August 2026

The Beachcomber

Hernando Beach Property Owners Association Newsletter

Our next meeting will be held **Thursday, September 3, 2026 at 7:00pm**
Hernando Beach Yacht Club
4163 Shoal Line Blvd.
Doors open at 6:00pm.

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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mid-summer greetings to all HBPOA members and friends. I hope you are all enjoying the summer months whether here in Hernando Beach or wherever you may be. We've been experiencing quite a hot summer and unfortunately it has also continued to be very dry in spite of some recent heavy thunder storms. Current long range forecastsare beginning to show more probabilities for rain so I hope we do get enough to erase our deficit before the end of our rainy season. In the meantime be aware that the restrictions on water use have been extended at least until October.

As the summer is winding down election season is starting with decisions to be made soon on primary day (Aug 18) and then again in early November. HBPOA is nonpolitical and nonpartisan but as a civic minded organization we do encourage our members to be aware of the issues and candidates and to participate in the process. In support of that we may from time to time share relevant information with our members at meetings, in the Beachcomber, and when timeliness demands by email distribution. Your Board of Directors had hoped to host a candidate forum this Fall however the recent realization that the District 2 seat on the BOCC will be determined in just a few weeks coupled with other logistical and scheduling challenges have made it impractical to do so in a meaningful way for this election cycle.

This year both the District 2 (which includes Hernando Beach) and District 4 seats on the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) are up for election. Because all of the contenders for the District 2 seat belong to the same party the primary election on August 18 will be an open primary which

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means that any voter registered in Hernando County regardless of their party affiliation or lack of party affiliation can vote in this primary. The primary winner will win the District 2 seat without needing to be on the November general election ballot.

It's important to note that although each commissioner represents and must reside in his/her designated district, all registered voters countywide are eligible to vote for all County Commissioner seats. So I urge everyone to carefully consider the candidates, their qualifications, their vision, and their positions on the issues most important to you to decide on your choices. Then exercise your vote on August 18th for District 2 and again in November for District 4 commissioners as well as for the other positions and questions on the ballot. For current information regarding your voting status, identified candidates, sample ballots, etc you can go to the Hernando County Supervisor of Elections Portal at www.hernandovotes.gov. And remember that even if you have regularly received mail-in ballots in the past, Florida law has changed and you must now submit a new request at the beginning of each new election cycle if you choose to vote by mail. Note that the polling place for Hernando Beach residents is now the VFW Post 9236 on Shoal Line Boulevard.

Speaking of elections, our Bylaws specify that at our September membership meeting a nominating committee of three members shall be elected from the floor to begin the process leading to the annual election of HBPOA officers and directors. If you might be interested in serving on this committee please let me know. And if you might be interested in volunteering to be a candidate for an officer or board position let me or any of the current officers or directors, or a member of the nominating committee once it is formed, know.

As I have outlined in several earlier Beachcombers, we are considering expanding our geographic field of membership. I look forward to the specific proposal to be presented by our Bylaws committee in September so it can go to a full membership vote in October per the defined process for amending the Bylaws.

We are awaiting confirmation from several potential speakers I think you will enjoy and appreciate hearing from at the September meeting. I will announce that line-up in the next (September) edition of the Beachcomber. Remember though that we will definitely have an Ice Cream Social at that meeting on September 3rd to welcome everyone back from our summer hiatus and kick-off the Fall season.

On a final note, as many of you are aware, a proposal went in front of the Hernando County Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) on July 13th to rezone several parcels on Eagles Nest Drive from residential to planned development. This rezoning request is controversial and it was decided by a vote of 3 – 2 by the P&Z commissioners to recommend denial to the BOCC. Now is the time for as many area residents as are interested to make their positions known to the BOCC in advance of the September 1st BOCC meeting and/or to attend that meeting so that the commissioners have the benefit of hearing many residents' opinions before they vote. Any zoning change in Hernando Beach can potentially effect us all so pro or con, do your part to influence the BOCC's final decision.

Our September membership meeting will be held on Thursday, September 3rd, at the Hernando Beach Yacht Club. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the meeting will be called to order promptly at 7. Come, mingle with friends and neighbors, enjoy the ice cream social, hear our speakers and participate in the discussions. And remember that guests are always welcomed so encourage a neighbor or two to join you so they can experience first hand what we have to offer. Be an ambassador and recruiter for our great organization!

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you again and to also greeting some newcomers. Until then -

Rich Grega

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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 $40.00 annually and include the Beachcomber Newsletter mailed to you.
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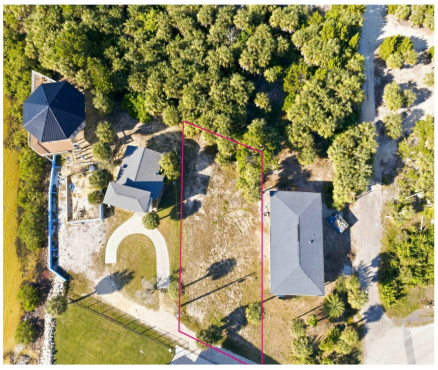


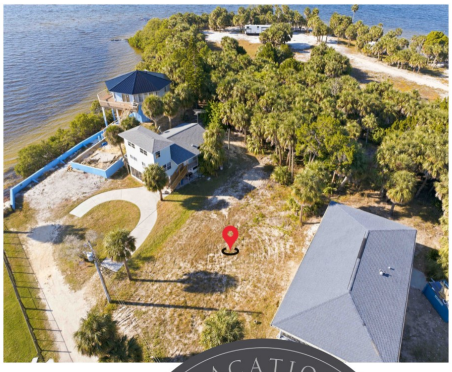


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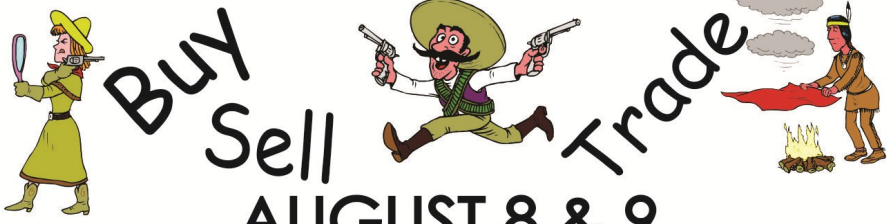
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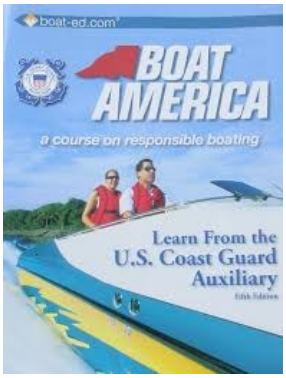
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HERNANDO BEACH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC.

Membership Meeting Minutes - June 4, 2026
Hernando Beach Yacht Club, 4163 Shoal Line Blvd, Hernando Beach, FL 34607

Call to Order & Welcome – 7 pm
Pledge of Allegiance
Verify Quorum – quorum present
Motion to adopt the agenda - adopted
Motion to adopt minutes of the May 7, 2026 meeting - adopted
Recognition of New Members and Guests
Business Highlight:
Hernando Beach Java & Kava
Government Highlight:
Hernando County Sheriff Deputies
• Brian Timothy (HB Crime Watch officer)
• Steve Snell (Marine unit)
Scholarship Presentation – one two thousand dollar scholarship awarded
10 Minute Break
Officer and Committee Reports
President – Rich Grega
• discussion/recommendation re: geographic boundaries
VP – Dennis Wakely
Treasurer's Report – Jen Brown - no questions
Beachcomber/Calendar/Scholarship – Jen Brown
Membership -Judith Hughes
Hospitality – Gay Colleypriest
By-laws – Barry Holland – will develop potential new membership geographic boundaries
Facebook and Web Page – Sheryl Coggins
Unfinished Business - none
New Business - none
Next Board Meetings – July 20 & August 31
Next Membership Meeting – Sept 3
Membership comments
Announcements/Reminders:
Canned food drive is on-going, bring donations to our meetings
Front Porch Art Walk - 1st Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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•**Introduction to Boating** – Types of power boats, boating vocabulary, sailboats, paddle boats, powering boats, and engine types.

•**Boating Law** – Boat registration, regulations, hull identification numbers, required safety equipment, Federal boating law, state boating law, and reporting accidents.

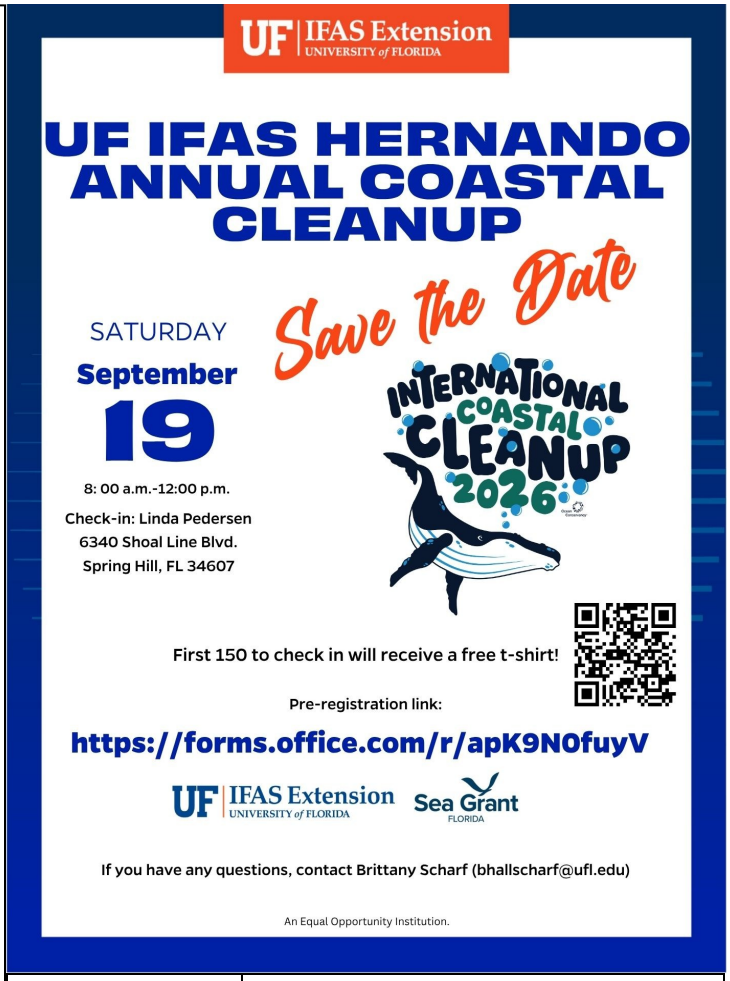
•**Safety Equipment** – Life jackets, fire extinguishers, sound-producing devices, visual distress signals, anchors, and other safety equipment.

•**Safe Operation and Navigation** – Buoys and beacons, aids to navigation, navigation rules, docking, and the dangers of alcohol on the water.

•**Boating Emergencies** – Hypothermia, boating accidents, man overboard, capsizing, emergency radio calls, carbon monoxide dangers, and weather.

•**Trailering** – Types of trailers, lights, hitches, towing a trailer.

•**Sports and Boating** – Water-skiing, hunting and hunting gear, PWC operation, and other boating tips.



Course:	Boat America
Start Date:	Sat, 17 Oct 2026
End Date:	Sat, 17 Oct 2026
Days:	1
Hours:	8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Duration:	8 Hrs
Location:	USCG Auxiliary Building 4340 Calienta St Hernando Beach, FL 34607
Contact:	Jeff Pepka jvpep@yahoo.com (303) 941-2988
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Pine Island Beach - Gay Colleypriest

Morning Dew on Hibiscus - Gay Colleypriest

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I am a 12 year resident and have been actively involved in community and government over the past 10 years. I am dedicated, a proven advocate for property owner's rights, responsible growth, fiscal accountability and public safety. I am a former paralegal with a strong background in leadership, collaboration, and public service. I am committed to making Hernando County a better place for families, businesses, and future generations. I have no conflicts of interest and will serve as your full-time commissioner.

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By: Judith Hughes

Hello Hernando Beach,

Well, here we are well into Summer 2026. Meetings are on hiatus, some of our residents have left 90 degree plus days and some are enjoying our Gulf waters and 74 degree rivers to keep cool. What have you been enjoying?

Summer has brought celebrations around our nation for the 250th Birthday of America. Here in Hernando Beach our Yacht Club and the Hernando Beach Club were busy all day on the 4th entertaining visitors with great music, a boat parade, and the best fireworks anywhere. I personally had visitors from a metropolitan area and they said they were so impressed with our firework presentation. Our residents know how to celebrate! And, speaking of our Hernando Beach residents, they invested many hours decorating their boats so we could enjoy the patriotism display of the day. We must give kudos to the volunteers and workers of each club who

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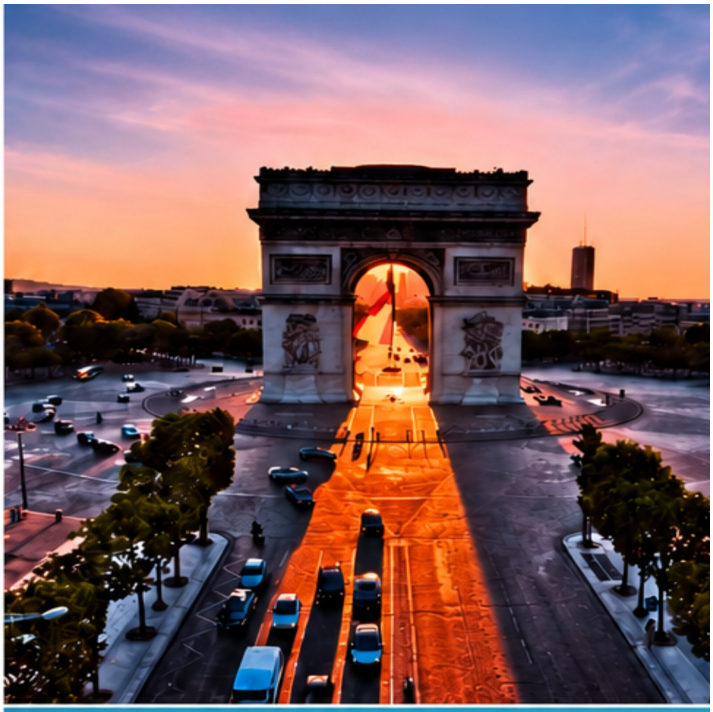
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dedicated their day so everyone could have some fun on July 4th.
By the way, have you noticed the power poles? Our local artists are hard at work beautifying them.

Behind the scenes, there are always plans when our HBOA meetings begin again in September.
We are always looking to bring some new members into the fold. If you have a new neighbor, why not ask them to accompany you to our meeting on Thursday, September 3rd. We have speakers bringing something of interest to our community. Here is the website: https://hernandobeachpropertyownersass.godaddysites.com

Summer Dates of Note

August
Leo and Virgo are August star Signs
August 9th - National Booklovers Day
August 13: International Left-Handers Day.

Until next time, enjoy the remainder of your summer.

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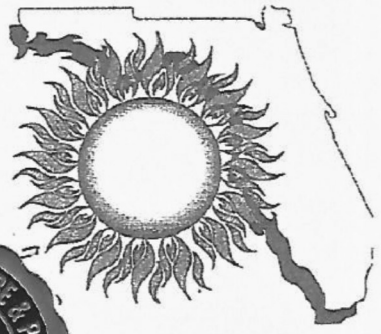
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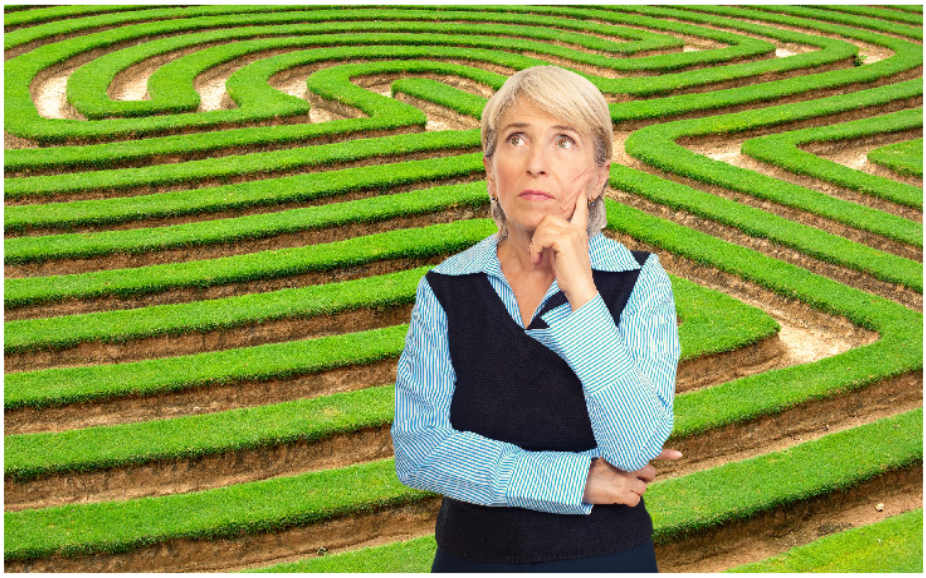
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* I love to learn, no matter the topic.

* I am willing to look at information from all perspectives before drawing a conclusion --- I won't jump to a conclusion.

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August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Front Porch Art Walk 10am - 2pm
2	3 Candidate Forum 5pm - 9pm	4 Land Use 9am	5	6	7	8 Gun & Knife Show
9 Gun & Knife Show	10 HCUD FFL Class 11am West Hernando Library	11 BOCC Meeting 9am	12	13 HB Crime Watch Meeting	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 BOCC Meeting 9am	26	27	28	29
30	31					



POWER POLE ART

By: Judith Hughes





power poles along Shoal Line Boulevard. The artistry would depict Hernando Beach life. The human relationships she built with many artists allowed them to envision a product which would enhance our main thoroughfare. It took the proverbial "village" which included members of Front Porch Art Walk, businesses who made monetary and material donations such as paint and supplies and, of course, we cannot forget the artist's creativity and sweat equity. The rate at which the artist's energy was transferred was swift. It only took a few weeks to brighten the power poles. We must thank The Silver Dolphin for providing space for the Front Porch Art Walk artist appreciation event.

The first two phases are complete and now it is



ART - This is a subjective word. Art is imagination. Art is creativity. Art is productive. Art is emotional.
Art has value. Art just is…...

POWER - It is the capacity or ability to do something, act, or effect change.

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In physics, power is the rate at which work is done.
In human relationships, power is the ability to influence others and outcomes.
In electricity, power is the rate in which energy is transferred.

In Hernando Beach, power is expressed by all the above. Our own Diane Greenwell used her power in conjunction with Withlacoochee River Electric to create and promote the idea to paint



on to Phase 3. The third phase of this project will depict the natural resources of our Nature Preserve and will extend from Hernando Beach South to the intersection of Osowaw Boulevard and Shoal Line Boulevard. The theme is "life in the preserve, snakes, bears, coyotes, birds, and plants."

Community involvement is alive and well in Hernando Beach. When you see an artist at their station and creating their vision for a power pole, recognize them, stop and say hello, honk as you go by to show your appreciation of their contribution to the beautification of our Hernando Beach.









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Date		High				Low						
		AM	ft	PM	ft	AM	ft	PM	ft	Rise	Set	Moon
1	Sat	4:20	2.9	3:51	3.3	11:23	1.1	11:51	0.4	6:52	8:21	
2	Sun	4:45	3.0	4:37	3.2			12:05	0.9	6:53	8:20	
3	Mon	5:12	3.2	5:28	3.1	12:24	0.5	12:51	0.8	6:53	8:19	
4	Tue	5:44	3.3	6:25	2.8	12:58	0.8	1:40	0.6	6:54	8:19	
5	Wed	6:20	3.4	7:32	2.6	1:34	1.0	2:38	0.5	6:54	8:18	
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8	Sat	9:06	3.5			4:21	1.9	6:23	0.1	6:56	8:16	
9	Sun	12:08	2.5	10:19	3.6	5:41	1.9	7:33	-0.1	6:57	8:15	
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11	Tue	1:57	2.7	12:36	3.8	8:02	1.6	9:22	-0.2	6:58	8:13	
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