

# 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!

The 1st Annual BBQ Competition was a great success. Thank you to all that participated and attended this event. The Board's goal is to bring events to Harbour Heights that all can enjoy and participate in. If you have any ideas, please let us know. This month's General

Meeting will be highly informative with guest speaker Tracey Jewell, Code Compliance Officer of Harbour Heights. She will provide a lot of info on H.H. Compliance and a Q&A. Bingo is on-going throughout the summer, come on over & have some fun on a Monday night! Looking forward to the Poker Run on July 25th. Collect your chips and try your luck at winning a Poker hand. Family participation encouraged. Thank you for your continuing support and participation.

Karen Pike-President

## BINGO IS ON FOR THE SUMMER

Join us **THIS MONDAY**, July 12, and 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.

## NEW NEWSLETTER!

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the July Edition of our new newsletter, now called the "Harbour Heights Bulletin", along with a new format that is a shorter version of the paper that can be

used to share with other communication venues such as Nextdoor and Facebook. Partial articles of the Bulletin will be sent to you several times of the month for upcoming events, meetings and notices. We are still in "construction" so bear with us. The new BULLETIN is created and maintained by team staff: Lead: VP Jeff El-Khalidi; Senior Editor: Jean Tuggle; Editors: Brenda Beiter, Karen Pike & Jennifer Tschimperle.

## GENERAL MEETING ON JULY 13

Join us at the Civic Center on Tuesday, July 13 at 7 p.m. to hear Tracey Jewell, Code Compliance Officer, for the Charlotte County Community Development Code Enforcement Division. She will educate us on the goals of code compliance, the most common violations, and the abatement process. There will be a Q&A session to voice your concerns.

## POKER RUN ON JULY 25!

Bring your golf carts, bicycles or tractors to our Poker Run on Sunday, July 25 at the civic center. We are organizing eight stops in Harbour Heights. Please volunteer to distribute poker chips at your house and offer a snack or beverage to our entrants by contacting Jeff El-Khalidi at 941-623-7618. There will be cash prizes for the top three poker hands and a prize for the best decorated vehicle. Please bring a covered dish to share with everyone after the run has finished.

## RENTAL CORNER

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

## FUN AND 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 class for SENIORS/ BEGINNERS - "GET MOVING" class starting Tues, July 20. 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 Instr.

## 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).

## THANK YOU TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Tracey Williams and Robert Allen of Triton Terr., Peggy and James Filo of Pinnellas Dr., Jennifer and Thomas Tschimperle of Seasons Dr., Chip and Stacey Wiseman of Tallbrook Terr., and Danille and Anthony Bagjardi of Tupelo Terr., and Sally McPherson and Alex Humphrey.

## THANK YOU TO RENEWING MEMBERS

Robert and Marge Trapp of Peace River, Brad Felker and Brenda Newman of San Marco, John and Susan Thompson of Peace River, Frank and Audrey Ciurca of Peace River, Harold Rose and Thelma Daida of Peace River, Cheryl and Thomas Deuley of Chicory Terr and Gay and Mark Andres of San Marino Dr.

## NEW SECRETARY NOW ON BOARD



Karen Pike, President installed Brenda Beiter as our new Board Secretary. Brenda retired after 33 years of teaching Business and Computer Science Classes in Everett, PA. During that time, she was on adjunct faculty staff at Allegany College of Maryland. After her retirement, she worked six years for the Department of Defense. She and her husband, Bob, are loving their retirement in Florida!

## 1ST ANNUAL BBQ

The first annual BBQ held in June was a huge success. 101 tickets were sold for the event. Jeff El-Khalidi was the BBQ 1st place winner! Congrats to all BBQ entries as they were all delicious, Cornhole Tournament, raffle and door prize winners. A big thank you to Shenanigans and Thompson Air Conditioning for donating door prizes for the event. A big shout out to Eric Jiminez -D.J! Thank you to members that volunteered - Helene Hart, Edie Driest, Dot LaRue and Kim Eiss.



## DEEP CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NOTHING LESS THAN OUR SUCCESS

This year at Deep Creek Elementary a theme of Mission Possible was selected for the school. It was understood that the year would present many obstacles that could not be controlled. However, what could be controlled was our own attitude and effort. Each day tested this mindset. Masks, student absences, staff absences, and safety protocols were all obstacles that were faced daily.

Nonetheless, accountability for student learning had to remain a priority. Each year all students in grades 3-5 complete the Florida Standards Assessment in English-Language Arts and Mathematics. These tests are completed in April and May. This past week the first wave of scores were reported, which was 3rd Grade English Language Arts. DCES had 71% of 3rd graders score proficient, which was 17% higher than the state average of 54%. In addition, 30% of 3rd grade students scored in the highest levels, which are four and five and only 3% scored in the lowest level of one. Remaining FSA scores will be published at the end of July.

We are proud of the attitude and effort that the Cub Family put into this school year. That includes our students, staff, families and the community. It took all of us the last 15 months to make this school year possible. We are proud of DCES and are excited to keep improving. Nothing Less Than Our Success. James Vernon, Principal

## FAREWELL TO OUR PAST PRESIDENT

We are sad to see our Past President, Joe Usher, and his wife Becky leave the Harbour Heights Community for Texas. We appreciate all they did for our organization!