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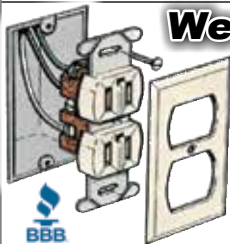


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August Birthdays and Anniversaries

1st – Alice King, lot 69

11th – Cheryl Glueck, Lot 135

14th – Everett Northcutt, Lot 158

If we are missing your Birthday or Anniversary, please let us know!

Message from the President



Greetings Shangri-La,
It has come to my attention that some members feel they are not getting information from the HOA. We have a Facebook page, “Shangri-La 2023” to which we deliver information frequently. If you do not belong yet, please request membership.

Our personal telephone numbers are listed inside the front page of this very booklet, anyone can contact us with questions from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Most of you know me, Nancy and John. We have been in this park for many years and have always done what is right for Shangri-La. Not to pat us on the back, but we have overseen a numerous improvements, such as:

- New washers and dryers (many administrations tried for years)
- Painted the front wall, maintenance shop and clubhouse.
- Painted inside the clubhouse.
- Upgrades to the clubhouse bathrooms (new floors and doors)
- Painted the pool deck
- Removed carpet and installed new tile on the patio deck.
- New pool furniture (and we expect to get 10 more chairs this fall)
- A new icemaker, microwave, refrigerator and stove
- A new hot water heater for the clubhouse
- A new roof on the clubhouse, including repairs of inside tiles.
- Ongoing repairs to pool screens
- Painted the interior of the billiards room with new pool cues and supplies
- Darts for the dartboard in the billiards room, and new horseshoes

And that’s just off the top of my head.

Additionally, Management has helped numerous owners with property problems such as the drainage system at the end of 5th st and 1st Avenue, a huge undertaking that no other Manager wanted to tackle, yet it got done this past year.

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Right now, Management is pressure washing sidewalks throughout the summer. In the fall the painting of the wall will continue. Please remember how hot and humid it is and we don't want our new maintenance man, Damon, to hurt himself.

Some of this may be maintenance that hadn't been done in years and shame on the previous managers for not getting things done for us.

The HOA has helped so many members by delivering food and helping them clean up their yards for the 360 inspections. We started a small food pantry, which we will be restocking soon.

We had our local representative, Berny Jacques, tour our park last October after the hurricanes. He brought with him the National Guard with MRE's and water.

That is thanks to your HOA! We reached out and our Rep showed up for us.

I say this as a reminder there is a lot the Board does behind the scenes.

We are working together with management to get things done. We may not get everything we want but we will keep trying to deliver for you all.

Thanks to those who stand by us! We will be better!

Cheryl "CC" Doty

HOA President

ACTIVITIES

Still looking for an Activities Director.

July 4th was a hit, thank you to Joanne and Jim and all who helped.

We are looking for someone to do Labor Day. If you can please reach out.

We also need someone to do a Halloween party.

The HOA will be serving Thanksgiving.

Just as a side note, the HOA has waved the annual membership fees for 2025 - 2026, all owners will not have to pay for a meal, other than Christmas and New Year's Eve. Any guests or renters who attend our HOA functions will be charged \$5 per guest.

Dues for June 1st 2026 – May 31st, 2027 will be collected.



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RECIPE

Here's a simple, refreshing summer recipe for Grilled Peach and Arugula Salad that's perfect for warm weather: Ingredients (serves 4):

- 4 ripe peaches, halved and pitted
- 5 cups arugula
- 1/4 cup crumbled goat cheese or feta
- 1/4 cup sliced almonds, toasted
- 1/4 red onion, thinly sliced
- 2 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 3 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tsp honey
- Salt and pepper to taste



Instructions:

- **Grill the Peaches:** Preheat a grill or grill pan to medium-high. Lightly brush peach halves with olive oil. Grill cut-side down for 3-4 minutes until charred and slightly softened. Let cool, then slice into wedges.
- **Make the Dressing:** Whisk together balsamic vinegar, olive oil, honey, a pinch of salt, and pepper in a small bowl.
- **Assemble the Salad:** In a large bowl, toss arugula, red onion, and peach slices. Drizzle with dressing and gently toss to coat.
- **Top and Serve:** Sprinkle with goat cheese and toasted almonds. Serve immediately.

Why it's great for summer: The grilled peaches bring a sweet, smoky flavor that pairs perfectly with peppery arugula and tangy cheese. It's light, quick, and uses fresh, seasonal ingredients. Enjoy it as a side or add grilled chicken for a main dish!



Indoor Activities



Mind-Stimulating Activities

- Puzzles and brain games: Crosswords, Sudoku, or jigsaw puzzles.
- Reading or audiobook clubs: Great for solo enjoyment or group discussion.
- Creative writing or journaling: Reflect on memories or write short stories.
- Virtual museum tours: Explore art and history from home.



Creative & Crafty Fun

- 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

“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.”

— Mahatma Gandhi

“Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young.”

— Henry Ford

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

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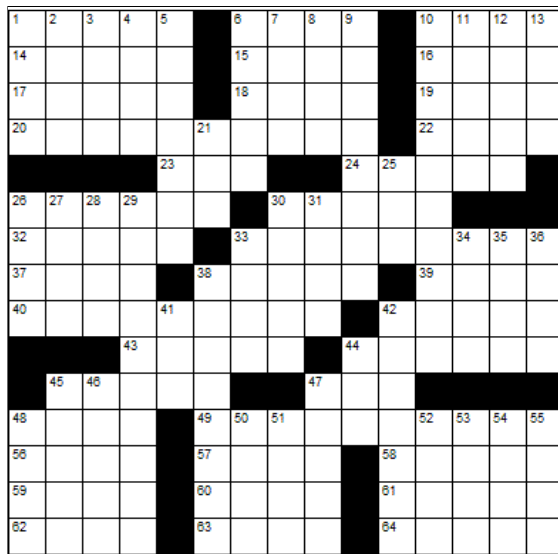
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15. Overhaul
16. Bounce back
17. Adjust again
18. Weightlifters pump this
19. Found on rotary phones
20. Noticeable
22. Prefix meaning "Within"
23. Possessed
24. Durable fabric
26. Browbeat
30. Show embarrassment
32. Give or take
33. Supervised examinations
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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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.

Cooler temperatures persist, but days begin to lengthen.



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

Our intentions tend to be much more real to us than our actions and this can lead to a great deal of misunderstanding with other people, to whom our actions tend to be much more real than our intentions. — E.F. Schumacher

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- ☐ First aid kit
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- ☐ Whistle to signal for help
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- ☐ Cash and change
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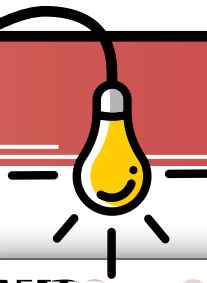
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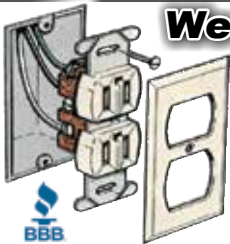
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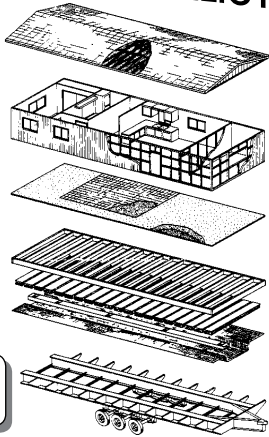
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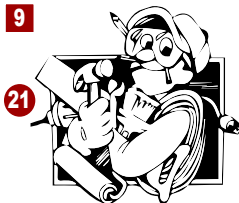
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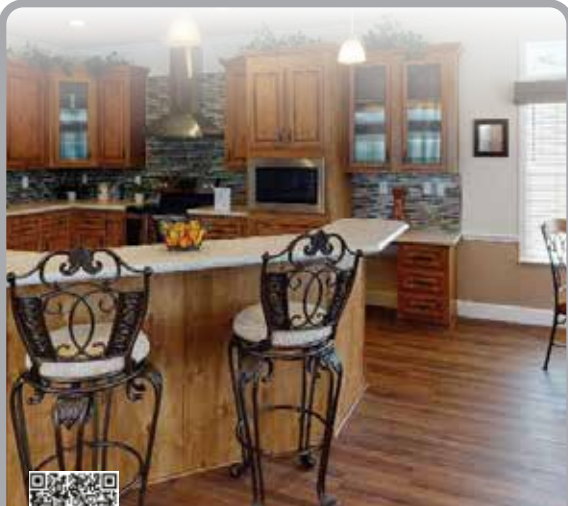
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World Elephant Day



Celebrated every year on August 12, is a global initiative dedicated to the preservation and protection of elephants—both African and Asian species.



Origins and Purpose

- Founded in 2012 by Canadian filmmaker Patricia Sims and the Elephant Reintroduction Foundation in Thailand.
- Created to raise awareness about the urgent threats elephants face, including:
 - Poaching for ivory
 - Habitat loss
 - Human-elephant conflict
 - Mistreatment in captivity



Why It Matters

- African elephants are listed as Vulnerable, and Asian elephants as Endangered on the IUCN Red List.
- The global elephant population has declined drastically due to illegal wildlife trade and shrinking habitats.
- Elephants are admired for their intelligence, empathy, and strong social bonds, making their protection a moral and ecological priority.



How People Participate

- Educational events and documentary screenings (like *Return to the Forest* and *When Elephants Were Young*).
- Sanctuary visits and virtual tours that promote ethical elephant experiences.
- Social media campaigns to spread awareness and support conservation efforts.
- Fundraising for organizations that rescue and rehabilitate elephants.

Source:

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1. David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust (Kenya)

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It's the Only Month Without a Major U.S. Holiday

While there are observances and fun days, August is the only month without a federal holiday in the U.S.

It's a Meteor Shower Month

The Perseid meteor shower, one of the most spectacular of the year, peaks in mid-August and can produce up to 100 meteors per hour!

Birthstone & Flowers

Birthstone: Peridot – said to bring peace and good luck.

Flowers: Gladiolus and Poppy – symbols of strength, integrity, and remembrance.

It's National Picnic Month (U.S.)

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Leo and Virgo Rule the Zodiac

Leo (July 23 – August 22): Bold, creative, and charismatic.

Virgo (August 23 – September 22): Practical, thoughtful, and detail-oriented.

It's a Popular Vacation Month

In many countries, especially in Europe, August is when people take extended holidays—some businesses even close for the entire month!

The Dog Days of Summer

The phrase refers to the hottest days of the year, often in early August, and is linked to the rising of the star Sirius, the “Dog Star.”



Funny Quotes About August

“August: the only month where your ice cream melts faster than your patience.”

“If you need me in August, I’ll be somewhere between the fan and the freezer.”

“August is like the Sunday of summer—still fun, but you know what’s coming.”

“In August, even my shadow needs a break from the heat.”



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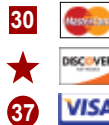
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On plastic surgeons

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— **Dolly Parton**

On doctors

Never go to a doctor whose office plants have died.
— **Erma Bombeck**

On food

I come from a family where gravy is considered a beverage.
— **Erma Bombeck**

On marriage

Marriage has no guarantees. If that's what you're looking for, go live with a car battery.
— **Erma Bombeck**

On work

The reason why worry kills more people than work is that more people worry than work.
— **Robert Frost**
By working faithfully eight hours a day, you may get to be a boss and work twelve hours a day.
— **Robert Frost**



On life

In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: It goes on.
— **Robert Frost**

On sources

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