

STONEBROOK

AT HERITAGE HARBOUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Rec Center is located at:

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www.stoneybrookhoa.com



DECEMBER

2017

NEWSLETTER

December 4

TRIVIA 6:30 PM / first Monday

December 8

Holidays' Pot Luck 5:00 PM

December 10

Holiday Parade 4 PM

December 18

Holiday Lights Contest
6:30 PM

**Holiday Parade
& Party
For Stoneybrook Families
Sunday, Dec 10th
4:00 pm
Starting at Rec Center**



Board Meeting

December 21st

at 3:00 PM

A HOLIDAY PARADE AND A PARTY CAN CREATE A NEW TRADITION IN STONEYBROOK!

Have you been naughty or nice? Santa knows and he will be arriving by golf cart in the first ever Stoneybrook Holiday Parade and party on Sunday, December 10th at 4:00 PM.

All residents that own golf carts, wagons, or bikes are invited to decorate them and join Santa in the parade. Hannukah carts are welcome! Those willing to participate in the parade should contact Audrey Tolouian at aud2lu@yahoo.com. Come to the rec center to decorate your vehicle on Tuesday 11/28 and 12/5 from 3:00-5 PM in the activities room. Golf carts must be driven by licensed drivers, even though the parade will take place on sidewalks only!

The parade route: beginning at the rec center at 4 PM following a route on sidewalks only, down Golden Harbour Trail, turning right on Brookfield Terrace, then right on Stone Harbour Loop towards the golf course. Spectators please line your chairs up along the sidewalks on the opposite side of the road and spread holiday cheer through our neighborhood! There will be a prize for the best decorated cart.

After the parade Santa will be available for pictures in front of the fireplace in the lobby of Grill 8000. You are invited to have family pictures taken with Santa, but please bring your own camera.

Attend a holiday party after the parade. Plan for dinner with your family at Grill 8000. The Manager Geoff is preparing a special menu for the event. Please contact him before December 5th to make dinner reservations at 941-749-1842.

Help our organizers make this a premier event for Stoneybrook!

USE THE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES COURTS!!!!

Feel free to bring your own equipment or stop in the recreation center to sign out the community equipment. You may sign out the equipment on Friday night and return it Monday morning. Game rules are available if you don't know how to play. Have some great family fun!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2017 HOLIDAYS' POTLUCK DINNER

Please join us for our annual holiday potluck on Friday, December 8, 2017. Doors open at 5 P.M., and dinner is served at 5:30 P.M. Remember to sign up either in the Recreation Center binder located below the bulletin board in the Recreation Center Hallway or sign up on line at www.stoneybrookhoa.com. We need to know how many places to set for this exciting event.

Please sign up to bring either a main entrée, a side dish such as a salad or vegetable, or a dessert. Your food should serve 10-12 people.

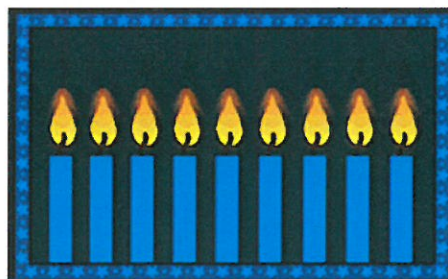
Coffee, decaffeinated coffee, unsweetened tea, and lemonade are provided. Feel free to BYOB. Table service is also provided.

We'll have lots of fun eating delicious food and enjoying conversation with Stoneybrook residents and their guests.

A 50/50 raffle will be held with tickets selling at one ticket for \$1 or six tickets for \$5. The other half of the money from the 50/50 raffle is used for potluck expenses and reimbursements.

STONEBROOK COMMUNITY COOKBOOKS, wrapped and decorated, will also be offered at \$10 each or two for \$15. It is a perfect chance to buy cookbooks as gifts for the holidays or for any other occasion such as birthday and hostess gifts.

Please join our festive holiday potluck which is being organized by December's potluck committee composed of Amit & Pam Chatterjee, Art & Debby Katzmann, Lee & Sheri Miller, and Don & Sandy Willetts.

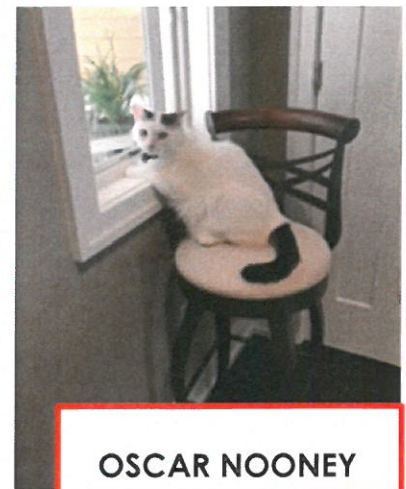


SIP N' CREATE

Will be back in January 2018!

Wednesday, 1/24/18
at 1:00 PM in the Rec Center
\$30.00 per person to be paid with
registration

You may sign up
on the Rec Center bulletin board
and pay in the office or on the
website: www.sipncreate.com
to pay with a credit card.



SUBMIT YOUR FAVORITE
4X6 PET PHOTO BY EMAIL
TO:
stoneybrookreccenter@gmail.com

ATTENTION ALL ARTISTS:

Every Wednesday from 9am to 12pm in the rec center residents get together to paint and create in all medias. Time is spent inspiring each other and chatting. The group enjoys occasional outings together to local scenic areas. They take photos and try to recreate what they see on canvas. Bring your own art supplies. Beginners and everyone with an artistic flare are welcome. The Gallery Wall in the rec center displays our community artists' creations.

Call Laurie with any questions: 941-896-6277.



TRIVIA WILL BE ON THE 1ST MONDAY OF DECEMBER.

JOIN THE FUN ON 12/4/17 AT 6:30 PM IN THE REC CENTER. BRING YOUR OWN FOOD AND DRINKS WITH YOUR \$5 ENTRY FEE.

TEAMS MAY BE 2 PEOPLE UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 9 PEOPLE. MAKE YOUR OWN TEAM OR HAVE US MAKE A TEAM FOR YOU.

WEBSITE SIGN UP AT: WWW.STONEYBROOKHOA.COM

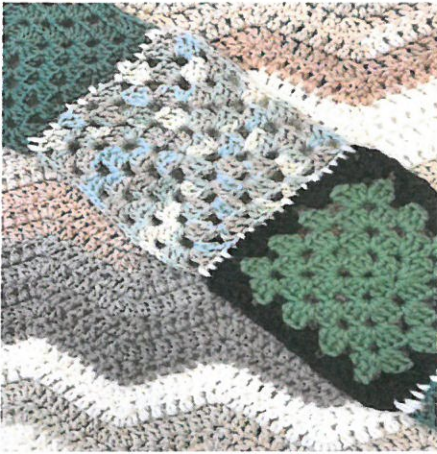
For further information email Carole at carolebakalar@gmail.com

No BINGO in December

Join us on January 15, 2018

The 3rd Monday of the month. First number called at 6:30 PM SHARP. Come to the rec center early to get a good seat. The cost is \$10 per game pack.

Remember no one under 18 years old.



CRAFT & CHAT! Don't stay home alone, come join the group at the rec center every Tuesday from 10 am to 12 noon. Residents that want to enjoy the company of their neighbors can bring their hobbies or just join in the fun and have a morning out. Crafts include, but are not limited to knitting, beading, quilting, sewing, model making, collages, even drawing. Contact Dee Bushinski for more information: 941-746-3065 or deebush@optonline.net.

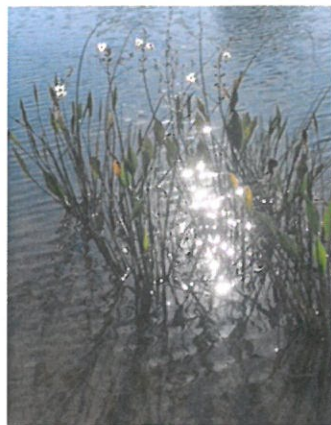
The pond and wetlands workshop was held on

Saturday, November 4th. Josh McGarry from Aquatic Systems began with an informative discussion about invasive and natural plants. He discussed plantings that have taken place in and around our ponds and wetlands to improve their viability. What you may see upon returning to Heritage Harbour this season may at first look like weeds in your pond, but the duck potato, pickerel weed, and bulrushes have been deliberately planted to help the filtration system of the wetland. Invasive plants like Brazilian pepper, Caesar weed, and alligator weed are still being sprayed and removed, but it is difficult to keep up with them.

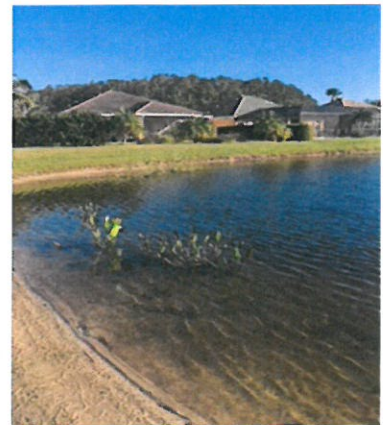
The workshop was extremely informative and it was requested that another workshop be held in about six months to allow attendees to see first-hand the positive changes that are taking place in our community. Be sure to watch for a sign-up sheet for another workshop in the spring.



Bulrushes



Pickerel Weed



Duck Potato



HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST

On Monday, December 18th at 6:30 PM turn your holiday lights on!

There will be five categories:

1. Best Overall
2. Camden Harbour/ Quail Greens
3. Two Story Homes
4. One Story Homes
5. Villas/ Coach Homes/ Carriage Homes

The winner of best overall will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate.

\$25.00 gift certificates will be awarded to each of the other category winners.

Let's light up our community for all to enjoy!

Thanksgiving Pot Luck was a wonderful event!

The rec center was decked out in fall decorations of leaves and pumpkins adding to the festivities. Neighbors and friends seemed to enjoy the delicious turkey purchased from Der Dutchman in Sarasota along with the goodies the residents brought to share. The dessert pies were donated by Icon Management and the spread was bountiful.

This is the most popular potluck event and requires a lot of help to make it run smoothly, so huge thanks go out to our hardworking committee, Judy and Dave Arras, Sheri and Lee Miller, Terry and Pauline Mygrants, Jeanne and Bob Ott, Leslie Weiss and Bijan Tabrizi, Jane and John Overstreet, Sandy and Rick Anderson, Mike and Heidi Neville, and Tina Vogel. Special thanks also to Lee and Sheri Miller who oversee all the potluck committees and provided many of the beautiful seasonal decorations that were used.

Let's feature our residents!

Let your neighbors know something about you. Share a special interest, talent you have, reflections on your career, unusual travel event, life experience, etc. Contact Heidi Neville at heidi.neville@yahoo.com to share information about yourself or to nominate someone else.

RESIDENT FEATURE: BETSY CHARTIER

When you are shaken to the core, you hang on for dear life. Betsy Chartier was an excellent student attending 7th grade when she experienced one of the strongest earthquakes recorded in California history. All she could do was hold on to her student desk as she slid across the floor. Afterward, Betsy viewed the damage, particularly in stores, throughout her hometown. She realized that California was not utopia.

As an adult, Betsy enjoyed living in Japan for a few years until a sudden death in her immediate family brought her back to the U.S. She successfully emerged from her shaken world, maintained a long-term career and presently enjoys her family and social life. She has had the opportunity to travel to all fifty states and has visited the highest peaks and the lowest valleys, the frigid cold of Minnesota and the arid heat of Arizona. Betsy stated that this is “a wonderful country”, but noted that there is “no utopia”. There are positives and negatives everywhere. Early on, Betsy became aware that life sometimes brings you unexpected negative events, but she learned that you hang on for dear life, survive them and learn from them.

Save the Date

February 17th 2018

Stoneybrook Photography Show

Our featured photographer will be Kathryn DeYoung. We welcome and encourage all other photographers in Stoneybrook to enter the show. This will be a wonderful show for all to see. For more information call Laurie Zeiner 941-896-6277.

STONEBROOK HOA POOL RULES

Residents and their guests use the pool and spa at their own risk since there is no lifeguard on duty. All children must be accompanied and supervised by a parent or guardian at all times. Children under 12 years old are not allowed in the spa.

Pool Hours of Operation

- Sunrise to Sunset

Pool and Spa Rules

- NO pets are allowed in the pool area
- NO bikes, skate boards, etc. are allowed in the pool area
- NO food, beverages or alcohol are allowed in the pool or on the wet deck
- NO glass containers of any kind in the pool area
- NO smoking in the pool or on the wet deck
- NO diving, running, rough-housing or ball playing in the pool area
- NO persons with open cuts or skin infections may enter or remain in the pool/spa area
- NO incontinent persons in the pool/spa
- NO cut-off jeans or shorts used as substitute for swimwear
- NO surfboards or rafts (flotation devices as swimming aids are permitted)
- NO nudity
- Children that are not toilet trained must wear tight fitting rubber briefs
- Audio equipment only allowed with the use of headphones
- ID cards are required at all times and must be shown upon request by authorized representatives of the association
- Any activities which unreasonably disturb the peaceful enjoyment of the pool area by other persons are prohibited
- Each residence may have no more than six (6) guests at the pool/spa area at the same time
- The pool is closed during severe weather

Care of the pool/spa area

- Use of the deck furniture is on a first come first served basis. No reserving of this furniture is permitted, and unattended items found on chairs will be removed and placed in the lost and found located in the Rec Center activities room
- Deck furniture should be returned to their original positions after use and must not be removed from the pool/spa area
- Deck furniture must remain at least 4 feet from the edge of the pool
- All persons should shower to remove lotions, sand, etc. before entering the water
- No substances such as soap or shampoo may be used in the pool/spa area

Violations of any of these rules may result in removal of the offending party from the pool area for the remainder of the day

UNDERSTANDING THE WETLANDS

By, Larry Eichert
12/17

There are several challenges we face in the community concerning wetland management. One is understanding the conservation rules, regulations and restrictions under which our wetland management program must operate. One of these concerns vegetation removal “If a native tree falls within the wetland boundaries, it must remain and not be cut up or removed. If an exotic or invasive tree falls within the wetland boundary, it can and ideally should be removed. If a native tree falls and juts partially out of the wetland boundary, only the portion that is outside of the boundary can be cut up and removed. Cut tree limbs and trunks cannot be thrown back into the wetland, even if it originated there, as this is considered dumping. Dumping of materials into conservation easements is prohibited. The portion of a fallen tree that is still lying within the wetland must remain as is and cannot be removed even if it is deemed unsightly.”

A second challenge is knowing what vegetation should or should not be growing in a certain area. This is particularly true about plants that are growing within the various aquatic systems found behind our homes. Littoral zone lakes should have plants growing along the edge. They are designed to extract nutrients from the water. A third challenge is understanding the environmental facts that govern the interrelationship within the ponds that are caused by seasonal changes throughout the year.

We must also consider the disruptions that occurred to these systems by hurricane Irma at a time when changes were beginning within the nutrient cycles due to a change of season. This had a profound effect on a few of our lakes that drain into neighboring communities. The churning of the water provided excess nutrients from exiting the lakes because the water ran into some clogging in the drainage ditches outside our community. This prohibited the water from draining properly into the Manatee River. This was particularly true for lakes 36 & 37 west of Camden Harbour Drive. The stirred-up muck from the bottom of these lakes decreased the water quality by flooding excess nutrients from the sediment into the system resulting in midge fly infestations. Their larvae live on and in the lake bottom making them difficult to control. This was further complicated due to a lightning strike in the lake a year earlier, killing many of the fish, which under normal conditions, would have better controlled the problem. The problem is being treated.

The final challenge is grass clippings were observed on ponds #21 and #23. As the grasses naturally break down, they release their nutrients into the water column, thereby increasing the available nutrients and promoting algae growth. A minor algae bloom may be anticipated following the decomposition of the grass clippings. This is often one of the major sources of excess food supply for opportunistic and invasive species plants. Please tell your landscape person not to cut down to the shoreline. These cuttings can have a profound effect on non-littoral zone lakes and retention ponds, especially as they decompose during the winter months and produce algae blooms in the spring.



Christmasberry or Florida Holly This plant is classified as a Class 1 exotic pest by the state of Florida and has become one of the most invasive plants in the state. This plant can be found growing on River Heritage Blvd. from SR 64 North on the east side of the road.

Our CDD is not responsible for the maintenance of this area.



STONEBROOK NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH INFORMATION

Neighborhood Watch:

Chairperson: Harietta Martinetti (941) 749-6336 or hmartinetti@yahoo.com

Co-Chairs: Gene Aulenbach (941) 750-0437 or graulen1@msn.com

Barbara Aulenbach (941) 750-0437 or barbaulen@msn.com

Manatee County Sheriff's Office (Emergency or Crime in Progress): 911

Manatee County Sheriff's Office (Non-Emergency): 941-747-3011 (wait for dispatcher)

Roving Patrol: (941) 549-9637

Stoneybrook Recreation Center: (941) 750-9688

Stoneybrook After Hours Emergency, Property Manager: (941) 750-8601

Envera Live Operator/ Gate: (941) 556-0732

Manatee County Traffic Complaint Hotline: (941) 723-5197

Manatee County Graffiti Hotline: (941) 747-3011 x2596

Florida Power and Light (to report malfunctioning street lights): (941) 917-0708

Garbage & Landscape Debris, Manatee County Utilities: 941-792-8811

Manatee County Sheriff's Office Website: www.manateesheriff.com

Stoneybrook HOA Website: www.stoneybrookhoa.com

Property Manager's email: manager@stoneybrookhoa.com

ROVING PATROL IN OUR STONEYBROOK COMMUNITY

Since July of 2008 the Roving Patrol has been making rounds throughout Heritage Harbour in Stoneybrook, Riverstrand and Lighthouse Cove 7 nights a week from 6 pm-6am. Between the Roving Patrol and Neighborhood Watch Committee our community will continue to be a safe place to live. If at any time between the hours of 6pm and 6am you feel the need to contact the Roving Patrol Call Center to report any happenings, please call (941) 549-9637

This service has been provided through the Heritage Harbour Master Association. Please keep in mind that Heritage Harbour is a lot of ground to cover, but before you know it those yellow amber lights will be flashing up and down your street keeping an eye out for your safety.



PLEASE REMEMBER:

All residents must have a **valid I.D.** card to use the facilities, including the pool, fitness room, volleyball, tennis and basketball courts. **Children under 12 must have parental supervision while at the Recreation Center and the pool or they will be asked to leave.** I.D.s are made in the Rec Center office.

AS A REMINDER: No children under the age of 14 are permitted in the fitness center.

Ongoing Maintenance of Your Property

Here are a few reminders to make your tasks easier:

- ◆ Roofs, homes, driveways including sidewalks abutting your property are your responsibility to be power washed.
- ◆ Grass and gardens need to be free of weeds, watered in accordance with the watering restrictions and supplied with nutrients. Dead bushes must be replaced with like kind vegetation and mulch replenished.
- ◆ Palm trees must have the dead fronds removed and Oak trees must have canopies raised to 8' high. If they are over sidewalks or roadways they must be raised to 14' high.
- ◆ All debris must be bundled so it can be removed easily in bundles no more than 4' long and not more than 50 pounds. Landscape debris is picked up by Manatee County every Wednesday.
- ◆ Trash pickup is on Tuesday and Friday. Wednesday is yard waste. Friday is recycling.
- ◆ All garbage cans and recycling bins must be stored in closed garages.
- ◆ During a holiday week the day of the pickup schedule moves forward by one day.
- ◆ For your convenience all garbage related questions can be answered by Manatee County Utilities at: 941-792-8811.
- ◆ We know you love your pets so please keep them on a leash at all times and pick up after them.

YOUR EFFORTS ARE APPRECIATED AND HAVE NOT GONE UNNOTICED!

Helping Hands Are Here for YOU!

We can only be helpful to you when we know about your needs. Therefore, if we can help you, please contact Carol Eichert at 714-7863 or ceichert@gmail.com and you will be put in touch with the supportive person. Our meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of every other month at 11:00 AM, after coffee hour in the rec center. **Join us for our next meeting on Monday, January 13th.** Funds to purchase gifts and flowers are raised through donations. **We have our second volume of "Stoneybrook Cooks" available for a special promotional price of books; 1 for \$10.00 or 2 for \$15.** Gift wrapped cookbooks are on hand in the Rec Center Office. Pay there by check. The books make lovely gifts!

WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY!

THE NEWCOMERS' MEET AND GREET

WHAT: Informative meeting for all newcomers and their families, but anyone living in Stoneybrook may attend. Information about Heritage Harbour, Stoneybrook, and the CDD will be presented by an HOA Board Director. There will also be a time for questions and answers.

WHEN: Every three months on the third Thursday of the month.

Join us on Thursday, January 18th from 7-8 PM

WHERE: Stoneybrook Recreation Center main room

ALSO PROVIDED: Treats, beverages, coloring pages and crayons for younger children.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MEET AND GREET ACTIVITY: Call Sheri Miller at (941) 567-5058 or email Sheri at slm19482006@yahoo.com.



NOVEMBER TRIVIA WINNERS



BETSY CHARTIER



PROPERTY MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Property Manager: manager@stoneybrookhoa.com
After Hours Gate Emergency Stoneybrook
(941)750-8601

Allure Property Management (941)567-1654
Fairway Greens III

Casey Management (941)727-4698
Fairway Greens I, II, & IV
Coach Homes

ICON Management (941)747-7261
Stone Harbour I
Stone Harbour II
Stone Harbour III

Security
Alert Security (941)549-9637
Envera Live Gate Operator 24/7 (941)556-0732
Manatee Sheriff's Dept. (941)747-3011

Stoneybrook Rec Center (941)750-9688
Office Hours:
Weekdays 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

GOLF AT STONEYBROOK

Men's Weekday:

18 holes every Wednesday begin at 9am
Please contact the Pro-Shop to sign up
(941)746-2696

Men's 9 Holes Golf League:

Contact Joel Tropp: joelxl@aol.com

Ladies' 9-Hole:

The "Niners" play a nine hole scramble every Tuesday afternoon.
Contact Debby Katzmann
(941)746-6622 Sept 15 - May 15
(309)463-2507 May 16 - Sept 14.

Ladies' 18-Hole:

18 holes on every Tuesday AM with lunch following golf.
Contact Carole Bakalar (941)580-3947 or
Carolebakalar@gmail.com

Grill 8000 (941)749-1842
Stoneybrook Golf (941)746-2696

Wednesday is Yard Trash Pick Up!

Landscape debris must be bundled in piles not over 4' long and not over 50 lbs.
It can also be placed in lawn bags or cans.

PARKING REMINDER:




Motorcycles, golf carts & all other non-traditional passenger vehicles must be parked in enclosed garages. There is no overnight parking permitted on the streets of Stoneybrook. Overnight parking passes are available at the rec center office to use the rec center parking lot. There is no parking permitted on the street for more than 4 hours. A fine of \$50.00 per occurrence may be imposed.

TREE TRIMMING REMINDER:

Oak and Palm Trees have to maintain their natural growth pattern. Canopies must be raised to 8'. If they hang over sidewalks or roads, they must be raised to 14' high. They may not be cut to look unnatural— no lollipop top or hat racking. **Remove dead branches immediately.**

DECEMBER 2017

REC CENTER HOURS:
MONDAY- FRIDAY 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
SATURDAY 10:00 AM - 12 NOON

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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