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Association*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello fellow HBPOA members. 2026 is not very old yet as I am writing this, but it'll be approaching the time to flip the calendar's first page by the time you are reading it. If you are like me, as much as I enjoyed celebrating the holidays with family and friends, January brought with it a sense of some relief that the annual hustle and bustle is over for another year. This is also when we start to wonder what kind of year 2026 will be. For the sake of us all I sure hope and pray that Mother Nature who showed us her full fury in 2024 will continue to treat us as gently this year as she did in 2025.

If you weren't at our January membership meeting you missed a lot of trash talk! No, not the insulting, taunting type but rather very timely insights shared and questions answered regarding solid waste management by two of our quest speakers. Jerry Campbell, current chairman of the Hernando County BOCC, spoke very informatively about the county's decision to implement fees at the convenience transfer stations and he also shared what adjustments are being made in response to citizen inputs. He explained the necessity for new fees to offset rising transport and landfill costs but confirmed that the previously announced rollout of the \$15 tipping fee per visit has been delayed until March or April. Also, in response to concerns from the public, the County Commissioners have decided that for bagged household trash the fee will be only \$5 for up to 5 bags per trip. The Commissioner also pointed out that the new company (Coastal) not only out bid Republic but is also including additional services available to homeowners without additional cost. Many thanks to Commissioner Campbell for coming to officiate the

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swearing in of our new Board as well as for these very timely remarks.

Wayne Zahn, a vice-president with Coastal Waste and Recycling was our other "trash talker". I think everyone appreciated his candor and his straightforward responses to questions and concerns. He explained some of the challenges that Coastal has had to deal with during this service turnover. Members who experienced impacts were not shy to ask questions which Mr. Zahn answered in a very straightforward manner. He explained some of the complex logistics which included not having access to some customer account information in advance and the switch being on a holiday. Customers' confusion about pick up schedule changes and other issues resulted in extreme call volumes even though significant actions had been taken to get the information out in advance. Mr. Zahn assured us that Coastal has been dealing aggressively to resolve all issues by bringing in additional resources and making adjustments where warranted. He also asked for everyone's understanding and to limit phone calls for a while for non-essential matters. He suggested using Coastal's website instead of the phone whenever you can. The address is: CoastalWasteInc.com/Hernando-County. This is also where you can see what additional services are now available without additional charge. We learned that Coastal has launched an all new truck fleet in Hernando County with up-to-date technology such as GPS tracking and recording which will enhance efficiency and make follow-up easier when there are route or individual pick-up issues. By now it's reasonable to assume most of us have caught up with the new pick-up days, but just in case, for all of Hernando Beach it is Mondays and Thursdays for trash with both recycle and yard waste also picked up on Mondays.

Josh Walker, a project manager in the county utilities department also spoke at the meeting to alert those who will be affected about planned water outages and boil alerts that will be necessary as the Caliente project continues. It will be necessary to shut down water delivery from 10 p.m. until 6 a.m for at least 5 nights for work to progress. The area to be impacted is north of Gulfview Drive to the northern edge of Hernando Beach. The plan is to begin the night of January 25. But be aware that many factors could influence that and also whether the 5 nights can be

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accomplished consecutively or not. If you are in the affected area please stay alert to service interruption notices and boil alerts that will be sent to you. Josh indicated that there will also be large signs posted at the site with real-time information and schedule adjustments as needed. I appreciate that Josh proactively approached HBPOA in order to get this information out.

Sheryl Coggins announced eight winners of the various sponsored trophies and prizes from the new Hernando Beach Holiday Lights contest. Each of the eight winners received a beautiful illuminated glass momento trophy as well as prizes donated by the various sponsors. Since this was the first time for this contest some residents might not have been aware or had time to register. Recognizing this, Sheryl also announced honorable mention awards given to homes which the judges felt were decorated to an above average level but who hadn't formally enrolled.

I discussed at the meeting and want to repeat here the message that we all need to be ambassadors for HBPOA. Not just maintaining, but actively growing our membership so we aren't just

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surviving but rather so HBPOA is growing, thriving, and remaining a vibrant force in service to our community. So far this year membership is trending up. That is excellent so let's keep it going! Talk to your neighbors. Show them the Beachcomber. Invite them to increase their participation in the community by joining us for our social hours, meetings, and special events. The low annual dues of \$40 returns many times that value in information, social interaction, fun and camaraderie.

Our February meeting will feature business presentations by Mike Garcia who represents Dam It Defense, a company specializing in flood prevention systems and by the Coggins', owner/operators of the Marina Rose. We will also enjoy some sweet fun in anticipation of Valentine's Day by once again having a cupcake eating contest. We'll be looking for volunteers to compete, so you might want to start your training disciplines now to be ready!

We have decided to continue with our food drive beyond the holidays. You are invited to bring

your donations to any of our meetings. Thank you on behalf of the recipients of your generosity.

Note that our next Board Meeting will be on Monday, February 2 at 11 a.m. The next membership meeting will be on Thursday, February 5 at 7:00 p.m. with doors opening at 6:00 for the social hour. All meetings are at the Hernando Beach Yacht Club. I look forward to seeing you there.

2025 has now gone down in the history of Hernando Beach as a year of resiliency and recovery. We should all be proud of ourselves and of each other for how this community has come back from the devastation caused by the 2024 storms. As we progress further into 2026 all signs ahead are looking positive for our association. I'm proud to be serving HBPOA and all of you. I'm looking forward to meeting and greeting more of you at our meetings and socials. Remember "ambassadors", share our story and invite your neighbors and friends to give us a try. Happy February! Happy Valentine's Day!

Rich Grega



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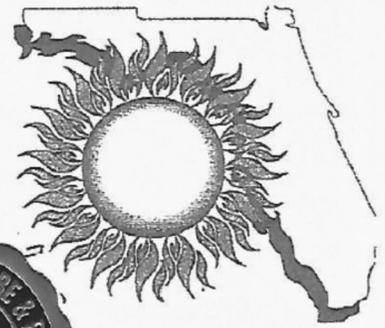
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January 8, 2026 @ 7 p.m.

Call to order – 7 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to adopt the agenda passed

Motion to adopt minutes of the Nov 6, 2025, meeting passed

Swearing in the 2026 Board (Officers and Directors)

- Hernando County BOCC Chairman Jerry Campbell administers the oath to new Board President – Richard Grega
- Vice President – Dennis Wakely
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- Remarks by Chairman Campbell – new waste disposal fees for recycling facility

Guest Speakers

- Josh Walker, Hernando County Project Manager - Utilities Liaison
- Caliente project water service interruptions – scheduled for January 25 – February 5 (hopefully no more than five nights), water for affected area (Hernando Beach north of Gulf View Drive) will be turned off at 10 pm and restart at 6 am, the water will need to be boiled during interruption period
- Wayne Zahn, Area Vice-President of Business Development for Coastal Waste & Recycling - trash services takeover

Old Business

- President's comments
- Volunteers needed:
 - Audit committee (Valerie Shelter, Rich Frascone and one more member have volunteered)
 - Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC)
 - Parliamentarian
- HB Holiday Lights Contest presentation of

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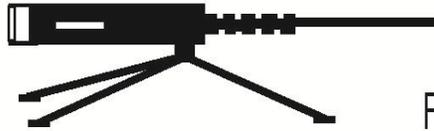
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- Treasurer's Report/Beachcomber/Calendar – copy attached
- Governmental Concerns – no report
- Landscaping – Triangle properties have been returned to Hernando County
- Hospitality – Gay Collepriest new Chair
- Membership -Judith Hughes new Chair
- Bylaws – no report
- Facebook and Web Page – no report

New Business

Membership comments

Reminders:

- The need is great, our canned food drive is on-going, bring donations to our meetings
- Next Board Meeting – Feb 2
- Next Membership Meeting – Feb 5
- Front Porch Art Walk - 1st Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Adjournment – 8:24 pm

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

By: Judith Hughes

Hello Hernando Beach,

We have concluded the first month of 2026 and we trust you had a wonderful “Happy New Year” celebration. Some of us decided to stay home,

some of us decided to celebrate at a local establishment or some of us enjoyed bringing in the New Year at home with friends and/or family. We are hopeful that your vision for 2026 will be realized.

If you missed the January HBPOA meeting, you missed a good one. There were representatives from Hernando County and Coastal Waste Management on board and much information of interest to our residents was shared. The rerouting of Flamingo Boulevard and the transition from Republic Services to Coastal Waste management were areas of focus. If you have an interest in your community and meeting your neighbors, please try to schedule the first Thursday evening of each month to attend the meeting at the Yacht Club. Also, why not invite a neighbor to accompany you to HBPOA.

This writer has delivered articles for your Beachcomber since 2020. We recently began a column called ‘New Member Spotlight’ but it was put on hold due to our holiday events. If you are a new member of HBPOA, see me at the greeting desk at our February meeting. We would love to get to know you, your career, your hobbies, why you landed in Hernando Beach, and any other information you wish to share.

Did you know that beginning February 17th the [Year of the Fire Horse](#), begins and ends on Feb-

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February						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Land Use 9am	4	5 HBPOA Membership Meeting 7pm	6	7 Front Porch Art Walk 10am - 2pm
8	9	10 BOCC Meeting 9am	11	12	13 HCUD Rain Barrel Workshop 10am	14 Valentine's Day 
15	16	17	18	19 HB Crime Watch Meeting	20	21
22 Machine Gun Shoot	23	24 BOCC Meeting 9am	25	26	27	28

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February 5, 2027. This year symbolizes energy, independence, freedom, and strong drive, with the Fire element adding passion and intensity.

Notable Dates in February:

February 2nd - Ground Hog Day
February 8th - Superbowl 2026
February 14th - Of course we know about this one
February 16th - Presidents Day
Abraham Lincoln, Ronald Reagan, Charles Dickens, and Thomas Edison share this Birthday month.

Our weather is beginning to look like the Florida perception of our northern neighbors. But, beware, just because we have temps in the 70's it doesn't mean we couldn't have a frost in February or early March. Did you know about IFAS? It is the University of Florida's Institute of Agricultural Sciences. It is a great resource if you have Florida lawn and gardening questions. We are in Zone 9. Here is the website: <https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/lawn-and-garden/lawn-and-gardening-faq/>

We hope to see you on February 5th. Stop by the Registration Desk and say "Hello"

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The awards themselves are proudly supported by local businesses, including Silver Dolphin Restaurant, Lazy Lizard, Da Freaky Tiki, and Marina Rose Cruises.

We truly appreciate all of our neighbors who decorated and shared their holiday spirit. The creativity and effort throughout the community were wonderful to

see.

We hope next year brings even more homes registering and participating, so everyone who decorates has a chance to be recognized. Thank you for helping make Hernando Beach shine during the holidays!

Awards

- Most Digital - Pat & Sheryl Coggins 3542 Gulf Coast Dr (scrolling sign) - \$50 Silver Dolphin*
- Most Symmetrical - Virginia and Jerry Sheffer 4014 Gulfview Dr - \$50 Silver Dolphin gift card*
- Best use of colors - Gary & Suzanne Robbins 4045 Casa Ct - \$25 Hernando Beach Club gift card*
- Most Elaborate Display - Frank and Peggy Miller 4162 Dez Prez (long lot) - \$100 Lazy Lizard*
- HBYC Commodore's Choice - Bill & Patty Roberts 4072 Gulfview Dr (airplane) - \$100 Silver Dolphin gift card*
- Da Freaky Tiki Customer Favorite Hernando Beach Club Award - Susan Loper and Doug \$25 Hernando Beach Club gift card 4468 Bahama Drive - \$100 Da Freaky Tiki gift card*
- Marina Rose Customer Favorite - Jenn & Nick DelGrosso 4128 Diaz Ct (lazy snowman) -\$100 Marina Rose gift card*
- HBPOA Community Spirit Award - Tanya & Wayne Peters 4180 Diaz Ct (octopus and mahi) - 1 year HBPOA membership and \$50 Tropical Grill gift card*

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Honorable Mentions:

Thank you all again - and if anyone would like to be part of the 2026 holiday lights contest team, please contact me.

Marlin Canal

- *4059 Casa Ct - lots of lights
- *4161 Tampico Trail - fence and grinch blowup
- *4179 Tampico Trail - nice decor and waves and arch
- *4258 Orchid Dr - corner with lots of blow ups
- *3456 Gulfview Dr - home with palms and govee lights
- 3482 Gulfview Dr - lights

Rock bass

- *3491 Gulf Coast Dr - Skeleton captain
- 4405 3rd Isle Dr - Merry Christmas sign on second floor
- *4442 San Juan Dr - Santo's boat
- *4452 Bahama Dr - next to Doug
- 4446 Bahama Dr - next to next to Doug
- 4508 Bahama Dr - tree on dock
- 3538 Flamingo Blvd - tree on dock
- 3154 Flamingo Blvd - simple overhead patio lights
- 3610 Flamingo Blvd - palm and dock
- 3223 Gulf Coast Dr - red lights and swagged lights

Cheeks Creek

- *4387 6th Isle Dr - long house off cheeks creek
- 4351 Biscayne Dr - sailboat
- *4321 Biscayne Dr - round house with animated tree
- 4317 Biscayne Dr - house with boat house and changing lights
- *4411 Biscayne Dr - Corner lot, lots of great decorations
- 4386 Biscayne Dr - tree on dock, with other lights
- 3200 Gulf Coast Dr - lights in the eaves
- *3210 Gulf Coast Dr - reindeer, Santa, and other decorations
- 3345 Gulfview Dr - nice lights across from Biscayne corner
- 4322 Flexor Dr - tree on dock, nice lights - across from Coggins
- 4372 4th Isle Dr - windows outlined
- 4396 4th Isle Dr - nice lights
- 4323 Columbus Dr - candy canes around the perimeter

Tarpon Canal

- *4138 Pine Dale Ct - lots of lights and tree on dock
- *5070 Cedarbrook Ln - large merry Christmas sign
- 4447 Bimini Dr - snow flakes
- 4482 Bimini Dr - tree on dock
- 4510 Bimini Dr - corner with lights



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2	Mon	1:00	3.2	2:27	2.4	9:25	-0.9	9:14	0.4	7:17	6:11	☉
3	Tue	1:47	3.1	2:54	2.4	9:59	-0.6	9:56	0.2	7:16	6:11	☉
4	Wed	2:32	2.9	3:19	2.5	10:30	-0.4	10:39	0.1	7:16	6:12	☉
5	Thu	3:15	2.7	3:45	2.6	10:59	-0.1	11:21	0.1	7:15	6:13	☉
6	Fri	3:59	2.4	4:11	2.7	11:26	0.2			7:15	6:14	☉
7	Sat	4:45	2.1	4:40	2.7	12:04	0.0	11:53	0.4	7:14	6:15	☉
8	Sun	5:36	1.9	5:12	2.7	12:50	0.1	12:19	0.7	7:13	6:15	☉
9	Mon	6:42	1.6	5:51	2.6	1:44	0.1	12:49	1.0	7:13	6:16	☾
10	Tue	8:25	1.5	6:42	2.5	2:55	0.2	1:30	1.2	7:12	6:17	☾
11	Wed	10:21	1.5	7:56	2.4	4:21	0.1	3:02	1.4	7:11	6:18	☾
12	Thu	11:38	1.7	9:17	2.5	5:39	0.0	4:42	1.4	7:10	6:18	☾
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16	Mon	12:09	2.9	1:40	2.3	8:33	-0.5	8:22	0.6	7:07	6:21	☾
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18	Wed	1:33	3.0	2:26	2.5	9:35	-0.4	9:39	0.2	7:05	6:23	☾
19	Thu	2:15	2.9	2:50	2.6	10:06	-0.3	10:20	0.0	7:04	6:23	☾
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21	Sat	3:47	2.6	3:45	2.9	11:09	0.2	11:50	-0.2	7:02	6:25	☾
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24	Tue	7:08	1.7	5:50	2.9	1:50	-0.2	12:57	1.2	7:00	6:27	☾
25	Wed	9:16	1.6	7:01	2.8	3:15	-0.2	2:07	1.4	6:59	6:28	☾
26	Thu	11:00	1.8	8:36	2.7	4:47	-0.3	3:58	1.5	6:58	6:28	☾
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