



THE HERITAGE HARBOR

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HERITAGE HARBOR HOA PRESENTS...

LABOR DAY POOL PARTY

Heritage Harbor Monday, September 7th
1:00 - 4:00 PM

Event Highlights

- **DJ Jason** spinning summer favorites
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Interesting Things to Know About Heritage Harbor

Heritage Harbor isn't just a beautiful neighborhood — it's a community with a rich identity, standout amenities, and some impressive statistics that many residents may not know. Here are a few highlights worth sharing:

A Premier Golf Community

Heritage Harbor is built around a **championship 18-hole golf course** designed by Jed Azinger and Gordon G. Lewis. The course stretches nearly **7,000 yards** and winds through natural marshes and water features, offering both challenge and scenery for golfers of all levels.

Seven Distinct Villages

The neighborhood includes **approximately 669 homes** across seven villages, with properties ranging from 1,715 to over 5,600 square feet. Many homes feature scenic views of the fairways or water.

Resort-Style Amenities

Residents enjoy access to an **11,000-square-foot clubhouse**, complete with:

- A full-service restaurant and bar
- Fitness center
- A massive quarter-acre swimming pool
- **A three-story waterslide**
- Tennis, pickleball (coming soon), sand volleyball, basketball, and even an outdoor rollerblading rink

It's truly a resort-style experience right at home.

A High-Income, Family-Focused Community

Heritage Harbor's median household income is \$159,178, significantly higher than the Lutz average. The neighborhood also has a higher percentage of family households (65.5%) and a larger average household size (3.3 people).

A Diverse and Growing Neighborhood

The community reflects a blend of backgrounds, with residents identifying as White (50.9%), Hispanic or Latino (26.6%), Asian (7.7%), Black (7.1%), and other groups. **About 16.4% of residents are foreign-born**, adding to the cultural richness of the neighborhood.

Convenient Location

Heritage Harbor sits just north of Tampa Bay with easy access to I-75 and the Veterans Expressway, making commutes and travel simple for residents.

A Community Known for Recreation

Beyond golf, Heritage Harbor offers:

- Pools with waterslides
- Playground
- Fitness Room
- Social events and holiday celebrations

It's a neighborhood built for active living and community connection.



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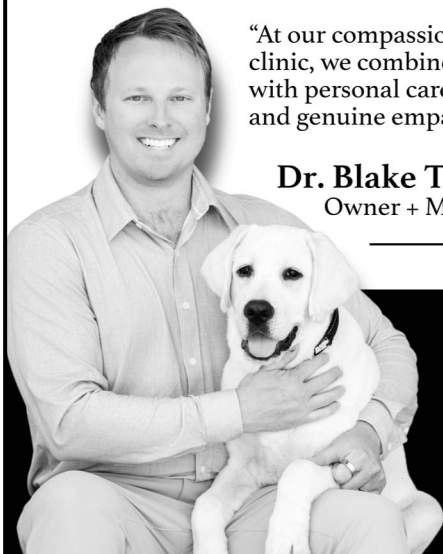
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August Fun at Heritage Harbor

August is here—long days, good neighbors, and the perfect time to enjoy Heritage Harbor together! Whether you're relaxing at home, taking a stroll through the neighborhood, or looking for a reason to say "hi" outside, this month is all about community spirit.

Neighborly Challenge: August Hello!

Pick one simple goal and make it happen:

- **Say hello to one new neighbor, or**
 - **Check in with one resident you haven't seen in a while.**
- Small moments—like a friendly wave at the mailbox or a quick chat on a walk—make the biggest difference in how connected our community feels.

Easy Community Moments to Try

If you're looking for low-pressure fun (no long drives required!), here are a few August-friendly ideas:

- **Porch/Park Picnic:** Invite a couple of neighbors for an easy snack and conversation.
- **Family "Summer Scavenger Hunt":** Create a short list—find something blue, something handmade, a flower, or a favorite neighborhood spot.
- **Movie Night at Home:** Pair it with a "bring your own blanket" vibe and (optionally) invite a neighbor or two.
- **Community Kindness:** Offer help with a small task, thank a volunteer, or leave a note for someone doing a great job.

HOA Reminders (Quick + Friendly)

- Keep an eye out for HOA updates, event announcements, and important dates.
- If you have ideas for future community activities, submit them—residents helping residents is what makes Heritage Harbor special.

Call to Action

This August, let's make Heritage Harbor feel even more like home—**one friendly interaction at a time**. See you around the neighborhood!

To New Beginnings

January is typically when we are encouraged to reflect on our aspirations, possibly making changes for the year ahead or growing in areas of achievement. For some, it can elicit exploration and reflection on new goals or projects, but sometimes it can feel overwhelming, especially after the bustle of the holiday season.

It's interesting because August, for many of us, is the start of something new, promising, encouraging, or exciting. It's the start of a new school year, which, even if we are not directly impacted, is a good time to continue exploring our motivation for change.

Here are a few reflective questions to ask yourself about starting something new this August:

- When have you made a significant change or started something new in the past? How did you pull it off?
- What concerns do you have about things staying exactly as they are?
- What personal strengths do you have that will help you succeed this time?
- What have you learned from past attempts at change that will be most helpful to you now?
- If you decided right now that you are ready to do this, how would you go about it?

Beginning something new or making a change can be scary and exciting at exactly the same time. It helps us grow in small ways and learn something about ourselves in the process.

Wishing you the best on the starting blocks of August.

Be well,
Abby Gloré

2026-2027 Student Academic Calendar
School Board Approval 6/17/2025
Updated 3/24/26

Students' First Day of School	Monday, August 10, 2026
Labor Day/Non-Student Day	Monday, September 7, 2026
End of 1st Grading Period	Friday, October 9, 2026
Non-Student Day	Monday, October 12, 2026
Veterans Day/Non-Student Day	Wednesday, November 11, 2026
Fall Break/Non-Student Days	Monday, November 23 - Friday, November 27, 2026
Students Return to School	Monday, November 30, 2026
End of 2nd Grading Period/1st Semester	Friday, December 18, 2026
Winter Break/Non-Student Days	Monday, December 21, 2026 - Friday, January 1, 2027
Non-Student Day	Monday, January 4, 2027
Students Return to School	Tuesday, January 5, 2027
Martin Luther King, Jr./Non-Student Day	Monday, January 18, 2027
Florida State Fair/Non-Student Day	Friday, February 12, 2027
Presidents' Day/Non-Student Day	Monday, February 15, 2027
Strawberry Festival/Non-Student Day	Monday, March 8, 2027*
End of 3rd Grading Period	Friday, March 12, 2027
Spring Break/Non-Student Days	Monday, March 22 - Friday, March 26, 2027
Non-Student Day	Monday, March 29, 2027
Students Return to School	Tuesday, March 30, 2027
Non-Student Day	Friday, April 16, 2027
Last Day of School	Friday, May 28, 2027
End of 4th Grading Period/2nd Semester	

Tentative Hurricane Make-Up Day(s) if needed: October 12, November 11, November 23-25, January 4.

Student Early Release Day schedule has not been finalized.
The last day of school is a 2.5-hour early release.

*Strawberry Festival/Non-Student Day changed from 3/1/27 to 3/8/27 to coincide with the dates of the Strawberry Festival.

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Back-to-School in Hillsborough County

When School Starts and What Families Should Expect

Hillsborough County Public Schools typically begin classes in early August, and the first week always brings a mix of excitement, new routines, and heavier morning traffic around Lutz. This guide helps families stay organized and confident as the year kicks off.

Enrollment, Schedules and Required Forms

Before the first day, families should confirm the following through the HCPS website or their school's front office:

- **Student Enrollment Verification** — Make sure all residency documents and emergency contacts are updated.
- **Bus Transportation Registration** — Required for new riders and recommended for returning students.
- **Health and Medication Forms** — Needed if your child takes medication at school or has special health needs.
- **School Supply Lists** — Each school posts grade-level lists online.

Morning Traffic and Safety in Lutz

Back-to-school week brings heavy traffic near **Steinbrenner High, Martinez Middle, and McKittrick Elementary**. Helpful reminders for residents:

- Leave extra time for drop-off
- Watch for school-zone speed limits
- Expect buses on Heritage Harbor Parkway and Lutz Lake Fern
- Avoid U-turns near school entrances

What Students Should Do the First Week

A simple checklist for families:

- Review class schedules and teacher assignments
- Log into **Canvas** and **MySPOT** for digital resources
- Attend orientation or open house if offered
- Set up a homework space at home
- Establish consistent sleep routines (especially for teens)

Lunch, Snacks and Nutrition

HCPS offers both paid and free/reduced lunch options. Families should:

- Add funds to the **MyPaymentsPlus** account
- Review menus for dietary needs
- Pack water bottles — August heat is intense
- Consider quick, healthy snacks for after school

Technology and Digital Tools

Students in Hillsborough County use several platforms:

- **Canvas** — Assignments, grades, communication
- **Clever** — Access to learning apps
- **Edsby** — Parent communication and attendance
- **MySPOT** — Parent portal for forms and records

I can create a **tech guide for parents** if you want a companion article.

After-School Activities and Sports

August is when clubs, arts programs, and sports teams begin sign-ups. Encourage families to:

- Check school websites for tryout dates
- Submit athletic clearance forms early
- Look for volunteer opportunities
- Attend parent meetings for band, drama, or robotics

Storm Season and School Alerts

Because August is peak storm season, families should:

- Enable HCPS emergency notifications
- Follow the district on social media for weather updates
- Know the difference between early dismissal, shelter-in-place, and full closure
- Keep pickup plans flexible on stormy afternoons

A follow-up article on storm-season school preparedness would fit perfectly in your August issue.

Closing Note

Back-to-school season in Hillsborough County is busy, but with a little preparation, families can start the year smoothly.



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August 8– Live Music Double Bogey's
August 10– Bingo 7:00pm
August 11– CDD meeting 5:30pm Clubhouse Library
August 12– DRB meeting 7:00pm Clubhouse Library
August 13– Trivia 6:30pm
August 14– Live Music Double Bogey's
August 15– Live Music Double Bogey's
August 17– Bingo 7:00pm
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August 21– Live Music Double Bogey's
August 22– Free Adult Golf 10:30am, Free Kids Golf 11:00am
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