



Harbor Lights Beacon

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VENICE BOAT PARADE 2025



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EAGLE RESCUE

Manager's Report

Street Lights

The electrician should have all the streetlights in working order and with new fixtures installed by the end of December. There will be additional work done in January on the wiring but for now we need the lights to be in working order.

Court Painting

The tennis/pickleball court is scheduled for painting in mid-January. The green, blue and the lines differentiating between tennis and pickleball will all be repainted.

Laundry

The new laundry facilities and the coded entry system seem to be working out fine, however if anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Property Market Update

There are currently 22 properties for sale within Harbor Lights Cooperative, Inc. Many original or long-term owners are choosing to sell as part of normal life transitions—downsizing, relocating closer to family, or changing housing needs. This level of activity is expected in a mature, established community and reflects timing rather than any underlying problem.

This turnover is actually a positive sign for the community. New buyers bring fresh energy, investment, and long-term stability. As homes sell, properties are often updated and improved, which helps maintain and increase overall property values. Incoming residents also help sustain the cooperative financially by contributing to reserves, operations, and future improvements.

In short, this transition period represents a healthy evolution of the community—balancing long-standing residents with new ownership that ensures continued vibrancy,

financial strength, and longevity for Harbor Lights Cooperative.

Units For Sale as of December 2025

- 11: For Sale \$498,000 Community Realty Services
- 12: For Sale \$495,000 Community Realty Services
- 16: For Sale, \$394,900 Community Realty Services
- 18: For Sale, \$489,000 Community Realty Services
- 27: For Sale, \$389,000 Community Realty Services
- 33: For Sale, \$499,000 Keller Williams The Quire Group
- 36: For Sale, \$286,000, Allison James Estates & Homes
- 55: For Sale, at \$359,000 NextHome Suncoast
- 61: For Sale, \$225,000, Renaissance Realty
- 71: For Sale, \$265,000 Community Realty Services
- 72: For Sale, \$220,000 Allison James Estates & Homes
- 94: For Sale, \$159,900 Community Realty Services
- 101: For Sale, \$179,500 Community Realty Services
- 104: For Sale, \$219,000 Keller Williams Island Life
- 112: For Sale \$279,000 Allison James Estates & Homes
- 117: For Sale, \$149,000 Community Realty Services
- 118: For Sale by Owner, \$169,000 (last known price)
- 132: For Sale, \$220,000 Allison James Estates & Homes
- 135: For Sale, vacant lot, \$94,900 Community Realty Services
- 138: For Sale, \$167,000 Community Realty Services
- 144: For Sale, \$175,000 Community Realty Services
- 151: For Sale, \$99,000 Coldwell Banker



Seawall Update

Choosing an Engineer

We have 3 proposals from local engineers for the seawall project, and the next step is to choose one and give them ample notice for the project. Timing is crucial for the seawall repair to lessen the impact on our residents and dock slip tenants. What is the engineer's role in a major infrastructure project? The engineer's primary role in a seawall repair project is to **evaluate the seawall's condition, design a safe and effective repair plan, and ensure the work is performed correctly to protect the property from erosion, tides, and storm impacts.**

Key Responsibilities of Engineer

- **Assess the Problem**
The engineer inspects the seawall, identifies the cause of failure or weakening, and determines what type of repair is needed.
- **Design the Repair Plan**
They create detailed engineering drawings and specifications that outline how the seawall should be repaired, what materials to use, and how to ensure it will withstand coastal forces.
- **Ensure Safety and Compliance**
The engineer makes sure the repair meets structural standards, local regulations, permitting requirements, and environmental guidelines.

- **Support Contractor Selection**

While the engineer does not choose the contractor, they provide guidance by recommending qualified marine contractors and preparing a clear scope of work for bidding.

- **Oversee Construction Quality**

The engineer checks that the contractor follows the design, uses proper materials, and installs everything correctly. They address issues in the field and verify that the repair is done to professional standards.

- **Certify the Completed Work**

After construction, the engineer performs a final inspection to ensure the seawall is structurally sound and may provide certification or a completion report if required.

The engineer ensures the seawall repair is **properly designed, safely built, compliant with regulations, and durable enough to protect the shoreline for years to come.** They are the technical experts responsible for the integrity and success of the entire project.

RECREATION BOARD NEWS

#1 Thanksgiving

Thank you Donna and Tim Leary and Team for organizing another fabulous Thanksgiving dinner. Both the fried and baked turkeys were done to perfection. The smorgasbord of sides and deserts were delicious! The time spent with our Harbor Lights friends was priceless.

#2 Christmas Garage Sale

This year's Christmas Garage sale was a success! The Xmas items were almost all cleared out! Thank you to everyone who donated items. We look forward to everyone's help at the "Big" Sale in February!

#3 Harbor Lights Hero

On Wednesday December 3rd our very own HL resident Barb Lawrence was a hero! Barb saved a bald eagle injured on Tamiami Trail. Barb picked up the injured eagle and quickly got her to the emergency clinic. Our feathered friend is in serious conditions and prayers are being said for a full recovery. Without Barbs rescue efforts, the eagle would not have had a chance. Great job Barb!

#4 Recreation board

There will be a meeting on January 6th at 10am in the clubhouse for the planning of the February 7th Annual Garage Sale. All chairs are asked to attend the meeting.

There will be a sign up sheet in the clubhouse for all those residents wanting to help with the sale soon.

Kim Z. Recreation Board Secretary

ON THE COVER

The Annual Venice Boat Parade was held Saturday, December 6th. What a great parade this year, many large boats decorated in festive colors and lights. More pictures next month.

Our Harbor Lights rescue hero, Barb Lawrence and the eagle she rescued. The eagle is still in critical condition, no broken bones, but in shock and trauma.

The eagle passed away from trauma to her liver.

We also had a second rescue of a pelican in Sunset Park. Jackie and Gloria rescued the pelican and turned it over to Wildlife Rescue of Venice.

We donated 11 bicycles to the Venice Police Department this year.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO
DONATED TO THIS CAUSE.**

AED Class

The Venice Fire Department will visit on January 16th at 9:30am for a defibrillator session. Please sign up in the clubhouse to give our presenter an accurate count for attendance.

There is no charge for this activity.

The Basket Team is Rolling!

We're gearing up for this year's Harbor Lights Garage Sale! As always, our amazing Basket creators are covering most of the costs to make them extra special but to help out, we're inviting community members to pitch in toward our \$300 fundraising goal.

Every dollar raised from the Basket Raffle goes straight to the Recreation Committee, supporting the free, fun events we all enjoy here at Harbor Lights!

Laura House has kindly offered to collect contributions and provide receipts. You can reach her at (941) 915-9120. And keep an eye out for Wendy Connors' progress graphic in the Community Room!

Questions? Email baskets-26@usa.net

Thanks for helping keep the fun going!

GARAGE SALE DONATIONS:

Your Trash is Somebody's Treasure!

The new year is wonderful time to clean out/change up! Knowing your old things go to a good cause can be your excuse to buy new!

- **Needed:**

- *Household and decorative items in good, usable condition. *Clean clothing, purses, shoes without rips or stains *Furniture that could be moved by 1 person (small decorative tables, chairs...) *Books, games, toys in sellable condition *Tools, small electronics in working condition

No computers, building materials

- **Options:**

- *****Bring items** to the Flea Market room. (Left doorway before the ceramics' room). Drop items off anytime in the large bin in the hallway of the flea market room. If you have items that don't fit in the covered bin, **or** if you have a large box or bin, please set it on the ground, rather than on top of the large bin. If there's a chance of rain, call one of us and we'll come up. (We check almost daily to move things inside but we might miss you).

*****For major clean out** of house or shed, call one of us. We'll set up a time to get the goods!

*****If you need assistance or if you have any questions, just call!** We're here to help and will stop by to pick up your goods.

Harbor Lights Garage Sale is our main fundraiser, going towards all the special community events that make Harbor Lights the place we all love!

Thank you!

Theresa Rogers: (607)423-8516, Debbie Morrison: (716) 316-5782

***If you have a new neighbor moving in – please let them know about our Garage Sale!**

BINGO

November 18, 2025

Canadian flag – Jan Utley

American flag – Tim Leary
George Yurick

November 25

Canadian flag – Tim Leary

American flag – Rosie Knapp

December 2

Canadian flag – Joan Dahl
Margie Elmer
Matt Zimny

American flag – Ruth
Diane Pacific
Donna Leary

December 9

Canadian flag – Ruth Shields

American flag – Kevin Leary

December 16

Canadian flag – Jan Utley

American flag – Jan Utley

Please do not bring large bills to pay for
your bingo cards. \$10. should be the
largest bill.

Thanks, Jan

BRIDGE

November 5

1st Carolyn Welton 2670

2nd Jane Dellina 1930

November 12

1st Sue Wolters 2820

2nd Carolyn Welton 2290

December 10

1st Carolyn Welton 2740

2nd Sue Wolters 2210

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JANUARY

Birthdays

- 4 Lynda Southerland #60
- 5 Rick Holder #29
- 6 Shirley Reindl #23
- 15 Charles Keener #30A
- 17 Gary Lepp #138
- 18 Diane Pacific #43
- 29 Linda Bolender #12
- 30 Tami Lepp #138

Early FEBRUARY

- 2 Larry Sanborn #32
- 6 Linda Dupuis #20

WELCOME RENTERS

- 76 Leo & Jackie Lessard
- 77 Barbara Koenig
- 107 Pam Hancock

Events for January

- Jan. 6 Rec. Bd. Garage Sale Mtg.**
- Jan. 8 Co-op Bd. Mtg.**
- Jan. 11 Sundaes on Sunday**
- Jan. 13 Ladies Luncheon**
- Jan. 14 Annual Co-op Bd. Mtg.**
- Jan. 15 Rec. Bd. Mtg.**
- Jan. 16 AED Class**
- Jan. 17 Chicken Pot Pie Cookluck**
- Jan. 21 Capital Travelers**
- Jan. 28 Trivia**

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CHECK THE CLUBHOUSE FOR PACKAGES DELIVERED

