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**OCTOBER 2021** 

**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

Happy Fall! The September meeting/celebration was a great time with Estate Planners/Youth Coordinator. We are looking forward to the HALLOWEEN POKER RUN/SOCIAL and our Environmental Speakers for October General Meeting. Hope

to see all at both events!

Look for info on Holiday Party in December. Future speakers include: Human Trafficking, Tracey Jewelll for updates on Code Compliance, Safety & restoration topicsl. Thank you for your continued support and participation.

Karen Pike-President

# **OCTOBER 12 GENERAL MEETING**

**General meeting** topic will be **Environmental** with speakers from the Conservancy of North Port and Surrounding Areas, along with Conservation Biologist Kyle Brown.

The Conservancy will inform us about the organization and its efforts to preserve and protect land in ecologically sensitive areas, areas that include at least two protected species: the Gopher Tortoise and endemic Florida Scrub-Jay. Conservation Biologist Kyle Brown will give a presentation on the legal protections and conservation efforts for gopher tortoises in Florida. Topics will include basic gopher tortoise biology and ecology. The goal of the

presentation is to educate Florida citizens on the gopher tortoise and issues that they face. With the large population of gopher tortoises in Harbour Heights, this promises to be a very timely topic for those of us living here. Hope to see you then!

#### POKER RUN FOR HALLOWEEN!

Join us on Sunday, October 24 @ 1 p.m. at the Civic Center for the Halloween Poker Run! Mark your calendar and get your costumes, golf carts and bicycles ready for the Halloween Poker Run! Register & receive your map at the Civic Center. The run will include eight stops to obtain poker chips to turn in for cards. The dealers will assist you in making your best poker hand with the cards you are dealt. All must be back by 4:00 p.m. to turn in chips. There will be a party to ensue, family events, and kids activities, including pumpkin patch. There will also be prizes for best costume and best decorated cart, along with prizes for best child's costume(s). Entry fee is \$5 per poker hand/per person. Food/beverages will be provided. A dish to share is welcome. Pumpkin donations would be appreciated. THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! Membership forms will be available for anyone that you bring along!

#### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Christa & Jim McElvoy, Simon & Laura Ross, Tom & Denise Mettner, Anthony, Ellen & Tabatha Citarella

# **THANK YOU TO RENEWING MEMBERS**Tom & Robyn Strobel

#### **BINGO**

Join us every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center. Get a free game card if you buy a 50/50 raffle ticket. Snacks and beverages are available for sale. Lots of fun and laughter!

#### **RENTAL CORNER**

Rentals for the Civic Center have been really busy! Rentals for CY 2022 are now being booked. If you are thinking of hosting an event for next year, book now to get on the calendar!

# **YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

Future events to be held at the end of month. Activities will include game nights, paint nights, BBQs, mentor programs, etc. We are excited to offer these events to our youth.

## **OTHER NEWS**

Thank you to Mike Doolittle and Al Pike for their hard work on trimming the Big tree in front of the Civic Center!

# **YACHT CLUB NEWS**

GENERAL MEETING--OKTOBERFEST Harbour Heights Yacht Club welcomes everyone back by kicking off the season with an Oktoberfest celebration on Tuesday, October 19 @ 6 p.m. Bring a friend or two and see what is in store for the HHYC this season. New members' dues cover the remainder of 2021 and all of 2022. Brats and buns will be provided; bring a dish to share.

# **GARDEN CLUB NEWS**

The Garden Club is back! Hope all have had a delightful summer! The first meeting of the 2021-2022 season will be Friday, October 15 @ 11:00 am at the Civic Center. As in the past, we will, as a team, formalize the agenda for the coming season. Any trips/presentations ideas will be appreciated! New ideas are always a plus! I am looking forward to seeing just a fine group of friends. NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Fran Reimondo, President Garden Club

# **EXERCISE CLASSES**

Join "GET FIT" exercise classes Mon-Fri. from 9–10 a.m. and Wed from 5:30–6:30 p.m. at the Harbour Heights Civic Center. All classes include cardio, strength, toning, pilates and yoga using a variety of fitness equipment. All equipment is cleaned and sanitized before and after every class. Please contact me directly for additional details and to sign up @kdpike@att.net

Karen Pike, Certified Fitness Instructor

# **FOLLOW THESE SITES FOR UPDATES**

We are spreading the word about our great community on various venues. Watch events on Next Door, Punta Gorda Events and Food Truck Depot (both on Facebook).

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