

# 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



Happy summer to all!  
Thank you to those who attended the Kentucky Derby/ Food Truck Event!. The General meeting in July will be a great Environment Speaker. Future events will be a casual pancake breakfast in mid-July, a Talent Show and

our annual BBQ (looking for competitors for both!) Don't forget the on-going BINGO (funds are used to support our events). Thank you in advance for your support and participation. We are trying our best to provide events for all.

Karen Pike, President

## HHCA BBQ COMPETITION - NOW SEPT!

The Harbour Heights Civic Association BBQ, previously scheduled for June 4, is **rescheduled** for the end of September. We are working to get a band and competitive food trucks. This will be a fun event.

## JULY 4<sup>th</sup> COMMUNITY EVENT

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

## KENTUCKY DERBY EVENT

Our Kentucky Derby Event was Saturday, May 6, with a J&K food truck for good food, a Derby Hat competition and horse shoes. Bourbon and mint juleps were a tasty way to celebrate the fellowship of our community. Thanks to members Renee Brewster & Jill Farnworth for the great bartending, Jeff Good, Bill Brewster & Kevin Farnsworth for set up & cleanup. Prizes for derby hats went to Donna Chisholm, first place and Brenda Beiter, second. Great effort on all the hats.



Hat Winners



Great food and conversation



Decorated Hats!

## 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.

## JULY EVENTS

Watch for details on a pancake breakfast, along with a pickleball and cornhole event.

## TALENT SHOW

Do you have a special talent? Maybe you or someone you know, can dance, sing, juggle, tell jokes, etc. We are hosting a talent show on **August 12** and hope you will share your skill with us or at least come enjoy the show. Call the HHCA at the number above to reserve a talent spot or attend the show. Prizes will be awarded!

## HHCA BINGO

Join us for BINGO on Monday, **June 12 and 26** 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](http://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](mailto:kdpike03@gmail.com) or 941/623-7618.

## HH YACHT CLUB

The HHYC does not have any scheduled events or meetings this summer. However, feel free to send an invite to your mates if you would like to host a get-together or just want to meet for lunch! See you in October, if not before!