

# 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 looking forward to our next General Meetings Speakers: Tracy Jewell, Compliance Officer in April, and Restoring Oaks on Human Trafficking in May. On June 12, we will be hosting the **2nd Annual BBQ Competition!**

We are excited about forming an HHCA Environmental Committee with future projects/speakers and more! We appreciate your continued participation and support.

## APRIL 12 GENERAL MEETING

**Tracey Jewell, Charlotte County Code Compliance Officer** returns on Tuesday, April 12 to give us an update and to answer your questions. Tracey shared great information with us before, so bring your concerns and questions to the meeting.

## MAY 10 GENERAL MEETING

### Subject: Human Trafficking

At our General Meeting on May 10, we will have a speaker from Restoring Oaks, a nonprofit community alliance to prevent and end human trafficking. 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.

Please let us know if you have any ideas for speakers.

## EARTH DAY—APRIL 22

The first Earth Day in 1970 focused on air and water pollution. This year, the theme is “Invest in Our Planet”. HHCA will host an Earth Day event on **Friday, April 22 at 11 a.m.** We will start at the Civic Center where you can pick up your gloves and trash bag. Travel by foot, bicycle or golf cart picking up debris and trash as a community service to the Harbour Heights neighborhood. For additional information contact either Helene Hart at 305/775-8704 or Edie Dries. If you cannot join us, do your part by going waste free by reusing and recycling.



## MARCH 8 GENERAL MEETING

We enjoyed a great presentation from our Fire Department Marine Patrol on **Tuesday, March 8**. The Marine Patrol opened with an introduction to their operations and its relation to fire and EMS. They discussed their mission of services offered, level of care, and integration to USCG and MERT response. They gave examples of calls and responses and accounts of actual calls and the reason for the need for a MOPS team. After that, they escorted the group outside to see one of the two rescue boats for Charlotte County.



This is the gear the Marine Patrol wears on a rescue dive.



One of the two rescue boats in use.

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE— GOOD NEWS!

HHCA Board has received the proposal for this Committee and has been approved! Their first meeting will be announced soon!

Some ideas for this Committee:

- Create wildlife friendly yards using native plants with help from the Peace River Audubon.
- Host periodic clean-ups in conjunction with Keep Charlotte Beautiful.
- Host periodic environmental speakers such as Coastal & Heartland National Estuary Program.

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

## BINGO

BINGO is held the 2nd & 4th Monday of the month. This month will be **April 10 & 24** 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. **The future of Bingo will depend on attendance in April, so please join us if you are interested in continuing this game night.**

**OTHER GAME NIGHTS:** If you are interested in a Bunko night or other games/activities, please let us know.

## EXERCISE CLASSES—CHANGE IN EVENING CLASS to Thursday

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. eginners welcome.

Karen Pike, Certified Fitness Instructor  
[kdpike03@gmail.com](mailto:kdpike03@gmail.com)

## Other Club/News in Harbour Heights:

### YACHT CLUB

The Harbour Heights Yacht Club Poker Run was held on March 20, with 8 chip buckets placed around the Peace River and in several canals. Poker hands were dealt out at the Morris' dock party where everyone brought a dish to share for a great lunch. There were 53 poker participants. Five prizes were awarded for the winning hands, with first prize going to Bella Citarella.

On April 24, the HHYC Annual Meeting and Picnic will be held from 12-3 at the Event Center. Pulled pork, baked beans, and rolls will be provided. Members are asked to bring a dish to share and BYOB.

### VENDOR MARKET

The Vendor Market on Tuesdays will be moving from Harbour Heights Park to Christ Community Church, 27000 Sunnybrook Rd, Punta Gorda, FL