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Water Aerobics Classes continue the pool. These free classes are held Tuesday thru Saturday from 10am-11am and are open to all adults in Harbor Point. Please bring empty plastic screw-top gallon jugs and Styrofoam noodles to use as props. Call **Pat Lawrence, Marcia Santa Cruz or Jean FitzGerald** if you have any questions.

July 2-! The Second Annual Harbor Point Independence Day Parade Decorate your ride (cart, car, bicycle, etc) and meet at the pool at 7pm. We will parade through the neighborhood before ending up at the Pavilion for free watermelon (provided by the NFNCC). You will be in the perfect place to watch professional fireworks (sponsored by 6 area businesses), which are set to go off at 9:30 from the 356 Marina.

July 4-Happy Fourth of July. The pool will be open. Reminder, according to our bylaws, discharge of firearms or fireworks are not allowed in **Harbor Point.**

July 5-The pool will be closed (no water aerobics).

July-5- A constable's auction - will be held on the steps of the courthouse in Groveton at 10am. Harbor Point will have 4 available lots. Winning bids require cash payment at the auction.

July 12-The Neighbors for Neighbors Community Club monthly meeting is open to all. Meeting is in the clubhouse at 6pm on the second Tuesday of each month.

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PROPERTY OWNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT OF THEIR GUESTS

NEIGHBORS UPDATE

06-07-16 **Bil Culpepper** had a total knee replacement.

Elray Rush was transferred from CHRISTUS Dubuis Hospital of Port Arthur to Silsbee Convalescent Center in Silsbee, TX. Please continue to keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Long time resident on Kingwood, **Bud Esler** passed away on June 24th. May Bud rest in peace. Please say a prayer for the family. Bud will be missed by many.

06-18-16 Repair & painting of the office complete. **Pop** and great grandson, **Joshua Knight**, put up the lattice skirting.



Pop Lankford cleaning up the front entrance to Harbor Point. (Volunteer Effort) Be sure to give him a High Five when you see him out and about.



NFNCC has obtained permission from the **property owner**, at the sharp curve as you come into the subdivision, to place a deer feeder on the property. To all of us old timers we looked forward to seeing the deer at the feeder which was at the curve. The Club will also place a second feeder on the main road at some point soon. Please observe the speed limit for our deer friends and the safety of us humans

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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! **Debbie Rippy** is working on Saturday(10-2) E-mail address: hppoa@windstream.net

If you sell a lot in here, let us here in the office know. We don't know from the county, so you or the new owner MUST come in here to get it straight so the former owner does not get billed for property no longer theirs. (or yours!)

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. Drop in the office and see what we have going on!

PUT ON YOUR CALENDER

A constable's auction will be held on the steps of the courthouse in Groveton ON July 5 at 10am. Harbor Point will have 4 available lots. Winning bids require cash payment at the auction.

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.

A lot of pool keys still out and would like to not have to "ding" you the \$20 fee for not returning them, so if you have a pool key sitting around, bring it on up here and save yourself \$20.

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"

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are available
anytime at
the office.**

Lisa Risler



OUTDOOR REPORT

6-5 **Jim gartz** Saw a newborn Fawn

6-5 **Chuck Taylor** just found out yesterday that one is staying in one of my flower beds. A wee tiny fawn.

06-06-16 **Bil Culpepper** caught 10 catfish with the biggest one weighing 15 pounds. He indicated he had caught a 14.6 catfish the Monday before. Maybe Mondays are his lucky day. However.....that was his last day to fish for a while as he had a total knee replacement on 06-07-16.

06-09-16 **Mark & Jan Mann** caught 5 nice catfish and 1 white bass on noodles.

06-15-16 **Pop & Alice Lankford** took teenage guest **Dustin Evans & Samuel Brown** out jug lining and caught 12 keepers over 14 inches long. Threw back at least 10 small ones.

06-18-16 **Mark & Michelle Yarbrough** were down the whole week of 06-13/06-18 and caught very few fish.

06-19-16 **Jack Rogers** reports Crappie are biting again up Caney Creek real early or real late in the day.

There continues to be sightings of the red fox in the D Section area.

By *Alice Lankford*

Wilma is a proud momma, showing her new fawns to Kay Culpepper



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Recipes

Marinated Vegetable Salad

1 cup sugar
1 cup red wine vinegar
1/2 cup olive oil
1 teaspoon salt
16 ounces frozen cut green beans, defrosted and drained, or fresh green beans
16 ounces frozen green peas, defrosted and drained, or fresh shelled green peas
1 1/2 cups thinly chopped celery (about 4 stalks)
One 2-ounce jar chopped pimientos
2 small sweet onions, thinly sliced
1 red bell pepper, cored, seeded and chopped

Bring the sugar and vinegar to a boil in a medium saucepan. Add the oil and salt and set aside to cool. Add to a bowl the green beans, peas, celery, pimientos, onions and bell peppers. Pour the vinegar mixture over the vegetables, cover with plastic wrap and marinate in the refrigerator for 24 hours. Serve with a slotted spoon to drain the excess oil.

Greek Salad

1 hothouse cucumber, unpeeled, seeded, and sliced 1/4-inch thick
1 red bell pepper, large-diced
1 yellow bell pepper, large-diced
1 pint cherry or grape tomatoes, halved
1/2 red onion, sliced in half-rounds
1/2 pound feta cheese, 1/2-inch diced (not crumbled)
1/2 cup calamata olives, pitted

For the vinaigrette:

2 cloves garlic, minced
1 teaspoon dried oregano
1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1/4 cup good red wine vinegar
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1/2 cup good olive oil

Place the cucumber, peppers, tomatoes and red onion in a large bowl.

For the vinaigrette, whisk together the garlic, oregano, mustard, vinegar, salt and pepper in a small bowl. Still whisking, slowly add the olive oil to make an emulsion. Pour the vinaigrette over the vegetables. Add the feta and olives and toss lightly. Set aside for 30 minutes to allow the flavors to blend. Serve at room temperature.

Watermelon-Cucumber Salad

Directions

Soak 1/2 thinly sliced red onion in cold water. Pat dry 4 cups diced watermelon and 1 seeded and sliced cucumber; toss with a handful of thinly sliced mint. Drain the onion, squeeze dry and add to the salad along with some chopped cashews. Add 1/4 cup olive oil and the juice of 1/2 lemon; season with salt and toss. Top with crumbled goat cheese.

Roasted Shrimp Salad

2 1/2 pounds (12 to 15 count) shrimp
1 tablespoon good olive oil
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 cup good mayonnaise
1 tablespoon orange zest (2 oranges)
2 tablespoons freshly squeezed orange juice
1 tablespoon good white wine vinegar
1/4 cup minced fresh dill
2 tablespoons capers, drained
2 tablespoons small-diced red onion
Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F.

Peel and devein the shrimp. Place them on a sheet pan with the olive oil, 1 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper and toss together. Spread the shrimp on one layer and roast for 6 to 8 minutes, just until pink, firm and cooked through. Allow to cool for 3 minutes.

Meanwhile, make the sauce. In a large bowl, whisk together the mayonnaise, orange zest, orange juice, vinegar, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and 1/2 teaspoon pepper. When the shrimp are cool, add them to the sauce and toss. Add the dill, capers, and red onion and toss well. The flavors will improve if you allow the salad to sit at room temperature for 30 minutes. Otherwise, chill and serve at room temperature.

Harbor Point's Second Annual Independence Day Parade will be Saturday, July 2.

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Red Foxes

Had it not been for some early pioneers and their packs of well-trained hunting hounds, the red fox might never have found its way to Texas. Not a native species, it was imported to provide sport and training for fox-hounds. The red fox's strong, streamlined body is perfect for running, and it seems to enjoy a good chase. It is capable of sudden bursts of speed that have been clocked up to forty-five miles per hour, and it can run in front of a pack of baying foxhounds all night. Its strong, streamlined body is perfect for running, and the red fox is capable of sudden bursts of speed. The red fox is a member of the dog family (canid), but it still displays quite a few catlike (feline) characteristics. The young hiss and spit like kittens, and adults can make short mewling cries and high-pitched screams. The fox also can assume the cat's threat posture, standing with back arched and fur erect. This display may be followed with a broad-side, stiff-legged charge. Canid eyes normally have round pupils, but the red fox has elliptical (vertical-slit) pupils like those of a cat. Its sensitive face whiskers also are proportionately longer than those of other canids, and its feet are more catlike. Its flexible paws have small toe and foot pads as well as partially retractable front claws. The rest of its foot is soft and covered with hair that may make it more touch-sensitive during the fox's catlike stalk. Its dagger like canine teeth, short muzzle, and strong jaw muscles allow it to make a killing bite on its prey. Canids and felids usually use distinctly different hunting strategies, but according to J. David Henry, a biologist who has spent six years studying red foxes in Canada, this fox hunts the same kind of prey species as cats, and its hunting habits are more feline than canine. Hunting methods of dogs are based not on stealth, but on detection, and scent plays an important role. Dogs often hunt in packs, approaching their prey openly and relying on endurance to run it down. If they get close enough, they repeatedly bite the prey's vulnerable rump and hind legs. Weakened by the wounds or chase, the prey is pulled down and killed by the pack. Cats are solitary hunters, relying on a surprise attack, combined with a burst of speed, to take their prey. The red fox also is a solitary hunter, perhaps because its prey usually is only big enough to feed one. It is a skilled predator and adapts its method of hunting to the type of prey it is stalking at the time. Insects offer little challenge to the fox's hunting abilities. If one is spotted on the ground, the fox merely walks over, picks the insect up by mouth, and eats it. If the insect hops or flies, the fox searches for it by nosing into the vegetation or tapping around with a forefoot (catlike) to cause the insect to move. The fox then tries to grab it by mouth. Birds and squirrels are hunted by a stop-start method. Anyone who has ever watched a cat stalk a bird will recognize this hunting technique. The fox synchronizes its movements with those of the prey to minimize visual danger clues and noise warnings. Any movement noises made by the advancing fox coincide with those of the prey. When the prey looks away or begins to eat, the fox advances in a crouched position with its belly almost touching the ground. This advance may be

made at a slow stalking pace, a trot, or a gallop. The fox never takes its eyes off the prey. When the prey looks up to check its surroundings, the fox freezes and remains motionless, sometimes in mid-stride, until the prey resumes feeding. At the end of the stalk, the fox makes a horizontal jump and attempts to catch the bird or squirrel in its mouth. Rabbits are hunted by a method that combines both feline and canine techniques. When the prey is sighted, the fox crouches and begins its cat-like stalk. If the rabbit senses danger and runs, the fox immediately switches to the canine method of hunting. It pursues the rabbit with a bounding gallop and attempts to bite the legs or rump. If the fox manages to get a bite hold, it pulls the rabbit off its feet and both animals may collapse on the ground. When the fox regains its footing, it stands on the prey to pin it to the ground and then bites its neck and/or head to kill it.

When the red fox is hunting small animals that rely on sound to detect danger, it is extremely careful to minimize movement noise. The approaching stalk is made slowly, and the fox tests each step for a possible sound warning. The forefoot is put down lightly and may even be moved a couple of times before the fox is satisfied that when it shifts its weight to that foot no noise will result. The hind foot is then advanced to the exact spot where the forefoot was previously located. Since visual warnings are not as critical for this type of prey, the fox may lift its head and cock it from side to side to locate the prey's exact location. When the fox has advanced within striking distance, it crouches low and then lunges through the air in an arc, trying to pin the prey to the ground as it lands. This lunge usually varies from two to six feet, but the fox can cover as much as fifteen feet from a standing start. Hunting on the downhill side of a trail increases the lunge, allowing the fox to stay airborne up to twenty-five feet. Red foxes are opportunistic feeders. This means they will eat whatever is available. Eggs, carrion, berries, and garbage are eaten as readily as live prey. Young red fox remain inside the den for at least a month. They then venture outside to wrestle and fight playfully with littermates over food. The breeding season for the red fox in Texas begins early in the year, and the shrill squalls of the female (vixen) bring answering barks from any nearby males. If more than one male responds to her call, they compete for her attention. The winner of the resulting fight gets her. The pair then must find a suitable den and get it ready for the young that will be born about fifty-one days after mating takes place. Usually the den is an underground burrow, a crevice in a rocky outcrop, or a cavity under some boulders. Occasionally the pair will take over the burrow of some other animal, such as a badger, and remodel it to suit themselves. Litters may vary from four to fifteen, but the most common size is five or six. The pups, which look like kittens, are dark brown or black and have a white tip on their tails. Their eyes open in nine days, but for at least a month they remain inside the den, where the female gives them constant attention. Since she must remain with them for the first few weeks, the male brings food to her and stands guard over the den. If danger approaches, he warns the family with a bark and then tries to lure the intruder away. When the pups grow older they are fed

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at the mouth of the den, venturing outside to wrestle and fight with their littermates over the food. But whether they are fighting over food or just rolling and tumbling together in play, they are amazingly quiet. The only sound may be a small squeak of protest when one of them gets too rough. During the next four months the young spend most of their time outside the den being taught how to find, stalk, and catch live prey. They also are taught to eat grapes, berries, and other fallen fruit. In the fall the family separates, and the adult-size young must find a place to live. This can be a very difficult experience since other foxes will not allow the young intruders into their territories. During their search the young may fall victim to predators, automobiles, or humans. Only the resourceful ones survive to take their place in our state's complex wildlife community.



As always NFNCC would like to thank everyone in advance for your continued financial support

NEIGHBORS FOR NEIGHBORS COMMUNITY CLUB

Come join us on **July 12, 2016**
Meeting. at 6pm
Dues are pro-rated for rest of year
(\$10 if you want a t-shirt).



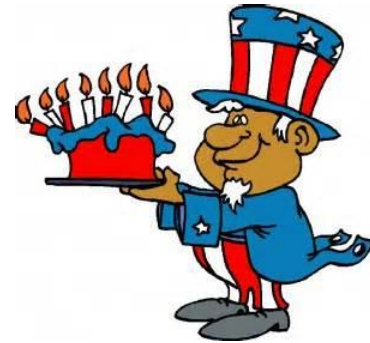
WELCOME

NEW NEIGHBORS

E 48-49 Shirley Ann Hall
D102-103-104 J.T. and Vernitta Eddins



HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAY



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Summer Fun

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Morris Riddle is now the new Community Can Collector and Deer Feeder here in Harbor Point replacing Christopher Stoll..

Please keep the cash, cans & corn coming

JULY 4TH PARADE 7-2-16

Decorate your ride (Golf Cart, Car, Truck, Trailer) meet at the Clubhouse then parade through the neighborhood. End up at the Pavilion for watermelon



Sports world

There was a questionable finish to the U.S. OPEN Golf tournament this year. Dustin Johnson won it but was assessed a penalty stroke because his ball moved on the 12th hole. However, they told him they wouldn't decide until after the round was completed. At the time there were 6 holes left to play and he was only one stroke ahead. I can only imagine the pressure that had to put on the man. Being the champion that he is, he went on to win by 5 strokes minus 1. What a great finish! His finance' Paulina Gretsky (hockey great Wayne Gretsky's daughter) seemed to be the main attraction with her form fitting white mini-dress that left nothing to the imagination though. It was Dustin's first win of a major golf tournament. Prior tom that he was known as Mr. Almost. Paulina, however had almost as much news coverage as he did. It goes to show you how interested in female anatomy people can be. Well, the HOUSTON ASTROS seem to have turned their season around at this point. They have come out of the cellar to move up to second in their division trailing only the Dallas Rangers. Lots of great pitching and hitting going on. I knew they had the potential for a good season and now they are showing their ability to make it happen. I am very happy to see the team having success. GO ASTROS! I want to wish all of you a happy 4th of July. That's all for this month from your friendly neighbor

Tony (WHO DAT) Lemoine



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Golf Cart Rules

Golf cart rules have changed. We will try to have them to post next month

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.



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**.

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STAY COOL



**FIREWORK ARE NOT ALLOWED IN
HARBOR POINT**

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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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