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September 2026

Editor: Joe Buono

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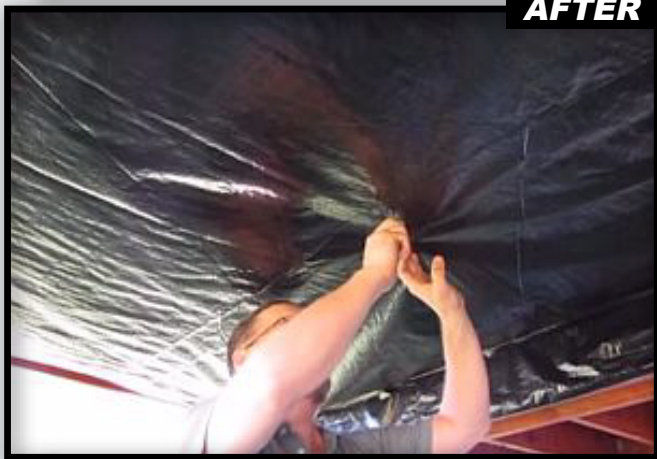
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(SEPTEMBER) ARIANA EVENTS CALENDAR (2026)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00 a.m. Quilting Class 6:30 p.m. Shuf- fleboard	2 9:30 a.m. Water Aerobics 7:00 p.m. Bingo	3 10:00 a.m. Activity Meeting 1:30 P.M. "313" Game 6:30 p.m. Shuf- fleboard	4 9:30 a.m. Water Aerobics	5
6 2:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social	7 9:30 a.m. Water Aerobics 12 Noon Labor Day Luncheon 6:30 p.m. PoKeNo	8 9:00 a.m. Quilting Class 6:30 p.m. Shuf- fleboard	9 9:30 a.m. Water Aerobics 7:00 p.m. Bingo	10 1:30 P.M. "313" Game 6:30 p.m. Shuf- fleboard	11 9:30 a.m. Water Aerobics	12
13	14 9:30 a.m. Water Aerobics 1:00 p.m. Craft Club 6:30 p.m. PoKeNo	15 9:00 a.m. Quilting Class 5:30 p.m. Neighborhood Watch Meeting 6:30 p.m. Shuf- fleboard	16 9:30 a.m. Water Aerobics 7:00 p.m. Bingo	17 1:30 P.M. "313" Game 6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner 6:30 p.m. Shuf- fleboard	18 9:30 a.m. Water Aerobics	19 7:00 p.m. Trivia Night
20 2:00 p.m. Card Bingo	21 9:30 a.m. Water Aerobics 6:30 p.m. PoKeNo	22 9:00 a.m. Quilting Class 6:30 p.m. Shuf- fleboard	23 9:30 a.m. Water Aerobics 7:00 p.m. Bingo	24 1:30 P.M. "313" Game 6:30 p.m. Shuf- fleboard	25 9:30 a.m. Water Aerobics	26
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Happy Birthday / Anniversary!
To Our Ariana Residents On Their Special Day

Sept Birthdays

DATE	RESIDENT	ADDRESS
2	Terri Newberry	1660 Kale Cove
4	Patricia Craig	1749 Poppy Circle
5	Kathy Shepherd	1050 Clematis Ave
8	Jared Brunell	1197 Ariana Village Blvd
8	Glen Hummel	1755 Alyssum Loop
9	Joseph Buono	1719 Poppy Circle
9	Pam Allmann	1030 Clematis Avenue
17	Elizabeth (Lizzy) Johnson	1605 Poppy Circle
18	Theda Ann Burnham	1769 Poppy Circle
20	Gary Boyle	1619 Geranium Loop
21	Paula Brunell	1197 Ariana Village Blvd
21	Connie Schurbon	1677 Poppy Circle
22	Michael Barwick	1678 Coleus Cove
22	Melody Ewings	1680 Poppy Circle
24	Victoria Ezzo	1239 Ariana Village Blvd
25	Max Casteneda	1779 Poppy Circle
26	Alan Weston	1663 Kale Cove
26	Maria R. Perez	1042 Cosmos Drive
27	Thomas Higgins	1645 Poppy Circle

Sept Anniversaries

DATE	RESIDENTS	ADDRESS
1	Alan & Joann Payne	1703 Poppy Circle
2	Laurie & Pam Braid	1043 Clematis Avenue
9	Michael & Susan Belou	1619 Poppy Circle
23	Rip & Lisa Tompkins	1731 Poppy Circle
26	Russell & Patricia May	1194 Ariana Village Blvd
29	John & Debra Harmon	1027 Cosmos Drive

Cover Page Photo

The Cover Page Photo is a symbol of the Labor Day holiday. 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. Labor Day Weekend is considered the end of the summer activities season and is celebrated with picnics and family & friends get togethers. Labor Day became a federal holiday on June 28th, 1894.



**DEADLINE FOR INFORMATION FOR THE OCT
NEWSLETTER IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH**



September 2026



Community Team Members

Community Manager

Office Coordinator
Leah Petty

Maintenance
Bill Krajcir

Community Support
James Gribben

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9a-5p
1st & 3rd Sat
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Greetings!

Welcome Our New Community Manager!

We are excited to announce and warmly welcome Francisca "Fran" Alicea as the new Community Manager of Ariana Village!

We feel incredibly fortunate to have Fran join our community. Coming to us from Lake Juliana, she brings valuable experience, a positive attitude, and a genuine commitment to providing exceptional service to residents. We are confident that she is the perfect fit for Ariana Village and will be a wonderful addition to our community family.

Please stop by the office when you have a chance to introduce yourself and help us give Fran a warm Ariana Village welcome. We know she is looking forward to meeting each of you and becoming part of the community.

Welcome to Ariana Village, Fran! We're excited to have you here and look forward to all the great things ahead.



Community Reminders:

To help keep Ariana Village safe, attractive, and enjoyable for everyone, please keep the following community reminders in mind:

- No soliciting is permitted within the community. If you notice unauthorized solicitors, please notify the office.
- Do not park on the grass. Help us preserve our beautiful landscaping by using designated parking areas only.
- No overnight parking on community roads. Vehicles parked on roadways overnight may create safety concerns and impede emergency access.
- Please remember to lock your vehicles. Taking this simple precaution can help prevent theft and protect your property.
- Do not dispose of dog waste bags in the ponds. Dog waste bags can block drainage spillways and negatively impact our community's water systems. Please dispose of them properly in designated trash receptacles.
- Rent is due on the first of the month, with a grace period through the 5th of the month. On the following business day the late fees will be added.
- For community emergencies occurring outside of office hours, please contact our after-hours emergency line: 877-786-6048 📞

Thank you for your cooperation in helping keep Ariana Village a safe, clean, and welcoming community for all residents.

Sincerely,

Leah Petty, Office Coordinator



H.O.A. News

By: Pat Amato



September HOA

Happy September!

I want to address a couple things that have come up recently.
I hope the information is helpful.

We've seen a few instances of people entering our park attempting to sell a product or service. This is a reminder that solicitation of any kind is not allowed in Ariana Village. We are a private community. Our signs, clearly posted at the gate, state no solicitation is allowed. If you are approached by someone, you should ask them to leave. Solicitation of any kind, (regardless of how they try to sell it to you, i.e. a service, a product, canvassing the community - it's all the same thing), it's not allowed. You do not have to open your door and you have every right to ask them to leave. If you are not comfortable doing this, call the office during working hours and they will escort them out. If it is after office hours, you may contact the police to have them removed.



I'd like to remind everyone to lock your vehicle doors, house doors, golf carts, and don't leave anything outside that someone could take, especially at night. We have this come up every year, so this is just a reminder to be vigilant and aware. If you see something, say something. Call the police and report suspicious activity.

This is a great time to think about attending our Neighborhood watch meetings at the clubhouse, the third Tuesday of each month, at 5:30 pm. Angie Ellis is our Crime Prevention Liaison from the Community Services Unit of the Lakeland Police Department. She is an excellent resource for what is happening around us, trends on latest scams, and providing tips and suggestions of how to keep yourself, your neighbors and our community safe. Different topics are addressed each month. She is often accompanied by another police officer who will also share information and answer any questions you may have.



***"Empathy is the starting point for creating a community and taking action.
It's the impetus for creating change."***

Thank you!!

Pat



September Events

Wednesday, September 2nd, 6:30 p.m., regular Bingo resumes.

Thursday, September 3rd, 10:00 a.m., Activity Group Meeting, everyone welcome.

Sunday, September 6th, 2:00 p.m., Ice Cream Social.

Monday, September 7th, 12 Noon, Labor Day Luncheon.

Thursday, September 17th, 6:00 p.m., Potluck Dinner.

Saturday, September 19th, 7:00 p.m., Trivia Night. Signup at the clubhouse



It's been a pleasure providing events for the community this summer.

Thank you to everyone for your support.

Beth DeShane,

On behalf of the Activity Committee

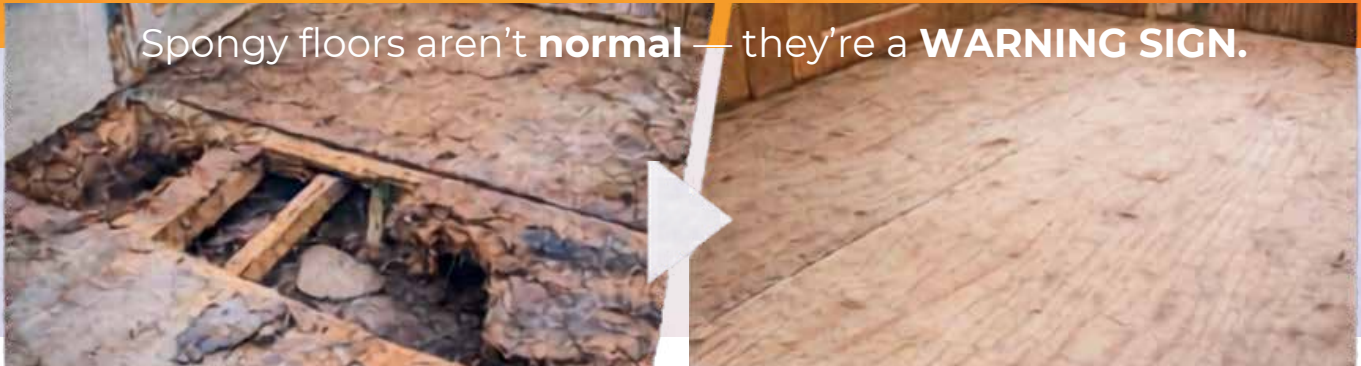
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CAP Info

Fred Ankersen & Maryanne Carrico



“CAP Program News”

**BELOW IS AN AFTER HOUR NUMBER FOR PARK RELATED NON-EMERGENCIES:
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Also, we need more "CAP" volunteers to help insure that we continue to have a strong patrol program. It only involves a commitment of 8 hours per month. If you feel you can help with this, please contact:

CAP PROGRAM COORDINATORS

Fred Ankersen 321-243-8973 (and) Maryanne Carrico 863-329-3467



Crafty Creations

By: Lois Toland



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INTERESTED IN HOSTING A CLASS AND OR TEACHING THEIR CRAFT TO
RESIDENTS. INTERESTED PARTIES PLEASE CONTACT LOIS TOLAND AT:
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Hobby Shop News



The Hobby Shop graciously accepts aluminum soda and beer cans. Residents can place them in the foot locker box outside the hobby shop door. The hobby shop members crush and store them in containers and take them to the scrap yard for redemption. These monies help the shop towards paying our electric bill.

Steve



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Neighborhood Watch News



By: Dan & Kathy Shepherd, Coordinators

Hello good neighbors. Dan and I are your Neighborhood Watch coordinators, which is probably the easiest job ever. We just confirm with Angie, from Lakeland PD that there is a meeting on the third Tuesday of the month. You show up and listen to good information to help keep us safe and aware of what is happening in the surrounding neighborhood.

I do want to take this opportunity to talk about scams. I get so angry! We can send a man to the moon but we can't stop my email server from sending me unsolicited and fraudulent emails.

I want to be clear we are all victims here. Even if you hang up or don't answer a scam call, you had to take that action. Even if you delete all crazy emails, you had to take that action. How many of us have had to have a credit card replaced because someone accessed your card illegally? How many of us have had to call our bank or Amazon and make sure everything is ok and you really didn't get charged \$989.00 for a new I-phone.

I could rant about this problem longer, but I will spare you. The bottom line is scammers make money preying on trusting, vulnerable people and the powers that be must be directly or indirectly making money too or we would have a fix.

So, in the meantime, please, please, please take a breath, pause for a second if you are in a suspicious phone conversation or looking at a questionable email. If you did not initiate the call or email, it is probably not legitimate. If the other party is applying pressure for you to act quickly, they do not have your best interest in mind. I taught my mom to tell any callers, "my daughter handles all my financial decisions". I may start using that line myself!

See you around the hood!

Kathy Shepherd



**Ariana Village - September 2026
Home Site Of The Month Winners
David & Lisa Tompkins
1731 Poppy Circle**



Congratulations to **David and Lisa Tompkins**, Ariana Villages September **Home Site of the Month** recipients!

Their home site has been recognized for being exceptionally **beautiful, neat, and well-maintained**, reflecting outstanding care and attention to detail. Their dedication helps make our community a more attractive and welcoming place for everyone. In recognition of their efforts, David and Lisa have been awarded a **\$25 gift card** and will proudly display the **Home Site of the Month** sign throughout the month of September. When you see them out be sure to congratulate them on being September's Homesite of the month!!

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CAP corner



Attention Ariana Village Residents, Your CAP Patrol Needs Your Help

The CAP program is in desperate need of new members to patrol our neighborhood, in order to assist our residents and keeping our community safe. There are morning, afternoon, evening and night-time positions available. Requirements are, that you must be a licensed driver, agree to a background check (which may take up to 60 days to be returned) and commit to a one day, Sheriff's Office training program, somewhere in Polk County. Upon completing the one day training program, you will be paired up with an experienced CAP member for a shift or two, until you are comfortable with patrolling on your own or with a partner and at that point, you can select your time slot from a list of available dates and times. All it takes, once a CAP member, is to commit to at least 2 hours per week, which can be split into two, one hour tours. Being a CAP member and patrolling the community, is also an excellent way to get around the neighborhood and meet new people or just simply greet your friends and neighbors along the way. For assistance and information please contact Fred Ankersen at: 321-243-8973 (or) Maryanne Carrico at: 863-329-3467. Thank you in advance.

Fred & Maryanne



VETERAN'S CORNER

By: The Editor



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Ariana Village

BINGO



Bingo Time Schedule
Every Wednesday Evening At 7:00 p.m.

Must purchase packets no later than 6:45p.m.

Must be 18 years or older to play Bingo

Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m.. \$6.00 for first bingo packet per person, plays all 10 games. \$5.00 for each additional packet per person

\$1.00 each for additional sheets for last game.

We are asking for bills to be no higher than \$10.00. Larger bills make it very difficult to divide money for payouts for each game. Thank you.



*****BINGO COMMITTEE UP-DATES*****

Welcome Back Bingo!!!
Hope To See You All On Wednesday, September 2nd!

BINGO CALLER: Bobby Barnes





H.O.A. Board of Directors



NAME	PHONE NUMBER
Pam Allmann, Director	(715) 340-1406
Pat Amato, Director	(203) 525-9965
Holly Collins, Director	(863) 409-6965
Cindy Gwin, Director	(419) 343-1137
Susan Morrison, Director	(863) 698-4907
Judy Phillips, Director	(315) 439-7368
Jinny Wagner, Director	(863) 660-4283
Dan Shepherd, FMO Rep.	(863) 450-8273
Dan Shepherd, Lakeland Interpark Council	(517) 414-6167

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4	Atkinson, Angela	(908) 227-4906	angelaatkinson06@gmail.com
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19	Toland, Lois	(816) 699-9942	lftoland001@yahoo.com

Activities Group Mission Statement: Our goal is to provide activities for the residents of Ariana Village, their family, friends and guests. You can contact any member for event information or questions you may have.

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