

# Harbour Heights BEACON

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April 2017

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



It has been another good month for the Civic Association. Rentals of the hall are through the roof all the way until September. Thanks very much to Tammy Topp for all of her hard work. The hall rentals pay for all of our day to day expenses and much of the cost of making improvements to our building. There are still a few things such as new tables and chairs and improvements to the women's bathroom that this income does not cover so we are trying to develop a fundraiser or two to help with that extraordinary expense. If anyone has any ideas of one or two fundraisers that we could do, please let me know!

As this is almost the end of the busy part of our year and many members who are snowbirds are exiting already, we are looking forward to a new year kicking off in September. We are busy forecasting plans for the new season. We are exploring not only fun times such as dances and potlucks, but we are beginning to work on a calendar with speakers for the new year. We had excellent attendance at the meeting with the Charlotte Harbor Water Association last month which tells me that planning better programs will bring more attendance at meetings. If you have ideas for speakers (Keith Benner had several good suggestions at last night's meeting and is planning on following up on them) or events please reach out to me or to a member of the board and COMMUNICATE!! I am looking forward to hearing from you. You can reach me at [jusher01@gmail.com](mailto:jusher01@gmail.com) or at 501-366-3658

Thanks, Joe Usher, President

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## HARBOUR HEIGHTS GARDEN CLUB NEWS



Our March plant sale was extremely successful!! The variety of plants amazed the buyers as well as the Club members. Plants were propagated by members and also donated by friends in Harbour Heights. Gay Andrews, Garden Club member, had a display of her beautifully hand painted palm pods. She donated 20% of her sales to the Garden Club. Thank you Gay! Once again, a sincere thank you to all who participated in making the plant sale so successful.

On Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, Club members will tour the Michael Bromelaid Nursery in Venice. Members are to meet at the Civic Association Building at 9AM. Car pooling is encouraged. Lunch and a brief meeting will follow the tour. PLEASE NOTE, the regularly scheduled meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup> WILL NOT be held because of the trip/tour on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Fran Reimondo, President



TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Robert and Denise Edmonds of  
Santa Barbara



Many thanks to Steve Vieira for taking a full day to spend at the Civic taking complaints about the resurfacing of the roads. Although not many showed up, those that did come had a lot of good suggestions. The County has developed a punch list and committed to complete the work by the end of May. Everything brought to their attention will be addressed.

**IT WAS A BUSY WINTER - WHEN YOU WANT IT **SOLD** CALL STEVE VIEIRA**



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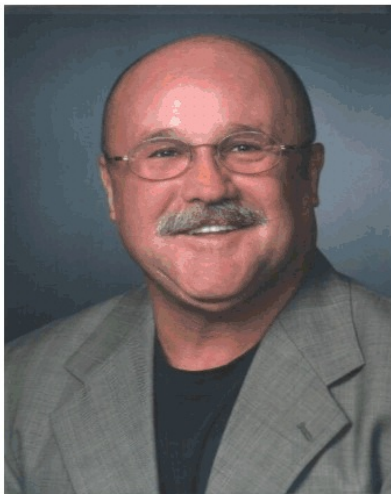
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**THE HARBOUR HEIGHTS YACHT CLUB** had a huge success again this year at their annual Poker Run in March. Everyone appeared to have a great time. What a beautiful day on the water! And a BIG SHOUT OUT TO Brenda and Terry Morris for being such fantastic hosts. Our annual picnic on the 8<sup>th</sup> at the Harbour Heights Park pavilion was a big success with close to 60 attendees. The cooks did a fantastic job on the hamburgers, chicken and hotdogs. That combined with all the side dishes and desserts made for a real feast. Prize winners were Sharon Gallant, Brian Sturz, Yvonne Sprunger, Fred LaRue, Mary Ann Sheetz and the club itself made \$11 to boot! Mark your calendar for the Annual Fishing Contest and Pizza Party on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Guests and non-members are welcome to compete, but need to pay a \$5 entry fee at the party. Also guests and non-members who wish to participate in the pizza party are required to purchase \$4 pizza party tickets in advance. Pizza party tickets are available for purchase through April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Call Captain Jeff if you need tickets at 799-7218 or Commodore Alwin at 833-0061. Here's wishing you great fishing!



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**COMING TO OUR CIVIC CENTER THIS FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2018!!**  
Why Get Screened? Taking preventive steps such as making lifestyle changes and getting health screenings may help you avoid a stroke or other serious health events in the future. Early intervention is important. If you are over fifty and have diabetes, high cholesterol, high blood

pressure or if you have a family history of stroke or heart disease, you may be at risk, even if you feel great. Actually four out of five people who suffer a stroke have no apparent symptoms and nearly 30% of strokes occur under the age of 65. The good news is that according to the National Stroke Association, 80% of strokes can be prevented. Life Line Screening will help you find out if you are at risk, so you and your doctor can take the next steps and be proactive about your health. Pre-registration is required. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests + Osteoporosis from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). The screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount please call 1-888-653-6450 or text CIRCLE to 797979 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) GOOD HEALTH TO YOU!

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**BINGO** attendance has been picking up. As you know we are having **BINGO** on the second and forth Monday of each month, in April that is the 9<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> and the 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of May. If we are going to continue having fun and winning at **BINGO** we are going to need a few more volunteers. We don't need you to come every week, but if you could spare two hours to help out on any one of the above dates it would be deeply appreciated! Call John Ginter at 626-7505 if you can contribute two hours to a great cause and have fun doing it too!!

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**EVENT CENTER RENTAL CORNER** Our rental calendar is filling up quickly. Please visit [www.hhcivic.org](http://www.hhcivic.org) to view photos of how you may transform our event center into an amazing venue for your special occasion. Birthdays, graduations, weddings, baby showers and more. Call 641-629-2313 to book your special event now!!







Rental Equipment now stored separate from Civic Association equipment



Civic and Yacht Club now have safe storage for their belongings



Our Civic Center sign is now lighted at night, making it a nice entry

**HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT** The House Committee has been very busy. Above see some of their recent accomplishments. In addition to what you see above, the following items were addressed: A ladder and extension cord brackets were hung in the front storage area for use by renters as requested. Extra chairs are now stowed in the back area for use by renters when they need more seating. The back storage area was cleaned and straightened with the Yacht Club and Horticultural Club using the right side and the HHCA using the left side. Shelves have been installed in the changing room (formerly the office) and the file cabinets were removed to the storage area. We appreciate everyone's involvement and comments as we grow and expand our community center for all to use.

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### THE HOUSE COMMITTEE IS ALSO LOOKING FOR A FEW VOLUNTEERS

☺ Bingo Volunteers - two hours on a Monday evening from 7-9 PM you can volunteer just once, we don't need an every week commitment, just some help once in a while!! Call John Ginter at 626-7505 if you can!

☺ Volunteer once weekly on Wednesdays to take the trash cans to the road and return to the back on Thursday. One volunteer needed for each month for July, August and September. If you have 15 minutes on a Wed and a Thurs to drive by and take care of the cans it would be appreciated. Call Maggie Tull at 661-6697.

☺ Help with the woman's bathroom improvements to rebuild the stalls to make them larger. It shouldn't take more than a couple of days. If you can help with a little carpentry give Joe Usher a call at 501-366-3658.

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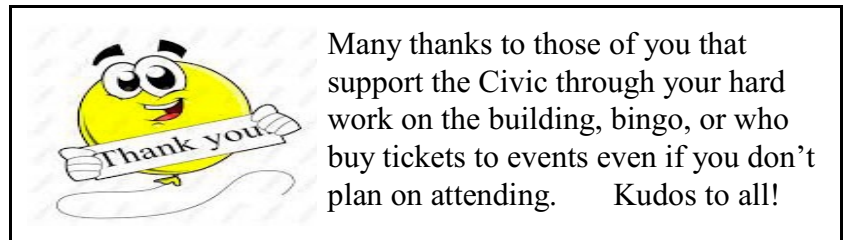
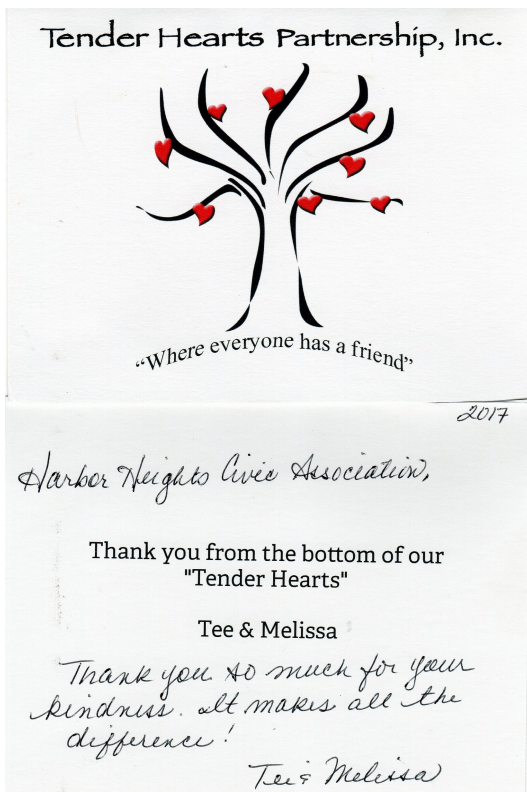


## THE MARCH MEETING WITH CHARLOTTE HARBOR WATER

was a big success with over 40 people in attendance. Scott Baker, superintendent of the Association, presented information about the future of the Charlotte Harbor Water Association. At the current time there is a lack of adequate flow in the system. There is lots of two inch galvanized pipe used in the system from many years ago. The issue is that galvanized pipe builds up with minerals and over time limits the amount of flow in the line to as little as ½ inch diameter. For people who live in two story houses, or who use city water for sprinkler systems, or when using the hydrants in a fire situation, could and often times are having insufficient water flow to meet the demand. Our engineers are developing a five year master plan of the entire system to submit to the State. The USDA has a grant/loan program available which will

pay up to 50% of the costs for upgrading our system. The master plan is estimated to be completed by June 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. This is the first step in completing the application, but in the meantime we have started the grant application process. We are in a good position as our density qualifies us as a “rural” development. Once the master plan is approved another meeting with the Civic Association will be held to keep everything transparent and above board for the community. The Charlotte Harbor Water Association is committed to keeping rates low for our customers. Be on the lookout for an update to this process in the fall!

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**BOAT MOTOR THEFTS:** We've had a few boat motor thefts over the past few weeks (county-wide, but most recent was in Ridge Harbor, PG) so it's a good time to refresh on safeguards to make your vessel a hard target for criminals.

- Record all of your boat's information such as serial numbers, ID codes, and HIN. Take photos, and mark your property with a unique code, such as your house number.
- Install an alarm system designed for the marine environment – criminals don't like to make noise or attract

attention. Dock lights triggered by motion are an inexpensive means to deter theft as well.

**IRS SCAMS:** We've had several calls come in to our dispatch center regarding IRS scams. Here's some information on the scams. Awareness is the best defense against these scams - share the information, and talk about it with friends and family! If you get a call from someone claiming to be with the IRS asking for a payment, here's what to do: If you owe

\*\*\*\*\* Federal taxes, or think you might owe taxes, hang up and call the IRS at 800-829-1040. IRS workers can help you with your payment questions. You can also file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at [www.FTC.gov](http://www.FTC.gov). Add "IRS Telephone Scam" to the comments in your complaint.

Katie Heck, CC Sheriff's Office



**2018** ANY PERSON OF LEGAL AGE (18) MAY JOIN THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL DUES \$20 PER Household.  
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**HARBOUR HEIGHTS ADDRESS**

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\*E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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O- ACTIVITIES

O- ARCHIVES

O- BEACON STAFF (COMMUNITY PAPER)

O- BOARD OF DIRECTORS

O- COMMUNITY PLANNING

O- HOUSE COMMITTEE (maintenance)

O- MAKE PHONE CALLS

O- KITCHEN STAFF-(events)

O- ONE EVENT VOLUNTEER

O- WEBSITE STAFF

O- OTHER (PLEASE LIST) \_\_\_\_\_

O- BINGO HELPER

**MEMBERSHIP IS CHEAP AT THE PRICE ONLY \$20 PER YEAR PER FAMILY...JOIN NOW AND BE A PART OF THE FUN!**

We are looking forward to having you join us, send in your application today!

Harbour Heights Civic Association, Inc., is a Florida non-profit corporation. For more information visit our website:

[www.hhcivic.org](http://www.hhcivic.org)

Mail Application and check payable to: Harbour Heights Civic Association, 2530  
Harbour Dr., Harbour Heights, FL 33983

**THERE ARE STILL ABOUT 36 MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT RENEWED THEIR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018** IF YOU ARE AMONG THEM, PLEASE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO TODAY!!!

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