



The Beachcomber



By: Sharie Oakland

*Hernando Beach
Property Owners
Association
Newsletter*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, here it is, July 11th and our storm season is sputtering along. I'll not denigrate the storm gods any further lest I test their kindness and we get hammered in August. Those of you who have lived on the beach know about preparation and have finely tuned your actions when faced with an imminent storm. I remember being the newbie and asking lots of questions. One of my resources was the county emergency management office publication. The county publishes an "All Hazards Disaster Planning Guide." In the guide the major sections step you through the event with preparation, deciding whether to evacuate or stay, identifies where the shelters are, what to expect after the storm and it has a section on keeping animals safe. Not to be outdone, in this issue of the Beachcomber, we have an article by Carol Crane about her experience with storm preparation. Thank you, Carol.

I have to apologize to all our snowbirds – you missed a great event. Patty and I participated in the Hernando Beach Yacht Club 4th of July Boat Parade and it was tremendous! We had 18 boats, they sold over 40 items on the silent auction, a delicious BBQ dinner by Hart's Meat Market and a top 100 county music performer – Chase Collins kept our toes tapping late into the afternoon. The day was celebrated by over 200 attendees from our community and others. It was all to support the Florida Veteran's Foundation and we helped them raise over \$12,000.00. Well done Yacht Club! Next year will be bigger and better. Start planning now for the annual Toys for Tots Boat Parade on December 7th.

The Board of County Commissioners had a busy week Tuesday, July 9 through Thursday, July 11. On the 9th, there were several presentations by county staff on proposed waste collection rates, impact fees and water and wastewater utility service revised rates. The one number that underscored the many requests for increased fees, rates, special assessments was the slide that said Hernando County Population growth rate between 2013 and 2023 was 16.3%. I checked another source, and it reported that between 2010 and 2022, the county grew by an average of 1.5% per year. Needless to say, Hernando County is growing dramatically driving the administration to plan for more growth with wider roads, increased water and sewer capacity, more room at the dump.

**Our next meeting
will be held
Thursday,
September 5, 2024
at 7:00pm
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New buildings will come with increased impact fees to pay for the improvements to infrastructure with have not been raised since 2020. I read an article from 2022 and the headline read "Hernando commissioners consider impact fee hikes". In 2022, the impact fee for a single-family home in the county was \$5,757. They were considering a maximum 50% increase, the home's impact fee would rise \$719 per year, to \$8,633 by year four. Did you know the county grew 3.11% in 2022? On the 9th they were debating the same stale numbers but the majority of commissioners looked in the mirror and agreed to act and not waffle on what needed to be done for the citizens of the county. I certainly hope they move in the right direction and raise the fees to be competitive.

On July11th, our commissioners had a budget workshop to work the numbers and determine the next budget. Discussion was focused on maintaining reasonable growth rates between the CPI and higher due to planned capital improvements to water and sewer, increased service areas for solid waste pickup and increasing the size of the dump. Being mindful of the current economy and what the future may bring, the commissioners listened intently, energetically debated, and made their points to move the target forward to a budget resolution this fall.

Hernando County is an ecologically fragile county. We are still having reports of developer's failure to comply with Gopher tortoise rules. We live on top of our water source stored in porous limestone caves. The area is fraught with sinkholes and we're losing heritage trees by the dozens. The county has the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. I'll quote what it is for "a document that defines a community's vision and establishes the associated goals, objectives, and policies that direct the decision-making process to help achieve that vision. The 2040 Comprehensive Plan must be dynamic; as the community changes (through development and redevelopment) the Plan can be amended to adapt to changing circumstances, opportunities and conditions so that, at all times, it provides sound guidance to decision-makers." Our commissioners have to balance what is ecologically sound with what is economically practical with what we the citizens need to live the lives we love. They do it at every meeting, sometimes not as some would like it but it is progress.

In the interest of progress, our next Beachcomber will be coming out in September. Many of you will be returning from their summer retreats up North or vacations in faraway places – Welcome Back! Plan on an active Fall season on the Beach. We'll have interesting guest speakers, elections and our classic holiday party. Be sure to renew your membership in November and you'll be good for 2025!

Love where you live,
Bill Roberts
President

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1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Present		
Bill Robert	President	Not Present
Tom Crowley	Vice President	Present
Linda Tartaglione	Secretary	Present
Jen Brown	Treasurer	Present
Scott Fitzgerald	Director	Not Present
James Fournier	Director	Present
Jerald Markuson	Director	Present
Mike Fulford	Director	Present
Sheryl Coggins	Director	Present

Do we have a quorum. Yes

Motion to accept agenda by James Fournier, Second by Mike Fulford – Motion Passed.

Motion to accept May Meeting minutes as published in Beachcomber by Jen Brown, Second by Mike Fulford – Motion Passed.

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Beachcomber - Jen Brown
Bylaw Committee - Barry Holland

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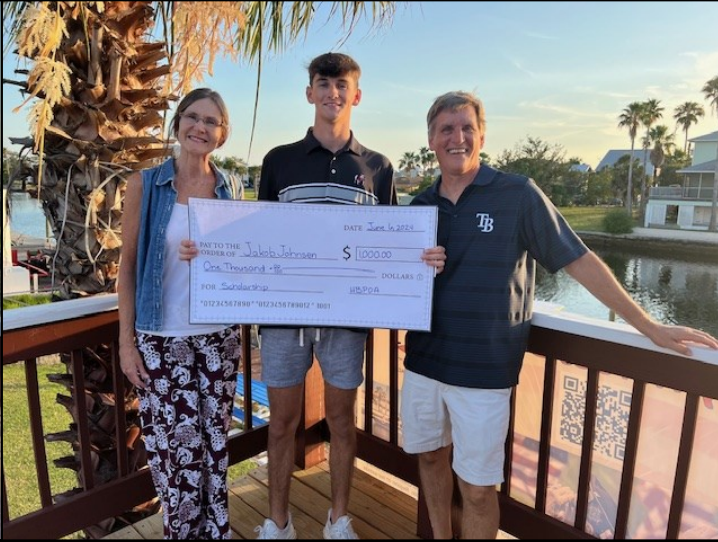
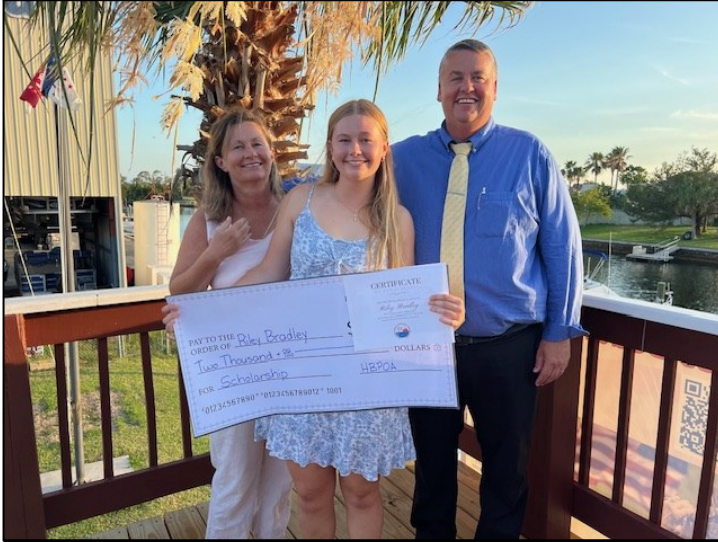
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1. The Hernando Beach Business Highlight. Guest Speaker for June: Harold Sherman who owns the Tropical Trader on Shoal Line Blvd. Mr. Sherman is also member of HBPOA. He's increased the size of the store by 2000 ft., and has lots of stuff for locals such as "Salt Life" items. Be sure to visit when they are open Wednesday to Sunday 11-5.
 2. Board member Mike Fulford provided an overview of what it's like being in a volunteer position in the Hernando County Government on Planning and Zoning Board.
 3. Association Business
 - Treasurer's report and Beachcomber – Starting. \$ 18,459.45, Ending: \$18,771.21.
 - Deadlines for everyone:
 - **Aug 15th Calendars**-Contribute your favorite Hernando Beach Life photos to fill our Annual Calendar – all proceeds go to our Scholarship fund.
 - **July 10 Beachcomber** – send in your article for the Beachcomber published in August.
 - Membership Committee report –Chair. Stacey Finsterbusch - 174 members. Added 1 in May.
 - GAC Committee report – Chair Mike Fulford reported elections and budget-backlog on permits- go into the office if you need one for faster service.
- Aug 10 early voting at the coast Guard station. Mail in vote request by July 17th have to request mail in Vote ballot - at Hernando Vote.gov.
 - There is a Water / Sewer utility increase in the works due to increased population requiring infrastructure build. County is pushing a "Whole Cent for Hernando" 1c sale tax on the ballot that'll be proposed to keep property taxes down or level and pass the costs for improvements on to tourists and visitors. TAX DOES NOT APPLY to Groceries or Medical / Medicine.
 - Three commissioners are on ballot this year. At the June 11 BOCC meeting there was a speed limit discussion on Shoal Line. Go online to see the action.
 - Barry Holland – Bylaw Committee.
 - Boundaries for HBPOA. Do we want to be notified on what's going on when developers are coming in and request zoning changes? The North side of Airpeka before the bridge is included in Hernando Beach (same zip and name). Barry presented a comprehensive overview of the options facing the membership regarding our boundaries.
 - Pat Coggins spoke about the Hero's Boat Parade

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				1	2	3 Front Porch Art Walk 10am to 2pm
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Beachcomber Deadline Gun & Knife Show
11 Gun & Knife Show	12 Planning & Zoning Commission Hearing	13 BOCC Meeting	14 HB Crime Watch Meeting	15 Photo Contest & Calendar Deadline	16	17
18	19	20 Primary Election 7am to 7pm	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 BOCC Meeting	28	29	30	31 HBYC - How to Identify, Avoid & Protect against Scammers 1-4pm

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 on July 4th.

- New Business.
- Scholarship awards – Thank you to our Scholarship Committee for their diligence and results identifying two deserving young people for the Annual Hernando Beach Property Owners Scholarship!
 - Reilly Bradley. 2 sports. Tenn. college. Soccer in college and academics.
 - Jacob Johnson. WWHs. 2 sports. Lake hunter State college. Lineman Apprentice program.
- County has put aside \$1.5 million for the Hermosa Street Pump Station.
- 2025-year funding for Pettit Lane reconfiguration.
- Canal study - looking for funding- look at inlets and inner canal depending on funding \$250,000 base-line conditions-look at depths. PS. Nothing has gone on yet.
- Calienta Street storm water project out for bid.
- Oct 5th Cardboard Boat Race raises donations for the Hernando County Children's Advocacy Fund.
 5. Next Board meeting at the Hernando Beach Yacht Club will be Sept 3, 2024, at 11 am.
 6. Next Membership meeting the Hernando Beach Yacht Club will be Sept 5, 2024, at 6:30 pm.
 7. Adjournment
- ◇ Motion: Linda Tartaglione, seconded: James Fournier, Vote: passed.

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				1 Yoga 10:00 am 6:00 Sunset Social & Belly Dancing class	2 Sausage & Pepper Dinner & Jones Jr Project	3 Closed for Private Event
4	5	6 Bingo & Krafted by Kiki Food Truck	7	8 Yoga 10:00 am 6:00 Sunset Social & Low Impact Fitness	9 Cashew Chicken Dinner & Russ Bono	10 Closed for Private Event
11	12	13 Euchre & Potluck Dinner	14	15 Yoga 10:00 am 6:00 Sunset Social & Line Dance Lessons	16 Chicken Enchilada Dinner & Jones Jr Project	17 Closed for Private Event
18	19	20 Trivia & Potluck Dinner	21	22 Yoga 10:00 am 6:00 Sunset Social & Dance Party Lessons	23 Pork Chop Dinner & Grizzly Flatz	24 Closed for Private Event
25 Yoga 10:00 am	26	27 Bunco & Sunshine Sliders Food Truck	28	29 Yoga 10:00 am 6:00 Beginning Bartending Class!	30 August B-Days, Shrimp Primavera Dinner & Eddie McConnell	31 Closed for Private Event



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HBPOA PHOTO CONTEST & 2025 CALENDAR

Photo Contest:

HBPOA will host its annual Hernando Beach photo contest at our September 5th Membership Meeting. Please send your JPG or PNG high quality photos to HBPOA34607@gmail.com with the subject "PHOTO CONTEST". The theme is "Hernando Beach Life". The deadline to be included is **August 15th** and is open to HBPOA members only.

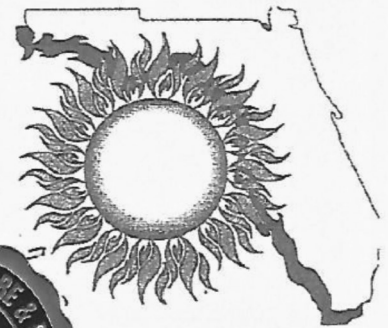
2025 Calendar:

HBPOA will once again produce the "Hernando Beach Life" calendar. This is our main fundraiser for our HB Scholarships. We are looking for your best HB life photos for 2025. The theme is "Hernando Beach Life". Please send your JPG or PNG high quality photos to HBPOA34607@gmail.com with the subject "2025 CALENDAR". The deadline to be included is **August 15th**.

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Scammers request to be paid in unusual payment methods such as:
Gift Cards - yes, these are the standard gift cards sold at many grocery stores, pharmacies and other retailers. Regular retail gift cards are the most common form of payment made to scammers by the people they have swindled.
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RANDOM THOUGHTS ON HURRICANE PREPARATIONS

Carol Crane (7/9/2024)

Bryan and I endured three major hurricanes during the 2004 Hurricane Season when we lived in St. James City, FL, on the Pine Island in Lee County. Hurricane Charley was the worst – no power for a week, and lots of damage island-wide. We (including our two dogs) evacuated to a friends' home in Wesley Chapel and partied/hunkered down with many evacuated friends and their pets. Thankfully, Bryan was able to snag two small generators on our way home (one for us and one for his relatives). That was a lifesaver in the extreme heat. It powered essentials, including fans, refrigerator, microwave, coffee maker, a few lights/lamps, and our TV. We made great use of our grill, with plenty of charcoal stocked. Pine Islanders rallied together and handled issues without waiting for state or federal help, as Hernando Beach did with Hurricane Ian. Fortunately, we had built our stilt home well, and had minimal damage.

Here's some tips we and others have learned:

Long-term Preparation:

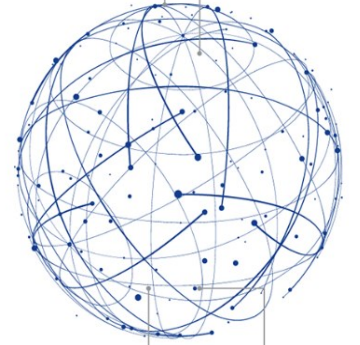
1. We moved to our Hernando Beach home in June 2018. After heavy rains, we noticed that water would collect along one side of our house. So, we did two things: (1) we had our yard re-graded, so the water now spreads throughout the yard and away from our house and (2) we had a French drain dug along that side, to help absorb/divert water. Both work great and are worth the original mess and the cost.
2. Then came Hurricane Ian! Like most other residents, we were extremely worried about flooding. We had a "flood barrier" plastic tubing that one fills with water, but it rolls, so we first put plastic sheeting along our downstairs doors and anchored it down with "sand" (aka dirt) bags to help keep it in place. Thankfully, thanks to our above precautions and our elevation, the water only got about one-third up our yard from the canal.
3. We heard that someone had "real" flood barriers to help keep water from getting inside their ground-level home. After looking into it, we purchased "Dam Easy Flood Barriers" for our two

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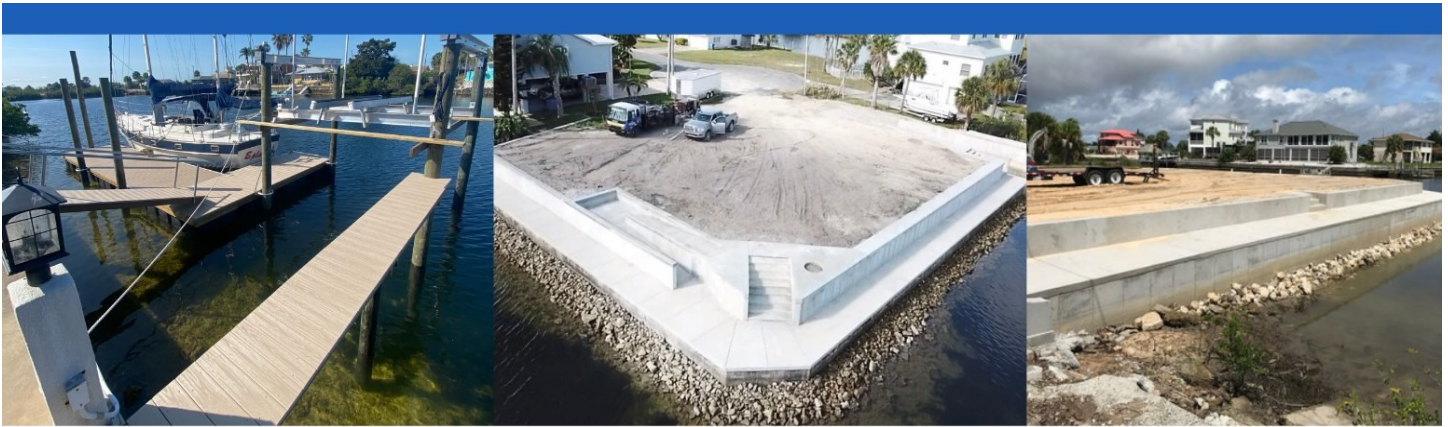


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downstairs doors and one set of sliding doors. They claim to keep water out up to 28," which gives us peace of mind, provided the water doesn't rise higher! We also have three runs of cinder block walls downstairs, vs all stick-built.

4. Pat Coggins recommended purchasing a small, low-energy-consuming air conditioner or installing a split air conditioner - a small generator can run either to cool one room to escape the heat when the electricity is out. That would have been wonderful to have had in 2004!
5. He also recommended buying a couple of pairs of fishing waders, in case flooding causes sewage and fuel to mix into the water to reduce risk of infection. Boots, waders, and rubber gloves help, especially if there are downed power lines.
6. He reminds us to have canned foods like ravioli and beans – but be sure to have a hand-powered can opener! Also, protein powder can supplement if you can't cook or get to food. (Personally, I love PB sandwiches!)
7. We took Pat and Sheryl Coggins' amateur radio overview class to learn more about emergency communications. They recommend taking HAM (amateur) radio classes and getting licensed. HAM radios cover from short to very long distances, and depending on your interest and equipment, can support full digital communications, i.e. email. But generally, local and federal emergency services will be operating

locally via HAM radio, and HAMS often provide support services to these agencies. Whether or not you get a HAM license, if you live in Hernando Beach or anywhere near the water, get a waterproof handheld marine VHF radio and monitor channel 16. To hear news, weather, and other updates, consider a shortwave radio, which provides longer range reception. Now that phone lines are not hard-wired and cellular towers can get damaged, radio may be the only communications you will have. In the "olden days" when our electricity went out, our landlines still worked. Not now.

8. **Have the Hernando County Hurricane Preparation Guide, and make sure you follow it!** Copies are at Hernando County Emergency Management (18900 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville), Publix, and many local realtors. It is also online at www.TampaBayPrepares.org.

Short-term prep:

1. **Have a plan!** Know your Evacuation Zone! Know your Evacuation Routes! If you have to evacuate, where will you stay? Do not leave your pets, no matter what anyone tells you. Sanibel Island residents were told (or assumed) they would be able to return the day after Hurricane Charley and many left their pets behind. Authorities blocked residents from returning, and it took a week before pets were retrieved. Meanwhile, local responders took it upon themselves to feed and water pets. I doubt that included cleaning any cat litter boxes or walking

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waterproof container.

- dogs.
- 2. Make sure to have working flashlights/lanterns and plenty of batteries!
- 3. Move your vehicles to higher ground – we parked ours at Publix, vs closer. It is on the north side of US19 and has plenty of space.
- 4. Have evacuation things for your family and your pet(s) ready to take. Have important papers in a
- 5. If you stay in your home, be sure to have everything you (and your pets) will need for at least a week!
- 6. Fill containers with water (trash cans, to flush toilets) – NOT the bathtub, which can drain too easily!
- 7. Help your neighbors.
- 8. PRAY!!!

Hernando Beach, Rocky Creek, Little Pine I. Bay, Florida, August 2024

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