



Harbor Lights Beacon

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Venice, FL 34285

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Welcome Home Snowbirds!!



PING PONG



PUZZLES



PICKLEBALL/TENNIS COURT



PICKLEBALL PLAYERS

SUMMER PLAYERS

Manager's Report

City of Venice Water Main/Lift Station Project

The city will be replacing the water service line from the water mains to the meters, so the public side of the service. They are taking pre-and-post construction videos and will be replacing (with like kind or better) anything they dig up - yards, driveways, streets, or other.

They will also be doing some work at the lift station on the corner of North Park 2nd Ave, more specifically they will replace approximately 26 feet of 10-gravity main from the manhole at the intersection of 2nd Ave and N Park Ave to the sewer lift station.

The city will provide RPZ Backflow Preventers for all properties on the perimeter if they do not have one. In addition, the city will replace old fire hydrants and possibly add one or two new hydrants, if applicable.

The city is about 60% complete in planning this project with an anticipated start date of mid-January.

Tennis/Pickleball Court Seating

We realize the seating on the courts is limited, however placing furniture from the pool area onto the court will ruin the court surface. Please refrain from adding miscellaneous furniture to the courts. If there is a need to add seating, we can discuss this with the Rec Board.

Mangrove Trimming

The mangrove trimming around the perimeter and the canal is on schedule for this fall.

New Palm Trees & Large Palm Tree Trimming

Many palm trees were lost in the storms of 2024, and we are revisiting the addition of palm trees around the park. The large palms will be manicured this month.

Welcome Back

Residents are starting to return to the park for the fall/winter season. Please inform the office when you arrive. Don't forget to get your parking sticker for your car. Thank you!



Seawall Update

The Board is still in discussion regarding the seawall repair project. To date, we do not have a signed contract with a marine contractor. When we have more information, we will communicate to the residents in a timely manner. We appreciate everyone's patience and support as we move forward with this important capital improvement project.

RECREATION NEWS

Welcome Back to our residents and renters! We are scheduling a general meeting of the Recreation Association in November. Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, November 11th**. Coffee and donuts served at 9:00 am and meeting begins at 9:30 am. Join us as we discuss our upcoming 2026-2027 activities. Hope to see you there!

Harbor Lights Thanksgiving Celebration

Join us for our annual Thanksgiving Celebration on **Thursday, November 26**, in the HL clubhouse! This is always a delicious event that kicks off the season, and we look forward to celebrating together.

Event Schedule & Details:

- **Social Hour:** Starts at 5:00 PM
- **Turkey Dinner:** Served at 6:00 PM
- **Cost:** \$7.00 per person (payable at the event)
- Please bring a side dish to share!

Sign-Up Information:

The sign-up sheet is posted in the clubhouse. Be sure to sign up as soon as possible so we can get an accurate head count. The absolute last day to sign up is **November 22**.

Harbor Lights Book Club

Currently there are seven members in our book club; and we'd like to have at least three more join us. We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. and take turns hosting, either at a member's home or the club house. If you're interested in joining us, please contact Bev (#10) at [513-314-7868](tel:513-314-7868).

PROJECT PANTRY

The Annual Project Pantry collection of cash contributions and canned goods will be held during November and December. Let's top last year's collections.

Make checks payable to **Salvation Army Food Pantry – Venice, Florida**. The Salvation Army can purchase food from the All Faiths Food Bank at a fraction of the price we pay at the supermarket. Place your check in the white Recreation drop box in the library. Presently the tote for donated food is located in the library by the door.

Let us share the spirit of the season with those less fortunate than us.

Chairs: Cindy Drefke and Joan Dahl

FYI

We will be purchasing bicycles for the children in Venice for Christmas. We donate them to the Venice Police Department, anyone interested in donating call Jack & Jan, 941-488-2671. **Thank you Rosie and Cindy for all the help.**

REMINDER:

Check the clubhouse counter for packages. The delivery men have been leaving them there (during the holidays), without notices.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Christmas Greetings are due November 11, it goes to the printer on the 12th of November. Snail mail (post office) will not make it in time, if you want to do a greeting, call or email me with your request.

jjujmufl@gmail.com or 941-220-9290

Thank you, Jan Utley

ON THE COVER

The front cover shows some of the activities we do in the summer.

Community puzzles in clubhouse (anyone can participate putting it together), ping pong and pickleball.

We will start other activities in November and December, check the bulletin board for activities.

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NOVEMBER

Birthdays

- 2 Frank Friberg #107
3 Jean Dunn #97
Diane Parkin #91
26 Jim Wheaton #42

Early DECEMBER

- 3 Philippa Keener #30A
5 Ed Schofield #96
10 Jane Gunterman #109

NOVEMBER

Anniversaries

- 1 Larry and Debby Sanborn #32

FYI

The package delivery services (including mail) are leaving boxes and packages in the clubhouse on the counter, but not notifying us. Please check when getting your mail.

CONDOLENCES

We wish to express our sympathy and condolences to the Wallace family. Doug (#139) passed away October 16. Services will be in Michigan.

Cards and prayers would be appreciated.

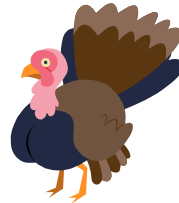
Mrs. Jan Toscano

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Elk Rapids, MI 49629

Special Dates for November and December Calendar Planning

- Nov. 1 Daylight savings time ends
Nov. 11 Recreation Bd. Meeting
Nov. 11 Deadline for news in beacon
Nov. 11 Christmas greetings deadline
Nov. 26 **THANKSGIVING**
Dec. 5 Boat Parade
Dec. 12 Deadline for news in beacon
Dec. ? Caroling around the park/
luminaria and party.



May your stuffing be tasty,
May your turkey be plump,
May your potatoes and gravy
have nary a lump.
May your yams be delicious
and your pies take the prize,
any may your Thanksgiving
dinner stay off your thighs!



FALL BACK NOVEMBER 1st.



HARBOR LIGHTS RECREATION ASSOCIATION, INC.

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November 1, 2026

To All Residents of Harbor Lights

Thank you to all residents who have supported Project Pantry with their donations for the Salvation Army Food Bank. Several trips have been made to deliver canned goods, etc. Non-perishable food is collected all year round. They especially appreciate canned meats, tuna, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti and sauce, and also peanut butter, jam and canned pasta for kids. Items such as soap, disposable diapers, toothpaste and toothbrushes are also appreciated.

Now that the Holiday season is approaching, you can help by contributing to the **PROJECT PANTRY DRIVE** during the next few weeks. The Salvation Army can get so much more for their money by buying from the All Faith's Food Bank in Sarasota instead of supermarkets. Therefore, a donation of money would go far to help those in need at this time. Please make checks payable to **THE SALVATION ARMY FOOD PANTRY** and put the envelope into the white Recreation Mail Box in the back of the clubhouse in the library.

Thank you,
Chairmen: Cindy Drefke #15 and Joan Dahl #122



Greeting Cards for the Holiday Season

In the December Beacon you will have an opportunity to send Holiday Greetings to your friends and neighbors in Harbor Lights. This serves as a fundraiser for the Harbor Lights Recreation Association. Your participation lets your friends know you are thinking of them during the Holiday Season.

Deadline is November 11. Details are given below.

Donation is \$10.00 per greeting,

payable to Harbor Lights Recreation Association.

Return this page to:

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Lot 103
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or place in Harbor Lights Recreation mailbox by the back door in the Clubhouse library.

Please circle your choice of wording: Please circle your preference of artwork:

Merry Christmas

Santa

Season's Greetings!

**Religious (manger scene,
star of Bethlehem, etc.)**

Happy Holidays

Ornaments, candle, star, holly, tree

Happy New Year

Carolers, choir, etc.

**Your name or names, as you want
them printed on your greeting:**

Short message, if you wish one;
