

HARBOUR HEIGHTS BULLETIN

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July 2023

VISION: The Board of Directors of the HHCA envision a community that offers an inspiring lifestyle, quality of life and is a desirable place to live and enjoy the benefits of family, friends and community.

MISSION: Our mission is to enhance and preserve the quality of life and sense of community through effective and efficient management of the association and to support initiatives that benefit the greater good of the community.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello members! Hopefully, the summer is going well! The General meeting in July will be an environmental speaker on the future of our harbor. The HHCA Board is working hard to present different types of events such as a casual pancake breakfast, a family

annual BBQ and our annual Halloween and Holiday parties and possibly another Sip & Paint event in November. Also the on-going bi-monthly Bingo (funds from this event supports our events). Thank you in advance for your support and participation! Karen Pike, President

JULY 4th COMMUNITY EVENT

Community members are organizing a free hamburger and hot dog event, with a bounce/slide for the kids and a DJ for all residents. Please bring a dish to share for the July 4 BBQ in the Harbour Heights park event from 12-4.

JULY 11 GENERAL MEETING

Heal Our Harbor, We Work For Clean Water Presented by Richard Whitman, Ph.D.

Our presentation will emphasize the status and challenges facing Upper Charlotte Harbor and the goals of a newly created environmental initiative. Heal Our Harbor, a community based nonprofit organization (501.c.3), strives to provide scientific information, education, and perspective on the environmental health of the Charlotte Harbor watershed. HOH engages the public in monitoring water quality of rivers feeding upper Charlotte Harbor. We are in a position to identify elevated contamination, and rapidly notify authorities and the public. Heal Our Harbor is available to help develop and work with other citizen science pilot programs and provide educational opportunities on the importance of a healthy Charlotte Harbor. HOH is designed to supplement and further public and non-public organizations' goals that are consistent with our organizational mission.

Dr. Whitman is a recognized expert in aquatic ecology and recreational water quality. He has written over 150 peer reviewed scientific and technical publications which have been cited over 6,800 times (per Google Scholar). Dr. Whitman worked for NASA in spacecraft sanitation, was assoc. professor of ecology at Indiana University (NW) before being appointed as a National Park Service Chief Scientist for Indiana Dunes National Park. From 1993 until retirement. Richard worked for the United States Geological Survey as a Station Chief for the Lake Michigan Ecological Research Station Manager. He is currently Director of Heal Our Harbor, a 501c3 corporation. He lives with his wife, Dianna, in Port Charlotte, FL.

FUTURE EVENTS

While the HHCA Board of Directors designs many events for you and your family and to build community fellowship, life can get in the way. Due to illnesses, vacations, family events, etc., we apologize for having to postpone a few of our planned activities. Please watch the dates and offer to assist in any event that interests you. We are always looking for volunteers to help with our events.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sorry for the change, but our pancake breakfast has been pushed to the **end of August**, combined with America the Beautiful speakers. Complete details will appear in the next Bulletin.

TALENT SHOW

Busy, busy. We have moved our Talent Show, planned for August 2023 to **February 2024**. Keep watching for details. We apologize for the change in this event, but we still want to know what your talent is.

BBQ FAMILY EVENT — SEPT!

The Harbour Heights Civic Association BBQ Family Event will be mid-September. We will have a cookout with pork, chicken, hamburger, hotdogs, live music and more. This will be a fun event.

POKER RUN

Mark your calendars! Our Halloween Poker Run will be **October 22**. More details are coming. Create your costume now and plan your decorations for your golf cart.

HOLIDAY PARTY

Save Saturday, **December 9** for the membership Holiday Party.

HHCA BINGO

Join us for BINGO on Monday, **July 10 and 24** at 7:00 p.m. Bring your bingo stamper and join us for some fun and big winnings. We need volunteers to help with these events. Please call the HHCA phone to offer assistance.

RENTAL CORNER

If you are interested in renting the building, see www.hhcivic.org and view the calendar at the bottom of the page. There is a 25% discount for residential members of Harbour Heights Civic Association and 15% for non-resident members.

HHCA EXERCISE

HHCA'S "GET FIT" exercise classes are Tues & Thurs from 9–10 a.m. and Thursday evening from 5:30–6:30 p.m. at the HH Civic Center. New class on Tues class -Sculpt & Stretch, Instructor: Karen Pike: kdpike03@gmail.com or 941/623-7618.