

Neighbors for Neighbors Community Club Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This month I have good news and bad news to report from the club. The good news is it looks like the club is going to achieve a long time goal and do a major renovation on the clubhouse. We want to do it right and it will be expensive. I would like to thank "the guys" for their research, work and future work. I ask anyone with any building experience to consider donating his or her talents, contact Pops Lankford. We will have to do the work in stages, starting with the main meeting room. Renovations include new interior walls, lighting, ceiling and floor. We plan to take out a few walls but will use or reuse what we can, such as any good wood, the windows, the A/C and of course the Norma Jean original paintings. After the meeting room is complete we will move on to the kitchen and then continue down the trailer. I will try to keep everyone updated on the progress but you may want to stop by the clubhouse and take a peek yourself.

All that sounds great, so what could be the bad news? We will have to postpone any other projects until we have completed the clubhouse renovation. The club tries to do as much as possible to improve the neighborhood, just look at the history of things we have accomplished listed elsewhere in this newsletter. We had hoped to recover the mini-golf course, buy new pool furniture, purchase a neighborhood defibrillator and get fresh holiday decorations for the gate this year but the finances just aren't there. We can only spend the money we have, no loans have been taken out for any of our projects. We always appreciate and need your support of the club, especially now. I would like to thank one resident who silently gave a very generous contribution at the bake sale. I hope everyone will attend the fish fry on May 3rd. Plates are \$7, desserts are \$1 and additional donations are accepted. I do not know what future fundraisers we will have, but hope you will continue to support us. The sooner we can complete the renovation, the faster we can have a clubhouse we will all be proud of and the club can start on other projects.

Kay



OUTDOOR REPORT

Another sure sign of spring is a lot of dead skunks on the side of the roads.

This happens every spring. Speaking of road kill, there were 2 dead Ferrell hogs on the side of the road at different times along 356 the same week recently, which is a first that I can remember for our area.

The shad are in spawn so finally easy to catch.

03-24-14-**Bil Culpepper** & his Dad caught 31 catfish off the river. They were out again 04-11 and caught 50 catfish off the river. Pop cleaned the fish for our fish fry scheduled May 3. It was evident the fish were gorging on shad before spawn.

03-25-14-**Pop & Alice** caught 17 catfish locally on shad.

03-31-14-**Brad & Harriet Travis** caught 20 catfish locally on shad.

1st day at Toledo Bend Tournament on 4-4-2014 **Derriell Pringle**



04-09-14 **Bob Kersey** reported catching white bass under a light around the pier at dusk to dark.

04-10-14 **Pop, Alice & Bob Kersey** went jug lining locally and only caught 9 catfish. Bummer! Lost 6 jugs in gale force winds.

On 04-21-14, **Joe Teer** took **Brad & Harriet Travis** out cat fishing and they caught 18. They were gorging on shad before spawn. The next day they went out and caught 14. This was our snowbirds last fishing trip before returning to the snow country.

Jack Rogers is reporting that someone is cutting his drop lines dangling from his trotline with his fish. This happens on the weekend and not every weekend.

It is an unwritten code that you don't mess with lines that don't belong to you.

Jack indicated there is another commercial trotline fisherman having the same problem here locally.

Warning.... I suggest you don't get caught! It could get ugly!

Alice

Fishing Times: The best days for fishing this month will be from May 1 - 14 and May 28-31. As the water warms the fish will feed more at sunrise and sunset. Fish will also feed more during full moons.

Moon Phase: May 14 will be the full moon with new moon occurring on May 28

The Farm & Home (May Issue)

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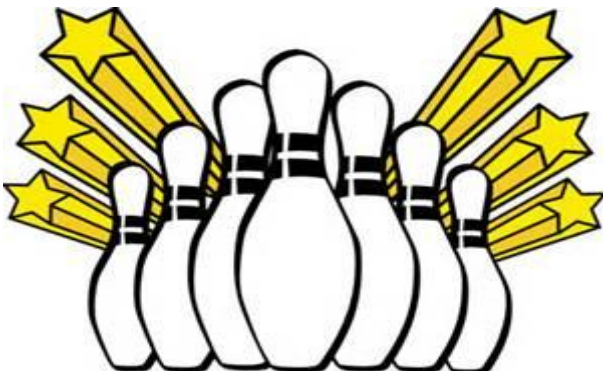
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SPORT VIEW

I recently had the opportunity to meet some of the most beautiful, personable, young ladies that I have met in a while. They were all members of the SAM HOUSTON UNIVERSITY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP BOWLING TEAM FOR 2014!! Well done! CONGRATULATIONS!!! These girls can crank a bowling ball better than most men that I've seen roll a bowling ball. YA'LL need to consider coming out and joining a senior bowling league. It's fun, it's inexpensive, and I promise you won't regret it. I'm disappointed that the Houston Rockets lost their first (2) playoff games AT HOME! However, I'm from New Orleans so I am familiar with the agony of defeat. A guy named LaMarcus Aldridge stuffed 43 points last night to send the Rockets to Portland 0-2 but I have the FAITH that coach McHale will rally the team to victory and win the series. The San Antonio Spurs and the Dallas Mavericks are doing well. We'll see. It MIGHT wind up in a TEXAS SHOOTOUT!! We'll find out soon. Well, the Houston Astros are off to a shaky start. They are presently in the cellar of the AL baseball league. Well, thank goodness that it's a long season. Of course, if it was me, I'd try to improve on the pitching and hitting part of the game. The Houston Texans schedule starts against the Washington Redskins and QB Robert Griffin, Jr. from Baylor. The Texans might get lucky and draft a great QB to put the TEXANS back on the map. All we can do is wait to find out. Good luck to the TEXANS! Hey, there's some great work going on at the clubhouse. If they don't change the plans too many times I think it will be a great job. You have to remember that the workers are old and slow but they love doing it. That's all for now from your friendly neighbor

Tony ("WHO DAT") Lemoine



HAPPY HAPPY HAPPY

Robert and Dana Schmanski won the Easter Basket.

Mother's Day is May 11

Robert & Billie Harris will be celebrating their 50th anniversary on May 16th.

May 17 is **Armed Forces Day**

May 26 is **Memorial Day**

David Stoll has been very busy while he has been recovering from surgery. He has a new shed to park his boat under and a new double driveway.

Donald & Becky Motley also have a new shed for their boats.

Bobby & Juanelle Harris back from a 7 day cruise to Honduras

Keith Brown and **James Oxspring** are recovering from knee surgery.

On April 28 **Bil & Kay Culpepper** celebrated their 8th anniversary

Pop & Alice Lankford purchased a wave runner for their family to enjoy. There is a 99% chance Ms. Alice will never get on it!!!

If there are any **Graduates** in the neighborhood let us know.

Alice

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Text to your Cell Phone

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May 21' 2005

Armed Forces Day Flag Dedication Ceremony

At the **April 2005** meeting of the Neighbors for Neighbors Club, the subject was discussed about the New Harbor Point flag and ceremony be conducted with the VFW assisting. Ron Linden and Paul (Bud) Esler were asked about performing a ceremony, and they agreed to do it.

The Neighbors for Neighbors Club President Jean Fitzgerald asked Ron Linden about performing a special Flag ceremony to dedicate the new Harbor Point Flag provided by the Neighbor for Neighbor Club. Jean opened the ceremony by welcoming everyone to this special ceremony on Armed Forces Day. Ron led a blessing for our Armed Forces and the flag ceremony. Ron enlisted the help of the Trinity VFW Honor Guard, consisting of Harold Scudder, Bryant Jenkins, Olin Holt, Robert Steele and himself to perform raising the new US Flag with proper salute and the Pledge of Allegiance. They then raised the new Texas Flag with the proper salute after a brief history about the Texas Flag led by Paul (Bud) Esler a Harbor Point resident and VFW member.

The Neighbors for Neighbors Club then presented the new Harbor Point flag to be raised. The club officers are Jean Fitzgerald, Cheryl Negle and Rita Treadwell assisting in raising the flag. The event was well attended by our resident in their Patriotic clothing. *****Pictures by Jean Fitzgerald**



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May 17 is Armed Forces Day and
May 26 is Memorial Day

What Is A Veteran?

A "Veteran" - whether active duty, discharged, retired, or reserve - is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America," for an amount of "up to, and including his life."

That is honor. And there are way too many people in this country today, who no longer understand that fact.



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



HOW DID YOU END UP IN HARBOR POINT?

The people here have made me so welcome

I was living alone as a widow for the last 5 years in Jacksonville, TX. One Saturday in August I came here to Harbor Point to visit my daughter **Dana Schmanski** and her family. They were clearing their lots for their travel trailer. I was already impressed with the person at the gate being so friendly. So when they told me the house and 4 lots next to them were for sale I wanted to check it out. My son in law knew **Scott Collins**, the owner and asks him if I could see inside. I only took one look at the place and I was sold. So 3 weeks later I was moving in.

The last 8 months with family and new friends has been the happiest ever. **Norma Jean Mahler** has become a great friend. The people here have made me so welcome. All the people here at Harbor Point are great.

Mary Davenport



And here we are

We came just to look when the big office was up front. We were showed 1 corner lot. Some people were waiting to see if we were going to buy it. Well we did so now we have 2 corner lots & 1 middle lot. Next trip out here they brought us in a boat. Well we bought 2 more lots that our house is on now.

David said would you live here (of course I said yeah duh!!) and here we are. And I'm sticking 2it

Thanks **Fran & David Starn**

WE STILL WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR STORY ON HOW YOU ENDED UP IN HARBOR POINT

FULL TIMERS OR WEEKENDS!!

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NEW NEIGHBORS:

Melissa & Lee Roberds,-- Rachel & Billy Baucom III -- Milan Tadie -- Donald Farrar -- Margerie K. Bennett -- Nicole Sorel -- Marko Svraka -- Roger & Connie Riley -- Jason & Julie Traver -- David & Dolores Robertson -- Thomas J. Enkelmann -- Allen G Marquart -- Justin & Linda Lee-- Luis & Mary Prada -- Ted J. & Suzie R Pollard -- Joseph Mezger,-- Robert & Dana Schmanski,-- Angela Blair, --Chris & Stephanie Clements, -- Andrena & Jerry Daniels



Don't forget Neighbors for Neighbors Community Club meeting is May 13. 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. NFNCC wants to invite you to join. We can use everyone's help & ideas.



RECIPES



CABBAGE AU GRATIN

1. Cook one medium head of cabbage, shredded, in slightly-salted water, for 10 minutes. Drain and set aside.
2. Combine one can condensed cream of celery soup with 1/4 cup milk and 1 cup American cheese. Heat slowly until cheese is melted.
3. Put cabbage in casserole and pour the soup mixture over. Sprinkle top with seasoned bread crumbs and dot with butter.
4. Bake in pre-heated oven at 350 degrees until mixture is hot (about 15 minutes).

Mary Wooldridge



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



Mother's Day officially turned 100 this month. On May 8, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a joint resolution designating the second Sunday as Mother's Day. Anna Jarvis is considered the founder of Mother's Day. She never married or had children, she said she was inspired by her Mother.

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NEW DEER FEEDER Chris Stoll



The deer feeding is supported by your can and cash donations. Receptacles for collecting cans are at different sites throughout the neighborhood. But recycling cans doesn't pay for all the corn needed.

We would like to ask our Neighbors to contribute by buying corn so Chris can continue to make our deer happy and content in the neighborhood. He is very proud of his new "Job" so your support would be very much appreciated.

Thank him when you see him riding around on his golf cart
Please keep the cash, cans & corn coming.



**NFNCC had the most
FANTASTIC
BAKE SALE EVER!!!
Thanks to Club members for
all the baking and most of all
for all our Neighbors who
came by & bought us out by
12 noon**



Mark Your Calendar

**MAY 3rd—10am
HPPOA MEETING
At CLUBHOUSE**



FISH FRY FUNDRAISER

May 3 5pm

At Clubhouse Deck

\$7.00 a plate

French Fries, Coleslaw,

Hushpuppies, Tea & Lemonade

Deserts \$1.00

(may have whole deserts for sale also)



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The Pool will open May 26

(Pending repairs)

SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK – NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY

The pool is available to Harbor Point property owners and their guests ONLY. Pool Key and valid swim bands are required at all times and must be presented upon request. Anyone not wearing swim bands will be asked to leave the pool. Children age two and under are exempt. Maintenance fees must be current to purchase pool keys and wristbands.

Annual Pool Key/Wristband cost is \$20. This includes 4 wristbands. Owners may purchase up to 4 additional wristbands at a cost of \$5 each. Keys and Wristbands are valid only for the 2014 pool season. Pool keys and wristbands must be returned to office after the pool season closes. There will be a \$12 key replacement charge in the event that keys and wristbands are not returned.

Property owners are responsible for the actions of their guest(s) at all times. Guests cannot bring additional guest(s). The property owner must either accompany their guest(s) to the pool or be on the property at the time their guest is at the pool.

Pool Hours are from 10:00 AM to sunset (weather permitting)

Pool Closed for cleaning on Monday (Monday holidays: pool will be closed on Tuesday)

- No food or drinks inside fenced pool area (Plastic bottled water with cap permitted, owner responsible for trash removal)
- No pets inside the fenced pool area
- No profanity, abusive conduct, nudity or horseplay in and around pool area
- Children 12 or younger MUST be accompanied by an adult (18 or older)
- No large floats, toys, bicycles, skates, etc. inside the fenced pool area
- No alcoholic beverages in pool area or pool park at any time
- Proper swim attire required: no cut-off shorts or play clothes
- Babies wearing diapers are NOT ALLOWED IN POOL. Swim diapers only.
- Swimming with open sores or bandages not permitted.
- Gate must be locked when entering or exiting pool. **DO NOT** open the locked gate to admit other property owners for any reason as you do not know if they are authorized to be admitted.

These rules have been adopted and approved for the safety of pool users. Non-compliance of these rules will result in loss of pool privileges.

If anyone has lawn or pool chairs, you don't want anymore, we could use them at the pool.



Blackberries

On a late spring day the blackberries are just starting to change color and, when they turn midnight black, it's time to start picking and perhaps get the kitchen ready to put together a fresh blackberry cobbler. Or maybe it's time to just eat some berries fresh off the plants. In years gone by and even today many people "can" the berries whole for use throughout the year. It's not hard to think of the many excellent ways to use blackberries.

Wild blackberries can be found on many farms and ranches in Texas. They love deep sandy soil and are usually found growing in moist areas near a creek, spring or seep. The wild berries are not very erect and tend to be trailing. With time they may form a thicket. The cultivated blackberries are more erect and generally have larger stems, which are called canes. Wild blackberries have been the source of many a tasty blackberry pie or cobbler in late spring. The wild berries are small and it takes quite a few to make any kind of sweet dessert, but they are still mighty good. Today with all the hybrid varieties that have been developed by plant breeders, we have very large blackberries that produce heavily. The cultivated varieties of blackberries are well-adapted to most areas of Texas and are fairly easy to grow in home gardens.



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Neighbor for Neighbors Club History

George Santayana famously said "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it" so I decided to try to learn more about the club's past, present and future. As with so many things in life, the club has had it's share of ups and downs but I feel it has kept it's heart in the right place and strived to make Harbor Point a better place to live.

I asked **Jane Teer** about the history and read through the club's minutes (well, the ones I could locate anyway) and learned a lot. The **Neighbors for Neighbors Club** began to organize in **1999** and had their first meetings in February **2000** with 23 members present. The club was open to everyone and although the men helped a lot, they did not go to the meetings. There was a lot of sickness in the neighborhood and the ladies took people to doctors and other places they needed to go. They provided Christmas gifts, made meals and provided financial assistance to those in need. Things must not have gone well as exactly 3 years after the first meeting (in February **2003**) the remaining 8 members were having a membership drive and changed the name to the Neighbors for Neighbors Ladies' Club. Things picked up. They held many fundraisers including bake sales, a community garage sale and cookbook sales. They put much of their money in a CD earmarked for clubhouse repair or replacement. In their early years the club was very active socially, having both adult fellowship and kid's entertainment committees. They had a Fiesta Dinner, Spaghetti Supper, Hot Dog Feast and several potluck dinners. They held parties for the children of the community at Halloween, Christmas and Back to School. They had a big Easter celebration with a live 6-foot tall bunny at the egg hunt. It sounded like the youth were frequently involved. Meetings included craft demonstrations, bowling, dining out, luncheons and gift exchanges. They sounded like a fun group. By **2010** the club was falling in membership and the remaining members were called upon to help the aging community. Their attention was drawn to care for and help residents in need.

In **2013** the club reorganized as the **Neighbors for Neighbors Community Club**. One of the changes was to include the men. The men of the community have always helped, but now they were part of the membership. We currently provide bereavement dinners and help neighbors in times of need, but do not offer as much individual support as in the past years. We are focusing on community improvements. At the January **2014** meeting we set a goal of replacing or renovating the clubhouse, just as the club had previously strived to do. We are in the process of getting bids and discussing ideas.

I would love to look in my crystal ball and tell you about the Harbor Point of the future with an active community club, miles of smooth roads, a fresh new office and guardhouse at the entrance, a metal roof on the marina and a brand new clubhouse. While I am at it, let's throw in lower water bills, more good area restaurants and some winning lottery numbers.

I don't know what the future holds but I do know that we have some wonderful club members who are working very hard to improve our community and many faithful residents who support us in our efforts to make those dreams a reality. In closing consider a quote from George Bernard Shaw, "If history repeats itself, and the unexpected always happens, how incapable must Man be of learning from experience."

Timeline sample of NFN contributions taken from the minutes (that I could find anyway)

Every year showed disbursements for decorations, holiday gifts, greeting cards, stamps, supplies and fundraising expenses.

2003-Easter Party and Hunt attended by 20-25 kids Recovered Mini Golf and donated new golf clubs Painted Shuffleboard and purchased new equipment Installed playground equipment: seesaw, tetherballs, volleyball net

2004-Started the Newsletter

2005-Entry flags dedicated in a moving ceremony

Purchased lockers for the pool area

Tic Tac Toe Boards purchased

Started passing out Halloween candy at the gate

2006-Purchased a Clubhouse A/C

Started a game night at the clubhouse 2 nights a month

Purchased new vacuum cleaner for the clubhouse

Painted the clubhouse

2007-Purchased some of the neighborhood Stop Signs

2008-Fenced in the playground area and added cartoon characters

Built fence in pool area

Donated \$300 to HPPOA

2009-Replaced all flags

Donated more than \$800 to needy residents

2010-Bought new letters for the lighted sign at the gate

Donated almost \$1000 to needy residents

2011-Donated \$500 to needy residents

2012-Purchased more Stop Signs

Donated \$50 to harborpointresort.com

Donated \$700 to needy residents

2013-Repaired a metal storage building for holiday decorations

Replaced the wooden fence around the main dumpsters

Spruced up pool, pool restrooms and mailboxes

Purchased and erected a metal pavilion at the marina

Another clubhouse A/C and 2 heaters

Donated \$100 to TAMER

Took over Newsletter

Donated \$300 to needy residents

2014-Donation to CPR/First Aid Class instructor

solar lights for the clubhouse patio

By Kay Culpepper

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STORM FRIDAY 3-28-2014



Steve Hill (Harbor Point Dr)



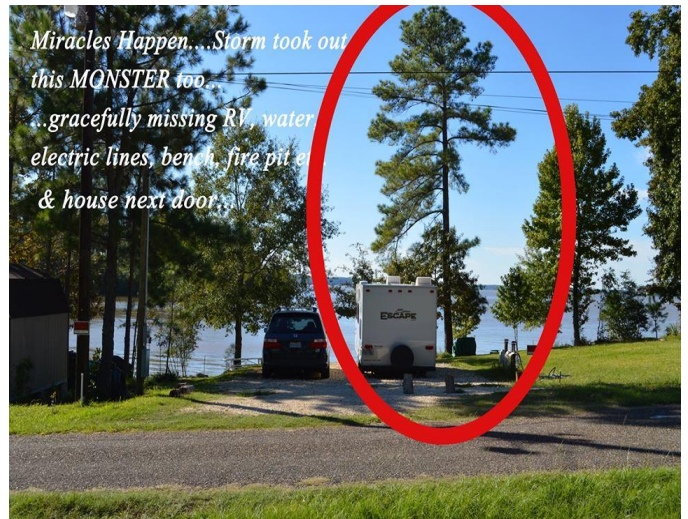
Kurt & Vickie



Mary Davenport



Eric & Heidi Moss



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After the Storm



Double Rainbow



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WE HAVE GREAT NEWS
NFNCC GOAL OF RENOVATING
THE CLUBHOUSE
*****HAS STARTED*****



One last look



**It's a wonder someone didn't
fall through**



holes in the floor



**The NFNCC
Contractors/Construction Crew**



Paneling all gone



Plywood on the floor

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Inspector #1



Getting Closer



The renovation of the interior of the Clubhouse is **Neighbors for Neighbors Community Club** latest and largest project yet. Our money comes from dues (\$10 per year) and fundraisers. You can see the progress on May 3 after the **HPPO** meeting.



Our next **Fundraiser:**

May 3 at 5pm on the deck.

Fish Fry \$7.00 a plate,
fish, french fries, coleslaw and hushpuppies

Desserts will be \$1.00.

**Come by and help support your
Community**



Note from the Editor:

We are only the collectors of information.

We just publish the stories..

All help will be greatly appreciated.

Billie Harris

