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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

At the last HPPOA meeting a question was asked as to what HPPOA did with money from NFNCC fundraisers. I think this is a common question and would like to try to explain it. Initials can be confusing but it seems to be easier when the names are so long. HPPOA and NFNCC are completely different organizations but do share a common goal and occasionally work together. I like to think that the HPPOA builds and maintains a house while the NFNCC tries to make it a home.

Harbor Point is a deeded community, which you should be aware of when you purchase property here. Those rules are enforced by the Harbor Point Property Owners Association (HPPOA). If you are a property owner, you are part of HPPOA. As a group we elect board members to run the HPPOA. As property owners we pay the association dues and they provide the needed services for the community. They see that the rules are followed and use our dues for our guards at the gate, the staff in the office, any needed extra security, general maintenance, mowing of common areas, road repairs, lights on the streets, electricity and water for the pool, marina and clubhouse, trash removal, all the things necessary for this to be a livable place.

The Neighbors for Neighbors Community Club (NFNCC) is a voluntary club. It is open to all residents and owners who want to make Harbor Point a nicer place to live. We aim to improve and beautify Harbor Point as well as provide help to our neighbors in time of need. We provide meals to families after the death of a loved one, welcome new residents moving into the neighborhood, remember residents who are ill, generally try to be a good neighbor. Our money comes from dues (\$10 per year) and fundraisers. We use our money for neighborhood projects. We have donated money to HPPOA for road repairs and to lawyers that help fight our outrageous water bills. We do the holiday decorations at the gate, this newsletter, hosted a first aid/CPR class, spruced up various areas in the neighborhood, built a pavilion by the marina for community use, lots and lots of things. In fact, elsewhere in this newsletter is an impressive list of things we accomplished in 2013.

The club's fiscal year is March 1 to the last day of February. If you would like to be a part of NFNCC, now is the perfect time to join. We meet the second Tuesday of the month (March 11) at 6pm in the clubhouse. The meetings are fun, round-table type discussions, usually lasting until around 7:30 and end with yummy treats. If you have any questions or would like to offer some talents or suggestions, please check out a meeting.

Kay



OUTDOOR REPORT

SNAKES

If you know or suspect a venomous water moccasin snake — also known as the cottonmouth moccasin snake — has bitten someone, prompt treatment is imperative.

Symptoms include pain, swelling and bleeding at the site of the wound, difficulty breathing, low blood pressure, nausea and vomiting, numbness and tingling, skin-color changes, thirst, tiredness, tissue damage and weakness.

The most vital effort after a cottonmouth snake bite is that of surviving the bite. Just like any other snake bite, the bite from these guys can be lethal and because injection of venom is voluntary, venomous snakes may occasionally deliver a "dry" bite in which no venom is injected. This can occur when snakes produce a superficial bite or are panicked. About one in five bites to humans from venomous snakes are in this category. At other times only a specific amount of venom is injected. Due to the spongy nature of the glands it is nearly impossible for a snake to expel all of its venom. When most of the venom is expelled from the glands, between 15 and 20 days are required for the secretory tissue to refill the glands. However, secretion appears to be rapid during the first few days, so that venomous snakes may possess dangerous quantities of venom within a day or two of its expulsion. Cottonmouths are venomous semi-aquatic snakes often referred to as "water moccasins". Most certainly fatal if not treated in good time. However, rapid and proper response can contribute significantly to the survival of the victim. Truth be told there have only been a few cases of cottonmouth snake bites resulting in a death but extreme caution and due regard is a must.

The name "Cottonmouth" comes from the animal's defensive behavior that it displays when it feels threatened. It coils up in a circle and opens its mouth nice and wide displaying an impressive set of retractable fangs as well as the classic cotton white mouth. Also, being that their native range is primary in the southern cotton growing region of the United States so the name cottonmouth was more fitting. They're also referred to as water moccasins in some rural areas.

Alice

There have been many snake bite remedies offered over the years.

More next month on snake bite remedies



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SPORTS VIEW

By **Tony Lemoine** ("Who Dat")

I must agree, this year's SUPER BOWL was a complete disappointment! I finally resolved all my lost wagers and can only reflect on what would've, could've, should've been the outcome of the game. Of course, being a Peyton Manning, Denver Bronco fan, I can honestly say that the Pete Carroll, Seattle Seahawks were a much more capable football team on that day. They are, in my opinion, force to be reckoned with in the future. For those of you who have never played the game of football, I urge you to refer Theodore Roosevelt's famous speech, "The Man Who Counts". Maybe it will inspire you and educate you about the word "COMPETITION". The front page of the Houston Chronicle 2/3/2014 was headlined "DOOM AND GLOOM". The articles blasted the Denver Broncos and Peyton Manning. Does that mean that all the things Peyton and the Broncos have accomplished over the past two years are of no consequence? What a sad world we live in if it is!! Manning was asked if the 35 point loss was embarrassing. He replied, "I would never use that word, it is a very insulting word." Every one of those men out there worked their BUTTS off and earned the right to play in that game. We played a great team and we lost! I can think of no other NFL player who has more class and character than Mr. Peyton Manning!! "Judge not, lest ye be judged".

The Rockets are on a path to the sweetness of HOOP-BALL! Coach Kevin McHale is a true champion and is an inspiration to the team. The players all possess the talent and skill to follow his lead and be champions. Your friendly neighbor, "WHO DAT"

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.

Happy, Happy, Happy

David & Josephine Stoll are celebrating their 35th anniversary this month.

Kathy and Terry Goree's daughter Kristi Heinrich married Patrick Johnson.

Harriet Travis had to admit she is very proud. This is the biggest wild boar she has ever shot.



Don't forget Neighbors for Neighbors Community Club meeting is March 11. We meet at 6pm in the Harbor Point Clubhouse the 2nd Tuesday of each month. If you are a property owner or resident in HP, you can join NFNCC. Our group interacts with neighbors for the good of our Community.

In 2013 NFNCC had several Fundraisers to improve the Community

NFNCC wants to invite you to join. We can use everyone's help & ideas.

If you had the Newsletter emailed, you could enjoy all the pictures in color.

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HOW DID YOU END UP IN HARBOR POINT?

We saved the best for last

After serving in the US Army for 20 years and living in many places including overseas in Germany we needed to make a decision where to retire and continue raising our 4 children. We decided to return to Milwaukee WI, where our lives began and wanted our children to get to know their cousins and other family members that they had been missing. Ron worked at a few jobs after retiring and landed a job with Western Union as a technician. After a couple years Western Union required his services in Houston TX. In 1984 we relocated to Spring Tx with our youngest Son and Oldest Daughter. We enjoyed meeting new friendly neighbors.

Then Western Union downsized and Ron had to find new employment, after a couple other failed companies he landed a job with a Small Long Distance Telephone Company back in Wisconsin. So in 1992 we moved back to Wisconsin with the fine memories of Texas Living. After working with the telephone company 10 years and helping upgrade to new technology, he upgraded himself out of a position so it was time to retire.

We then tried to decide where to retire, we had thought about Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, Branson Missouri and Texas. Since we didn't find anything to our liking in Tennessee or Missouri we decided to look in Texas again. During Memorial Day week in May 2003 we came to Lake Livingston since the computer showed some nice possibilities. We came to Bethey Creek resort in Riverside and contacted a realtor with some of the Computer ads and started our tour of several subdivisions. We visited 6 different Subdivisions and the last place to look at, at the end of the day, was the house in Harbor Point on 229 Sabine Drive. We saved the best for last.

As soon as we arrived we noticed all the trees and met friendly people. This house's interior was so light and bright compared to all the others we had seen and the neighborhood was naturally rustic. We were sold and closed on the property in August 2003 and moved here in October 2003. We were made to feel welcome, even old "Jim" at the gate welcomed us. We have been happy living here in the small town atmosphere and friendly neighborhood and caring for each other.

Ron and Nita Linden

His loss was my gain

Back in the late 90's I believe it was 98. My friend who own land out here, came and said an employee she work with wanted to sell his lot. Said he was dating this girl and she did not like it out here. So I pick up the lot for what he owed. They did not date very long. By the time the ink was dry they had broke up. Then several years later they called and ask if I would be interested in an upgrade to a lake front lot. I took their offer.

Betty Petty

First property we really liked

Bil and I loved living on the water in Port Aransas but needed to be closer to our aging parents (Houston and Dallas) So we started checking out lake front property between their two cities. We took a couple of weeks to tour lots of lakes before we narrowed it down to two lakes (Livingston and Limestone). I checked out properties online and we got a realtor in both areas. This was the first property we really liked. When visiting the property for the second time I almost stepped in deer poop as we watched a bald eagle soar over the treetops. Figured that was an omen so we bought the property.

Bil & Kay Culpepper

I can get her happy now.

My wife had been on my case to get some property on the water. We got an invite to a hot dog dinner and free watch (only worked one day). I saw this lot and said I can get her happy now. We bought in 1993, then I fell in love with it and built our home. The best thing I ever did!

Larry & Norma Jean Mahler

I couldn't be any happier!

Terry and I were invited up by some really good friends to check out Harbor Point. They had a lot and thought it would be fun to camp out on the weekends.

Oct. 3 1998, we bought 3 lots, right by their place. We came every weekend, started out in a tent, next came the pop up camper and finally we bought a travel trailer in 1999. By 2005 I was ready to get out of Houston and move up here, to the quiet of country living. So we sold our home in Houston in 17 days and moved up July 5, 2005. I couldn't be any happier!

Kathy & Terry Goree

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Where is Trinity, Texas?

That was a question I asked my wife Josephine after she read me an advertisement from Craig's List about a couple of lots for sale that had a Pontoon Boat, a storage shed and an RV Canopy. That registered in my mind as something we should inquire about immediately. We didn't know where Trinity, Texas was or even heard of such a place. I called the number listed but only received voice mail. I left a message for them to call me in the next hour or early in the morning as it was 9:30PM. Josephine was off work the next day and we wanted to go and look at the property.

Within about 20 minutes we received a call from the owner and made arrangements to go to the property the next morning. The owner would not be there but had given us permission to enter the subdivision. We called the owner from the gate to verify our arrangement. We then entered Harbor Point for the first time. We went to Elm Trail and located the property and immediately fell in love with it. We drove around Harbor Point to survey the land and located the lake frontage with the park, boat launch and boat slips. We knew this was going to be our new home. We left for home with our hearts ablaze and immediately began making arrangements to purchase the property and began preparations to list our home in Spring, TX. This was a year ago this past November.

After we purchased the property we came often to spend time in our pop up trailer and dream of a doublewide on our property. However one early frosty morning Josephine and I walked down to the lake and on the way back we spotted a double wide home for sale on Harbor Point. Having been in search for new doublewide homes and realizing the cost and headache of placing this on our property we inquired of this home and arranged to see it and decided that would meet our needs. We made an offer and the next thing we knew we were permanent residents here in Harbor Point as of March 18th, 2013. We are as happy as ducks in a pond and have been enjoying life here in Harbor Point ever since. We not only found a home but a community of people that we love and enjoy interacting with.

David & Josephine Stoll

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I was blown away with the beauty of the lake

My cousin was BBQing one afternoon and his daughter and son-in-law came over and they were very excited about some vacation property they had just purchased somewhere right off of Lake Livingston. At the time I was living in an RV park in Manville, TX. in an old motor home which I purchased after hurricane Katrina. I was very interested in their "vacation property" and asked if I could go see it. They agreed and the following week-end we came up here. I was blown away with the beauty of the lake, the tall pine trees, the wild life, and the peace and quiet. I couldn't wait to get away from the hustle and bustle of Pearland and Manville, so I decided then and there that Harbor Point was where I belonged. There's an old song that states "Just one look, that's all it took". Anyway, that was over 7yrs ago and I have no regrets. Oh, I forgot to mention the convenience of the local taverns which I consider institutions of higher education. Why you can find the answer to anything you need to know and how to get anywhere you need to go. Also, there are no traffic problems up here!! As far as the vacation property my cousin's daughter purchased, it is still there as it was the day they got it. They came up here once in the last 7yrs. Ain't it funny how the time slips away. That's my story and I'm sticking to it!! Your friendly neighbor, **Tony Lemoine**



Looking for some place to go on weekends

In 2005 we bought our first 5th wheel travel trailer and started looking for some place to go on weekends. We looked at Sam Rayburn 1st, but I told Robert why there when our son & his wife had property at Lake Livingston. So we started helping them set up their lot for us to park there on weekends. In the mean time we would stay at the campground. About that time we got our motorhome and Jimmy & Vivian took over the 5th wheel. We got serious about finding property.

When the property next to Jimmy & Vivian came up for sale we checked into it. It took us a year to get the property owner to come down to our way of thinking.. We now own 3 lots at Harbor Point. All of a sudden we start looking at double wide homes. In 2008 we bought a house, we both retired, and now live full time at Harbor Point. Still don't have a place to take the motorhome on weekends. But who cares, we are happy & love it here. We have wonderful, caring neighbors, that make it the best place in the world to live.

Robert & Billie Harris

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

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MARCH 15TH -- 10AM

HPPOA MEETING

At CLUBHOUSE

NFNCC TO HOLD

A FISH FRY FUND RAISER

AT 5pm



A FISH FRY DINNER

\$7.00 PER PLATE TO INCLUDE

FRIES, COLE SLAW & HUSHPUPPIES

DESSERT COST WILL BE \$1.00.

THE EVENT WILL BEGIN at 5:00pm

March 15TH

AT THE CLUBHOUSE PATIO

OR PAVILION- WEATHER

PERMITTING



We had some great Neighbors turn
out for the

Spaghetti Dinner

Good food & good time was had by
all



My sweet wife is giving up feeding deer and picking up the cans. She has been doing it for 10 years and her back is giving her a problem. She wishes to thank you for all your help in saving the cans for her and she says the deer thank you too! Larry Mahler

Just some of the comments posted on Facebook for
Norma Jean

Tell her many thanks, Larry - it will be Harbor Point's loss. Olander Peace

Thank you Norma Jean for all you have done. Hopefully someone will volunteer to feed them. Kay Culpepper

Norma Jean thank you soooooo much, we do so appreciate you. Take care of that back!! Harriett Travis

I am sorry about your back. Take care of yourself Billie Harris

Thank you hope you get better. Betty Petty

Oh Norma Jean. I know you will miss your deer. You have been so loyal to our neighborhood deer. Take good care of yourself. You always take care if everyone else.

It is time for Norma Jean. Love you Shirley Parker

I am putting feed out at my house. Thank you, Norma Jean for your tender heart. Mona Blanton



The weather has put a kink in our walking. But we will be back!
Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
Weather permitting (over 40 & no rain)
Meet at the mailboxes at 8am



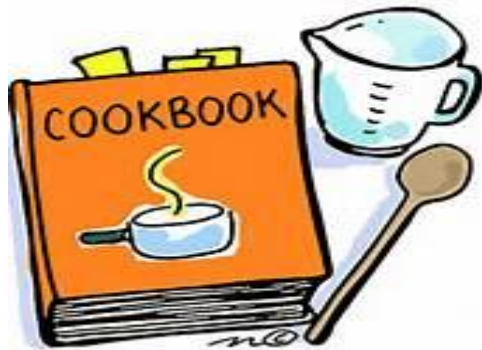
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RECIPES



BANANA BREAD

- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 cups mashed ripe bananas (about 3 large)
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 3 eggs
- 2 1/3 cups buttermilk baking mix (bisquick)
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup chopped nuts

Heat oven to 350 degrees.

Generously grease the bottom of a 9x5x3 inch loaf pan.

Stir together oil, bananas, vanilla, eggs, baking mix, sugar and nuts with a fork until moistened; beat vigorously 1 minute.

Bake until a wooden pick inserted in the center comes out clean, 55-65 minutes. Cool 5 minutes. Run a

knife or metal spatula around sides of loaf pan to loosen; remove from pan and let cool.



**We would like to ask our
Neighbors for their
Favorite recipes from their
cookbooks**

PERFECT CORNBREAD

- 1 cup sifted all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup yellow cornmeal
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup milk
- 1/4 cup shortening

Sift flour with sugar, baking powder and salt. Stir in cornmeal. Add eggs, milk and shortening. Mix with a wire whisk or spoon until blended. Do not overbeat. Spoon into a greased cast iron skillet. Bake at 425 degrees for 20 minutes or until browned. Cornbread will not usually stick if you first grease the pan and heat until very hot, and then spoon in batter.

I just put the shortening in the skillet and when the skillet gets hot pour the melted shortening into the mixture and then pour into the hot skillet.

Tip-Never wash a cast iron skillet with soap. You can wash out with cold water.

The skillet must stay seasoned with a greasy residue in order to keep the cornbread from sticking.

Recipe from Texas Rangers Cookbook.



**THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE OUT
THE 1ST WEEK IN APRIL**



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Neighbors For Neighbors Community Club have Fundraisers to raise money to make Harbor Point a better place to live.

We had a Cajun fest, a chopped beef sandwich, a pulled pork dinner, a gumbo dinner, & a spaghetti dinner



Served the dinners



NFNCC served at the Octoberfest. We made & sold desserts. We worked the golf cart poker run. We auctioned off a handmade quilt



Helped with setups



Neighbors For Neighbors was reorganized in 2013, making it a Community Club.

Officers are:

President: Kay Culpepper

Vice President: Billie Harris

Secretary: Benita Linden

Treasurer: Juanelle Harris

Fundraiser Organizer: Alice Lankford

With the help of members, the member's spouses, & volunteers we begin to spruce up the Neighborhood.

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These are the projects you helped fund

We started by cleaning the park next to the club house, painted see saws, tilled the sandy area twice where the volley ball court is located, replaced volley ball net, purchased volley ball and had a trench dug to keep the sand from washing away on the volley ball court. Removed the dangerous platform that was falling apart going down to the water between the boat launch area and the fishing pier. Pressure washed the boat slip, which had spider webs hanging from the roof up to four feet long. Cleaned the park at the pool, cut down all Yaupons growing at the base of trees, trimmed branches up to 16 feet high.



Replaced and counter tops in both bathrooms at the pool, painted the bathrooms from top to bottom, put up a privacy curtain in front of showers, scrubbed the showers and replaced the lockers in the pool area.



Tore down and replaced the fence around the dumpsters on Harbor Point Drive.

Painted the wooden shed over the mail boxes and sweeping down spider webs about once a week.

Painted the curbs at the front entrance a bright yellow, painted the flag poles and painted the fence

and stair railings at the office. Painted the speed bumps throughout the subdivision.

Took down the basketball goal at the court next to the club house and turned it into a pavilion. A real nice neighbor Ron Hudman donated a BBQ pit for the pavilion. Poured cement slab for grill, set grill up and purchased the metal covering for the pavilion.



Drilled holes in the fence rail at the park next to the club house so flags can be displayed at several appropriate times during the year and installation of the PVC pipe at ground level every 5 foot at the entrance so flags can easily be displayed. Vic McGuinness donated a storage building, it was repaired & painted. The decorations are stored in it. We purchased 2 heaters, a small air conditioner for the club house and 2 solar motion sensor lights for the entrance to the club house.

Made 4 escape routes around the brush next to the lake at the club house so a controlled burn can be made. There is a huge pile of dead trees and bushes on the cliff between the park and the water next to the club house.

We also prepared bereavement dinners for families as needed.

We took up donations for a neighbor who lost their mobile home to fire.

So as you can see we have done a lot with the money that we have raised.

NFNCC would like to invite everyone to come join us. Please come check out a meeting.

WORD SEARCH

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Beechwood
 Canadian
 Cedar
 Coast Loop
 Colorado
 Dogwood
 Driftwood
 Elm
 Harbor Point
 Holly
 Kingwood
 Lakeside Loop
 Lakeshore

Medina
 North Point
 Nueces
 Oak Trail
 Oakwood
 Pine Trail
 Pinewood
 Ridgewood
 Rio Grande
 Sabine
 Trinity
 Waterview
 Westwood