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FROM THE PRESIDENT



The last few weeks have been quiet and uneventful as many board members have taken much needed time off for vacations and trips out of town! We are looking forward to an active new year for the Civic Association. We have lined up two great informational speakers for the kick-off of the new year. In addition, all of our clubs will be getting back into the swing of things beginning in October, so keep your eyes open for new plans next month.

Future plans for the Civic building during the course of the new year include:

- ★ Revamping of the women's bathroom to include a new handicapped bathroom stall, new toilets and vanity
- ★ A 6 foot by 80 foot cement slab across the back of the building to help keep the building cleaner and give us a sand and grass free place to store our trash cans
- ★ Replacement of the door at the rear of the building with much more attractive and modern doors to improve the esthetics of the building
- ★ If you have other ideas for future projects, please contact me at jusher01@gmail.com
- ★ And don't forget.....we can always use help on these building projects!

Joe Usher, President



Ken Doherty

UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The new year will be starting off with a bang in September with the first regular business meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 11th at 7PM. Our featured speaker will be our County Commissioner from District 1, Ken Doherty. He will cover topics such as the County Five Year Capital Plan, and what is specific in it for Harbour Heights. He will also discuss the Waste Management Plan in respect to Harbour Heights and whatever may be relevant to Harbour Heights at the time. He will also take questions and answers at this meeting. Come on out and meet YOUR County Commissioner! Many thanks to Dan Topp for setting this up!



Also be sure to mark your calendar for the October HHCA monthly meeting on Tuesday, the 9th of October at 7PM. Representatives from the Charlotte Harbor Water Association, it's Board of Directors and Engineering Consultants will present the newly created and adopted 5 year master plan. There will also be an update concerning the Sunseeker Resort project. Space will be limited, so please watch for a notice with your water bill in

September for additional information. We want to be sure that we have a count of those that will attend. The CHWA has over two thousand customers and if the turnout exceeds the Event Center capacity we may have to relocate to the Deep Creek Elementary School. This is a very important neighborhood and area meeting and we would like to have as many attend as possible. Thank you, Steve Vieira, President Charlotte Harbor Water Assn.



To new members
Debbie Brunner and
Barry Townsend of
Dover Drive!



Our deepest sympathies go out to
Neva Kays of Harbour Drive on the
death of her husband, Morry.

Harbour Heights Real Estate Roundup

As of August 3, 2018

<u>HOMES</u>		<u>LAND</u>	
Active For Sale	16	Active For Sale	89
Pending Sales	2	Pending Sales	2
Sold since 1/1/18	30	Sold since 1/1/18	47



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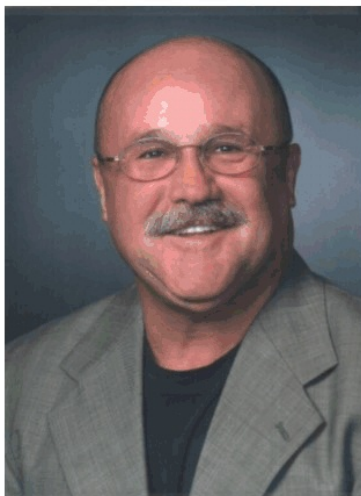
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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL 4TH of JULY PICNIC IN THE PARK!

We enjoyed the 6th annual picnic in the park due to the continuing efforts of many volunteers from the Picnic in the Park Committee. All of those attending from Harbour Heights had a great time and the rains actually held off until the party was over! Thanks to all of those who brought side dishes to share and to those who mowed, set up, decorated, cooked, bought and donated raffle items, and just generally worked their butts off so the rest of us could enjoy the day.



Deep Creek and Harbour Heights residents will begin seeing school buses in our community again. Our school hours are 8:35-2:35 so there will be increased traffic in your areas up to an hour before that start time and an hour after our end time. Thank you for all you do to look out for and protect our Cubs. Our website contains a wealth of information. Please visit <http://yourcharlotteschools.net/DCE> for information.



We need volunteer to help us nurture and care for our students throughout the day, all while teaching them the skills they will need to be productive citizens. Deep Creek Elementary loves our volunteers and is always seeking new ways to get people in the community involved! Our first volunteer orientation is scheduled for the fall. There is no obligation to become a volunteer, but if you want to volunteer at some point, this orientation is required. We will hold 2 orientations this year. Be on the lookout for more information or visit our website!

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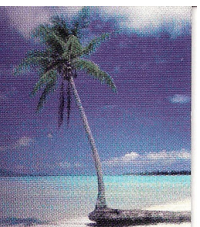
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As you prepare your child for the upcoming school year, don't forget to cover safe behavior regarding bus travel to and from school. After all, the first step to a great day of learning is arriving to school safely! This post covers tips you can use to get the conversation started.



Getting On the School Bus:

- ◆ When waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic and avoid roughhousing or other behavior that can lead to carelessness. Do not stray onto streets or private property.
- ◆ Line up away from the street or road as the school bus approaches.
- ◆ Wait until the bus has stopped and the door opens before stepping onto the roadway.
- ◆ As a driver, be sure to stay alert for children when you see a school bus; especially if they are stopped or their lights are flashing.

Behavior On the School Bus:

- ◆ When on the bus, find a seat and sit down. Loud talking or other noise can distract the bus driver.
- ◆ Never put your head, arms or hands out of the window.
- ◆ Keep aisles clear — books or bags are tripping hazards and can block the way in an emergency.
- ◆ Before you reach your stop, get ready to leave by getting your books and belongings together.
- ◆ Wait for the bus to stop completely before getting up from your seat. Then walk to the front door and exit.

Getting Off the School Bus:

- ◆ If you have to cross the street in front of the bus, walk at least ten feet ahead of the bus along the side of the road, until you can turn around and see the driver.
- ◆ Make sure that the driver can see you.
- ◆ Wait for a signal from the driver before beginning to cross.
- ◆ When the driver signals, walk across the road, keeping an eye out for sudden traffic changes.
- ◆ Stay away from the bus' rear wheels at all times.

Crossing the Street:

- ◆ Children should always stop at the curb or the edge of the road and look left, then right, and then left again before crossing. They should continue looking in this manner until they are safely across.
- ◆ If their vision is blocked by a parked car or other obstacle, they should move out to where drivers can see them and they can see other vehicles — then stop, and look left-right-left again.

After discussing these safety tips, practice looking for cars before crossing lanes while walking with your child through parking lots. If it will be their first year riding the bus, ask them questions about what they are concerned about. Prepare them for making decisions alone in regards to crossing the street and interacting with other students on the bus. Remind your child that safety comes first when traveling on the school bus, and we will continue to work together to make this a great, safe, school year!*****

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