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Greetings from the Office

By Karin Desmone

Park Directory – If you want to make changes to your contact information, please contact the office at goldenacresroa@gmail.com Changes must be received by September 30th.

You may list two telephone numbers or one telephone number and one email address. 2027 directory will be distributed in November.

Effective October 1st – The access code to use the power tools in the workshop has changed. Please stop by the office to sign the waiver and receive the new code.



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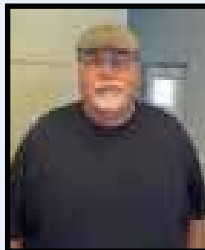
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President's Report

By Tammy Davis #21

Hello GA members, I hope everyone had a great summer. As we slide into another season at GA, please remember to sign in upon your arrival. If you have changed your phone, address or email, please update the office.



Our property manager recently identified 21 units that have landscaping violations. If you received a letter, please notify the office with your plan to correct this violation.

As of this writing, we have 7 units for sale. We have 165 members from the U.S. and 59 from outside the U.S.

Happy Labor Day!

Tammy Davis

From the Editor's Desk



Please send information to goldenacresr.o.newsletter@gmail.com
Chris Rainsforth



Joe and Dianne
Lemon

Maureen and Paul
Shannon

Having summer a visit in Mass.





Recreation Committee 2026-2027 November 2026 - April 2027	
Chairperson	Maureen Shannon
Vice-Chairperson	Richard Barnes
Treasurer	Anne Knott
Secretary	Tina Sinclair
Newsletter	Chris Rainsforth
Bingo (Sub Committee)	Glenda Spafford
Kitchen	Deb Pollard
Recreation Committee 2026 May to October 2026	
Co-Chair	Debbie Douthit
Co-Chair	Gina Douthit

Event Contacts 2026-2027 Winter Season November 1 to April 30	
Wednesday Weekly	Richard Barnes
Bingo Committee	Paula Bunevith, Kevin Rainsforth, Glenda Spafford
Progressive Cards	Lynn and Dave Roselli
Bowling	Jack Terry
Golf	Ron Tasior, Ed Richtmyer
Indoor Exercise	Nancy Karhoff, Claudia Burke
Walking with Belinda	Belinda Sezbenski
Ping Pong	Lori Barnes
Jamming with Jim	Jim Davis
Pickle-ball	Staicy Boyd Gunter
Fun Euchre	Jim and Tammy Davis
Shuffle Under the Stars	Rose West
Shuffle League	Rose West



Gathering to Celebrate Ray Lamoureux August 8, 2026



Starting on the left around the table
Paul and Maureen Shannon, Ann Knott, Grant and Marie
Niedzewski, Carol Diniz, Bob Knott, Frank St Peter, Paula
Eckland, Linda St Peter, Joe Bunevith, Gail and Ron Tasior, Bob
Eckland

Ray and Ron

Attending the gathering for Ray Lamoureux from Golden Acres
Paul and Maureen Shannon, Ann Knott, Grant and Marie Niedzewski, Carol Diniz, Bob Knott,
Frank St Peter, Paula Eckland, Linda St Peter, Joe Bunevith, Gail and Ron Tasior, Bob Eckland

On Saturday August 8 a gathering of family and friends was held for Ray Lamoureux . He had been diagnosed with brain cancer. Ray was President and Ron was Vice President for 15 yrs at Golden Acres . Ray was instrumental in getting our clubhouse remodeled, traveling back and forth between Massachusetts and Florida, he also made sure that our shares were properly worded . We all wish Ray the best and thank him for the great job he did for Golden Acres.

Jack, 84, of Dunedin, FL,
formerly of Bloomfield, NY,
passed away on
August 12, 2026.
He was born on April 27, 1942

Beloved husband of Sue Bailey Unit 188,
Forth Street,
Golden Acres

Sue our heartfelt condolences and thoughts are with you during this difficult time. May your many wonderful memories keep Jack close to your heart. He will be remembered fondly for his great sense of humor and many contributions to G. A.



OBITUARY

John "Jack" Leland Bailey

April 27, 1942 – August 12, 2026

Obituary of John "Jack" Leland Bailey

Jack is the third of twelve children. He was born in Binghamton, NY, and attended many schools as his father worked in construction.

He leaves behind his loving wife, Susan, of 35 years, two stepsons, Jason (Julia) Dean, Jeffrey (Brittney) Dean; three sons, John (Barbie) Bailey, Matthew (Holly) Bailey, and David Bailey; three daughters, Carrie (Keith) Barnard, Marie (Brett) Smith, and Jill Bailey (predeceased); a brother, Chuck (Mary Ann) Bailey, and sisters, Darleen (Pat) House, Debbie Gascon, Margy (Reid) Baker, Sherry (Jim) Powers, Lori (Jeff) Ball, Janine (Tony) Santillo, and brother-in-law, Francis (Sandy) Benson. Along with many Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren, Nieces and Nephews.

He was predeceased by his first wife of 24 years, Elaine Rock Bailey; his sisters, Mary Bailey, Barbara (Louis) Bradford, Marsha (Ron) Baylor, Patty (Barry) Baxter, and brother-in-law, Ed Gascon. His parents, Albert and Margaret Bailey, and in-laws, Francis and Lorena Benson also predeceased him.

Jack and Susan were married on May 14, 1991, and had been together ever since, moving to Springwater to their first home that same year. In 2005, they moved to Lexington, NC, and in 2009, they visited Jack's sister, Marsha and Ron Baylor and purchased their final home together in Golden Acres, Dunedin, FL, where Marsha and Ron resided.

Jack was passionate about woodworking and made many wooden items such as golf cart trophies and toys for children which he gave away. He enjoyed seeing the smiles from the different recipients. He also enjoyed playing golf in the two Golden Acres leagues.

*** I have no information about any Celebration of Life for Jack at Golden Acres. If anyone is aware of anything please share it with Karen in the office so that Golden Acres Residents can be informed.

What do you do when you are a dog lover but live in a community that does not allow dogs? I get my doggie fix by walking dogs and going to the dog park.

Before I moved to Dunedin I volunteered at Fur A Good Paws in Flora, IL. Fur A Good Paws is a small no kill animal shelter operated solely by donation and volunteers. I always loved caring for the dogs at the shelter and fostering the dogs we knew would be adopted quickly and didn't want to expose to shelter life. We try to make shelter life as easy as possible by giving them plenty of exercise and "out of kennel" time, making sure they are healthy and happy. And the best part was the doggies kisses and hugs. My reward was to see them be adopted into loving homes.

When I moved to Dunedin I became involved with Dunedin Doggie Rescue, a small dog rescue here in Dunedin. We typically walk 6-8 dogs each night through Hammock or Highlander Park. During the hottest of days, we usually walk after it cools down a bit between 7 – 8 pm. Winter months we go earlier so we are home before it gets dark. Dogs love it and it is great exercise for all. We also take the pack to enjoy the free concerts in Weaver Park during the month of May. And the best part of this is my happy place, the dog park! It is fun hanging with other dog lovers and watching the dogs run and play. The dogs are well behaved for the most part (there may be an incident or two when the dogs need to be called back and leashed). But those are rare. When the dogs have been properly socialized they can run off some energy and enjoy seeing their friends. So, if you are interested in walking dogs please let me know and I can hook (or leash) you up. Gina Douthit 540-840-5992.





Gina suggested that some of our residents might be interested in "Our Home Town" so I have decided to start a series of articles that I hope many of you will add to by sharing your home town. Please share Your Home Town.

OUR HOME TOWN

Written and Compiled With Assistance from Ai Chris Rainsforth Unit 215

Kevin and I made St Thomas, Ontario our home town approximately 50 years ago. We left Comox, British Columbia in 1977. Kevin and I decided that we did not want our children to be nomads so, he resigned from the Canadian Armed Forces and we moved our family to St Thomas and town within a few kilometers of my mom. He quickly found employment, we purchased our first home and we settled into St Thomas. I would say that St Thomas was a little bigger than Dunedin. Both of us were Army Brats and this would be our first and last move to a new Town that we now call home. Two of my daughters were born in St Thomas and all of our grandchildren were born in St Thomas/London. Home never felt so good. Once we retired we were fortunate enough to visit Dunedin and decided this was going to be our winter home. Living the best of both worlds, how I wish that this life were available to everyone who needs to get away from the cold winter months. Please enjoy some of the information I have decided to share with you. We have a number of GA resident past and present from Our Home Town. the biggest surprise is that none of us knew each other from "Our Home Town" St Thomas, Ontario.

ST. THOMAS PROVING THAT "THE RAILWAY CITY" IS THE NEXT BIG MID-SIZED DESTINATION. ST. THOMAS, ONT.

Long celebrated as Canada's historic "Railway City," St. Thomas is rapidly transforming from a hidden southwestern Ontario gem into a powerhouse mid-sized destination.

Local officials and community leaders are reporting a major surge in both new residents and regional tourism, fueled by a booming local economy and an unexpected blend of eccentric landmarks and world-class green spaces.

For decades, the city was primarily known for its industrial roots and its tragic 1885 connection to P.T. Barnum's famous circus elephant, Jumbo. Today, the life-sized Jumbo the Elephant Memorial on Talbot Street remains a massive draw for quick photo opportunities, but it is now just one piece of a much larger cultural rebirth. At the heart of this transformation is a commitment to adaptive reuse, best exemplified by the St. Thomas Elevated Park. Built atop a decommissioned 1929 railway trestle bridge, the park stands as Canada's only elevated green space. Managed entirely by local volunteers, it offers panoramic views of the Kettle Creek valley alongside large-scale art sculptures, effectively turning industrial decay into a sprawling community hub.

Down on the ground, the beautifully restored CASO Railway Station continues to anchor the city's identity, drawing history buffs to the North America Railway Hall of Fame.

The city's allure extends well beyond its tracks. Boasting premier urban sanctuaries like Pinafore Park and Waterworks Park, St. Thomas has successfully retained its peaceful, small-town charm despite rapid modernization.

Local cultural institutions, including the St. Thomas-Elgin Public Art Centre and the Elgin Military Museum, further elevate the city's status as a well-rounded destination for day-trippers. The tourism spike mirrors a wider residential boom. Positioned just 25 minutes south of London, Ontario, and a short drive from the beaches of Port Stanley, St. Thomas has Fun Beaches: You are only 15 minutes away from the white sands and shops of Port Stanley on the shores of Lake Erie.

Small Town Vibe: The city has a rich railway history. People who live there love the quiet streets and local shops.



St. Thomas is proudly known as Canada's "Railway City."

For a tourist, its rich industrial history, unique green spaces, and quirky landmarks make it a highly memorable day trip or weekend stop.

The top attractions are grouped below by interest:

Railway History & Quirky Landmarks

St. Thomas Elevated Park

4.5(1.0K)Park1 Centre St

What it is: Canada's only elevated park, built right on top of a massive, decommissioned 1929 railway trestle bridge.

Why visit: Managed entirely by local volunteers, it features broad walking trails, large art sculptures, and beautiful panoramic views of the Kettle Creek valley.

Address: 1 Centre St, St Thomas, ON N5R 2Z5

Jumbo the Elephant Memorial

4.5(702)Monument65 Talbot St

What it is: A life-sized, majestic statue dedicated to P.T. Barnum's famous circus elephant, Jumbo.

Why visit: It stands as a unique monument to a bizarre piece of local history—Jumbo tragically met his end right here in St. Thomas in 1885. It is a must-visit spot for a quick photo opportunity.

Address: 65 Talbot St, St Thomas, ON N5R 3C9

CASO Railway Station

What it is: A beautifully restored 19th-century train station that houses the North America Railway Hall of Fame.

Why visit: You can take a self-guided tour through the grand architecture and explore historical exhibits detailing the golden age of rail travel.

Address: 750 Talbot St, St Thomas, ON N5P 1E2

Scenic Parks & Nature

Pinafore Park

4.7(2.2K)City park95 Elm St

Why visit: This is the city's premier park, boasting beautiful flower gardens, quiet hiking trails, a waterfall, and a scenic lake area. It's the perfect spot to slow down and enjoy a picnic.

Address: 95 Elm St, St Thomas, ON N5R 1H7

Waterworks Park

4.7(909)Park2 S Edgeware Rd

Why visit: A highly peaceful green space featuring walking paths that crisscross over small footbridges, tranquil ponds, and excellent spots for bird watching.

Address: 2 S Edgeware Rd, St Thomas, ON N5P 2G8

Museums & Culture

Thomas-Elgin Public Art Centre

Why visit: Serving the community since 1969, this vibrant gallery features a rotating collection of over 1,900 pieces of regional, national, and international artwork.

Address: 301 Talbot St, St Thomas, ON N5P 1B5

Elgin Military Museum

4.6(61)Museum30 Talbot StWhy visit: Great for history buffs, this museum houses an extensive collection of models, historical military vehicles, and artifacts brought to life by knowledgeable local guides.

Address: 30 Talbot St, St Thomas, ON N5P 3S5

Canada's only elevated park in Ontario is almost 100 feet in the air
and it's a former railway bridge



1872

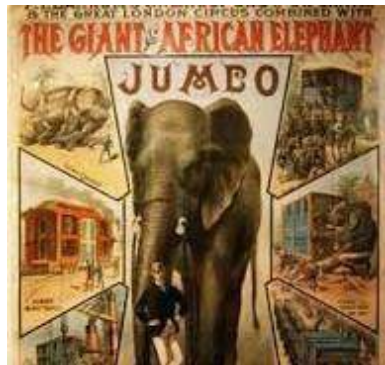
Canada Southern Railway Kettle Creek Bridge

The CSR single-track, timber-trestle over Kettle Creek at St. Thomas was completed in February, 1872. The trestle was made of framed timber, carried a single track, and was 28m (92 feet) high and 416 m (1,365 feet) long. It consisted of 14 Howe truss deck spans supported on timber bents. The longest span over Kettle Creek was 13.7 m (45 feet).

1883

Michigan Central Railroad Kettle Creek Bridge

In 1883, the year after the CSR was leased to the MCR, the timber trestle was replaced with a double-tracked, metal structure 425 m (1,395 feet) long and 28.3m (93 feet) above the creek bed. The bridge deck was supported on metal trestle bents that formed towers 91 m (30 feet) long at their tops in the direction of the rail. Between the towers was a clear span of 13.7 m (45 feet). The deck was constructed of plate girders which carried an unballasted track structure. The viaduct was the same length as the previous timber trestle. Although the bridge was double-tracked, trains travelling in opposite directions were prohibited from meeting each other on the structure.



Golden Acres September Birthdays

Dan	Guggi	01-Sep	184
Cathy	Hollenback	01-Sep	218
Marie	Hutchinson	01-Sep	195
Steven	Walsh	06-Sep	193
Lynnmarie	Kolenko	06-Sep	42
Scott	Meka	07-Sep	187
Judith	Fitzpatrick	08-Sep	87
Michelle	Mcgaughey	08-Sep	211
Richard	Barnes	09-Sep	5
John	Kamerer	09-Sep	78
Rose	West	09-Sep	108
Sandra	Franco	11-Sep	153
Richard	Kinzie	12-Sep	226
Deborah	Mathews	13-Sep	220
George	Vander Schelde	14-Sep	118
Shannon	Kamp	15-Sep	129
Ann	Shibley	18-Sep	162
Donald	Webb	19-Sep	101
Colleen	Ciecko	20-Sep	24
Donna	Hickey	20-Sep	181
Nadine	Templeton	20-Sep	105
Nancy	Armeli	21-Sep	116
Linda	Swann	23-Sep	219
Frank	St. Peter	24-Sep	140
Patty	Kirkey	24-Sep	71
Beverly	Wood	25-Sep	80
Mary Lou	Webb	25-Sep	101
Sandra	Guptill	27-Sep	150
Gayle	Kavanagh	27-Sep	190
Gina	Douthit	28-Sep	55
Pete	Chorba	29-Sep	20
Charlotte	Vaughn	29-Sep	121
Patricia	Higgins	29-Sep	180
Shelly	Kelley	29-Sep	76
Doug	Walsh	30-Sep	192



Golden Acres September Anniversaries

Steve & Patti Cockerill	02-September
Karl & Patricia Deering	09-September
Gordon & Glenda Spafford	11-September
Michael & Donna Hickey	15-September
Donald & Mary Lou Webb	19-September
Mario & Kathy Spadafore	19-September
Paul & Maureen Shannon	20-September
Frank & Linda St. Peter	23-September



Active-Duty Soldiers to Remember

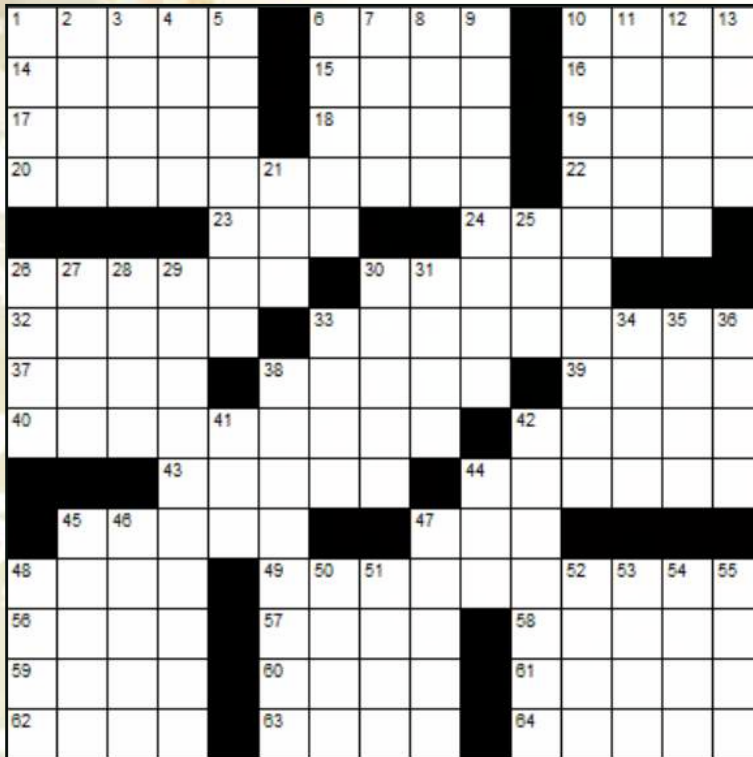
Please take a moment to offer a prayer of thanks and remembrance
to all those who help protect our Countries
Keep them in your prayers until they return safely to their loved ones.

- Adam Coburn (British Army),
- Nephew of Mildred and David Todd, Lot #2.
Damien Fitzpatrick (Tech Sgt. USAF)
- Grandson of Judith Fitzpatrick, Lot #87.
Sean Fitzpatrick (Major US Army)
- Grandson of Judith Fitzpatrick, Lot #87.
Reid Forster (Master Corporal with the 4th Royal Canadian Regiment)
- Son of Dave Forster & Colleen Collins Lot#128
Tim Joy, US Army Special Forces Green Berets, Fort Bragg, NC
- Nephew of Jack Terry, Lot #141.
Daniel Jones (US Navy)
- Grandson of Carol Diniz, Lot #25.
Matthew Jones (US Navy)
- Grandson of Carol Diniz, Lot #25.
Brian Karhoff (US Army LTC)
- Son of Nancy Karhoff, Lot #67.
Colleen Terry, US Navy, Petty Officer 3rd class, Naples, Italy
- Daughter of Jack Terry, Lot #141.
Joshua Ryan Torres Air Force National Guard Staff Sergeant (EOD unit) deployed
- Son of Susan Franco, Lot #17



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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. Swiped
51. Not false
52. Away from the wind
53. Mark down
54. Impact sound
55. Exhausts





September Word Search

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SEPTEMBER SUDOKU

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Monthly

Blood Cancer Awareness Month. Lymphoma is a type of blood cancer that occurs when lymphocytes—white blood cells that help protect the body from infection and disease—begin behaving abnormally. Lymphoma may develop in many parts of the body, including the lymph nodes, spleen, bone marrow, blood or other organs. This year’s theme for Blood Cancer Awareness Month is “Light it Red for Lymphoma.”

National Child Awareness Month. During National Child Awareness Month, a wide array of organizations set aside their agendas to focus on the bigger picture of children in America today and what can be done for their growing challenges and needs tomorrow.

National Cholesterol Education Month. National Cholesterol Education Month is a good time to get your blood cholesterol checked and to lower it if it’s high. It’s also a good time to learn about lipid profiles and food and lifestyle choices that will help you reach your personal cholesterol goals.

National Piano Month. A good month to sign up for piano lessons. Although invented around the year 1700, the piano took several decades to become a favorite of composers and performers alike. In the 19th century the instrument grew larger and more powerful. At the same time, the instrument became the primary source of home entertainment, and learning to play the piano became an important part of childhood education.

Weekly

National Suicide Prevention Week, Sept. 6-12. High schools, colleges, and universities can create their own activities for National Suicide Prevention Week. These locations are ideal to promote public awareness of the goals of suicide prevention, educate the public about the prevalence of suicide, and involve young adults in prevention activities.

Child Passenger Safety Week, Sept. 20-26. Car crashes are a leading cause of death for children up to 13 years old. Many deaths and injuries can be prevented by proper use of car seats, boosters, and seat belts. Getting safety information and car seat instructions to parents and caregivers is crucial to saving young lives.

Pollution Prevention Week, Sept. 21-27. An opportunity for individuals, businesses, and government to emphasize and highlight their pollution prevention and sustainability activities and achievements, expand current pollution prevention efforts, and commit to new actions.

september



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Labor Day				Patriot Day	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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			First Day of Autumn			
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