

# Harbour Heights BEACON

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April 2020

**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



With the big shutdown because of the Covid 19 pandemic there is not much going on anywhere at this time and Harbour Heights Civic is no exception. We want to protect our members and our neighborhood so we will be holding no activities until it is deemed safe by our medical leaders. We have had to return a lot of deposits to future renters due to cancellations! I just hope as I know you all do too that this gets over quickly! I hope everyone is staying safe! We will get thru this if everyone takes appropriate precautions! Thanks, Jim McBride, President

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YACHT CLUB



GARDEN



FOOD TRUCK



SHUFFLEBOARD



YOGA



EXERCISE



CRAFTS

THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES SHOWN ABOVE ARE ON HOLD FOR AT LEAST THE MONTH OF APRIL AND PROBABLY FOR MAY, BUT WE WILL ADVISE AS THE VIRUS DICTATES FOR THE FUTURE. KEEP SAFE AND HEALTHY!

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**Thanks to all who participated in the benefit yard sale on March 14<sup>th</sup>...the donators, the shoppers and the volunteers. This generosity will allow us to provide the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual FREE Picnic in the Park on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2020!**

Bob Eldredge, Picnic in the Park Group

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### TO NEW MEMBERS:

Mark and Christine Andrews of Talbrook Terrace  
Gary and Bev Constable of Sunnybrook Road  
and a big welcome back to Lisa Yost of Sulstone drive

## REAL ESTATE ROUNDUP



### NEW LISTING

3087 Tarrywood Ter, Harbour Heights **\$184,900** MLS# C7425401  
3 beds/ 2 baths/ 2 car garage/ City Water and Sewer/ NOT in the flood zone  
Fenced Yard/ Hot Tub/ and more



### Custom Ultra Modern Home

27246 Madison St, Harbour Heights **\$300,000** MSL# C7419095  
3 beds/2 baths/loft/detached 2 car garage/ built 2017/ 0.55 acre/  
1,732 SF under air/ 2,967 SF total/ scrub jay mitigation paid



### NEW LISTING

2292 Harbour Dr, Harbour Heights **\$414,900** MLS# C7426745  
On Whidden Bay/ 3 beds/ 2 baths/ 2 car garage/ beautiful water views/  
dock with 6,000 lb boat lift and canopy/ new roof/ open concept

## Celebrating 9 years at 2441 Broadpoint Drive



2017 2018 2019



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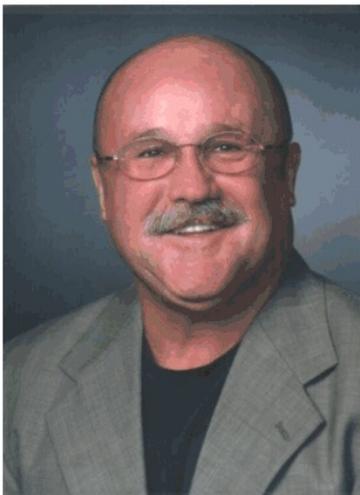
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### TO RENEWING MEMBERS FOR 2020

Joe and Becky Usher of Tannin Terrace (my apologies for the oversight!)  
Virginia Bryant and Pauline Klein of Davis Drive  
Audry and Frank Cieurca of Peace River Drive  
Charlotte and Terrance Bloomquist of DeSoto Drive  
and Larry and Yvonne Sprunger of Harbour Drive



We didn't have any sunshine to spread this month, but if you know of anyone in need of a little, call Sherry Wangler at 629-1084 or email her at [syw3577@gmail.com](mailto:syw3577@gmail.com)

**Ship N Shore**  
Coin Laundry  
Port Charlotte, FL • Schoolhouse Square  
(8/10 mile N. of Peace River Bridge)

**Video Entertainment** **WIFI**

- \* Attended 9am-6pm
- \* 7 days a week
- \* Air-Conditioned
- \* Ship-Shape Clean
- \* Drop-off Laundry
- \* Large Machines for Bedspreads

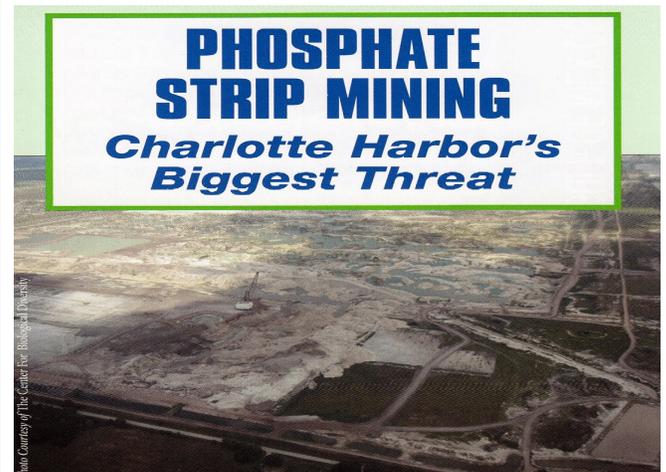
**Same Spot for 28 Years!**  
Open 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Daily  
941.743.SUDS

### Our February speaker, Dr. Doug Watt who spoke on Alzheimers' Disease was very informative!



We learned a lot about the scary basics of Alzheimers which has become the most common brain disease in the US and now globally. The incidence doubles every 5 years after the age of 65 and treatment costs this year in the USA alone are 170 billion, and are expected to exceed 1 trillion by 2050 if we don't begin to modify our behavior or come up with a preventative treatment. He discussed staging, clinical presentation and diagnosis. There is no known or good treatment for Alzheimers, a good diet, exercise, good sleep habits and avoidance of certain drugs such as benzoos, anticholinergics and other central nervous system depressants. There is some benefit from Aricept in early stages and Namenda in moderate dementia, but no good treatments yet. LIFE STYLE CAN HELP!

### Our March speaker, Paul DeGata, who grew up here in HH spoke on



Paul grew up here in Harbour Heights in the 60's. It was idyllic then. The Peace River here in the Heights was filled with sea grasses right off the canal in front of their house. The water was so clear you could see right to the bottom and see sting rays swimming by. In 1967 there was a big fish kill in the river, but there hadn't been any freeze, it was 3-4 days before folks here in HH knew what was happening. There had been a phosphate spill upriver in Polk County (abt. 86 miles away). By 1971 the river had just been restocked when there was another spill which was even worse and killed 90% of the fish along 106 miles of the river. For 3 weeks you could have walked across the river on the dead fish! The spill caused a 10 foot wall of sludge in the river and raised the level of the river 10'. Ever since this spill there have been no grass flats north of the 41 bridge. The spill wiped out the crab processing plant and put a lot of people out of work. The phosphate companies bought a lot of farm land many years ago as agricultural land, but they now want to change the zoning to mining in DeSoto County only 15 miles upriver from us. If you want to get involved go to [www.preachswfl.org](http://www.preachswfl.org) for more information.



In spite of a chilly and blustery day, the First Saturday Food Truck was a great success. We moved indoors to stay warm, but the turnout was great. We had a 50/50 raffle and a “wearin o’ the green” and a lot of good companionship with our neighbors. Sadly, the Easter Egg Hunt for the first Saturday in April has been cancelled, and the Kentucky Derby Party on the first Saturday in May is in jeopardy, but there is always next year! Right now it is better to be safe than sorry!



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Many thanks to Barry McClanahan, D.J. who played at our February meeting for the dancing pleasure of the members!



### RENTAL CORNER

Although we have had to cancel all rentals for April and May we are still hopeful that we will be able to reopen in June. So if you are planning a June or July wedding now is the time to reserve your date. We will gladly refund all deposits if we cannot be open by then! Call Steve Hosinger at 941-629-2313 to hold your date!



# HAPPINESS LIVES HERE

Mother Nature and the builders  
have created Harbour Heights  
for the full enjoyment of the  
"good life"



What is life like at Harbour Heights?

It's simply wonderful.

But to be a bit more specific let's look into the various aspects of living in this graceful, modern community.

First of all, it's wonderfully warm and comfortable . . . located along the beautiful Peace River . . . near enough to the gulfcoast to make recreational enjoyment complete for devotees of salt water sports.

Year-round, the temperature varies from an occasional low of 43 degrees — snappy, but still comfortable — to a high of 90 — hot, but not too hot to prevent you from doing things out of doors whenever you so desire.

The living is easy at Harbour Heights. It was built for stretching out and relaxing. Nature has provided warmth, refreshing waters, long, firm shoreline — every bit of natural equipment necessary to the easy life.

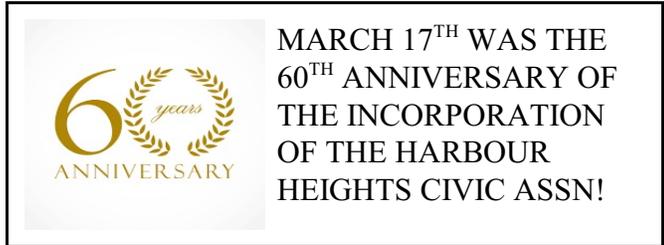
And what Mother Nature has donated the builders and planners of Harbour Heights have enhanced and developed for pure pleasure and enjoyment.

Coming from the hustle and bustle of urban living it is easy for people to adjust to the slower, more relaxed pace at which things are done in Florida. Once you settle in, a feeling of peace and security manifests itself, and you find yourself able to do just what you wish to — and at your own pace.

Everyone has a "green thumb" at Harbour Heights where beautiful flowers and shrubs are grown, with ease, in the rich Florida soil and



**It is past time to renew your membership for 2020. If you are not sure if you have renewed yet you can call me, Jean Tuggle, at 941-764-6484 or [tuggle3450@comcast.net](mailto:tuggle3450@comcast.net) and I will confirm if you still owe or not!**



2020 ANY PERSON OF LEGAL AGE (18) MAY JOIN THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL DUES \$20 PER Household.

(PLEASE PRINT)

\*LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_

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HARBOUR HEIGHTS ADDRESS

\* # , Street \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

\*Land Phone \_\_\_\_\_ \*Cell Phone(Text) \_\_\_\_\_

\*E-MAILADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\*OUT OF TOWN ADDRESS (PART YEAR RESIDENTS with H.H. address)

\*#, Street \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

INTERESTS - Please ! SELECT AT LEAST ONE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> - BOARD OF DIRECTORS             | <input type="checkbox"/> - WEBSITE STAFF             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - COMMUNITY PLANNING             | <input type="checkbox"/> - OTHER (PLEASE LIST) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - HOUSE COMMITTEE (maintenance)  | <input type="checkbox"/> - 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!

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

