

Harbour Heights BEACON

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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



We have started getting a few new renters and this is good because it's been a very slow year. We have had a great number of people step up and volunteer to be on the board! Our Thanksgiving dinner is on November 10th at 6pm. RSVP's must be in by November 1st so we can have the meal catered in! Contact Jim at 941-268-1734 or text to the same #. We will have a short meeting after dinner to meet the new people that are running for the board! I hope our members will come and welcome them! We will also swear them in at the same meeting so they can take over for January! Thanks for all the help members have given us on this election!

Jim

McBride, President

GARDEN CLUB NEWS



The October meeting was held at the Harbour Heights Pavilion. It was a beautiful Florida day and everyone was delighted to see one another. Social distancing was observed. The November 20th meeting will be held at Beth Kuhn's home at 2080 Pinellas Drive at 11AM. Beth has been gracious enough to let us tour her gardens. Many thanks to garden club members Nancy Strack, Connie Lewenburger, Jill Leggio and Beth Kuhn who filled the planter box at the 'S' curve on Sulstone this month. We thank them for their efforts at improving one of the entrances to our community.

Happy thanksgiving! Fran Reimondo, President

DEEP CREEK NEWS

Red Ribbon Week was celebrated by our students here at Deep Creek! Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco, and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign observed annually in October in the United States. It began as a tribute to fallen DEA special agent Enrique Camerena in 1985. Each day there was a message shared by the school counselor about making good choices for our bodies and minds. Students received a Red Ribbon Week spirit sticker on Monday the 26th, wore red on Wednesday the 28th to show support and earn Liveschool points, and on Friday the 30th, each were given a pledge to show their families and sign.



Our cubs are Ready, Responsible, and Respectful, and they demonstrate these each day by making healthy choices!

THANKSGIVING DINNER



The Civic Association and the Yacht Club are hosting a catered Thanksgiving Dinner at the Civic Association on November 10th at 6PM. Selected servers will be on-site for food preparation and serving to all who wish to attend. Servers will be wearing masks and gloves and the HHCA will ask all to enforce social distancing as needed during our special event.

We ask that you do **NOT** bring any side dishes or additional food to the event, however, we do ask that you bring what you wish to drink. You **MUST** email or text Jim McBride **NO LATER THAN** Sunday, November 1st so we can give a head count for the caterer. Text Jim at 941-268-1734 or email him at jimshelbyexpress@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

HARBOUR HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION 2021 SLATE OF OFFICERS

President Al Pike, Vice President Jeff El-Kalidi, Secretary Laura Johnson, Treasurer Martha Wilson, Event Planner Lynda Gaillard, Welcome Baskets, Karen Pike, Beacon and Membership Chairman Jean Tuggle, House Committee Chairman Karen Pike, House Committee Members, Jim McBride and Joe Usher. We need 3 more volunteers to serve on the House Committee.

There will be an opportunity for more nominations to be made from the floor at the brief business meeting to be held after the Thanksgiving Dinner before we vote on the election of officers for 2021 to take place on the 10th. This early election will give the new officers an opportunity to get familiar with their new roles before they take office on January 1st, 2021. Many thanks to Dot LaRue for her recruitment efforts as well as the current Board of Directors. An awesome job!



With Deepest Sympathy



Our deepest sympathy to Dick Hoagland on the loss of his wife, Mary Ellen.



We wish to extend get well wishes to Sherry Wangler on her recent hospital stay and best wishes to Ken Wangler who has been under the weather of late.

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!

Laura and Steve Johnson of San Marino, Peter and Irene Lepore of Peace River Drive, Jeffery El-Kalidi and Julianne Bezy of Tanworth Terrace and Todd and Amy Crary of Discovery Drive and non-voting members Lynda and Malinda Gailard of Elmira Blvd.



EXERCISE CLASSES

Come and join our "Get Fit" exercise classes (Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri.) 9:00-10:00 am at the Harbor Heights Civic Center! We are also starting an evening class on Wednesdays from 5-6PM. Classes include a mix of Strength- Toning- Cardio- Pilates and Yoga using a variety of fitness equipment. Safe distancing practiced (6-8 feet apart). All equipment is cleaned & sanitized before & after all classes. Sanitizer and wipes are provided. Please contact me directly for additional details and sign-up at Kdpike@att.net
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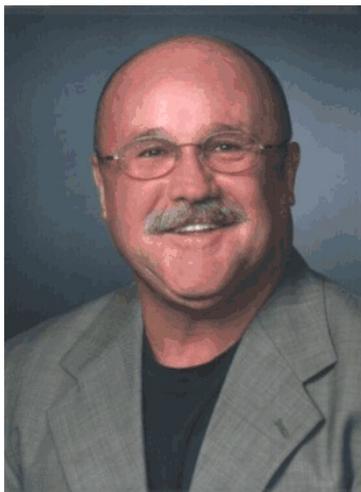
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HARBOUR HEIGHTS HISTORY



OUR BIGGEST ASSET – OUR BUILDING

case the building would be torn down and the property sold as a residential lot

In 1959 the handwriting was on the wall because the Charlotte County Land and Development Company “folded” when the local manager embezzled clients purchase money and was sent to prison for his misdeeds in 1960. The Club House and pool fell into disrepair and were later purchased by Charlotte County. The local residents of Harbour Heights were distressed about the loss of their Club House and local meeting space. They asked and were granted land from the County next to the boat launch to build a new civic meeting place with the caveat that if the Civic Center should ever go under that the land and building would revert to Charlotte County in which

On the 14th of September 1960 the residents of Harbour Heights banded together to take out a private mortgage in the amount of \$7000 (in today’s dollars that would be a mortgage of \$61,553 dollars) from H.J. and Gwendolyn Nethken. The residents got very busy and raised the seven thousand in just three years to pay off the mortgage on April 3rd, 1963. That’s a lot of yard sales, pancake breakfasts, spaghetti dinners and other fundraisers, but they got the job done! Over the years many amenities have been added to the Civic building including a stardust globe for dancing, a sound system (thanks to the help of D.B. Sound), a stage, a new septic system, new gutters, bathroom and kitchen remodels and storage improvements to name just a few. Today our building is valued in excess of \$250,000 dollars. This is a huge asset to the whole community and truly is run by just a few of us. There are currently 160 paid members of the Civic and 6 non-voting members. At \$20 per family it is a small price to pay to have this little gem of a building available to us for classes, parties, meetings and shows. It is a shame that more members of our little community are not involved, but the membership has been growing for the last couple of years and through new promotion and activities we hope to keep on growing. Things may be a little tough this next year because of the Covid 19 virus, but hopefully 2021 will be a better year for all of us. In the meantime the building rentals pay for the building upkeep and some activities. We all hope that each of our members will recruit another family to join and that everyone will get involved in having fun at work and play at the Civic Center!



HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE THANKSGIVING !!

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