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SPRINGTIME TROUBLE IN HEMINGWAY HEIGHTS

BY Matilda Horowitz

Trouble has arrived alongside the warm weather this season.

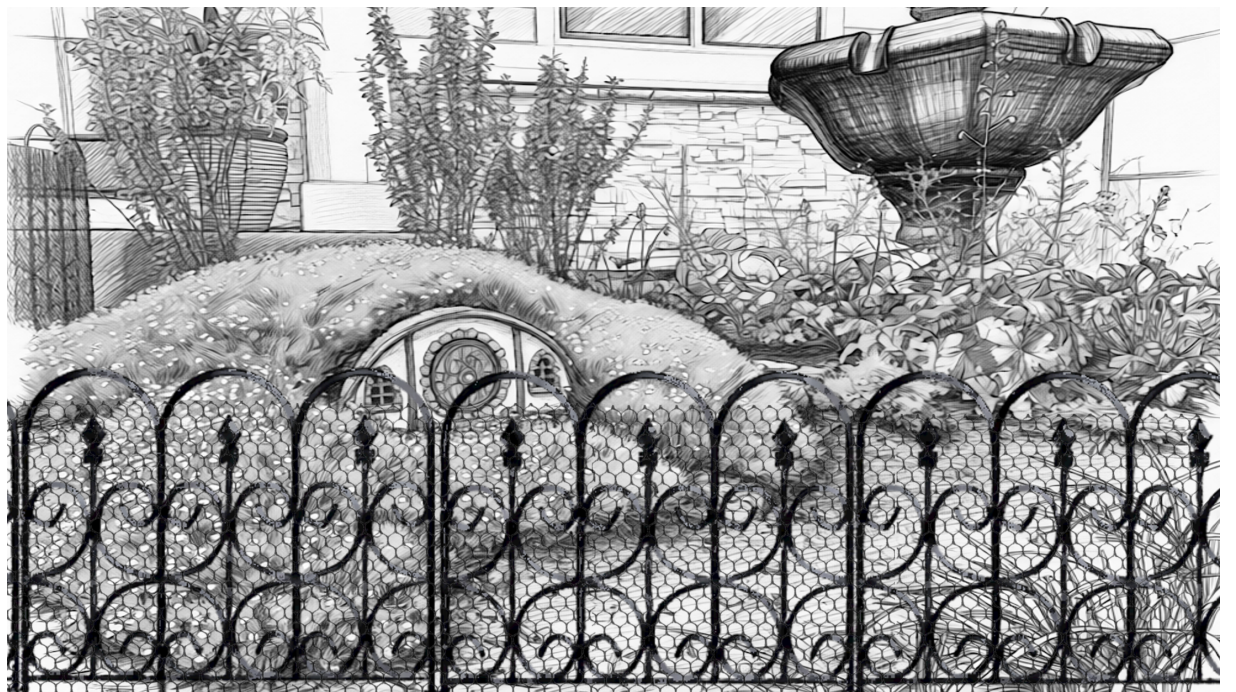
Spring came early this year, bringing with it a sharp rise in neighborhood crime. Town officials report incidents are up 25% compared to last spring, citing a growing population and increased outside attention as contributing factors.

The Hop ‘N’ Chomps, Hemingway Heights’ notorious bunny gang, continues to plague the garden community, particularly residents along Black Mondo Lane. Following a unanimous vote at last month’s town

hall meeting, Hemingway Heights officially approved plans to become a gated community in an effort to reduce trespassing, property damage, and garden-related robberies believed to be tied to the group.

Construction is already underway, and residents remain hopeful the gates will be completed before the end of summer.

Meanwhile, on the other side of town, residents of Stained-Glass Avenue have reported unprecedented attacks from local slug thugs. Last week, Bandana Nana — leader of the notorious Banana



Hemingway Heights, newly gated community, pictured June 2026 near Hobbit Hill. Captured by Winston Smith.

Slug Collective — was arrested twice on charges of robbery and assault with a deadly weapon. One resident attempted to make light of the extensive damage stating, “Never wanted a sunroof, but now I have seven.”

Despite recent unrest, some visitors remain optimistic.

“It’s not all bad,” shared a gathering of visiting toadstools along Obsidian Circle, just past Maple Leaf Lane. “The Silver Hearts are blooming beautifully,

and the Grand Ole Barberry continues to keep the little ones safe. We love visiting this neighborhood in the springtime. There are many new faces this year — wonderful new residents to meet. The growth keeps our hopes high during these fast times.”

City officials say they are continuing to work together toward a long-term solution.

See Page 2 for the history of the Hop ‘N’ Chomps and Bandana Nana and the rise of the Banana Slug Collective.

WEATHER OR NOT

June Forecasts



METEOROLOGY

Expect a fairly typical summer month: morning clouds, afternoon sun, and widespread confusion before 10 a.m.

Temperatures should begin in the upper 60s to low 70s before gradually climbing into the mid-70s by early July. A few days may flirt with 80°F, prompting immediate discussion about whether this constitutes a heat wave.

Marine clouds will arrive most mornings from the Sound, linger just long enough to make outdoor plans questionable, then disappear around lunchtime as if nothing happened. Rain chances remain low but never entirely absent.

July will bring longer stretches of sunshine, dry conditions, and increased sightings of residents claiming they “love all four seasons” while actively enjoying only one of them. Winds will remain generally light, except on garbage collection day.

NIGHT WATCH



NEW MOON — Sunday, June 14, 2026

FIRST QUARTER MOON — Sunday, June 21, 2026

FULL MOON — Monday, June 29, 2026 **Strawberry Moon**

LAST QUARTER MOON — Tuesday, July 7, 2026

HOROSCOPE



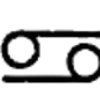
Aries, the Ram ~March 21 – April 19~ A pigeon may recognize your authority. Use it wisely.



Taurus, the Bull ~April 20 – May 20~ You will win an argument with the subconscious versions of those you love. Proceed as though the conversations truly happened.



Gemini, the Twins ~May 21 – June 20~ Two excellent ideas arrive at once and immediately start bickering.



Cancer, the Crab ~June 21 – July 22~ A mysterious casserole contains answers, but not the ones you wanted.



Leo, the Lion ~July 23 – August 22~ Your dramatic entrance is successful, despite arriving at the wrong event.



Virgo, the Virgin ~August 23 – September 22~ An organizational system becomes so efficient it organizes you.



Libra, the Scales ~September 23 – October 22~ Balance is achieved when you stop carrying your regrets and dreams in the same pocket.



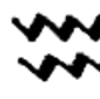
Scorpio, the Scorpion ~October 23 – November 21~ A secret revealed this month involves your heart lying to your head.



Sagittarius, the Archer ~November 22 – December 21~ Adventure calls. It has the wrong number, but go anyway.



Capricorn, the Goat ~December 22 – January 19~ Your patience is rewarded with a coupon and unexpected glory.



Aquarius, the Water Carrier ~January 20 – February 18~ Someone mistakes you for an expert. See how long you can fool them.



Pisces, the Fishes ~February 19 – March 20~ The stars encourage creativity, especially involving glitter and plausible deniability.



Bandana Nana of the Banana Slug Collective pictured June 2025 on Hobbit Hill. Captured by Winston Smith.

ed, fences being set, and early residents establishing routines. Initial reports described minor disturbances: missing seedlings, disrupted soil, and overturned garden markers.

These incidents were initially attributed to seasonal conditions or routine wildlife activity.

However, as the garden community expanded, residents began reporting a noticeable increase in both frequency and coordination of disturbances along the outer edge of Black Mondo Lane.

By mid-season, patterns had become difficult to dismiss. Reports suggested that activity appeared to scale alongside residential growth, with perimeter gardens most frequently affected.

Community discussions soon began referring to the group informally as the “Hop ‘N’ Chomps,” a name that later appeared in official town records and safety discussions.

Following a unanimous town vote, Hemingway Heights approved the transition to a gated garden community. Construction is currently underway along key perimeter boundaries.

BANDANA NANA AND THE BANANA SLUG COLLECTIVE

Bandana Nana was, for many years, considered a stable presence within Hemingway Heights. He was

frequently observed near Hobbit Hill. Residents recall consistent sightings during early spring mornings and late autumn afternoons, where he was described as unremarkable, predictable, and largely non-disruptive.

That perception began to shift following the arrival of the Silver Hearts in Obsidian Circle.

Shortly after their introduction to the area, unverified reports began circulating regarding alleged damage to Silver Heart blooms. These claims were never formally substantiated, though they spread widely through informal community channels.

Opinions remain divided as to whether these rumors reflected actual behavioral change or contributed to escalating tensions within the garden community.

What followed was a documented increase in coordinated banana slug activity along Stained-Glass Avenue. Residents reported widespread disturbances, prompting city officials to enact an emergency “Salty Grounds” order.

The measure resulted in an immediate reduction in reported incidents. However, it was also followed by significant environmental disruption along affected areas.

Bandana Nana was later taken into custody in connection with the events. Stained-Glass Avenue continues to

FROM THE ARCHIVES

GROWTH, GATEWAYS, AND UNREST: A LOOK BACK AT HEMINGWAY HEIGHTS’ TURNING POINTS

BY Matilda Horowitz

Hop ‘N’ Chomps activity and the rise of the Banana Slug Collective continue to shape the garden community.

HEMINGWAY HEIGHTS — As Hemingway Heights continues to expand into one of the region’s most active garden communities, residents and officials are revisiting the series of events that led to today’s heightened security measures, ongoing restoration efforts, and community-wide caution.

Two developments remain central to that history: the emergence of the Hop ‘N’ Chomps along Black Mondo Lane and the later disruption associated with

Bandana Nana and the Banana Slug Collective.

Though unrelated, both incidents are now widely viewed as defining moments in the community’s recent growth.

HOP ‘N’ CHOMPS ACTIVITY RISES WITH NEIGHBORHOOD EXPANSION

The Hop ‘N’ Chomps first appeared in informal reports shortly before Hemingway Heights entered its most recent phase of residential expansion. At the time, Black Mondo Lane was still developing—new gardens being plant-

recover, with residents noting that structural and garden damage remains visible months after the incident.

COMMUNITY OUTLOOK

Officials state that restoration and stabilization efforts are ongoing across Hemingway Heights. While recent measures have reduced active disturbances, residents continue to reflect on the long-term impact of rapid expansion within the garden community.

Both the Hop ‘N’ Chomps and Bandana Nana cases remain central to ongoing discussions about perimeter safety, ecological balance, and community growth.



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Hop ‘N’ Chomps member evading authorities in May 2026. Captured and submitted by anonymous resident of Hemingway Heights.

VERONICA WITHERS

BY V.S. Kent

EDITOR'S NOTE — *The following literary contribution was submitted by local author and long-time resident, V.S. Kent. We are pleased to publish Kent's works as we celebrate the origins of our town and the peculiar destiny that binds its citizens. Adapted for print.*

In a fit of passion she jumped off the bridge and into the deep ocean. It was waiting for her with its vastness in space and chilling motion. As she emerged from the water and walked up the shore, Death awaited her arrival with rapport.

Impressed with the vixen's wicked charm and style, Death presented Veronica with a mysterious vial.

"What is within this vial shall be split in two. Give half to the one you love

and adore, half to the one you loathe to the core. And this is something you must do."

Instantly, she drank the entire vial leaving not one drop lingering.

Death was flooded with despair and fury that began kindling. In a blinded rage, Death ripped off Veronica's skin, Revealing something neither of them could have predicted was within.

She looked of glass as the moonlight tickled the outline of her frame, Away with her body immortality came.

Living on the top floor of an old hotel, that overlooks an abandoned town and wishing well, She haunts the streets, the shops, the gutters below, and people from all over

come in hopes of seeing her glow.

Some wish to meet Veronica and receive some cure, While others believe staying in that town they'll be eternal, like her.

On every anniversary of meeting Veronica Withers at the beach's shore, Death hides a love letter within the haunted town of Devlivore.

Here at The Devlivore Post, we welcome the thoughts, stories, artwork, and notices of our fellow residents. If you have something to share with the community, submit it to our office for consideration in an upcoming issue.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

After the success of Seasonal Allergies in the spring and Seasonal Depression in the winter, we're delighted to unveil this summer's featured affliction:

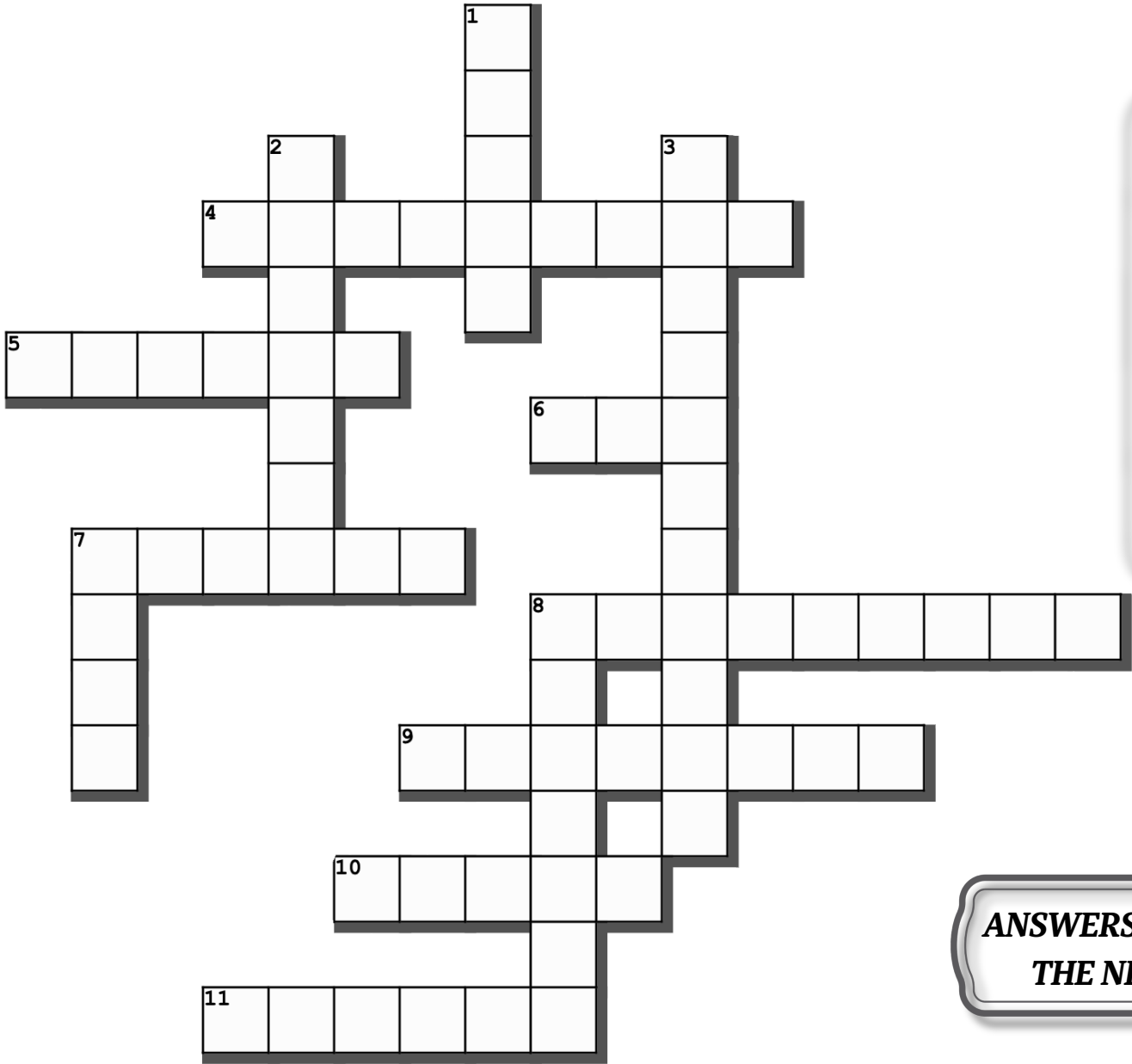
THE BEACH BODY

Act now! Summer is already half over.

Please note that acceptance does not guarantee satisfaction. Satisfaction does not guarantee acceptance. Terms and conditions are eternal.

- DOWN**
- 1. The color of new leaves in spring.
 - 2. Rain plus sunshine can make this in the sky.
 - 3. The process of flowers making seeds with the help of insects.
 - 7. When ice melts as weather gets warmer.
 - 8. When plants begin to grow new leaves or flowers.

- ACROSS**
- 4. A wishing flower that turns from yellow to white.
 - 5. To plant seeds in the ground.
 - 6. An insect that makes honey.
 - 7. A tool used in gardening to dig or loosen soil.
 - 8. Colorful insect with large wings that helps pollinate flowers.
 - 9. Another name for pollywogs.
 - 10. A bird that often returns in spring.
 - 11. Season after winter when flowers grow.



A NEW WAY
EASIER SAID
REFRAME
THAN DONE
OF THINKING

YOU'RE NOT...
LAZY. YOU'RE PATIENT.
RUDE. YOU'RE DIRECT.
IRRESPONSIBLE. YOU'RE A
FREE SPIRIT.

REMEMBER:
IT'S THE THOUGHT
THAT COUNTS!

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RECIPE

Seared Ahi Tuna Salad with Strawberries

paired with a citrus ginger vinaigrette

OUR SEASONAL PICK BY
Chef Ja Ja

INGREDIENTS

- 6–8 oz sushi-grade Ahi tuna
- 1 cup fresh Strawberry, hulled and sliced
- 4 cups mixed greens (arugula, baby spinach, or spring mix)
- 1/2 avocado, sliced (optional, but adds a creamy balance)
- 1/4 cucumber, thinly sliced
- 2 tablespoons toasted sesame seeds or sliced almonds
- 2 tablespoons thinly sliced red onion
- Fresh mint or microgreens (optional finish)

METHOD

Sear the tuna (optional but recommended for texture contrast). Lightly salt the tuna, press into sesame seeds, then sear in a very hot pan for about 30–45 seconds per side. The center should stay rare and cool. Let rest before slicing thinly.

Assemble the salad — Toss greens, cucumber, and red onion with a small amount of vinaigrette. Layer onto a serving platter or bowl. Scatter sliced strawberries and avocado over the top, then fan out the sliced tuna.

Finish with restraint — Drizzle remaining dressing lightly across the

CITRUS GINGER VINAIGRETTE

A dressing that stays light but layered:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon rice vinegar
- 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 1 teaspoon freshly grated ginger
- 1 teaspoon soy sauce or tamari
- Optional: pinch of chili flakes or a drop of sesame oil

Whisk until smooth and slightly emulsified. Taste should land bright, slightly sweet, and gently savory.

surface. Sprinkle sesame seeds or almonds and finish with herbs if using.

WHY IT WORKS

This salad succeeds because it leans into contrast rather than heaviness. The richness of Ahi tuna is sharpened by citrus and ginger, while the natural sweetness of Strawberry keeps the dish feeling seasonal and lifted instead of savory-only. If you include Avocado, it adds a quiet creaminess that smooths the edges without dulling the brightness.

The result is a salad that feels restaurant-caliber but still very at home on a weeknight table.

