

Neighbors for Neighbors Community Club Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

. This is it, the final "President's Corner" column. Next month the club will have new officers and this section of the newsletter will list *Highlights of Happenings in Harbor Point*. First let me say it has been a privilege serving as president of this wonderful group. I have enjoyed working with and getting to know several neighbors. We have done a lot to improve the neighborhood, and had FUN doing it. I didn't personally do much of the work and know I haven't done the best of jobs at times, but have done what I thought was right and feel the club has grown stronger and accomplished a lot in the last few years. We have come a long way since our reorganization in February of 2013 and we have a long way to go. Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard for the club and to those who have supported us. Special thanks to **Betty Petty**, who stepped up to be treasurer a few years ago and is now stepping up to be president. She has helped me a lot in the last few years, listening to my ideas, giving me her ideas, picking up and delivering bereavement meals and always with a smile and positive attitude. **Betty** is a hard worker. In addition to a full time job, she always makes the time to attend club meetings and functions. She has fresh ideas and great organizational skills, be it signing up for club committees or setting up neighborhood ladies' activities. She is smart and knows how to get things done. She knew what she wanted in a home and had it built to her specifications. She educates herself on neighborhood topics and makes up her own mind, not easily swayed just because something is popular. I don't think there is anything she can't do (other than possibly changing the announcements on the sign at the gate without a ladder). I have no doubt the club is in great hands with her and will be lead in the right direction. It has been a privilege and a pleasure being the NFNCC president and I hope that you give the same support and friendship to **Betty** that you have given to me. Thank you **Harbor Point** and I hope to see you at the next NFNCC meeting,

Kay



NEIGHBORS UPDATE

Larry had back surgery on March 2. The doctor said they "cleared out" - Lumbar 6, 5 and 4 and could not go further because his bones were too soft. No pins or anything were put in. He will get in a room later and should be able to start walking much better with much less pain than before. God is so good. He is in rehab now. He says he will be home on Tuesday the 8th.

NFNCC would like to thank our outgoing president **Kay Culpepper**. She worked at reorganizing the club, getting new members, changing the attitude toward the club with the community, finding new projects for the club, working with the Board and the neighborhood, **Kay** did a fantastic job as president and we all hate to see her resign. But she needs more time to spend with **Bil** and traveling. We appreciate you, **Kay Culpepper**.

New NFNCC Officers:

President: **Betty Petty**, Vice President: **Billie Harris**, Secretary: **Tuesday Cooley**, Treasury: **Juanelle Harris**

Thank you very much to **Tony and Marcia Santa Cruz** for donating a refrigerator to the clubhouse



Mar 19-HPPOA meeting 10am

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HPPOA MEETING

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.

Get involved in your POA.

In addition to the usual **HPPOA** meeting information, the board accepted board nominations for two positions.

NOMINEES ARE:

Bill FitzGerald

CJ Vice

Keith Rippy

Johnny Boyd

If you or someone you know would like to run for the Board. Nominations will be taken at March 19th HPPOA meeting.

HPPOA Board of Directors

Eligibility:

Must be a property owner in **Harbor Point**
No deed violations, outstanding fines or fees
Under Texas Law - No felony conviction.

General Duties:

Manage the business affairs of the **Harbor Point Property Association** mandated by the governing by-laws, deed restrictions and Texas State Law including but not limited to:

- a. Set rules governing the use of common areas, recreational facilities, architectural control matters, and guidelines of conduct for members and their guests and enforce such matters as necessary.
- b. Solicit bids and approve contracts for maintenance of common areas, roads and facilities.

c. Hire/fire and supervise personnel employed by the Association.

d. To exercise for the Association, all powers, duties and authority not specifically reserved for the membership or limited by the by-law and/or deed restrictions.

Board Composition:

The current **Board of Directors** is comprised of five members elected for a staggered three year term so that no more than two director positions are open at any one time. Board members are elected for Director positions only and not for a specific title or position within the Board.

a. The **HPPOA** President is determined by the vote of the Board in May of each year following the Annual Meeting of the Association.

b. Supervision of the security gate and it's personnel is the responsibility of one of the Directors,

c. General day to day operations and supervision of office and maintenance personnel is normally handled by the President of the Association.

d. Architectural review and approvals are handled by individual directors by section ie: Sections A & B, C & D, F & H and G & I. The full Board may also rule on such items upon request of a property owner or the Director involved.

General comments and personal observations:

a. The fiduciary responsibility is the highest priority of a Board member, The Board does not nor intend to be frivolous in its allocation of Association finances.

b. Due diligence in the application of the rules and guidelines as they apply to all matters are handled fairly and uniformly, We are, after all human and occasionally when errors occur every effort is made to correct such error in a fair and reasonable manner.

c. Know the **Harbor Point** complex, especially the sections for which you are responsible. Drive around on a regular basis and look just not see, Be aware of what is going on,

d. Listen! To your neighbors, other Board members and employees. There are good ideas floating around out there, The "No" position is not always the way to approach things.

e. Other than the President and Gate supervisor positions, a Board position is not overly time consuming. It does occasionally interfere with your personal life but not to the point of being intrusive.

Bill FitzGerald

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SPECIAL SPEAKERS

at HPPOA meeting on February 20 we heard from **Sheriff Woody A. Wallace, Tommy Park, Carl O. Dyer and Tiger Worsham**. These Guys are running for office and took the time out of their day to visit with the Fine Folks of Harbor Point.

Some things we learned from **Sheriff Woody A. Wallace**;

02) Neighborhood Watch Information,

Sheriff Wallace does not advocate watch members taking any action when observing suspicious activity in their neighborhood. Community members only serve as the extra “eyes and ears” and should report their observations of suspicious activities to their local law enforcement.

Trained law enforcement should be the only ones ever to take action; citizens should never try to take action on those observations. National Neighborhood Watch encourages all watch groups to register with their national database at www.nnw.org where multiple resources are made available to assist in the training and maintaining of Neighborhood Watch groups and its members.

02) Nixle is a service like our E.I.D. Service. The Sheriff as well as the City

will send out Text Messages and Emails.

Receive alerts from your local agencies Sign Up at <https://local.nixle.com/county/tx/trinity/...or> text your ZIP

CODE to 888777 for mobile alerts.

Sheriff Wallace also said “Please Judge me based on my service to the community”, as a “Master Proficiency Certificate” holder he will continue to serve Trinity County in a manor that will continue to Reduce Crime and Protect us all..

Tommy Park is Running for Pct 1 Constable. **Tommy** has worked for the city of Trinity and the Sheriff’s Office for many years. He stated that as TCSO Chief Investigator, he has already been doing the Current Constable’s job with the assistance of Pct. 2 **Constable Mark Cole**.

The Current (So Called) Pct. 1 Constable rusty barrett (Little Letters for a Reason) to my knowledge does no part of his job except collect the paycheck.

Mr. Park ask for your vote, and pledged to be visible in **Harbor Point**.

Carl Dyer is running for Commissioner for Pct. 1. **Mr. Dyer** stated that he plans to combine all precincts equipment in a pool to be shared. **Mr. Dyer** was the NR

GOP Chairman and now holds the county office of Environmental Officer.

Grover “Tiger” Worsham is running for Re-Election for Commissioner for Pct. 1

Mr. Worsham has stated his love of Trinity County and it’s people.

He also handed out a “Stay with the Facts” sheet that we will post in this group.

This will advise you of some of the actions he has taken while in office.

As for the **HPPOA** meeting, you should have been there. The **HPPOA** has their own Facebook page and they post updates all the time. Check Them out.

Darrell Humphries

Editors note: Just wanted to let everyone know what these people stand for. Hope everyone voted on March 1

SPORTS WORLD

I suppose that since football is America's game, there are now millions of fans suffering from football withdrawal, myself included. All we can do at this point is to hope our teams make great trades and wise draft choices for the next season. The rewards for a winning team are astronomical these days. The players and coaches must be totally dedicated and work their butts off to be successful. I suppose that we, as fans, understand that for the most part. Everyone loves a winner, but we sure know how to voice our negative opinions and remarks when our team loses. It must be the nature of the beast (human nature) ! We still have to wait until next season to see what's going to happen. The **HOUSTON ROCKETS** are a total disappointment to me so far this season. When coach McHale was fired the team went into a downward spiral and can't seem to turn it around. Maybe they'll get some divine intervention to help them along. Good luck to the **ROCKETS!!** This years **HOUSTON ASTROS** team seems promising. The team is loaded with young, talented players. The coaching staff is loaded with enthusiasm and determination Well, yall try to get to the rodeo and eat a lot of B-B-QUE! Wow, I can smell it now. Yahoo!! This is your friendly neighbor saying so long for now. Have a good one!!

Tony (WHO DAT) Lemoine

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OFFICE TIDBITS

By Lisa Risler Office Manager

Office hours are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. If you need me or Charlotte for anything, just give us a holler!

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The Office is busy and the prettier it gets outside the busier it gets in here! My desk is stacked today with permits, approved permits, notes, updates, the water bill with a negative balance and more! I like busy days! They go by so quickly don't they? Drop in the office and see what we have going on!

Statements will be mailed out late March, even those with a zero or negative balance will receive one as there will be a notice for everyone inside. You are welcome to pay your bill early, but you will still receive one in the mail to get your notice. This bill is due by the end of April. Late fees start the first week in May, so remember to pay those bills sometime in April if you have a balance. Thanks all for your help and support, it is so appreciated!

Right now we have the **heavy dumpsters** down at the pier area for those of you who did not know it. That's the time of year when you can rid yourselves of that old chair, old mattresses and larger pieces (including washers and dryers) that you have nowhere to put them until now. We get these in twice a year. They get full quickly and we're glad to provide them this time of year and again late Summer.

PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR

Mar 19-HPPOA meeting 10am

May 7-HPPOA meeting 10am

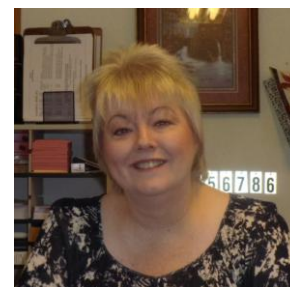
Please join the Facebook account called **Harbor Point POA**. I am not on any other groups and do no announcements anywhere else, so this is the place for office news and tidbits. **Don't forget** lots of magazines, puzzles and books are available to borrow. Please bring back the books and puzzles so others can enjoy them.

"Lost and Found" is located at the HP gate"

Always remember we have financial statements in here for every month and a yearly one available April 1st.

Deed Restrictions are available as well as many other documents you may find of help

Lisa Risler



NEW NEIGHBORS

D169 Otis and Carolyn Smith

E185 Steven Cain

I-340 Cody and Mary Vice



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 we 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**.

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ON THE ROAD AGAIN

A good neighbor got **Christopher's** Golf Cart back in running condition and he is one happy camper. **Christopher** has regained his Freedom on the road, **David and Josephine** never know where he is anymore. He just had his 35th birthday and It is now hard to keep up with **Christopher**. He always has a bucket of cans or corn on his golf cart as he takes good care of the deer here in **Harbor Point**



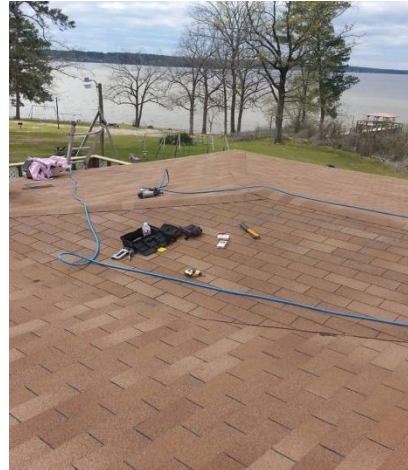
Chris appreciates your help and the donations

Please keep the cash, cans & corn coming

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



Well folks the club house roof is done.
Thanks to Watts Construction



Looks like **Kathy** setting on the edge there



Finished!!



THANK YOU



Happy
Saint
Patrick's
Day

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The Texas Department of State Health

Services issued a fish consumption advisory for Lake Livingston and portions of the Trinity River after lab testing of fish samples found an elevated amount of harmful chemical compounds. The compounds, dioxins and polychlorinated biphenyls or PCBs, are chemically-related compounds that are persistent environmental pollutants, according to the World Health Organization. The advisory is in effect for the Trinity River Basin which includes Lake Livingston and the Trinity River from U.S. 287, near Anderson County, downstream to U.S. 90, near Liberty. The TXDSSH says regular or long-term consumption of fish of these waters may increase the likelihood of long-term health risks. The TXDSSH says regular or long-term consumption of fish from these waters may increase the likelihood of long-term health risks. People can still fish in the area though the DSHS says they should not consume or should limit their consumption of fish from this area and are advised to follow the specific age and species recommendations chart. . One set of guidelines applies to women of childbearing age and children age 17 and younger, who are particularly sensitive to methylmercury (the most prevalent and toxic form of mercury in fish). A second set applies to women beyond their childbearing years and men. Mercury contamination of fish is a global problem. Both gold and mercury were mined in the Trinity River watershed and some mercury remains today. The inactive Altoona Mercury Mine is located along the East Fork Trinity River and is reported to contribute significantly to the mercury content of Trinity Lake. Gold miners used mercury to extract gold from mined materials and discharged the waste into streams, where the mercury accumulated in the sediment. Liquid mercury moves relatively slowly through river systems and accumulates in places where sediments are trapped, such as reservoirs. Bacteria convert this inorganic form of mercury into a more toxic, organic form, known as methylmercury, which fish take in from their diet. Methylmercury can accumulate in fish to concentrations many thousands of times greater than mercury levels in the surrounding water. Because methylmercury accumulates in fish slowly over time, larger fish of a species usually have higher concentrations of methylmercury than smaller fish from the same water body. Predatory fish, such as bass, generally contain more methylmercury than non-predatory fish, such as trout. Developing fetuses and children are especially sensitive to methylmercury. Pregnant women and nursing mothers can pass on methylmercury to their fetuses or infants through the placenta and through breast milk. Excessive exposure to methylmercury can affect the nervous system in children, leading to subtle decreases in learning ability, language skills, attention, and memory. These effects may occur through adolescence as the nervous system continues to develop. For this reason, a more conservative set of guidelines applies to women of childbearing years and children up to and including age 17. The levels of methylmercury found in fish from these lakes and rivers should not result in the health effects described above if the proposed guidelines are followed. The

extent of health effects depends on the amount of methylmercury that people ingest from the fish that they eat and is also related to a person's body weight. Fish are a nutritious part of your diet when eaten in moderate amounts. By following OEHHA's safe eating guidelines for eating fish from this region, you can still enjoy eating fish from these water bodies while minimizing your risk of health effects from exposure to methylmercury. **TXDSSH released the report 12-15-15 based on data compiled 2011-2013.**

OUTDOOR REPORT

02-01-16 **Bill & Kay Culpepper** went rod & reel fishing off the river and caught 8. **Kay** caught the biggest and the most.

02-17-16 **Jack Rogers** is back in the water after boat repairs and called with a fishing report. He went up Caney Creek for about 4 hours and caught 21 Crappie. He had 15 throw backs averaging 7-8 inches and 6 nice keepers. The females are full of eggs.

02-27-16 **Pop** talked with **Jack Rogers** and he indicated fishing up Caney Creek was a waste of time. We did just have over 2 inches of rain. **Jack** indicated the creek was full of boats probably in search of White Bass however **Jack** said the White Bass have lock jaw.

02-28-16 **Mark Mann** stopped by to show us a stringer of 7 catfish he had caught.

By *Alice Lankford*

SPECIES	WOMEN OF CHILD- BEARING AGE AND CHILDREN UNDER 12	WOMEN PAST CHILD- BEARING AGE AND MALES 12 AND UNDER
Blue Catfish	DO NOT EAT	1 meal per month
Flathead catfish	DO NOT EAT	1 meal per month
Freshwater drum	DO NOT EAT	2 meal per month
Gar (all species)	DO NOT EAT	DO NOT EAT
Smallmouth Buffalo	DO NOT EAT	1 meal per month
Striped bass	1 meal per month	3 meal per month
White bass	1 meal per month	1 meal per month



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2016 FUNDRAISERS

NFNCC thanks you for your support
at our breakfast



EASTER



**Mar 26-Easter Bake Sale 8am
until gone**

**Apr 16-Meet and Greet
on the Deck**

**May 7-HPPOA meeting 10am
Fish Fry Fundraiser 5pm**

NEIGHBORS FOR NEIGHBORS

COMMUNITY CLUB

Come join us on **March 8 2016**

Meeting. at 6pm

New NFNCC officers:

President: **Betty Petty**

Vice President: **Billie Harris**

Secretary: **Tuesday Cooley**

Treasury: **Juanelle Harris**

Dues are \$10.00 for the year

(\$10 if you want a t-shirt).



Mar 8- NFNCC 6pm

26- Bakesale 8am

Apr 12- NFNCC 6pm

16- Meet and Greet

May 7- Fish Fry 6pm

10- NFNCC 6 pm

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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.

Real estate for sale will not be printed Please contact harborpointresort.com to advertise lots or homes for sale.



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Chocolate Candy Bars

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Anyone can check them out.

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