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# President's Corner

Joseph Cuccio



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The Heat seems to be unrelenting with higher than normal temps for this time of year. Make sure you keep hydrated and limit your outdoor activities to early morning early evening to minimize heat stroke. Drinking plenty of water is essential if you are outside doing whatever.

I want to remind everyone that we are in Hurricane Season and being prepared is the best way to deal with any storms that come our way. September is usually the peak month for storms in our area. Water, Batteries, Canned foods, etc., are necessary when a storm is Forecast. Keep the car filled with fuel don't wait to fill up when the Gas stations are out of fuel.

Check your generator, if you have one, to make sure it is in running condition and you have an ample supply of fuel.

The Pandemic is still ongoing and while we have reopened the Community Center for Bingo and a few other events please exercise caution and keep Social Distancing guidelines. We have a supply of hand sanitizer at the entrance doors for your use. The tables are sanitized every Tuesday morning by the cleaning crew. Wipes are available for the tables should you feel the need to use them. Hernando County is among the Counties with the lower reported cases and fatalities. That doesn't mean you should not exercise caution when coming in contact with any group of people.

The Office is open to assist you with any concerns you may have and we ask that you stay behind the half door when conducting your business. Board meetings continue to be held on the 3rd Monday of the month as usual. Seating is spaced to comply with social distancing guidelines and hand sanitizer is available for your use.

In closing I want to thank everyone who supports the Board in this trying time and please know your Board continues to function on a Daily basis for the good of the Community

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# The Heather News DEADLINE

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

**We will not accept contributions after the deadline**

**ALL ARTICLES MUST BE SIGNED**



Barbara Dohm

I hope you all had a safe and happy 4th of July holiday and that your pets stayed calm. Mine unfortunately did not due to all of the neighbors.

It's been a very hot summer so far, so don't forget to drink lots of water and make sure your pets keep drinking too.

Please DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR MASKS AND KEEP SPACE BETWEEN EACH OTHER. This is not a political issue, it is about SCIENCE! Let's all stay safe!

Start making plans for Hurricane Season, those storms are coming! Keep lots of water, canned foods and stay at home as much as possible to avoid running out of gas and other necessary items.

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Please come join us at The Heather Community Center for CRAFT NIGHT 6:30p.m. till 7:30p.m. on Friday night once a month. Our first project will be making lamps from Gallon Wine bottles already drilled, ready for lights and decorations. Most of this project will be provided along with decorations for a fee of \$5 per person just to cover the supplies. Walk away with a beautiful night light either for your home or for a nice gift for all occasions. In the office there will be samples to view for Fall, Christmas and a variety of colors for any season. Please contact the office at 352-596-5028 or email heatherpoa11@yahoo.com We look forward to making these on an evening of your choice once a month. We'll set the night for a Friday to see if that will suit everyone. If not that can be changed. 2nd project planned is Wreaths, 3rd is CD Windchimes/Suncatchers.

Our Sewing Guild will resume meeting on the last Friday of the month with Mary Johnson, known by her favorite name - Kay. They will meet from 9a.m. - 4p.m. No charge. Please come out and see the wonderful projects they make and the help they are to the community. So if you sew, join in and use your creative side!!

Please stay well and check out all the activities offered at The Heather, A Great Place to Live!!

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Your Office Administrator,  
Ruthie  
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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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## FAIRWAY AT THE HEATHER



Well, August is upon us. Time just flies by. It is absolutely amazing to me. I think we all were hoping that the Corona Virus would be well under control by now and much to our dismay it is nowhere near the disappearing point. As long as we wear our masks and keep our distance and wash our hands we are doing all we can for ourselves and those around us.

I did meet with a brother and sister and we had a very pleasant evening talking about many things. They are new to this area so they had several questions which I was more than happy to answer for them. The offer to distance meet is still open if anyone wants to get in touch. We are so limited that I thought more people would be looking for an opportunity to reach out. That's what I get for thinking. LOL

I'd like to mention again that I am an End of Life Doula/Midwife. I had brought this up in my first article. If anyone would like to talk about that I am Willing to have a gathering about end of life planning also. As I wrote in June — this conversation needs to be taken care of in a relaxed, open atmosphere and not in an ICU or the ER or when it's too late and you are overwhelmed with grief and now have to focus on so many important decisions and are not in the right frame of mind to do this for yourself or anyone else.

Again, something to think about. I am not referring to pre-planning for burial. My service is about helping the dying person and/or the family to show you how this last journey can be so beautiful and meaningful and not a horror show which is the way most people look at death.

I am happy to inform you that Granville Battick our new Handyman is back after a lengthy illness. He has completed the power washing of the walkways, stairs and monuments and I feel did the best job yet. I believe he has also finished cleaning the gutters of leaves and pine needles and placed the coverings back on the gutters as needed. There were several other jobs listed for him to do and he is working on them to get completely caught up. He is the best Handyman we have ever worked with and is such a gentleman. His pricing is very fair. If anyone needs his services personally please let me know and I will be happy to give you contact information.

I would like to remind everyone that boxes must be broken down before being put in the barrels. Republic will not pick up anything outside the barrels so you cannot leave corrugated outside.

The Board and our Management Company are planning to meet with the County Commissioners as soon as we can to discuss what Republic is charging The Fairway. They have gone up once and are talking about another increase and this is not part of the new budget. Because we do not deal with them directly we have no idea how they calculate their fees. The commissioners oversee any and all rates and changes to them. We hope to get some satisfactory answers and will keep you informed.

Until next month.  
Saundra Piercy  
President of The Fairway (352)346-7267

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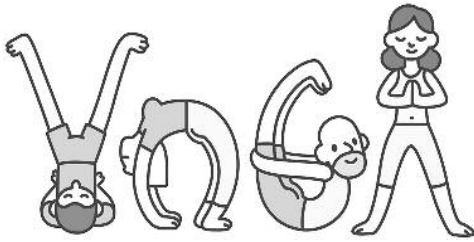
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# 2020 Events

**November 7th**  
Saturday Garage Sale

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

**November 14th**  
Name That Tune

**December 5th**  
Christmas Party

## Garbage Cans Out of Sight!

Respectfully I ask, how can anyone leave their garbage cans, after pick up, in front of their house? (This goes on at street, driveway, and front door entrance). Is this pleasing to you for your next door neighbor or your neighbor across the street to look at? Let's not lower personal nor community standards. Kindly place your empty cans after pick up out of sight. Thank you for your attention to this request.

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**H. P. O. A. Board of Director's Meeting  
July 20, 2020**

\*\*\*Provisional Minutes until approved on August 17, 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/Events. Eight members also present.

Richard asked the Board for a motion to approve the minutes from June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Joe made the motion and Jimmy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion; vote 5-0 in favor.

**President/Administration Report:**

Joe mentioned the traffic light is being constructed after many letters and requests..

Now the question is how long will it take to have it completed?, The goal is 2 weeks. We are hoping it doesn't take long. Sadly 14 lives were lost due to no traffic light.

Joe is sending a letter stating no turn on red. Residents should not cut in since traffic is no doubt going at 70 to 75 mph. It took so long to get this accomplished due to driver's errors per Sheriff's Department. This is costing the state over half a million dollars. We are thankful to have this light going in to save lives. Please respect it!

Due to the surge in the Pandemic, masks are mandatory at the restaurant, 'Slice of Life Two' as of course you can remove it to eat and then place it back on as you leave.

We provide hand sanitizers at the door for all meetings and games. Our cleaning company comes in each Tuesday morning to sanitize the tables with Clorox sheets and bleach for our bathroom facilities.

The picnic tables were completed and put together by three Board members, Joe Cuccio, Jimmy Perretto and Richard Rivers and one member Tony Torregrossa. They have also been coated and the wood is treated as well. They are placed in strategic areas for your enjoyment in the park right next to the Clubhouse. Please use them at your leisure.

No one is allowed to come past the half door at the office due to your protection and Ruthie's. We sanitize the door knobs and half door so everyone is protected.

The fiscal year is May to May and the dues have stayed the same. \$22 due the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- The financials are looking good. There are 14 in collections as we are working with our attorney and we have been very successful in collecting bad debt. It's so much better to keep the dues up to par rather than pay a much greater amount to the attorney.
- The late list is at the amount of \$7,351.17. Letters will go out to collect these delinquent dues.

**Security:**

- The Gatehouse has new keys since someone unauthorized with a key entered and trashed the place. Georgia Moore, one of our employees, cleaned it up. Cigarette holders are being emptied by the Gatehouse also. Cameras are there to find the person(s) doing this.
- Signs are placed around lake and ponds enforcing the restrictions.
- Traffic requirements are not being followed as we have deputies watching for those going over the speed limits.

**RV Compound:**

- The RV Compound is full. If there are any openings, Ruthie has a list of those interested in renting a space as it becomes available.
- There have been repairs to the fence at \$750 and eleven lights at \$10 each placed for protection.
- A deputy watches over the compound 365 days in the year.
- Storage cost is \$75 per year, Richard Rivers makes a motion to increase this to \$100 per year and Jimmy Perretto 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.
- Our fiscal year begins in May 2021 the cost will be \$100 at that time.

**Grounds:**

Rails have been painted with reflective paint on Heather Blvd. and new signs also reflective are placed in strategic areas to protect the lakes, ponds and areas of The Heather.

Sprinklers were not turned on so we lost bushes at the front entrance. They will be replaced at the Gatehouse.

**Building:**

- Building is running fine.
- Water faucet outside the Clubhouse capped off and removed due to a leaking pipe under the ground.

**Events/Activities:**

- The fall Community Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 8am to 5pm.
- Veterans Day flyers will be available this month to plan a BBQ, \$10 with a sign up sheet.
- Name That Tune will be held on Friday, November 14 with prizes and a lot of fun. BYOB See the flyer.
- Christmas party will be held Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> with more information on the flyer available at the Clubhouse office.

**New/Old Business:**

- None

Meeting was adjourned by Joe Cuccio at 8:00 pm. Next meeting will be on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7P.M. at the Clubhouse.

Richard Rivers Corporate Secretary

# Heather Bingo

Ken and I would like to invite all residents to join us for Bingo on Wednesday afternoons in the Heather Community Center. We start playing at 2:00 p.m. but request that players arrive and pay for cards no later than 1:45. This gives us a chance to count the proceeds for each type of game and determine the value of each game won.

We play a total of 12 Regular Games (2 of which are Early Birds), 5 Specials, a Progressive Jackpot game, and 3 consecutive Coveralls at the end. Payouts range from about \$5.00 for regular games up to our \$250.00 progressive jackpot which is paid out approximately every 4 or 5 weeks.

We are practicing social distancing and encourage the use of masks. Bingo chips are available for those who do not have their own and dabbers are available for purchase at cost.

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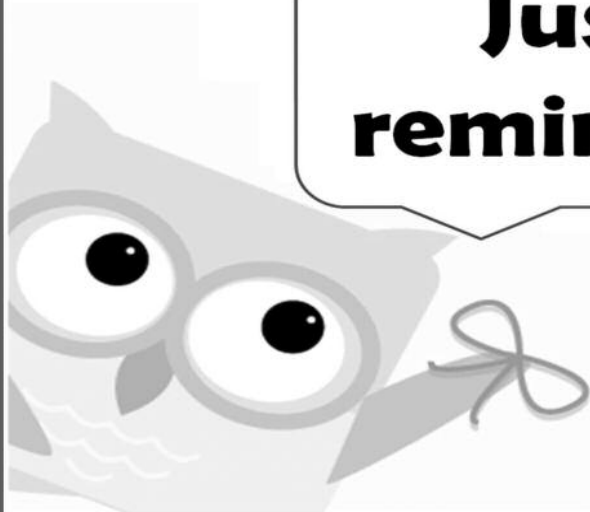
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If you have any questions on what your current balance is and/or how much payment to make to get on the annual schedule, please contact the HPOA office at 352-596-5028.

*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, 9100 Nakoma Way, Weeki Wachee, FL 34613*

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## Let's Play BINGO!



Are you a resident of the Heather Community and like to play BINGO?

The new BINGO ladies have made many positive changes to "BINGO Wednesdays" and would like to invite all Heather BINGO players to join them every Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. at the Heather Community Center.

Bring a friend, meet new friends, and have fun!

# A SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS BBQ

## ALL GAVE SOME - SOME GAVE ALL

Join your friends and neighbors for an afternoon of fun, music and games, in our tribute to those who served and sacrificed for our nation.

**HPOA CLUBHOUSE**  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2020**  
from 12:30 pm and 4:00 pm.

Horse shoes, Bocce, Korn Hole Toss, 50/50 (share the pot)



### Menu:

Hot Dogs - Bubba Burgers  
BBQ Beans, Coleslaw, Potato Salad  
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**THOSE WANTING TO ATTEND MUST SIGN UP AND PURCHASE TICKETS AT THE HPOA OFFICE BY NOVEMBER 1st SO WE HAVE AN IDEA OF HOW MUCH FOOD AND DRINK IS NEEDED.**

For additional information contact the HPOA office,  
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## Heather Tidbits

1. Our resident, June Ziegler, would like to start a chair Yoga class. This will be held Monday, Wednesday and Friday with a waiver to sign and the cost will be \$3 per person. She was a Yoga instructor for many years and loves teaching this for all of us to stretch and enjoy keeping active and mobile. The class will be held in our Community Center at 10a.m. till 11a.m.. Please bring water to keep hydrated and be prepared to enjoy a low impact and great social time. To be placed on a list, please contact the office at 352-596-5028 or email Ruthie at [heatherpoa11@yahoo.com](mailto:heatherpoa11@yahoo.com). Should June not be present, our resident Gerri Lampton will provide low impact chair stretches for your enjoyment. Her email is [gslamp@yahoo.com](mailto:gslamp@yahoo.com). We hope to see you there. Keep hydrated and stay well!!

2. BINGO! BINGO! THAT'S A GOOD BINGO!! We have nice Bingo games every Wednesday at the Community Center 2 p.m. till 4p.m. Early birds, regular and specials, plus a progressive no entry fee. Regular games use chips. Specials use dabbers. Bring your good luck charms and have some fun!! Coffee and Beverages to be provided. Contact Ken White or Alice Tosi or the office for information.

3. Please attend our monthly meetings with your Board of Directors. The next meeting will be held on August 17th at 7p.m. at the Community Center. We are having great discussions and accomplishing what is needed to enhance The Heather. A Great Place to Live!!

Richard Rivers  
Director of Security and Corporate Secretary of HPOA





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