

HERON RIVER NEWSLETTER

HERON RIVER
HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2024



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank Goodness It's Fall!



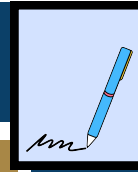
It truly is the best time of year, the air is crisp, the leaves are changing color, there's nothing quite like it!

With the pond and water season behind us, we'll be restructuring the Pond Committee in the coming months. Our goal is to lessen the burden on our volunteers and rely more on our property manager and vendors. This new structure will allow committee members to focus on identifying issues that may arise, rather than being responsible for repairs or maintenance themselves.

One of the key concerns in our community right now is the health of our trees. We've developed an ongoing relationship with Jacob Weber, an arborist and owner of Trees All Day and Tree Service. Over the summer, he removed dead trees, assessed their health, and provided recommendations for preventive care. Many trees were improperly planted, which has led to growth issues and deterioration over time. You may have seen him recently performing root collar excavation to help revive some of our trees and extend their lifespan. In the spring, he'll return to assess which ones need pruning. Investing in our trees' health is a long-term commitment that will help preserve them and reduce future costs for replacements.

The Board has also been working closely with our property manager, Doug, to develop the budget for 2025. While we have adequate funds, we are mindful to ensure that we're making responsible spending decisions to benefit the community while continuing to build our reserves.

President's Message Continued



As part of this, we're currently updating our Reserve Study to better prepare for future needs.

And no worries—our trees and clubhouse will be adorned with Christmas lights this holiday season! We've reached out to several companies within our budget and found one that meets Heron River's needs. This year, we're trying a new look and look forward to hearing your feedback for the 2026 holiday season. Lights will start going up around mid-November.

I also hope everyone gets a chance to enjoy the upcoming events our tireless Social Committee have planned for the next couple of months. They work hard to create a variety of events that appeal to many interests, and we want to thank them for their time and effort in providing us with opportunities to gather and participate throughout the year.

Personally, this has been a big learning year for me on the Board. It's true—you're never too old to learn new things, though it can be a bit tiring! Serving on the Board has allowed me to meet homeowners I may not have otherwise met, it reminded me how much I enjoy the challenges of working, and how much I enjoy meeting and building relationships with vendors and city workers. All in all, it's been a good year, and I feel fortunate for the opportunity to serve on the Heron River Board.

Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a wonderful New Year ahead. Here's to a great 2025!

Warm regards,

Lori

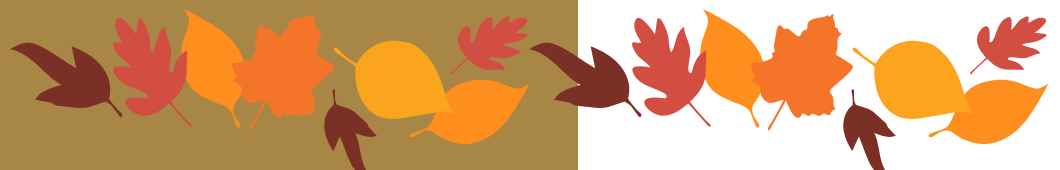


Happy Fall Everyone!

The Architecture Design Committee would like to thank the residents of Heron River for taking the time to submit complete applications. You've made the review process go much more quickly and with fewer bumps along the way. We are a community and we love HR.

If you have any questions about a potential project or want to run an idea by us please feel free to reach out by email to Doug at CAM.

Thanks,
Brad Bybee



End of Summer Fun



The End of Summer Pool Party took place on Saturday, August 24. Though the weather was a little cooler than expected, it didn't seem to matter. Laurie Bertuleit, co-chair of the Social Committee, did any excellent job bringing volunteers together to host fun games for the kids and food for everyone! Keith Jepsen, our very crafty neighbor, made a new game for this event, a wiffle ball toss, thank you Keith! The kids had fun in the pool, played games, participated in contests and enjoyed the hot dogs, chicken and ice cream.

It was a fun day and a wonderful way to end the pool season. A big thank you to Silver Star Communications for their generous sponsorship, our HOA Board of Directors for their continuous support and all the volunteers who made this event happen.





The Heron River Lunch Bunch

The October hostesses did a wonderful job with their theme of "Autumn Flavors" such yummy casseroles and soups! The Community Center was adorned with decorations that totally created that cozy autumn vibe.

Many thanks to Marie Pavey, Barb West, Marla Aldinger and Katharina Jarvi our hostesses.



The November Luncheon will be November 8th; appetizers at 11:30, luncheon at 12:00. As in years past, the theme will be "Thanksgiving." So, if you really like Thanksgiving foods, you won't be disappointed by our November Heron River Lunch Bunch!

If you have not attended our luncheons, but would like to come, please contact Tana Crance at tana.crance@gmail.com to receive the November's invite link for this event and all future invites.

The Heron River 3rd Chili Cook-Off

The Chili Cook-Off took place on October 19th and we had 6 Contestants vying for the Heron Award Spoon, Cook-Off Apron and bragging rights for an entire year! Anita Moran, Kelley Lea, Ron Anderson, Steve Pessant, David Mayne and Dick Frazier were our competitors.

So many people helped with this event, and a huge thank you goes to:

Melody Gordon and Mary Ann Fraser for helping with the Award Spoon.

Donna Hageman for the embroidery work on the Aprons. Laurie Bertuleit and Flo Wheeler, for helping with planning and organizing the event.

Day of the event Staff: Judy and Bill Zacharda, Kathy Engle, Scott Lea, Susan and Lee Smith, Janet and Dan Pickett, Marie Pavey, Laurie and Dan Bertuleit.

Our community came together to produce a fun and tasty event.

Congratulations to the winners pictured below from left to right with Tana Crance - Anita Moran, 1st Place, Kelley Lea, 2nd Place and Ron Anderson, 3rd Place.



Heron River Crafters Continued

Paint Your Pet

Thanks to Kelley Lea for hosting a Le Paint Class at our Community Center. The class was a paint your pet or any animal or bird if you didn't have a pet. It looks like we have a lot of cute pet portraits. Kelley is a fantastic artist and the Highland Cow that is pictured below was painted by Kelley.

Thank you Kelley for getting this event together!



Heron River Crafters Continued



November

Learn how to make molded CHOCOLATES! November 15th, at our Community Center, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Cost \$5 Melody Gordon and Tana Crance will be teaching a demonstration class on how to make molded and dipped chocolates. We will be sharing our knowledge, techniques, recipes and sources to get your supplies. This class is just in time for everyone to make their own chocolates for the holidays.





Join our Heron River Crafter Event!

Chocolate Making Class

Friday, November 15, 2024
Starts at 1:00 pm

- How to make chocolates using plastic molds & dipping fillings

\$5/PP

With Melody Gordon & Tana Crance

Heron River Community Center

SIGN UP: If not a member of HR Crafters, Email Tana tana.crance@gmail.com

Limited Space (30)



Holiday Boutique



The 3rd Annual Heron River Holiday Boutique was a resounding success. Over 325 shoppers stopped by the Community Center to browse the wonderful selection of gifts for sale on Nov. 2nd. A shopper was overheard commenting on the outstanding selection and variety of vendors our Boutique offers.

This event would not be possible without the many hands that make it a success – special thanks go to organizer Sue Tracy for a job well done. Thanks also to all who helped set up and donated items for our gift basket raffle and to Marie Pavey who curated the gift baskets (pictured below) and coordinated volunteers. Congratulations to the basket winners – Rita, and Sue Tracy.

Thanks also go to our greeters, Katarina Jarvi, Barbara Leighty, Nanci Bent, Sandy Blackwell, Sue Speer, Pat Waide & Marie Pavey.



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volunteers needed

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HERON RIVER HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES

We have numerous volunteer opportunities to serve our community and get to know other homeowners who may share the same interests.

We need volunteers for:



Newsletter Committee Chair

Help create Heron Rivers monthly newsletter.



Facilities Committee

Address maintenance needs, prioritize improvements, and uphold a pristine environment for the entire community.



Landscape Captain - Rivershore

Walk your neighborhood and report any maintenance and landscaping issues.



Pond Committee

Assist in changing compressor filters and inspecting neighborhood ponds and waterfalls. Inform the liaison about any issues discovered.



Social Committee Chair & Members

Help plan and coordinate events that bring our community together.



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Please send an expression of interest through this [FORM](#) or email info@campmid.com

Heron River Homeowners Association **Board of Directors Meeting**

Heron River Community Center

9800 W Gloxinia St.



Thursday, November 21, 2024

630P Board of Directors Meeting

Board of Directors Meetings every 3rd Thursday of Month

Please submit any questions prior to Nov 8, 2024 to
Doug Wiley, Association Manager – CAM Property
Management info@campmid.com

*cookies, cocoa
& crafts*
WITH SANTA

7 DECEMBER, 2024
9-11AM | COMMUNITY CENTER

**Join us for a festive, family-friendly
holiday event featuring cookies,
cocoa, crafts, and photos with Santa!**





Heron River Adult

CHRISTMAS *party*

Saturday
6-9 PM

14

December
2024

Heron River Community Center

Get ready for a festive evening of fun! Bring a finger food, appetizer, or dessert to share, along with your favorite drink (wine, beer, or non-alcoholic), and we'll have water, coffee, and punch ready for you. Jump into the holiday spirit with a white elephant gift exchange and an epic ugly sweater contest! We're also playing Left, Right, and Center—just bring \$3 to join the game. RSVP to laurelbertuleit@gmail.com to save your spot, and plan ahead, as parking is limited. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

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