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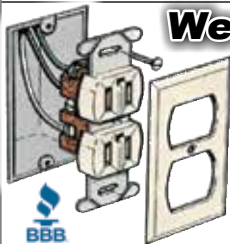


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RESIDENTS CLUB

Gisella Michael, President

Happy August, everyone! Fun facts! Did you know that the word "Largo" is derived from the Spanish word "Largo," 'meaning wide or 'broad' referring to the nearby Boca Ciega Bay. August is also the hottest month of the year for Largo. So, hang in there we still have a couple of months to go then it's back to our beautiful weather.

HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Bob Campell, President



Hello everybody, hope you're all enjoying your summer. As you know, we recently decided to eliminate annual membership dues in favor of donations and fundraising. We are going to have our second fund raiser in December. We have decided to have what we have dubbed our "Free Month's Rent Raffle." Assuming we have enough interest, the winner of the raffle will receive a cash payout of \$872.00 which of course is equivalent to our current monthly base rent. Tickets will be \$10.00 each with no limit on the number any homeowner wishes to purchase but you must be a homeowner to participate. There is a sign-up sheet near the bulletin board in the Clubhouse. Please make sure you provide your Lot # and any other information requested on the sheet. You can also call any HOA Board member at the number shown in the Messenger and tell him/her that you are interested. We plan to start selling tickets at our next meeting on October 13, 2025 and will provide more information on ticket sales as soon as possible. If successful, we plan to make this a bi-annual event starting in 2026. All proceeds will be deposited in our contingency fund. We hope you all decide to support your HOA.

Need the Clubhouse?

If you would like to reserve part of the Clubhouse for a special or private event contact Gisela Michael at 727.326.7711





ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Debbie Durban, Chair

Let's welcome August ! Thank you everyone for sharing our events in July. I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and staying cool. August - we have a couple new events in August.

August 2nd. Taco Bar Party 6-8 pm. \$2.00 for each taco.

August 13th. Show Me The Meat game 7-9 pm. \$10.00 for all Night.

August 17th. Banana Split Bar Party 3-5 pm. \$ 3.00 for a banana split.

August 23rd. PRIVATE PARTY

Also starting August 1st. the Activities Committee will be selling \$5.00 Raffle Ticket for a 22inch Blackstone Grill to be drawn on Labor Day Picnic. Please contact Laurie Stone at 585-233-0927 or Debbie Durbin 772-203-7691

MEDICAL CLOSET

Michelle Rudy

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SHUFFLEBOARD GROUP

Jill Chambers



Join people in the community playing shuffleboard on Mondays at 11am. You do not need to know how to play. Everyone is there to have fun and would be happy to show you.

PINOCHLE TUESDAYS

Rita Gardiner

Welcome all card players! We now have openings for our pinochle group, and would like to see you in the Clubhouse Tuesdays at 5 pm. All are welcome. If you are a beginner, we have instructions, and if you have experience, also great. You can get a chance to make more friends and have FUN. Please give me a call at 609-634-0040 if you'd like to find out more.

Hurricane Season is June 1st to November 30th

Make a plan today. Your family may not be together if a disaster strikes, so it is important to know which types of disasters could affect your area. Know how you'll contact one another and reconnect if separated. Establish a family meeting place that's familiar and easy to find.

Make A Family Plan

Step 1: Put together a plan by discussing these 4 questions with your family, friends, or household to start your emergency plan.

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What is my shelter plan?
What is my evacuation route?
What is my family/household communication plan?

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responsibilities. Discuss your needs and responsibilities and how people in the network can assist each other with communication, care of children, business, pets, or specific needs like the operation of durable medical equipment. Create your own personal network for specific areas where you need assistance.

Step 3: Create an Emergency Plan

Step 4: Practice your plan with your family/household

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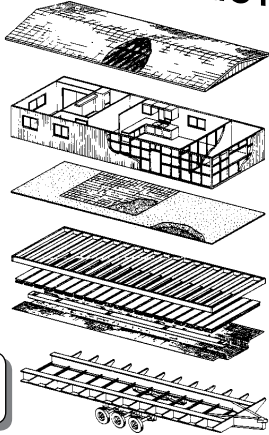
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- Painting or drawing: Watercolors, acrylics, or even adult coloring books.
- Knitting, crocheting, or sewing: Relaxing and productive.
- Scrapbooking: Organize photos and keepsakes into memory books.
- DIY crafts: Try making greeting cards, jewelry, or seasonal decorations.



Entertainment & Socializing

- Watch classic movies or musicals: Create a themed movie night.
- Listen to music or dance indoors: Gentle movement to favorite tunes.
- Play board games or cards: Invite friends or join a local group.
- Host a tea party or indoor picnic: Fun and refreshing without the heat.



Wellness & Movement

- Chair yoga or stretching routines: Gentle and safe for all levels.
- Indoor walking: Use a hallway or mall for light exercise.
- Meditation or breathing exercises: Great for relaxation and focus.



Food & Fun

- Try new recipes: Make refreshing summer dishes or smoothies.
- Ice cream tasting: Sample different flavors at home.
- Virtual cooking classes: Learn something new from the comfort of home.

“The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled.”

— Plutarch

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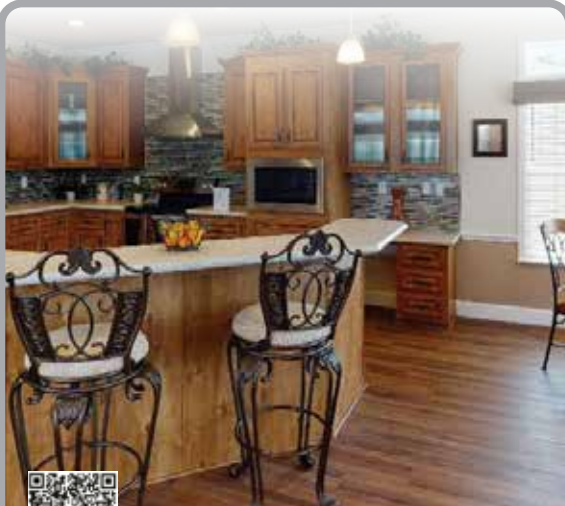
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August Anecdotes



Columbus Sets Sail – August 3, 1492

Christopher Columbus began his famous voyage across the Atlantic in August. Legend has it that as he departed from Spain, many believed he would fall off the edge of the Earth. Instead, he stumbled upon the Americas—though he thought he'd reached Asia!



Shakespeare's Summer Stage

It's said that in Elizabethan England, August was prime time for open-air theater. Shakespeare's Globe Theatre would be packed with audiences enjoying plays like *A Midsummer Night's Dream*—a fitting title for the season!



World Elephant Day – August 12

In recent years, August has become a month of advocacy too. On August 12, people around the world celebrate World Elephant Day, raising awareness about the majestic creatures and the threats they face. One touching story involves an elephant sanctuary in Thailand where rescued elephants are treated to fruit buffets and mud baths on this day.



The Great American Road Trip

August has long been the month of the classic family road trip in the U.S. One anecdote from the 1960s tells of a family who drove from New York to California in a station wagon, stopping at every roadside attraction—from the world's largest ball of twine to dinosaur parks. It became a cherished family tradition for decades.



The Perseid Meteor Shower

Every August, stargazers gather to watch the Perseid meteor shower. One couple in Utah reportedly got engaged under a sky full of shooting stars—he timed the proposal with the peak of the shower, and she said yes just as a meteor streaked overhead.



"A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing... and the lawn mower is broken."

— James Dent

"Some of the best memories are made in flip-flops."

— Kellie Elmore

"It's so hot I saw a fire hydrant chasing a dog."

— Unknown

"Resting beach face."

— Every beachgoer ever



August



August is a transitional month in many parts of the world, marking the tail end of summer in the Northern Hemisphere and the approach of spring in the Southern Hemisphere

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U.S. National Holidays and Observances –

- **August 4 (Monday)** – Colorado Day (State holiday in Colorado)
- **August 4 (Monday)** – American Family Day (Arizona, state observance)
- **August 4 (Monday)** – Civic Holiday (Observed in some U.S. territories and Canadian provinces)

Note: There are no federal holidays in the U.S. during August.

Notable National Observances

- **August 1** – National Girlfriends Day
- **August 2** – National Ice Cream Sandwich Day
- **August 4** – National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day
- **August 8** – International Cat Day
- **August 9** – National Book Lovers Day
- **August 10** – National S'mores Day
- **August 13** – International Left-Handers Day
- **August 15** – National Relaxation Day
- **August 17** – National Thrift Shop Day
- **August 19** – National Aviation Day (honoring Orville Wright's birthday)
- **August 21** – National Senior Citizens Day
- **August 26** – National Dog Day
- **August 30** – National Beach Day



Seasonal Characteristics

Northern Hemisphere:

Typically the hottest month of the year in many regions.

Associated with vacations, beach trips, and outdoor festivals.

Late summer crops like tomatoes, corn, and peaches are in abundance.

Southern Hemisphere:

It's the end of winter, with signs of early spring appearing in places like Australia and South Africa.

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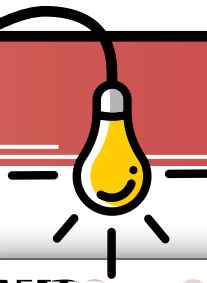
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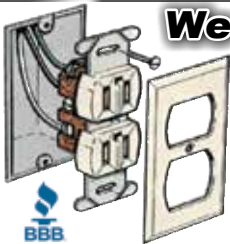
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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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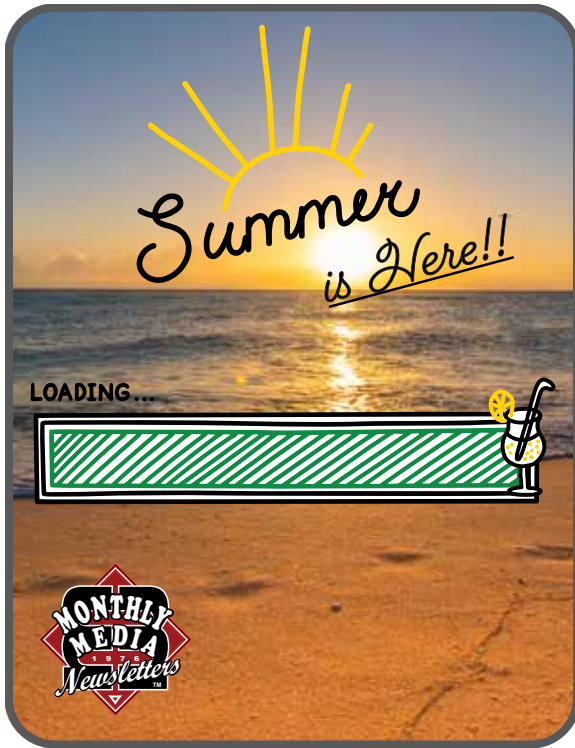
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Major Historical Events in August



1 August 1774 – *Discovery of Oxygen*

- English chemist Joseph Priestley successfully isolated oxygen, a major milestone in chemistry 1.

2 August 1990 – *Iraq Invades Kuwait*

- Saddam Hussein's forces invaded Kuwait, triggering the Gulf War and leading to Operation Desert Storm .

3 August 1492 – *Columbus Sets Sail*

- Christopher Columbus departed from Spain on his first voyage to the Americas with the Niña, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria .

4 August 1944 – *Anne Frank Captured*

- The Frank family was discovered by the Nazis in Amsterdam, leading to Anne Frank's eventual death in a concentration camp .

5 August 1962 – *Marilyn Monroe Found Dead*

- The iconic actress was found dead in her Los Angeles home, with her death ruled a probable suicide .

6 August 1945 – *Atomic Bomb Dropped on Hiroshima*

- The U.S. dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, killing tens of thousands and leading to the end of WWII .

8 August 1963 – *The Great Train Robbery*

- A gang of 15 men stole £2.6 million from a Royal Mail train in the UK, one of the most famous heists in history .

12 August 30 B.C. – *Death of Cleopatra*

- The Egyptian queen Cleopatra died, reportedly by suicide via snake bite, after her defeat by Octavian .

13 August 1961 – *Construction of the Berlin Wall Begins*

- East Germany began building the Berlin Wall, dividing East and West Berlin during the Cold War .

31 August 1997 – *Death of Princess Diana*

- Princess Diana died in a car crash in Paris, sparking global mourning and conspiracy theories

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On intentions

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"Sadness," said the student.

"And the opposite of depression?" he asked of a young woman from Nebraska.

"Elation," she said.

"And you sir," the professor queried a young man from Texas, "how about the opposite of woe?"

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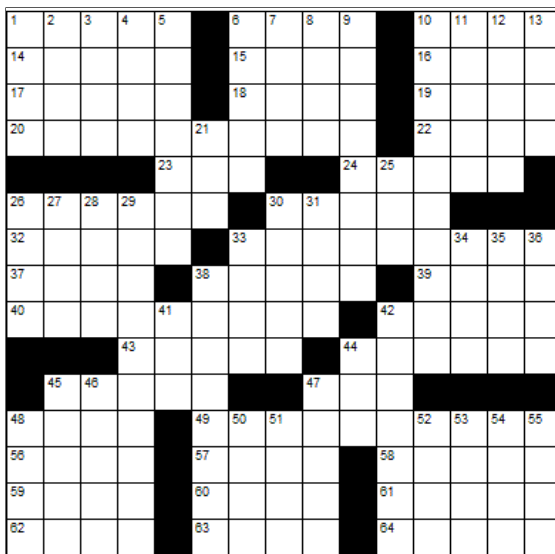
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3. Exam
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5. Short-handled ax
6. Threesome
7. Parsley or sage
8. False god
9. Paragon
10. Leather shorts
11. Sugarcoating
12. Protective covering from sunlight
13. Game on horseback
21. Small amount
25. Estimated (abbrev.)
26. Orchestra
27. Double-reed woodwind
28. Earth
29. Steady
30. Main impact
31. Cuts lumber
33. Winnie the ____
34. Horse color
35. Celtic language
36. D D D
38. Cheapskate
41. Small songbird
42. Use a calculator
44. Poetic contraction
45. Red Sea peninsula
46. Martini garnish
47. Bless with oil
48. Took to court
50. Hindu princess
51. Jewish month
52. Anagram of "Nose"
53. "Go away!"
54. Otherwise
55. Bambi was one



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On food

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— **Erma Bombeck**

On marriage

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On work

The reason why worry kills more people than work is that more people worry than work.
— **Robert Frost**
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— **Robert Frost**



On life

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— **Robert Frost**

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