



The Harbor Pointer



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SPEED BUMPS COMING TO HP?

We have been warned. The Speed Bump Committee plots as we speak to install speed bumps in our parking lot in the event that we don't all learn to behave ourselves, and drive slowly and sanely through it.

Speed Limit: 5 MPH!

As you drive through the parking lot, please remember that many of us residents are entering our second century, and move slowly. Many others of us are dogs and cats, distracted by passing wild life. Still others are men, with their well-known focus limitations.



Swiss Speed Bump, circa some time ago. Destination Awaits!

The Board tells an illustrative story: At one time Switzerland was flat. But people drove too fast, so the burghers of that country installed speed bumps. The people still drove too fast, so they increased the bumps. Before you knew it, the whole country was covered in speed bumps, with very little room to do anything except build watches, stash foreigners' money, and sell bonds. Incredible poverty and destitution ensued, and continues to this day. Be forewarned!

And if the terrible tale of what befell the Swiss is not warning enough, there's this: The Titusville Police run a fee-for-service system where, with Board approval, they can be invited in to ticket condo parking lot speed perps. Don't let either calamity happen to us!

WELCOMING? OR FINING? The Choice Is Yours

The Board needs a few good men and women to either:

- a. Welcome newcomers to our midst, and clue them in to the joys and ways of HP life. OR . . .
- b. To catch and fine miscreants who flout the rules the Board thinks up for them.

Either way, you'll be helping your fellow HP'ers.

If you have an inclination to volunteer, please figure out your basic life preference--Public Relations or Policing--and apply to Doreen Horvath at her office in the Clubhouse. She will direct you to either:

- a. The Welcoming Committee. . . or
- b. The Arbitration Committee

Thanks.

GOOD NEWS!

On the no-news-is-good theory, we're pleased to bring you this nearly news-free, condensed, five page edition of the *Harbor Pointer*.

This time, instead of our usual fire & flood & political mayhem stories, we've laced the publication with articles on how H.P. can be made to work better and more harmoniously through individual diligence and consideration.

There is an exception to the news dearth: You will note on Page 4 that Activities Committee Breakfasts have restarted, and that we have a new guest speaker scheduled for Saturday, September 20.

“P2COAYP” Parking

Perhaps, like many of us, you’re retired. At our stage in life, who wants to try to remember a bunch of rules? Or maybe you’re still young but were born memory-challenged.

Either way, to help the memory-impaired get through this one, the Board has created this handy acronym. It’s all you have to remember: **P2COAYP**. It means **Park Two Cars Outside At Your Peril**.

For the sharper knives among you, who prefer explanations to slogans, there’s this:

You may recall that Harbor Pointe has in total about 750 residents, 210 apartments, 225 inside garages, and 255 outside parking spaces.

Happily, sticker restrictions mean that our condo owners have, at most, two cars per unit.

As it works out, if you and your neighbors would each park one car in the garage you own, and the other in the parking lot, everything would work out fine.

The problem comes when certain persons, having moved from a 17 bedroom suburban home to a condo, decide to keep their overflow of stuff in the garage earmarked for the family SUV.

If you find yourself to be one of these people, the Board kindly asks that you move the stuff out of your garage and into a rented storage unit so that your car can be parked within. This would allow you to park your second car in the parking lot without overwhelming the latter.

With one car in and one car out, you can hold your head high.

Otherwise, you can’t.

Short-Term Rentals

As revealed on Page Four, a new and improved **Short-Term Lease Packet** is available from Doreen, or on-line at the Harbor Pointe website.

Your paperwork obligation doesn’t end there however. Here’s a reminder that Florida, though income-tax free, imposes a 5% Tourist Development Tax on short-term rentals/ leases. This tax is collected by the County, which means the monitoring process is a lot closer to home than Tallahassee.

The basic rule, in official language”: “ **Any person who rents or leases any accommodation for six months or less must collect from the tenant, Tourist Development Tax and State Sales Tax* along with the rent payment. A tax return and payment are due on the first day of the following month in which it was collected and is considered delinquent if not paid/ postmarked by the 20th of that month.**”

For detail on the tax, how to collect it and how to pay the County, please call up: <http://www.brevardtaxcollector.com/tourist.htm#who>

** State & Tourist taxes combine to 11% of the rental.*

CHANNEL 732: HP Reality TV

Find out info about the HP Association. Learn what they want you to know. Check out the ads for neat stuff of all stripes placed there by your fellow condo dwellers.

The Lost & Found Quarry

The Quarry is located in Doreen’s office.

It is already handsomely stocked--mostly with keys, key rings, even an automobile key fob of the \$250-to-replace variety.

If you’ve lost some keys, or anything else that’s smaller than, say, a spare tire, apply within.

Oyster Odyssey

You already know they're trying to clean up the ICW with oysters, God's own recyclers-in-a-shell.

Want to give the Oyster Project a helping hand?

You can contact our local coordinator, fellow Harbor Pointer John Bragg, at [jbraggjr@googlemail.com] or call him at 804 306 9924

The Oyster Report For August By John Bragg

During March and April we were busy trying to gather volunteers to help with the project and train the volunteers for the data collection task. We were able to get 15 volunteers from Harbor Pointe. About half the group is snow birds and the rest are year round residents. Harbour Pointe was among the first 500 volunteers for the Brevard County Zoo Oyster Garden Program. They are launching there second campaign to gain another 500 volunteers this month.

We picked up our seed oysters in April and placed them in four cages. The cages were hung from several different locations in the marina. A schedule was set up for each of the volunteers to conduct the data collection. They were to raise the cages and do the following steps. Weigh the cages. Clean the cages. Observe for invading species. Observe for volunteer oyster coming from other sources. Send the data to me for entry into the Brevard Zoo data base.

It has been a great team effort. I have been gone since May and all the members have worked together maintaining the cages and collecting the data. Harbor Pointe residents should be proud that we have demonstrated our concern for the health of the Indian River and stepped up to do what we can to clean up the river. This is a good example of our community spirit and willingness to work together for the good of the environment.



Above: Oysters expressing gratitude.

Oyster Gardening FAQ's

How much time do I need to commit to being an oyster gardener?

Less than 1 hour each week for oyster gardeners to clean and weigh your oyster habitats, check test recruitment shells and input the data online.

Master Oyster Gardeners will need to set aside about an additional 1-2 hours every other week for measuring and checking mortality of oyster spat.

How many oysters do I grow?

You will receive approximately 1000 oyster spat on about 100 oyster shells.

You will distribute 25 oyster shell into each oyster habitat, which will give you about 250 oyster spat in each habitat.

Who do I contact if I have any questions?

Sammy Anderson with the Brevard Zoo is the volunteer coordinator for this program. You can reach her at SAnderson@brevardzoo.org or by phone 321-254-9453 x284.

For water quality data collection questions, contact Scott Herber, the Eastern Florida State College Environmental Club Faculty Sponsor at herberS@easternflorida.edu or by phone 321-433-5742.

May I eat my oysters once they're big enough?

These oysters are not for human consumption. They will be used to populate oyster reef restoration projects in the Indian River Lagoon. At these oyster reef sites, they will provide numerous benefits including water quality improvement, habitat for important members of the food web, and as spawning adults they will help to restore natural population levels of oysters to the lagoon.

Activities Committee Breakfast
Saturday September 20
9:30 AM

As always, the coffees feature a free breakfast (but please bring something!), are held at the Club House, and start at 9:30.

At about 10:00 am, the guest speaker begins speaking.

Breakfast fans are NOT obligated to be lecture fans, so you can leave when you choose. Most, however, choose to stay and listen. Talks are about 15 minutes, with Q & A afterwards.

This month's guest speaker, **Matt Barringer**, is running for City Council.

A former Army Ranger, he's served the Community as a member of the Titusville Board of Adjustments & Appeals; Vice Chair for Economic Affairs with the Titusville Chamber of Commerce; President of Greater Titusville Renaissance; Liaison to the Brevard County Emergency Shelter Task Force, Chair for the North Brevard S.A.L.T. Council of Triad; serves with the American Cancer Society and the Collegiate Veteran's Society. Mr. Barringer is founder of Workforce Retention Group.



Air Conditioner Advice:
Save Thousands, Stay Cool

By Tom Lempicke

I have noticed that two complete AC systems have been replaced in this past week. I thought that it was unusual since the air handler never wears out. There is only one moving part in it, the blower, and it is cheap to replace.

When our systems were originally installed, the receiver/dryer was installed on the roof in most cases, or behind the building in others. In either case, the device is essentially a tin can with sodium hydroxide and a filter in it.

In that harsh Florida climate, up top of the roof or on the ground, the receiver/dryers rust out in eight to ten years, and the system loses its gas. This happened to me over Labor Day.

Altman's repaired it for me for \$180 plus five pounds of freon to refill the system.

I have the feeling that someone is being sold a complete system when only a repair is needed..

It might be worthwhile to let the owners know to get a second opinion when this happens

EXCITING NEW FORMS!

The Board is pleased to announce the creation of new forms--one each for Boat Slip Transfers, and for Garage Ownership Transfers, along with a sensational new packet for Lease Applications. You may want to collect all three!

In any case, you will need to use these forms for the functions mentioned.

See Doreen for a free copy of the form(s) of your choice. Or you can download 'em from our Website: www.harborpointefl.com.

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.