

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



My wife and I have spent most of July camping in various places in the mountains of North Carolina and West Virginia. It is now time to get back to continue planning for the fall and winter seasons. Our first big project is making sure Casino Night, November 16th is successful. Teams are in place and jobs assigned. This fundraiser benefits The Autism Awareness Foundation of Charlotte County and the Harbour Heights Civic Association. We will then continue to concentrate on bringing meaningful events/programs each month for our neighborhood.

A special thanks goes out to Joe User, John Ginter and Jim McBride for building an area to hide our 4 trash cans. Every time I drove up Harbour Drive, all I saw was the 4 trash cans. The barrier is a great improvement.

I hope everyone is having a safe and wonderful summer. We'll see you in the fall!

Dan Topp, President



DEEP CREEK SCHOOL

School starts August 12th, keep your eyes open for children walking, getting off school buses, and waiting in the early mornings for the bus! School hours have changed as well. They are now 8:20-2:50.

SHIP AND SHORE LAUNDRY

- 7 day attendant 9AM-6PM
- Same day cleaning
- 4300 Kings Highway
- In Schoolhouse Square
- Phone 941-743-7837



Is extended to
Chris Alonso
and his wife
Lauren Robie
on the death of
his mother,
Kena Alonso
of Peace River
Drive



GLAD TO HAVE YOU WITH US
FOR ANOTHER YEAR!

Chris Alonso and Lauren Robie of
Peace River Drive
Fred Browning of Huntley Terr.
Denise and Robert Edmonds of
Santa Barbara
Beth and Lester Kuhn of Pinellas
Drive
Doreen and Peter Lewis of San
Marino Drive



WELCOME TO OUR
NEWEST MEMBER!

Carroll Kozoman of
Peace River Drive



THE 7TH ANNUAL PICNIC IN THE PARK WAS GREAT!

What a great community we live in! The July 4th picnic in the park was again a huge success and a show of community spirit. Thanks to everyone who attended and to those who brought side dishes for all to share. Thanks also to the committee who planned and put on the event—what an excellent job! We hope to see you all again next year!

Bob Eldredge





RENTAL CORNER

Although a bit slow, the phone is still ringing about potential rental opportunities. Spots are being reserved for 2020 already. Name recognition is key. Many renters have been referred to our Event Center by other happy renters. Many thanks to Jean Tuggle for covering for me during the month of July while we were traveling.



Let's keep our children and teens safe online. Children are spending more and more time online. This activity can leave them vulnerable to cyber bullying, cyber predators, and other criminal activity. Just this week it was reported in the Charlotte Sun that a sting was done locally with several men arrested who were stalking teens on line. To ensure a safe cyber environment, each of us plays a part. Parents can talk to their children and teens about cyber threats, and follow these easy steps:

- Only become friends on social media with people you actually know, and never share details like address, school, or even last name with strangers.
- Conduct Internet searches with specific search terms so that they don't yield unwanted results.
- Install safety filters that limit what kids can see and do online.
- Before your child visits a new website, check it out yourself!

Real Estate Roundup



NEW LISTING

27288 San Marino Dr, Harbour Heights **\$375,000** MLS# C7418355

3 beds/2 baths/2 car garage ~ 120 ft Canal Front ~ 0.34 acre ~ 2,120 SqFt
swimming pool w/spa ~ composite dock ~ 10K boat lift ~ shed



NEW LISTING

3087 Tarrywood Ter, Harbour Heights **\$184,900** MSL# C7418457

3 beds/ 2 baths/ 2 car garage ~ city water & sewer ~ Hot tub ~ fenced ~ shed ~more

Residential & Commercial - 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

Celebrating 8 years at 2441 Broadpoint Drive



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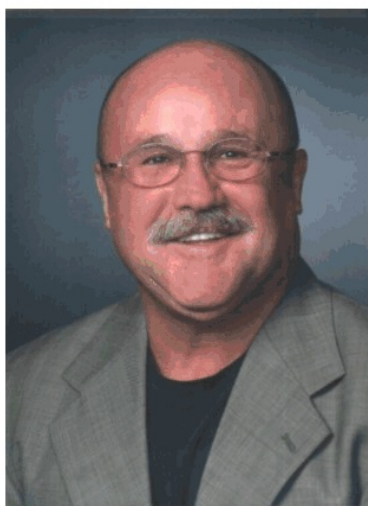


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HARBOUR HEIGHTS HISTORY – PART II

In my continuing history of Harbour Heights, not much happened in this area from the mid 1500's until the mid 1800's that directly affected our little bit of Florida. During the twenty years Florida was owned by the British (1763-1783) the Crown designated as Indian reservation all of Charlotte Harbor and the area west of the Peace River. However, this area was crossed and re-crossed in the Seminole Indian Wars, the first of which erupted in 1818 three years before the U.S. obtained Florida from the Spanish. It ended “when ‘King Bowlegs’ (Bolek) and others signed a treaty at Moultrie Creek guaranteeing them ‘hunting and crop grounds south of Charlotte’s River’ – that is, below the confluence of Charlotte Harbor and Peas Creek (Peace River).”¹ The Second Seminole Indian War began in December 1835 when a party of Indians under Osceola ambushed a detachment of 110 U.S. soldiers killing all but three. It finally ended in 1842 when Billy Bowlegs signed a peace treaty with the U.S. in which the U.S. would leave alone all of the Indians south of Peas Creek (the Peace River). The third Seminole war broke out in “1849 when five renegade Indians killed a homesteader near Fort Pierce on the east coast and burned his cabin. Then the perpetrators walked across the peninsula to get whiskey at the Kennedy-Darling trading post on the Peace River”¹ and killed two of the traders and burned the store. It ended in 1858 with an agreement for the Seminoles to relocate to Arkansas and Oklahoma, which was only partially completed with about 60 “perfectly quiet” Seminoles left in the Everglades.

The settlement of the interior of Florida, especially in the northern and central areas was promoted by the Homestead Act of 1862. In 1821 Florida was ceded to the United States and in 1845 Florida was admitted into the Union of States and the public lands therein were exempted from taxation, but remained the property of the USA. The Federal government passed an act by Congress called “The Homestead Act of 1862”. In Florida “It provided for the transfer of 160 acres (65 hectares) of unoccupied public land to each homesteader on payment of a nominal fee after five years of residence. The land could also be acquired after six months of residence at \$1.25 an acre.”² These tracts of public land were promised to a citizen or head of a family who had resided on and cultivated the land for five years after the initial claim. Under current Florida law, The Florida Homestead Act allows individuals to claim homestead by establishing ownership of previously owned or unowned property in writing. A homestead is one's primary residence no matter where they live. It can be a farm, with the buildings around it, or any place of abode such as a shack, villa, boat, condo or tent. Pioneers often settled on public lands before they could be surveyed and auctioned by the U.S. government. At first the squatter claims were not recognized, but in 1830 the first of a series of temporary preemption laws was passed allowing squatters to improve the land by erecting a dwelling and then claiming ownership. Next month we'll look at the homesteaders who called our little part of paradise home.

1. Our Fascinating Past, Charlotte Harbor: The Early Years by Lindsey Williams and U.S. Cleveland.
2. <http://www.netside.net/~c3i/act.htm>
3. <https://www.floridabar.org/the-florida-bar-journal/free-florida-land-homesteading-for-good-title/>
4. <http://ushistoryscene.com/article/1862-homestead-act/>

