

Neighbors for Neighbors Community Club Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The holidays are here, a time to enjoy with those near and dear to us. The NFNCC has planned some fun and festive activities throughout the month and since Christmas is a season of giving, all of them are **FREE** and open to everyone in the community, our gift to you. The list is quite full so be sure to act like Santa and check it twice. The first event is the regular, monthly **NFNCC MEETING** on Dec 8th but this one will be even more fun than usual. After a short meeting to fine-tune the upcoming festivities, we will have a **POT-LUCK MEAL AND WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE** (\$10 limit). On the 16th we will be **FILLING TINS OF HOMEMADE GOODIES** to give to those who have served us so well throughout the year: our HP employees, POA board members and guards. We only want to give them the very best, so we will have to eat any broken cookies. New this year will be **THE FIRST ANNUAL HARBOR POINT BEST DECORATED HOUSE CONTEST**. You have a few weeks to plan, purchase and decorate. The NFNCC judging committee will vote for the winner on the 18th. In addition to bragging rights, the winner will get a yard sign and their picture in next month's newsletter. The always-popular **LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE** begins at sunset on the 19th. We will meander through the neighborhood looking at Christmas lights and spreading holiday cheer. Everyone is encouraged to attend (decorated or not), the more the merrier. I have it on good authority that even **SANTA** is planning to be there. We will end up at the clubhouse for **COOKIES AND HOT CHOCOLATE**, as well as announce the best decorated house in Harbor Point. You don't have to ride in the parade to enjoy the post-parade festivities. Come early, come late but don't miss out. It is always a lot of fun. One would think that would be enough but the fun continues. We will end the year with a **NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY** at the clubhouse on the 31st. Bring an appetizer to share and your beverage of choice. Enjoy games and festivities with friends and neighbors as we say goodbye to 2015 and welcome in 2016. I hope to see you at several of the activities as we celebrate this special time of year in Harbor Point.

Kay

NEIGHBORS UPDATE

NFNCC has reserved the clubhouse New Year's Eve for a Bingo party. Everyone is welcome. Please bring your own drinks and a snack/appetizer to share. All money collected for cards will be given back in prizes. The cost of the cards has not yet been determined but we are working on that. We will post card prices and start time after Dec. 8th.

Ms. Alice will bring a pot of black eyed peas and cornbread!



Sunset arrives earlier and earlier. **Golfcarts** are hard to see in the dark. Please plan ahead and do not drive golfcarts without light in the neighborhood after dark.

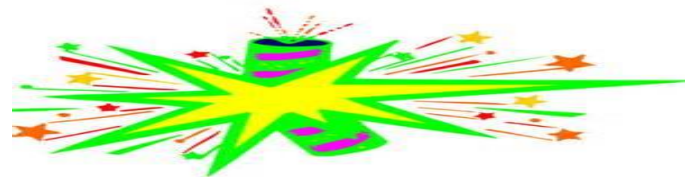


If you had the Newsletter emailed, you could enjoy all the pictures in color.

NEW NEIGHBORS

James Wheeler - D264-265
Cathy Gardes - D243-244-245-246

**NO FIREWORKS IN
HARBOR POINT!!!!!!**



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HOW DID YOU GET TO HARBOR POINT

Bring back the column "HOW DID YOU GET TO 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 I will select several residents to provide a little story on how they ended up in Harbor Point.

You folks could be lucky and be the first.

Please provide your response to **Billie Harris** or **Kay Culpepper**.

Thanks folks.

Just e-mail us your story

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EVERYONE



Editorial:

My husband says I am addicted to facebook and, as much as I hate to admit it, he might be right.

Facebook has so many positive uses and benefits, what's not to like? Friends and family can reconnect and stay connected quickly and frequently, that's a good thing. Good news can be shared and, sadly, sad news can be shared, and that's an important thing. Jokes, witty sayings, photos and personal poetry can be shared and that's an enjoyable thing. Questions can be asked and answered and that's an educational thing. Upcoming neighborhood activities can be announced and that's one of my favorite things. What's not to like? Quite a bit. For one thing, when people get all of their information on facebook, they may not be getting it right. Lots of molehills turn into mountains around here. Lots of information just isn't true. Too often, people run with only part of the story and that's a bad thing. Anyone can post just about anything. There is no requirement that it be true or correct. How do you know the difference? You don't.

Facebook is a great thing, for what it is. It is not a great thing for what it is not. Let's not use it to replace educating ourselves with the full and correct story of what is going on in our community through speaking with **Lisa or Charlotte** in the office, contacting our board members, being involved with the **NFNCC** or attending the **HPPOA** meetings. Don't use it to give messages to our board members (many of whom are not even on facebook anyway). Let's keep facebook a good thing by using it for the purpose for which it is intended: a quick and easy way to communicate.

Kay



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NFNCC would like to invite you to join

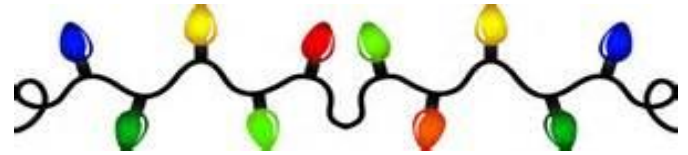
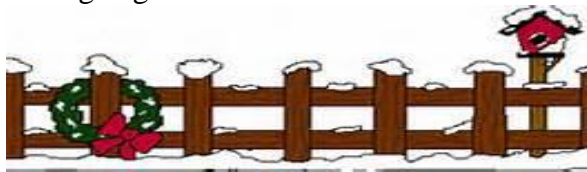
Dues are prorated beginning in June for the year (and \$10 if you want a t-shirt). Please come join us



Decorate your golf cart and join the Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 19. We will leave from the clubhouse at dusk, ride around Harbor Point to spread holiday cheer and see holiday lights then end at the clubhouse for cookies and hot chocolate. Everyone is welcome.



NFNCC will be sponsoring a Best Decorated House contest this Christmas. Winner receives bragging rights and a sign to proudly post in their yard. Judging will be on the 18th with the winner announced at the parade on the 19th. Let the decorating begin.



Tips to prevent the “Holiday Blues”

For many, the holiday season is a time of sharing, giving, reflection and joy, with festive activities and wonderful food. However, the fall and winter holidays can be difficult for some. Some people may experience “holiday blues” or even depression. Traditional holiday reunions and traditions may not be the same as in the past and families are often separated by distance. There can be a sense of loneliness. We must strive to acknowledge these feelings but not let them overwhelm our daily life. To avoid the blues at holiday time, it is important to stay active, involved, engaged and healthy. The following are tips for the holiday season:

--Plan activities that you enjoy. Seek the company of friends and share these activities. Join the Harbor Point Christmas Parade. Attend the New Year’s Eve Party at the clubhouse.

--Spend time with friends sharing about your experiences. Take a stroll down memory lane and share family traditions, favorite recipes or stories of memorable times. Create new memories with your friends and neighbors in Harbor Point.

--Stay connected to friends and family even though they may be far away. A short phone call can keep you connected.

--Take care of your health, get plenty of sleep, eat nutritionally and stay physically active. Limit the amount of alcohol you drink. Good physical health contributes to good mental health.

Practice **C.A.R.E.**

C—Connected and compassionate with others

A—Active. Stay active and remember your healthy habits.

R—Respect. Show respect for others.

E—Engage with others. Share time in meaningful ways.

When we **CARE** for others we also become recipients of care.

at
CHRISTMAS
all roads lead
HOME



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Tips for Space Heater Safety

As temperatures drop, space heaters can be a good heating source. Unfortunately space heaters are responsible for 32% of house fires. Review these tips to keep you, your family and your property safe.

Materials- Parts of your space heater like metal grating can be hot and burn anyone who gets too close. Try to purchase one that is cool to the touch and has guards over the coils.

Placement- It is safest to leave the heater on a level floor on a nonflammable surface. Placing it on the floor can keep it from falling over, preventing fire hazards. Remember space heaters and bathrooms are not a good combination, unless the heater is designed for the bathroom. Always keep them 3 feet away from flammable materials and out of the way of children and pets.

Cords- You should never use an extension cord as it can cause overheating. Plug the space heater directly into the outlet and should be the only thing plugged into the wall outlet. Also make sure the cords aren't in a high-traffic area so they are not a tripping hazard.

Use- Never leave a heater unattended while in use. If you are leaving your home or going to bed, unplug the heater.



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handed out bags of candy at the gate on Halloween. All leftover candy was packaged up and sent to Care4RTroops.org (a volunteer based, non-profit organization that provides support to our US troops and their families). In addition to candy we also included other items the troops have requested. We were able to send 28 pounds of candy, 15 pounds of personal items and a \$50 check **Thank you for your generous donations..**



By Lisa Risler Office Manager

Please join the Facebook account called Harbor Point POA. I am not on any other groups and do no announcements anywhere else, so this is the place for office news and tidbits.

I keep Treasurer's Reports here in the office for one year close by the front door on the wall. If you need anything further back, I have them going back for years. Please come by the office once a month and get one if you like to know where our \$\$ are going here in Harbor Point.

Office reopened December 1st

Office is open Tuesday - Saturday 10-2. You'll see the OPEN sign lit up **Lisa**, or **Charlotte** are in the office.

E-mail address: hppoa@windstream.net

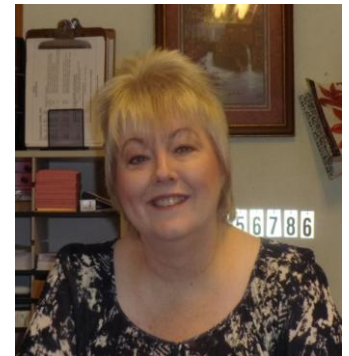
"Lost and Found" is located at the HP gate

Remember, Books, Magazines, Cassette books, puzzles to borrow, playing cards are HERE.

Jesse Abarca donated 5 of his children's books and he will autograph them. They are in the office.

Deed Restrictions are available anytime at the office. That way people know what they can and cannot do on their property.

Take Care,
Lisa Risler



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SPORTS WORLD

Well, it appears that our local hero Johnny (FOOTBALL) Manziel may have made one too many mistakes. He broke a promise to his head coach. He decided to party during his team's week off which he promised not to do. He is not only benched but may have jeopardized his NFL career. I guess some kids just never grow up. That's too bad!! Meanwhile, the Houston Texans are proving to be a force to be reckoned with. A lot of the force, of course, is coming from Mr. J.J.Watt. He definitely inspires and motivates the entire team. I feel that he has made the team realize that they can compete and defeat any team in the NFL. The football season has been very unpredictable this year and probably will be until the end. I'm hoping the TEXANS will go all the way to the SUPER BOWL. GO TEXANS!! I just returned from SUNNY California visiting the family for Thanksgiving. We had a delicious Cajun Thanksgiving Feast! Sunday, we went to a local sports bar to see the TEXAN-SAINTS game. Of course we were disappointed that the TEXANS crushed the SAINTS but I got an education in fantasy football. It seems that everyone, for the most part, is involved in it. They form teams from individual players and win or lose based on their teams individual performance. It seems like most of the customers in the bar were more concerned with the results of their fantasy team than they were about the televised games. Then I was told that they may win or lose big bucks. It sounds like fun but it could sure effect your cash flow if you're not lucky. I want to wish everyone a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a prosperous **NEW YEAR!!** This is your friendly neighbor

Tony (WHO DAT) Lemoine.



The Human Touch

He was a homeless man down on his luck;
No will to go on, or to make a buck.
In those he met he saw hate and disgust;
Many a day he was taunted and cussed.

She was an orphan child with never a home,
Of pleasures and family her heart did roam.
No one to care on special days,
No one to guide her in all of her ways.

The world was too busy to notice or care,
The burdens and heartaches that others bear.
The tears and griefs which so freely flowed,
As they wearily walked their lonely road.

Will you sometimes notice the sadness there is?
Would you then let your eyes boldly meet his?
Letting him see the warmth of your gaze,
So he'd know someone cared the rest of his days.

What will you do for the orphan child?
Will you travel with her the extra mile?
Show her the warmth of a special place,
Letting her see the care in your face.

A warm human touch is never declined;
The human spirit it often will bind;
It gives hope and courage to keep going on,
Even though we know our life is a loan.

When we reach out and touch another life,
Whether it be stranger, friend, our child or wife
We're imitating Christ as He said from above:
The greatest gift of all is our love!

Lee Parker



Each December, I vowed to make Christmas a calm and peaceful experience. I had cut back on nonessential obligations -- extensive card writing, endless baking, decorating, and even overspending. Yet still, I found myself exhausted, unable to appreciate the precious family moments, and of course, the true meaning of Christmas. (Unknown)



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May your *Home* be warm,
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& may your *Heart* be
held gently in the Lord's hands.



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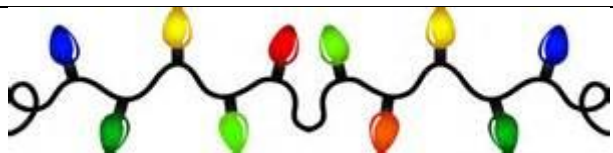
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ON NOVEMBER 11



We had a great turnout in spite of the rain



THANKSGIVING



Bake Sale

SOLD OUT

MAKING PLANS FOR 2016 FUNDRAISERS



From our Families to yours we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy Hoildays...

"The staff of NFNCC Newsletter"



Chris continues to feed the deer in Harbor Point. He appreciates your help and the donations

Please keep the cash, cans & corn coming

OUTDOOR REPORT

By Alice Lankford

11-24-15 **Jack Rogers** has been catching some nice catfish on his trotlines.

11-25-15 **Bill Blanton** reports catching nice catfish on his trotlines.

It has been rather quiet on the fishing scene as the weather has not been very cooperative.

Alice Lankford



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Christmas Cookies

PEANUT BUTTER REESE'S

Alice

1 cup white sugar	1 cup brown sugar
1 ½ cup peanut butter	1 cup shortening
2 eggs, beaten lightly	2 ½ cups sifted flour
2 teaspoon soda	1 teaspoon vanilla
Pinch salt	

Cream sugar, shortening, and peanut butter. Add eggs, then flour & soda sifted together. Roll into small balls and put in a mini baking cup. Bake at 350 degrees for approximately 12 minutes.

While cookies are baking unwrap Reese's miniature candy. As soon as the cookies are done insert a Reese's cup into the middle of the cookie.

It is not necessary to have a mini muffin pan. Place the mini baking cups on a baking sheet and it will work fine.



NO BAKE OATMEAL COOKIES

Mona

2 cups Sugar	4 Tbs Cocoa
1 stick Butter	1 cup Peanut Butter
1 Tbs Vanilla	3 cups Oatmeal

Waxed paper or parchment paper

In a heavy sauce pan bring to boil, the sugar, cocoa, butter, & milk. Let boil for 1 minute, then add peanut butter, vanilla and oatmeal. On waxed or parchment paper drop mixture by the teaspoonful until cooled and hardened.



Peppermint Bark

Kay

2 pounds white chocolate chips
1/2 pound peppermint candies

Line a baking pan with foil. Coat with nonstick cooking spray.

Place candies in a quart-size resealable plastic bag. Place bag inside a gallon-size resealable bag. Crush with a meat mallet or heavy saucepan.

Place chocolate chips in a large glass bowl. Microwave at 60% power for 1 minute. Stir. Repeat, stirring until smooth. Fold half the crushed candies into the melted chocolate. Pour onto prepared pan, spreading almost to edge of pan. Sprinkle top with remaining crushed candies. Refrigerate until firm, about an hour. Break apart into bite-size pieces.

Crisp Little Lemon Cookies

Reba Winslow

1pkg. lemon cake mix	½ c (2 sticks) oleo, softened
1c.crisp rice cereal	1 eggs, slightly beaten

PRE-HEAT OVEN TO 350DEGREES. In large bowl, combine all ingredients. Blend well. Form into 1 inch balls pressing firmly to flatten (use glass dipped in sugar). Place two inches apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake 9-12 minutes or until lightly brown around edges. Cool one minute before removing to rack. Yield: 3-4 dozen.

PEANUT BUTTER FUDGE

Shari

2 cups sugar
½ cup milk
1 tsp vanilla
¾ cup peanut butter

Bring sugar & milk to boil. Boil 2 ½ minutes remove from heat & stir in PB & vanilla. **That is it!**



Forgotten Cookies

Kathy Goree

Preheat oven to 350* first Place foil on pan

2/3 cup Sugar	2 egg (use the whites only)
1 tsp. vanilla	1 cup of chopped pecans
1 cup of chocolate chips	

Beat egg whites until fluffy; add sugar, beating until stiff peaks appear. Add pecans and chips....drop spoonful of mixture on foil lined pan. Place in oven, turn it off and leave over night. Cookies will be ready in the morning.



Mama's Sugar Cookies

Norma Jean Mahler

2 Sticks margarine	4 ½ c. flour
1c. sugar	1tsp baking soda
1c. powdered sugar	1tsp. cream of tarter
1c. oil	1tsp. vanilla
2 eggs	

PRE-HEAT OVEN TO 375. Mix all ingredients together. Place dough on floured wax paper that is on a flat surface and roll dough until about ¼ inch thick. Using a cookie cutter of your choice, cut the cookies and place on a ungreased baking pan. Sprinkle sugar over the top of each cookie. Bake 10 – 12 minutes. Bake until edges are deep yellow.

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SERVICE

We will print services, and items for sale, at no charge
Rules that apply: 25-word minimum, e-mail the newsletter by the 20th of the month.

Anything deemed questionable by the editor will not be printed.

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