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# President's Corner

Joseph Cuccio



October has arrived and hopefully some nice cool weather with it. We have had an extremely HOT Summer with temps in the 90's. Thankfully, as of this writing, we have not had any Hurricanes to deal with. Just remember to always be prepared because we never know when a storm will develop and come our way.

The Traffic Light should be up and running by the time this goes to print. The process was slowed due to some sinkhole activity in the immediate area. They do have 2 posts up and one set of lights as of this writing. I am confident it will be done very soon and if not I will keep you all posted.

The Budget Committee will be meeting shortly to go over the 2021-2022 numbers and I have met with Tom Taylor, our Treasurer, to discuss and review the current financial numbers. We both agree that the Dues will remain at the current rate of \$22.00 per month. The Association remains in good financial condition with enough income to service our current debt.

On a personal note it was my Birthday and Jean and I decided to invite our Family and close friends to a party

at Slice of Life 2 restaurant in the Heather Shopping Center. Frank and his Brother did an outstanding job as well as our server Claudia. The food was great and everyone enjoyed their meal and had a great time. I just want to thank everyone at the restaurant for making my day special. If you have not been there please do try it as we found it to be the best around.

I know many of you are disappointed by the Board cancelling the upcoming events as well as the Annual Holiday Party. We are acting on the side of caution and until the Pandemic has been declared over we will continue to do so. Please remember that we are now heading into the Flu Season so get your shots early as recommended by our Health Officials. Better safe than sorry.

In closing I want to thank all the members who take the time to attend our Board Meetings on the 3rd Monday of the Month at 7:00PM. Please come join us and see your Board in action. We welcome input and would like to hear from you so we can address your community needs.

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# The Heather News DEADLINE

Please submit your typewritten  
articles by 11:30am  
October 10th, to office

**We will not accept  
contributions after the deadline  
ALL ARTICLES MUST BE SIGNED**



## Bridge



Invitation to all Bridge players. We play a social game (no duplicate) Join us on Thursdays at 1:00pm at the Community Clubhouse.



## From The Editor's Desk

Barbara Dohm

Happy Fall to all of you, my neighbors and friends who live in our beautiful community, The Heather.

I am so sorry that an article written by the Fairway president did not make it into the September issue of our Heather News.

I hope you are all healthy and continuing to be careful and socially responsible by wearing masks and staying away from crowds. Let's all be part of the solution, not the problem!

November 3rd, voting day, is coming up very quickly. Please get out and vote or mail in your ballot early so you will be counted. Your vote matters!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: If you live in The Heather Walk condos, check your firewalls. Mine came down and it was very expensive to fix.

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The class is \$5 per person to cover the new decorations for our next craft. I would like to make more lamps for Christmas time.

Come and enjoy!!

Any questions please contact the office 352-596-5028 or [heatherpoa11@yahoo.com](mailto:heatherpoa11@yahoo.com)

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<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:00AM Yoga Class 1:00PM Bunco Games	<b>6</b> 1:30PM Library	<b>7</b> 9:00AM Yoga Class 2:00PM BINGO	<b>8</b> 12:00PM Bridge 6:00PM Cards Pinochle	<b>9</b> 9:00AM Yoga Class	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:00AM Yoga Class 10:00AM Heather Sound 1:00PM Bunco Games	<b>13</b> 1:30PM Library	<b>14</b> 9:00AM Yoga Class 2:00PM BINGO	<b>15</b> 12:00PM Bridge 6:00PM Cards Pinochle	<b>16</b> 9:00AM Yoga Class	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9:00AM Yoga Class 1:00PM Bunco Games 7:00PM HPOA Board Mtg.	<b>20</b> 1:30PM Library	<b>21</b> 9:00AM Yoga Class 2:00PM BINGO	<b>22</b> 12:00PM Bridge 6:00PM Cards Pinochle	<b>23</b> 9:00AM Yoga Class	<b>24</b>
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## **The Fairway at the Heather**

### **September**

#### **We apologize, this article was left out of last month's Newsletter.**

August has passed and September is here. It seems unbelievable.

I would like to encourage any Fairway owners to submit an article to the Newsletter.

It would have to be delivered to the Heather office before the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month and addressed to Barbara Dohm. It is a great opportunity to share ideas or sharing things that might be helpful to another resident. It would be appreciated since volunteers are needed and appreciated and so few come forward.

This month I am pretty much at a loss for words and therefore how much someone new offering to come forward is much needed.

I hope all of you are doing well during these trying times. All we can do is hang in there and follow what the doctors and scientists are telling us to do and hope we can outlast this crisis and learned some lessons and to be as kind and helpful to each other as we can,

Saundra Piercy  
President of The Fairway (352)346-7267

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## **The Fairway at the Heather**

### **October**

I hope all of the Fairway owners and their families are coping and thriving with the Covid still alive and well. These are such challenging times. As much as we each feel that things are exasperating, trust me that there are people suffering way more. Knowing this might help us on a daily basis. It's all about the lessons.

I would like to bring a matter of concern to the attention of the owners of all end units. Unfortunately you must be very aware of how you park your cars being sure that you stay within the assigned lined space. Access to the sidewalk is important to those that have problems walking and also for emergencies.

Having to walk over the grass to get to the sidewalk was taken into consideration when the spaces were designed. Thank you for your cooperation.

Our parking lots have been refinished. That was challenging also. The Board and Property Management do their best to keep the appearance and safety of The Fairway up to date. This is done for the owners benefit for pleasure and property values. It is appreciated when this is understood and everyone gives their full cooperation when asked.

A reminder that the semi-annual yard sale will be on the first Saturday of November so don't forget to gather all your "stuff" that someone else really needs or wants and you end up with jingles.

Hopefully the weather should be cooling down somewhat. I love Summer and the sun but it's time for a break for me anyway.

Again I attempt to encourage owners to submit articles so we can exchange ideas and try to make The Fairway an even nicer place to live.

Saundra Piercy,  
President of The Fairway Condominium Association  
(352)346-7267

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## **Dear Heather Friends And Neighbors**

During this Christmas Celebration there are many families in Hernando County that depend on their neighbors for help putting food on the table and toys under a tree. Since we will not be holding our annual Christmas Party this year, where we normally collect canned food and unwrapped toys for those in need, we are asking that you open your hearts and drop off the donated items at the HPOA Clubhouse, beginning November 1st. Last year our two, 32gal plastic cans were overflowing with canned goods and toys. Let's see if we can repeat that generous act of kindness again.

Your Donations will be collected by our Heather resident, Carol Babicz. There are many families in Hernando County she supports with our donations and donations collected from other groups. Last year she had twenty-six families.

She expects many more this year. Carol is also in need of volunteers to help collect and distribute the Donations. If you have the time, she would be glad to hear from you. Her contact number is 596-1015.

Please, Please, Please, help in anyway you can.

Sincerely,  
Your HPOA Board of Directors

## Greens and The Bluffs!

Trash and large items are being dropped off at The Greens and The Bluffs and are causing quite a disturbance. Signs are up to call Republic for large items but to no avail.

Residents are asking that no one drop off large items if you are not a resident and to please call Republic to pick up large items by County Bulk so the dumpster areas are kept clear and cleaned up. Also the dumpster at the Bluff's is overflowing and it appears that those other than residents are dumping their trash there. Please do not allow this and if you see outside people other than residents dumping their trash, call the Sheriff's office to keep this area clean for the residents who live there.

Thank you,  
Residents  
The Greens and The Bluffs

## HORSESHOE PLAYERS WANTED

The Heather has three great horseshoe courts and the horseshoes to go with them.

Anyone interested should contact  
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## H. P. O. A. Board of Director's Meeting

September 21, 2020

\*\*\*Provisional Minutes until approved October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020\*\*\*

**Meeting came to order at 7:00 PM.**

**Board members present:** Joe Cuccio, President; Tom Taylor, Vice President/Treasurer, Barbara Dohm 2nd Vice President; Richard Rivers Corporate Secretary, Security and Gatehouse, James Perretto, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Building/Events. 22 members also present.

Richard asked the Board for a motion to approve the minutes from August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and Jim P. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion; vote 5-0 in favor.

### President/Administration Report:

Joe mentioned the traffic light is being constructed after many years of letters and requests as they are placing sheathing on power lines. It has been held up by two small sink holes adjacent to the pole. We are possibly looking towards October before it is finished.

Joe has sent a letter requesting no right turn on red. It was stated by the Sheriff's office that it was driver's error causing many accidents at and near the entrance of The Heather. Cars have been clocked at approximately 72 mph coming south on Rt. 19. Drivers do not move into the merge lane available but dart out into the traffic thinking they have time as they proceed into the far left lane. Please use the merging lane and put safety first.

At the entrance many are coming in the wrong side. Slow down at the barrels and enter on the correct side to avoid more accidents. The light will be there and the barrels will be removed soon as the traffic light is completed.

We have heard many complaints due to the cancelling of our Events held prior and at Christmas time. It was a unanimous vote by the Board to cancel these events due to the Pandemic/COVID-19. It is for your safety to have one event outside at the grills and hold a BBQ for Veterans day. See Ruthie in the office and James Perretto will expand on this under events Games are conducted leaving the choice up to you whether to wear a mask or not and to distance yourself as you enjoy the different activities provided at the Club House.

Our cleaning service sanitizes the building and facilities every Wednesday. The tables are wiped down with Clorox sheets and the building is sanitized every week. Sanitizers are provided at the entrance of the Clubhouse. We use masks and social distancing as we meet at everyone's discretion.

The office remains open and we ask that you please respect using the half door for your protection and Ruthie's at a distance. We sanitize the door knobs and half door so everyone is protected.

The dues will not be raised but stay the same at \$22.00 expected by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. We remain in good condition financially and reserves are funded.

At our entrance the sign was damaged and blocks fell apart on the grassy area. This was fixed with ground up concrete behind the blocks so they will not move and will last permanently. We have a nice appearance with the gatehouse and clubhouse painted and trimmed. There will be flowering plants placed at the entrance to enhance and keep The Heather a great place to live. We have one of the safest communities in Hernando County per the Sheriff's Department and deputies are scheduled to keep it safe.

I am very pleased to work with this Board of Directors! We need resumes for those who would like to run for the Board and the cost for the ballots as the election comes up in 2021 is around \$1,500.00. If we go state appointed the dues will be much higher.

Our Board right now consists of Joe C. with the background of Banking, Tom Taylor a teacher with accounting, James Perretto and Richard Rivers Sheriff's/Detective backgrounds, Barbara Dohm, nursing and Wall Street. So turn in your resumes to be elected and we also need volunteers for the A&D Committee and Budget Committee.

### Treasurer's Report:

- Tom made a motion and Richard R. seconded to appoint a list of people for the Budget committee, some volunteered, others he is placing on the list as follows:

Bud Brooks, Geraldine Lampton, Mr & Mrs. Parekh, Victoria Koba, Beatrice Hall, Susan Paige, Sabina Thoman and Richard Mayer to meet October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. in the conference room. We will be discussing the proposed Budget for 2021 – 2022 and making changes throughout the discussion if necessary. Those chosen, if you want to be on the committee, please show up at the meeting. Nine were chosen but if you do not want to be on this committee then you can just not show up.

- The financials are in good shape. We are losing the rental of the building due to the COVID-19 and the church not renting the building each week.
- The Account are not wrong just adjusted and updates to our software must be kept up with and reports cleaned up. toben



- The late list is at the amount of \$6,500. Letters will go out to collect these delinquent dues. If you have possible problems with employment and having difficulties paying your dues, call the office and we will work with you.

**A&D Committee** – We have a new volunteer – Geraldine Lampton She will be helping with all violations along with Tom. We need more volunteers for this committee and ask if you would help out so we can keep a clean and neat environment at The Heather. Complaints received for the address on Edinburgh as the Board voted on a certified letter to be sent to the owner of the property to begin fines of \$100 per day not to exceed \$1,000 accepted by the fine committee and the Board. Unless the debris is cleaned up and violations are rectified as they will have 14 days to follow the process of our Deed Restrictions. Tom T. read the letter to be sent to the owner of the property, not the renter. Joe C. made a motion and Jim P. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. County Code enforcement has been called and the Sheriff's office has also been notified of offenses.

There are about 3 new complaints of high grass needing to be cut. We are sending letters to rectify these situations.

#### **Security:**

- Numerous vehicles entering the exit ramp to St. Andrews Blvd. are causing a very dangerous condition. The Sheriff's Department is giving special attention to this condition. Please be careful. The gatehouse is logging those not stopping at the Stop Sign. Please be careful!

#### **RV Compound:**

- Overgrown trees at the RV Compound have been trimmed by 3 Seasons so no debris should be a problem.

#### **Grounds:**

- Palm trees were trimmed and made hurricane safe!
- Empty lot is a sink hole property, needs mowed and will be taken care of by 3 Seasons Landscaping company.
- Shrubbery to be replaced at the front entrance with flowering plants.

#### **Lakes:**

- New Branch Manager with Aquagenics will be managing the spraying of our Lakes and Ponds and were here on Sept. 16, 2020. They do look so much better with the rain and the sun not hitting the plants will help them to stop growing up through the water as well as the spray.
- There is a situation being handled from a build up creating a clog in the back of a residents yard into the Lake which causes a diversion of the water flow. A bid was given that was outrageously high so we have found a much more reasonable person to do the job.

#### **Building:**

- Building has been powered washed, chairs have been steam cleaned and the A/C filters were changed.
- The A/C contract has been renewed.

#### **Events/Activities:**

- The fall Community Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 8am till 5pm.
- On Veterans day we have planned a BBQ, \$10 each with the sign-up sheet at the office before and by October 1st. Should it rain we will go inside with social distancing. Outside we plan to play Corn Toss, Horse Shoes and Tony T. has been volunteered to do the cooking.
- Name That Tune and the Christmas Parties are both cancelled.
- We are planning a Spring Fling for everyone to enjoy hoping by then the COVID-19 will be gone and things can get back to normal.
- Donations are welcomed as we are gather canned goods and unwrapped toys to be placed in the containers in the clubhouse for those less fortunate.

#### **New/Old Business:**

- None

Meeting was adjourned by Joe Cuccio at 8:15 pm. Next meeting will be on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7P.M. at the Clubhouse.

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Richard Rivers Corporate Secretary

## **PICKETTS PARK COMMUNITY YARD SALE**

Fund Raiser for beautification of Picketts Park Pool

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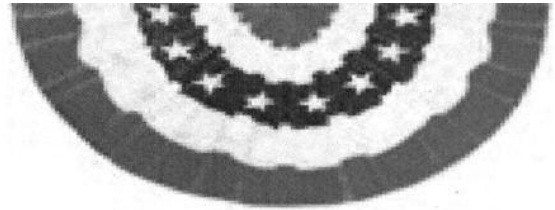
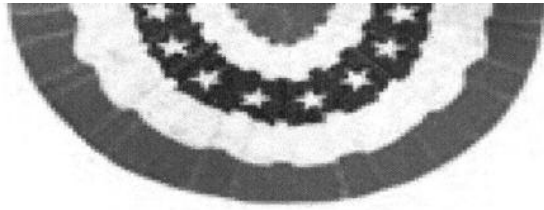
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For additional information contact the HPOA office,  
Jim Perretto 352-279-1762 or Elsie King at 352-596-7715



# 2020 Events

**November 7th**  
Saturday Garage Sale

**November 11th**  
Veterans Day (Possible)

**November 14th**  
Name That Tune

**November 5th**  
Christmas Party

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The Heather Property Owners Association dues of \$22 per month are due on the first of each month. HOWEVER, many homeowners are choosing to pay by the year as it is easier to remember to pay once every January. It's not too late to opt-in and get on an annual payment schedule. The annual payment is \$264 (\$22 X 12 months).

If you have any questions on what your current balance is and/or how much payment to make to get on the annual schedule, please contact the HPOA office at 352-596-5028.

Don't forget that we do not send statements or monthly reminders. It is up to the homeowner to make sure the account is kept current. Mail checks to Heather Property Owners Association, 9100 Nakoma Way, Weeki Wachee, FL 34613

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