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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

August was hot but we made it through! Soon the temperature will be reasonable.

I hope all our northern friends had a nice summer and are making your plans to come see your neighbors again.

It was good to see our friends at Q Ice Cream coming out and they will be back!

We do have more food trucks scheduled for future dates.

We have some great ideas for activities and hope we will have volunteers to host more activities and events. With a 9 person board we can only host so many ourselves and need community help.

Please contact Dee to schedule your idea. We received several ideas recently that are in need of hosts. Contact Dee or me for the list, we can help you get started.. **WE NEED YOU!**

BBQ seems to have been the theme this summer and it continues into September. We are going to have ribs on Labor Day September 7th.

On that note I want to send out a big thank you to Curt Clark and Sue Miller for their VERY generous donation of a beautiful - huge Blackstone! We contacted ELS about this amazing donation and asked permission to put it beside the grill and their legal department said no! So, there was no way we would give up this wonderful donation. I approached Ed Prentice and asked if we could keep it at his house and he said he was more than happy to help out. We will roll it out to the grass behind the clubhouse when we have events. Thank you Ed!

We will all be together soon.

See you around the park!

*Pam Timmins
President*



L to R: Pam, Pat, Jim, Patsy, Mike, Lorraine, Roberta, Kerrie, Dee, Susan

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TPHOA LEGAL FUND

Thank you to the residents who have generously donated to the Legal Fund in anticipation of legal expenses.

The Board and the Homeowners' Committee continue our efforts to ensure homeowner's rights regarding our prospectus and our quality of life at Tropical Palms. We anticipate that such actions will result in legal fees and ask that you consider a contribution to the Legal Fund. Any amount is appreciated.

To ensure confidentiality, please give any donations directly to Treasurer Patsy Lund (40 Pine). (checks should be made to TPHOA with Legal Fund noted on the memo line).



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United Way: 211
Hope Coalition - They can direct people to places with resources for different things..... 866-388-4673

2027 DIRECTORY INFO REQUEST - FIRST CALL



Please update your information for the Tropical Palms Resident Directory **before October 15th**. The Directory is scheduled to be delivered to residents in early December.

FAQ:

Who should be listed in the directory?

Everyone who lives at Tropical Palms - YOU, me, your neighbor. That's all owners, renters, spouses, partners, live-in caregivers, TPHOA members, non-member - **all of us!!**

Do I need to submit a form if my information in the 2026 directory is still correct?

No - we use the same information until we receive an update or correction.

Who will receive the directory?

The printed directory will be distributed to all homes in the park and given to new residents when they move in.

Is there an electronic version of the directory?

Yes, we post an electronic copy to Facebook on the Tropical Palms Message Board under the Files tab. It is only available to that private group of residents.

Can I opt out of being listed in the electronic copy of the directory?

YES! Of course! Please submit your information on the form provided, check the **"DO NOT list my information online"** box and sign the form.

Where can I get a form?

It's on page 16 of this newsletter. It's also available from the Welcome Committee, Board members, at all Board meetings, and under the Files tab in the Facebook group..

How do I give you my information?

Complete the form and give it to President Pam Timmins at the Board meeting or leave it in the box on her carport (267 Balsam). Forms can also be submitted by email or text to the editor.

Other questions?

Just ask President Pam Timmins or me! THANKS!

Pat Stowell, Editor

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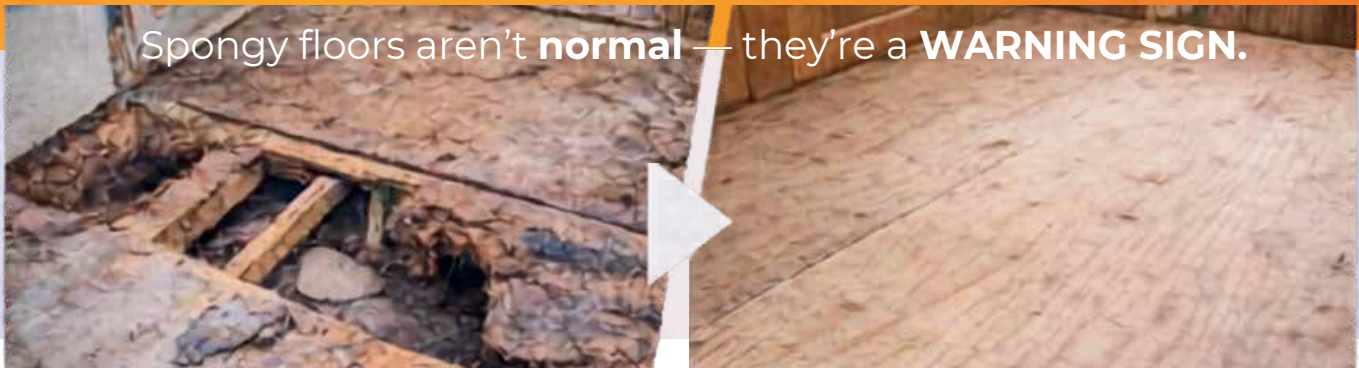
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WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

A Warm Welcome to Our New Residents at Tropical Palms!

- We're delighted to welcome all the new residents who have recently joined our Tropical Palms community! Whether you've moved here for the sunshine, the lifestyle, or the wonderful neighbors, we're so glad you're here.

Get Involved and Meet Your Community

- Tropical Palms is a vibrant place to live, with activities and events happening throughout the week. We encourage all newcomers to join in - whether you enjoy cards, crafts, exercise classes, dinners, or simply connecting with others, there's something for everyone.
- Participating in activities is a great way to meet your neighbors, make new friends, and feel right at home.

Join Us for Coffee Chat and Stay Informed at HOA Board Meetings

- We also invite all new residents to attend the Coffee Chat and HOA Board Meetings. These meetings are a helpful way to stay informed about community updates, upcoming projects, and ways to get involved. Your voice and participation

are always appreciated.

Welcome Package is Waiting for You

- Contact Pauline Gagne to make arrangements to receive your Welcome Package. Stop by Lot 84 East Cypress or call Pauline at 774-365-2605 so she can visit you at a convenient time.
- The package is filled with helpful information about the community, amenities, services, and activities - everything you need to settle in comfortably.

We're Glad You're Here

Welcome once again to all our new neighbors! We hope you find Tropical Palms to be a friendly, supportive, and enjoyable place to call home. We can't wait to see you around the community!

Pauline Gagne
Welcome Committee Chair

Welcome

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HOA MEMBERSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE!

It's time to renew or join for another great year at Tropical Palms! 2026 TPHA memberships are now available for purchase. Your membership helps fund the many activities, events, and improvements that keep our community vibrant and welcoming.

Membership benefits include:

- Enjoy HOA-sponsored events and activities
- Support for clubhouse supplies, decorations, and community projects
- A stronger voice in keeping Tropical Palms beautiful and fun for everyone
- Right to participate at Membership meetings and the Annual Meeting

You can purchase your 2026 membership from:

- Pauline Gagne at Lot 84 Evergreen
- Or pick one up at any upcoming community event!

Join or renew today and help make 2026 another fantastic year at Tropical Palms.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Get Well Cards were sent to Jeff Mazzella, 115 Evergreen; Steve Bryant, 114 Evergreen; Susan Fowler, 246 Balsam and Toma Walters, 6 Pine. Please contact me if you know of anyone who could use a note of encouragement or condolence from our community. Cards are typically sent for illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths of community members or immediate family but only if the information is given to me.

Remember, if you **DO NOT WANT** your family's information posted in the newsletter, please contact me before the 10th of each month. If I do not hear anything from you, I will assume I have your consent to publish the information and continue to wish our best-wishes for recovery.

Lorraine Dufour, Director and Sunshine Chair
284 Evergreen Circle
Phone: 978-580-1127
Email: lorrainebo59@gmail.com



TPHOA EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

The events listed below are planned. We will post any event announcements or changes on signage near the entrance to the park, on Facebook and on the Bulletin Board in Club House.

- 7 Labor Day Cookout 2pm
- 12 Coffee Chat & Board Meeting 10am
- 15 Taco Tuesday 4.30pm until sold out
- 30 How to Combat the Effects of Aging 11am

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Billiards, Wednesday Bingo, Corn Hole, Shuffleboard and Cribbage will continue through the summer months at their scheduled times. Other activities may be continued or added if there is interest. An up-to-date list will be posted in the Clubhouse and on the Facebook page.

Want to set up a new activity or event?

We would love it - resident driven events are awesome! Just clear the time and dates with our event coordinators Dee Harrison at 828-467-0037 or dharrisoncounseling@gmail.com, Lorraine Dufour at 978-580-1127, or Pam Timmins at 603-661-4488.

Need help with promoting your activity?

Just contact a board member with any questions! We are here to help!

LET'S PLAN TOGETHER SO WE CAN ENJOY ALL THE FUN ACTIVITIES TOGETHER!

RETURNING RESIDENTS

Some friendly reminders:

- Be sure to let the office know you are back. In case of an emergency, it would be helpful to know which homes are occupied.
- When turning on your water, please go slowly. Too much immediate/quick demand on water puts a strain on water pipes and can lead to breaks in the water lines!
- Newsletters are delivered to each occupied home on about the first of each month. If we miss you, please let Kerrie Kelley (Lot 250) know. Also, extra newsletters are available in the Club House.

WELCOME BACK - HOPE TO SEE ALL OUR NEIGHBORS RETURNING SOON!

WELCOME

MAJOR GLOBAL & CULTURAL FESTIVALS

- **Oktoberfest (Munich, Germany):** Despite its name, the world's largest beer festival and folk fair kicks off in mid-September and runs through early October, drawing millions to Munich for traditional Bavarian music, food, and beer.
 - **Mid-Autumn Festival / Moon Festival (East & Southeast Asia):** Celebrated on the 15th day of the 8th lunar month (frequently falling in mid-to-late September), this harvest festival brings families together in China, Vietnam, Taiwan, and Korea (where it is known as Chuseok) to enjoy mooncakes, colorful lantern displays, and full-moon viewing.
 - **Ganesh Chaturthi (India):** A major 10-day Hindu festival celebrated widely across India (particularly in Maharashtra) honoring the birth of Lord Ganesha, featuring elaborate clay idols, street processions, and community feasting.
- National Independence & Heritage Days
- **Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, & Nicaragua (Sept 15):** Commemorate their shared 1821 declaration of independence from Spain.
 - **Mexico (Sept 16):** Marks the Grito de Dolores, the call to arms that sparked the Mexican War of Independence.
 - **Chile (Sept 18):** Celebrates Fiestas Patrias, honoring the nation's first government junta of 1810 with traditional dance (cueca), food, and parades.
 - **Brazil Independence Day (Sept 7):** Known as Dia da Independência, marking Brazil's 1822 declaration of independence from Portugal with military parades and concerts.
 - **Vietnam National Day (Sept 2):** Commemorates President Ho Chi Minh reading the Declaration of Independence in 1945.

OBSERVANCES & CULTURAL EVENTS

Event / Observance	Location / Scope	Significance
Labor Day	USA & Canada	First Monday of September; honors workers and marks the unofficial end of summer.
International Day of Peace	Global (UN)	September 21; dedicated to strengthening the ideals of peace around the world.
Equinox / Mabon	Global	Around September 22–23; marks the autumn equinox in the Northern Hemisphere and the spring equinox in the Southern.
National Day of Truth and Reconciliation	Canada	September 30; honors survivors of residential schools and their communities.
World Tourism Day	Global (UNWTO)	September 27; fosters awareness of the social, cultural, and economic value of tourism.



LABOR DAY BBQ

featuring Baby Back Ribs

September 7

2 pm

at the Club House

\$7 per meal

Sides and dessert are welcomed but never expected



TACO TUESDAY



Has Returned!

Join the fun!

September 15th

4:30 pm until we run out!

Tacos - \$3 each

Nachos - \$6

Soda/Water - \$1

ENJOY THE POPULAR CHRISTMAS LIGHT CANAL CRUISE!

These popular cruises tour the residential canals in Punta Gorda to view Christmas lights, displays and decorations on houses, seawalls and docks that have been placed there by the residents for the enjoyment of passing boaters. The large, two-deck vessels offer great viewing of the lights and are stable, comfortable and easy to board!

These trips sell out quickly, so advance reservations are a must!

You are booking Christmas Light Canal Cruise tickets for a specific boat – the King Fisher Fleet's "Charlotte Lady".

Tropical Palms is scheduled to go on the Charlotte lady December 5th, 2026 at 6 pm for the one-hour cruise.

You can call them at: 941-639-0969 to buy your tickets and they will email you your confirmation.

You can also go to the website and order them: <https://kingfisherfleet.com> to order your tickets.

The IMPORTANT information you will need to order the tickets:

December 5th @ 6:00pm, on the Charlotte Lady for the 1-hour cruise. **PLEASE SIGN UP SOON, THE TICKETS GO FAST EVEN 3 MONTHS AWAY!!**

FOR THE LATEST UPDATES

Plan to Attend the
COFFEE CHAT & BOARD MEETING
September 12
at 10 am
Open to all Residents



DID YOU EVER WONDER WHAT YOU CAN DO TO FEEL YOUNGER?

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September 30

11 am

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SEPTEMBER

A time to remember
the summer heat
with sweaty feet
sand between our toes.

Now it's time
To change that rhyme.

Now it's fall
we'll have a ball
hiking in nature
feeling cool
watching the kids go back to school.
Yes, it is September
we know how good it feels
to be back together again
with our friends.

Welcome back to Tropical Palms!



SUMMER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



ICE CREAM TRUCK RETURNS!



BLACKSTONE GRILL IS DELIVERED

THANK YOU
Curt & Sue!



SILLY DAYS IN SEPTEMBER

September is loaded with quirky, offbeat, and downright silly single-day celebrations, as well as a few odd month-long themes.

Silly Month-Long Celebrations

Square Dance Month: A full month dedicated to do-si-do-ing.

National Chicken Month: Celebrating all things poultry.

Self-Improvement Month: Paired hilariously with all the food-based silly days below.

Quirky & Silly Special Days in September

September 1: No Rhyme or Reason Day A day dedicated to things that simply make no sense, or a day to celebrate words that don't rhyme with anything in English (like *orange* or *silver*).

September 2: Bison-Ten Yell Day A pun on "Bicentennial"—a day set aside to pretend you are a 200-year-old bison and yell, or just give a shout to someone far away.

September 5: Be Late for Something Day Created by the Procrastinators' Club of America to urge people to slow down, relax, and not stress if they are running a few minutes behind.

September 7: Pet Rock Day A throwback to the 1970s fad—a day to honor the easiest, lowest-maintenance pet you will ever own.

September 9: Wonderful Weirdos Day A day to embrace your unique quirks, odd hobbies, and eccentric behavior.

September 13: Blame Someone Else Day Traditionally observed on the first Friday the 13th of the year or September 13th—a tongue-in-cheek pass to assign fault for life's minor mishaps to anyone but yourself.

September 16: Stay Away From Seattle Day Nobody knows quite how it started, but the joke is to give the rainy city a break from tourists for 24 hours.

September 19: International Talk Like a Pirate Day The undisputed king of silly September holidays. Break out the "*Ahoy, matey!*" and "*Shiver me timbers!*" all day long.

September 22: Hobbit Day The joint birthday of Bilbo and Frodo Baggins. Enthusiasts celebrate by walking barefoot and eating seven meals (including second breakfast).

September 24: National Punctuation Day A day for grammar nerds to celebrate the humble comma, question mark, and interrobang—and gently cringe at bad street signs.

September 26: Lumberjack Day An excuse to wear flannel, eat stack after stack of pancakes, and yell "*Timber!*"

September 28: Ask a Stupid Question Day Originally created by educators to encourage students to ask questions without fear, it's a great day to let your most absurd curiosities fly.

september

OUR HEROES

Kerrie and Fred Kelley, 250 Balsam

I would like to recognize Kerrie and Fred Kelley for all that they do. They are newer residents, but they have stepped up and very quickly become valuable assets to our Tropical Palms family. Kerrie has shown her hospitality skills by running the quarterly birthday celebrations, amongst other activities. Fred is always seen at every cook out event with his apron, slaving away in the kitchen or the hot grill. Together the Kelleys are a whirlwind of busy activity, helping in any way they can. Also, they have been known to quietly reach out to neighbors, in times of need. We are so very glad to call them neighbors, and definitely friends!



Scott Mitrano, 93 Evergreen

Scott Mitrano is someone who merits some credit here. Scott works so very hard to help everyone in the park, whether it is lawnwork, minor handyman chores, or simple assistance. He is dependable, when he says he is going to do something, he does it. He shows up when he says he is going to. His concern for others is visible in his simple acts of inquiring after someone, checking on people, and other acts of kindness. He is always easy to talk to, and never seems to lose patience with us. Let's keep him!!!

Pam Timmins, 267 Balsam

When thinking of people that deserve recognition for their community contributions, Pam Timmins is the first person who comes to my mind. Her tireless efforts to help others in this community certainly do not go unnoticed. She is very invested in Tropical Palms and all of the residents. She puts the needs of others first, and pours her heart and soul into the food events over the summer. Pam is fair, she listens to people's concerns, and she does not judge. She is often thrust into the "don't kill the messenger" role and she accepts the backlash with poise and dignity. She works very hard to promote community involvement, and to make sure all voices are heard. She is a good friend to many, and a supporter to all. People like Pam are the glue that holds this community together!!!



If you know of someone that deserves recognition for their contributions to our community, please send the person's name and a detailed (up to 200 words) description of what makes this individual special! Send to Dee Harrison via Facebook Messenger, text at 828-467-0037, or email at dharrisoncounseling@gmail.com; or to Pat Stowell by email at newslettertphoa@gmail.com or text 774-722-3395.

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SEPTEMBER 2026 WEATHER - PUNTA GORDA

In Punta Gorda, September acts as the official bridge between the peak of the muggy summer wet season and the slightly cooler, drier autumn days. Humidity remains high throughout the month, but temperatures and daily rain probabilities drop measurably by the final week.

25-Year Climatological Averages for September

Date	Typical High Temps	Typical Low Temps	Daily Chance of Rain
Sept 1	90°F	75°F	~64%
Sept15	89°F – 90°F	74°F	~55%
Sept 30	88°F	72°F	~43%

Note: Over the past 25 years (using standard 1991–2020 NOAA climate normals), daily highs rarely drop below 83°F or exceed 94°F, while morning lows rarely dip below 68°F.

Interesting Historical Weather Facts for September in Punta Gorda

- **Peak Tropical Activity Window:** September is historically the most active month for tropical storms and hurricanes in Southwest Florida. Major September storms like **Hurricane Ian (September 28, 2022)** brought a catastrophic storm surge to Charlotte Harbor, with landfalls in the region registering sustained winds over 150 mph.
- **Monthly Record Extremes:** The highest temperature ever recorded in Punta Gorda during September was **98°F** (most recently matched in September 2018). The lowest recorded September temperature dropped to **57°F** following an unusually early autumn cold front.
- **Wettest vs. Driest September:** Official records show that Punta Gorda's wettest September on record occurred in **1959**, when **17.09 inches** of rain fell. Conversely, the driest September occurred recently in **2019**, with only **0.93 inches** recorded for the entire month.
- **The "Rain Switch" Shift:** In early September, daily precipitation chances hover around 64% due to intense afternoon sea-breeze convection. By September 30, that daily probability drops to 43% as the tropical moisture plume begins shifting south for the fall.

ASTROLOGICAL EVENTS - SEPTEMBER 2026



Viewable from Charlotte County

September Highlights

- **Moon, Saturn, and Neptune Convergence:** Saturn and the moon align closely in the evening sky. Saturn will be easily visible to the naked eye, while Neptune will require binoculars or a backyard telescope nearby.
- **Saturn at Opposition:** Saturn reaches opposition, directly opposite the Sun from Earth. This makes Saturn brighter than at any other point in the year, remaining visible from dusk until dawn with its ring system lit brightly.
- **Moon & Jupiter Conjunction:** Look toward the eastern sky in the early morning hours before dawn. A slender waning crescent moon will hang close to brilliant Jupiter. Binoculars will easily reveal Jupiter's four largest Galilean moons (Io, Europa, Ganymede, Callisto).
- **Venus & Crescent Moon Pair:** Visible in the pre-dawn sky, brilliant Venus appears closely paired with a thin crescent moon.
- **September New Moon & Milky Way Viewing:** The New Moon provides ideal dark-sky conditions. Before the core of the Milky Way sets early in the evening, the overhead sky offers views of the Summer Triangle (Vega, Deneb, and Altair), the Great Andromeda Galaxy (M31), and the Ring Nebula (M57).
- **Neptune at Opposition:** Neptune reaches opposition. While faint to the naked eye, it will appear as a distinct blue-green point through binoculars or a small telescope in high dark-sky conditions.
- **Autumnal Equinox:** The official start of astronomical autumn, featuring equal day and night lengths globally.

Local Dark-Sky Viewing Tips Around Charlotte County

- **Hathaway Park & Washington Loop Road:** Located just east of Punta Gorda city limits, this area offers significantly lower ambient light pollution than downtown or Punta Gorda Isles, making it ideal for deep-sky target sweeps.
- **Babcock Web Wildlife Management Area:** Heading slightly east toward Bermont/Babcock provides some of the darkest skies in Charlotte County for viewing faint objects like Neptune, Andromeda, or the faint glow of the Milky Way band.
- **Moore Observatory (FSW Punta Gorda Campus):**

The Southwest Florida Astronomical Society periodically hosts public telescope sessions on campus featuring their 16-inch dome telescope.

SEPTEMBER 2026 TIDAL PATTERNS

(CHARLOTTE HARBOR)

September 2026 Detailed Tide Schedule
(Punta Gorda, FL)

SEPTEMBER 2026 MOON PHASES

Phase	Date (EDT)	Impact on Local Waters
Third (Last) Quarter	September 4, 2026	Moderate tidal variation (neap tide effect)
New Moon	September 11, 2026	Stronger tidal fluctuations (spring tides), dark night skies
First Quarter	September 18, 2026	Moderate tidal variation
Full Moon	September 26, 2026	Highest high tides / lowest low tides, high night visibility

Date	First High	Second High	First Low	Second Low
Sept 1, 2026 (Tue)	7:25 AM (1.9 ft)	8:55 PM (1.4 ft)	1:30 AM (1.0 ft)	2:59 PM (0.6 ft)
Sept 15, 2026 (Tue)	7:09 AM (2.1 ft)	10:19 PM (1.4 ft)	1:29 AM (1.2 ft)	3:20 PM (0.4 ft)
Sept 30, 2026 (Wed)	6:20 AM (2.0 ft)	9:04 PM (1.4 ft)	12:31 AM (1.2 ft)	2:31 PM (0.4 ft)

Key Patterns for These Dates

- **Primary High Tide:** On all three dates, the highest water level of the day occurs during the morning high tide (peaking between 2.0 ft and 2.1 ft).
- **Primary Low Tide:** The lowest drop in water level occurs during the afternoon low tide (dropping to 0.4–0.6 ft between 2:30 PM and 3:30 PM).
- **Tidal Range:** The overall daily range between the highest high and lowest low stays fairly consistent at around **1.3 to 1.7 feet**.



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ASK DEE



Dear Dee:

I have been thinking of getting a pet, probably a dog. I would love the company, but do you know if there are other advantages of having one?

Dear Neighbor:

Hi this is Loki. My mom was busy so I decided to jump on here and answer your question myself. I mean, who is better qualified to answer this, a furry person from this actual species, or a mere human? I know my mom gets aggravated with me when I shed all over the house, or destroy a toy that she just bought me. But I also know she appreciates that I am loyal to her, that I know when she is down and needs snuggles, or when she needs me to do something goofy to make her laugh. (seems like I rock at that!) I also make sure she gets the exercise she needs, by making her take me for walks. I can tell when she is starting to become anxious, the simple act of me putting my chin on her leg and gazing at her calms her right down.

I overheard my mom telling some of her patients that there have been studies conducted that have shown that pet owners were more physically fit, had better self esteem, were more extraverted, and tended to be less fearful (that is because I am so macho and protective!) She also told these people that there is evidence that having pets can lower blood pressure and relieve stress. (I mean, c'mon, how can anyone feel stressed when looking into our precious little faces?)

We are loyal and honest. When was the last time you heard of a dog being two faced, lying, or judgmental? (the goo- goo eyes we make at you when you are eating something good and not sharing? That doesn't count. That is just self preservation!) But we will love you until our last breath, forgive you for any transgressions, not care what you look like, or how much money you have. We just love you for who you are. Oh no, here comes my mom, gotta run. Toodles poodles!!!!

Well, this is Dee and I see that Loki has commandeered my computer again. I do agree with what he said, but just want to add one thing. While having a dog in your life is a wonderful state of being, it also is not something that should be taken lightly. A dog may become part of your life, but you ARE his life. If you decide to share your home with a furbaby, make sure it is a commitment, not a whim. It breaks my heart when I see people "rehoming" their pets because they have become too much of

an inconvenience. Everyone falls in love with cute little puppies. However, these cuties grow up to be grown dogs, needing attention, and medicine, food, exercise. But if you are in for the long haul, then take the plunge and adopt a canine friend. The years of companionship and love will be an investment that truly pays off!

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HISTORICAL EVENTS THAT DIRECTLY IMPACT OUR LIVES TODAY

- 1. The Invention of the Printing Press (c. 1440)**
Johannes Gutenberg's movable-type press made books cheap and accessible, ending the elite control of information.
Modern Impact: It laid the structural foundation for mass literacy, public education, and open information networks—the direct technological ancestor of the internet.
- 2. The Columbian Exchange (1492)**
Christopher Columbus's voyage connected the Eastern and Western Hemispheres, initiating a massive transfer of plants, animals, cultures, and diseases.
Modern Impact: It fundamentally reshaped the global diet (introducing staples like potatoes, tomatoes, and corn worldwide) and created the initial networks for modern international trade.
- 3. The Signing of the Magna Carta (1215)**
English barons forced King John to sign a document limiting the power of the monarchy and protecting certain noble rights.
Modern Impact: It established the core democratic principle that **no one is above the law**, directly shaping modern constitutional law and civil rights protections.
- 4. The First Industrial Revolution (c. 1760–1840)**
The transition from manual labor to steam-powered, machine-driven manufacturing transformed agrarian societies into industrial ones.
Modern Impact: It created modern urbanization, established standard working hours, fueled global economic growth, and launched humanity's ongoing reliance on fossil fuels.

5. The Sykes-Picot Agreement (1916)

During WWI, Britain and France secretly carved up the lands of the falling Ottoman Empire into arbitrary geographic zones of control.

Modern Impact: The borders drawn in this agreement ignored ethnic and religious divisions, creating many of the geopolitical tensions and conflict lines still present in the Middle East.

6. The Bretton Woods Conference (1944)

Delegates from 44 Allied nations met in New Hampshire to create a unified international financial order as WWII neared its end.

Modern Impact: It established the US dollar as the world's primary reserve currency and created the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank, which still govern global finance today.

7. The Launch of ARPANET (1969)

The US Department of Defense established the first operational packet-switching network, connecting computers across long distances.

Modern Impact: ARPANET evolved directly into the Internet protocol suite (TCP/IP), forming the digital infrastructure underlying global communication, commerce, and media.

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SEPTEMBER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. Muscle spasm
6. Outcropping
10. Style of hairdo
14. Female demon
15. Relative of a rabbit
16. Neophyte, in modern slang
17. Kick out
18. Put _____ words
19. Storage site
20. A political government philosophy
22. Leg joint
23. 3 in Roman numerals
24. Rewrites
26. Sitting room
30. Complete
32. Give or take
33. Fantasy world
37. Small amount
38. Embroidered mat
39. Ice sheet
40. Likewise
42. Debonair
43. What we are called
44. Oleoresin
45. Displeased look
47. Grayish brown
48. Lives, in brief
49. Stewards
56. African sheep
57. Drill
58. Hawaiian greeting
59. Let out
60. French for "Wolf"
61. Lull
62. Countercurrent
63. Anagram of "Seek"
64. Sows

DOWN

1. Musical staff symbol
2. All-night party
3. In the center of
4. Rodents
5. Nationalist
6. Ground beef with peppery powder
7. Hindu princess
8. Cultural doings
9. Euclidean topic
10. Poorly done
11. Sharp end
12. Handouts
13. Double-reed woodwind
21. What we breathe
25. 24 hour period
26. Flat masses of soft material
27. Dugout shelter
28. Wander
29. Brightness
30. Dogs wag these
31. Greasy
33. Golfer's cry
34. "Oh dear!"
35. Exploded star
36. Regard
38. Deserving a curse
41. The collection of rules
42. Beach footwear
44. Hair style
45. Dismissed
46. Circular
47. Ocean trenches
48. Naked
50. Striped
51. Not false
52. Away from the wind
53. Mark down
54. Impact sound
55. Exhausts





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Please return to Pauline Gagne Lot 84, Joy Cataldi Lot 208 or Pam Timmins Lot 267

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Name _____

Primary phone # _____

Secondary Phone # _____

Email _____

Former Residence (State or Province) _____

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Resident #2

Information for telephone directory:

Name _____

Primary phone # _____

Secondary Phone # _____

Email _____

Former Residence (State or Province) _____

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The following information will NOT be included in the Directory

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HISTORY OF LABOR DAY

Observed the first Monday in September, Labor Day is an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. The holiday is rooted in the late nineteenth century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being.

Early Adopters

Before it was a federal holiday, Labor Day was recognized by labor activists and individual states. After municipal ordinances were passed in 1885 and 1886, a movement developed to secure state legislation. New York was the first state to introduce a bill, but Oregon was the first to pass a law recognizing Labor Day, on February 21, 1887. During 1887, four more states – Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York – passed laws creating a Labor Day holiday. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1894, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday.

McGuire v. Maguire: Who Founded Labor Day?

Who first proposed the holiday for workers? It's not entirely clear, but two workers can make a solid claim to the Founder of Labor Day title.

Some records show that in 1882, **Peter J. McGuire**, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor, suggested setting aside a day for a "general holiday for the laboring classes" to honor those "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold."

But Peter McGuire's place in Labor Day history has not gone unchallenged. Many believe that machinist **Matthew Maguire**, not Peter McGuire, founded the holiday.

Recent research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, New Jersey, proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York.

According to the New Jersey Historical Society, after President Cleveland signed the law creating a national Labor Day, the *Paterson Morning Call* published an opinion piece stating that "the souvenir pen should go to Alderman Matthew Maguire of this city, who is the undisputed author of Labor Day as a holiday." Both Maguire and McGuire attended the country's first

Labor Day parade in New York City that year.

Do other countries celebrate Labor Day?

Labor Day, also known as **International Workers' Day**, is celebrated in many countries around the world. The holiday is celebrated on May 1st in most of Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas, and is a bank holiday in many countries. In 2024, over 160 countries celebrated the holiday. The United States is one of the few countries that doesn't celebrate this holiday to recognize the workers on May 1. The September date was set in 1894 to appease workers after troops were sent to stop a strike in Chicago.

Europe: Worker's Day has roots in pagan traditions, such as the Gaelic festival Beltane, which marks the beginning of summer. In Germany, people celebrate with singing, dancing, and raising maypoles. In Finland and Sweden, people celebrate with picnics and outdoor activities. In the United Kingdom, people celebrate with Morris dancing and other traditional folk customs.

Canada: Labour Day (French: Fête du Travail) is a statutory public holiday in Canada that occurs on the first Monday in September. The Canadian celebration of Labour Day occurs on the same day each year as Labor Day in the United States.



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		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day Cookout 2pm Labor Day	8	9	10	11 Patriot Day	12 Coffee Chat & Board Meeting 10am
13	14	15 Taco Tuesday 4.30pm until sold out	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 First Day of Autumn	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 How to Combat the Effects of Aging 11am			



DISASTER SUPPLY KIT CHECKLIST



General

- ☐ 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

First Aid

- ☐ First Aid Manual
- ☐ Sterile adhesive bandages of different sizes
- ☐ Sterile gauze pads
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Tweezers
- ☐ Moistened towllettes
- ☐ Antiseptic
- ☐ Disinfectant wipes
- ☐ Hand sanitizer
- ☐ Aspirin or other pain reliever

Important Documents

- ☐ Insurance cards
 - ☐ Medical records
 - ☐ Banking information
 - ☐ Copies of social security cards
 - ☐ Copies of birth and/or marriage certificates
- *Items should be kept in a water proof container*

Special Needs Items

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

Vehicle

- ☐ Keep your motor vehicle tanks filled with gasoline

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, and utensils

Pet Care Items

- ☐ Pet food and water to last at least 7 days
- ☐ Proper identification
- ☐ Medical records/ microchip information
- ☐ Water and food bowls

Clothing

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

Phone Numbers

- ☐ Maintain a list of important phone numbers

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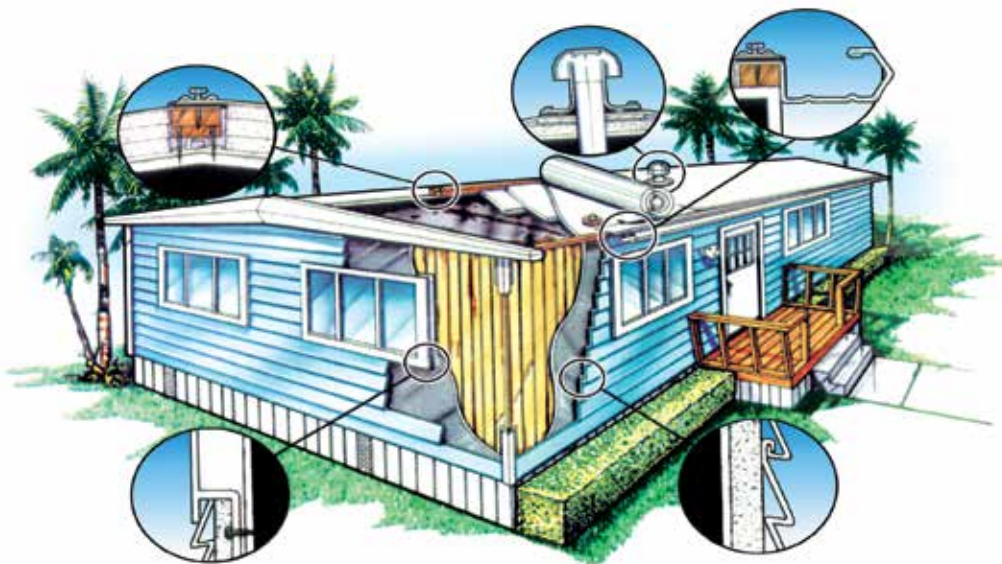


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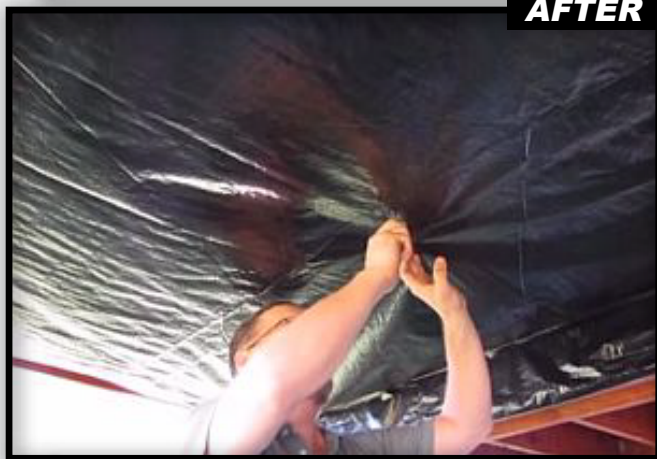
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