10 To November

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

Oct. 10	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.
Oct. 11	Board Meeting, 5 p.m.
Oct. 12	Grounds Committee, 1 p.m.
Oct. 18	Communications Committee, 1 p.m.
Oct. 23	Meet The Candidates, 5 p.m., Ballroom
Oct. 24	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.
Oct. 26	Activities Committee, 10 a.m.
Oct. 26	Finance Committee, 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	SSEP, 8 a.m.
Nov. 7	Board Workshop, 1 p.m.
Nov. 9	Grounds Committee, 1 p.m.
Nov. 14	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.
Nov. 15	Communications Committee, 1 p.m.
Nov. 15	Board Meeting, 5 p.m.
Nov. 16	Activities Committee, 10 a.m.
Nov. 23	Finance Committee, 1:30 p.m.
Nov. 24	SSEP, 8 a.m.
Nov. 28	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.

Calendar Of HGRD Meetings Oct. 12 To November

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

Oct. 16	Board Meeting, 9 a.m.
Oct. 30	Board Meeting, 9 a.m.
Nov. 2	Facilities and Amenities Committee, 1 p.m.
Nov. 6	Golf Committee, 9 a.m.
Nov. 6	Resident Events, 1 p.m.
Nov. 19	Long-Range Planning Committee, 9 a.m.
Nov. 20	Board Meeting, 9 a.m.



Community Activities

Adopt A Hole!

By Lori Vivian, Herons Glen Program Coordinator

You can help improve the playing conditions of the golf course by becoming an Adopt-a-Hole volunteer. You select the hole you want to adopt and agree to dedicate approximately 30 minutes a week to filling divots, fixing ball marks and removing broken tees and trash.

Each hole has a captain who organizes the volunteers and coordinates scheduled workdays, which are generally limited to the afternoons following shotgun play. For safety reasons, volunteers do not work when golfers are on the course, or when the course is closed for maintenance or inclement weather conditions.

Each week, volunteers complete a log with the number of divots and ball mark repairs they made and submit it to their captain. The captain compiles the data and submits a monthly report to the Golf Committee. These results are

shared with the community to promote transparency and accountability.

More information about the Adopt-a-Hole program is available on the following website (you must log in to the Herons Glen Recreation District site): <https://heronsglenc.com/group/pages/adopt-a-hole-program>. Included on the site is an online application to adopt a hole. A hardcopy form is also available in the Pro Shop.

Artist Group

By Kathleen Lynch, Herons Glen

The Herons Glen Artist Group is gearing up for another great season. It's time to dust off your art materials, renew your creative spirit, or start a new adventure in painting! The Artist Group is a fellowship of artists in Herons Glen who are

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interested in creative enrichment through the arts. The Herons Glen Artist Group provides opportunities for members to take classes, exhibit their work, and participate in activities that promote an appreciation and enjoyment of the visual arts. Some of our activities include monthly meetings on the third Monday of the month starting in October. Besides catching up with friends, there are presentations on topics such as framing, printing your original art, and artwork critiques. We have a beautiful Christmas dinner in December. There are art classes up in Activities Room A on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for watercolor or acrylic painting. In the spring, we host our annual art show in the ballroom where members exhibit their artwork for judging and for sale. Also, we welcome visiting artists who share their expertise in a two-day workshop. We are always interested in new ideas for developing our creative selves and adding to our group's activities. You can check out our Facebook page "Hérons Glen Artist Group" and/or link to our website through <http://hgcc.com/> by looking under residents' groups for the Artist Group.

Classes will begin in late October for watercolor on Tuesday and acrylic painting on Friday. This year we will have a drawing class on Monday. Classes run from 9 a.m. to noon. Notices and more information are available on the HOA website at http://www.hgccc.com/herons_glen/herons_glen_index.htm. From the Resident Groups menu, select Artist's Group, or contact Kathy Lynch at klynch30@gmail.com. Our first membership meeting is Oct. 23 at 5 p.m. where we would be happy to welcome anyone interested in finding out what the Artist Group is all about and meet fellow artists.

Bingo



Starts September 5th
Every Tuesday
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m.

Singles

By Louise Roessler, Herons Glen

Thirty-seven members of The Herons Glen Singles attended the Sept. 13 meeting in Activities Room A and welcomed new member Don Kamsch. Several members reported on recent events they had arranged, and then upcoming events were discussed:

- Sunday, Sept. 17, Dave Goers organized bunco in the ballroom.
- Tuesday, Sept. 19, John Corda was one of the karaoke singers at Sabal Springs clubhouse.
- Saturday, Sept. 23, Rita Lehman reserved the bocce court with pizza afterwards.
- Saturday, Sept. 30, Trivia Night is in the ballroom. Marla Pierce announced that two groups of singles had signed up. At the first trivia event one of our groups came in second place.
- Thursday, Oct. 5, Ginny Varney organized a trip to Cape Cabaret for a Beatles tribute dinner show.
- Saturday, Oct. 7, Rita Lehman reserved the shuffleboard court with pizza afterwards.
- Sunday, Nov. 5, Rita Lehman has arranged for a boat trip to Cabbage Key. Call King Fisher Fleet at (941) 639-0969 to pay for your ticket and call Rita to set up the carpool to Fishermen's Village.
- Gary Olson has reserved two tables for our group at the Veterans Dinner Dance on Saturday, Nov. 11 and they have all been filled and paid for.

• Monday, Dec. 11, Rita Lehman is organizing a potluck Christmas Party in Activities Room A and we will also have our monthly meeting at that time. More details at the next meeting.

• Bill Beadle has arranged for our group to see the Edison & Ford Christmas lights display with dinner before at Pinchers Crab Shack. There will be more details at the next meeting.

After the meeting approximately a dozen members had dinner in the ballroom at the tables reserved for our group. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 11 at 4 p.m. If you are single, living in Herons Glen and would like to join our group send an email to marla10@comcast.net or fnlroessler@att.net with your name and phone number and we will add you to our growing list.

Polish Your Acting Chops!

By Janice Radcliff, Herons Glen


The Players of the Glen are excited to announce the 2024 selection of the farce, *Drinking Habits* by Tom Smith, to be performed March 15, 16, and 17.

Ever wondered what it would be like to be on stage in a play entertaining your friends? Come find out by taking part in a basic acting workshop being offered by director Trish Perry on **Wednesday, Nov. 15 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the ballroom.** Workshops are a great way to get comfortable in the audition room. Trish will include fun acting exercises and stage techniques that both beginners and more seasoned performers will enjoy. Learning how to become an actor with little or no experience is where everyone starts so you can do it too.



Ralph Fratus and Graham Mead

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and lassoed it and pulled it to shore. The top foam had no teeth marks nor was any part of the buoy damaged. The gator, when submerged, must have caught the anchor line in its mouth and swam to a new location. It did this twice separated by a week. None of the other nine buoys were moved.

The club has 20 members and we welcome new sailors. We sail two days during the off season and three times during the season: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday starting at 10 a.m. Come watch, sail one of our boats and see if this activity is for you. Email me if you want more information, tomy1746@gmail.com.



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Community Interests



Some Brainteasers For You

By Jack Nelson, Herons Glen

Here are a few of my favorite brainteasers. You may have heard of some of them. Some may be more challenging than others. You'll find the answers after brainteaser No. 4.

No. 1, and probably the most challenging. Your task is to get five gallons of water into a seven-gallon pail. You have a four-gallon and a seven-gallon pail to work with, no other objects. Here is a hint: Fill the four-gallon pail first. Good luck!

No. 2. A man is on the run in the jungle. His life is

in danger. He knows that two tribes live in the area. The warriors from one of the tribes always tell the truth. The warriors from the other tribe always lie, and they're cannibals. The man comes to a fork in the road that he's using to escape, and there is a warrior sitting at the fork. The man on the run knows that if he goes to the truthful tribe, he'll be safe, and if he goes to the liars' tribe, he'll be dinner. He has no way of telling if the warrior is a truth-teller or a liar unless he asks a certain question. What question must he ask to guarantee his safety?

No. 3. Suppose you are the captain of an ocean liner. The ship is the largest in the world and is on its maiden voyage on April 12, 1912. It departs from Liverpool, England, and is destined for New York. The ship strikes an iceberg on the North Atlantic Ocean and sinks in the early morning hours of April 15. Over 1,400 passengers lost their lives and over 700 were saved. How old is the captain?

No. 4. You enter a room that is completely bare, with one exception. A man has hanged himself from a chandelier in the center of the room. His feet are 4 feet above the floor, which is slightly damp. The question is, how did the man get up to the chandelier if the room was completely empty?

Answers

No. 1: Fill the four-gallon pail, then dump the four gallons into the seven-gallon pail. Next, fill the four-gallon pail again. Then from the four-gallon pail, fill the seven-gallon pail to the brim, leaving one gallon in the four-gallon pail. Now empty the seven-gallon pail. Now dump the one gallon that's remaining in the four-gallon pail into the seven-gallon pail. Finally, fill the four-gallon pail and empty it into the seven-gallon pail. Voila! You now have five gallons in the seven-gallon pail. Easy peasy!

No. 2: The question the man on the run should ask is "Which way to your village?" It doesn't matter whether the warrior is a truth-teller or a liar. The truth-teller will point the right way and the liar will point the same way.

No. 3: The opening statement provides the answer. It says, "Suppose *you* are the captain..." So, your age is the answer. The rest of the information is irrelevant. Piece o' cake!

No. 4: The man stepped up on a large block of ice. Easy as pie!

National Fire Prevention Week

By Craig Wooley, Herons Glen

The National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) has announced "Cooking safety starts with YOU! Pay attention to fire prevention" as the theme for Fire Prevention Week 2023, to be held Oct. 8 to 14.

This is according to the NFPA, the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week:



NFPA

- Cooking is the leading cause of home fires, with nearly half of all home fires involving cooking equipment.
 - Cooking is the leading cause of home fire injuries.
 - Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home cooking fires and related deaths.
 - Cooking is the only major cause of fire that resulted in more fires and fire deaths in 2014 to 2018 than in 1980 to 1984.
- "These numbers tell us that more public awareness is needed around when and where cooking hazards exist, along with ways to prevent them," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of the Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. "This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign will work to promote tips, guidelines, and recommendations that can help significantly reduce the risk of having a cooking fire."

This year's focus on cooking safety aims to educate the public about simple but important steps they can take to help reduce the risk of fire when cooking at home.

The following are cooking safety messages that support this year's theme, "Cooking safety starts with you! Pay attention to fire prevention" – important messages fire departments can share with community members:

- Always keep a close eye on what you are cooking. For foods with longer cooking times, such as those that are simmering or baking, set a timer to help monitor them carefully.
- Clear the cooking area of combustible items and keep anything that can burn, such as dish towels, oven mitts, food packaging, and paper towels away from the cooking area.
- Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove. Keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner.
- Create a "kid and pet-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 meter) around the cooking area and anywhere else hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

Chicken Stuffing Casserole

By Becky Gignac, Herons Glen

The season for getting together with friends and having potlucks is here! I got this easy recipe from my sister. Try it on your friends; they'll love it.



Ingredients

- 1 roasted chicken – debone and shred meat
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 package Lipton dry onion soup mix
- 1 12-ounce package of seasoned herb stuffing
- ½ stick of butter (melted)
- 2 cups of chicken broth (or 1 14.5-ounce can and add water to equal two cups)

Instructions

Preheat the oven to 375° Fahrenheit. Spray a 9- by 13-inch baking dish with cooking spray.

Stuffing. Warm up broth: add melted butter and stir in stuffing mix until well moistened.

Layer. In a large bowl, mix the cream of chicken soup, cream of mushroom soup, dry onion soup. Add the rotisserie chicken and stir to combine.

Pour the mixture into the prepared baking dish, spreading evenly. Top with the stuffing, spread it in an even layer.

Bake for 40 minutes, until the stuffing is lightly browned and the filling is bubbling. You may want to broil for a few minutes to make the stuffing crispy.

Tips: For less sodium options, look for low sodium cream soups, use only half the package of the dry onion soup mix, and/or use unsalted butter. You could even add your favorite veggies.

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 also include safety information. Reading about and understanding these issues could eliminate the 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://hgccc.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.

Sept. 15 – Emergency Contact Information Form, *Lee County Sheriff's Community Outreach Newsletter*

Sept. 8 – HOA 2023/24 Operating Budget and Assessment Fees, Paying HOA Assessment Fees and Statements, Election of HOA Board Members

Sept. 1 – HOA Volunteer Information, Recognizing Heat Illness (from CERT)

Aug. 25 – Asphalt Mill and Overlay Project Updates, Common Area Sidewalk Cleaning, Home Sale Policy and Required Forms

Aug. 18 – HG Rental Policy and Required Forms

Aug. 11 – Selective Herbicides for Lawn Weeds

Aug. 4 – SSEP Traffic Safety Tips

Please keep this reference guide in a location that's easy for you to find when needed.

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

HGRD weekly newsletter emails and online:

<https://heronsglenc.com/group/pages/communications>

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Berne Davis Garden Tours Now Available Weekly On Tuesday

The Berne Davis Botanical Garden, 2166 Virginia Ave., Fort Myers, adjacent to the Edison Home, is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. until May 2024. Admission and parking are both free; handicap parking is on Virginia Avenue; regular parking is on Larchmont Avenue, off of McGregor Boulevard.

The botanical garden is a project of the Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council, whose headquarters are at the Virginia Avenue address. It is staffed by Garden Council volunteers who provide tours of the garden. Those viewing the garden may also just walk the path and enjoy the gardens.

The garden is the home of the Lorelei statue that was recently part of the old Fort Myers Library as well as the Mina Edison Botanical Library. Many of the displays in the garden have been provided through the talents and contributions of the local garden



clubs, plant societies, and other affiliates which comprise the Garden Council.

The Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council was formed in 1957 and now comprises various clubs, societies, and affiliate members in the area. Membership provides an opportunity to learn about floral design, growing plants suitable for our locale, and conservation methods.

The council assists in educating and beautifying the community and improving the environment. A speaker's bureau provides speakers for meetings and events. The council is a member of the National Garden Clubs, the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, and American Public Gardens Association.

For additional information about the council, contact the council at fmlcgardencouncil@gmail.com or (239) 332-4942.

Drawing Winners



The winners of the \$50 September 2nd receipt drawing were Nancy and Eric Sundburg. The next \$50 drawing will be Saturday, September 9th.



The winner of the \$50 September 9th receipt drawing was JoAnn Foster. The next \$50 drawing will be Saturday, September 16th.



The winner of the \$50 September 16th final receipt drawing was Kathleen Garland. We hope you enjoyed this Summer's Drawings.

Sports News

Billiards League

By Becky Gignac, Herons Glen

Did you know Herons Glen has a billiards team? They play against teams in surrounding communities every Tuesday night at 6:45 p.m. and that includes both fall and spring sessions.

This Herons Glen team belongs to the North Fort Myers Seniors Eight-Ball League. The goal of this league is to provide a friendly gathering of recreational pool players to participate and enjoy the traditional old game of pocket billiards. Many friendships have evolved as a result of this gathering and all will be done to maintain a friendly atmosphere.

In addition, to this Eight-Ball League, you are welcome to come to the Herons Glen Billiards Room every Thursday night at 6 p.m. to play Nine-Ball, which is handicapped and played year-round.

For more information about the Eight-Ball League and Nine-Ball play, please contact Al Southerland at (239) 478-0985.

Herons Glen Softball 2024 Season

Herons Glen Softball is once again going to attempt to have a second softball team. This second team, called the "Rookies", will only have 15 players max. Try outs will be held in November and December of 2023. Play will start with the January of 2024 season.

If you are interested in trying out for the "Rookies" in the Fall, please contact Tom Schneider at 309-255-0999.

You must be 50 years of age by December 31, 2023 and a resident or renter in Herons Glen to play.

Men's Bocce League

The Men's Bocce League will be starting a 9:30 a.m. group on Wednesday, October 25th. Anyone interested should e-mail [Larry Cummings at lapinparadise@gmail.com](mailto:lapinparadise@gmail.com). The Men's Bocce League consists of a five week (game) series. There is an \$8.00 entry fee per person for each five game series. The top six teams will receive prize money. Teams are changed at the end of every series.

Calling All Bowlers!!!

Herons Glen Fall Mixed League Looking for Bowlers - Everyone is Welcome.

The Herons Glen League will start in early October and lasts 23 weeks. The league bowls at Bowlero Coral, located on Santa Barbara Blvd. Just south of Pine Island Road. We bowl on Tuesday afternoon at 2:00p.m. If you are interested, please contact:

Please contact Cindi Woodard (845)-798-7865 or Linda Protani (239)-747-5313 or heronsglenbowl@gmail.com

Herons Glen Softball 2024 Season

Herons Glen Eagles softball team is looking for players for the 2024 season. If you want to be a part of a winning tradition, call Tom Spenceley at 513 377-5074 for more details.

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Oktoberfest – Throughout The Years

The German American Social Club (GASC) of Cape Coral was founded as a nonpolitical organization in July 1964 with a charter membership of 34. Willy Gruetzenbach, one of the prime movers in its formation, was elected to serve as president. The purpose of the club, then and now, is to promote good fellowship with a variety of social activities, to perpetuate traditional German festivals such as Oktoberfest, Karneval, Costume Balls, Folk Dances, etc., and to stimulate interest in the German language and customs. Originally, the monthly meetings were held in the side rooms of the Cape Coral Yacht Club, and the club's first few main festivals and dances were celebrated in the Cape Coral Fire Hall. As the membership grew, meetings and social events were held in the main hall of the Cape Coral Yacht Club.



In 1973, the club formulated plans to build its own clubhouse. The members contributed both financially and physically to the construction of the building. On March 17, 1974, local dignitaries participated in the groundbreaking for the new clubhouse, using green painted shovels in tribute to St Patrick's Day. Four hundred people attended the ceremony. In



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People moved to Cape Coral from locations across the United States and even from around the world, especially Europe. One should not underestimate the importance of local clubs and community groups that sprang up in Cape Coral's first decade. They proved critical in helping people make friends and find their place in the rapidly growing Cape. Many clubs had to do with a home state, such as the Buckeye Club for Ohio natives. Others had to do with hobbies, such as the Orchid Club. One of the most well-known clubs in Cape Coral is the German-American Club. Members are seen in this photo from 1966. The club was formed by Willy Gruetzenbach to help the Cape's large German population get used to a new country and a new climate. The club is most famous now for its annual Oktoberfest celebrations that attract visitors from around the state.



October 1975 the “von Steuben Hall” was officially dedicated; and in July 1976, the small Edelweiss Hall was designated for the exclusive use of club members and their guests.

Klaus Kohl, an intuitive member, was the leading influence in initiating and supervising the community's three-day Oktoberfest that has become a major event recognized by the City of Cape Coral, business leaders and organizations, as well as the entire community. The club had celebrated Oktoberfest on a small scale in the past, but in October 1986, local dignitaries and German Consul from Atlanta and Miami participated in the opening ceremonies of the three-day outdoor Oktoberfest on the club grounds, with approximately 10,000 people attending the initial three-day festival. A 30-piece band from Waltenhausen, Germany was featured among others. In 1991 the annual Oktoberfest was expanded to six days – two consecutive weekends.

Munich in Cape Coral is now being prepared for the 38th time. The Cape Coral Oktoberfest has since become the largest party of the year in the community! It is the event for fun, good food, freshly poured domestic and German beer, live music on several stages, laughter, dancing – from Polka to Fliegerlied to the Chicken Dance – with or without the chicken hat – simply put, it represents that famous German Gemütlichkeit.

Everyone, every generation, is encouraged to come and celebrate with their clan or crew. With German music and local bands, German food, and beer, there's plenty of fun to go around, for any age. So, dust off your dirndls, launder your lederhosen and join the club for an epic time of stein slurping with your beste Freunde, even those you just met.

This year's dates are Oct. 20, 21, 22 and 27, 28, 29 – the last two full weekends of the month. This is where the entire community comes together for some Gaudi – leg-slapping, joyous fun – and Gemütlichkeit – a feeling that you're welcome and a part of something special. Come and sit with family, dance under the big tent, or relax under the bright umbrellas in the Bavarian Gardens. Opening hours are Friday from 4 p.m. to midnight; Saturday, noon until midnight; and Sunday from noon until 8 p.m.

This year, the German American Social Club is thrilled to be able to feature a music ensemble arriving directly from Germany again. Once again, the Maselheimer Musikanten, the German original big band that the community welcomed in 2017, and the Aichers, just off of their stint at the Munich Oktoberfest, will be here to set the festive mood. The event will also feature local favorites such as Deb & the Dynamics, The Boots, A'Finnity, Cape Coral's own Hafenskapelle, Manni Daum Trio, and many more! There will be nonstop foot-tapping music in the tent, the gardens, and inside



Plenty of beverages



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in the Edelweiss Hall; something for every ear. Enjoy the German food and international delicacies from the various outdoor food vendors, or a sit-down dinner in the Von Steuben Hall. Stop for a photo shoot with one of several Ms. Oktoberfest from previous years wearing their pretty dirndls and elegant blue sashes. And meet this year's Ms. Oktoberfest 2022, Lisette Ortiz-Teleweck.

The dedicated GASC members, each one of them volunteering their time and effort to create the region's most successful event, welcome you to enjoy German heritage. You'll want to become a member as well. Visit the new members' booth and learn how you can join Cape Coral's best social club!

Photos courtesy of the German American Social Club

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Founder – Natasha Agarwal

During the COVID-19 pandemic, reading was an outlet and important part of life for Natasha. Though she could not travel, she could visit anywhere in the world through a great book. It gave her exposure to new ways of life and a better worldview. The realization that many children do not have access to books in their daily lives made a significant impact on Natasha. Inspired to make a change in her community, she started BelieveNBooks as an eighth-grader in 2021. She currently attends Canterbury School in Fort Myers, Fla.

Natasha is involved in mock trial, theater, varsity basketball, student council, and is a part of the National Honor Society. She also loves hanging out with friends, traveling, and reading in her free time. Natasha has distributed over 75,000 books so far and has set a new goal of donating 100,000 books by the time she graduates from high school.

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From The Desk Of Sheriff Carmine Marceno

Concert Ticket Scams

The days of purchasing tickets at the box office and/or waiting for concert tickets to arrive in the mail are behind us ... replaced by digital versions of the once-paper tickets.



As is the case with many technological advances, digital concert tickets are easy to use, easy to transfer and never left home on the kitchen countertop.

Regrettably, this technology has opened the doors to frauds and scams and tens of thousands of entertainment fans have been victimized annually in the United States.

The days of criminals printing counterfeit tickets are a practice long gone. Scammers now work to perfect their digital graphic skills so as to make a ticket appear legitimate.

Unfortunately, the QR code that appears on the ticket cannot be tested or verified until the ticket holder reaches the event gate.

The Better Business Bureau reports in excess of 16,000 complaints involving ticket fraud, over the last two years,

and have indicated that they believe that these statistics likely represent a "small fraction" of the actual number of fraudulent transactions.

Tickets for major artists are often sold out or in exceptionally high demand. Fans attempting to secure tickets for these events often become frustrated and desperate and make purchases from online sites that seemingly offer legitimate tickets.

Making matters worse, some of the fraudulent sites are made to appear to be reputable ticket outlets such as Stub Hub or Ticketmaster ... but are often overseas, counterfeit websites. Ensure that the URL is legitimate and avoid using peer-to-peer payment methods such as Zelle, Venmo or CashApp.

It is recommended that ticket purchasers only do business with sellers belonging to the National Association of Ticket Brokers (NATB). These sellers can be found at natb.org or at verifiedticketsource.com.

If you are victimized by a fraudulent seller, please contact the Lee County Sheriff's Office, the Federal Trade Commission at ReportFraud.ftc.gov or by phone at (877) 382-4357 and report it to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at IC3.gov.

Transportation

By Jack Cotter,
Hérons Glen



The Veterans of the Glen (VOG) 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 needs. **Please do not call for rides to/from airport.** Residents may contact individuals from either organization listed

below. A 24-hour advance notice would be very helpful. Call a volunteer from the list below during the period of Oct. 1 through May 30, 2024.

Transportation volunteers consist of the VOG Committee Chair, Jack Cotter, (860) 490-2183; Bob and Kathleen Colletti, (239) 822-1573; Mike Zarella, (541) 292-2714; Dee Hanks, (239) 470-6593; Nick Dinoto, (301) 807-4580; Ed Schmidt, (616) 745-9057; Dave Wingert, (573) 552-2030; and Bruce Johnson, (716) 472-3860.

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