



Hello Everyone....

We are having our monthly "Dues Day" coming up on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, from 8:30am to 9:30am. Come meet your CAM, Bill Rutledge and enjoy some coffee and donuts. Dues payments will also be accepted at this event. Remember, monthly dues are \$46. for improved and \$24. for unimproved properties.

A BIG Thank You to all of our July 4th committee members in making our July 4th celebration a spectacular event. We had a great parade with lots of onlookers along the parade route. What a great turn out of residents and guests. Yes, it was a very hot day but some of us were cooled down by the Splash Machine where several of our residents got to splash other residents, board members and yours truly. Thanks to Susan for the ice water!

Let's pause for a moment, and look around and ask ourselves is your neighbor been seen lately? Do you see mail or newspapers piling up? If you answered yes to any of these, please call the Hernando County Sheriff's office at 352-754-6830 if after hours or during business hours please reach out to our High Point office at 352-596-2397 to report it. We need to have the mindset, if you see something (or in this case don't see something), please SAY SOMETHING! We have had several recent deaths of our residents and they were not found for several days. Let US be more observant, even if you don't know your neighbor or speak to them, if something doesn't feel right, tell us! We will take it from there.

Our next Board of Directors meeting will be on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at 9 a.m. in the Community Center.

We need YOU! The Board of Directors are taking applications for new Board members that we will be electing this coming December 2026. If you like to share your talents and expertise, we need YOU! Applications are available at our Board meetings and at our High Point Office.

In closing, Thank You for helping to make High Point a great place to live and play!

Until next time, remember to hydrate.....

Greg K. Myers, President

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POOL HOURS

Mon - Sat 8 am - 8 pm
Sun 10 am - 8 pm
WATER AEROBICS
MON — WED — THUR
10:30 am - 11:30 am

BREAKING NEWS From the HOA Office

OFFICE HOURS

9 am - 3 pm
Lunch 12 pm - 1 pm
Office Closes @
1 pm on the last Friday
of the month.



NO exterior home improvement may be started prior to approval from the Home Improvement Committee (HIC)!!!

Before beginning any exterior home improvement project PLEASE reach out to the HOA office. The home owner is responsible for submitting a completed and signed High Point home improvement form before starting any exterior improvements.

Exterior improvements may require a project permit from Hernando County.

For more information contact Hernando county Building Division at 352-754-4050 to determine if your project requires a permit. It is also important that the homeowner verify the contractor has the specific licenses that the project may require.



Dear High Point residents,

On behalf of the Grasso family, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for all of your help and support during the Celebration of Life for Louis Grasso Jr.

We truly appreciate everything you did to help make the day so special. Your kindness, generosity, and willingness to be there for Lou and our family meant more than words can express. Your support during this difficult time brought us great comfort, and we are incredibly grateful.

Thank you again for everything you have [done]. We will always remember your thoughtfulness and compassion.

With sincere gratitude,
The Grasso/Rowley Family



COMING TO YOUR MAILBOX SOON:

Registered Owners listed on the deed will receive the 2026 Affidavit of Compliance/Occupancy Survey. The Federal Housing for Older Persons Act requires us to obtain verification from all Registered Owners that at least one (1) occupant of the home (to include spouse, tenant(s), and/or occupant(s)) is 55 years of age or older and that no one under the age of 18 resides in the home in order to maintain our 55+ status. Please complete honestly and to the best of your knowledge and sign where indicated, under penalties of perjury.



Many of you have asked about Mr. Dobbs, Lou's fur baby. We are happy to report he is living with Lou's son in Georgia.



NOTARY SERVICE
AVAILABLE ON THURSDAYS
FROM 9 AM TO 11 AM

HPCPO, Inc.
8008 Baltic Street, Brooksville, FL 34613-5528
Phone: 352-596-2397 ~ Fax: 352-596-5201
highpointbrooksville.net



Time to Travel



Hello High Point!

August 12, 2026, we are going to Penny Lane Beatles Museum for a tour of a private collection of Beatles memorabilia. Lunch will be on your own at a local restaurant. Price is \$51. PP and it includes your roundtrip motorcoach transportation, entrance to the museum and gratuities to bus driver.

December 1-3, 2026, we are going on a multi-day trip to St. Augustine, FL for the Night of Lights tour. Price is \$562. PP/DO and it includes your motorcoach roundtrip transportation, hotel accommodation for two nights, on/off pass, taxes, gratuities to bus driver and much more.

We have some new cruises for 2027, so come out to one of our meetings to learn more!

We hope to see you at our next Travel Club meeting. Our normal meeting days are the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month (except August where we only meet the 2nd Thursday) at 11 a.m. in our Community Center. Hope to see you there!

Labor DAY POOL PARTY



-  Vintage Bathing Suit Contest
-  Buck -a- Duck Race
-  Refreshments, Music and FUN!

Come by the High Point Office to see how you can join the fun Labor Day Festivities.

Presented by the HPCPO, Inc.



If you **see** something ...**say** something!

Office - 352-596-2397 or after office hours Non-Emergency # - 352-754-6830



to APPLY for a HOA Board Position

Applications are available at the office. Annual Meeting/Election is December 10, 2026 @ 1:00 pm

Free Smoke Alarm Safety Program

Hernando County Fire Rescue & American Red Cross



Keep Your Home Safe!

Hernando County Fire Rescue and the American Red Cross offer FREE smoke alarm services. We can help you with:

- Checking your current smoke alarms
- Changing smoke alarm batteries
- Replacing old or non-working smoke alarms
- Making sure your home has proper protection

Why It Matters:

Working smoke alarms give early warning during a fire — and early warning saves lives.

How to Sign Up:

It's fast and easy! Visit:

<https://www.hernandocounty.us/public-safety/fire-rescue/>

Or call Hernando County Fire Rescue for assistance.

This program is FREE for Hernando County residents.

High Point Social Enterprises, Inc.
Invites You to

**Dance to the Music
of
Cat Valentine**



She's a one woman band covering a wide variety of music
including Stevie Nicks, Adele, Sheryl Crow, Madonna,
Donna Summers plus many more!

Saturday, August 15, 2026, 7:00pm-10:00pm

Tickets: \$5 Members/\$10 Nonmembers (No Refunds)

**Buy tickets at Community Center, Fridays, 8:30-9:30am
July 31, Aug. 7 & 14 &**

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High Point Golf Club News

August

August brings the full heat of summer and another full calendar of events at the golf club. Our air-conditioned club is the perfect place to escape the heat and join in with friends for games, food, and cold beverages!! If you're not a social member – you should join right away and not miss out on all the fun events!!!!

Special Event

Saturday, August 8th – 60s/70s Night – Throw on your grooviest outfit and come join DJ Ty as he spins our old favorites from “back in the day”. Doors open at 4:00. Golf and social members only. No charge for entry. Food for purchase from 4:00-5:30 with music starting at 6:00. Be there or be square!!!

Regular Events

Tuesdays – Taco Tuesdays and Music Bingo will be on August 4th and the 18th. Tacos are served from 4:00-6:00 pm and non-members can enjoy our tacos through our café carry-out option

Thursdays – Karaoke is from 5:00-9:00 with our bar menu available from the café and drinks flowing from the bar. This is a crowded night of singing, dancing, and enjoying the company of friends and neighbors!

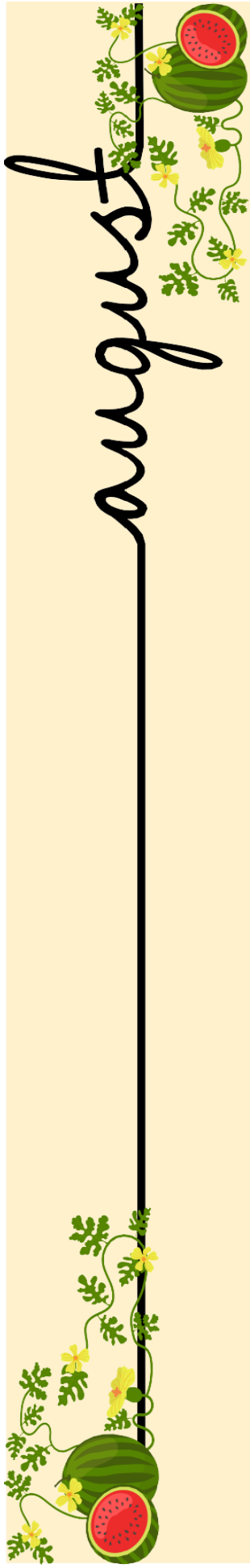
Friday – Friday Night Dinners continue every Friday night in July from 4:00-6:00 pm with the café regular menu available before our regular Friday night events. Carry-out meals are also an option for non-members.

Friday - Show Me the Money is played from 6:30-7:30. Come early and grab a seat and beverage because the crowd gets big and the bigger the crowd, the bigger the prizes!!

Friday - Queen of Hearts drawing occurs at 6:00. Tickets for the Queen are available in the Clubhouse lobby throughout the week and the night of the drawing until 5:30. You must be a golf club or social member to participate.

Saturday & Sunday – the Clubhouse bar will be open on select Saturdays from Noon-3:00 and closed on Sundays during the summer except for special events. Whether there's music playing, the TVs are on with sporting events, or you're in the back Par-Tee room playing a friendly round of Wii bowling or other sports games, the Clubhouse is a great way to spend a leisurely weekend afternoon beating the outdoor heat.

Also, don't forget that ANY resident of the community is welcome to use the **Driving Range and Putting Green**. Range balls are available in the Pro Shop or Clubhouse vestibule for \$3.00 a bucket.



5-Aug	8:30 AM	Dues Day
6-Aug	11:00 AM	Travel Club Meeting
6-Aug	7:00 PM	Lions Club Meeting
7-Aug	8:15 AM	Diabetic Screening
8-Aug	6:00 PM	HPSE Karaoke
11-Aug	9:00 AM	BOD Meeting
13-Aug	1:00 PM	Lions Bunco
14-Aug	7:00 PM	Lions Dance - Jacob Hunt
15-Aug	7:00 PM	HPSE Dance - Angelo Refino
28-Aug	1:00 PM	Office Closes
29-Aug	9:00 AM	Blood Mobile
31-Aug	6:00 PM	Lions Bingo



AUGUST 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Please NOTE: Events subject to Change



August 2nd—National Ice Cream Sandwich Day A cool treat on a hot day! They've been around since the early 1900's—make 1 at home—put 2 wafers or cookies together with some vanilla ice cream...VOILLA!

August 4th—US Coast Guard Day The branch that protects our shorelines and waters. Its special day is celebrated on August 4th... Make it a point to find out what this "often overlooked" branch of our services does.

- 1. Protects shores from our enemies
- 2. Supports Homeland Security
- 3. Seeks out drug-runners ("Coast Guard" name first used in 1915).



August 7th—National Purple Heart Day This day honors military who gave their lives or were wounded in the defense of our country. General Washington created this medal & presented 3 during the Revolutionary War, another was not presented until WWI, In 1932, General Douglas MacArthur reestablished the medal.

August 10th—National S'mores Day You don't need a holiday to enjoy this favorite campfire treat! Sticky & Goopy & full of sugar & carbs (how bad can that be?!?!?) This recipe was created in the 1920's by the Campfire Girls. National S'mores Day, is not technically a "national" holiday" ... That would require an Act of Congress! **But...Don't let that stop you!**



August 13th—Left Handers Day Sometime called SouthPaw Day....this is your day! You may be the brunt of jokes & the world is built for right handers! 1. In school ever see a left handed desk? 2. Left handed items cost more 3. Most scissors are for right handers 4. The computer mouse is designed for right handers

- 10% of population is lefthanded
- in 1600's left handers thought to be witches



August

August 15th—Nat'l Honey Bee Awareness Day The emphasis is on the word "Awareness"! Honey Bees play an vital role in pollinating the fruit & vegetables we eat. To create a pound of honey, a bee may gather nectar from as many as 2 million flowers. Think about planting pollinator flowers so they can get nectar. And if you garden, be mindful when using pesticides.

August 19th –World Photography Day The "daguerreotype" was the forerunner of today's photographs. The French Academy of Science got the process from Daguer & shared the patent to the world in 1839...on August 19th.



August 21st - National Poets' Day This day originated in England & yet it is celebrated around the world! TS Eliot wrote, "Genuine poetry can communicate before it is understood". People who like poetry also celebrate "Bad Poetry Day", Great Poetry Reading Day, International Haiku Poetry Day & World Poetry Day,

August 25th—National Banana Split Day The banana split was created in Pennsylvania on 8/25/04 by a pharmacist apprentice (David Strickler) working a soda fountain. He liked experimenting with different sauces & flavors & sold it for 10 cents. College students LOVED it and Walgreens spread it around the country,

August 30th—Ocean Beach Day Where would you rather be on a hot summer day? You'll love the sandy beach & warm winds...a famous quote is..."a bad day at the beach is better than a good day at work"! Do you agree?!?!?



Landscaping Tips - August 2026

By Tom Anderson, Univ. of Florida Master Gardener

“Bedding Plants, Vegetables, Poinsettias and Mums, Ornamental Plants, Palms, Free Gardening Classes & Activities, and High Point Garden Spot of the Month for Aug. 2026

The University of Florida Service Extension recommends planting only heat-tolerant bedding plants like Coleus, Kalanchoe, and Vinca. Also, remove spent blooms, cut back, and fertilize flowering annuals and perennials to extend the flowering season. *Gardening with Annuals:*

http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_annual_landscape_plants and *Perennial Landscape Plants:*

http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_perennials

Vegetables – Cool season crops like Tomatoes, Beans, Carrots, and others can be started for your fall garden. We will start planting Lettuce, Cabbage, and Celery in September, so get your fall **Vegetable Garden** prepared this month. Go to: *Vegetable Gardening in FL:* http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_vegetable_gardening

Poinsettias and Mums – It is time before the end of the month of August to pinch back Poinsettias and Mums to allow time for buds to form for winter bloom. See: *Poinsettias:* http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_poinsettia and *Mums:* http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_mums

Ornamental Plants showing signs of deficiencies can be **fertilized**. Rapid growth and leaching seasonal rains may result in nutrient loss. More information: *Nutrient Deficiencies(Landscape Plants):* http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_nutrient_deficiencies_Landscape_plants

Palms – If the older/bottom fronds of your **Palms** are turning yellow, it may indicate a **potassium** (K) or **magnesium** (Mg) deficiency. It is important to diagnose the right nutrient deficiency as well as the soil pH to provide the correct treatment. We usually use **Dolomite** (calcium magnesium carbonate) or **Epsom Salt** (magnesium sulfate) for magnesium and **Pot Ash** (potassium carbonate) for potassium treatment to the soil. Remember, it will take months to see results of your treatment, so be patient. It is important to read and follow the label instructions before any treatments are applied: *Palm Nutrition and Fertilization:* http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_palm_nutrition

The Master Gardener Nursery is open 8:30 AM – 11 Wed & Sat (weather permitting) for sales (cash or check only) as well as assistance/questions. Oliver Street is East off US 41 just North of the Hernando County Fair Grounds.

UF/IFAS Extension Office, Hernando County, 16110 Aviation Loop Dr., is open and Master Gardeners are available for gardening questions 9 – 4 or call 352-754-4433. Webinar classes and activities are available. More info at: <http://hernandoextension.com>

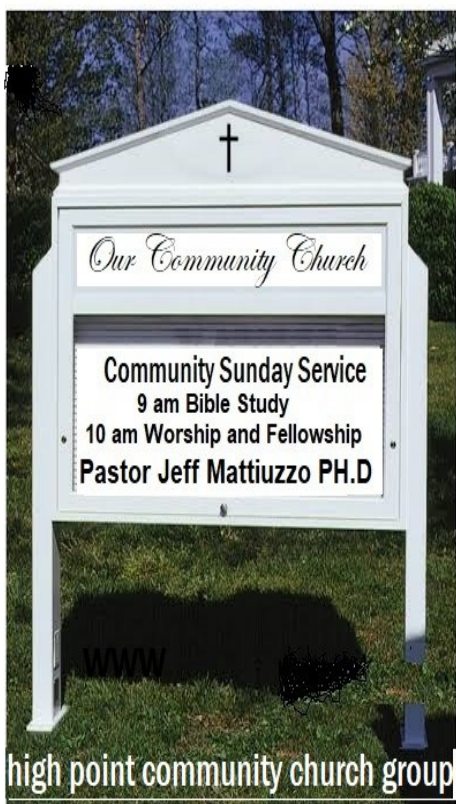


High Point Beauty Spot for August 2026

Congratulations to the Winners:

Doug and Laura Pond

8278 High Point Boulevard



HIGH POINT LIONS CLUB and



THE ATLAS GROUP
REAL ESTATE SERVICES
are sponsoring

School Supply Bingo

Saturday, August 1, 2026

11:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Bingo will start at 2:00 PM



Join us for an afternoon of fun, prizes, and food! Enjoy bingo, celebrate the new school year by donating school supplies for the kids and their teachers!

Donations of school supplies will receive a FREE hot dog, chips and a cookie.

Hot dogs will cost \$3.00 each without a donation.



\$5.00 for a packet of 10 games.
\$10.00 for a packet of 30 games.
More packets available at the door.



HIGH POINT LIONS CLUB



presents



Thursday, August 13, 2026

1:00 – 4:00 pm

\$10.00 to play

ALL ENTRY FEES ARE RETURNED
TO PLAYERS AS PRIZES!



High Point Community Center
12249 Club House Rd.
Brooksville, FL 34613

There will be a 50/50 drawing!!



HIGH POINT LIONS CLUB



PRESENTS

BINGO



Monday, August 31, 2026

Doors open at 5:15 pm

Games start at 6:00 pm

Share the Wealth

Packet of 10 games - \$5.00

Packet of 30 games - \$10.00

Extra game packets available at the door!

Daubers also for sale at the door.

Gift Cards are the Prizes!!

Bring your snacks and enjoy the evening with your friends.



Register at Dime Jingle or call Lion Leslie Duncan (352) 428-7904 and please leave a message to reserve your seat!!

HIGH POINT LIONS CLUB NEWS – AUGUST 2026



It's August and summer is coming to an end. Maybe we will cool down a little. We've had a lot of rain and wind so stay home if you can or detour around flooded streets.

We will be opening August with a big bash! On Saturday, August 1st starting at 11:30 am we will be cooking hot dogs donated by The Atlas Group Realtors. We will be collecting school supplies for the elementary and middle school students, and we won't forget the needs of the teachers also.

Bring in a donation and receive a FREE hotdog, chips and cookie then have a seat, enjoy your lunch, visit with your friends and BINGO will start at 2:00 pm. No donation, your hotdog will cost a mere \$3.00.

We had 5 tables of BUNCO players last week and we are looking for a lot of new faces this month. Our next Bunco is on Thursday, August 13 at 12:45pm. Cost \$10.00 to play and all money is returned to players as winnings.

We only have a couple of Fridays for Dime Jingle this month as the Community Center will be closed the last 2 weeks of August. But we will be back with Bingo on Monday, Aug. 31.

Please exercise your right to vote in the Primary Election on Tuesday, August 28.



Come visit our monthly meeting on the second Thursday of the month at 7PM. Everyone is invited to come learn what Lions are all about.

Submitted by Lion Karen Stowers

2026 High Point Fall Craft Fair



Saturday, November 7th 8 AM-2 PM

A Registration form is included in the Newsletter for those who wish to participate and reserve/rent space

The setup is scheduled for **November 6th at 5 PM.**

PLEASE PRINT

NAME: _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

YOUR CRAFT: _____

OUTSIDE SPACE: _____ (two parking spaces for \$25)

INSIDE SPACE: _____ (limit of 2 tables)

TABLES

\$20 8' _____

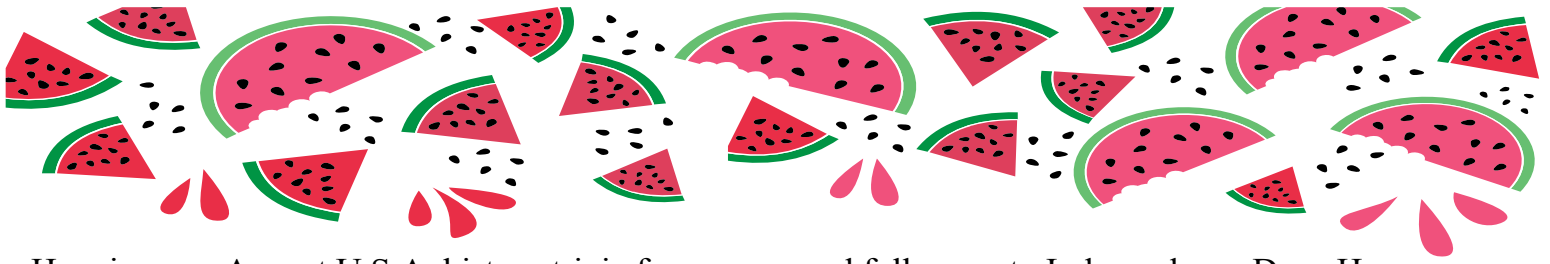
\$15 6' _____

\$10 CARD TABLE _____

- * Please indicate any racks, how many, and size you will bring (Inside only)
- * Indicate if you need electricity or have special needs.
- * Tables are available for indoor use only.
- * Due to fire codes aisles will HAVE to be kept CLEAR
- * Due to Limited space and tables, you are strongly encouraged to consider the larger spaces that the Parking Lot gives you.
- * Make checks out to High Point Garden Club, 8008 Baltic St., Brooksville, FL 34613

Contact Debbie Anderson at 352-596-1183 if you have any questions.

HIGH POINT FALL CRAFT FAIR
Saturday, Nov. 7, 2026 (Set up Nov. 6th 5-7PM)



Here is some August U.S.A. history trivia for you, a good follow up to Independence Day. However, before I continue, I would be remiss if I didn't mention our July 4th activities. I think we had a GREAT parade and accompanying events. Please join me in saying "Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!" to all the amazing volunteers, participants, and sponsors who made this event possible. I never cease to be amazed at the small but mighty group of residents who care enough for their community and neighbors to give so much time and energy for the betterment of High Point and its residents. Thank you again to all of you. I hope more residents will follow your example of servanthood and sacrifice in the future.

OK, back to August. What is the original title of the poem on which the *Star-Spangled Banner*, our National Anthem, is based? Francis Scott Key is the author and was born August 1, 1779. The original title...*Defense of Fort McHenry*, and there are four verses to the poem. The lyrics of our National Anthem are the first verse.

*Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say, does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?*

Alright, moving on from August to September; how many of you were at the Labor Day Pool Party last year? September 7 is just around the corner, and we are already getting our ducks in a row...huh...see what I did there...ducks? That's right, this year will be the Second Annual High Point HOA Duck Race! Bring your bucks to buy some ducks, because this year's race will be bigger and better! We also plan on having a swimsuit competition. That's right, a swimsuit competition. Don't clutch those pearls just yet, this is a family-friendly swimsuit competition. We want to see your best vintage swim suits from the heyday of beach ware, the 1920's! There will be prizes for the best men's and women's suits. We look forward to another day of fun in the sun for our Labor Day festivities. We'll see you there!

Bill

