



The Harbor Pointer



Bi-Monthly Newsletter for Harbor Pointe Residents; Titusville, FL

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Perp Breaks the Long No-News Cycle



A videotape made on Harbor Pointe's superb new system showed the perp skulking about in the early morning hours.

Something happened recently--the first ever recorded attempted car burglary on Harbor Pointe property by an outside intruder occurred at 2-3 am Friday, October 24.

The happening: a would-be car burglar trespassed Harbor Pointe and opened several unlocked vehicles.

The car burglar apparently forgot to bring any tools of the trade with him, leading ***The Harbor Pointer*** editorial board to surmise he might be only an intern.

Tool-less, he swiped a rock from our grounds, and tried bashing a truck window with it. No ordinary truck window, mind you, but one belonging to someone whose stuff is all bad-guy-proofed.

The rock our perp selected was of a design that is hard to hang on to while bashing, and it bounced out of his grip and under a parked car.

Perpo then swiped the heavy ashtray out of its holder on the dock, and tried smacking it against a truck window. An alarm on the truck sounded, perhaps scaring its assailant away.

He also tried his luck in the Clubhouse neighborhood, perhaps hoping for easier pickings. He found some in the form of an unlocked car, intruded, and messed up the contents, but took nothing.

The Clubhouse-area car owner discovered the mess and called police, who put together the rest of the story.

The Board and Management offer fitting advice on perpetration avoidance on Page 2.

If you routinely associate with perpetrators and think this guy might be one of your underworld friends, please contact Doreen to advise. Thanks!

They Warned Us, But Did We Listen?



HP Board and Management, after due warning published on page one of the September issue of *The Harbor Pointer*, is actively considering the installation speed bump or two to slow the miscreants from among the well-behaved rest of us from driving too fast through the parking lot.

The plan calls for use of pre-fabricated, yellow and black, PVC, artificial speed bumps. . "With those things on the ground, nyone goes through here at 30 miles an hour, they'll leave their axle behind," said one commentator.

Ever hopeful for human betterment, Harry Holmgren, Board President, said, "We would likely use artificial speed bumps so they can be removed easily if everyone should agree to drive safely through our lots in the future."

The Depravity of Charcoal Grilles

Charcoal grilling is rightly popular in areas where space abounds, and the charcoal fire can be used in safety, isolated from, you know, the wood pile, the wood porch, and the County's strategic acetone reserve, or its thematic equivalent.

Such an environment does not describe Harbor Pointe where there's often someone seated on sumptuous, flammable cushions in the balcony above, and someone else in the balcony below, ready to catch the sparks carried from your balcony by, respectively, up-drafts and down-drafts.

As reported in an earlier *Harbor Pointer* feature, electric bar-be-cues create more luscious food, do not require costly charcoal, do not require fireplay to ignite, do not spread sparks, and meet both the Fire Marshall and HP Condo codes. Throw your charcoal grille away, please, and replace it today with God's own electric.

Official Response To The Recent Vandalism

In direct response to the intrusion reported on Page 1 of this issue, The Board and Management ask residents to

1. Be sure to lock up vehicles,
2. Not leave valuables in plain sight,
3. Observe and report suspicious persons & activity to office or emergency contacts for each bldg.

Our Cameras

Upgraded recently, our video security system, which has camera units sprinkled about the campus, is watching good and bad alike in hopes of entrapping some of the latter.

The Handicap Hierarchy

As it turns out, many Harbor pointers are over 30, and handicaps are more numerous among our population than in the general one. Usually, things work out, but sometimes, there's a shortage of facility required to suit the need.

A specific one is that the **van handicapped**, residents who use a special van with side-door elevator access to get their wheel chair out of the van and onto the street, need two spaces, one adjacent to the other.

Persons who are handicapped, but not to this extent, are asked to **please leave the designated handicapped double spaces** for van-handicapped use.

Let's be extra-considerate of our wheelchair-bound neighbors.

Thanks!

ADVICE: Take A Hot Shower

Many have already discovered that Titusville's calcium-rich water, and the high-class Moen ceramic disk hot water taps we have in our condos are not completely compatible.

Unless you use your hot water tap regularly--say every two weeks--these can lock up, necessitating costly, hasslesome replacement by a brain-surgeon-priced plumber. (The *Moen* faucets are said to have a "lifetime" guarantee, but, most likely it's for their lifetime, not yours).

Accordingly, if you don't regularly have guests over to use the guest bathroom, pretend to be one yourself and take a shower in it twice a month.

The November Breakfast

The November Breakfast will be held at 9:30 am on Saturday, November 15 at the Clubhouse.

This month's Guest Speaker, Mr. Scott Larese, is the newly-appointed City Manager of Titusville.

In office here only since September, 2014, Mr. Larese brings a distinguished past to the job. A 25 year Army veteran, he was commanding officer and city manager of the Fort Rucker Garrison, a large, diverse, helicopter and airplane training center.



Note: Breakfasts, a regular feature at Harbor Pointe, are held at 9:30 am on the third Saturday of the month January-May, and September-November in the HP Clubhouse. The breakfast board groans under its load of delectables. Attendees "bring something" for the table. Going away hungry is never an option. There is always a speaker from the area, and attendance of Breakfast enthusiasts at the speech is entirely optional.

The Problem With

DOGS



As an experiment, Harbor Pointe management has tried reasoning with resident dogs, but to no avail., and has concluded that the problem at hand must be referred upstairs to dog's best friend, Mr. Human.

The problem is that of what is politely termed "dog do", and the solution is to bag it and discard it in the trash.

Wayward dog do is not just annoying to unwatchful pedestrians, but also works its way into the Intracoastal waters, already weakened by other malaises, and adds to their decline. The point: Please bag and discard your dog's do. Thanks!

The Annual Christmas Party



The Annual Christmas Party, already an ancient holiday tradition in our 7-year-old complex, will be held on Thursday, December 18 at Chops Restaurant, an easy five minute walk from your condo.

Space will be limited to just 44 persons, so, regrettably, attendance is limited to adult HP Residents only.

Tickets will be offered in the Clubhouse from 6-8 PM on December 2nd, 3rd and 4th-or until tickets run out. Price is \$20 per ticket. Planning is ongoing, so stay tuned for details on menu offerings.

Upcoming Titusville Events

- Nov. 1st, 9:00am-11:30am Space Shuttle Monument Dedication at Space View Park West
- Nov. 8th, 11:00am First annual Veterans Parade from City Hall to Broad Street
- Dec. 4th First Test launch of the Orion Multi-Purpose Crew Vehicle
- Dec. 12th Titusville Let It Snow Festival. Toys for Tots Drive 5:00pm. Street party 6:00pm-9:30pm
- Dec. 13th Christmas Parade starting at 6pm. Proceeding from Titusville High School north on US 1.

Refer to <http://www.nbbd.com/events/index.html> for more details and other events.

**FOR THOSE OF OUR RESIDENTS
WHO MAY NOT HAVE NOTICED**

BEWARE: We now have Resident Alligators in our PONDS and they seem to like it here as much as our Owners, They are here to stay.



You can even see a big gator, on some days, swimming lazily in the river out back behind the condos
Sooooooo.....

If you have grown particularly fond of your small children and dogs...

Please do not walk with them down by the ponds



especially at dinner time, or in the evenings
- in the dark

**Leland Management for Harbor Pointe
10/30/14**

Raising The Rates!



Alas, real life in the form of price increases is rearing its ugly head again after a long hiatus. Accordingly, after lowering the monthly dues twice, the Board feels constrained to raise 'em back up a bit.

Service contracts here at HP have an escalator of 3% to 5% per year built into them, while water/sewer and garbage collection cost more than anticipated.

So in January, 2015, dues will go up twenty bucks from \$425 to \$445, with the same \$16 thrown in for Marina maintenance, and the same \$77 for slip owners. If you're a non-slipper, you'll be paying \$461/month instead of November's \$441.

Titusville Rotary Club

Invites You to:

Christmas On the Green

December 14, 2014

Beginning at 2:45 PM

La Cita Country Club

Featuring:

**The Space Coast
Symphony Orchestra**

FIXERS OF THINGS

NEED A PLUMBER, AC DUDE OR MAYBE
A GENERAL HANDIMAN?

These are vendors your neighbors at
HP have used or recommend.



A.C.-Heat Too Hot or Cold?

Britt's A.C. :321 267-6370

Comfort Services:
Dave 268-3784

**Space Coast Cooling
& Heat/** David 631-5755

Appliances Gimpy?

Applianceville : 267-9463

**Uncle Craig's Appliance
Repair:** 321 593-0111

Bugs Which Are Not Pets?

Econo-Kill:Vince
632-3563

Terry Nix Pest Control:
321 576-0694

Bryan Pest Services:
264-1919

Carpet Cleaning?

Atomic 264 2594

Cleaning, Help With?

Clean Team:Michelle de
Voss 607 6787

Kim's Cleaning Service:
321-267-5489

Mr. Fastidious:Kevin
561-239-0162

Electrical Repair?

Bonafide Electric:Tanner
302-3333

D & E Pump/267-8287

Flooring Contractors?

4 Star Flooring: 634-5419

Garage Door Repair

Affordable Garage Door:
321-636-0054

Garage Door Clickers?

Go to **Lowe's or Home De-
pot.** Pick up a 315
MegaHertz opener for doors
made after 1993.

Handyman?

**Dana--All Coast Wood
Restoration:** 383-1222

Gary Bishop: 268-8383

Locksmith?

A-1 Locksmith. Ken
269-5522

Plumbing?

Alligator Plumbing
269-9735

Orange Plumbing
268-1043

Shutter Repairs?

All Shutter Maintenance,
Jack Miner 795-5975
www.allshuttermaintenance.com

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Condo Association Safety Reps

Each of the four buildings has a Board-appointed volunteer rep from among the residents whose task it is to see that basic safety regulations are upheld in your building. You may consult them on such safety questions as the washer hose replacement campaign. The reps are:

Building 1: Harry Holmgren 443 926 3123
Building 3: Walt Covington 321 383-9742
Building 5: Harry Holmgren 443 926 3123
Building 7: Bill Dickinson 321 267 7399

Condo-Watching Service

The Board has announced an **official** Harbor Pointe Condo Watch for people who will be out-of-town for extended periods.

The price, of \$30 per month, includes a monthly check of your residence, and a round of toilet flushing and shower water running, and AC verification. Water will be shut off for you between unit checks.

Reserve through the Association office. See Doreen or Rusty for more info or to sign up.