

Neighbors for Neighbors Community Club Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It is that time of year to make resolutions. Me? I resolve to lose weight this year. There. I said it. I put it in print for all the neighborhood to read. Maybe that will give me the incentive I need to finally do it. You? Is it to get healthier and exercise more? If so, join us on our morning walks. We meet at the mailboxes when it isn't raining at 8am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We walk for about 30 minutes and (in addition to exercise) have a good time talking, spotting deer, rabbits, etc. Maybe you resolve to learn something new or to refresh your skills on something you learned in the past. Eddie Flemmons will be teaching a CPR/First Aid class on January 18th at the clubhouse. I strongly encourage all residents to attend--for yourself, your loved ones and your neighbors. Is your resolution to become more involved in the community? I just happen to have a suggestion for that too! Join us at any NFNCC meeting. We meet at the clubhouse on the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm and would love to have you attend. **Kay**



I would like to thank the very generous community of Harbor Point for their donations to the **Ketelhohn family**. Special thanks to **Edward and Cathy Harston** for the boxes and boxes they brought. I knew this was a giving community but the generosity I saw today just blew me away.

Kay



OUTDOOR REPORT

A couple of days before Thanksgiving we had a very unexpected and unusual snow shower, which lasted for an hour and half or so. The flakes were huge and wet.

I think everyone enjoyed watching it snow since it is rare here in the Piney Woods.

We had a nice showing from our permanent residents who decorated for the holidays. The kids really enjoy seeing the decorations and some of us over 65 do too. The most recent high winds have blown down most of our colored leaves. We did have some pretty red & yellow leaves this year.

This cold weather we have been having is something we are not use to and pretty much parks the golf carts. Everyone will be suffering from cabin fever before long. It has also been playing havoc with fishing. We do have a part time resident; do not know his name, who has been catching some nice catfish on trotlines. If wind permits he is out running his lines. He uses chicken gizzards for bait and it does not come off the hook easy. Since we are retired and a permanent resident we can pick and choose when we go fishing, not like the years when we came up on the weekend and had two days to fish or not.

Alice

Folks if you have something to share in the outdoor report, please let me know.



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SPORTS VIEW

By Tony Lemoine ("Who Dat")

The late Bum Phillips proves to be correct with his famous observation! There's only 2(two) kinds of coaches, "Them that's fired and them that are gonna be fired!" However, I am very proud of Coach Gary Kubiak.

He accepted his dismissal with class and dignity. I cannot recall any Coach taking out a full page ad in the newspaper to thank the city, the fans, the owner, the team, the players, and the coaches for giving him the opportunity to coach in his home town. If there were more people in our society that had the pride and humility that Coach Kubiak has shown us, what a great society it would be to live in. "Hats off to Coach Kubiak!"

On the lighter side, the Rice Owls for the first time in 56years, won their NCAA conference championship, and the Baylor Bears won the "BIG 12" championship. The great state of TEXAS will host 6(six) post season college bowl games this season. "AWESOME!" I'm hoping the Texans will be endowed with great draft Choices and find the right coach to bring them back to championship form. The Cowboys, even in a 2nd half collapse against the Green Bay Packers, are still in the hunt for a playoff position. There are so many possibilities for the post season playoffs this season that even the experts are confused. Guess we'll all just have to wait and see, won't we? Well, I guess that's about all for now from your friendly neighbor.

Tony Lemoine, "WHO DAT"!!



NFNCC would like to thank Harbor Point Office & Tina for printing our Newsletter. Neighbors can pick up copies at Gate & office. If you would like to have the Newsletter emailed, you can enjoy all the pictures in color.



STORY TIME

My Bucket List

This is **Alice Lankford** and I am sharing the latest item I have crossed off my bucket list. It was the result of the Alaskan cruise Pop & I took in July 2013, which was our first cruise and will be my last. On our first full day of cruising about mid-morning the Captain came on the loud speaker and provided updates and general information. He mentioned we were cruising in 6,000 feet of water. This was of some concern to this old, fat, East Texas gal because I can't swim. Mild panic attack!!!! A few days later we were cruising and my sister made the comment I wonder how many spies are on board. I ask her what the heck she meant by that. She replied well we are in international waters. Great, cruising in over 1,000 feet of water with spies on board. Mild panic attack!!!! It was about that time I was ready to see East Texas. Marked cruises off the bucket list.

Ok folks you have not been living under a rock all these years, share some of your experiences with us. We need to fill a newsletter.

Alice

Hey, send us your story, or anything you would like to see in the Newsletter.

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Happy, Happy, Happy

Donald and Becky Motley finally got delivery of their new modular home. They are very happy and we are happy for them. Yes, Becky got her pontoon boat and Donald got his bass boat. I think they are ready for lake life.

Everyone has things going on in their lives and families. If you would like to share with us in the Newsletter let us know. We would love to hear from you.

Top 15 New Year's resolutions below:

1. Lose weight
2. Save more money
3. Read more books
4. Less time on Facebook
5. Learn how to use Twitter
6. Go traveling
7. Sell old unwanted stuff on eBay
8. Buy a tablet
9. Organize photos
10. Do something for charity
11. Eat less chocolate
12. Socialize more in real life rather than Facebook
13. Less TV time
14. Connect my computer to my TV
15. Do a bungee jump



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Road Trip

While on a road trip, an elderly couple stopped at a roadside restaurant for lunch. After finishing their meal, they left the restaurant, and resumed their trip.

When leaving, the elderly woman unknowingly left her glasses on the table, and she didn't miss them until they had been driving for about forty minutes.

By then, to add to the aggravation, they had to travel quite a distance before they could find a place to turn around, in order to return to the restaurant to retrieve her glasses.

All the way back, the elderly husband became the classic grouchy old man. He fussed and complained, and scolded his wife relentlessly during the entire return drive. The more he chided her, the more agitated he became. He just wouldn't let up for a single minute.

To her relief, they finally arrived at the restaurant. As the woman got out of the car, and hurried inside to retrieve her glasses, the old geezer yelled to her, while you're in there, you might as well get my hat and the credit card. **Juanelle**



NFNCC is hosting a CPR/First Aid class

January 18 2014 at Clubhouse
Eddie Flemmons has been a paramedic for over 20 years. The class is free, for information and instruction, not for certification. Because Harbor is basically a retirement community, everyone is encouraged to attend.

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The Story Behind Our First Christmas Tree at Harbor Point By David Stoll



There was not much difference this year from the many years in the past except that this would be our First Christmas here at Harbor Point.

We started out with a trip to Livingston to Walmart to select our tree. It was a little different in that there was no one in the fenced in tree area to assist. So a trip into the store to find someone and told we didn't need to bring in the tree but could purchase it and then select and take it home. So far so good, I was escorted out to the tree corral and all the trees were wrapped up except one on display so selection was easy this year with Josephine's approval. However unlike years in the past where they would trim the bottom of the tree and cut a slice off of the trunk I was told they didn't know where their tools for cutting were and they could not complete the final touches. No problem I've got a knife at home and I can do this except slice the trunk and decided we would do away with that ritual this year. Loaded it up and headed home to begin the process of making environmental changes in the home.

First course of action on getting home was to locate our trusty tree stand. After several attempts to locate it we decided lets go to Alco and purchase a new one which seemed to be the quicker way to get the tree up. Once at Alco's, we were told they did not carry tree stands. So we had one more place we could stop at to locate one in town before going home and launch another furious attempt to locate our old trusty tree stand. So we stopped at Dollar General and lo and behold they had one left and it was priced reasonable at a mere \$9.95. I said Sold! and happily we headed home.

Second course of action trim the tree and put it into this new plastic tree stand. Trimming was a cinch but then came placement into the tree stand always a challenge every year but with a few adjustments here and there and meeting the approval of two other sets of eyes the tree decorating began. First angel placement with a few more adjustments before final approval. Then the lights winding them around the tree with a lot of glee, he he he she is almost done with me.

Then Josephine completed the process placing all the decorative bulbs in strategic places on the branches and attaching the garland around the tree and placing the ceramic story of Christmas under the lower branches. Christmas was in full swing in our home. We were so happy. I then watered the tree with a two quart pitcher of water X3. The job was done. Josephine did a beautiful job on the decorating. I had snapped several pictures of her during the process demonstrating her artistic creativity with the final placement of the nativity.



We turned on the lights and the warmth of Christmas was felt throughout our home. Christopher sat down on the couch to admire the tree. Josephine stepped into the kitchen for a moment and I had retreated to the bedroom to watch some TV. Suddenly we all heard it at the same time a whishing sound and then a mild quiet crash. We all came to see what had happened. The Christmas Tree was lying on its side still intact in the tree stand with water gushing out all over the floor. It seems the plastic just couldn't contain all the joy it was holding and just weakened and fell forward. We just looked at each other and said we have to find our tree stand. We took the tree out of the plastic stand and leaned it against the wall and decided tomorrow was a new day.

First thing in the morning Josephine found the Trusty Tree Stand and by noon everything looked like the night before except the tree had a slight lean from leaning against the wall and we just couldn't shake it loose.

It looks like it is in 3D but full of glee.



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RECIPES

Crockpot Chicken With Rice

Ingredients:

4 to 6 boneless chicken breast halves, without skin
1 can (10 3/4 ounces) condensed cream of mushroom soup or cream of chicken

1/2 cup water

3/4 cup converted rice, uncooked

1 1/2 cups chicken broth

1 to 2 cups frozen green beans, thawed

Preparation:

Put chicken breasts in the Crock Pot. Add cream of mushroom soup and 1/2 cup water. Add 3/4 cup of rice and the chicken broth. Add green beans. Cover and cook on LOW for 6 hours, or until chicken is cooked and rice is tender. Serves 4 to 6.

Crock Pot Chicken & Dumplings

Ingredients:

4 chicken breasts (frozen or thawed, I always throw in frozen and they cook wonderfully)

2 cans Campbell's Cream of Chicken & Mushroom

1 small onion, chopped

2 Tbsp butter

1 tsp salt

2 tsp black pepper

1 Tbsp Oregano

2 cans chicken stock (I just filled up the empty soup cans)

2 cans Pillsbury Grands! Buttermilk biscuits (or your favorite biscuits)

Directions:

Put everything except the biscuits into the crock pot. Cook on low 6-8 hours or until chicken is done. When chicken is done, shred it with two forks. About an hour before serving, tear or cut the biscuits into small 1 inch pieces. If you use the Grands! biscuits, those are big, so I'd cut them into at least 6 pieces. Toss the pieces into the crock pot and stir gently. If it feels too thick, you can add a cup of water or more chicken stock. Allow to cook for up to an additional hour to let the biscuits cook.

Enjoy!



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The Walkers are still walking every Monday, Wednesday, & Friday Meeting at the mailboxes at 8am Weather permitting ;-)



♪♪♪♪♪ Jingle Bells ♪♪♪ Jingle Bells ♪♪♪
♪♪♪ * * * ♪♪♪ * * * ♪♪♪ Jingle all the way ♪♪♪
♪♪♪ * * * ♪♪♪ Oh what fun it was to ride in the ♪♪♪
* * * ♪♪♪ Annual Harbor Point Golf Cart Parade ♪♪♪



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Mark did a wonderful job of leading the parade. Kay & Bil Culpepper followed behind the fire truck. Then Joe Teer, Betty Petty riding with him. Bobby & Juanelle Harris came next with a Charlie Brown Christmas Tree. Bonnie McGuinness rode with Robert & Billie Harris. Robert furnished the Christmas music. Next was Alice Lankford & Santa Claus (Pop Lankford). Last but not least was Mona & Bill Blanton. We ended up at the Clubhouse for coffee, made by Joe Teer hot chocolate furnished by Tina Wheeler. And Cookies made by some of the members in NFNCC.

