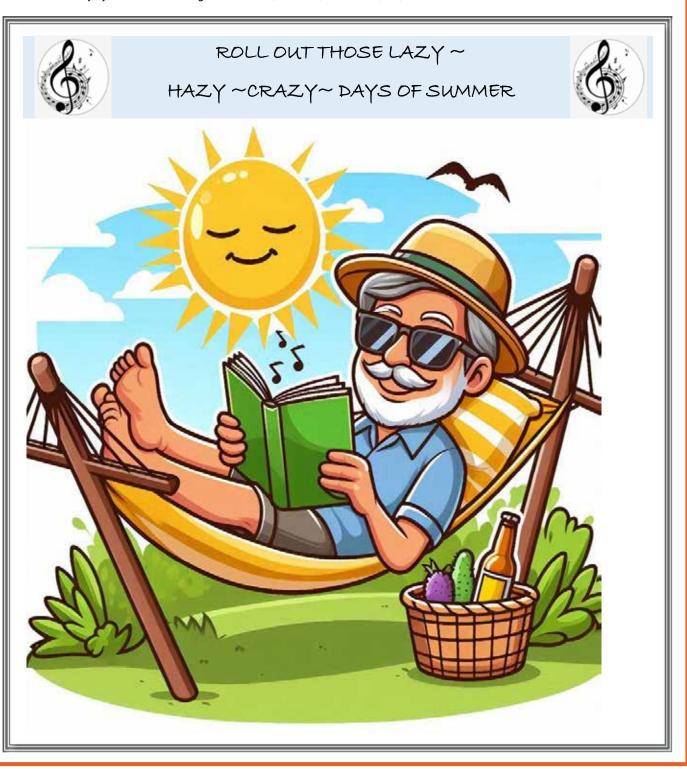




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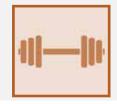
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Jim Hofman

A Message from the PRESIDENT

Once again summer heat has returned to Golf Lakes and the west coast of Florida! While we have experienced some very warm days and weeks, this year the rains have also returned!

While this increases the humidity, it also brings back green grass and bushes that need to be trimmed! The park looks great this summer! While it seems that June was just here, it's now July 9 and by the time you read this August will have arrived! The older we get the faster time seems to move on. The arrival of the summer also means the arrival of the Hurricane season. As I've driven around the park, I've noticed that some people who are gone have not put away items that could become missiles if a hurricane comes to our area. If you haven't made arrangements to have those items put away, I suspect you will be getting a letter or notice from Tracy asking you who is responsible to secure them in your shed or somewhere else.

If you haven't looked at the Facebook page, please do so to see the work on the Veterans Garden. In the past few weeks much has been done and I suspect that by the time you are reading this, it may be complete. We are still accepting donations for this project which we believe will be a significant addition to our park. Thanks to Steve Pandiscio and his crew who are overseeing the project.

The Board does not meet as often during the summer; however, we do have some informal discussions and will be holding another workshop session later in the summer. We all see a bright future for our park and will continue to build on the foundation laid out for us, while also looking for ways to make this an even better place to live and enjoy our lives together!



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Tracy Roux, CMCA, AMS

Manager's Report



With summer in full swing, we will soon begin to prepare for the return to capacity with the return of our snowbirds. It is amazing how quickly the summer flies by. Just when you think there is time to catch your breath, the summer projects crank up, budgeting starts, and then the summer is over and we start the preparation for a new season.

Our latest homesite inspections are complete and we remind residents that with the forecast of a busy hurricane season, we need to be ready. It is evident that not everyone put all items away in preparation of a potential need to evacuate and mitigate flying debris. If you are away, you need to contact someone locally to ensure all items are either secured or removed from outside prior to a named hurricane forecast.

Weeds are another commonality at many of the homes that are vacant. Please be sure that all weeds are treated and removed from your planters and driveway. Weeds love to grow in the cracks and give good indication that no one is home.

Last year's The Tie-Down Program recently provided us with certificates for those homeowners who were able to take part. They are available at the office and may be picked up when you return to the park.

FP&L continues to leave us waiting for the new service needed to power the fountain at Golf View Lake. These issues with FP&L have also affected our ability to schedule new electrical backboard replacements this summer. While we have made progress getting the street lights back in working condition, we do still have a few that they can't seem to repair. We will continue to press them for better results.

Enjoy the final days of summer and we look forward to your return and another busy season here at Golf Lakes. Be sure to come see the beautiful Veterans Garden at the entrance to the Clubhouse upon your return. A huge thanks to Steve Pandiscio for his leadership and tirelessness in making this a reality and an asset that all members will enjoy for years to come. Steve and the Beautification Committee, involved veterans, and the Board thank all for their generous donations. Together, all things are possible.



COMPUTER & GRAPHIC DESIGN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Looking for creative individuals with expertise in the development and design of a new online platform to replace our current in-person Golf Lakes New Resident Orientation format.

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Let's Enjoy August



Cover story by Kim Gendron

With August being the last full month of the summer, many people will either speed up their outdoor activities of fun or just slow down and enjoy their last days of summer finding ways to just relax.

There are many ways to enjoy the last leg of Summer. Local communities have food festivals, carnivals, or concerts in the park. Local breweries or wineries have bands, game competitions and food truck events. Churches, Civic groups, and Athletic Organizations have fund raising events.

Many folks will take a boat ride on the lake, go fishing, or simply lounge at the beach. One of the best ways to enjoy August is simply to spend time with family and friends. Fire up the grill or just make sandwiches, served with pretzels, soda, and beer.

Remember the song "Roll Out Those Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer"? It was written by Hans Bradtke from Germany and was to become one of the biggest hits in 1963 when Nat King Cole released the English version.

August has some interesting facts to share:

August was named after Augustus Caesar, the first Roman Emperor.

August has 3 birthstones. The Peridot, the Spinel, and the Sardonyx.

There are 2 flowers for the month Crimson Poppy, and the Gladiolus.

In Astrology, those born in August are either a Leo or a Virgo.

On the night of the 12th this year you can view the Perseid Meteor Shower which is the brightest meteor shower of the year and on the evening of the 19th the Full Sturgeon Moon reaches peak illumination.

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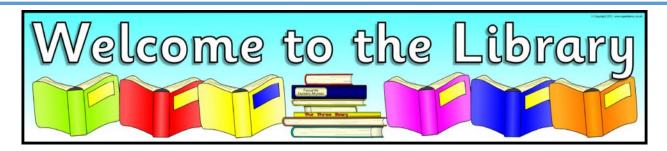


Bulk Pick-Up of unwanted items happens the third Tuesday of each month; however, you must arrange for such a pick up the week prior, by contacting the office.

Please get your Exterior Design Review requests in early. We are getting more and more requests for approval of work that is already scheduled to begin, sometimes in the same week as the request is made.







Newcomers here or up north, have you ever been to our library? Well, it is located in our Clubhouse way in the back, to the right of the stage. It is run by all volunteers who do a terrific job, and it has a lot of good books of all categories. You are welcome to browse and take out any books or puzzles you like.

When you bring them back, please put them in the basket. We realize that some of you are trying to help us by putting the books back on the shelves on your own, but please understand this is not the case. If you do that, the books do not get date-stamped. We need to do that in order to be able to know when the book was last taken out. If a book has not been taken out for 2 or 3 years, we save it for the White Elephant's sale or take it to Goodwill. Also please remember to check that you have all the pieces before returning the puzzles—it is so rewarding to put that last piece in!

We would like to start a new category: Children's books. If you have any of those, please bring them, so our little grandchildren, greatgrandchildren, or other small children visiting have something to look at or read. Thank you for your understanding.

Submitted by Anneliese Heathfield

A small list of some great summer reads:

Famous in a Small Town by Viola Shipman—Heartwarming characters whose lives intersect in a town near Lake Michigan. It is a story of reflection, connection, new friendships, and the love of a smalltown community. It is a cherry spitting good read with mention of many favorite places in Michigan.

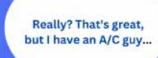
Left for Dead by Eric Jay Dolin—A true historical story about five castaways, three British sailors and two Americans who were abandoned for 18 months on the inhospitable Falkland Islands during the war of 1812.

The Beach House by Mary Alice Monrose—the story is about a woman with personal struggles who returns to her family beach home after twenty years to find that her family is dealing with life issues as well. The setting is the low country of South Carolina where the people share in the love and conservation of sea turtles. A story of reconnection and love.

The Last Green Valley by Mark Sullivan—a personal account of a Ukraine family determined to survive the menace and evil from the Russian and Nazi government during WW2. This is a fascinating and heartbreaking story showing a family trying to survive and become free from oppression.

Submitted by Kim Gendron











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Our Community

Resident Updates

NEW RESIDENTS

NAME	ADDRESS	HOME
Miller, Daryl & Beverly	5114 6th A St E	MI
Lanning, Kevin & Deborah	4906 4th B St E	MI

MOVED AWAY

NAME	ADDRESS
Forrest, Randy & Carolyn	5114 6th A St E
Wagner, Shirley	5005 6th D St E
VanDenBerge, Gus & Jean	4906 4th B St E
Hullet, Susan	5007 6th D St E

DEATHS

NAME	ADDRESS	DOD
Cluck, Eugene (Rusty)	5208 4th B St E	2/2/2024
Engelby, William	4909 7th B St E	6/14/2024
Bronson, Diane	4906 3rd B St E	6/24/2024
Hight, Evelyn	(former resident)	

GOLF LAKES OFFICIAL RESIDENT FACEBOOK PAGE

Any resident applying for membership to <u>Golf</u> <u>Lakes Official Resident Facebook For Events</u> <u>and Recommendations</u> page must answer the 3 questions.

Otherwise the committee cannot verify their standing with the community.

Those not answering all 3 of the questions WILL NOT BE considered.

Be advised that The Banner is using a new Resident database for Birthdays. If your information is missing, incorrect or you do not want it listed—PLEASE contact The Banner—golflakesbanner@gmail.com



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1	Karla Blevins, William Engleby, Mary Ann Harris
2	Paulette Ball, Irene Bowersock, George Fennema, William Leishman, Diane Sauve
3	Vicki Garon, Gary Lakins, Gary Legault, Mary Michali, Rex Sprunger, Phyllis Wendt
4	Deborah Bultman, Sharon Capuci, Elda Carrington, Rose Sloan
5	John Blaauwendraat, Jack Dunn, Tom Van Tuinen
6	Phyllis Chaney, Saundra Conrad, Mary Luchtenburg, Lee Joseph Weller
7	Marylin Benton, Connie Boswell, Daniel Burke, Mary Ann Lagoy, Michael Lockhart, Sherry Termaat
8	Letha DeVries, Gerald Gray, Meredith Tenouri
9	Carole Bricker, Larry Curtis, Bucky Dye, John Parker, Kenneth Shaffer, Greg Shireman, Renee Voinovick
10	Jan Bechtel, Ann Dodson, Gregory Louch, Kimberly Mitchell
11	Dirk Spyker
12	Nancy Harvey
13	Steven Jeltema
14	Kendall Beam, Jeri Ann Engleby, Imogene Hess, Pamela Nissen, Lynn Reinhardt, Victor Sauve, Gregory Sharp
15	Brent Mitchell, Tim Tucker
16	Michael Bramel, Mary Daly, Carol Fulton, Jo Rupp, Michael Wasko, Brian Woodham
17	Brenda Desrosiers, Danny Gall, Carol Rezendes, Sharon Whitehead
18	Nancy Hoekstra, Kevin Hogan, Neila Mcabe, Patricia O'Brien, Margaret Rebstock, David Tesoro
19	Maryann Gibson, Linda Nicholas, Diane Pawelczak
20	Charles Shaffer, Janis Yount
21	Sandra Burkley, Betty Cibulski, Bernice Dykstra, Roger Huff, Sandra TenHarmsel, Mary Wallace
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23	Shirley Little, Patricia McDowell, Judy Reid
24	Jackie Barto, Nola Frye, Donna Gastier, Shirley Heatley, Mark Sanata
25	Joyce Hayes, Leah Hazel, Rick Rosengarten, Larry Van Deventer
26	Mary Ackeret
27	Dick Kuiper, Katherine Yake
28	Martha Buitenhuis, Charles Habegger, Patricia Seward
29	Glenn Nissen, Roseanne Sanata, Patricia Schatner
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What are the differences between Standing and Operating Committees: Standing Committees

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<u>Chairperson(s)</u> are appointed by the Board of Directors annually; the chairperson(s) are eligible for reappointment.

<u>Members</u> The number of members shall be established by the Board of Directors for each committee. New members are generally selected by the chairperson(s), then submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.

<u>Term Limits</u> Members may serve a maximum of two three-year consecutive terms in addition to any partial term appointments. Members shall be appointed for staggering terms to provide continuity.

Operating Committees

Are committees created by the Board of Directors to assist them with SPECIFIC on-going operations of the Corporation. Operating Committees shall serve as on-going committees and be provided with mandates and guidelines approved by the Board of Directors much the same as Standing Committees.

<u>Chairperson(s)</u> are generally selected by the committees and then confirmed by the Board of Directors. Many times an outgoing Chairperson will suggest the new person to head the committee, then make the recommendation to the Board for approval.

<u>Members & Term Limits</u> are appointed to serve a three-year term; unlike members of Standing committees, members of Operating committees have no term limits.

ATTENTION NEW RESIDENTS "Welcome to Golf Lakes"

The Activities Committee has a New Resident Welcome Committee, and we would love to talk to you. The Committee shares information about our Park, provides you with a voucher for a free safety vest, a "New Resident Handbook" and a Pictorial of the residents in the Park. A short interview provides the opportunity for your formal introduction to the Park. At a minimum, the meeting with the Committee results in your introduction in The Banner. A New Resident listing appears most months in The Banner. You would be surprised the number of times our new residents have found folks from their own state or even their city through The Banner introduction. At this time, the Committee is working hard to get caught up with interviews due to the large number of new residents. If you would like an "Official Greeting" to Golf Lakes, signup on the New Resident sheet on Board 2 in the Clubhouse or call Terry Keller at 269-953-2431.

Arrangements will be made for your official welcome.

Submitted by Activities Committee

GOLF LAKES WOMEN'S CRAFTERS

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The Nursing Homes are also asking for Magazines in good clean condition & any thin books or game books the residents can carry with them in their walker bags.

Submitted by Barb Wenzler, Outreach Chair

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Yes, It is August and **Yes**, it is HOT in Bradenton

Golf Lakers have a variety of ways to mitigate the heat of Florida. Thankfully the pool is available, but often it would be nice to enjoy air-conditioned space besides your own home. Several opportunities can form a weekly rotation of relief. Within the park, the Fitness Center is a great place to stay healthy while also staying cool. A leisurely stroll on a treadmill or a easy ride on a stationary bike can be paired with a good book.

Speaking of books, the Braden River site of the Manatee Public Library has comfy reading nooks, computer stations for surfing and a variety of distractions. A Library Card is a ticket to many new avenues.

On Mondays, the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art is free to the public. The Museum of Art, Bayfront Gardens, and Glass Pavilion are free to the public on Mondays. *Note: Regular admission pricing applies for entry to the Circus Museum or Ca' d'Zan.* Advance tickets for this free entry are not available; you can register in the Visitors Pavilion upon arrival OR skip the line by purchasing regular Museum Admission online and visit the Circus Museum too! The Ringling brings the past and contemporary culture to life with extraordinary experiences throughout our 66-acre campus in Sarasota, Florida. The estate includes the Museum of Art, the Circus Museum, the 1920s mansion Ca' d'Zan, the Historic Asolo Theatre, the Bayfront Gardens, and more!

Tuesdays are Movie Days. AMC Theaters, Bradenton offers \$5.00 tickets on Tuesdays. Visit their website https://www.amctheatres.com/showtimes/all/2023-09-11/amc-bradenton-20/all and make your selection. Busy on Tuesday, AMC Theaters offer 25% discounts for matinees all weekdays.

Wednesday, explore your world at the Bishop Museum of Science and Nature. The Bishop Museum of Science and Nature is the most exciting museum on Florida's Gulf Coast, featuring The Planetarium, the Parker Manatee Rehabilitation Habitat, the Mosaic Backyard Universe and a constantly changing lineup of temporary exhibitions — offering something new to discover with each visit! Seniors can receive discounted admission.

Thursday can be Card Playing Day at the Club House. Pick a game, call a few friends and stay cool. Our Golf Lakes is a most friendly place with so many interesting people.

Submitted by Don Raymond

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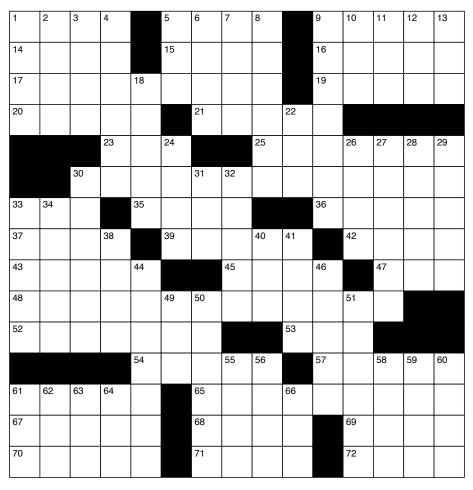
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- 17. The boss
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- 20. Rock's ___ John
- 21. Super, in showbiz
- 23. Michael Steele's org., once
- 25. Outdated, in dictionaries
- 30. With liveliness
- 33. Rather or Marino
- 35. "Hercules" TV spinoff
- 36. Change
- 37. Relief map figs.
- 39. New coins of 2002
- 42. Vegetarian's staple
- 43. Nose holes
- 45. Big test

- 47. "___ a girl!"
- 48. Pole-vaulting, relay races, etc.
- 52. How one might stare, when bored
- 53. Island welcome
- 54. Equivalent of C sharp
- 57. Bivouac sights
- 61. "Chances are, 'cause ___ a silly grin..."
- 65. Hit snooze too many times
- 67. Artist Rivera
- 68. Taboo thing
- 69. Fully aware of
- 70. Sanction
- 71. Hoity-toity one
- 72. Adam of "Batman"

(solution on page 16)

Down

- 1. Old, in Oberhof
- 2. Dupe
- 3. Checkup visit, for short
- 4. Having new vigor
- 5. Rickey ingredient
- 6. Hail ____ (wave from the sidewalk)
- 7. Letterman rival
- 8. Palestinian chief Yasir
- 9. Auto exec Lee
- 10. Void, in French
- 11. Post's opposite
- 12. One-time Mideast org.
- 13. "Naughty!"
- 18. Building add-on
- 22. Weekday abbr.
- 24. Saskatchewan Indian
- 26. Word before "Who goes there?"
- 27. Certain breath mint
- 28. Start of a Bennett title
- 29. Secretary of State Vance
- 30. Lure, in a way
- 31. Bearded antelope
- 32. Dog-___ (shabby)
- 33. "Inferno" author
- 34. Morning rouser
- 38. Denomination
- 40. Respected English univ.
- 41. Go by yacht
- 44. Slum area
- 46. Joins together
- 49. 1930s pol. ___ Landon
- 50. Victoria's Secret stock
- 51. Stay out of sight
- 55. Stratford-upon-_
- 56. The _____'clock news
- 58. Aloha State bird
- 59. Annual Vietnamese holidays
- 60. Dalmatian feature
- 61. Rhoda's mother, on "Rhoda"
- 62. Actor Wheaton of "Stand By Me"
- 63. Conger _
- 64. Of a previous time
- 66. Actor Lowe

Puzzle from https://www.printable-puzzles.com/

COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

Understanding the Management and Personnel Committee

The Management and Personnel Committee (M & P) shall assist the Board of Directors by reviewing the Operations Manual, Rules and Regulations and serve as a vehicle for publication of a Park Directory, annually. The committee shall assist in the study of changes proposed for employees of the Corporation as requested by the Board of Directors. The committee will review the Prospectus as requested.

M & P consists of six members plus the chairperson(s). The Board of Directors appoints the chairperson(s) each year and they are eligible for reappointment. Members of M&P are appointed to serve a three-year term; members are eligible for re-appointment to one additional three-year term. M & P has its own officers to consist of the appointed chairperson(s) and a secretary chosen from among committee members and whatever other officers they may deem necessary. As with all Golf Lakes committees, a Board of Directors liason attends meetings in an advisory role.

It is important to note that M&P reviews policies & procedures and any research request as presented to them by the Board of Directors, and submits their findings back to the Board of Directors for their approval.

Each year every chairperson of each Standing/Operating committee will be given a copy of the Operations Manual for their committee to review. Those chairpersons are required to return the copy to the office with the names to be approved for appointment/reappointment before March 15th. M & P then prepares the list of necessary appointments for the Board of Directors before the last Board meeting in March.

M & P serves as a vehicle for the annual publication of THE DIRECTORY.

Submitted by Don Raymond

Answer to Sudoku Puzzle

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HOMETOWN SPOTLIGHT

A visit to New England is not complete without a visit to the capital of Massachusetts. Details on these points of interest, as well as many others can be found on-line.



Quincy Market – A historical Boston market that has been around since 1826.



"Make way for Ducklings" -A statue in The Boston Public Gardens based on a children's book by Robert McCluskey.



Fenway Park – Home of the Boston Red Sox and the Green Monster.



Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum – A famous art museum that claims the single largest property theft in the world.



The Freedom Trail – A 2.5 mile walk that connects 16 sites of the American Revolution, including the Old North Church and Bunker Hill Monument.



Duck Boat Tours – Cruise along the Charles River for a comprehensive tour of Boston.

Written & submitted by Gail Lawley and Gerry Barnicle

HOMETOWN SPOTLIGHT

Poughkeepsie is a city in New York State that is popularly known for its Hudson River. There are several ways to phonetically spell it: pough-keepsie, puh-kip-see, Pough-keep-sie, Puh-kip-see.

I would like to tell you the historical background of this city which I find endearing. It was the halfway point between New York City and Albany the state capital. The early Dutch settlers planned this 'rest stop' for the long journey between the two cities.

The Franklin Delano Roosevelt Mid-Hudson Bridge was built in 1962 and spans the Hudson River carrying vehicles between Poughkeepsie on the east bank and Kingston on the west bank.

The Walkway Over the Hudson was once a spectacular railroad bridge that parallels the FDR Mid-Hudson suspension bridge. It was a vital rail link opening in 1889 as a thoroughfare for trains until 1974. It is now the World's Longest Elevated Pedestrian Bridge 135 feet above the water below.

Poughkeepsie is home to Vassar College, one of the proverbial "Seven Sisters"—a group of seven liberal arts colleges in north-eastern US, comprised of



Barnard, Bryn Mawr, Mount Holyoke, Radcliffe, Smith, Vassar and Wellesley Colleges. Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis studied at Vassar before transferring to Columbia University.

Just north of Poughkeepsie is the little village of Hyde Park, home of both Commodore Vanderbilt and the longest serving US President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Through most of the twentieth century, Poughkeepsie was a 'company town' of IBM. The "Big Blue" computers of the 1950-1960 era were built here. The RS/6000 SP2 family of computers, the most famous of which is the "Watson" that competed on the game Show Jeopardy, are manufactured here.

My final note about Poughkeepsie ... I was born in Brooklyn, but spent all of my formative years in Poughkeepsie—pronounced puh-KIP-see!

Submitted by Don Raymond



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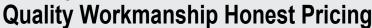
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Little Pointe Sable lighthouse in our hometown Mears, Michigan

Submitted by Patricia Mandjack







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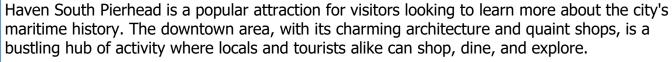
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HOMETOWN SPOTLIGHT

My Hometown – Grand Haven, MI, is a picturesque city located on the western shore of Lake Michigan. Known for its sandy beaches, historic lighthouses, and vibrant culture, Grand Haven is a popular destination for tourists and locals alike.

One of the defining features of Grand Haven is its stunning natural beauty. The city is home to several miles of pristine beaches that draw in sunbathers, swimmers, and beachcombers during the warmer months as well its expansive parks and green spaces, providing plenty of opportunities for hiking, biking, and picnicking.

Grand Haven offers a glimpse into the past with its wellpreserved lighthouses and historic downtown area. The Grand



In addition to its natural beauty and historic sites, Grand Haven is also home to a thriving cultural scene. The city hosts a variety of festivals and events throughout the year, including the Coast Guard Festival celebrating the city's rich heritage and offering residents and visitors a chance to come together.



When it comes to dining and entertainment, the city boasts a wide range of restaurants, cafes, and bars serving up everything from fresh seafood to gourmet burgers. After dining, visitors can catch a show at the Musical Fountain, listen to live music at a nearby venue, or simply take a relaxing stroll along the waterfront.

Grand Haven is a vibrant and welcoming city with something for everyone. From its stunning natural beauty to its rich

history and lively cultural scene, this lakeside community has a charm all its own, leaving you with lasting memories and a desire to return again and again.

Written & Submitted by Tom Drooger











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Labor Day – An Historical Perspective

Labor Day, observed on the first Monday of September in the United States, is a federal holiday dedicated to honoring and recognizing the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers in the development of the country.

The late 1800's in America was a time of great industrial expansion. The rise of factories, railroads, and other industries led to the growth of a large working class. However, this period also saw harsh working conditions: long hours, low wages, and unsafe environments were common. In response to these conditions, labor unions began to advocate for better working conditions, fair pay, and reasonable working hours.

One of the first significant steps towards the establishment of Labor Day was the creation of the Central Labor Union (CLU) in New York City in 1882. The CLU was an early labor federation that sought to unite various smaller unions into a more powerful organization. On September 5, 1882, the CLU organized what is considered the first Labor Day parade in U.S. history. Thousands of workers marched from City Hall to Union Square, advocating for workers' rights and celebrating their contributions.

The success of the initial parade in New York inspired labor unions across the country to hold similar events. These parades and demonstrations highlighted the labor movement's strength and the widespread desire for improved working conditions. The idea of a national holiday dedicated to labor began to gain traction.

The labor movement's push for a national holiday was further fueled by significant labor strikes in the 1880's and 1890's, which brought attention to workers' demands for better conditions. The strikes resulted in widespread public support for labor reform and underscored the need for a day to honor workers.

Congress passed legislation making Labor Day a federal holiday. On June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed the bill into law, designating the first Monday in September as Labor Day.

Today, Labor Day is celebrated with parades, picnics, barbecues, and various public events. It marks the unofficial end of summer and serves as a reminder of the labor movement's historical struggles and achievements. Labor Day has evolved into a broader celebration of the American workforce and its essential role in building and sustaining our nation.

Submitted by Tom Drooger

I never knew that....

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Year - Round Activities



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Ladies Bridge 12:15pm | Mondays Friendship Room

Submitted by Barb Janke

Hand, Foot & Elbow



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12:00pm | Tues. & Fri. Friendship Room

6:00pm | Thursdays Friendship Room

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Mah Jongg

1:00pm | Tuesdays

1:00pm | Thursdays Friendship Room

Submitted by Jan Ballard



Cribbage

6:15pm | Thursdays Clubhouse

If you have never played Cribbage in the past or it's been awhile, this may be a good time for you to join us and either learn or brush up on your skills. Everyone is welcome. For questions please contact Bette Buzzell at 508-688-2686.

Submitted by Bette Buzzell,

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A reminder for the Golfers- The scrambles will continue throughout the summer depending on the weather. Signup is in the course Clubhouse. The scrambles are open to all golfers regardless of skill level and are a lot of fun. Any questions, give the course a call at 941-755-8888.

All residents- As always, the Snack Bar will be open 7 days a week for your dining pleasure. The Golf Lakes gate opens at 6:00am and the Snack Bar will always be ready to serve you a filling breakfast. For a great lunch, avoid the traffic and stop in for good food at a reasonable price.

Have a great summer. Your support of the Greens of Manatee Golf Course this past season was greatly appreciated.

Submitted by Terry Keller-President, Greens of Manatee Golf

Supper Club Restaurant Review

The Supper Club members learned a new word at R.J. Gators (6100 Cortez Rd). Floribean, pronounced flori-bean, describes entrees with a satisfying blend of Florida and the Caribbean.

Do not let social media deter you, although the national presence fell victim to the dangers of corporate food industry, a Bradenton couple keeps the unique decor (16 foot plastic alligator hangs in the reception area) and serves Florida's grilled sea food.

Entrees include all things alligator—but so much more. The Rack O'Ribs, Mango Salmon, Okeechobee Chicken and Argentine Shrimp seemed to be the favorites among the eighteen dinners. With friendly service, Sports Bar TV in one area and family dining in a separate space you can feel comfortable and relaxed any time from 11:00am to 9:00pm.

When a large group orders a variety of items, it is lamentable that someone's order can be misplaced. That it can happen is understandable and one Golf Laker experienced the delay. The staff not only rectified the situation as quickly as possible, but also deleted that portion of the bill.

Mistakes are a part of any enterprise, the manner in which the error is handled speaks to the integrity of the establishment.

Submitted by Don Raymond

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Submitted by Bob Mueller, Safety Committee

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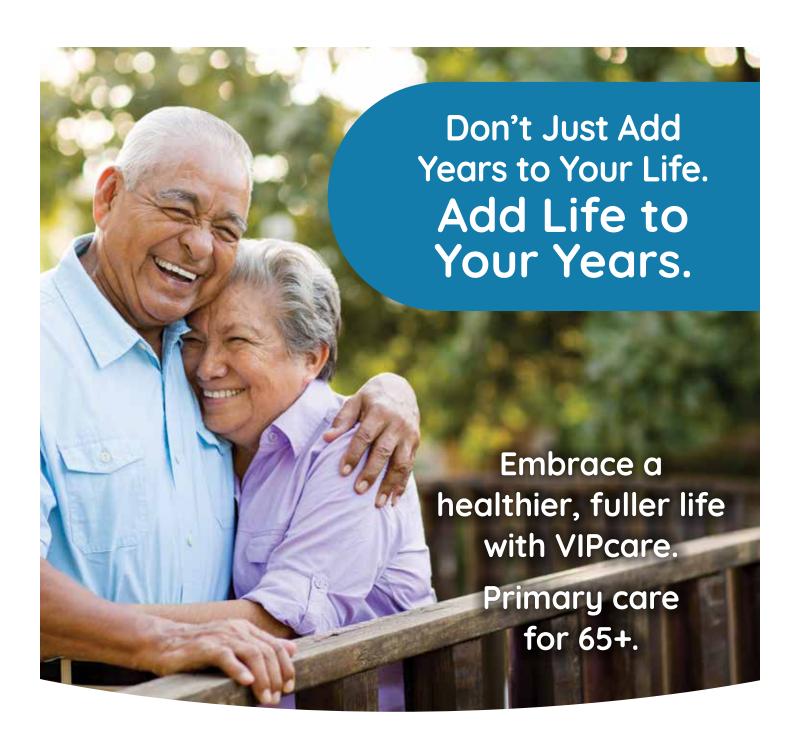
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