



Harbor Lights Beacon

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*Mother's
Day*



Memorial Day

Beautification Committee Landscaping Around the Park



Sun Dial, flowers and fountain



Patio Set



Shady Lady Tree



Gardenias in #30 Keeners yard



White urn with flowers



Mandeville plant

MANAGER'S REPORT

By the time this article is printed work will have begun on the tennis courts. The project will take 10-14 days. The surface will be reinforced with a different color scheme and lines.

Real Estate currently we have no listings. If you are thinking to sell, we have potential buyers. To date we have sold 6 homes.

Reminders if you are leaving for an extended period, please notify the office. Reminder that the new directories are now ready and can be picked up at the office before you leave.

The dredge project is still on schedule for the summer, we are nearing the end of the permitting stage. One permit left to obtain.

The fence on 41 that surrounds the storage yard will be replaced. It is in disrepair. Project will start in June.

Storage yard people if you put something different on your space, please notify the office of the change. That way we can document the item.

We are working on better signage at the entrance to alleviate traffic coming into our Community from the Dockside restaurant along with gate options. More to come on this subject.

Stay healthy and if you are leaving for the north have a safe trip!

Tom Wisdom-Harbor Lights Mgmt.

PARK NEWS

The out of park directories are available in the office, please pick one up. Please check the new directories to be sure we have your correct address

Please pick up and complete the Contact in Emergency Form and return to office. It is important to have this info for hurricane season.

Ladies Pool Bath

It has been decided, since we still have residents who use the pool on a daily basis, we need to change the date for the ladies pool bathroom renovations to begin on Monday, May 2.

This change is in an effort to minimize any inconvenience and based on the fact that many winter residents return home at the end of April.

In order for the upgrades to commence, the bathroom needs to be completely empty.

During the renovations, you're encouraged to use the men's bathroom or the clubhouse bathrooms.

Signs will be posted noting the ongoing changes.

Thank you for your cooperation.
Management

BRIDGE

March 23

1 st	Terri DeYoung	3900
2 nd	Sheila Williams	2950
3 rd	Cassie Cowan	2830

March 30

1 st	Terri DeYoung	3380
2 nd	Jane Dellina	3020
3 rd	Cassie Cowan	2920

April 6

1 st .	Terri DeYoung	3980
2 nd	Jane Dellina	3200

April 13

1 st	Linda Bolender	2840
2 nd	Jane Dellina	2310

EUCHRE

March 24

1 st	Diane Moffatt	53
2 nd	Carolyn Welton	41
	Gary Boak	41
3 rd	Verba Prough	37

March 31

1 st	Bob Welton	41
2 nd	Verba Prough	36
3 rd	Shirley Reindl	34

April 7

1 st	Bob Welton	45
2 nd	Carolyn Welton	42
3 rd	Verba Prough	35

April 14

1 st	Diane Moffatt	43
2 nd	Bob Welton	34
3 rd	Verba Prough	33
4 th	Shirley Reindl	31

BINGO

March 22

Canadian flag – Barb Laudet

American flag – Jack Utley

March 29

Canadian flag – Steve Milhaupt

American flag – Joan Dahl

April 5

Canadian flag – Ann Morris

American flag – Donna Leary

April 12

Canadian flag – Charley Stewart

American flag – Barb Laudet

MIXED GOLF

The end of the golf season is coming soon.

March 21

Hole 20 closest to the hole on drive was Jim Wheaton

Hole 25 closest to the hole carryover

Hole 27 longest putt was Scott Goff
50/50 Ben Kincaid

March 28

Hole 20 closest to the hole on drive was Barb Koning

Hole 25 closest to the hole on drive. Jim Stewart (guest)

Hole 27 Longest putt was Sharon Wuest
50/50 Barb Koning

April 4

Hole 20 closest to the hole on drive was Phil Hughes

Hole 25 closest to the hole on drive was Tania Kennedy Fortan

Hole 27 Longest putt was Jack Utley

April 11 and 18 Great time with friends.

I hope everyone that attended the tournament and banquet had a good time.

Thanks to John Bone and Joe Kennedy for all their help week after week. Thank you, Jim Skorka, for filling in for me. Special thanks to Joe Kennedy for special skills in grilling.

Prizes were handed out for 3 club and putter tournament:

First prize: Steve Sullivan with 40

Second prize: Tim Leary 42

Third Jim Fox: 45

Fourth prize Mike Patterson: 45

Fifth prize John Bone: 46

50/50 raffle Mike Patterson

Raffle Ken Carter, Barb Koning, John Bone, Jane Dellina, Scott Goff and Joyce Skorka

Congrats to all.

Thank all of you for the cute card and gift. Very much appreciated.

Have a happy and safe summer. See you in the fall.

Donna Leary

RECREATION NEWS

Final figures for the flea market are now in and we had a net profit of \$3,495.21.

Although profit is considerably less than pre-Covid days, considering all the obstacles with weather, date changes, etc., it was quite successful. It was great to see so many new owners' and renters helping out. In addition to providing funds to pay for all the recreational activities, the flea market provides a good opportunity to get together and meet our neighbors and establish new friendships. Jack and his girls will soon begin collecting stuff for next year's sale. Unfortunately, due to the labor involved and the advancing age of our volunteers, furniture has been added to the list of items that will no longer be accepted by the flea market.

Easter brunch on April 17 was a huge success. The Rec Board provided ham and everyone brought a dish to pass. As usual, there was a big variety of delicious side dishes and desserts. The post-brunch beverages were pretty good too. Easter was capped off by playing Capital Travelers in the evening. FYI, Capital Travelers is a simple card game that is easily learned and anyone can play. It is not a session of people sitting around and discussing their travel experiences in different state capitals.

Many of our snowbirds have gone back north or will be going soon and most events, meetings and weekly activities are put on hold until October or November. However, more and more of our owners are becoming year-round Harbor Lights residents so we may see an increase in the morning pool group and other summer activities.

The Rec Board wishes everyone a fun-filled and safe summer whether going back home or just taking a vacation from Harbor Lights. Hopefully there won't be

any but if anyone should have an accident, illness, surgery, etc., please let us know so it can be posted on the bulletin board and/or Beacon and we can offer cards and prayers. Just send an e-mail to Jane Dellina at dellinam@yahoo.com.

Special thanks to Debby Sanborn who tirelessly served nine years on the Rec Board and previously wrote this article for "The Beacon" and I might add, did a much better job. Although she is no longer on the Rec Board, I'm sure we'll still see Debby volunteering for all the events.

Your Recreation Board

CAPITAL TRAVELERS

The last Capital Travelers of the season was played on April 17th. Five tables participated resulting in 2 ties. Competition was tough!!

The winners are as follows:

First Place:

Linda B., Jane D., Terri, Cassie

Second Place:

Steve S., Ann S., Carol B, Larry B.

Third Place:

Lynda S., Barb K., Dottie M., Rosie K.

Booby:

Barb L., Mick L., Debbie S., Larry S.

Thanks to all who participated. See you next season!

Rosie and Andy

ON THE COVER

Spring in Bloom at Harbor Lights

From the fragrant Gardenia Bush along the canal to the brown sugar flowers on the Shady Lady at Sunset Park, Harbor Lights is bursting with the vibrant colors that only Spring provides. Our park has never looked so beautiful because of our generous residents and our hard-working staff.

Our grounds are being carefully groomed and maintained by our Landscaper Gloria C. who has endless energy while mowing, trimming, and mulching. Our Grounds and Maintenance keeper, John K., makes sure the streets are free from fallen palm fronds and other trimmings in addition to his other maintenance duties. His plumbing and electrical knowledge has come in handy with irrigation issues or rewiring a landscape light.

The Beautification Committee has been busy as well adding potted plants at our park's entrance, clubhouse area and cook shack. The potted plants have enhanced the look of our park as you enter from the street and dress up the common areas for the enjoyment of the residents; the plan is to change the plants to coincide with the seasons.

The Committee also repowered the fountain that sits in the corner of the common area near the tennis courts. With the help of Todd C #4. and Johnny K. we have the fountain up and running again. The fountain was originally purchased and installed in March, 2000 by way of a memorial contribution in memory of former resident Larry Schenck.

To further enhance the fountain area, plants, cement urns and a sun dial were added. Thank you, Pat and Mary Jean #6 for the donation of the urns and to Johnny K. for the sundial. Joe and Debbie #8 donated a soaker hose to assist in watering in addition to Joe's helping Johnny with heavy work when needed.

Mike and Di #45 donated a stunning Mandevilla plant and planter which we've placed against the clubhouse wall across from the shuffleboard court (see front page). Rick and Laurie #29 donated a small wrought iron patio set which now sits at Sunset Park (see front page). Prior to being placed, Barb Helt #27 cleaned and painted the set making it look brand new.

Dottie #14 and Laura #89, Beautification Committee members and year-round residents, will be caring for the potted plants over the next few months. If you'd like to help them out, please don't hesitate to pitch in. "Many hands lighten the load."

Many thanks to everyone for their continued interest and assistance in keeping Harbor Lights the paradise we love.

Lynda Southerland



MAY

Birthdays

- 5 Tim Timmons #54
- 6 Shirley Sweet #69
- 7 Pamela Brown #128
- 10 Laurie Holder #29
- 15 Jan Utley #103
- 20 Helen Lopata #57
- 22 Tim Leary #115
- 24 Imelda Kring #114
- 27 Dennis Ambo #44

Early JUNE

- 2 June Wadsworth #78
- 11 Judy Ward #60
- 13 Priscilla Cilley #111

MAY

Anniversaries

- 7 Bob and Robin Goff #56
- 11 Frank and Jane Friberg #107
- 23 Jack and Jan Utley #103
- 25 Tim and Donna Leary #115

Early JUNE

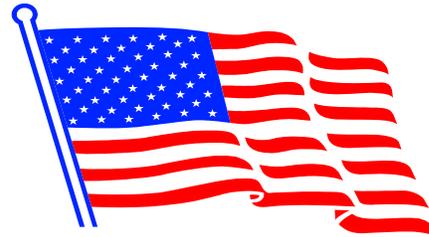
- 8 Bob and Carolyn Welton #11 **67 yrs.**
- 15 Clyde and Niki Butcher #37



MAY 8

**MEMORIAL DAY
OBSERVANCE**

MAY 30



CONDOLENCES

We wish to express our sympathy and condolences to Phyllis Cherry and family, John passed away in April. He was home in Maryland. Cards and prayers would be appreciated.

HARBOR LIGHTS COOPERATIVE, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by President Smith.

- II. **ROLL CALL OF THE BOD:** Smith, Sullivan, Moffatt, Henson, Southerland, Ward, and Welton were present. Drefke present by phone. Timmons absent. Wisdom present for Management. Many Shareholders were present in person, along with some shareholders by phone.

- III. **CONFIRMATION OF POSTING AND QUORUM:** The meeting was duly posted and a quorum present.

- IV. **READING OF MINUTES:**
 - A. **Boards of Directors Meeting Minutes for March 10, 2022** were not read as they were inserted in the Beacon and all members have a copy.
Motion by Southerland, second by Henson to approve the March 10, minutes. Unanimous approval.

- V. **MANAGER'S REPORT:**
 - A. **Resurfacing Tennis Court Update:** Sullivan reported that the resurfacing of the tennis courts date has moved to April 20th from the original date of April 15th. The court will be shut down for two weeks for the surface to cure. The colors selected for the court will be dark blue on the inside, medium green around the outside, white lines all around, and powder blue for pickle ball. **Motion by Sullivan, second by Moffatt to approve the selected colors for the resurfacing of the tennis courts project of dark blue on the inside, medium green around the outside, white lines all around, and powder blue for pickle ball. Unanimous approval.**

 - B. **Dredge Update:** Wisdom reported the Canal Dredging Project is still on schedule for this summer, and may start in the next 2 weeks. All permits and the 'severance fee' have been paid.

 - C. **Fence on 41 Discussion Repair vs Replace:** Henson previously volunteered to lead the fence repair/replace project. Henson explained that after

examining the fence in more detail, the wood on the fence was so dry and brittle, that it immediately splits when a nail, screw or other bracing/reinforcing technique or material is used. Henson proposes that we replace the fence with a white vinyl fence. A vinyl fence would last a long time. Henson received three bids for a new fence. The cost of replacing with a wood fence is almost double compared to replacing with a vinyl fence. Henson also mentioned that Mr. Miller is willing to pay for 40 feet of the fence from 41 and alongside of the storage yard and his property. The cost Mr. Miller would pay is \$1,300.00. After reviewing the three bids, it was felt that Englewood Fencing, LLC would be the best selection. We have done business with Englewood Fencing in the past. Englewood Fencing bid was for \$13,631.46. The bid includes material, installation, hauling away old fence, permitting, and a person size gate. The timing of this project would be in 2023 and to be done all at once, and not section by section. There are funds allocated for the fence repair or replacement. Motion by Henson, second by Moffatt to approve replacing our wood fence along Business 41 Hwy and surrounding the storage area, with a white vinyl fence to be installed by Englewood Fencing, LLC, subject to an additional gate by the access area for city utilities if needed. Unanimous approval.

D. Additional Trash Pickup 2023 vs Larger Dumpster - 2yd, 3yd:

Smith explained that since we continue having problems with our city trash containers being full and our attempts to solve this problem does not seem to be working; he looked into the cost of additional pickups verses a larger dumpster. Also noted is an additional dumpster may not solve our problem since we are finding large items not allowed in our dumpsters. We can add the additional pickup service during the in season months of December through April only. The additional pick-up during in season months cost roughly \$1,000 a year. This would not include the recycle containers. Those are only picked up once a week by the city. Recycle containers seem to be full a lot also. Additional containers are our only option for recyclables and will be requested from the City of Venice Solid Waste Dept. Smith explained since this is a maintenance item, no vote is needed.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT:

- A. Moffatt reported fixed assets as of April 14, 2022 are \$4,985,578.19 and total checking, savings and cash is \$1,026,766.54. Income for the month was \$23,234.56. Expenses for the month were \$31,110.67. This is a net decrease for the month of \$7,876.11. Year to date is a surplus of \$62,218.98.

Notable items are mulch to finish common area, maintenance, payroll higher as Gloria is working full time in the summer, lights for storage yard and docks, and yard rake.

Motion by Southerland, second by Sullivan to accept the Treasurer's Report.Unanimous approval.

VII. BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

- A. Southerland reported the fountain is up and working. John, Todd, and Lynda are working on getting water to that area. The landscape around the fountain has been dressed up with some flowering pots. Ruth and Dennis at #44 donated the beautiful white pot that has a beautiful red flowering plant, located between the clubhouse and shuffle Board court. At Sun Set Park some solar lighting was installed and the Shady Lady tree has bloomed beautifully and will provide a lot of shade. Lynda has taken out the planting from pots during the summer, as there is no one here that will be watering them. Southerland welcomes any volunteers for things like watering plants and more. Welton stated that he felt the Beautification Committee should get approval from the Board for the items they purchase and put in the common areas. Southland felt that getting permission for plants like flowers to be placed in pots seems unnecessary if they stay within the approved yearly budget of \$2,000.00. Motion by Ward, second by Sullivan to give the Beautification Committee permission to purchase beautification items for our common area,not to exceed the \$2,000.00 yearly funds allocated. Approved with 7 yes votes and 1 no vote.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Gate/Entrance Sign/Fence Update:Smithand Sullivan gave thanks to the members of the Gate Committee, Dan Henson, Bob Lawrence, Sam Dautermann, Mike Moffatt, and Bob Ward, for doing a great job in their research of gates. Chris explained that the decision has been made to hold off on the gate for a while until we know what Mr. Miller's plans are for his property next to our storage area. We know that the boat business located there has been notified he will have to move soon. Without knowing Mr. Millers plans for our neighboring property and how it might affect our entrance, it was decided that we should wait until we know more to avoid having to come back and make modification to our gate installation.

Sullivan presented a large diagram of our entrance, and explained in detail some of the options and unknowns that could affect how we install our entrance and exit gate into our community. Sullivan also researched options for replacing our current Harbor Lights sign at our entrance, as it is showing signs of aging. Sullivan brought three options and a diagram of each. We have to follow the Venice City ordinances for what type of sign we can install. The owner of Dockside Restaurant would like to go in half with us on the sign. The three options for the sign have removal wordage, in case the restaurant change ownership. If we go with Harbor Lights only displayed on the sign, the cost is \$9,300 to \$9,600. We can also add to the sign information like 55+ Community, for example. If we included Dockside on the sign, then it would be half the price of the sign, \$4,650.00 - \$4,800.00. If we include the Dockside Restaurant on the sign, it will also help control traffic with directional arrows. Sullivan explained that we can determine what we want the sign to display at a later date. Right now Sullivan would like to entertain a motion to approve a new sign at our entrance. Motion by Sullivan, second by Henson to approve the installation of a new entrance sign with the spit space option to include Dockside Restaurant on the sign, not to exceed \$9,600.00. Unanimous approval.

- B. Night Lighting for Pool: Smith explained that it was brought to our attention that our sign was faded and needed to be replaced. Pool Hours are required to be displayed on our sign. It currently states open until dusk. We do not have legal defense if someone gets hurt in the pool after dusk. In order to leave the pool open after dark, a certain lumination level must be achieved both in and around the pool. We investigated the cost to comply with the new Sarasota County pool ordinance. Bob's Electric Company was given the county regulations about the type of lumination that is required. Bob's Electric estimate came in at \$10,670.00. This is for the installation of two 26 foot direct burial fiberglass poles (20 foot above ground) with two LED 33,000 lumen American made fixtures on each pole. The new increased lighting needs to go through a certification process. There was a lot of discussion from shareholders and the Board about the current electrical outlets around the pool area and placement options for lights. Shareholders expressed being able to utilize what we already have around the pool, verses having to install these fiberglass poles, could help bring the cost down. Because of shareholder noted interest during this meeting to swim after dusk, the board decided that we would table this agenda item to do more research and consult with the county about options.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Speed Humps Each Street:Smith explain that the priority of the board is the safety of residents and then being a steward of the Co-op funds. We have tried many things to get people to slow down when driving down our streets. People do slow down to go over the speed humps that have been installed. Currently shareholders are reporting people going too fast on the streets where there is not a speed hump. Each set of speed humps (two) run about \$1,000.00. The show of hands from shareholders attending the meeting indicated a majority of those shareholders are in favor of installing speed humps. Discussion took place about the number of speed humps that are still needed. It was suggested we start with 6 additional speed humps and then evaluate if 6 fixes our speeding problem after they have been installed. Motion by Henson, second by Moffatt to approve buying 6 speed humps. Unanimous approval.

B. Legacy Background Checks: Smith explained that in the case of legacy property ownership transfers, no background checks are performed. Many of these transfers occur thru trust agreements. Shareholders expressed an interest in performing background checks on these new owners also. Our lawyer has given us language to use in our by-laws. It takes a 2/3 vote to change our By-Laws. Smith has suggested this vote take place during our Annual meeting when we get the majority of our shareholders in attendance or by proxy. Smith read the wording that applies to how the back ground checks would occur. Smith also stated this would be the time that we review our By-Laws to see if there are other areas that need updating. This would be the time to do so. At our next board meeting we can identify any other modifications to our By-Laws.

XI. SHAREHOLDERS COMMENTS: None

XII. ADJOURNMENT:Smith adjourned the meeting at 11:15 AM.

Respectively submitted,

Danette Ward, Secretary

**HARBOR LIGHTS COOPERATIVE, INC.
SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 11:16 AM by President Smith.
- II. **ROLL CALL OF THE BOD:** Smith, Sullivan, Moffatt, Henson, Southerland, Ward, and Welton were present. Drefke present by phone. Timmons absent. Wisdom present for Management. Shareholders were present in person, along with some shareholders by phone.
- III. **CONFIRMATION OF POSTING AND QUORUM:** The meeting was duly posted and a quorum present.
- IV. **Agenda – Architectural Review:**
- A. **Approval of the 104 Revised Site Plan Configuration:** Smith explained the purpose of this Special Board meeting is to review and approve the revised Site Plan Configuration done at lot 104. When a new home is placed on a lot, the Site Plan Configuration needs to be revised and updated indicating the new measurements of the home, along with its position relative to property lot lines. Bob Welton took the measurements at lot 104 and developed the new Site Configuration diagram showing all measurements. Both neighboring shareholders on either side of lot 104 were in attendance at this meeting. They asked if there were any changes to their lots when developing this revised Site Plan Configuration for lot 104. Welton stated that no changes were made to their lot lines.
Motion by Ward, second by Smith to approve the revised Site Plan Configuration at lot 104. Unanimous approval.
- V. **SHAREHOLDERS COMMENTS:** None
- VI. **ADJOURNMENT:** Smith adjourned the meeting at 11:25 AM.

Respectively submitted,

Danette Ward, Secretary