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# HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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# **President's Corner**

#### **Joseph Cuccio**

JANUARY 2021 is here and the Board wishes everyone a Happy New Year and most importantly a Healthy 2021. It seems as we age the years go faster and time becomes more precious as we go through our senior years. We have lost several good friends in 2020 and they will always be remembered by us.

All resumes that have been submitted on time will be posted on the 2021-2022 ballot which will be going out in March. Please remember we have 2 Board openings so read the resumes and carefully select the candidates you feel will work to better our community. This Board has always worked well together and I am confident any new member will fit right in and add their input at our meetings.

I am still hopeful the Traffic Light will be up and running when you read this newsletter but I have been saying this for the past 2 months. I drove by today and they are completing the wiring but have not installed the last light support. In any case as long as we get it done that's what matters.

We have collected and donated a good amount of food and toys to the less fortunate in our community. I want to Thank everyone who supported this effort. I do regret not being able to have our annual Holiday Party but with the vaccine being close to being released we may be able to have a Spring into Spring Party. I know several people were upset but I feel the Board made the right decision in not having it and putting



people at risk. I thank the community for their understanding during this Pandemic.

We have a new Flagpole at the community center as the old one was blown done in the last windstorm. It should last for many years as it is so much sturdier than the prior one. Keeping our Community looking good requires a lot of work as maintenance is ongoing. We take pride in the appearance as you can tell by the entrance. I want to thank Jim Perretto for putting up the Holiday Lights at the gatehouse and by the sign. Jim is responsible for the Building and Events. He does an excellent job and hopefully we can plan some events in the near future.

Ruth will be out for a few weeks and we have Susan coming in to help out so please be patient as she will be doing her best to help everyone. Susan has worked with Ruth over the last few months so she does have an understanding of our computer system. Tom Taylor and myself will be spending more time in the office until Ruth returns.

In closing I sincerely hope everyone had a great Holiday Season and we can start 2021 on a positive note. Please try to attend the Board Meetings as we value your input. Just a reminder that Meeting Protocol is essential to conducting a successful meeting. Thank you all for your support and understanding.



# **Staff & Phone Numbers**

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# Bridge



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





Please submit your typewritten articles by 11:30am January 8th, to office

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



Barbara Dohm

I want to wish you all a Happy New Year for 2021. May all good things come your way. I had hoped our lights would be up for Christmas, but I guess New Years is next.

Please when they are working DO NOT USE FAST LANE, start in SLOW Lane, THEN USE your Directional to go to Fast lane.

Too many people pull out in the Fast lane right away. Don't do it

HAPPY NEW YEAR.



## **HEATHER MEMBERS**

For Your Information: HPOA SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Thursday -January 21, 2021 at 7 p.m. Meet the Candidates, see the Budget And ask questions of Candidates Also Annual Meeting HPOA March 15, 2021

## **HEATHER RESIDENTS**

PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL THE OFFICE WITH YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER FOR OUR RECORDS IN THE COMPUTER SYSTEM. WE THEN CAN REMIND YOU OF YOUR DUES AND CONTACT YOU IF NECESSARY.

> THANKS, YOUR PRIVACY WILL BE UPHELD AND PROTECTED.

> > HeatherpOa11@yahoo.com 352-596-5028 Ruthie

## **HEATHER TIDBITS**

Now that we have early darker hours, please be very careful walking in the evening.

Wear light colored clothing, reflective if possible, walk facing on coming traffic, carry and use a flashlight to alert traffic.

Be ready to move quickly if necessary to avoid being hit by traffic.

Please also be advised a coyote was observed in our area at 7:00 p.m. at Deltona and Elgin Blvd.

RV Compound users, be advised our files are being updated. Please give the office a current photo of the RV, along with a copy of your current registration with a Heather address and phone number along with an email address.

Wishing you a Happy and Healthy New Year

Richard Rivers HPOA Board Director Security, Gatehouse & RV Compound

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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, 9200 Nakoma Way, Weeki Wachee, FL 34613





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#### If we all wear our masks and wash our hands and keep the suggested distance we are doing our part. I have such a hard time keeping it together when I see people without a mask and thinking "if" they get the virus it certainly won't be anyone's fault but their own and they will then add more hardship to the medical community and let's hope they have insurance to cover their ignorance or the tab will be on us. I just don't get it.

down.

I trust that everyone was diligent about breaking down their corrugated during this busy time of the year and at all times for that matter. The Board will be visiting Republic alter the first of the year trying to get our rates reduced so let's do everything we can to convince them that they should.

Fairway at the Heather

I wish you all a healthy New Year and that your intentions are all positive and in line with the Universe which should bring you all the happiness you want and deserve.

Saundra Piercv President of The Fairway at the Heather



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### **New Years Fast Facts**

Here's a look at New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, which mark the end of the year and the beginning of the new year.

**Facts** - December 31, 2020 and January 1, 2021 - New Year's Eve and New Year's Day are on a Thursday and Friday.

**History** - The earliest known New Year celebrations were in Mesopotamia and date back to 2000 BC.

The early Romans used March 1 as New Year's Day. Other cultures used the autumn equinox or the winter solstice to mark the new year.

**1582** - The Gregorian calendar, which marks January 1 as the new year, is adopted by the Roman Catholic Church.

January is named after Janus, the god with two faces, one looking forward and one looking backward.

**Traditions** - New Year's is the time when many people traditionally make resolutions to break bad habits or start good ones.

Ancient Persians gave New Year's gifts of eggs, which symbolized productiveness.

Most New Year's traditions are believed to ensure good luck for the coming year. Many parts of the United States observe the tradition of eating black-eyed peas on New Year's Day for good luck. **Auld Lang Syne** - "Auld Lang Syne" is traditionally sung at midnight on New Year's Eve.

"Auld Lang Syne" was written by Scottish poet Robert Burns in 1788. He may have based it on a folk song.

The words auld lang syne mean "times gone by".

**Times Square** - The first rooftop celebration atop One Times Square, a fireworks display, took place in 1904 and was produced by the New York Times to inaugurate their new headquarters in Times Square and celebrate the renaming of Longacre Square to Times Square.

The first ball dropping celebration atop One Times Square was held on December 31, 1907.

In 1942 and 1943, the ball lowering was suspended due to the wartime dimout. The crowds who still gathered in Times Square celebrated with a minute of silence followed by chimes ringing out from an amplifier truck parked at One Times Square.

The original New Year's Eve Ball weighed 700 pounds and was five feet in diameter. It was made of iron and wood and was decorated with 100 25-watt light bulbs.

**November 11, 2008** - A "new" New Years Eve ball is introduced. The ball is a geodesic sphere, 12 feet in diameter and weighing 11,875 pounds. It is built to withstand high winds and fluctuating temperatures. Waterford Crystal introduces a different pattern for each New Year's celebration.



#### H. P. O. A. Board of Director's Meeting December 21, 2020

\*\*\*Provisional Minutes until approved on December 21, 2020\*\*\*

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

**Board members present:** Joe Cuccio, President; Tom Tyler 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/ Treasurer, Barbara Dohm (was excused), 2nd Vice President; Richard Rivers Corporate Secretary, Director at Large/Security and Gatehouse, James Perretto, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President building, events and maintenance. Five members also present.

Richard asked the Board for a motion to approve the minutes from November 16, 2020 meeting, James Perretto. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote 4-0 in favor.

#### President/Administration Report:

Joe spoke of the final traffic light section being installed and in operation by January. Also reminded those interested in running for 2 positions on the Board to make sure short resumes are submitted by 12-31-2020. Which will be cut off date for submission.

Ruthie our secretary had her operation today and all went well.

Susan Longman is filling in for Ruthie. Working 2 or 3 mornings a week.

Grounds and Lakes

A dead tree was removed on Heather Blvd. The brick work which was damaged by the entrance was repaired. The lakes have been treated.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Late list is growing, resulting in accumulation of owed dues over \$100.- will now be submitted to the attorney. Financials are all o.k.

#### <u>A & D:</u>

There are 5 active complaints being investigated, generally about parking on lawns

#### RV Compound:

Have sent violation notices to some R.V. spot owners resulting in corrections. More to follow. Lock will be changed with May 1, 20121 renewals.

#### Building:

Metal doors need repair due to rust. Being repainted. Bingo sign has been repaired Christmas donations are better this year than in the past Possible Veterans day Picnic 5-31-2021. Garage sale first Saturday's in March and December.

#### Security

Numerous wrong way drivers still entering the Heathers and the shoppers area. Suggest black and white one-way arrow signs be installed at exit of shoppers and on the do not enter signs t US 19.

#### Corporate Secretary

Motion to approve 12-31-2020 as cut off date for resumes- second by Tom Taylor, approved 4-0.

Meeting was adjourned by president Cuccio at 8:00 P.M. Next meeting will be January 18, 2021

Richard Rivers Corporate Secretary

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# **COLOR FOR FUN!!!**





UUCIP is collecting computers to teach homeless people how to use them. Help the homeless find and keep employment. Any make or model computer with a windows platform is appreciated. We will update obsolete models and repair broken computers.

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What is essential is to have 2 main things in mind: A motivated student and a real professional instructor.

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