

FROM THE SOCIAL CLUB PRESIDENT

August is upon us, and we find ourselves well into the dreaded dog days of summer, which are typically between July 3rd and August 12th. Surprisingly, at least to me, it turns out that the origin of the term “dog days of summer” has nothing to do with the heat discomfort of our panting canine friends and everything to do with unfounded ancient beliefs. The Greeks and Romans believed that the rising of the star Sirius into the summer night sky added to the sun’s heat and made the weather hot, humid and quite uncomfortable. Sirius is known as the dog star in the constellation Canis Major, hence the term “dog days of summer”.

Which brings us to one very important point. The high heat and humidity during the dog days of summer can be harmful to us and our pets. And like us, our pets can be susceptible to heat illness. So, keep them hydrated. Also, reducing a pet’s food intake on warmer days can help your pet better cope with the heat. And you might want to avoid giving your pet a “hair” cut during the warmer months as their fur can act as insulation, blocking the heat of the sun from reaching their skin. So, watch the humidity, limit exercise on hot days, provide ample water, don’t rely on a fan to cool your pet – they don’t sweat to lower their body temperature – and check how hot the asphalt is to determine how safe it is to walk your pet. And remember, these guidelines apply to cats as well.

Which begs the question, why aren’t there the cat days of summer? The constellation Leo has Regulus, one of the brightest stars in the night sky. And Leo the Lion is a feline. So, I did some digging and learned that the constellation Leo cannot be seen in the northern hemisphere in the summer. Which leads me to wonder, are there the cat days of winter?

Ron Roberts, Social Club President



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FROM THE EDITORS DESK

Hello fellow Serendipity Residents,

I hope everyone is staying cool and dry through the heat and storms of summer in Florida. Be sure to keep hydrated, drink water & fluids with electrolytes to replace what you lose sweating. If you do get heated, ice cubes wrapped in a bandana around the back of your neck or around your wrist will help cool you down. Please use plenty of sunscreen when you are outside. Reapply liberally every 2-3 hours. I have lost a couple dear friends to skin cancer, and know several other people who have had surgery to remove lesions. Stay safe and check up on each other, the hottest months are yet to come!

Respectfully submitted,
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**MEETINGS**

Your Serendipity HOA will resume meetings as follows:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Monday, SEPTEMBER 8TH 6:30PM Clubhouse

GENERAL MEMBERSHIPS/SERENDIPITY RESIDENTS

Thursday SEPTEMBER 18TH 6:30PM Clubhouse



Looking forward to seeing all residents and gathering their input.

Smiles,
Your Serendipity HOA Board Members



THE JULY DICE RUN



Thank you to Gloria and Susan for helping Linda and Gail on July 10th. A big thank you to those who hosted Susie Berry, Dale and Pat, Teresa, Peggy and Chuck, James Brown as well as 2 stops at the Clubhouse, and to those who signed up to host next month! It was a great night! Congratulations to the winners: 1st place – Gloria, 2nd place – Virginia, 3rd place Charlie and lowest score was Teresa.



THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

A big THANKYOU to everyone who helped me celebrate my 75th Birthday with the surprise card shower, gifts and shout outs! Also to the girls and Doug that came to my home with cake, cards and gifts. To my good friend Jerry who organized all this while she and her family were having fun in Daytona!

Many, many thanks-

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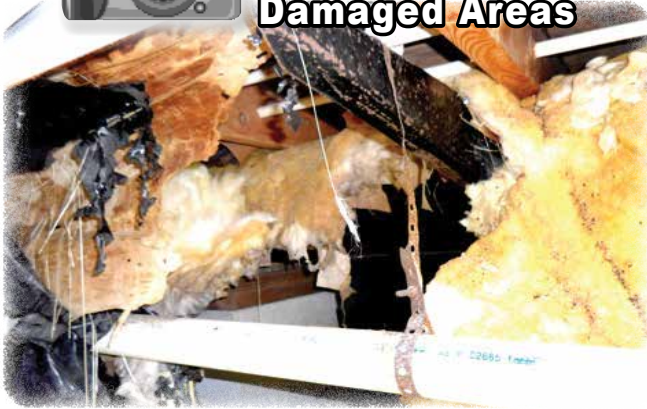
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We had a very informative meeting with the Lee County Sheriff's Department on July 9th. We went through the Lee County All Hazards Guide reminding us that preparedness is everyone's responsibility. There are more copies in the Clubhouse if you didn't get one. Sign up for alerts at www.AlertLee.com to receive free calls, emails or texts info on Significant Emergencies, Critical Protective Actions Needed, How to Safeguard Life and property. Download the **WeatherSTEM** app on your phone to check for evacuations in our area. Have a plan, **DO NOT GO TO A SHELTER!** Shelters are for the desperately needy who have no way to go elsewhere. Make plans to go somewhere well in advance of an actual storm. Call friends or acquaintances now to be sure, if you don't know anyone who lives inland you can check for hotels, motels or Bed & Breakfasts inland away from the water where it will be safer. Get a copy of the Guide and check off the lists of items you will need to be ready. There is also a Hurricane Preparedness video series at www.leegov.com/hurricane which you can watch at your convenience.

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General

- ☐ Two week minimum supply of medication, regularly used medical supplies, and a list of allergies
- ☐ A list of the style, serial number, and manufacturer information of required medical devices
- ☐ Batteries
- ☐ Flashlights
Do not use candles
- ☐ NOAA Weather Radio
Battery operated or hand cranked
- ☐ Cash
Banks and ATMs may not be available after a storm
- ☐ Cell phone chargers
- ☐ Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

Phone Numbers

- ☐ Maintain a list of important phone numbers including:
County emergency management office, evacuation sites, doctors, banks, schools, veterinarian, a number for out of town contacts, friends and family

Clothing

- ☐ Rain gear such as jackets, hats, umbrellas and rain boots
- ☐ Sturdy shoes or boots and work gloves

Special Needs Items

- ☐ Specialty items for infants, small children, the elderly, and family members with disabilities

First Aid

- ☐ First Aid Manual
- ☐ Sterile adhesive bandages of different sizes
- ☐ Sterile gauze pads
- ☐ Hypoallergenic adhesive tape
- ☐ Triangular bandages
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Tweezers
- ☐ Sewing needle
- ☐ Moistened towelettes
- ☐ Antiseptic
- ☐ Disinfectant wipes
- ☐ Hand sanitizer
- ☐ Thermometer
- ☐ Tube of petroleum jelly
- ☐ Safety pins
- ☐ Soap
- ☐ Latex gloves
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Aspirin or other pain reliever
- ☐ Anti-diarrheal medicine
- ☐ Antacid
- ☐ Laxative
- ☐ Cotton balls
- ☐ Q-tips

Food and Water

- ☐ Food
Nonperishable packaged or canned food and beverages, snack foods, juices, baby food, and any special dietary items to last at least 7 days
- ☐ Water
1 gallon per person per day
- ☐ Non-electric can opener
- ☐ Paper plates
- ☐ Napkins
- ☐ Plastic cups
- ☐ Utensils

Important Documents

- ☐ Insurance cards
- ☐ Medical records
- ☐ Banking information
- ☐ Credit card numbers
- ☐ Copies of social security cards
- ☐ Copies of birth and/or marriage certificates
- ☐ Other personal documents
- ☐ Set of car, house, and office keys
- ☐ Service animal I.D., veterinary records, and proof of ownership
- ☐ Information about where you receive medication, the name of the drug, and dosage
- ☐ Copy of Will

**Items should be kept in a water proof container*

Vehicle

- ☐ Keep your motor vehicle tanks filled with gasoline

Pet Care Items

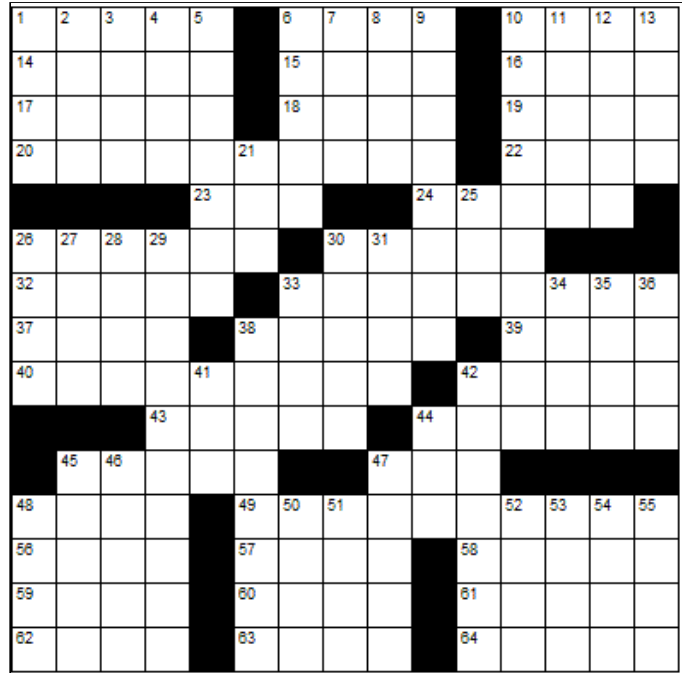
- ☐ Pet food and water to last at least 7 days
- ☐ Proper identification
- ☐ Medical records/microchip information
- ☐ A carrier or cage
- ☐ Muzzle and leash
- ☐ Water and food bowls
- ☐ Medications
- ☐ Supplies for your service animal

Find more disaster preparedness tips at
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August Crossword

ACROSS

1. Retrieve
6. Not fat
10. A speech defect
14. Drama set to classical music
15. Overhaul
16. Bounce back
17. Adjust again
18. Weightlifters pump this
19. Found on rotary phones
20. Noticeable
22. Prefix meaning "Within"
23. Possessed
24. Durable fabric
26. Browbeat
30. Show embarrassment
32. Give or take
33. Supervised examinations
37. French for "Black"
38. Difficult
39. Achy
40. Excisions
42. Stop
43. Battle
44. Thousands of kilograms
45. Truth (archaic)
47. Aspiration
48. Storage site
49. Interchanged
56. Module
57. Walk in water
58. Parental brother
59. Roof overhang
60. Nitpicky to a fault
61. Josh
62. Perished
63. Awful
64. Aromatic compound



DOWN

1. Car company
2. Type of sword
3. Exam
4. Algonquian Indian
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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POEMS FOR PETS

This month is for all the dog owners out there from my Poems for Pets folder, this one is unique in the sense that it did not go according to plan. The narrative shifts gears from the owners perspective to the dogs point of view...a mistake that worked out. The “fit and flow” of composing a rhyming poem can sometimes take the author down a surprising path.

We and Dundee by M L 12-14-21

In a two bedroom home
We were a family of two
We adopted Dundee
Now he is also two

We purchased new digs
Not a minute too soon
Now a family of three
We have plenty of room

With a spot on your nose
And just a nub for a tail
Soon you tore up our yard
And blazed your own trail

Now nothing but sand
Where once there grew grass
Taking shape was our fear
You'd be a pain in the ass

Happy “pee pees” when greeting
The people you know
You're so thrilled to just see them
You can't stop the flow

With pee on the floor
And hair in each room
Stephie's two new best friends
Were her mop and her broom

That's just what you do
When you're a pup at the start
But changes are coming
You're grateful and smart!

You get aggressively happy
With a long loving pet
“I'm now ready to play...
Get ready...get set”

I chase squirrels imagined
Though none are around
I run fast and run often
I'm a sheep herding hound

It's Ollie that trains me
To mind P's and Q's
His successes are many
His failures so few

My favorite room is the kitchen
I can watch you both eat
Put my feet on the counter
That's a guaranteed treat

After dinner we'll play
“You hide and I'll seek”
I find you each time
Get another nice treat

I'm smart as a whip
A self taught you might say
Know how to please humans
Yet get my own way

No need to entice me
With a ball or a toy
I just love being with you
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EVENT CALENDAR

August 2025

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3	4 Bible Study 1pm Chair Volleyball 6:30pm	5 Craft Klatch 1 pm	6 Dime Bingo 6:30pm Pool(billiards) 6:30pm	7 Chair Volleyball 10am Dice Run 6:30pm \$5	8	9
10	11 Bible Study 1pm Chair Volleyball 6:30pm	12 Craft Klatch 1 pm	13 Ladies Lunch 11am Dime Bingo 6:30pm Pool(billiards) 6:30pm	14 Chair Volleyball 10am	15	16
17 Ice Cream Social 2-3pm. \$1-\$3	18 Bible Study 1pm Chair Volleyball 6:30pm	19 Craft Klatch 1 pm	20 Dime Bingo 6:30pm Pool(billiards) 6:30pm	21 Chair Volleyball 10am	22	23
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- ☐ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- ☐ Whistle to signal for help
- ☐ Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation Non-sparking wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- ☐ Can opener (if kit contains canned food)
- ☐ Local maps



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Additional Items to Consider Adding to an Emergency Supply Kit:

- ☐ Prescription medications and glasses
- ☐ Infant formula and diapers
- ☐ Pet food, water and supplies for your pet
- ☐ Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a portable waterproof container
- ☐ Cash and change
- ☐ Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from www.ready.gov
- ☐ Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person.
- ☐ Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes.
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