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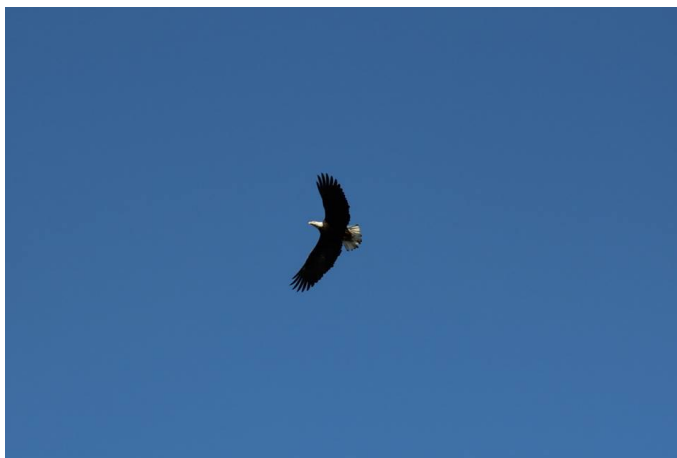
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I'm not a big fan of winter but February means Spring is just around the corner. It is almost time to actually enjoy being outside on a regular basis. The sun stays out longer and the weather warms up, time to spruce up your yard, get out on the lake, take the golf cart through the neighborhood, spend time outside talking with your neighbors. I think the Neighbors for Neighbors Community Club feels the same way. We stayed pretty quiet throughout the winter but are ready to start getting active again. Many of our common areas are in need of minor and major repairs. We purchased some heaters for the inside of the clubhouse and some security lights for the outside stairs so that it will be more comfortable and safer. Future needed repairs were put on hold as the club is low on money and we need to have a couple of fundraisers. Two dinners have been scheduled, both on Saturdays following your HPPOA meetings. February is for lovers and we will have a chicken spaghetti dinner on the 15th. March is warming up and we will have a fish fry, also on the 15th. (See additional information elsewhere in this newsletter.) I hope you will support your HPPOA by attending the meetings in the morning and support the NFNCC by attending our dinners in the evenings. As always, you are welcome to attend any of our club meetings on the second Tuesday of the month in the clubhouse at 6pm. We will be voting for officers at the February 11th meeting so it would be an ideal time to join and have a voice in the direction the club takes over the next couple of years. **Kay**



OUTDOOR REPORT

My husband, Bil and I checked out several lakes and lots when looking to build our home. While we were looking at our lot in Harbor Point a bald eagle flew overhead and we figured that was a good sign. Eagles are admired all over the world as living symbols of power, freedom and transcendence. Still today I get a warm feeling when I spot one. Some people mistake a vulture for an eagle but eagles keep their wings flat and their wing beats are slow and smooth. Vultures soar with uplifted wings and their wing beats are quick and choppy. I've been known to mistake all sorts of birds for an eagle so maybe I need to refresh my facts.

First with a history lesson. In 1792 the bald eagle beat out the wild turkey to be our national bird, but it was not protected then. Protection of the bald eagle began in 1940 when it became illegal to kill, harass, possess or sell them. In March 1967 it was one of the first species protected by listing as an Endangered species. In July 1995 it was down listed to Threatened. It was proposed for delisting on July 6, 1999 but it wasn't until June 28, 2007 that they were removed from the list. They are still protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.

Bald eagles are most common in our area from October to February so if you haven't spotted a few this winter, you better start looking now. Nests have been reported in our area. If you do spot a nest, stay away and report it to Texas Parks and Wildlife. The eagles here prefer the loblolly pines as they are the tallest tree in the area with an unobstructed flight path to the nest. The successful parents will return to the same nest each year. The eggs are usually laid in December and hatch in January. The young are fed by both parents and fledge in March or April. Nest surveys in Texas show greater than 80% of the active nesting territories successfully produce young and 70% of the juveniles survive their first year. The juveniles are a dark brown with white spots or speckles, they will get their white head and tail at about 4 to 5 years of age. Good luck and happy birding. **Kay**

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

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SPORTS VIEW

By Tony Lemoine ("Who Dat")

With the final NFL game a mere 2 weeks away we must prepare ourselves for the OFF season. We can direct our attention to the golf world, auto racing, basketball, or many other sports and activities available to us. In the world of golf, local favorite Ryan Palmer (Robert & Bobby Harris cousin) is off to a great start this year. Ryan carded a final round "63" in the HUMANA CHALLENGE and finished alone in second place for a whopping \$613,000 payday. "Go Ryan!" We love you man!! It seems as though the new Texans head coach, Bill O'Brien is hell-bent on resurrecting the team to its former status in the NFL with lots of changes in coaches and players. Most of all, he brings HOPE to the city of Houston. What is HOPE? "HOPE is an anchor during troubled times". We're all sure Bill O'Brien will do a great job with the team. Why, you ask. Because we also have FAITH in him too! For the first time in over 20 years this years SUPER BOWL will match the #1defensive team against the #1offensive team. Both teams have 15-3 records.

From all indications, this should prove to be one of the best ever Super Bowl games. I have to admit that since the SEAHAWKS sent my beloved SAINTS home for the holidays, I am not one of their fans. Since the game is in NY, the SEAHAWKS will be without their sacred "12th" man. This should be a great advantage to the BRONCOS of whom I am a fan. I believe the BRONCOS will return to Denver with the Lombardi trophy and the Famed MVP award for their revered gladiator Peyton Manning.

Your friendly neighbor, **Tony Lemoine ("WHO DAT")**



Happy, Happy, Happy

Don't forget Norma Jean Mahler **recycles ALUMINUM cans**. She has set up several containers around Harbor Point. One at the gate, mail boxes, and the pier. The proceeds are used for corn to feed the deer that live in Harbor Point.



The 1st Tuesday of each month the Constable auctions off property at the Groveton Courthouse.

This Tuesday February 4 2014 Harbor Point has 4 lots to be auctioned off. Those lot numbers are **B32, B222, H134 and I217**. The Auction takes place on the Groveton Courthouse steps at 10am. The bidding usually starts at \$1000.00 or more. You still need to check on the past due taxes that are due on the property you are bidding on. The Constable Auction takes place on the left side of the Courthouse outside. This is a **CASH** sale only- no checks or credit cards.

There will be an additional 4 lots being auctioned by the State of Texas and County of Trinity. The Sheriff's Sale will auction off the Lot numbers **A76, A93, D356 and D238** for past due property taxes owed. This will take place on the middle of the Courthouse steps. These lots are listed in the Trinity & Groveton papers. Auction starts at 10am. Remember the sales are **CASH** only.



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HOW DID YOU END UP IN HARBOR POINT?

We are constantly striving to find new topics of interest for the Newsletter and thought it would be interesting to find how we all got to Harbor Point.

Each month we will select several residents to provide a little story on how they ended up in Harbor Point.

Please provide your response to Billie Harris or myself. Thanks folks. **Alice**

An escape from the city

We bought our first two lots as an escape from the city . Then we decided that it would be a good place to spend time with our children, well we have been here since 1993, first few years we spent coming on weekends, staying in a travel trailer. But then we bought a double wide so we could have more space. In 2003 Harbor Point became our retirement home.

We love all our neighbors and don't want to leave now.

Joe and Jane Teer

One of those cards in the mail

Derriel and I got one of those cards in the mail inviting us to come for a free gift and a tour of the subdivision. We came and they took us for a ride.

The minute that we got into the car with this man that was going to show us around, the first words out of Derriel's mouth was "IF IT IS NOT CONNECTED TO THE WATER, DON'T BOTHER SHOWING IT TO US!" The salesman reply was "Now -now, keep an open mind." Derriel repeated his instruction again and got the same reply. SO very very slowly Derriel repeated what he had said when we first go into the car. He finally understood that we wanted lake front. We only looked at 1 lot and bought that same day. Derriel then told him if he had listened to him the first two time he said it, we would have been standing on OUR land 30 minutes. That was 1991. Started with a travel trailer, then had a double wide, and in 2004 we retired moved up in for good --- at the very end of 2004 - we started our house. We moved in about 1 week before Christmas 2005. We were one of the first that had lots here.

Derriel & Sandy Pringle

What brought us to Harbor Point?

C.J. retired in 2004 after 8 yrs. working in Suriname, South America. He wanted a weekend get-a-way place where he could relax and do some fishing. We searched for property at Sam Rayburn and Toledo Bend but found it too pricey! But we kept looking hoping to find that perfect place. One day I was looking in the classifieds of our local newspaper (Orange, TX.) and found an add "lots for sale" on Lake Livingston in Harbor Point Subdivision. We drove the 2 ½ hrs. to get here and fell in love with what we saw. We put a travel trailer on our lot and traveled back an forth on weekends because I was still working. Our two beautiful grandchildren came into our lives in 2008 and at that time we had already purchased our mobile home and placed it on our lot at Harbor Point. Our granddaughter was going to start kindergarten 2009 and we were NOT pleased at all with the school she would have to attend. So we did a little research and found out the Groveton school was a really good school and we thought "Why Not"? We packed up and moved here to "Our little Piece of Heaven" and realized that this is the place we were meant to be all along. Great friends and neighbors in God's Country! Who could ask for anything more!

C.J. & Charlotte Vice

Place near the water for the family to enjoy

We wanted a place on Lake Livingston where we could fish, and have a place near the water for the family to enjoy. The first place we looked at off US59 was in bankruptcy, however, a sales lady was on the premises and she told us her husband was working at a new subdivision called Harbor Point. She gave us directions and we drove over to meet with the salesman. Jack Miller, the construction foreman for Tecon Properties, had built a cedar house on Holly and that was the only structure in sight. We drove around looking and that day purchased our first lot, the lot our mobile home is on. The roads were not paved and the lots in the sections being worked at the time were cleared. We showed up at the office the next weekend and wanted to talk about moving a mobile home on the lot and get water & sewer hooked up. They were a little taken back as they assumed we purchased the lot for an investment. Things moved along until it came to electric power. There was not a power pole for us to hook up to so we waited almost a month for power. We love it here.

Floyd & Alice Lankford



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We wanted to live in a community where people cared!

We had been going to Florida for several years, looking for a winter retreat, or escape from the MN frozen tundra. Florida, although warm, just never felt "right" to us. It seemed there was too much plastic everywhere, plastic flowers, plastic people, just not real enough for us country folks. About 10 years ago, we ventured to TX, we rented a cottage down by Surfside for a month, and toured the area looking at real estate, did some fishing, and felt we needed to continue looking the following year.

I spent the summer looking at real estate online and different areas in TX. The following winter, feeling I had found the area we wanted to be in, I called Livingston Chamber to inquire about renting a cabin for a month or two in the area. They told me about Yellow Rose Bed and Breakfast and cabin rentals. I called the Yellow Rose, spoke with the owner, Sandy McAllister, and she asked me where we lived, after telling her, she said, well, my husband is from there!! Her husband, Laurence and I had attended school together at Pine River Backus Schools, he had left the area after high school, and I had lost track of him. We rented from them for the winter, rekindled a friendship and "house hunted".> We like this area because it is like MN, in the respect, we have pines, lakes, creeks, hills, golf, and wildlife. We looked in many subdivisions in the area, but did not like them for one reason or another, then we had a real estate agent show us a property in Harbor Point, then after the realtor left, we "shopped" and found our place. We knew when we got in the gates at Harbor Point, it felt right. We were looking at the property and the neighbor "Mayor Joe Teer" came over and asked if he could help. After meeting Joe, and looking around some more, we knew that if we bought here, we would live in a community where people cared, and we would be safe. Since we bought, we have continued to meet many more wonderful people, and THEN let's talk about the fishing and the hunting!!

Oh, life is sooooo good!

Harriet & Brad Travis



No better place in the world for us!

About 10 years ago, Phil and I went out driving and came up to look at lots. Fell in love with the place and purchased our first lot, it was a repo with the sales office that was up front.

We camped in a tent sometimes and then finally got our camper up here. Enjoyed being weekenders. Phil hurt his back and could not work for the railroad any more. We had always hoped we could retire up here one day, God just blessed us with the dream about 10 years earlier than we expected. We love our new life up here. No better place in the world for us!

Diane & Phil Munger

SEND US YOUR STORY ON HOW YOU
ENDED UP IN
HARBOR POINT
FULL TIMERS OR WEEKENDS!!

CHECK THE MARCH NEWSLETTER
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FEBRUARY 15th IS THE 1ST OF 3 HPPOA MEETINGS. THE NEXT ONE IS MARCH 15th THESE 2 MEETINGS ARE GENERAL & FOR BOARD NOMINATIONS. THE BIG VOTING MEETING WILL BE IN MAY. ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE STARTING AT 10am.

FEBRUARY
FUND RAISER FEB 15TH



A CHICKEN SPAGHETTI DINNER

\$6.00 PER PLATE TO INCLUDE
GARLIC BREAD AND SALAD
DESSERT COST WILL BE \$1.00.

THE EVENT WILL BEGIN at 5:00pm FEB 15TH
AT THE CLUBHOUSE PATIO
OR PAVILION- WEATHER PERMITTING



FUND RAISER MARCH 15TH



MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW



BLOOPERS IN CHURCH BULLETINS

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on water' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7:00p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.



The weather has put a kink in our walking. But we will be back! So come
JOIN US

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
Weather permitting (over 40 & no rain)
Meet at the mailboxes at 8am
(Time change pending)



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RECIPES

You'd pay for this recipe!

Sweet Potato Pie

3 cups hot mashed sweet potatoes

(Cooked & peeled)

1 tablespoons butter

2 cups sugar

1 teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspoon nutmeg

1 teaspoon Cinnamon

3 eggs

1 cup buttermilk

1 teaspoon baking soda

2 (8-inch) unbaked pie shell

In a large bowl combine mashed sweet potatoes and butter. Combine sugar, baking powder, nutmeg, Cinnamon, stir, then add to the sweet potatoes. Beat eggs until frothy. Add soda to buttermilk. Mix all ingredients. Pour into unbaked pie shell. Bake 10 minutes at 400 degrees. Reduce heat to 300 degree and bake about 45 minutes.

Bonnie McGuinness



Sweet N Smokey Onion Rings

Vegetable oil, for frying

1 cup all-purpose flour, plus extra for dusting

2 teaspoons smoked sweet paprika

1 teaspoon onion powder

1 teaspoon kosher salt

½ teaspoon baking powder

1 ½ cups buttermilk

1 egg

2 large onions cut into 1 inch thick slices

Heat oil to 365 degrees.

In a medium sized bowl, combine flour, paprika, onion powder, salt and baking powder.

In a small bowl, whisk together the buttermilk and egg.

Add the wet mixture to the dry mixture, whisking the batter until just combined.

In a medium bowl or wide baking dish, add onion rings and dust with flour. Toss gently to uniformly coat rings, and shake off excess flour. Working in batches, dip floured onion rings into the batter, making sure they are thoroughly coated, then carefully add to preheated oil.

Cook until deep golden brown, flipping halfway through if necessary, about 2 minutes.

Remove the onion rings to a paper towel lined plate and season immediately with salt. Transfer to a serving platter and serve hot.

The batter stays on the onion rings.

Alice Lankford



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. Eddie Flemmons did an outstanding job on our First Aid/CPR class. Having many older residents and being so far away from an EMS station or hospital, this was an important class for Harbor Point residents and Eddie had a wonderful presentation lined up for us. He discussed and answered questions on all types of emergency situations (stroke, heart attack, drowning, snake bite, bleeding, heat stroke, seizures, choking, etc.) He discussed the importance of and how to use an AED (Automated External Defibrillator for those of you who did not attend). We were all impressed with how easy they are to use and how reasonably priced. After the power point presentation we broke into small groups to practice on the several Annie dummies he brought. I hope that he will be available to teach the same class again next year for those of you that did not attend. It was an informative afternoon that taught us a lot and may just save someone's life

I think a lot of people didn't know what to expect? I was the same way---I knew I wasn't getting on the floor Ha-ha!! But was very vey good- Lots of great information that I might need Because you never know!!! **Billie Harris**



We found out some interesting things about snakes bites that will in next month's Outdoors Report



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.

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Snow Day January 24 2014

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David's Snow Angel



Kay & Bil Culpepper



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Diana & Phil Munger



Darrell & Wanda Humphries



Derriel & Sandy Pringle



Dave & Joyce Syling



Shirley Parker



Lynn & Ron York

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Pops Lankford



Kathy & Terry Goree



Alice & Pop Lankford



Bill & Mona Blanton



Keith Rippy Sr.



Terry & Tuesday Cooley

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Bobby & Juanelle Harris



Joe & Jane Teer



Jimmy & Vivian Harris



David & Josephine Stoll



Billie & Robert Harris

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