



# The Harbor Pointer



Newsletter for Harbor Pointe Residents; Titusville, Florida

2nd Quarter 2021

## 2021-2022 Board Members

**Don Owen**, President  
**Harry Holmgren** Vice-President  
**Winston Lovelace** Treasurer  
**Els van Engelenburg**, Secretary  
**Harold McNally**, Director

### BOARD MEMBERS RE-ELECTED

**No changes in Board Members for 2021-2022. Thanks to all for their service to Harbor Pointe.**

### IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR VENDOR

#### ACCESS TO ROOFTOP

If you have air conditioning issues that require repair/replacement to your air handler/condenser coil unit and your handler is on the rooftop, you will need to notify Elisha or Rusty **at least 24 hrs. in advance** to arrange rooftop access.

### COMMON AREA MAINTENANCE REQUESTS

(any area used by all residents and not privately owned)

If you see something that needs attention and is maintained by the Association, please report it to Elisha, either by email, through a hand written form in the clubhouse, or by placing a request on the website at [www.harborpointefl.com/contact/](http://www.harborpointefl.com/contact/)

## CONDO LIVING TIPS

### SMOKE DETECTORS/ALARMS

We all know that batteries in smoke alarms must be replaced every YEAR.

But did you know that the entire smoke detector/ alarm unit needs to be replaced every 10 years? Hmm...HP is 14 years old so if you hadn't already replaced the units, you soon will be. This we recently had to do in our unit.

Luckily it is very simple as long as the electrical source is not damaged. You will have to purchase the units— both Lowe's or Home Depot carry them. I'm sure other places have them but I found them easily, at both stores.



I would suggest replacing them all at the same time for piece of mind.

Remove old unit and the new unit easily plugs into hardwired electrical clips in the wall. You will still need to replace the batteries yearly.



Don't forget to lock your car. There have been a recent number of vehicles that have been entered through doors that were left unlocked.

## UPDATES AND REMINDERS

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### MANATEE RESCUE UPDATE



Manatee rescued from the Harbor Pointe Marina in December 2020 has been returned to the Indian River. After several weeks at Sea World for treatment of injuries and “fattening up”, the manatee was returned at the Port St. John public marina.

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To report a sick, injured, dead or tagged manatee, call FWS’s Wildlife Alert Toll Free Number 1-888-404-3922. Press 7 to speak with an operator.

If using a cell phone \*FWS or #FWC.



### MARINA NEWS

Last year we had a very active Hurricane season. It is important that boat owners are aware that all vessels must be evacuated inland 24 hours before arrival of a named storm.

Please remember to dispose of trash in the containers provided. Do not leave food wrappers, food, or bait on boats or dock. This attracts raccoons and birds.

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### WARNING!



Warm spring weather means alligators are more active. Spring and early summer months

also are mating season. Alligators are more visible during the day. Their metabolism rises with the summer heat. Do not ever feed, harass, or approach a gator. Also, keep your dog away from ponds since alligators consider them prey.

## HURRICANE SEASON BEGINS JUNE 1st

Hurricane preparedness begins **NOW!**

- Make sure your hurricane shutters are in good working order.
- Recharge your Battery Operated Power System so it is fully charged.
- If you or anyone has special needs, please contact your local emergency management office.
- Have enough non-perishable food and water for 3 days (1 gallon water per person) on hand. (Don't forget to have a handheld or battery can opener.) Don't forget pet food and supplies.
- Flashlights, batteries and a battery powered radio.
- An external battery powered phone charger for cell phones.
- Take pictures/videos of the interior of your home for insurance purposes in case of damage during storm.
- If you take medication that requires refrigeration, make sure you have a cooler and ice in case we lose power.
- Have personal documents such as ID, proof of address, passports, birth certificates, deed/lease of home, insurance policies in a safe place easy to access in case your need to vacate.
- Have a list of your medications and pertinent medical information as well as a list of family and emergency contact.
- Know evacuation routes in case you need to leave.

## HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS continued

**If you are only here during the winter months**, the following must be completed before you leave:

- Shutters must be down
- All furniture on exposed balconies moved inside
- Door mats and/or wreaths moved inside
- Turn off main hot and cold water valves to your unit
- Remove all perishables from your refrigerator

### **WATCHES & WARNINGS**

Listen closely to instructions from local officials on TV, radio, cell phones or other computers for instructions from local officials. Evacuate if told to do so.

#### **HURRICANE WATCHES**

**Hurricane Watch**: Hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or greater) are possible within your area. Because it may not be safe to prepare for a hurricane once winds reach tropical storm force, the NHC issues hurricane watches 48 hours before it anticipates tropical-storm-force winds.

**Tropical Storm Watch**: Tropical storm conditions (sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph) are possible within the specified area within 48 hours.

**Storm Surge Watch**: The possibility of life threatening inundation from rising water moving inland from the shoreline somewhere within the specified area, generally within 48 hours.

#### **HURRICANE WARNINGS**

**Hurricane Warning**: Hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or greater) are expected somewhere within the specified area. NHC issues a hurricane warning 36 hours in advance of tropical-storm-force winds to give you time to complete your preparations.

**Tropical Storm Warning**: Tropical storm conditions (sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph) are expected within your area within 36 hours.

**Storm Surge Warning**: The danger of life-threatening inundation from rising water moving inland from the shoreline somewhere within the specified area, generally within 36 hours.

**Extreme Wind Warning**: Extreme sustained winds of a major hurricane (115 mph or greater), usually associated with the eyewall, are expected to begin within an hour. Take immediate shelter in the interior portion of a well-built structure.

## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



### **Mike and Suzanne Clark**

Due to the ongoing work of Mike's engineering firm with NASA, it was an easy decision for Mike and Suzanne Clark to relocate to Titusville in 2015 from Gainesville, FL. Having lived in Gainesville for 40+ years, our only regret is that we aren't close to our GATORS, since we bleed orange & blue. But once we set foot in our condo here at Harbor Pointe, we were exceedingly grateful for the opportunity to live in such a wonderful location!

With the many amenities here at Harbor Pointe, the nearby parks and the proximity to the Indian River we have become quite enamored with life here in Titusville. When family and friends come to visit, sitting on our balcony enjoying the sunrise or watching the sunset from our breezeway, life is good for them!.

Since relocating, Suzanne has continued to work daily as she supports a staffing firm in Gainesville, but feels very fortunate to have the amazing views, as they are quite the stress relievers!

Son Sean, and daughter-in-law Emily enjoy visiting from AZ, but always want to run (they're marathoners) Black Point Wildlife Drive. On the other hand daughter Caitlyn, and son-in-law Brian love to visit from WV and are happy we're so close to Daytona as they are big NASCAR fans.

Since relocating we really enjoy the outdoors, and look forward to many more walks on the Max Brewer Bridge, early morning drives on Black Point Wildlife Drive and just chilling on our balcony here at Harbor Pointe! Life couldn't be better unless we're enjoying the ski slopes out west!