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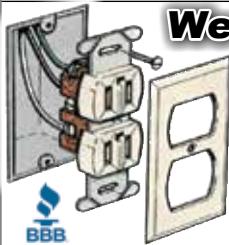


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## Co-op Updates

*By Al Noeller, President PI Co-Op*

**W**e hope that everyone is enjoying their summer activities and travels.

Paradise Island is doing well and enjoying ourselves with activities like Bingo, Pool Parties, Playing Cards and Billiards. Summer means that the grand kids and other family members may come to visit. Due to having these additional visitors, please drive slowly and carefully while watching out for your neighbors and their unfamiliar visitors. As we all know, pedestrians and bikes have the right of way, but please walk carefully and the bike riders need to realize that they are hard to see and seem to pop out of nowhere, please be careful. Watch out and be safe.

Our Largo Police representative has reminded us that the new lithium batteries in golf carts, cars and E-bikes are dangerous when flooded (mainly with salt water) and E-bikes are easily and often stolen, if not properly secured. The Neighborhood Watch Program is trying to schedule another LPD registration event for golf carts and bikes in the fall.

Please take care of your pets when dealing with the Florida summer heat. The other critters around the community, like the ducks, armadillos, squirrels, raccoons, and a variety of birds, generally can't be just removed from the community legally, unlike the grown alligators. The critters are all looking for food and if you don't feed them, they will move elsewhere with their search. There are deterrent products available, not poisons, at the store that you can use and this





may send them on their way, at least from your yard. We live in a small nature preserve, enjoy them, but please do not feed them.

Nothing new to report, the traffic light construction is on track. Our management is working with the contractors and will open and close the rear gate when needed, to make access /egress the community safe. The construction project is scheduled to continue until November with on and off construction activity. We will notify residents of the times when the gate will be open, via the One-Call system and PI Largo Facebook page.

A new ice machine was installed in the Clubhouse store room and the older machine is now in the room by the air compressor for filling your coolers as needed without having to go thru the clubhouse. Please use the suggestion boxes to suggest other things that may improve the paradise experience.

Life is what you make it, so make it special. Enjoy your Summer!

## HOA UPDATE

*By Ken Hopkins*



Welcome to the dog days---as if we haven't already seen some of those, eh? Hope you had a good 4th celebration and have enjoyed some of the activities like the Pool Parties.

Not much to report here---disappointing situation with the last Residents meeting, but oh well, c'est la vie. Mark your calendars for October 1st for the next Residents meeting. The plan is to have a play titled Denying Gravity---a tongue in cheek presentation about safety especially with regards to falls. Walt Peifer has arranged for this program and you will surely enjoy it. We are still looking for participants to cover various aspects of production---not just actors. Have a talent? Give Walt a call and volunteer. Otherwise, things are pretty status quo. Enjoy August. Be well.

## HOA Home of the Month

*By Vicky Ellis*

The HOA is pleased to announce the winners of the HOA-sponsored Home of the month for July. Congratulations to Mark Bruce & James Lankowicz at 161 Nassau Lane. They received a \$50 VISA gift card and a sign in their planter. We thank them for their efforts toward making our community beautiful, and they sure have created a little slice of 'paradise'. If you would like to drive by and take a look; from the entrance, turn left on Antigua and follow around the curve. Nassau will be the second street on the right and their home is on the right. We would also like to thank those volunteers who participated in this activity.





## Did You Know?

By Co-Op BOD

**I**n our Rules & Regulations, Article V, Section 4 states - “Residents are responsible for the overall appearance of the manufactured home site. Sites shall be kept clean and litter-free.” Article V, Section 24 goes on to add that carports may not be used for “general storage”.

Please keep this in mind and help keep our community beautiful by removing any items stored on the carport, keeping the planting beds and gravel front yards free of weeds, keeping the shrubs trimmed, and keeping the exterior of the home clean and free of mold or mildew.

Also, remember when having your home pressure washed, to include the sidewalk in front of your home, and if you are on a perimeter lot, include any vinyl fencing as well. These are all factors contributing to the appearance of your home, as well as the safety of everyone walking past your home. Remember that the sidewalk can become very slick when wet, if it is not kept clean and free of mildew!

If you are leaving your home for an extended period, as many of our snowbird friends do, please make arrangements to have your home kept clean and neat while you are away. Remember that during our Florida summers and all the rain that comes along with it, everything grows about 4 times as fast as it does during the winter months when you are here in Paradise! And we think the weeds might grow ten times faster!!

## Neighborhood Watch

By Nancy LaBelle

**E**veryone is always welcome to attend our meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 10AM.

Welcome to our summer visitors!

If you are not already aware. The red box in the POOL AREA, by the entrance to the clubhouse that used to have EMERGENCY on it IS exactly that. If you open the box it contains a TELEPHONE AND A DIRECT LINE TO 911. This is very convenient so you don't have to search for a phone and/ try to call 911 in the sun or with wet hands. ALSO, there is a great FIRST AID KIT right inside the door, by the restrooms. I would think that if a resident used anything, the office should be notified so the items could be replaced. The AED machine is further away, but we DO have one up on the wall, with easy instructions, by the other bathrooms in the large room.

With northerners gone and folks on vacation please keep an eye out on vacant places. IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING. Many have friends/ neighbors checking their homes but if you see something unusual go ahead and ask, just don't be confrontational.

If anyone ever has any suggestions how Neighborhood Watch can help with SAFETY please contact you block captain. Just FYI we cannot control speeding or running stop signs.

We will have a bike / golf cart registration in the future.

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Date	Event	Cost	Addtl. Info
Aug 9	Pool Party	\$5	& A Side Dish to Share @ Pavilion. Meal @ 4:30 - 6 pm
Oct 4	Resident Flea Market	TBD	Clubhouse
Oct 18	Game Night - Bandingo	\$5	Bandingo
Oct 25	Halloween Dance	\$12	Mikki Neal & The Real Deal
Oct 26	Halloween Golf Cart Parade	NC	Lineup @ Clubhouse 5:30 p Leave at 6:15 p
Oct 28	Blood Drive	NC	Donate blood - Big Red Bus - North Parking Lot
Nov 1	Annual Craft Fair & Bake Sale	NC	Clubhouse
Nov 15	Men's Club Event	\$10	Leesah Styles Show - Singer Entertainer
Nov 27	Community Thanksgiving Dinner	NC	Clubhouse
Dec 6	Ladies Holiday Luncheon	TBD	Clubhouse
Dec 13	Community Christmas Dinner/ Dance Entertainment - Jacob Hunt	TBD	Clubhouse
Dec 14	Golf Cart Parade	NC	Lineup @ Clubhouse 5:30 p Leave at 6:15 p
Dec 31	New Year's Eve Dance	\$20	Soul Fish

## SAVE THE DATE 2026 EVENTS

Jan 17	Men's Club Event	TBD	Mark Minor - Ventriloquist
Jan 31	Game Night - Bandingo	\$5	Bandingo
Jan 27	Blood Drive	NC	Donate blood - Big Red Bus - North Parking Lot
Feb 14	Dance	\$12	Suncoast Band
Feb 21	Men's Club Event	TBD	Jeff Gordon - Elvis Impersonator
Mar 1	Golden Anniversary	NC	Clubhouse
Mar 15	Men's Club Event	TBD	Dave & Daphne - Singer & Musician
Mar 21	Dance	TBD	Shakes Society Band
Mar 28	Spring Flea Market	TBD	Clubhouse
Apr 4	Men's Club Event	TBD	Ron Mitchell - Singer
Apr 11	Dance	\$12	Tangent Band
April 28	Blood Drive	NC	Donate blood - Big Red Bus - North Parking Lot
Oct 31	Halloween Dance	\$12	Suncoast Band

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## Just a drop...Ten good tips

By The Communications Committee

**W**ith the summer season upon us, here are some tips for conserving water in your home and ensuring that we are being cognizant and not wasteful. Water is a precious commodity, and being aware of its value is important for our future.

1. Eliminate any leaks in your home, faucets, pipes, etc.
2. Check for running toilets and repair as needed.
3. Consider a shower over a bath
4. Install water-efficient fixtures like low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators to reduce water consumption
5. Run full loads in your dishwasher and washing machine
6. Refrigerate water and do not run the faucet to get water cold
7. Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth, shaving, or soaping up in the shower
8. Clean shower fixtures and aerators to ensure the flow of water is at maximum
9. Scrape, do not rinse dishes
10. Ensure that outside water is non-potable water and not fresh water. Fresh water wasted on lawn and flowers is also charged a sewer fee. If the outside water being used is fresh, please report this to the office.

## PARADISE ISLAND RESIDENT FLEA MARKET

By Tiffani Neu



**W**e are ready to have our annual Paradise Island Resident Flea Market on Saturday, Oct 4. This flea market is yours! Rent a table or two or three and sell items that are sitting around the house - you know you have more stuff than you need! This event is held inside the clubhouse and each table is \$15 (non-wall space) or \$20 (on the perimeter/wall of the room). You keep all of the money you make from sales, and the table rental money is donated to the PI Social Committee to benefit residents. We will have about 90 tables to rent, so plenty of space to have a successful event. We will handle the marketing and signage, so expect hundreds of people from around the county - not just Paradise Island. If you are interested, you can pick up the Guidelines/Rules and Application starting July 11 at the clubhouse, the office, or directly from Tiffani (713.922.9025) or Liz (727.242.4597).

## Paradise Island, We Knead Your Help (and Your Baked Goods!)

By Tricia Hakenson

**F**irst, a huge, heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who donated and volunteered for our last Bake Sale! Your incredible generosity made it a delicious success, and we couldn't have done it without you. You truly make Paradise Island shine!

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Now, let's talk about this Bake Sale! PI's Social Committee is whipping up another fantastic event at the October Resident Flea Market, and we knead your help again! If your cookies are legendary or your muffins are magical, it's time to share your delicious talents.

#### Got a Showstopper Cake?

Do you bake cakes that make jaws drop? We're looking for one incredible, show-stopping cake to be the star of our Bake Sale Raffle! If you've got a masterpiece that deserves its own spotlight, let us know when you drop off your (Bake Sale ready) donation. It's a sweet way to gain bragging rights and help us raise even more for the community!

#### Donate Your Deliciousness:

- When to drop off: Friday, October 3, 2025, from 6pm - 8pm, mark your calendars
- Where to drop off: *bring your (Bake Sale ready) goodies to, PI Clubhouse (just inside the main doors)*

\* (Please include an ingredient list for our allergy-aware friends – nobody wants a surprise nut when they're expecting pure bliss!)

Let's make this Bake Sale the tastiest event ever! Thanks for helping us sprinkle some extra joy (and sugar) into Paradise Island!

Bake Sale related questions, please contact Tricia Hakenson, (727) 808-2465, call or text.

## Bowling

By Claudia Gisvold

**S**ummer is starting to wind down. Bowling season is coming up. Need more bowlers regular and subs. You can contact me at 612-386-3515. Have a great rest of your summer.

## SHUFFLEBOARD

By Gary MacDonald



**A**lthough organized shuffleboard play has concluded for the season and will resume in November, residents can still enjoy the courts throughout the year. The storage shed is locked outside of organized play, but residents can obtain key access by contacting Gary at 727-474-6420. Wishing everyone a wonderful summer!

## Paradise Island Annual Craft Fair

by Nadine Peters – Annual Craft Fair Committee

**T**he Paradise Island Annual Craft Fair will be held Saturday November 1, 2025 from 9 am to 3 pm at the PI Clubhouse. The Fair is sponsored by the Paradise Island Social Committee. If you are new to Paradise Island Community and would like to participate



as a vendor this year, email me to receive a contract and vendor guidelines, nadine5106@gmail.com with your contact information and lot number. This Craft Fair is for homemade craft items only. Questions contact Nadine at 402-750-3083

## Defying Gravity

By Walt Peifer



A public service play about fall safety, is being put on by your friends and neighbors. The play will be on Wednesday October the 1ST immediately following the HOA membership meeting. We are still looking for people to help! Actors, set builders, stagehands, a director and more positions. Interested in helping out? Contact Walt at PIHOADIR4@gmail.com. Play rehearsal/meeting Wednesday July 16th at the clubhouse at 6:30 PM

## Horseshoes

By Stacy Pucecki

Organized horseshoe season is over for the summer. The horseshoe courts are available to all residents throughout the year for play or practice. The horseshoes are locked up outside of organized play. Please contact Stacy at 860-919-7325 for access to the horseshoes or for more information.

## Ladies Monthly Luncheon

By Beth Pieckiel



It's August already! Time flies when you are enjoying your life. Before we know our friends from up north will be returning for another season of fun! The Monthly Ladies Luncheon for August will be held on Saturday, August 23rd, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. I, Beth Pieckiel will be your hostess for August and we will be going to Indian Rocks Beach. I hope more of the ladies from Paradise Island come out and join in on a fun afternoon and we will be going to:

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We hope more of our ladies come out to this luncheon. It's a great way to get reacquainted with your old neighbors and meet new friends. If you should have questions regarding this luncheon, please call either myself at (214) 538 - 7094 or Kim Gibson at (440) 840 - 4093. Let's have fun and enjoy each other's company without discussing politics, park politics or religion!

## **Summer Pool Parties**

*By Allen Sumey*

**S**ummer is HOT! Let's cool off with a little SNOW... Our final pool party for 2025 will be on Saturday, August 9 starting at 4 PM. This time we are bringing SNOW CONES to the pavilion – We'll have the basics; you can also add a 'flavor' of your choosing – BYOB! Food service until 5:30 and the party is around the pool until 9ish. Music by Phyllis Nelson. Cost is \$5 per person at the event. BYOB/Drinks. Contact Allen, 615.275.5458 or Sandy, 615.275.5460 for additional information. (As always, all rules of the pool area remain in effect.)

## **New England Plus**

*By Gail White*

**T**he New England + Dinner Group will not meet in August. You can honor the group on Aug. 6 by facing north and thinking good thoughts about New England. Or you can celebrate August as National Eye Exam Month or National Sandwich Month. Also, Aug. 6 is National Fresh Breath Day. It's up to you!

For September, we will meet Sept. 3 at Bro's Pizzeria & Bar, 2535 East Bay Drive, in other words, right around the corner.

Thanks to all for an awesome July dinner!



## **Thursday Bingo**

*By Jane Reitz*

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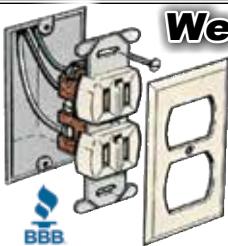
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## Puttin' on the Ritz

By Cindy Maciejewski

This year's theme for the New Year's Dance is the Roaring 20's!! You can come as a flapper or come as you are. Dress like a gangster or silent screen star! We know it's only August but not too early to start thinking about your costumes, if you so choose. More details about times, tickets, etc. to follow.

## Men's Club

By Ken Jonas

Here it is August already and we will be starting meetings again in only two months, to get another season kicked off. I want to thank those who helped with the removal and resetting of all the "stuff" in the storage room of the clubhouse. It looks a whole lot better with the new paint job, new ice machine, and especially the new floor. Thank you to the Social Committee for the new floor! It is a long overdue improvement!

Keep an eye open for this article in the September issue when I will once again list all of the great entertainment we have on the schedule for the 2025-2026 season! You won't want to miss any of these great shows!



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By Gloria & Wilma

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## Paradise Island Church in the Park

By Pastor Serena Johnson

Hello!

Hope you are enjoying your summer. Thank God for air-conditioning! Remember to keep hydrated by drinking plenty of water. Please be aware of those around you so that you may help, comfort or get help for those in need. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you is something I have tried to follow all of my life. How about you? May you be blessed for the blessing you are to others!

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You are welcome to attend our Bible Study on Thursday mornings in the Clubhouse at 9:30AM led by Pastor Serena, After Bible Study on Thursdays we have Choir Practice from 10:30 to 11:30 AM led by Jenny Caldarello. Prayer meeting on Fridays at 10:30 AM led by Pastor Shawn, Room 3 Clubhouse. Saturdays at 9:30 AM in the Clubhouse is a Bible Study led by Pastor Skip Simpson. Come, join in, there is always room for YOU.

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*Prayer does not change God, but it changes him who prays. Soren Kierkegaard*

## Paradise Island Facebook Group

By HOA Media Committee



The Facebook group, Paradise Island Largo, is an exclusive group for ALL Paradise Island residents for the sole purpose of keeping all residents informed of community events, committee happenings, meeting schedules, and contact information for your community leaders - anything that is deemed to be newsworthy and informative to assist you as you live the Paradise life!

All postings will be screened and approved by the PI Largo group administrator(s). The commenting option will be turned off for each posting. Posting will inform you as to who to contact if you have questions or concerns.

This group is purely for informational purposes

You may sign up by following these steps:

1. *On your Facebook page search for: Paradise Island Largo*
2. *Click - Join*

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3. *Answer all of the questions – DO NOT CLICK SUBMIT UNTIL YOU HAVE ANSWERED ALL THE QUESTIONS AND YOU AGREE TO THE RULES.*
4. *Click - Submit*
5. *You will receive a notice when your membership has been approved.*
6. *If you are having trouble joining contact: Cindy at 727-248-7146 or dclord80@hotmail.com*

Be sure to take a look at the GUIDE TAB at the top of the page!! This is where you can see various postings that are archived for you to be able to reference previous posts on the page. They are organized by categories for easy access.

Updated: July 11, 2025

## **Editor's Corner**

By Harold Noeller



- **For the September 2025 edition, articles are due by August 15, 2025 as are the dates you might want on the calendar for September 2025 events, meetings or dinners.**
- *If your name, Lot number, birthday or anniversary is incorrect, e-mail me at the media email address and it will be corrected.*
- Please send all articles to: (monthly.media@paradiseislandlargo.com)
- If your phone number or address is incorrect in the Park's Yellow Phone Directory, notify the Co-Op office at 535-2172 or send an e-mail to: piadmin@paradiseislandlargo.com

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- **Disclaimer:** Remember, this publication is for News & Events for the benefit of Paradise Island residents. The Board of Directors of Paradise Island Co-Op and the Editor of the Monthly Media are not responsible for the content of any articles submitted. If the article is determined not to comply with the 'News & Events' concept, it will not be printed. If you have a 'Letter to the Editor', a section is provided for opinion related articles not of a negative nature! Also, articles might appear in the media before the actual event date.

Also, there are 5 places to look for an activities date and time either in the current month or in future months. They are:

- Within the media, there might be an article with all of the details.
- The calendar section of the media.
- The Bulletin Board in the Clubhouse.
- Our web site at [www.paradiseislandlargo.com](http://www.paradiseislandlargo.com) under the Amenities link.
- Facebook group, 'Paradise Island Largo'



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## Letter(s) to the Editor

### **VETERAN'S CORNER**

By Bob Behm



**T**he Army is preparing to overhaul its food service system in a move that could strip away government-run dining facilities and hand operations to private, for-profit companies. Framed as a modernization effort, the plan could saddle enlisted soldiers, many of whom already struggle with low pay, with even greater costs for meals they are effectively required to buy. So-called "campus-style dining" has been pitched to lawmakers as a way to incentivize private vendors to create Army dining spaces where soldiers want to eat, with longer hours, a better atmosphere, and additional menu variety. But documents reviewed by Military.com show a system light on guardrails, nutrition standards and financial transparency -- and heavy on opportunities for contractors to upsell alcohol and high-priced extras to a population that has little choice to opt out. So far, the Army still hasn't found a contractor to take up the deal. The deadline for contractors to make a pitch is Tuesday.

"[We] will leverage industry expertise and incentivize a contractor to operate a facility where soldiers want to dine, with better ambience, additional healthy food options, extended operating hours, and more," Lt. Gen. Chris Mohan, the acting head of Army Material Command, told lawmakers during an April hearing on the Defense Department's food operations.

Under the proposal, contractors would run the facilities, cover renovation costs up front, and be allowed to sell premium items such as higher-quality meal options, snacks and booze. They would also share the profits with the Army. There are few restrictions on what vendors can sell, and they are exempt from following Army nutritional standards altogether, though the service itself also frequently skirts its own nutrition rules. The Army has also waived compliance with the Berry Amendment, which requires the military to prioritize U.S.-made products or purchase through the Defense Logistics Agency, which governs oversight and logistics of food products for the Pentagon.

For many of the troops who would be affected, there is no real choice in the matter. Junior enlisted service members who live in barracks are automatically charged a Basic Allowance for Subsistence, or BAS, amounting to roughly \$460 per month. That money is deducted directly from their paychecks, regardless of how often they eat or what they consume, though the service has been largely unable to account for how that money is spent. Under the privatized model, the deductions would continue, but soldiers may find themselves paying out of pocket for items not covered in the contractor's meal package under the "campus-style dining" initiative.

"It's important to stress this is a pilot program; we'll be assessing how this goes," Col. Junel Jeffrey, a service spokesperson, told Military.com. "Regular dining facilities are not being replaced.

"The Defense Department has had mixed success with privatizing some of its major quality-of-life services, such as medical care, housing and military permanent change of station moves. The majority of these changes have ended up badly. Tricare has had all kinds of issues across the country when it changed. A lot of the privatized housing has not been maintained and soldiers

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and family have had to live in substandard housing and mold issues. Let's hope the attempt to privatize mess halls ends up better but sadly as was stated above the lower ranks are already struggling with low pay issues! I guess time will tell!

Bob Behm LTC, (US Army Ret.)



## In Memoriam

*By Denise Donohue*

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### **Robert (Bob) Woods**

*June 13, 2025*

*Lot 209 (Nassau)*

**B**ob Woods, age 78, long time resident of Paradise Island, passed away on 6/13/2025. Born in Pennsylvania, he and his wife Karen moved to Clearwater in 1982. They then moved to Paradise Island in 2003 after Bob's retirement from CARQUEST Auto Parts. Bob was an avid wood craftsman and participated in the Paradise Island craft fair as Bob's Wooden Miniatures. For many years he sold his wood cars, trucks, miniature outhouses and outhouse tissue box covers along with numerous other wood projects. He loved talking to everyone about his work and hated that he could not participate the last two years due to medical issues. He and his wife Karen, who survives, were married for over 50 very happy years. He is also survived by a brother Gerald in Pennsylvania.

If anyone has had a resident family member die and you would like to share information with our community, please feel free to contact me at (817) 793-4077.

Obituaries can be emailed to~ [pilady660@gmail.com](mailto:pilady660@gmail.com).

## **New Residents Joining our Community**

*By the Welcome Team, Paulette Rich & Nancy Jonas*

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**W**elcome to our new residents!! Paulette and I want to meet with you so we can let you know all about the many activities here in Paradise Island. We also have some gifts to give you and we try to answer any questions you may have. We will call to set up an appointment, since we will never just show up at your door. Hope to see you all soon and welcome to Paradise!

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155	Andrea	Blanchette	August	1	766	Johanna	Albus	August	10
616	Suzie	Eldridge	August	1	61	Lori	Homkowicz	August	11
257	Dorothy	Skonecki	August	2	223	Grant	Dansby	August	11
562	Judy	Akin	August	2	730	Lou	McElhaney	August	11
811	Robert	Carey	August	2	814	Jeffery	Hickman	August	11
287	Cynthia (Cyndy)	Oxnard	August	3	544	Kris	Loew	August	12
431	Sharon	Moore	August	3	550	Terrence	Baxter	August	12
443	Mike	Cox	August	3	427	Shirley	Sacco	August	13
478	Glen	Blitt	August	3	802	David	Hayes	August	13
571	Greg	Flowers	August	3	176	Dianna	Kinsey/Steele	August	14
727	Kimberly	Lightfield	August	3	625	Joan	Boulay	August	14
100	Michael	Bevis	August	4	119	Jeff	Dickey	August	15
658	Shirley	Pultorak	August	4	171	Judy	Peruski	August	15
675	Dorothy	Hawley	August	4	265	Richard	Rogers	August	15
727	Randy	Lightfield	August	4	390	Patricia	Miller	August	15
729	Teresa	Lappo	August	4	642	Richard	Constantine	August	15
76	Kathleen	Gilbert	August	5	687	Arlene	Staresinic	August	15
238	Ronald	Mushow	August	5	692	Dale	Mitchell	August	15
545	Ronald	Lagenock	August	5	68	Donna	Ingram	August	16
609	Diane	Pykor	August	5	475	Elaine	Deyong	August	16
677	Doris	Venero	August	5	663	Joan	Hunter	August	16
54	Sue	Snap	August	6	492	Annabelle	Barrett	August	17
228	Jennifer	Klasner-Allendorf	August	6	674	Rick	Wittlake	August	17
10	Paul	Marshall	August	7	699	Trina	Burton	August	17
168	Allen	Sumey	August	7	225	Joanne	Renaud	August	18
695	Rick	McChesney	August	7	59	Pat	Canning	August	19
766	Frank	Albus	August	7	144	Maryellen	Moran	August	19
506	Mary	Dunn	August	8	636	Jim	Pilla	August	19
608	Maureen	Ronney	August	8	38	Maureen	Bauer	August	21
20	Mary	Kuykendall	August	9	160	Deborah (Scottie)	Nickerson	August	21
747	Norma	Gilmour	August	9	167	Delores	MacLachlan	August	21
409	Janet	Jenkins	August	10	260	Charles	Slak	August	21
658	Bob	Pultorak	August	10	362	Richard	Sheetz	August	21

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514	Audrey	Ruvola	August	21		593	Terry	Kreizl	August	27
706	Vincent	Shade	August	21		406	George	Ondo	August	28
48	Raymond	Exum	August	22		427	Antony	Sacco	August	28
123	Terry	Buckler	August	22		736	Danny	Jones	August	28
705	Sergio	Fabbro	August	22		783	Laurie	Jazbec	August	28
718	Bruce	Christensen	August	22		818	Jim	Sayre	August	28
60	Bonnie	Petrick	August	23		154	Diane	Ussher	August	29
76	Jeffery	Gilbert	August	23		475	Dave	Deyong	August	29
199	Toni	Tichon	August	23		112	James	Jackson	August	30
671	Gordan	Powers	August	23		383	Barbara	Yack	August	30
461	Michael	Dunn	August	24		435	Charles	Barlet	August	30
721	Lorita	Melton	August	24		472	Brenda	Kollwitz	August	30
780	Timothy	Daily	August	25		523	Irene	Phillips	August	30
790	Donna	Lish	August	25		213	Arlene	Thibeault	August	31
19	Annette	Wallace	August	26		491	Robin	Morgan	August	31
166	Cindy	Peifer	August	26		694	Shawn	Powers	August	31

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## August Anniversaries

198	Neil & Yolande	Macarthur	August	2	1969	260	Charles & Linda	Slak	August	17	1977
640	Al & Carol	Noeller	August	2	1980	619	John & Sheryl	Ison	August	17	1985
125	Thomas & Cheryl	Dunne Iii	August	3	2003	61	Daniel & Lori	Homkowicz	August	17	
658	Bob & Shirley	Pultorak	August	4	1973	374	Dale & Ron	Anderson	August	19	1961
737	Tom & Diane	Doty	August	4	1992	554	Jean-Robert & Maria	Hinse	August	22	1970
67	Nick & Pat	Depoole	August	6	1948	143	John & Faith	Buchley	August	22	1987
825	Art & Shirley	Johnson	August	6	1966	35	Jeff & Cheryl	Byers	August	22	2003
74	William & Patricia	Carwile	August	6	1988	681	Gary & Ruth	Mclaws	August	24	1979
281	Richard & Patricia	Anderson	August	7	1987	657	Richard & Patricia	Hakenson	August	24	1985
269	Glen & Sharon	Oglesbee	August	10	1968	703	Robert & Janet	Rist	August	27	1966
41	Randy & Linda	Tappon	August	10		340	Linda Solomon/Lou	Kluzyski	August	27	2005
445	Evan & Tammy	Olmstead	August	11	1984	152	Michael & Rosetta	Casey	August	28	1982
45	John & Nancy	Kazakis	August	12	1961	490	Carlos & Adell	Almodovar	August	29	1960
516	Joe & Leann	Walsh	August	12	1978	765	Tom & Rose	Brandt	August	29	1981
789	Brian & Jesusa (Toni)	Perkins	August	14	2019	672	Frank & Pegg	Toner	August	29	1992
630	Gary & Sandra	Goodwin	August	15	1970	553	Ray & Pat	Olley	August	30	1969
800	Chuck & Sandy	Pariseau	August	15	1986	215	David & Evelyn	Wilkowitz	August	31	1972
93	Dennis & Linda	Cable	August	15	2010	113	Nicholas & Beverly	Maxfield	August	31	1974
713	Michael & Audrey	Gervasi	August	16	1987	129	Byard & Sonja	Cherrix	August	31	1998
239	Gerry & Marilyn	Bellfontaine	August	17	1974	486	Michael & Jackie	Kelly	August	31	2000

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