



The Fountain

Cape Haze Community Newsletter

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CHPOA President's Letter

It's been the fastest four months of my life. Our CHPOA Board honored me by naming me President in January. Since then, building on the efforts of Bill Dahms, we've done a lot.

The Community Center was painted – thanks to Fitz (Mary Lou Fitzgerald) and the other ladies for selecting the great colors. We spruced up the entrances, trimmed the islands in our canals, and helped get the water pressure back (not the best quality, but better than a dry toilet) several weeks earlier than Charlotte County Utility had planned.

But most significant, I think, is the new attention the County Commissioners and its staff are paying to us when considering the fragility of our infrastructure. We have been **very** proactive in meeting with the various officials, providing them hard and reliable data regarding such basics as water usage, traffic information, and hurricane evacuation issues. We even went to Tallahassee to meet with Department of Community Affairs officials, who indicated that they sympathized with our concerns about Placida Road – and these folks can say no to the county. No promise that development will stop – we live in a one-industry county named Development – but I'm confident that future growth will be more intelligent than what we've seen thus far.

I want to thank all those who do not get the public acknowledgement of the vital work they do for CHPOA, and if I forget to mention any names, please excuse the senior moments that arrive with more frequency. First are the Board members, who undertake the many small projects often unnoticed. If it requires a power tool, Pete Hayes and Don Libby are there; gifts need ordering or plants need planting, Karen Irvine knows and does all. Where's CHPOA's money? Shell Rieley has the count done and can analyze it six different ways. Need a meeting covered, or testimony at a hearing? Bill Dahms is first in line. Contact a banker or a lawyer? Marty Rosen knows who's the best. Improve contacts and relationships with our neighbors on the Cape? Sue Butler knows **everyone**. And our newest member, Jan Wilhelm, has learned the ropes rapidly and is now in charge of CAM (Common Area Maintenance).

But most deserving are the **real** volunteers. Homer Hoe and the web site (sounds like a book title), which can be a real pain to maintain. Bill Snyder and the data base, without which we'd shut down. Hank Irvine who never met a fountain he could not fix. Clare Landmann whose energy, knowledge, and persuasive skills make life in Cape Haze better. Don Landmann, too, if Clare doesn't finish it first. Hal Johnson, who sees a problem and takes care of it; Debby Armitage and her boat. Pete Johnson, who has transported numberless neighbors to Don Pedro; Nancy Buechler and the Newsletter: how great is that? Jeanne Corbin, who manages the Community Center schedule, and the Wolthoff's who keep the sign board up to date. The exercise ladies, Ann Lallman's yoga, the dog walkers. These are the people who make Cape Haze a community. And I know I'm forgetting too many others. If I started naming all those in the Women's Club, I'd go on for pages, so, Penny Rieley and Fitz, you're great.

Yes, it's been busy and time has gone fast. There's been a lot to do, and I've done comparatively little of it. But it feels to me – and I hope to you – that we're becoming more and more a real neighborhood of friends than merely people who live in the same subdivision. Have a perfect summer, and we'll see you in the fall.

Marv Medintz, CHPOA President

Successful Golf Scramble Enjoyed By Many

The Cape Haze Golf Scramble at Myakka Pines Golf Club was held on April 26. The shot-gun play started at 12:30 and 18 holes later the 20 golfers were joined by even more friends and neighbors for dinner.

Mary Glidden, Julie Hoe, Mark Clark, and Virgil Peterson won for drives closest to the pin. The first place foursome was Pat and Moe Sabourin,

Nancy Buechler, and Mark Clark; second place went to Mary and Bill Kupersmith, Bev Martin and Don Landmann.

Congratulations to them all!

Special thanks to Pat and Moe Sabourin for all the hard work they put in to planning and organizing this fun event.

Cape Haze Library and Book Review Club News

The Community Center houses our Library with a nice collection of books conveniently available and at no cost. CHPOA members are invited to borrow books and other items any time and all on the honor system. Please remember to return borrowed items and to only take what you can realistically read within a short time.

Ellie Wolthoff, who has been coordinating and maintaining the library for more than 10 years, says donations are always welcome.

Either paperback or hardback books (less than five years old unless it's a bonafide classic) are requested. All should be clean and in good repair. Just leave donations in the basket in the library.

Ellie wishes to take this opportunity to thank the Book Review Club for their donation of the complete Mitford Series by Jan Karon, now available in our Library.

The Library has many loyal patrons and several have noticed the loss of special book collections. Please check your shelves for forgotten borrowed items and return them as soon as possible.

The Book Review Club has completed another year of lively discussion and looks forward to next season. The 2007-2008 Discussion List and a suggested summer reading list are posted on the bulletin board and the Cape Haze website, copies are also on the shelf in the Library.

Next year we will be meeting the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am at the Community Center and newcomers are welcome to join.



Ellie Wolthoff, Librarian, receiving Mitford Series from Betty Leach and Nancy Buechler, Book Club Representatives.

Vacant Lot Mowing Report & Brush Fire

We're doing well with our vacant lot-mowing program. We've had one mowing already and the greenway and right of way along Placida Road (Route 775) have been added to our mowing program. We're notified when the vacant lots are to be mowed so the volunteers can get out to pick up before the mower "shreds" the street trash.

We've had a small brush fire at the southeast end of Spaniards Road along Route 775 and into some of the vacant lots. This is another reason to keep the vacant lots mowed and clear of brush, especially through this very dry season.

Clare Landmann, Lot Mowing Chair

Cape Haze Neighbor is Fireman of the Year

Lt. Ray Bauer of Spaniards Rd. was honored as 2006 Englewood Area Fire Control District Fireman of the Year. Chief Michael Bonakoske praised Ray for his attention to duty both when responding to emergencies and to in-house responsibilities.

The Chief said, "Lt. Bauer works with a positive, motivating attitude on every shift and performs his duty with integrity and every call he handles receives his best effort."

After graduating from the Venice Fire Academy, Ray started with the Englewood Fire District as a volunteer in 1991. In the spring of 1992 he moved to Key West where he was employed as an EMT, but Ray continued to make the drive north to volunteer one weekend a month with Englewood.

After five years of volunteering, Ray moved back to Englewood when he was hired full-time.

Ray continues his education in Fire Science and he is also a certified CPA instructor, a life safety inspector and a licensed US Coast Guard captain.

Ray and his wife Elizabeth and their two daughters live in Cape Haze. Elizabeth is kept busy with the family but also finds time to be a nurse with Home Health Care of Venice.



Lt. Ray Bauer, Jr., 2006 Englewood Area Fire Control District Fireman of the Year and Cape Haze Resident!

Congratulations to Ray and his family for this honor, we're proud to have you as our neighbors!



Photographs from the Cape Haze Boat Rendezvous: Dolphin from Snyder's Boat, *The Nancy Lee II*, by Mal Glidden, the Useppa Restaurant and Boats en Route by Mary Lou Fitzgerald.



Cape Haze Women's Club

First Order of Business: Thank You's!

Thank you's to all the chairs and committee members for activities since the last "FOUNTAIN". Without your commitment, our activities would not be successful — Spring Fling, with all that delicious Italian Food, Boat Rendezvous to Useppa Island, Golf Scramble at Myakka Pines Golf Course, Friday Night Socials, and the Officer Installation and Spring Luncheon.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU also to the 2006-2007 outgoing officers of the Cape Haze Women: Penny Rieley, Clare Landmann, Cindy Googins, and Susan Butler, for planning great programs and leading the CHW.

Of course we can't forget those involved with the Road Clean Ups, the Book Review Club, Aerobics, Yoga, and Friday Night Socials.

Second Order of Business:

Spring Luncheon and annual organizational meeting was held in April. The newly elected officers for the 2007-2008 terms are:

President: Mary Lou Fitzgerald
Vice President: Clare Landmann
Secretary: Percy Medintz
Treasurer: Bev Martin

Third Order of Business:

2007-2008 - What's in store?

Friday Night Socials (FNS)

5:00 – 7:00 PM at Community Center - bring light food to share and your own beverage.

May 11: Ellie & George Wolthoff, Mitzi Schramm
June 8: Mary Lou & Jack Fitzgerald
July 13: Clare Landmann, Lorrie Flowers
August 10: ????—help needed
September 14: ????—help needed
October 12: Joye & John Scholten
November 10: Saturday BBQ Instead

Fourth Order of Business:

Other happenings thru the fall —

Road Clean up

During the summer—Clare Landmann will coordinate and the arrange dates.

Monday, October 15, 9:30 AM, Community Center. CHW Club Meeting, a surprise from your president!!

Saturday, November 10, 6:00 PM, Community Center. BBQ Welcome Back Party immediately after CHPOA meeting which has been changed to 4:00 PM.

Monday, November 12, Time TBA, Community Center. Meeting and then tour and lunch at Gasparilla Inn. Cost TBA

Tuesday, November 13, 10:00 AM, Community Center. Book Review Club, One Thousand White Women, by Jim Fergus.

Thursday, November 29, 1:00-4:00 PM, Community Center and Entrance Decorating. A Sloppy Joe, Coleslaw, Brownie and Coffee supper follows at 5:00 PM.

Homeowners and helpers encouraged to decorate the waterways November 29-December 3 in preparation for Parade of Boats on December 14.

Friday, December 7, 6:00 PM. Holiday Gala - a Catered Hors-d'oeuvres and Dessert Buffet semi formal party. Cost TBA. Yes, it will be a GALA affair!

Monday, December 10, 9:30 AM, Community Center. CHW Meeting. Holiday Happening Flower arranging. Donations collected for Food Bags from Publix and other surprises!

Friday, December 14, 4:30 PM. Parade of Boats. After parade, BYOB and Pot Luck. See the lights on the waterways! Get in the spirit!!!

Fifth Order of Business: Wanted:

June, Aug and Sept FNS need hostesses!!!

Do you know of any musicians in our community—please let me know!!

A great year ahead with lots of involvement and a real sense of community.

For each and everyone to have a healthy, sunshine filled summer.

(Please some rain from the skies.)

Questions, comments, offers of help, etc.

Rose Bowls Missing after Spring Luncheon, please return to Community Center

CHW Dues \$20, send to Clare Landmann

Please e-mail me at mlzifit55@comcast.net

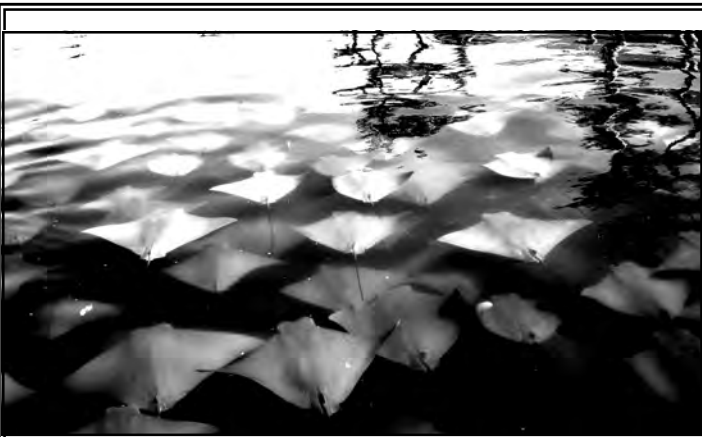
Until the next "Fountain"

Mary Lou Fitzgerald, your president

PS . . . And what did I get myself into???????

Upcoming Events

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| May 11 | Friday Night Social
5:00 - 7:00 PM - Community Center |
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5:00 - 7:00 PM - Community Center |
| October 15 | Women's Club Meeting - Surprise!
9:30 AM - Community Center |
| November 10 | CHPOA Meeting - Note New Time
4:00 PM - Community Center |
| November 10 | Welcome Back BBQ
After CHPOA Meeting - Community Center |
| November 12 | Women's Club Meeting & Gasparilla Inn Tour
Time TBA |
| November 13 | Book Review - <i>One Thousand White Women</i>
10:00 AM - Community Center |
| November 29 | Community Decorating - 1:00 PM
Sloppy Joe Supper - 5:00 PM |



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All articles, letters, photographs, and "Upcoming Events" received by deadline will be considered for publication.

Text submissions should be Microsoft Word files.

Photographs should be .jpg files of at least 400kB in size.

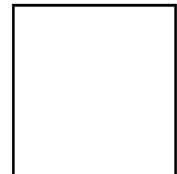
Text and photographs should be attached to e-mail and forwarded to NancyBue@aol.com.

Hard copy submissions may also be considered.

**November Deadline is
November 2, 2007**

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**Send in your \$20 Women's Club
Dues Now - to Clare Landmann**

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