

Harbour Heights BEACON

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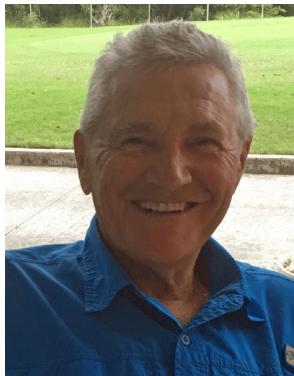
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VISION: The Board of Directors of the HHCA envision a community that offers an inspiring lifestyle and quality of life and is a desirable place to live and enjoy the benefits of family, friends and community.

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



Grass keeps growing, rentals continue, improvements to the building are ongoing. We continue to have board meetings through the summer keeping track and making decisions regarding the building, fall and winter activities and continue improving policies and procedures. One of the big changes is the appointment of a special committee that has been meeting to propose new by-laws. The by-laws have not been updated for over 10 years. The committee will report their proposal early in the fall and hope to have the membership vote on the revised by-laws at our annual meeting.

The exciting Casino Night planned for November is another project that the board is working hard on getting volunteers, sponsors etc. Mark your calendar for November 16, 2019. You will not want to miss it.

The board has purchased new tables and chairs. The old tables and chairs have been sold. Jim McBride, Joe Usher, Bill Sondesky and John Gitner picked up all the chairs and tables, plus put together the racks that hold the chairs. Thanks for your help. Bill also put a new vanity in the men's bathroom. Have a great summer! Dan Topp

7TH ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY PICNIC IN THE PARK

FREE AND FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY STARTING AT
12:30 PM AT THE HARBOUR HEIGHTS PARK PAVILLION



- ★ FREE HAMBURGERS, HOTDOGS AND WATER
 - ★ KIDS GET FREE DRAWING FOR BIKE GIVE AWAY
 - ★ GIANT WATER SLIDE AND SLIP AND SLIDE SO WEAR A BATHING SUIT!
 - ★ ADULT RAFFLES
 - ★ FREE FACE PAINTING
 - ★ ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY VINCE FROM BROWN SUGA
 - ★ PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH TO SHARE WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS
- **FREE FOR ALL HARBOUR HEIGHTS RESIDENTS ND THEIR FAMILIES**
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NEW MEMBERS!

Erin Hume of San Marino Drive

Richard and Dana Meredith of San Marino Drive

Gail and Lee Phillips of Voyageur Drive

Hermann and Jeri Fine-Schaller of Peace River Drive

Real Estate Roundup



NEW LISTING

27214 San Marco Dr, Harbour Heights \$368,900 MLS# C7415216

4 beds/3.1 baths ~ 130 ft Canal Front ~ 0.37 acre ~ 2,016 SqFt

Adjacent 0.43 acre canal front lot FREE when you pay full price for this home

NEW LISTINGS - Oversized building lots in Harbour Heights

27194 & 27202 Townsend Ter - 0.57 acre - 200 x 125 - NO flood zone - C7416602 - \$24,900

27305 Sunnybrook Rd - 0.71 acre - 250 x 125 - NO flood zone - can subdivide - C7416056 - \$29,900

27169 & 27189 Sunnybrook Rd - 0.46 acre - 80 x 250 - NO flood and NO scrub jays - C7416011 - \$19,900

2929 Cardiff St - 0.43 acre - 150 x 125 - Zoned Commercial General (CG) - C7416063 - \$34,900

27076 Del Prado Pkwy - 0.44 acre - Zoned CG - NO flood - shovel ready - impact fees paid - \$79,900

JUST SOLD 3656 Balboa Ct, Canal Front Home **JUST SOLD LOTS** - 2354 Broadpoint Dr

26281 View Dr * 2322 Broadpoint Dr * 1078 Highlands Rd * 2282 Broadpoint Dr * 2416 Triton Ter

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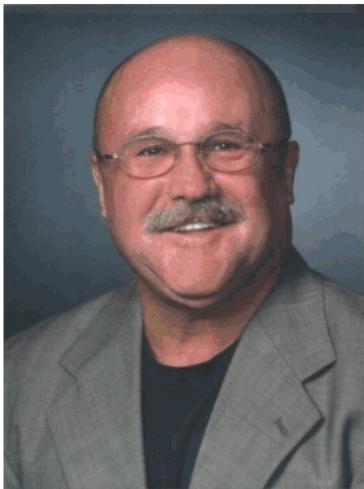
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2017

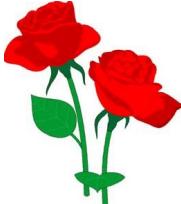
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Sympathy cards were sent to: John Schilling on the death of his wife, Joan and to Martha Wilson on the death of her husband, Dan

A Get Well card was sent to Linda LaRoche after her recent surgery

If you know of anyone in need of Sunshine, please contact Sherry Wangler syw3577@gmail.com or

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CRAFTS GROUP

The Arts and Crafts group continues to meet through the summer on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 1-4 PM at the Civic Center. We may meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month, but that will depend on the number who are interested in attending. There will be an announcement on nextdoorneighbor.com if we meet on the 4th Wednesday. Our next meeting is July 10th.



CARNIVAL!

A Carnival themed Birthday party was held at the Civic recently and it was tremendous fun for all of the children who were invited.



RENTAL CORNER: AS THE TEMPERATURE INCREASES, SO DO OUR RENTALS! JUNE AND JULY ARE PRETTY MUCH BOOKED ON SATURDAYS AND AUGUST HAS A COUPLE OF PARTIES TOO. LOTS OF SUNDAYS AND FRIDAYS AVAILABLE, AS WELL AS WEEK DAYS. PLEASE VISIT WWW.HHCIVIC.ORG TO CHECK THE CALENDAR AVAILABILITY OR CALL 941-629-2313 FOR YOUR RESERVATION. HOPE TO HOST YOUR EVENT SOON!



A BIG THANK YOU TO RENEWING MEMBERS!

John and Jayne Bryson
Audrey and Frank Ciurca
Neil and Terry Cunningham
Tom Davis and Sandra Shellfish
Rosalie DeBorja and Chris Stone
Dorothy Dugger and Paul McCarthy
Joanne Fitzgerald
Cory and Helene Hart
Robert F. and Crystal Steed

Jean and Roy Hewitt
Erin Hume
Jack and Loralyn LaFlamme
Linda LaRoche and David Raymond
Ann and Brett Messier
Carl (Fred) Nelson
Gail and Lee Phillips
Robert W. and Wanda Steed



Sheriff Bill Prummell has shared a letter to the community regarding the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office Fiscal Year 2019/2020 budget proposal. The letter is posted to our blog at the following link: <https://ccsoblog.org/2019/06/07/sheriff-prummell-addresses-budget-proposal-in-community-letter/>.



HARBOUR HEIGHTS HISTORY PART ONE

It has long been my desire to do some historical research about the beginnings of Harbour Heights and the development of both the Heights and our Civic Association. We have an interesting past in this part of Florida and a history that predates Plymouth Rock and the Jamestown settlements.

When Ponce de Leon arrived in Southwest Florida in 1513 there were two principal tribes of Indians made up of several sub groups. If you draw a line through Charlotte Harbor at Boca Grande Pass and run it roughly south of Punta Gorda to the east coast at approximately Sebastian Inlet you would basically have the territory of the two main tribes of Florida, the Timucuan to the north of that line and the Calusa's to the south. The Timucuan grew crops while the Calusa were mainly fishermen. Both tribes were very blood thirsty, practiced human sacrifice and were sun worshipers. For an interesting review of their early history

seek out Our Fascinating Past, Charlotte Harbor: The Early Years by Lindsey Williams and U.S. Cleveland.

The history of America began at Charlotte Harbor at least a full century before the “first” settlements of Jamestown and Plymouth. The Spanish and Portuguese circumnavigated the Florida peninsula prior to 1502 and prepared a map of the area for an Italian Duke referred to as the Cantino map. In 1513, Ponce de Leon was given Royal permission to establish a colony in Florida at Ponce's expense. It is believed that he reached the peninsula-- probably at Ormand by the Sea during Easter week-- which in Spain is referred to as Pasqua Florida or Passover of Flowers— hence the probable reason our State is called Florida. Ponce took possession of the land for Spain and then proceeded to sail around the peninsula likely sailing into Pine Island Sound where he remained for nine days. Eight years later he brought 200 settlers, animals and seeds to set up a colony probably at the tip of Pine Island which only lasted several weeks before being wiped out by the Calusas. It is believed that Hernando de Soto set up a base camp at what later became Charlotte Harbor Town in 1539. The third Spanish explorer to enter Charlotte Harbor was Menendez D'Aviles. He was the first to explore the harbor systematically and established a mission-fort possibly at Mound Key in Estero Bay or on Pine Island or in Charlotte Harbor. He established the first settlement at St. Augustine and he made peace attempts with the Calusa's and when those failed waged war with them. “St. Augustine remains the only evidence of his presence, although reports of Spanish cannon in the bed of [the] Peace River off Harbour Heights persist.”¹ It would therefore appear that Harbour Heights saw its first Europeans about the mid 1500's!

1. Our Fascinating Past, Charlotte Harbor: The Early Years by Lindsey Williams and U.S. Cleveland.

Jean Tuggle, Editor

