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Hernando Beach Property Owners Association Newsletter

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

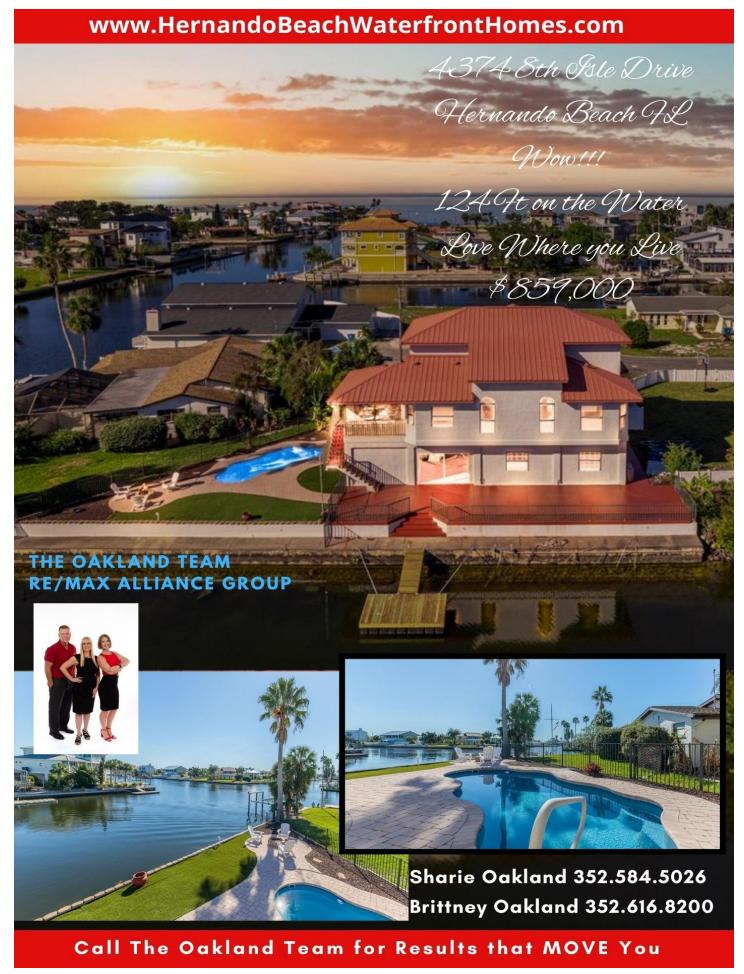
Happy 2025 to our Hernando Beach Community and Association. May it be the year of "Calm Seas and Fair Winds". A word of inspiration and optimism by Simon Sink. "Optimism is the ability to focus on where we're going, ....not where we're coming from."

Our next meeting will be held Thursday, **January 9, 2025** at 7:00pm **Hernando Beach Yacht Club** 4163 Shoal Line Blvd. Doors open at 6:30pm to socialize.

The purpose of this organization is to unite the property owners of Hernando Beach.

A huge "Thank You" to our 2024 membership, corporate sponsors, and association board for their generosity and selfless service to make our Hernando Beach community a better place to call home! It's not by accident that Christmas decorations on Shoal Line Blvd appear each sea-That is a partnership between your Hernando Beach Property Owners Association (HBPOA) and the Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative. We as an association also maintain a partnership with the Hernando Beach Art Walk, which is starting up again on the first Saturday of every month and the Coastal Cleanup initiative. Maintenance and beautification of the Hernando Beach Gate Way Fountain at Hwy 19 and Osowa Blvd, as well as the Triangle Park are provided for by our Landscaping Committee and funded by your annual \$35 Dues. Thank you Sherry Oakland Reality for your generous calendar purchase as well as the Silver Dolphin Restaurant and all those who purchased calendars. We have a few calendars remaining. They will be available for purchase at our January membership meeting. Your annual dues and calendar sales also fund our advanced schooling initiative to help local high school students wishing to continue their educational experience. The Beachcomber, a monthly publication to keep you informed, is also funded by your dues. We encourage all our members to be fully paid by our first membership meeting on 9 January 2025 starting at 6:30 Pm for social hour. The 2025 Board of Directors, Swearing-In Ceremony, will be hosted by Commissioner Ryan Amsler, who will also provide an update on what is happening in Hernando County Government. vantage to meet "one on one" with one of our County Commissioners. We will also be asking for volunteers for our Government Affairs Commit-

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tee, Landscaping Committee, Hospitality and Membership Committees. Also, there will be a vote to increase the association geographic boundaries to include residents on the north side of Aripeka who have expressed a desire to be part of our great association. Our Association is successful because of all you do. Volunteering is free and does not hurt!

Our Association has a full year of activities planned. This includes a Valentines Day celebration, a Chili Cook-Off, a Lua, and more activities to allow us to socialize with our neighbors. Our Christmas Dinner celebration was a great success thanks to the Hernando Beach Yacht Club Bartenders and our very own Hospitality Committee. Lots of fellowship and great food!

The mission of the HBPOA is to improve the quality of life in our community and to inform our membership of the in's and out's of what is happening in our greater Hernando County community. We are a "do for good" and not a ment to fiscal responsibility, limited governpolitical association. We only represent the interests of our membership. Join us on 9 January 2025, socialize with your neighbors, find out what is going on, and make a difference in your Hernando Beach quality of life. Love Where You Live!

#### JANUARY GUEST SPEAKER RYAN AMSLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER



RYAN **AMSLER** County Commission-District 1 Ryan Amsler has a passion to fight for the people. both the retired and

the working class. With a background in multimillion restaurant and hotel operations management, finance, and spending most of his life in Hernando County, Ryan has a commit-

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ment, and the protection of our hometown locals and their businesses. He and his parents moved to Hernando County in 1994, and his parents still live in the same home they now retired in. He owns his own finance brand he built and graduated Leadership Hernando in early 2024. Ryan felt a calling to enter politics for the first time in the summer of 2024, with a commitment to representing the people he loves and grew up around. At a lightning speed of seventy-five days later, he would be elected to office, while spending way less than half of the money his rival spent. A mandate to him, that the status quo is no longer acceptable to the people of Hernando County. His pragmatic citizen-first approach and dedication to the community ensure that transparency and accountability guide each decision in government. He looks upon Hernando County's future as bright, with a deep commitment to the Constitution and to lead with authenticity and strength. Ryan works for you, the people of Hernando County.

## Hernando Beach Property Owners Association

P. O. Box 3198, Spring Hill, FL 34611-3198

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#### HERNANDO BEACH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION 2025 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & RENEWAL FORM

HBPOA meetings are held the 1st Thursday of every month. Meetings are held at the HBYC - 4163 Shoal Line Blvd, the doors open at 6:30pm and meetings start at 7pm.

#### Dues are \$35.00 annually and include the Beachcomber Newsletter mailed to you. Annual dues are due by January 1st every year and are NOT prorated.

Members who join in November or December are considered paid up as members for the following year.

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**JANUARY 9, 2025** 7:00PM

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#### HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

By: Judith Hughes

Hello Hernando Beach.

It has been a few months since my last writing. We are all aware of the challenges Hernando Beach and other Coastal areas have been facing. There could not be more news than that which we have all experienced. Helene and Milton showed their faces with fury in September and October and we certainly learned how to respect Mother Nature's wrath. It 20th - Martin Luther King Day seems she always wins, but that doesn't mean we 24th - National Compliment Day - Make Someone's cannot abide by her direction. Leaving the scene of Day Brighter the wrath of Mother Nature is the most logical thing to do until the storms have passed.

Here we are, January 2025, and looking to the future. Some of our residents are well on their way to reconstruction, some are waiting for insurance payments, and some of our residents who live in upper level homes are paying attention to the ground level dwellers and offering assistance in any way they can. I. this writer, offer you my wish for a 2025 filled with Hernando Beach blessings.

So, in 2025 let's make it a year to support our Hernando Beach businesses. Our restaurants were severely damaged and hurriedly reconstructed to serve our need for a social time out. We have member driven entities such as The Beach Club and the Yacht Club. Why not give them a try? It's a great way to meet our neighbors. Hernando Beach Property Owners Association meets the first Thursday of each month. Come and see what your community is doing to enhance our lives. Also, I would be remiss if I did-

n't mention The Front Porch Art Walk on the first Saturday of each month. Ladies, we have a third Wednesday of each month breakfast at Silver Dolphin. The events at the Beach are numerous. For more information, just reach out to the contacts in this newsletter.

As usual, we must note the special days in January.

1st - Of Course it is New Year's Day and National Bloody Mary Day

6th - National Take Down the Christmas Tree Day

Until next time!

#### FLORIDA WHITE TAIL DEER



Most people enjoy observing wildlife, including white-tailed deer. However, providing food in residential areas to attract deer can create a public safety threat for you and your neighbors.

Deer are most active at dawn and dusk and often can be seen along roadsides at these times. Deer are primarily browsers, feeding on the leaves, shoots, flowers and fruits of trees, shrubs and grasses. They prefer habitats with open, low-growing vegetation with

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5	6 7 HBPOA Board Meeting		8 HB Crime Watch Meeting	9 HBPOA Membership Meeting	10	11		
12	13 Beachcomber Deadline Waterways Meeting 6pm	14 BOCC Meeting	15	16	17	18		
19	20 MLK Jr. Day		22	23	24	25 Gun & Knife Show		
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#### \*\* Rebuilding Our Community Together\*\*

In the wake of the recent devastating flood, our community has shown remarkable resilience and solidarity. At Coldwell Banker Weaver Group Realty, we're committed to helping our neighbors not just recover, but rebuild and thrive. With over 20 years of trusted service in the region, our team has developed tailored solutions to address the unique challenges homeowners face during this time of need.

#### \*\*Helping Homeowners Take the Next Step\*\*

For many families, the road to recovery begins with making tough decisions about your home. We understand that the flooding has left many neighbors with difficult decisions, and the uncertainty of the housing market can feel overwhelming. That's why we've implemented a strategic approach to provide stability and peace of mind.

Our Purchase Offer program ensures that homeowners have a reliable option to sell their properties quickly and efficiently. This program provides a direct offer on your home, giving you the freedom to move forward without the stress of lengthy repairs, inspections, or market fluctuations. For those seeking the highest possible return on their property, we also offer a robust listing strategy designed to maximize your profit. By leveraging cutting-edge marketing tools, professional staging, and deep market expertise, we ensure your home gets the attention it deserves.

#### \*\*Rebuilding Together\*\*

But our commitment doesn't stop at real estate transactions. We believe in contributing to the long-term recovery of our community. That's why we've partnered with local contractors, relief organizations, and financial advisors to create a network of resources for displaced families. Whether you need assistance with temporary housing, rebuilding guidance, or navigating insurance claims, our team is here to help every step of the way.

#### \*\*A Proven Strategy\*\*

Already, our approach is making a difference. Homeowners are taking advantage of our Purchase Offer program, allowing them to transition smoothly into new chapters of their lives. Meanwhile, our listing services have consistently delivered higher returns for homeowners, even in challenging circumstances. These success stories motivate us to continue pushing forward with innovative and compassionate solutions.

If you or someone you know is facing difficult decisions about their home after the flood, we encourage you to reach out to our team today. Together, we can explore the best options to meet your unique needs. Call us at 419-651-2084 to schedule a consultation. Coldwell Banker Weaver Group Realty is here to turn recovery into opportunity and hope into action.

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(Continued from page 8) adjacent forested areas, allowing them to feed and avoid predators. They also can inhabit residential areas, particularly where they are being fed.

Deer are generally fearful of people and avoid contact, but like any wild animal, a deer may defend itself if threatened.

Preventing problems with white-tailed deer

Feeding deer in residential areas isn't good for them and can compromise the overall health of deer populations.

White-tailed deer naturally cover large land areas while foraging throughout the day. Repeatedly providing food causes them to congregate instead, which results in a build-up of droppings and unnaturally increases contact between groups. These conditions can enable the spread of disease.

Concerns about feeding deer

Feeding deer in residential areas, intentionally or unintentionally, is discouraged because it can lead to:

 Habituation, causing them to lose their natural fear (Continued on page 18)

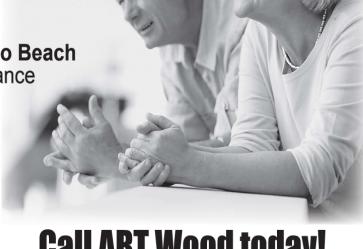
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•Food conditioning, the expectation of food from people. Deer that expect food and have no fear of people may display aggressive behavior, such as charging or kicking, towards people and pets. Once aggressive behavior is established, it is difficult to change.

Habituated and food conditioned deer can become a public safety concern due to their:

- •Large size (males can weigh over 150 pounds and stand as tall as humans)
- Bony skulls
- Antlers on bucks (males)
- Pointy hooves
- Tendency to occur in herds

#### Other Concerns

Traffic flow interruptions and damage to vehicles from collisions. Orphaning of fawns results when does (females) are struck and killed by vehicles.

Feeding deer in residential areas may lead to damage of flower beds and other landscaping, aggressive behavior towards pets and people, and deer droppings on driveways, sidewalks, yards and porches.

How to resolve issues with white-tailed deer

RESCUE ORGANIZATIONS							
Wildlife							
Fish & Wildlife Conservation (FWC) Law Enforcement	(813)558-5050 x 7						
FWC Florida Wildlife - General	(863)648-3200						
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- •Avoid planting forbs, flowers and fruits deer prefer and protect landscaping by preventing access with fencing that is at least 4 to  $4\frac{1}{2}$  feet high.
- •Use deer repellents. Repellents can reduce but not eliminate damage to plants. They are best suited for orchards, small gardens and ornamental plants and can be applied directly to the plants.
- •If you encounter deer in a residential area and they appear to be losing their fear of people, the FWC recommends actively hazing (scaring) them.
- Use motion activated sprinklers, alarms or other devices that move or produce sound to scare deer away from areas that you want to protect such as landscaping.
- •Yell or make loud noises such as setting off car alarms when you see deer, so they leave the area.
- •Deer may get used to these scare tactics over time, so vary hazing techniques as needed. Encourage other adults in your community to do the same by sharing these tips with your neighbors. Your efforts will be more successful if everyone avoids feeding deer and the animals retain their natural fear of people.
- •White-tailed deer that are repeatedly aggressive toward people may ultimately have to be humanely killed. It is rarely an option to trap and relocate deer that have become aggressive. Keep deer wild by not feeding them.

#### Appearance:

The common name refers to the tail; it is black/brown

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erage 115 pounds, but can reach 190 pounds or more in stomp a foot and snort, before running off. North Florida. The smaller females average 90 pounds with larger females weighing 120 pounds or more. The Deer are most active at dawn and dusk. They are pri-Key deer subspecies (Odocoileus virginianus clavium) is marily browsers, feeding on the leaves, shoots, flowers notably smaller, averaging just 27 inches at the shoulders and weighing as much as 80 pounds.

females. The males, or bucks, have antlers, and they not possible to install an electric fence, and under spegrow a new set every year. Antler growth generally begins in the spring and by the summer the antlers are be harassed (scared) when authorized. covered with a velvety tissue that dries up and peels off. The buck rubs the antlers against trees, which eventual. In cases where harassing/scaring is not eliminating the establish dominance. Antlers are shed in late winter or dation permit for temporary relief. early spring after the breeding season ends.

#### Habitat:

White-tailed deer can be found throughout Florida from the panhandle to the keys. They prefer habitats with Human Interaction young, low-growing vegetation and edge, where the in- It is important to avoid contact with fawns. Although tersection of two different habitats allows deer to easily fawns are able to run and follow their mothers shortly feed and avoid predators.

#### Behavior:

When deer are alarmed, the tails are held erect and above and white below. White-tailed deer vary in size waved back and forth like a white flag, signaling a warndepending on the habitat. Adult male deer in Florida av- ing to other deer. When they are nervous, deer will

and fruits of trees, shrubs, and forbs. Occasionally, they may browse and damage planted shrubs, landscaping or cultivated crops. Electric fencing is an effective reme-Throughout most of the year it's easy to tell males from dy but can be cost prohibitive in large areas. When it's cial restrictions, deer causing damage to crops can

ly removes the remaining velvet, leaving the antlers hard depredation or is not feasible, and in situations where and smooth. Antlers are important features during the deer are causing extreme damage to a crop, contact animal's breeding season when bucks will often fight to your local FWC regional office to request a deer depre-

> For technical assistance with deer management, please contact your nearest the FWC regional office.

after birth, they protect themselves from predators by (Continued on page 22)

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hiding in tall vegetation. The fawns have no scent and states. during this time the female limits contact with her fawn, except to nurse, so that her scent will not attract preda- Help Keep CWD from Spreading in Florida! tors and mark the fawn's hiding place. After a couple of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has been found in weeks, the fawn begins to accompany the doe as she Florida. The FWC is working to reduce the risk of CWD forages. The brown hair with white spots provides excel- spreading in this state with the Florida Department of lent camouflage for the fawn. So if you approach a fawn Agriculture and Consumer Services, hunters, captive and it does not flee please leave it alone. You can be cervid owners, landowners, and the public. If you see a assured that its mother is not far away.

#### **Chronic Wasting Disease**

Chronic wasting disease (CWD) is a transmissible disease of the nervous system that is fatal to deer, elk, For more information visit: myFWC.com.

moose, caribou and other members of the deer family. It has been detected in Florida and is currently found in 31

sick or abnormally thin deer or deer dead of unknown causes, please report its location to the CWD hotline: (866) CWD-WATCH (293-9282).

#### Hernando Beach, Rocky Creek, Little Pine I. Bay, Florida, January 2025 28.4867° N, 82.6617° W - www.USHarbors.com

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		AM	ft	PM	ft	AM	ft	PM	ft	Rise	Set	Moon
1	Wed	1:20	3.1	3:21	2.3	9:59	-0.9	9:47	0.9	7:24	5:46	
2	Thu	2:03	3.1	3:52	2.3	10:37	-0.8	10:30	0.8	7:25	5:47	
3	Fri	2:49	3.1	4:24	2.3	11:15	-0.7	11:16	0.6	7:25	5:48	
4	Sat	3:40	2.9	4:56	2.4	11:54	-0.4			7:25	5:49	
5	Sun	4:37	2.6	5:31	2.4	12:08	0.5	12:34	-0.1	7:25	5:49	
6	Mon	5:42	2.3	6:11	2.5	1:07	0.4	1:16	0.3	7:25	5:50	
7	Tue	7:06	1.9	6:59	2.6	2:18	0.2	2:07	0.7	7:25	5:51	•
8	Wed	8:56	1.8	7:57	2.7	3:41	0.0	3:11	1.1	7:25	5:52	•
9	Thu	10:41	1.8	9:01	2.8	5:02	-0.3	4:24	1.3	7:25	5:52	•
10	Fri	12:02P	2.0	10:02	2.9	6:12	-0.6	5:34	1.4	7:25	5:53	O
11	Sat	12:55P	2.1	11:00	3.0	7:12	-0.9	6:38	1.3	7:25	5:54	0
12	Sun	1:35P	2.2	11:54	3.1	8:02	-1.0	7:34	1.2	7:25	5:55	0
13	Mon			2:09	2.2	8:45	-1.0	8:22	1.0	7:25	5:56	0
14	Tue	12:43	3.1	2:39	2.3	9:24	-0.9	9:06	0.8	7:25	5:57	0
15	Wed	1:28	3.0	3:08	2.3	9:58	-0.8	9:47	0.7	7:25	5:57	0
16	Thu	2:10	2.9	3:34	2.3	10:30	-0.6	10:27	0.6	7:25	5:58	
17	Fri	2:52	2.7	4:00	2.4	11:00	-0.3	11:08	0.5	7:25	5:59	0
18	Sat	3:35	2.5	4:26	2.4	11:29	-0.1	11:50	0.4	7:24	6:00	0
19	Sun	4:19	2.3	4:53	2.5	11:57	0.1			7:24	6:01	0
20	Mon	5:08	2.0	5:24	2.5	12:35	0.4	12:25	0.4	7:24	6:02	
21	Tue	6:07	1.8	5:59	2.5	1:26	0.3	12:57	0.7	7:24	6:02	
22	Wed	7:31	1.5	6:43	2.5	2:31	0.3	1:36	1.0	7:23	6:03	
23	Thu	9:22	1.5	7:42	2.5	3:50	0.2	2:40	1.2	7:23	6:04	
24	Fri	11:00	1.6	8:49	2.5	5:07	0.0	4:09	1.4	7:23	6:05	
25	Sat	12:04P	1.8	9:53	2.6	6:11	-0.3	5:25	1.4	7:22	6:06	
26	Sun	12:47P	2.0	10:50	2.8	7:04	-0.5	6:29	1.3	7:22	6:07	
27	Mon	1:21P	2.1	11:42	2.9	7:49	-0.7	7:23	1.1	7:21	6:07	
28	Tue			1:52	2.2	8:29	-0.9	8:10	0.9	7:21	6:08	
29	Wed	12:31	3.1	2:21	2.3	9:06	-0.9	8:52	0.7	7:20	6:09	
30	Thu	1:17	3.2	2:49	2.3	9:42	-0.9	9:35	0.5	7:20	6:10	
31	Fri	2:03	3.1	3:16	2.4	10:18	-0.7	10:18	0.3	7:19	6:11	



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