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Hernando Beach
Property Owners
Association
Newsletter

Our next meeting
will be held
Thursday,
April 6th, 2023
at 7:00pm
Hernando Beach
Yacht Club
4163 Shoal Line Blvd.
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to socialize.

The numbers

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

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SPECIAL NOTE ~ New HBPOA Membership Meeting place: Hernando Beach Yacht Club - 4163 Shoal Line Blvd.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy April! Welcome to all our spring visitors and farewell to our snow birds heading North for an early spring melt (I think you'll be disappointed). In this month's message I'd like to share a few of Andy Rooney's aphorisms from his weekly broadcast in the 60 Minutes program. Just in case you have to ask, an aphorism is a "pithy observation that contains a general truth" so here goes.

- The easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.
- Being kind is more important than being right.
- If one person says to me, "You've made my day!" it makes my day.
- Life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

Thank you for sharing these aphorisms and I hope they've brightened your day. I'd like to recognize Mr. Mike Fulford for his contribution to this month's Beachcomber. His expertise and experience with the Hernando County Planning and Zoning office is a true asset to the Association. We, as citizens of Hernando Beach and members of the Property Owners Association, have a responsibility to participate in and support the Public Information Workshop (PIW) process. I heartily thank Mike for his contribution to the Beachcomber. Please join us this April 6th at the HB Yacht Club for our guest speak Mr. Frank McCabe, Hernando County Code Enforcement Supervisor.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our party on April 1st. We'll be celebrating 31 years as a viable property owners association in Hernando Beach serving the community.

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HBPOA MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 2, 2023, 7:00PM

PRESENT:

President	Present		
Vice President	Present		
Secretary	Present		
Treasurer	Present		
Director	Not Present		
Director	Present		
	/ice President Secretary Freasurer Director Director Director Director		

8 Board Members present: We have a quorum.

7:00pm. Call to Order

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance.
- Motion to adopt the agenda by Scott Fitzgerald. Second by Gary Kirshner. Voted—Adopted.
- Motion to approve minutes from the last membership meeting as published in the Beachcomber by Scott Fitzgerald. Second by Judy Zelmer – Voted Approved.

7:05. Guest Speaker

- Carmen Bruno. Solid Waste Management and recycling program for Hernando County.
- The business present to speak with the members was the Law Firm of Whittel and Melton.

7:35 Business Meeting

 President's comments. HBPOA is here to help the community to be vibrant and informed. To advocate for residents and PIW process to keep Hernando Beach a place we love to live. HBPOA Board attends P&Z meetings, BOCC meetings and workshops to gather

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HERNANDO BEACH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION 2023 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.

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sociation as a united group determined to work with the be potluck style. More to follow this month. County for meaningful improvements to the Beach.

- BOCC major issues impacting Hernando Beach.
 - Shoal Line speed limit.
 - Alcohol on County Property if alcohol is consumed, a permit and insurance is required. No alcohol consumption at the boat ramps.
 - Code Enforcement one code enforcement officer per district.
 - How do we get a list of violations in existence now on Shoal Line business and lots so that we may work with them to clean up before they start to get fined?

Treasurer's Report

Jen Brown. February Summary Balance as provided in the email report were:

Starting: \$12,553.44. Ending: \$11,98184.

Beachcomber. Deadline March 10

Membership Committee Report

Patty Roberts. HBPOA had three new businesses join: Beverly's coastal, Hernando Beach Yacht Club and R Tate's Automotive. Total membership is now 242.

Hospitality Committee Report

Diane Ziemski. HBPOA will celebrate its 30th Anniversary. Hospitality Committee is finalizing details to be published

later in the month. The date for this event is Saturday, April information of value to members and represent the as- 1, 6-9pm. We will have a tropical theme and the food will

Landscape Committee:

Bill Roberts. Met with Mr. Scott Herring, Director of Public Works, discussed the accidents at the Triangle, shared photographs of damage and asked for help. Mr. Herring stated at the February 28th BOCC meeting he was going to address the repairs to Shoal Line Blvd and improvements to the Triangle "holistically" i.e., together vice two separate events.

Government affairs committee:

Chuck Greenwell - capturing the rest of Mr. Herrings statement regarding Shoal Line Blvd:

- Shoal Line Blvd will not be repayed until 2028. In the unknown near future the county will holistically put down a coating to fill gaps, add new paint, make the centerline a double-yellow line through the business district.
- County has a registration requirement for VBROs to capture the bed tax. They spoke about homeowners improving the ground levels in stilt homes to get more renters. "Finished lower levels are illegal", mentioned by the BOCC.
- March 7 BOCC Workshop. One of the subjects will be the trailer ban at the dump as well as impact fees. The topics will be posted on the BOCC website.

Mike Fulford who was the past chairman of planning and

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zoning committee said that noncompliance is a code enforcement issue and if you have an issue - citizen's involve- 8:20 CLOSING COMMERNTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS ment important!

8:00pm New Business

- 1. By laws Review: The discussion opened with the Pres- conded by Joan Puls. All in favor Passed. ident requesting to table this agenda item so it may be further discussed. Valerie Shelter raised the issue that 50/50 the membership voted on last month and then Chuck Greenwell stated the board voted on "administrative" fix as proposed by Denis Polyn. Bill Roberts stated that the current discussion revealed that 9:00 pm -Depart Building the issue was not ready for closure and he'd received input from membership that the process was not in accordance with current bylaws and was not an "administrative" edit/fix. There was a motion to table the bylaw discussion for six months by Scott Fitzgerald. Second, Barb Gossett. Voted and passed. This issue will be addressed by the board and membership in accordance with the bylaws within the next six months.
- 2. HBPOA Scholarship. Bill and Joan are confirmed to attend and present two \$500 scholarships.
- HBPOA 30th Anniversary Celebration. Please join our Hospitality Committee to help.
- 4. Front Porch Art Walk and Hernando Beach South Garage sale Sat March 4th.
- Art in the Park March 11 & 12 need help with parking. It'll be at Tom Varn Park in Brooksville.

8:15pm Next meetings:

April 3, 2023 11:00am. Board Meeting

April 6, 2023 7:00pm General Meeting

None

8:25. Motion to ADJOURN: by Linda Tartaglione and se-

an 8:30 HBPOA Social - Bar open till 9:00pm

Minutes provided by: Linda Tartaglione

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

By: Judith Hughes

Hello Hernando Beach,

By the time you read this, you will probably have fooled someone or be thinking about it.. Yes, that's right, April Fools' Day is right around the corner. Do you know the origin of this day? There are many stories and theories surrounding the history of April Fools' Day, but one of the most popular takes us back to medieval times when Pope Gregory XIII ordered a new calendar (the Gregorian calendar) to replace the old Julian Calendar, in 1582. The new calendar called for New Year's Day to be celebrated on 1

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January, when previously it was marked between 25th March and 1st April. However, many people either refused to accept the new date or did not learn about it and continued to celebrate New Year's Day on 1 April. Over time these traditionalists became the butt of jokes and people would tease them by calling them fools for believing that the year started on 1 April. This eventually led to the custom of April Fools' Day, when it was acceptable to play a prank in the name of fun. Now you know the rest of the sto-

Your Hospitality Team has been doing a great job at our new HBPOA meeting place, the Hernando Beach Yacht Club. The HBYC lends itself to an atmosphere very conducive to getting to know our neighbors. There is now a social time before and after each informative HBPOA meeting. Stop in and say hello on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM. Our meeting begins at 7:00. Enjoy information about your community and say "hello" to your neighbors.

Here is your Hospitality Committee for 2023

Diane Ziemski, Chairperson

Judy Hughes, Cathy Groves, Diane Greenwell, Barbara Gossett, Mimi Martin.

Gay Colleypriest, Judy Polachek-Palais, and Becky Dark By: Mike Fulford Strongbear. We thank all the wonderful ladies who have stepped up to volunteer for you.

We are aware that the Triangle has sustained another recent accident. Hopefully there will be some concerted ef-

forts by Hernando County to study the cause so accidents will become a moot point.

Mermaids, yes Mermaids. Hernando Beach has them. We are part of the Mermaid Tail Trail which extends throughout Hernando county. You can find Mermaids by putting this link in your browser: https://floridasadventurecoast.com/ mermaid-tale-trail/

On a sad note: During the month of February Hernando Beach lost a man who loved his community. This man's name is Joe Wachs. Joe will be missed by all he touched.

We usually post significant dates for the Month...so here they are for April

April 1st - April Fool's Day

April 2nd - World Autism Awareness Day

 Good Friday April 7th

April 9th - Easter

April 22nd - World Earth Day

Until Next Month.....

HERNANDO COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING

The Hernando County Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Commission acts as an advisory body to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on matters pertaining to rezoning and

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2 3 4 5 Palm Sunday 5		6 7 HBPOA Good Friday Membership Meeting		8				
9 Easter	10 Beachcomber Deadline	11	12 HB Crime Watch Meeting	13	14	15 Shred-it 10am to 2pm 2715 Forest Rd		
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other land use issues in Hernando County, Florida. All functions are performed in a Quasi-Judicial forum. Quasi-Judicial is defined as having the delegated authority to interpret EXISTING Ordinances, Regulations and Policies as they have been adopted by the BOCC. The BOCC is the only body that can create, change and adopt those Ordinances, Regulations and Policies. The P&Z Commission consists of seven members. Five members are appointed at the discretion of each County Commissioner, and two alternate members are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners as a whole. They meet in Brooksville usually on the second Monday of each month in the BOCC Chambers. All meetings are publicly noticed and video recorded. All participants are sworn and testimony is subject to perjury. All counties in the State of Florida are required to have a As it relates to Public Inquiry Workshops (PIW), the require-P&Z as directed by the Legislature.

The P&Z has delegated decision authority for Conditional Use Permits and Special Exceptions. Conditional Use Permits are usually two years for temporary structures and five years for excavations. They are usually granted in rural areas for hardships. Special Exceptions are granted with the property and not the owner. The P&Z can issue both. They are effective 30 days after issuing. The BOCC can review the P&Z decision. If not approved by the BOCC, the applicant can file a civil objection in the Circuit Court. Decision making is evidence based. Statements must be included in the application packet in order to be considered. Additionally, only in-person testimony is considered. All deliberations are subject to the Florida "Sunshine Law Legislation".

ments are determined by the nature of the application. Not eve-(Continued on page 13)



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ry application warrants a PIW. They usually add 30 days to 60 processing time. The County P&Z Staff, P&Z Commission and other agencies can request a PIW based upon the intensity of the impact. The purpose of the PIW is to identify up-front issues prior to the P&Z Commission hearings.

The P&Z adjudicates applications based upon substantial, materiel and competent evidence. Both the applicant and those citizens in opposition to an application can appeal the decision to the BOCC. If not satisfied with the BOCC decision, parties can file in Circuit Court. Variance applications are administrative in nature and are not heard by the P&Z. They are decided by the county zoning official. Adjudication considers principally if the application is in conflict with the counties comprehensive plan, causes significant impact to the community or violates an existing ordinance or law. An Assistant County Attorney advises the P&Z on legal matters.

To a resident attempting to understand the difference between a Code Enforcement action and a rezoning request can be a challenge. For example, a rezoning request was granted for a property located in Hernando Beach recently. Knowingly or unknowing, the applicant during the application process proceeded to utilize the property in a manner that they were making application for. This then became a zoning violation, which must be remedied by a code enforcement action. Separate from a rezoning action. For general knowledge, with the exception of two properties on Shoal Line that are currently zoned as residential, all other properties are zoned commercial or com-

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ally complex in nature, and subject to the quasi-judicial process. Substantial, competent, and materiel evidence has to be provided in order to approve or deny an application. It is important for a community to appear in person in order to provide sworn testimony to either support or show opposition to an application. Communities such as Timber Pines, Glen Lakes and other organized groups have been successful in having their voice heard in mass.

SNAKES IN THE HERNANDO BEACH AREA Compiled by Carol Crane (4/2023)

I am seeing this more and more on Facebook and Hernando Beach Nextdoor: "It's a snake! Kill it!" "The only good snake is a dead snake."

Not true! Snakes eat rodents, other snakes, roaches and other insects, lizards, bird eggs, and small critters. And, contrary to public perception, their skin is soft and dry, not slimy.

The below information is compiled from: https://myfwc.com/media/26730/snake-brochure.pdf)

Florida is home to more snakes than any other state in the Southeast – 51 native species and four nonnative species. Because only six species are venomous, and two of those reside only in the northern part of the state, any snake you encounter is most likely going to be nonvenomous.

Many people are frightened of or repulsed by snakes due to superstitions or because they are unaware of the fascinating

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and vital role snakes play in Florida's complex ecology. Many species help reduce the populations of rodents and other pests.

Snakes are found in every habitat from coastal mangroves and salt marshes to freshwater wetlands and dry uplands. Some species even thrive in residential areas. It's possible to find a Coral snakes have black noses and yellow-and-red bands next snake anywhere you live or travel in Florida.

Snakes are not aggressive toward humans and will not strike unless they feel threatened. While some snakebites may be nearly impossible to avoid, such as when a person accidentally steps on a snake, most could be prevented if people simply kept their distance.

Two families of venomous snakes occur in Florida: the Viperidae (vipers and pit vipers) and the Elapidae (cobra family).

Pit vipers are identified by facial pits located between the eye The remaining species of native Florida snakes are nonand nostril on either side of the head. The pits are heatsensitive organs that enable the snake to "see" and strike accu- food preferences. rately at prey, even in total darkness.

Elliptical eye pupils and a broad, V-shaped head are other identifying features of this group. Five pit vipers are found in Florida: eastern diamond-backed rattlesnake, timber rattlesnake, dusky pygmy rattlesnake, Florida cottonmouth and eastern copperhead.

Pit vipers have long, hollow, erectile fangs that are folded back against the roof of the mouth except when striking. The venom of most pit vipers contains hemotoxic proteins that attack blood and tissue.

The reclusive harlequin coral snake is the only species of the elapid (cobra) family found in Florida. Its venom is primarily neurotoxic, attacking the nervous system and killing its prey through paralysis of the heart and respiratory muscles. Sometimes people confuse the coral snake with the harmless scarlet The Corn Snake varies in color but is usually some shade of kingsnake or scarlet snake, which are also brightly colored with red, black and yellow bands. However, the banding patterns differ: the red rings of the coral snake are bordered by yellow, whereas the red bands of the scarlet kingsnake and scarlet length of 72 inches but averages 30-48 inches. snake are bordered by black. The coral snake has a rounded, black snout, whereas its two mimics have red, pointed snouts.

Although locally common throughout Florida, the coral snake is rarely seen. It may be found near rotting wood piles, decaying mounds of vegetation, heavy fallen- leaf cover and old brush piles. When encountered, it tends to be calm and unlikely to bite unless touched.

to each other, whereas harmless mimics have red noses and black-bordered yellow bands. A rhyme some people use to remember the difference between a venomous coral snake and harmless mimics reads; "Red touch yellow, kill a fellow. Red touch black, friend of Jack."

Water snakes have a more rounded head with a round pupil, and lack the cottonmouth's flat, triangular head, its horizontal dark mask on the face and the eyebrow- like scales protruding above the eyes that give it a "sinister" aspect.

venomous but vary widely in appearance, habitats and

One of Florida's most familiar snakes is the Southern Black Racer, often called a blacksnake. Aptly named for its coloration and speed, the black racer is common in a wide variety of habitats.

Another common snake is the Rat Snake, which is found in almost every habitat in Florida. As their name implies, they feed primarily on rodents but will also eat birds and their eggs (hence the common name "chicken snake"); juveniles mostly eat lizards and treefrogs. Only two species of rat snake are native to Florida, but they are so variable in color and pattern it may seem as if there are many more. The red corn snake, often called a red rat snake, is the only large, red-orange snake likely to be encountered in developed areas of Florida. It is commonly mistaken for a copperhead because of its color.

yellowish- tan to orange with a row of large, dark-edged, red or rusty blotches running down the back. Its black- and-white belly resembles a piano keyboard. The corn snake can grow to a

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Nonnative species: Warm weather, many types of habitats and easily accessible water make Florida an inviting place for both native and nonnative wildlife. Unfortunately, many of the species taking up residency in the state can have a negative impact on native species. For example, populations of nonnative Burmese pythons, northern African rock pythons and boa constrictors have become established in southern Florida after being released or escaping from pet owners or animal dealers.

(Note: Unfortunately, after many phone calls, it appears there are no more printed copies of the "Florida Snakes" brochure, and no one knows of any plans to print more. The only way I know of to get a copy is to either print them or have them printed from this web site:

https://myfwc.com/media/26730/snake-brochure.pdf

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Date		High			Low				☆		(
5	ite	AM	ft	PM	ft	AM	ft	PM	ft	Rise	Set	Moon
1	Sat	12:24P	2.2	11:35	2.6	7:08	0.3	6:58	1.2	7:20	7:51	•
2	Sun			12:55	2.4	7:52	0.3	7:49	0.9	7:19	7:52	0
3	Mon	12:30	2.7	1:21	2.5	8:28	0.3	8:31	0.6	7:18	7:52	0
4	Tue	1:16	2.8	1:44	2.7	8:59	0.3	9:09	0.3	7:17	7:53	0
5	Wed	1:56	2.9	2:06	2.8	9:29	0.4	9:45	0.1	7:15	7:53	0
6	Thu	2:35	2.9	2:27	2.9	9:58	0.5	10:21	-0.1	7:14	7:54	0
7	Fri	3:14	2.8	2:51	3.1	10:27	0.6	10:57	-0.2	7:13	7:54	0
8	Sat	3:56	2.7	3:18	3.2	10:57	8.0	11:36	-0.3	7:12	7:55	0
9	Sun	4:42	2.6	3:49	3.3	11:29	1.0			7:11	7:56	0
10	Mon	5:33	2.4	4:26	3.3	12:20	-0.3	12:04	1.2	7:10	7:56	0
11	Tue	6:33	2.2	5:10	3.2	1:09	-0.3	12:44	1.4	7:09	7:57	0
12	Wed	7:46	2.1	6:07	3.1	2:08	-0.1	1:37	1.5	7:08	7:57	0
13	Thu	9:21	2.0	7:23	2.9	3:21	0.0	2:57	1.6	7:06	7:58	
14	Fri	10:39	2.2	9:04	2.8	4:46	0.1	4:37	1.5	7:05	7:58	
15	Sat	11:31	2.3	10:39	2.9	6:01	0.1	6:00	1.2	7:04	7:59	
16	Sun	12:10P	2.5	11:53	3.0	7:02	0.1	7:06	8.0	7:03	8:00	
17	Mon			12:43	2.7	7:52	0.2	8:02	0.4	7:02	8:00	
18	Tue	12:54	3.1	1:13	2.9	8:35	0.3	8:51	0.0	7:01	8:01	
19	Wed	1:47	3.1	1:41	3.1	9:12	0.5	9:35	-0.3	7:00	8:01	
20	Thu	2:35	3.1	2:09	3.2	9:45	0.7	10:17	-0.4	6:59	8:02	
21	Fri	3:20	2.9	2:38	3.3	10:17	0.9	10:58	-0.4	6:58	8:03	
22	Sat	4:04	2.7	3:07	3.3	10:48	1.1	11:37	-0.4	6:57	8:03	
23	Sun	4:49	2.6	3:39	3.3	11:20	1.2			6:56	8:04	
24	Mon	5:34	2.4	4:13	3.2	12:17	-0.2	11:54A	1.4	6:55	8:04	
25	Tue	6:22	2.3	4:53	3.0	12:59	0.0	12:31	1.5	6:54	8:05	
26	Wed	7:15	2.2	5:41	2.8	1:44	0.2	1:18	1.6	6:53	8:06	
27	Thu	8:21	2.1	6:43	2.6	2:38	0.4	2:21	1.6	6:52	8:06	
28	Fri	9:33	2.2	8:10	2.5	3:45	0.6	3:47	1.6	6:51	8:07	
29	Sat	10:31	2.3	9:48	2.4	4:58	0.7	5:14	1.4	6:50	8:08	•
30	Sun	11:13	2.4	11:03	2.6	6:00	0.7	6:21	1.1	6:50	8:08	



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