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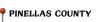


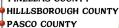


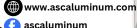
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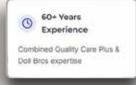




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Weekday	<u>Time / Activity</u>	Coordinator(s)
Monday	1:00 PM Domino's	Darlene Orvis
Tuesday	1:00 PM Canasta 6:00 PM Poker/Texas Hold'em	Darlene Orvis Darlene Orvis
Wednesday	9:30 AM Bowling 1:00 PM Play Nine 2:00 PM Bridge	Clark & Jo Patterson (summer) Darlene Orvis Jeff Stringfield
Thursday	8:30 AM Koffee Klatch 10:30 AM Chair Aerobics 1:00 PM Canasta	Glen Branon Chris Cook Carol Van Elsen
Friday	9:00 AM Yoga 1:00 PM Mahjong	Becky Dart Pat Gililland
Saturday	6:00 PM Texas Hold'em	Carol Van Elsen/Debbie & Fred Kiel
Sunday		

* Check email notifications or bulletin boards for date, time & place. Monthly Activities Calendar will update as residents return for the winter season.

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if it's their special day. A small gesture can go a long way in making someone's day a little brighter. Let's spread some love, celebrate each other,

and keep the good vibes flowing around here!"

September Birthdays

- 01 Alana Schryburt
- 02 Charles Morlock
- 04 Ken Janowiak
- 13 David McPhee
- 15 Sharon Murphy25 Doug Hammer
- 26 Claire Larrivee
- 28 Dale Wittig
- 30 Sally Miller

October Birthdays

- 04 Jerry Scott
- 04 Wilma Murphy
- 15 Chuck Devor
- 15 Scott Abrams
- 18 Eddie Briggs21 Mike Callahan
- 24 Sharon King
- 24 Snaron King26 Paulette Devor
- 27 Ann Heartmann



September Anniversaries

- 06 Carl & Marie Babnik
- 08 Jim & Christine Cook



October Anniversaries

- 03 Steve & Teresa Cates
- 05 Larry & Betty Hoffman
- 16 Sue & Mack Petty
- 18 Bill & Kathy Lesser
- 27 Tracey & Mark Scalzo





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Koffee Klatch:

Koffee Klatch will resume on September 11th, then every two weeks until further notice. It starts at 8:30 AM. Servers are needed for Koffee Klatch each meeting. Please sign sheet on the Bulletin

Board if you can help (and designate which month you plan to serve).

Email Distribution List:

If you'd like to be added to the Park's email notification loop (which currently reaches over 236 residents), please sign up on the sheet posted on the Clubhouse bulletin board. Simply provide your name, lot number, and email address or Email Gary@ honeymoonmhpassoc@gmail.com

Facebook Group:

Join the "Honeymoon Park Community" Facebook group – a private space for park residents. To request access, go to: https://www.facebook.com/groups/honeymoonparkcommunity We can't wait to see your posts and videos!

Clubhouse Reservations:

To reserve the Clubhouse for an event, please contact Susan Petty (Lot 70) via email at spetty217@hotmail.com. This helps us keep track of reservations and ensure availability.

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History of Honeymoon Island: From Hog Island to a State Park

Testled off the coast of Florida, Honeymoon Island is a picturesque destination with a history that spans centuries. Once known as **Hog Island**, this small yet iconic island has undergone numerous transformations. Before it was ever known as **Honeymoon Island**, it was a single large island called **Hog Island**, named for the wild hogs that roamed the area. This expansive landmass included its neighboring island, **Caladesi Island**, which was once an integral part of Hog Island. It wasn't until 1921 that nature made its mark on the landscape.



1921: The Great Hurricane

In 1921, a major hurricane hit the region, splitting Hog Island in half. The powerful storm created a new waterway, known as **Hurricane Pass**, that separated Hog Island into two smaller islands—Honeymoon Island to the north and Caladesi Island to the south. This natural disaster forever changed the geography of the area, but it would soon set the stage for an entirely new chapter in its history.

1930s: The Honeymoon Island Contest

In the 1930s, Clinton Washburn, a developer, purchased Honeymoon Island and set out to make the island a popular destination for newlywed couples. Washburn, alongside Life magazine, came up with a clever promotion. A contest offering free honeymoon stays on the island to the lucky winners.

This idea was not just a marketing gimmick. It was the beginning of Honeymoon Island's association with love and romance. The contest, designed to attract attention and visitors, quickly became a success. To win, couples had to submit a letter explaining why they deserved the chance to spend their honeymoon on this idyllic island.

1940s: The Honeymoon Cottages and Island's New Name

By the 1940s, the idea of honeymooners flocking to the island had taken hold. As the contest gained popularity, Washburn and his team constructed **50 thatched bungalows** to accommodate the influx of honeymooners. These charming cottages were designed to create the perfect romantic getaway for the newlywed couples. The island's association with love became so strong that it was officially renamed **Honeymoon Island**.

WWII and a Shift in Purpose

Sadly, the romantic heyday of Honeymoon Island would not last forever. With the outbreak of **World War II**, the island's honeymoon business was put on hold. During the war, Honeymoon Island was leased to a defense contractor and used as a **rest and relaxation site** for employees working in the defense industry. The bungalows fell into disuse, and the island's romantic allure faded as it took on a more utilitarian purpose.

1960s: The Threat of Development

In the 1960s, Honeymoon Island faced a new threat. A developer proposed turning the island into a massive **residential resort**, which would require significant alterations to its landscape. Plans included adding **1.5 million cubic yards of limestone**, **rocks**, **and sand** to the south end of the island, a project that would have drastically altered its natural beauty.

1974: State Acquisition

Fortunately, a new chapter in Honeymoon Island's history was about to unfold. In 1974, the state of Florida stepped in and began acquiring the island. The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund purchased the property, ensuring that the island would be preserved for future generations.

1982: Honeymoon Island State Park

By 1982, the transformation was complete. **Honeymoon Island State Park** officially opened to the public, providing visitors with a natural sanctuary for recreation, wildlife observation, and nature studies. The island's unique history and breathtaking scenery made it a cherished part of Florida's state park system.

The Romance Lives On Today

Though the honeymoon cottages are long gone, Honeymoon Island still carries an undeniable romantic legacy. The "Honeymoon" tradition lives on through stories and memories, including the tradition of the hula dance contests that took place between couples. Every year, over 200 couples from around the country participated in the contest, with the winners crowned king and queen of Honeymoon Island and awarded a special bungalow.

The island was more than just a destination—it became a symbol of love and connection. Park Manager **Pete Krulder** fondly recalls the island's legacy: "The one thing I find so unique is we heard that out of the two hundred and some odd couples out here, not one divorce," he said.





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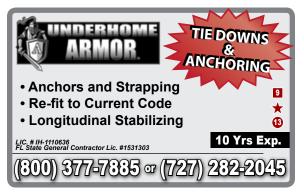


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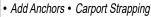
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Tail-Wagging Treasure of Honeymoon Park

t Honeymoon Park, we're lucky to share our community with some truly wonderful four-legged friends. This month, we're shining the spotlight on one very special pup, meet Max, our Pet of the Month!



Max is a 3-year-old male Blue Heeler who's got a heart full of love and a tail that never stops wagging! This little guy is always up for an adventure, whether it's going for a walk or enjoying a tasty treat once he's done. But the real story of Max's journey began thanks to granddaughter, Avery.

One day, Avery convinced her grandma, Kathy, to head to the shelter in search of a new furry friend and when Max saw Avery, it was love at first sight! He ran straight to her and Kathy, and from that moment on, they were inseparable.

Max is a big fan of giving his humans, Bill and Kathy Green of Lot 73, lots of kisses every day, showing just how much he loves his new home. But that's not all, he's also a regular at the local dog park, where he gets to run free and make new friends! Bill often takes Max for walks around the park, and Max loves to stop and say hi to the neighbors, who shower him with love and attention in return.

Max is a true standout in Honeymoon Park, and he's adored by many of the residents who see him daily. His friendly nature and loving spirit make him a beloved part of the community. So, next time you're out and about, don't forget to stop and say hi to Max, the cutest little love bug in the park!

Would you like me to showcase your pet in the upcoming months? Send me an Email @ tgariano14@yahoo.com

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Community \star Super Star \star of the Month

Darlene Orvis - True Honeymoon Park Superstar!

If you're lucky enough to live in Honeymoon Park, you already know the warm smile and boundless energy of Darlene Orvis. As a longtime resident of Lot #180, Darlene isn't just a part of Honeymoon Park, she is Honeymoon Park.

Originally from New York, Darlene has made this vibrant community her home for many years. As the park's dedicated Vice President, she works tirelessly, often behind the scenes but also front and center, to ensure the community thrives and remains welcoming to all.

Before becoming a key pillar in the park, Darlene worked as a dental hygienist, a profession she retired from after years of helping others maintain their smiles. But her love for caring for people didn't stop with her career, Darlene is equally passionate about cooking and hosting. Whether it's inviting friends over for a delicious home-cooked meal or gathering for happy hour.

Darlene is the heart and soul of many of Honeymoon Park's activities. From organizing social games like Dominoes, Canasta, Poker, and Play Nine, to hosting events that bring neighbors together, her influence is felt in every corner of the park. She's the first to lend a helping hand to fellow residents, always ready to ensure newcomers feel at home.

She loves telling stories from her days in the Peace Corps, where she traveled the world and embraced new cultures. Those tales, full of adventure and fun, add an extra spark to the park's social gatherings. Darlene's presence in the park is unmistakable. You can often spot her cruising through the community on her bike. Her energy is infectious, and her commitment to the park and its residents is unwavering.

There are simply too many things Darlene does for Honeymoon Park to list. She's the person everyone turns to. She brings neighbors together and fosters the sense of community that makes Honeymoon Park feel like home. In short, Honeymoon Park would not be the same without her.





Thank you, Darlene, for everything you do—and for being the heart and spirit of Honeymoon Park.



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Honeymoon Park Home of the Month *

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A October 2025: Lot #106





This home is a true gem, brimming with pride of ownership and bursting with personality! The exterior is absolutely stunning and meticulously maintained, with every detail thoughtfully crafted to create a warm, inviting atmosphere.

Vibrant palms and lush tropical plants frame the property, while the crisp white gravel adds a touch of elegance and freshness. The charming Adirondack chairs in the front yard invite you to sit back, relax, and soak in the beauty.

But the real magic happens with the nautical-themed décor. An old lobster trap, a playful pelican, a surfboard, and so much more bring a fun, beachy vibe to the space, perfectly capturing the spirit of this wonderful neighborhood.

The owners have poured so much love and care into this home, making it a standout in the community. Their dedication shines through, not only in the beauty of the house itself but in how it enhances the character and charm of the entire Honeymoon MHP neighborhood.

This home is more than just a house, it's a Honeymoon Park favorite, and it's impossible not to notice! Make sure you walk by and take a look.

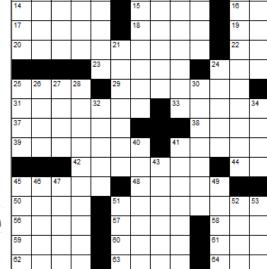
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Message Tracey at tgariano14@yahoo.com

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ACROSS

- 1. Incorrect
- 6. Wheelchair access
- 10. Cummerbund
- 14. A 4 base hit in baseball
- 15. One of the Great Lakes
- 16. Arm bone
- 17. Drama set to classical music
- 18. All right
- 19. Lives, in brief
- 20. Relating to menopause
- 22. A heavy open wagon
- 23. Go inside
- 24. In need of cleaning
- 25. Tallow source
- 29. Universal
- 31. Spoke
- 33. To the touch
- 37. Streamer
- 38. Mild expletive
- 39. Less reputable
- 41. Interpret incorrectly
- 42. Confined to certain regions
- 44. Glimpse
- 45. Grizzlies for example
- 48. Pertaining to the sun
- 50. Precipitation
- 51. Being at the right time
- 56. Rear end
- 57. Thought
- 58. Female demon
- 59. Misfortunes
- 60. Breathing organ
- 61. Enlighten
- 62. Colors
- 63. French for "Head"
- 64. Pub game







DOWN

- 1. Which person?
- 2. Lariat
- 3. Portent
- 4. Detective
- 5. Vineyard fruit
- 6. Proved false
- 7. Come to light
- 8. Mosque turret
- 9. Rind
- 10. Social group
- 11. Assumed name
- 12. Haughty response

- 13. Hurried
- 21. Irate
 - 24. Freshwater fishes
- Wolfe 25. Subscriptions
 - 26. Mormon state
 - 27. European volcano
 - 28. Affection
 - 30. Extreme
 - 32. Harnesses
 - 34. Frosts, as a cake
 - 35. Jump
 - 36. Countercurrent

- 40. What's left
- Non-metric road

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- distance
- 43. Instant
- 45. Plait
- 46. Not late
- 47. A long narrow
- passage
- 49. Angered
- 51. Pitching to one side
- 52. Nil
- 53. Arab ruler
- 54. Search (through)
- 55. Articulates

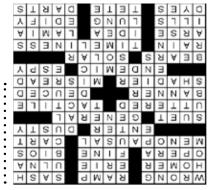








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Community flea market. Paradise Island, 1001 Starkey Rd. Largo. Saturday, October 4th, 9-2. Early bird entry 8am for \$1. Bake sale, hot dogs, golf cart taxi service. Follow signs to the clubhouse.

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