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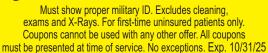
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# Staff & Phone Numbers

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Available	. 2nd VP, Corporate Secretary
	3rd VP, Grounds, Buildings, RV Compound, Security
Lisa Hopper	Director at Large
Susan Thompson	Office Administrator
Judy Huffman	Heather Newsletter Editor

As a reminder, the newsletter is available on the HPOA website – www.heatherpoa.com. So if you are away, you can still find out what's going on.

# DEADLINE

The deadline for the next issue of The Heather Newsletter is Nov 8, 2025.



You can send the article in PDF format to <a href="heatherpoal1@yahoo.com">heatherpoal1@yahoo.com</a> or drop off your typed article at the HPOA office, attention Editor. Thank you.

# IMPORTANT MESSAGE: TO ALL HEATHER CONDO AND HOMEOWNERS

Please **DO NOT** drive across the median centers on St. Andrews Blvd. and Heather Blvd.

Not only are you posing danger to people walking or riding bicycles and other vehicles, but you also are damaging the grass and plants.

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# Attention: All Nighttime Walkers!

To be safe at night, bright, colorful clothing helps drivers see you while walking at night and dog walking!

Reflective tape or shapes added to your clothing would make you and your dog more visible to drivers.



# President's Corner

**Keith Elder** 

Well, I hope everyone had a fantastic summer! School is back in full swing now. Cool weather is coming and going which is a nice relief.

#### I would like to bring up two things:

- If you live on St. Andrews Boulevard, Heather Boulevard or Allen Drive and you're tired of the people speeding on your roads, we have spoken with Hernando County and we need five (5) volunteers that live on those roads to meet with the county and discuss the situation. The county will not do anything without the homeowners' participation. So, please, if you're interested, and live on those streets, please contact Susan in the office so we can start putting the five (5) man committees together to represent each of these streets.
- All your board members are volunteers. They don't get paid, but they try to do what's best for the community. Here's an example of a recent issue we encountered. A homeowner called the office complaining about our vendor who sprays the ponds. So, one of our board members went to visit the complainant at their residence to determine what the problem was. Then that board member was attacked, and the Sheriff's Department had to be called. So, from now on, if you call the office with a complaint and it's necessary for the board to respond, then two board members will be making the visit and they will videotape, for our safety and yours, the visit. It's truly a shame that it must be done like that because our community should work as a whole!

Just to update you on some staff list changes. Lisa Hopper has been appointed to the board in the Director at Large position, and we welcome her to the HPOA board. Denise will be Corporate Secretary at this time in addition to her treasurer's role. And thank you Denise. We still have an opening on the board to complete our 5-person team.

I would like to thank all the volunteers that have been doing the complimentary meal service for the community. We've had pancake/sausage breakfast, and biscuits and gravy breakfast. The turnout for both was great! So, if you, our members, would like a nice free meal, come join us when you see the event posted on Facebook or the big sign at the entrance.



# From Susan's Desk

Thank you to everyone who has updated their contact info at the HPOA office, this had been very helpful!

As always, my office door is always open and happy to help and serve in any way I can.



# 2026 Election of Board Members and Updating Our Records

If you are a Heather Property owner/member in good standing and are interested in a HPOA Board position, please submit a letter of intent along with your resume and qualifications to serve on the Heather Board **before December 31, 2025**.

We ask that all homeowners/members contact the office staff with your current mailing address, phone number, <u>and email address</u> since we are updating our records. We need to have current information for our voting process.

Keith Elder, President



# How Can You Protect Your Home Before a Hurricane?

(The American Red Cross)

#### **Prepare for Wind**

- Secure items outside, such as lawn furniture and trash cans, that could be picked up by high winds and hurt someone.
- Anchor objects that would be unsafe to bring inside, such as gas grills and propane tanks.
- Trim or remove trees close enough to fall on vour home. Review insurance policies.
- Protect windows with permanent storm shutters or pre-cut plywood.

#### **Preparing for Flooding**

- Clean out drains, gutters and downspouts.
- Stockpile protective materials such as plastic sheeting and sandbags.
- Consider installing a sump pump with battery backup.
- Consider elevating the heating system, water heater, and electric panel.

# Architectural and Design Committee

We need A&D committee volunteers as well as volunteers on the Fine committee who are in good standing to offer just a few hours of your time a month. A good explanation of the A&D Committee is noted in Article VII, Section 3 of the Deed Restrictions. The A&D Committee meets at 6:30pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month. Please consider volunteering for these important committees.

The A&D Committee

# **RV** Compound







- **Maintenance:** Three Seasons completed general upkeep in the RV compound.
- Weed Control: Weed spraying is now being handled in-house to ensure consistent results.
- Resident Value: These improvements are part of our commitment to the residents who lease RV spaces.
- Security Upgrade: Plans are underway to replace the current hunting camera with a more advanced security camera system.

Isaac Thompson



# **GATEHOUSE NEWS**

With it becoming darker sooner, **WALKERS**, don't forget to wear lighter colors, reflective gear and/or flashlight. **WALKERS**, please walk toward traffic so drivers can see you at night.



Halloween will be celebrated on Friday, October 31, 2025. Security will be out driving around for safety purposes. Please drive slower than normal because **Trick-or-Treaters** will be out in full force.

SPEED LIMIT IS 30MPH,

DRIVE SAFELY!

The Gatehouse Personnel



#### **Buildings**

- Power Washing: Black Lab Power Washing completed a thorough cleaning of our buildings and sidewalks.
- AC Maintenance: Washable filters for the building's AC system have been replaced.
- Grease Trap Service: Jerry Mills Discount Pumping cleaned the commercial kitchen grease trap, which had not been serviced in several years.
- Locks & Security: Spring Hill Lock & Key is scheduled to install new locks on both the exterior and interior doors. Over time, key access has become uncertain, and this update will restore proper security.
- Camera System: New security cameras have been installed, providing full coverage both around and inside the building.

#### Grounds

- Ongoing Care: I am working closely with Three Seasons to ensure all common areas and easement ways are properly maintained.
- Service Map: For the first time in 14 years, we now have a detailed service map from Three Seasons outlining all areas scheduled for weekly maintenance.
- Community Feedback: If you notice an area along easements or common grounds that appears missed, please contact me directly.
- Community Support: As always, if you need assistance or have concerns regarding buildings, grounds, RV compound, or security, please feel free to reach out to me.

Isaac Thompson

# Good Safety Tips

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☐ Change smoke alarm batteries annually.
☐ Keep a fire extinguisher or fire blanket handy.
☐ Store flammable liquids and rags in approved containers.
☐ Don't overload electrical outlets.
☐ Have the chimney and dryer vents cleaned regularly.
☐ Plan emergency escape routes with the family



#### Mark your calendars!

- Fall Festival- October 18th 1pm-8pm
- Painting Class- October 24th 6pm-9pm
- Community Yard Sale- November 1st
- Dumpster Days-November 7th-9th
- Community Meal- November 22nd 11am-1pm
- Pizza with Santa-December 13th 1pm-3pm
- 3rd Annual Golf Cart Parade December 13th 6pm
- HPOA Christmas Dinner December 20th TBD

Please join HPOA The Heather Facebook page for more detailed info on each event.



# Take a look at local Upcoming Theatre Performances

There are some wonderful performing arts theatres in our area. Consider experiencing some of the great talents in Hernando County at either of these venues.

### <u>Live Oak Theatre – 21030 Cortez Blvd. Brooksville, FL 34601</u> Upcoming Performances (2025-2026 Season)

- Oklahoma: October 10-12, 17-19, & 24-26, 2025.
- Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Jr.: November 13-16, & 20-23, 2025.
- A Christmas Carol: December 11-14, 2025.
- Cinderalla: March 13-15, 20-22, & 27-29, 2026.

Visit the official Live Oak Theatre website at <a href="www.liveoaktheatre.org">www.liveoaktheatre.org</a>. to check for the most current show dates, times, and ticket information.

### <u>Stage West Playhouse – 8390 Forest Oaks Blvd. Spring Hill, FL 34606</u> Upcoming Performances (2025-2026 Season)

- Wait Until Dark: October 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26 and November 1 and 2, 2025.
- White Christmas: November 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 2025.
- A Modern Christmas Carol: December 18 21, 2025.
- Assassins: January 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 2026
- The Front Page: February 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 and March 1, 7 and 8, 2026

Visit the official Stage West Playhouse website at <u>www.Stagewestplayhouse.org</u> for the most current show dates, times, and ticket information.



## The Heather Library

The Heather Library needs volunteers! Visit with Cathy and Audrey every Wednesday at 11am to help organize books, magazines, and puzzles. Thank you!

#### **Please Note:**

WE CAN ONLY ACCEPT BOOKS WITH A COPYRIGHT DATE NO OLDER THAN 2015!

THANK YOU, YOUR LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS



# **BUNCO**

Every Monday at 1:00pm at the Heather Community Center

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Come for Fun and Enjoyment!
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# **ATTN FACEBOOK USERS!**



There are now 2 Facebook pages for ALL residents in the Heather to utilize. Please join us and spread the word. This is one of the most expedient methods to disseminate info within the Heather.

"The Heather Community Residents, Weeki Wachee, FL"

Currently, this group has 841 members

"HPOA The Heather"

Currently, this group has 299 members

# Tai Chi

This program is designed to improve strength, balance, mobility, and daily functioning and to prevent falls in older adults, for individuals with balance disorders and/or arthritis.

## Who should Attend?

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Empowerment Education Program and
a certified lay leader for the Matter of
Balance: Managing Concerns about
Falling program.



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When:

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Judy Huffman

Many of us just think of October and the fun traditions of Halloween with its costumes, trick-or-treat, pumpkins, and haunted attractions. But there's a lot more to the month of October to me.

October is a month of change since it bridges the end of summer and the beginning of winter. The air becomes cooler and as the temperatures begin to drop, people often connect with their sensory side. We see the color change of landscapes, and experience the scents of warm apple pie, cinnamon and the comforting autumn evenings.

October also is National Breast Cancer awareness month. This month encourages women of the importance of taking action to get early screenings for breast cancer. Early detection means finding breast cancer at an early stage, before it has a chance to spread and is easier to treat. This subject is very important to me since my sister died a year ago from breast cancer that metastasized to her brain. So, sometime this month take a look at the website <a href="https://www.nationalbreastcancer.org">www.nationalbreastcancer.org</a> to get a better understanding of breast anatomy and the breast cancer risks. The website will enlighten you and your daughters about their anatomy and the necessity of being proactive with their breast health.

With sadness, I wish to advise the Heather community that this is my last newsletter column. As a contracted individual (as was with the prior newsletter editor), I was paid a quarterly stipend for my work. Now I've been told my stipend would be cut to less than half of the agreed amount and that another person will be doing the newsletter! So, knowing the time, effort and creativity I've put into this monthly newsletter which I really enjoyed doing, it is unconscionable that I be expected to do the same quality of work for less than \$3.00 an hour. I appreciate all the cooperation from the condo/villa association in the Heather that I received over the last few years to help make the newsletter something I've been proud of. Thank you!



# INFORMATION

# IF YOU LIVE IN THE CONDOS OR VILLAS

#### The Greens

call Qualified Property Management 877-869-9700

#### The Bluffs

PMI Adventure Coast 352-403-2220

#### **Heather Walk**

Sentry Management 727-942-1906, ext. 53523

#### The Fairways

PMI Adventure Coast 352-403-2220

#### **Heather Sound**

Michele Hernandez 314-614-6984

# Let's Play Bingo



Join us for BINGO every Wednesday at 1:45pm, in the month of June. Dates are 10/8, 10/15, 10/22 and 10/29 at The Heather Community Center.

Bring a friend, meet new friends and have fun!



OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>
6PM-9PM
\$35 PER PERSON
CASH AND ZELLE ACCEPTED

# **RSVP IS REQUIRED**

BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS AND DRINKS



# **Word Search**

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- 4. Colgate rival
- 9. Common Market inits.
- 10. Sled dog
- 11. "Casablanca" pianist
- 12. Ms. Williams in aquamusicals
- 13. Ancient rival of Athens
- 15. First word of the Constitution
- 16. Aleppo's land
- 18. Word in a simile
- 20. Quantum theory pioneer Max
- 23. Wet lowland
- 25. "Smoking or \_\_\_\_?"
- 26. Gauchos' weapons
- 27. Big deal
- 28. Doesn't ignore
- 29. Tennis match part

#### Down

- 1. Remainder
- 2. "Awright!"
- 3. High points
- 4. Dark
- 5. "From \_\_\_\_ with Love"
- 6. "C'\_\_\_ la vie!"
- 7. Bias
- 8. Phoenician trading center
- 14. Action on the side
- 17. Kournikova and Karenina
- 18. Court order against antisocial behaviour
- 19. Mop up, naut.
- 21. The "C" in U.P.C.
- 22. Masseur's target
- 24. Bass, e.g.

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# October



# 2025

Ш	<b>SUNDAY</b>	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY THURSDAY		FRIDAY SATURDAY	
				1	1pm Dominoes/Mexican Train	<b>3</b> 1pm Painting Group	4 PRIVATE EVENT
	5	<b>6</b> 9am Tai Chi/Arthritis	<b>7</b> 6:30pm A&D Meeting	<b>8</b> 9am Tai Chi/Arthritis	9 1pm Dominoes/Mexican	10 10am Sew Happy	11
	12	1pm Bunco Games	14	11am Library Volunteers 1:45pm BINGO	Train	17	18
		9am Tai Chi/Arthritis 1pm Bunco Games		9am Tai Chi/Arthritis 11am Library Volunteers 1:45pm BINGO	1pm Dominoes/Mexican Train	Prep for Fall Festival	1pm Heather Fall Festival 6pm Movie Night
	19	9am Tai Chi/Arthritis 1pm Bunco Games	<b>21</b> 6:30am A&D Meeting	9am Tai Chi/Arthritis 11am Library Volunteers 1:45pm BINGO	23  1pm Dominoes/Mexican Train	<b>24</b> 6pm Painting Class	PRIVATE EVENT
	26	9am Tai Chi/Arthritis 1pm Bunco Games 7pm Fairway Board Meeting	28	9am Tai Chi/Arthritis 11am Library Volunteers 1:45pm BINGO	1pm Dominoes/Mexican Train	31 Happy Halleyeen	



# FALL festival OCTOBER 18 TH

1pm-8pm

- Food Trucks
- Indoor Crafts/Vendors
- Cornhole/ Volleyball Games
- Bounce House/Games
- Humane Society Animals to Adopt
  - Movie Night
- Wine Sampling
- Greatful Touch Massage

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7602 St. Andrews Blvd. (The Fairway) MLS #2254622 2 BR/2BA, 2nd floor condo......\$159,000.00

8359 Dunnellon Road, (Heather homes) MLS #2255594 2 BR/2BA, Plus den......\$326,888.00

If you would like to personally preview any of these homes in the Heather or ask me any questions regarding these properties, please feel free to call Bobbi Glenn Representing Tropic Shores Realty, LLC at 352-346-3635. Thank you.



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October 18<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm

# JOIN US At the Fall festival to finish the day with a Outdoor Movie

THE HPOA Presenting : TBD



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# Toxic vs. Nontoxic Plants and Flowers

With the days being a little cooler, many of us want to return to beautifying our property with plants and flowers and yet we may have concerns about protecting our pets. According to ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) here are the toxic vs. nontoxic plants and flowers they have identified:

<u>Toxic:</u> Oriental Lily Hybrids, Stargazer Lily, Japanese Lily, Casa Blanca Lily, Tiger Lily, Easter Lily, Sago Palm, Tulip, Oleander, Autumn Crocus, Daylily

**Non-Toxic:** Wax Flower, Rose, Freesia, Statice, Zinnia, Gerber Daisy, Sunflower, Spider Plant, Aster, Snapdragon, Orchid, Friendship Plant, Boston Fern, Easter Cactus, African Violet, Petunia, Hen and Chicks

If your pet has ingested something toxic, please call ASPCA Poison Control at 888-426-4435 or your veterinarian immediately.



non-toxic plants to dogs and cats



"Sorry, but my battery died and I don't know what to look at?"

# The Fairway

The pace has somewhat slowed since the transition but there is still much work to be done by the board. We are currently reviewing all our contracts, looking for opportunities for cost savings while maintaining good service and quality.

Some recent tasks we've had to undertake were the tree trimming, sprinkler repair issues, review of past due accounts and installation of stair treads leading to the upstairs units.

Kudos to our management company (PMI). They are a tremendous help in handling projects and finances.

A top priority now is to prepare a budget for next year. Our goal is to be sure we have adequate funds for our contracts and to keep our spending at its present level.

Finally, please don't forget to come to our next meeting, on Tuesday, October 27 at 7:00pm at the Heather clubhouse. One of the agenda items we will be discussing will be the budget for 2026. We value your feedback!

Carl Huffman President, The Fairway



With October here, we have many annual seasonal activities upon us. To name a few, we have the rainy season ending, hurricane season ending (hopefully without any damage), pumpkins arriving, Halloween, Snowbirds arriving, heat/humidity subsiding and not to forget landscape cleanup around the Greens. New mulch has been scheduled for the week of October 13th, tree trimming/removal October 13th (due to vendor schedule, this was a 6-week lead-time), lawncare and sidewalk power washing are just a few of the items scheduled or will be scheduled during the month of October.

Thank you, Bill Tignanelli



Aqua Scope has been doing an amazing job on our ponds. He is now in the process of building a scoop that will go on the front of his airboat to push all that stuff out of the way that is sitting on top of our ponds.

Keith Elder, President

# Heather Sound

Hello everyone. I have very little to say this month. It's been very quiet here. A few of our neighbors have been traveling this summer, so it's been extra quiet.

Sadly, the pool has already started to cool off, but it's so beautiful outside. I think we are going to try outdoor movies again.

I will mention that we have 2 - 3-bedroom units for sale. Both are very nice.

Happy Halloween Diana Retan



# The Bluffs

Hope all of you are enjoying a change in the seasons as we move toward Fall. It was a very long, hot summer so any relief is appreciated.

By now you are seeing the improvements from changing to our new lawn service and sprinkler companies. Our gutters are now on a quarterly cleaning schedule which will make a huge difference in performance. The buildings that were not painted a few years ago received a much-needed power washing and look so much better.

Fall is also good time to think about some annual tasks like dryer vent cleaning and smoke detector checks.

I know many of you have expressed an interest in landscaping, especially the large island. Please volunteer and form a committee so this task can be accomplished. We can become a Florida Friendly property by careful planning and planting those water saving, drought tolerant plants. Check online and see what that means! Here's the link: <u>UF/IFAS Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Program</u>.

Your Board appreciates your participation and input in making our home better for everyone!

Edna, Carmella, Kelly, Julie and Yuri



# Pickett's Park Pool

Weather is cooling off a bit. The pool is cooling off as well. Come down and have a nice day at the pool before the water is too cold.

The Annual Pool Yard Sale is Saturday, November 1, 2025. We are accepting donations through October 25 for household goods, furniture, décor, etc. Please, no clothes or shoes. Donations can be dropped off at the pool any day. Money raised will be going towards new tables for our screen room. Tag sale hours at the pool are 8am-3pm. Thank you in advance for your support and looking forward to seeing you stop by.

Thank you, The Pickett's Park Pool Board



# October Inspirational Quotes

"The heat of autumn is different from the heat of summer. One ripens apples, and the other turns them to cider". - Jane Hirshfield (American poet and essayist)

"Days decrease, and autumn grow, autumn in everything" - Robert Browning (English poet, playwright)

"Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall". - F. Scott Fitzgerald (The Great Gatsby)

> "Sweater weather is better together". - Unknown author

# Pumpkin Cheesecake Bars

(A delicious recipe from Food Network)

1 (16 oz.) pkg. pound cake mix

3 large eggs

2 tbsps. butter, melted

4 tsps. pumpkin pie spice, divided

1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened

1 (14 oz.) can Eagle Brand® Sweetened

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1 (15 oz.) can pumpkin (about 2 cups)

1/2 tsp. salt

1 cup chopped nuts

#### Directions

- HEAT oven to 350 degrees F. Combine cake mix, 1 egg, butter and 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice in large bowl until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Press into bottom of 15 x 10-inch jellyroll pan.
- BEAT cream cheese in large bowl until fluffy. Gradually beat in sweetened condensed milk; beat in remaining 2 eggs, pumpkin, remaining 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice and salt; mix well. Pour over crust, sprinkle with nuts.
- BAKE 30 to 35 minutes or until set, Cool, Chill, Cut into bars.

# Enjoy a Family Outing at Beasley Orchards

Located at: 10137 Preston Rd., Brooksville, Fl. 34601, Phone - 352-232-0294 for opening hours

#### Pick Your Own Apples now through October

Enjoy the fall harvest and pick ripe apples fresh from the trees! With over 20 apple varieties available for public picking, you're sure to find a the perfect combination of crisp, juicy, and delicious apple that your friends and family will enjoy all fall!

Upon arrival, you will purchase the size of bag you want. You will then wander into the apple orchard and fill your bag with tree ripened fruit fresh from the trees!

Access to the orchard will stop at 5pm to allow for closing by 6pm

#### **Pricing:**

- Half Peck Bag (about 12 apples): \$10
- Peck Bag (about 24 apples): \$17
- Half Bushel Bag (about 48 apples): \$30

Disclaimer: Due to the unpredictable nature of the growing season, availability is

subject to change. Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram for immediate updates and availability.

#### Pick Your Own Pumpkins now through October

Celebrate the fall season by visiting the pumpkin patch! With over 20 acres of pumpkins, your family is sure to find the perfect pumpkin!

The pumpkin patch is only accessible by taking a hayride through the farm, which is included in General Admission. The hayride will drop guests off at the pumpkin patch, where the search for the perfect pumpkin begins! When you've finished picking your pumpkins, quests will catch the next havride back to the pumpkin tent and pay for their pumpkins. Pumpkins are sold separately from General Admission and are priced by size.

Access to the patch will stop at 5pm to allow for closing by 6pm.

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The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (Rule: 68A-4.001General Prohibitions) states that people should not feed wildlife as wildlife can be a public nuisance. "Intentionally offering or placing food or garbage out will attract black bears, foxes, raccoons as well as other wildlife."

# Heather Walk News

Geez! Can you believe it, we are now in autumn. The mornings have been beautiful for walking. Nights are getting cooler too. Our air conditioners are running a little less. Halloween is around the corner.

Hurricane season is coming to an end and so far, so good. Hoping it stays that way.

#### **Reminders:**

Vehicles are NOT permitted on roadways between midnight and 7 AM. HPOA security is monitoring. (On-going problem)

#### **Coming Soon:**

There are two board positions that will be open in November. Mailings have been sent to residents. The completed notice of intents has been forwarded to Sentry from all interested candidates by the deadline of October 2, 2025. The nominating committee will be scheduling a meeting with the candidates so if you have questions for them, please plan to attend the forum. Date and time will be posted on boards and on residents' page. Keep your eyes open.

Our social committee is hard at work already with planning the Christmas party. It is scheduled for December 6, 2025, at 6 pm. Keep the date open. More information is coming.



# Simple Ways You Can Celebrate Halloween

(Fall & Winter Almanac, 2025)

- Carve or Paint Pumpkins It's our popular custom to scoop out the insides of pumpkins with a spoon and then carve them. Once carved, pumpkins only last about a week without rotting. To extend viewing, consider painting your pumpkins.
- Roast Pumpkin Seeds Don't forget to save the pumpkin seed that you scooped out of your pumpkin.
- Wear a Halloween Costume
- Get dressed up for Halloween. Whether you do traditional costume such as a witch, ghost or vampire, or a silly costume, it's fun to get in the spirit of Halloween.
- Halloween Activities There are many Halloween activities and crafts. Here are a couple to enjoy:
  - Apple bobbing If you choose not to use a giant tub of water to grab an apple with your teeth,

We have a great community with lots of wonderful people. Please join and be part of it.

#### FYI:

Florida Statue 720.305 Obligations of Members Updated Florida Statute regarding levy of fines.... Each member and the member's tenants, guests and invitee, and each association, are governed by, and must comply with, this chapter, the governing documents of the community, and the rules of the association. Actions at law or in equity, or both, to redress illegal failure or refusal to complete with provisions may be brought by the association....... See FS 720.305

Please join us at the next board meeting. (Dates posted on bulletin boards)

Till next month Sue Tolbert



give each person a bucket filled with water and an apple and have a race to see who gets the bite first.

- Cornhusk dolls were made by Native American children long ago and creating one is still a fun activity today.
- Make a shrunken apple head! All you need are fresh apples, lemon juice, salt, a skewer, paring knife, dehydrator or oven. Check out the details on Google.
- Try to catch donuts hanging on a string with your mouth.
- Wrap one another as mummies with toilet paper and see who finishes first!
- Watch one of these movies for Halloween movie night – It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown, Hotel Transylvania, The Nightmare Before Christmas, Beetiejuice, The Addams Family
- Cook Up Yuminy Treats It's the "treats" that are much preferred to the "tricks" on Halloween!



HPOA BUDGET 25-26				
April 1st 2025-May 31 2026				
ANNUAL INCOME	BUDG	GET	ANNUAL OPERATION	BUDGET
			EXPENSE	
Lot Fee Inc 844 x 24 x 12 MO	\$	243,072.00	Advertising & Marketing	\$0.00
Home Lots 461 = 121704			Bank Charges & Fees	
Heather Walk 128 = 33792			QuickBooks Payments Fees	\$3,000.00
Heather Sound 31 =8184			Building Maintenance	\$23,000.00
Fairways 72 = 19008			Janitorial Supplies	\$600.00
The Greens 112 = 29568			Pest Control Interior/Exterior/Gatehouse	\$525.00
The Bluffs 40 = 10560			Business Licenses & Permits	\$350.00
			Computer & Internet	
Interest Income	\$	1,600.00	Dues & Subscriptions	\$1,100.00
Building Rental Income	\$	6,000.00	Go Daddy website	\$415.00
Late Fee Income	\$	2,000.00	Office Computer	\$0.00
R V Compound Income	\$	7,200.00	Software	\$1,380.00
Hernando County Maintenance Income	\$	6,300.00	Insurance	
Estoppel Fee Income	\$	6,800.00	Business General Liability	\$14,860.00
NSF Fee Income	_	\$0.00	Surety Bond-Brown & Brown	\$110.00
Social Activities Income	\$	5,000.00	Workers Comp	\$1,711.00
Snack Bar	\$	1,000.00	Interest Paid	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$	278,972.00	Maint. Grounds	\$7,500.00
			RV Compound	\$3,000.00
			Irrigation - Sunshine State Sprinkler & Irrigation	\$500.00
			Maint. Lakes - AquaScope	\$10,560.00
Fee \$24 per month			Mowing, Landscaping, Pest Control- 3 seasons	\$37,306.00
\$288 annually			Outside signs	\$2,000.00
Beginning May 1st 2023			Tree / Scrub Removal or clean-up	\$1,000.00
			Office Supplies	
			Phone - TracFone	\$129.00
			Postage	\$1,000.00
			Postage Certified Letter Fee	\$200.00
			Printing	\$1,879.00
			Payroll	
	_		Office Administrator Payroll	\$45,500.00
			Office Assistant	\$2,000.00
			Gatehouse Payroll	\$10,350.00
			Payroll Processing Fees	\$1,032.00
			Payroll Taxes	\$505.00
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			Accounting	\$3,000.00
			Consulting fees	\$0.00
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			Repairs & Maintenance	29000000
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			Trash Pickup	\$190.00
			Security	
			Gallowglass Security	33,637.00
			Ring system	\$107.00
			Social Activities Expense - Events	\$8,000.00
			Snack Bar	\$1,400.00
			Taxes & Licenses	\$2,500.00
			Property taxes	\$1,200.00
			Utilities	
			Electric	\$27,000.00
			Telephone-Spectrum	\$3,780.00
			Water & Sewer	\$3,600.00
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$274,822.00
			Contingency	\$4,150.00

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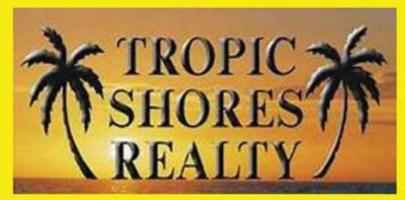
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This form is to be used by Heather Property Owners to file a property change with the A&D Committee. Only one project may be listed on each application.

Please Note: If you are not in good standing (paid up to date) with the HPOA your application will not be considered.

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