

HARBOUR HEIGHTS BULLETIN

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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! April Events included General Meeting with Speaker Tracy Jewell, Compliance Officer, and a successful Earth Day Event by our new Environmental Committee. Thank you to Helene Hart & Edie Driest for

organizing the event. Great Job! We look forward to the June and July General Meetings featuring speakers on Water Quality (Peace River) and Restoring Oaks on Human Trafficking. We ask that you attend these general meetings to support our guest speakers. On **June 12**, we will be hosting the **2nd Annual BBQ Competition!** Look for details soon. We really appreciate your continued participation and support.

MAY 10 GENERAL MEETING CANCELED

Agenda moved to June and July meetings.

2nd ANNUAL BBQ COMPETITION

The BBQ will be held Sunday, June 12. Get ready to show off your best BBQ recipes. Look for detailed information soon!

APRIL 12 GENERAL MEETING RECAP

Tracey Jewell, Charlotte County Code Compliance Officer, did a great job presenting the codes and also provided updates from the last presentation. We appreciated the time she was able to spend with us.

JUNE 14 GENERAL MEETING

Subject: Water Quality

Charlotte County's Water Quality Manager, Brandon Moody, will provide a brief overview of the water quality assessment process in Florida, how Charlotte County's plans fit into that process, and the current impairment status for waters in Charlotte County, including the Peace/Myakka Rivers and Charlotte Harbor. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A session, with a discussion of how citizens can help protect water quality in the county.

JULY 12 GENERAL MEETING

Subject: Human Trafficking Prevention

Thomas Nettesheim from Restoring Oaks, a nonprofit community alliance to prevent and end human trafficking will speak. He will inform us how they do this through prevention, advocacy and ultimately safe housing. They are the only nonprofit organization in Charlotte County that focuses specifically on human trafficking awareness. Florida is #3 in the country for Human Trafficking, so bring along any children/teens for their awareness in our area!

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

The Environmental Committee had its first event as **EARTH DAY** on Friday, April 22. Earth Day was a huge successful event, led by Helene Hart and assisted by Edie Driest and Martha Wilson. Thank you for all your hard work!

Thirty-six (36) volunteers were in attendance, including members and other volunteers from the Methodist Church and the Animal Welfare League. The Kickoff Ceremony was presented by HHCA President Karen Pike and Pastor Glenn from the Methodist Church. Everyone worked several hours picking up debris in the Harbour Heights neighborhood, the Methodist Church, and the Deep Creek Elementary School. Thanks to all who attended and provided golf cart transportation. We look forward to next year's event and hope you will attend.

Here are pictures from our Earth Day clean-up:



The Environmental Committee met on Wednesday, April 27, led by team leader Edie Driest, where the following was discussed: the Environmental Committee Mission Statement, its relationship to the HHCA Mission, and the speaker for the HHCA June 14 meeting. In addition, Heal Our Harbor Board Members attended to share what their mission is and their current activities.

If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact the HHCA at 941/623-7618 or Edie Driest at 941/876-3720.

FOOD TRUCK — MAY 21 (to be confirmed)

Join us for FOOD TRUCK breakfast/brunch on Saturday, May 21 from 9:00 am—12:00 noon at the Harbour Heights Civic Center..

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Destineau McCobee, Porto NaConal Dr;
Rick Neal and Nivine Megahed, Peace River Dr;
Mark Schaeffer, Washington St;
George and Donna Yorkston, San Carlos Dr.

BINGO

BINGO will be held on **May 9 and 23** at 7:00 p.m. Our bingo cards are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.. Free card raffle after every game if 50/50 raffle ticket purchased. Bring your bingo stamper and join us for some fun and big pots of winnings.

EXERCISE CLASSES

HHCA'S "GET FIT" exercise classes are Mon–Fri. from 9–10 a.m. and **Thursday evening** from 5:30–6:30 p.m. at the HH Civic Center. Classes include cardio, strength, toning, pilates and yoga, using a variety of fitness equipment. No commitment. Beginners welcome.

Karen Pike, Certified Fitness Instructor
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OTHER NEWS:

YACHT CLUB

The HHYC held its annual picnic and meeting on Sunday, April 25 at the Civic Event Center. There were 36 attendees and plenty of great food. The club provided pulled pork, baked beans and rolls. Stay tuned for an upcoming lunch boating event. Also, the Alwins are having a dock party on May 15 and have invited the HHYC to attend. More information will be forthcoming by email.