

# 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! We are proud of the events and success that we have had this year so far, so we want to celebrate with you! Please plan on attending the September General meeting to celebrate along with an Estate Planning Speaker. Last month's General Meeting was well attended & highly informative

with guest speaker Tracey Jewell, Code Compliance Officer for Harbour Heights. Upcoming Speakers for the Fall and Winter include: Estate Planning, Environmental Speakers (Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservancy & the Environmental Conservancy), Human Trafficking and Tracey Jewell for updates on Code Compliance. Future Events will include a fall Event -- A Halloween Poker Run (which was postponed from July), a Members Only (along with the Yacht Club) Table Competition in November and a Holiday Party in December. Thank you for your continuing support and participation.

Karen Pike-President

## GENERAL MEETING FOR AUGUST 10 IS CANCELLED

**The General meeting for August is cancelled. The September Meeting's Subject/Speaker will be Estate Planning & a SOCIAL to celebrate the success we have had this year so far! The Association will provide beverages and appetizers. Bring your favorite fall dish to share!**

## OCTOBER 12 GENERAL MEETING

The October meeting subject will be Environmental. Speakers: 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. With the support of concerned citizens, the Conservancy will continue to acquire and conserve land in our neighborhoods, thereby creating a balance between development and the environment for the benefit of our native flora and fauna. "FWC Gopher Tortoise Conservation Biologist Kyle Brown will give a presentation on the legal protections and conservation efforts for gopher tortoises in Florida. Topics discussed will include basic gopher tortoise biology and ecology, the gopher tortoise burrow, threats contributing to gopher tortoise declines, rules and regulations regarding the protection of gopher tortoises, common rule violations and FWC's efforts to conserve the species throughout the state. 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!

## **SUMMER BINGO--Monday, August 9 @ 7:00**

Join us every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 7 PM at the Civic Center. Get a free game card if you buy a 50/50 raffle ticket Snacks and beverages available for sale.

## **JULY GENERAL MEETING**

If you missed the Speaker for Code Compliance, Tracey Jewell, at July's General Meeting, she will be returning this Winter! A Special Bulletin was published with notes (Q&A's) from her session. If you did not receive, please make a request to our new secretary Brenda Beiter, [Brenndabeiter@comcast.net](mailto:Brenndabeiter@comcast.net).

## **MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

We are implementing a new membership process for Members. Members will receive a letter confirming membership by email (or regular mail if you do not have email). Your new membership card will be attached to the back of your ID Name tag (kept at the Civic Center). Please return your ID Name tags at the end of General Meetings. Currently, we have 169 paid voting members and 9 non-voting members.

## **THANK YOU TO OUR NEW MEMBERS**

Welcome to Patrick & Suzanne Butz, San Marino Dr; Sally McPhearson & Alex Humphrey, Voyageur Dr; Lawrence & Samatha Holbrook, Sulstone Dr; Nydia Whylte-Pierre & Philippe Pierre; Esplanade Ave, P.C.; Steve & Jill Myers, Washington St; Gwen Zachner & Dick Workman, Bay Point Ct.

## **THANK YOU TO RENEWING MEMBERS**

Amy & Jeff Pendergraff, Santa Clara Dr; Lester & Beth Kuhn, Pinellas Dr; Pauline Klein & Virginia Bryant, Davis Dr; Doug & Kjersten Hobbs, Safe Haven Ln; Moe Daniels & Dr. Doug Watt, Harbour Dr; Steve Hosinger & Barbara Yingling, Addington Pl; Lisa & Bryant Sturz, San Marino Dr.

## **RENTAL CORNER**

Rentals for the Civic Center have been really busy! Some weekends are now double-booked and we are receiving 5-star ratings!

## **POKER RUN--NEW THEME IS HALLOWEEN!**

The original date for the Poker Run of June 25 was moved to October! Mark your calendar and get your costumes & golf carts, bicycles, ready for the Halloween Poker Run! Prizes & Social afterwards!

**Date to be announced.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Our deepest condolences to Vice-President Jeffery El-Khalidi and Julianne Bezy on the passing of his mother and step father. Our hearts also go out to the family and friends on the passing of long time member Fred Nelson. If you know of anyone in need of sunshine, please call or email Sherry Wangler at [syw3577@gamil.com](mailto:syw3577@gamil.com) or 941-629-1084.

## **WELCOME COMMITTEE**

The Welcome Committee delivers Welcome Baskets to new residents of Harbour Heights. Over 70 Welcome Baskets were delivered to residents who moved in from Sept-May 2021! Thank you to the Welcome Committee: Lana Ahearn, Cheryl Deuley, Camille Giuliano, Helene Hart, Kathy Hockensmith, Karen Pike and Dot LaRue.

## **EXERCISE CLASSES**

Join "GET FIT" exercise classes Mon-Fri. from 9–10 AM and Wed from 5:30–6:30 PM at the Harbour Heights Civic Center. A new 6 week class "GET MOVING" starts Tuesday, Sept 7th. 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 sign up @ [kdpike@att.net](mailto:kdpike@att.net)

Karen Pike, Certified Fitness Instructor

## **ARE YOU FOLLOWING US?**

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).

## **SCHOOL IS STARTING!**

The first day of school for Deep Creek Elementary will be on Tuesday, August 10. Please keep your eyes open for young children walking to school! Face masks are optional this year, at least at the present time. School supply lists are available online for each teacher's class this year.

## **A TIP FOR PREVENTING GETTING SCAMMED!**

In this day and age we are constantly bombarded by those who are trying to get our money by phone or email. Remember that anyone who tells you to wire money, pay with a gift card, or send cash is a scammer. Always. No matter who they say they are! If in doubt, hang up and call the person or company they claim to be!