

Harbour Heights BEACON

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December 2017

FROM THE PRESIDENT



We've had a fantastic month! New interior paint throughout the center, all new outlets and switches in the main hall and kitchen area (bathrooms coming soon) compliments to Jim McBride, Rosa McBride and Jim's brother-in-law (who will probably never visit us again because we put him to work during his visit)!

We've also experienced excellent turn outs for Bingo night, our shared Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners! I can't wait for the upcoming Golf Cart parade and all of the neighborhood showing off their holiday spirit through Christmas lights, candy distribution and leading Santa Claus throughout our community for all to see!!

Many more upcoming projects have previously made the list and been approved as time and funds permit. If you have any ideas, thoughts or comments you'd like to share with the board(s), feel free to drop me an email – Jusher01@gmail.com. I will respond as I can and possibly set up a meeting (if needed) to discuss your thoughts or ideas. From my family, the Board of Directors and House Committee members, we wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas, a happy New Year and many, many successful gatherings together in the coming months ahead!

Joseph Usher, President

HARBOUR HEIGHTS YACHT CLUB NEWS



The Harbour Heights Yacht Club enjoyed the combined Christmas dinner with the Civic Association and is looking forward to the planned January meeting on the 16th which will feature a wine tasting party. Bring a bottle of wine to share with your fellow members and the yacht club will provide cheeses and snacks to compliment the wines. Coming up on February

the 4th, Dot and Fred LaRue will be hosting a Western Theme Dock Party at their home at 27353 Voyageur Dr. If you are planning on attending, BYOB and an appetizer to share. Get on your cowboy hat and boots and don't forget your horse (or is that the horses of your boat engine??)! February 20th is our regularly scheduled meeting, and will feature a program presented by the Rands. They recently returned from serving on the USS COMFORT which was docked in Puerto Rico to provide disaster relief after the category 5 storm, Hurricane Maria, struck the island. This should be a very interesting and informative evening and YOU are welcome to attend even if you are not a yacht club member.



Jean Alwin, Commodore

BINGO BINGO BINGO BINGO BINGO BINGO BINGO

Don't forget...NO BINGO on December 25th!!! The next Bingo will be held in January on the 8th and 22nd. February Bingo will be on the 12th and 26th.

Many thanks to our November and December bingo volunteers, Kurt Benner, John Ginter, Audry and Frank Ciorca, Jim McBride, Dorothy LaRue, Dave and Lola Stone. We couldn't do it without you!





Harbour Heights Real Estate Roundup



As of December 12, 2017

<u>HOMES</u>		<u>LAND</u>	
Active For Sale	25	Active For Sale	104
Pending Sales	3	Pending Sales	8
Sold since 1/1/17	52	Sold since 1/1/17	43



Feature of the Month

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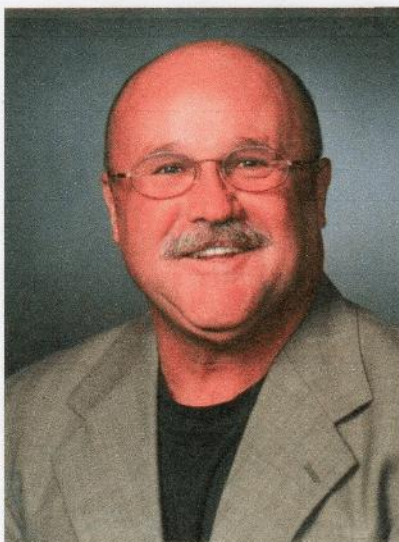
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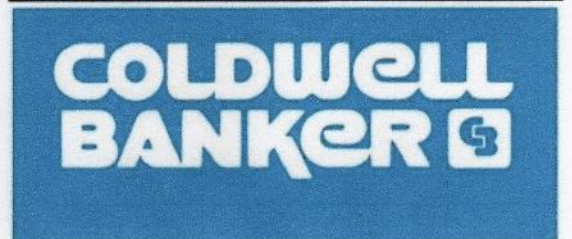
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RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE

HARBOUR HEIGHTS GARDEN CLUB NEWS

An exciting presentation of the Peace River Botanical and Sculpture Gardens was given by Board President Reverend Bill Klossner. Videos of the gardens, sculptures and buildings



were very impressive. An undeniable and much needed upscale tourist attraction for the Punta Gorda, Charlotte County area! Although the Gardens are not yet complete, several phases (1 and 2) are open to the public. The Christmas Luncheon was held at the LaFiorentina in Punta Gorda where members enjoyed both the meal and the ambiance. Many thanks to Yvonne Sprunger for organizing this affair! A welcome package from the garden club for HH newcomers was approved. Jill Leggio has volunteered to purchase a small plant for the number of baskets needed each month. Discussion continued on the needs and desires of the members for improving the Butterfly Garden. We will be including the installation of a bench and two plaques. One will be a plaque with a Garden Poem and the other will be to memorialize a deceased member. A reminder....our annual plant sale is scheduled to be held on Saturday, March 17th from 9AM to 12Noon at the Civic Building. (If anyone has small to medium size pots (4-8") please call Fran at 629-8228 we would really appreciate it! The next general meeting will be on Friday, January 19th at the Civic Building at 11AM. Christmas Blessings and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Fran Reimondo, President



The Christmas Potluck Dinner held on the 12th in conjunction with the Yacht Club was a big success with almost 80 people in attendance. Many thanks to those who helped to set up, clean up and cook hams and turkeys. A big thank you to Jim and Rosa McBride, Jeff Good, Dot Sevigney, Chris Seyder, Steve and Maggie Tull, Penney Stitke, Jean Tuggle and Linda LaRoche. It was a great time with great food and to get to know your neighbors.



RENTAL REPORT: Our beautifully spacious Event Center has a fresh new look inside and is the perfect venue for your special occasion/party. Please visit our website at www.hhcivic.org for information and photographs of how you can transform the center into your own theme party! Book early and often at 941-629-2313! Rates as low as \$350 plus tax for 4 hours! \$100 more will give you two additional hours. All day rentals are only \$650 plus tax. All tables and chairs are included in the rental rate as well as a full kitchen for your dining delights. We even have a disco ball for dancing and fun decor! Reserve your next event with a

\$150 deposit which is fully refundable when you leave the center clean and in accordance with our terms and conditions. Table and chair linens are also available for a nominal rental cost. Harbour Heights residents who are Harbour Heights Civic Association Members receive 25% off all rentals! Don't wait, call now to reserve your date.

Tammy Topp, Rental Coordinator, 941-629-2313

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Our deepest sympathies to Rita Steele on the death of her husband, Dave, who was a long time member of the Civic as well as an active member of the Curmudgeon Club.

Yes ! We are still saving water/ drink bottle caps for the benefit of the Deep Creek Middle school's drive for obtaining benches and tables for the courtyard. However there are new rules: **Only water tops and soda or drink caps are accepted. NO coffee, medicine, food plastic tops or other #2 plastic, PLEASE!** Thanks for your continued effort to support **Harbour Heights Children.- ALSO – If anyone is interested in getting the soup labels to the Shriners in Tampa, please phone Ken @ 629-1084** Does anyone know if greeting cards are still being accepted @ **Charlotte Cultural Center?** Then phone me at the above number. **Merry Christmas / Happy Hanukkah and a Healthy & Joyous New Year to All !**

Ken Wangler, Past President



The Willis family visits with Santa at the Candy Cane Lane Event.

Deep Creek Elementary students and staff celebrated the holidays with families during our annual Candy Cane Lane. Several vendors from our community set up stations for families to shop and buy gifts for loved ones. Everyone who attended had a wonderful time! We hope you and your families have a joyous holiday season! The Christmas School break will begin on December 21st with school back in session on January 3rd.

Noelle Olbie, Counselor

HARBOUR HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL SERVICES BENEFIT UNIT SEEKING REPRESENTATIVES

If you live on one of the Harbour Heights Waterway MSBU canals then this is for you. Currently two of the five MSBU advisory board positions are vacant. The MSBU generally meets once a year and looks to board members for input. It is an opportunity to present input you and your neighbors may have in regard to canal maintenance. I plan to apply for one of the open positions but it would be nice if we could fill both. If you would like an application you may email me at 2goods@embarqmail.com. It appears to be a minimal process to join. Please let me know if you are interested or have any questions.

Thanks, Jeff Good, HHYC Secretary



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This month get well cards were sent to Dominic Beninati and Marge Trapp, both of whom have been ill. Let Sherry Wangler know of anyone in need of sunshine at 629-1084 or by email Syw3577@gmail.com



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS! December was a great month for recruitment to the Civic and we welcome all 16 new members! Garry Farrow of Dorsey Dr, Doug and Kjersten Hobbs of Safe Haven, David and Denise Chiaradonna of Seafarer, Gary and Beth Thoman of San Marino, Jennie and Forrest Peck of San Marco, Doug and Moe Watt of Harbour Dr, Bill and Rene Brewster of Seafarer, Fred (Carl) Nelson of Dorsey Dr, and

Mark and Cathy Kitchens of Washington St.

We look forward to getting to know all of you!!



YOU'RE INVITED TO ATTEND THE HARBOUR HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION BUSINESS FAIR

on Saturday – February 10th, 2018 (10am – 2pm)

The Harbour Heights Civic Association (HHCA) envisions a community that offers an inspiring lifestyle, quality of life, and a desirable place in which to live and enjoy the benefits of family, friends and community. Our mission is to enhance and preserve the quality of life and sense of community through effective and efficient management of the association and support initiatives that benefit the greater good of the community.

The HHCA will be hosting their 1st annual Business Fair. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring your whole family and meet members of our local businesses. This fun filled day will take place at the HHCA event center and is free to you and your family. There will be door prizes and valuable information from our local businesses to you our Harbour Height community residents. Stayed turned to the Beacon Newsletter for more information as we get closer to this event. If you are interested in participating please contact Bryant Sturz at bdoug9@comcast.net .

SAFETY TIPS FOR HOLIDAY SHOPPERS: the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office reminds you to make this shopping season a safe one by following these common sense security tips: IN STORE SHOPPING:



1. Be aware of your surroundings. In all the excitement of bargain hunting make sure you remain vigilant while entering and exiting your vehicle as you come and go through busy parking lots, particularly during nighttime hours. Always take time to look around for suspicious activity, such as strangers loitering in the area or cars cruising the lanes, and if you do not feel comfortable in your environment, do not hesitate to leave or have a security guard walk you out.
2. Protect your belongings. Ladies, if you don't leave your purse at home, you should carry it close to your body and limit what you have in it. If possible, only bring your ID, cash and/or one credit card with you. Don't flash your cash as that attracts unwanted attention, as do a lot of shopping bags.
3. Prepare a safety plan for children. If possible leave little ones at home, but if they must come with you have a plan in place in case you get separated. Teach them to look for someone who can help them such as law enforcement officers, store security or store personnel. Supervision is imperative as sexual predators use the hustle and bustle of shopping to distract or entice children.

ONLINE SHOPPING:

1. Never use your debit card when shopping online. If your debit card number falls into the wrong hands, your cash could be wiped out in seconds. Instead, use a credit card to avoid this potential disaster.
2. Avoid purchasing goods on fraudulent websites. Hundreds of fake websites offering fraudulent products can be found online while searching for legitimate sites. If a deal looks too good to be true, do your research before making your purchase. When in doubt, exit out.
3. Make sure you are buying from a secure site. Look for the address bar to turn green, the web address to begin with "https" or the locked padlock symbol.
4. Use a different password at every site. Yes, it's extra work but will keep hackers from gaining access to all of your accounts, including your bank account, should your password be compromised.

The holiday season is now if full swing – and along with good holiday cheer comes a lot of extra waste. Did you know that Americans throw away 25 percent more trash between Thanksgiving and New Year's as compared to any other time of the year? The extra waste amounts to about 6 million extra tons during the holiday season. While many Floridians are trying to recycle more, they are unintentionally contaminating curbside recycling bins with materials that are not meant to be there - mainly plastic bags, tangles like cords and hoses, as well as clothing. This holiday season, lets RETHINK what we recycle and RESET our behavior to get back to the basics.



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR...MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE IN FULL SWING!!

Yes, it is time to renew your membership for the 2018-2019 year for the Civic Association. You can mail your renewal to the Civic at 2530 Harbour Drive, Punta Gorda, FL 33983 with your check for \$20 for your whole family! Cheap at the price!

2018 ANY PERSON OF LEGAL AGE (18) MAY JOIN THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL DUES \$20 PER Household.

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HARBOUR HEIGHTS ADDRESS

* # , Street _____ ZIP _____

*Land Phone _____ *Cell Phone(Text) _____

*E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

***OUT OF TOWN ADDRESS (PART YEAR RESIDENTS with H.H. address)**

*#, Street _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

INTERESTS - Please ! SELECT AT LEAST ONE

- O- ACTIVITIES
- O- ARCHIVES
- O- BEACON STAFF (COMMUNITY PAPER)
- O- BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- O- COMMUNITY PLANNING
- O- HOUSE COMMITTEE (maintenance)
- O- MAKE PHONE CALLS
- O- KITCHEN STAFF-(events)
- O- ONE EVENT VOLUNTEER
- O- WEBSITE STAFF
- O- OTHER (PLEASE LIST) _____
- O- BINGO HELPER

MEMBERSHIP IS CHEAP AT THE PRICE ONLY \$20 PER YEAR PER FAMILY...JOIN NOW AND BE A PART OF THE FUN!

We are looking forward to having you join us, send in your application today!

Harbour Heights Civic Association, Inc., is a Florida non-profit corporation. For more information visit our website:

www.hhcivic.org

Mail Application and check payable to: Harbour Heights Civic Association, 2530 Harbour Dr., Harbour Heights, FL 33983

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Merry Christmas