

# The Fountain

## Cape Haze Community Newsletter

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### President's Column

#### Cape Haze West Rezoning Approved by County

In the spring of 2003, the membership of CHPOA authorized the expenditure of funds to pursue the rezoning of Cape Haze West from its former RSF3.5 designation to lower density RSF2 zoning. That new RSF2 zoning supports our existing housing density of two single-family homes per acre. It also more closely supports the side yard setbacks defined in our historical deed restrictions. In a survey conducted in 2003 to determine Community support for rezoning, we received an overwhelmingly positive response when more than 80% of the property owners voted in favor of the idea.

Based on that initial response, we engaged an attorney to pursue the effort. When our attorney presented the idea to Charlotte County's Planning and Zoning Board, their response was extremely positive. They even volunteered that if at least 80% of the property owners would formally support the effort, the Planning and Zoning Board would consider recommending that 100% of the properties be rezoned to RSF2 on their own initiative.

The spring of 2004 was spent gathering the individual authorization forms from each and every property owner who supported the rezoning. We succeeded in collecting formal approvals from 82% of the property owners in Cape Haze West. In June our attorney began the bureaucratic process leading to official rezoning. However, when it came time for the Planning and Zoning Board to recommend approval, they balked at endorsing rezoning of 100% of the properties. Instead, they recommended to the Charlotte County Board of Commissioners that only those properties that had explicitly granted permission be rezoned. At their August 2004 meeting, the Commissioners unanimously approved that recommendation.

The result is that, as of August, 243 properties (82% of the total) in Cape Haze West are now zoned RSF2. The zoning for the other 55 properties (18%) remains unchanged (RSF3.5). There are two comforting elements here. One is that more than 75% of the vacant lots were included in the new zoning. The other is that the lots that weren't rezoned are not clustered in any particular area but are sprinkled here and there throughout Cape Haze. These two facts effectively remove any threat of lot subdivision and greater housing density, and they work together to preserve our historic side yard setbacks in most cases.

Cape Haze is unique in its look and feel and this zoning change is the best means we have to insure that it stays that way. We all dodged a very big bullet this summer when Hurricane Charley veered away from us at the last moment, but if we're less lucky with some future storm, our new zoning will see to it that things are put back like they were.

My thanks to all of you who made this possible by supporting the rezoning effort.

Homer Hoe  
CHPOA President

## CHPOA Special Membership Meeting November 13 Agenda Includes Deed Restrictions

The Board of Directors of CHPOA plans to have a comprehensive discussion of the Deed Restrictions at the Special Membership Meeting on Saturday, November 13. Since the last meeting there have been some questions raised and hopefully we will clarify the issues surrounding our Deed Restrictions.



The meeting takes place at the Clubhouse with coffee at 9:30 am and meeting beginning at 10:00 am. Please plan to attend.

Thank you.

Bill Dahms,  
CHPOA Secretary

## Flu Shot Availability and Avoiding the Common Cold

Charlotte County will administer flu shots at the Cultural Center in Port Charlotte on Monday, November 8 and at the Englewood Health Department on San Casa on Tuesday, November 9. Both clinics begin at 9:00 am, have 500 shots, and are for high risk persons on a first come/first served basis. It is recommended that you arrive at least one hour before the clinics to be screened and to receive a number. Cost is \$25 cash or check and you must take your Medicare Card if applicable.

For additional information or updates, call either the Charlotte County Health Department at 639-1181 or the Englewood Health Department at 474-3240.

So, if we can't get a flu shot this year, what can we do? Stay as healthy as possible to keep up our resistance. Statistics say adults average two to four colds a year and children catch many more, most occurring during the fall and winter. Supplements such as vitamin C, echinacea and zinc are popular cold fighters, but there is no conclusive scientific data that any of these can do much to ward off the illness.

Lab tests on animals do show that zinc can interfere with the replication of cold viruses. Vitamin C may lessen the severity or duration of symptoms, but there is little convincing evidence that echinacea prevents colds or improves symptoms.



So how can we avoid the virus that leaves us with the sniffles? The short answer is, we can't. But we can take a few simple steps to reduce the risk.

1. Wash hands often with soap and warm water, and for 15-20 seconds.
2. Circulate fresh air through vents or windows.
3. Get at least 30 minutes of moderate exercise daily.
4. Cough and sneeze into a tissue, dispose of it, or seal it in a plastic bag to dispose of later.
5. Use separate hand towels and drinking cups for each family member.
6. Avoid contact with people who have colds, especially during the first few days of their illness.
7. Clean environmental surfaces such as door knobs with a virus-killing disinfectant.
8. Finally, be happy. A study published in the July 2003 issue of *Psychosomatic Medicine* found that people with positive emotions tended to be more resistant to colds.

## Cape Haze Golf Outing—A Great Success!

The Cape Haze Women's Club golf outing was held on Thursday, October 28, at Myakka Pines Golf Club in Englewood. Twenty-four people participated in the golf scramble and afterward enjoyed a lovely dinner served in the beautiful new clubhouse.

First prizes were awarded to the foursome of Joyce and Bob Glau and Mary and Mal Glidden. Congratulations to our winners.

Myakka Pines Golf Pro, Frank Perilli, was a perfect host and invited our group to repeat the event next year. We all had such a wonderful time, we may not be able to wait a whole year!

Thank you to everyone who participated in and supported this event. We hope to get even more participants next time.

Hilary Dahms and Jan Hayes



## Empty Lot Mowing and Debris

Now that the hurricane season is over we need to be reminded to help our neighbors and community by not putting our yard waste on empty lot properties.

It is understandable that we want our yards to look mowed, trimmed and clean. Fortunately, we do have excellent yard waste pick-up service from Waste Management. Just remember to bundle/tie trimmings in four-foot lengths, put other yard waste in barrels or paper yard waste bags and leave them out for Friday pick-up.



Keeping the empty lots clear will both look better and make it easier for our empty lot-mowing program to be most effective.

Thanks for your help,

Clare Landmann  
Empty Lot-Mowing Program Chair

## Reservation Deadline Nearing

The last possible date to reserve your spot for "An Evening of Elegance" dinner dance is November 17, 2004. It promises to be an unforgettable evening for all CHPOA members to celebrate the season with great company, food, music, and a spectacular view. Call Mitzi Schramm at 697-3279 today.



# Cape Haze Women's Club

The winter social season is up and running.

On October 28<sup>th</sup> twenty-four golfers had great fun at a scramble at the Myakka Pines Golf Course. More about that on the page 3.

Our first in a **series of book reviews** was on Election Day with nine women meeting at the Clubhouse.

We've decided to meet on the first Tuesday of the month at the Clubhouse at 10:00am, skipping the busy month of December and starting again in January. The dates, book and presenter are as follows:

- Jan. 4 At Home in Mitford, by Jan Karon  
Betty Leach, presenter
- Feb. 1 Miss Julie Takes Over, by Ann Ross  
Joy Scholten, presenter
- Mar. 1 Small Change, by Elizabeth Hay  
Clare Landmann, presenter
- Apr. 5 House of Sand and Fog, by Andre  
Dubus III  
Jan Hayes, presenter

This group is open to anyone who likes to read. Come as often as you can.

The **Welcome Back Party** will be held on Saturday, November 13, the evening of the CHPOA meeting. Come at 6:00 pm and bring a drink and your favorite hors d'oeuvre.

You should have received your invitation to "**An Evening of Elegance**" **holiday dinner dance** to be held at the Boca Grande Club on Wednesday, December 8 at 6:00 pm. We promise you'll feel elegant after an evening in lovely surroundings with fine dining and the terrific band *Quiet Fire*.

Please note that the deadline for making reservations is earlier than usual and late reservations will not be accepted by the Boca Grande Club. If you haven't done so already,

please contact Mitzi Schramm immediately for reservations (697-3279).

Don't forget to bring an unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots program. (If you prefer, you can drop the toy into the marked box at the Clubhouse. Whether you are attending the dinner dance or not, please participate in this program of sharing.)

Our **first meeting and Yankee Swap is on Monday, December 13**. Meet for refreshments at 9:00 am with a brief meeting at 9:30. We will pick a date for a **quarterly roadside cleanup**. All residents are welcome to help out and participate in the work party!! There will be a sign by the fountain the day before and a notice on the Clubhouse bulletin board with the date and time.

We'll start the fun of the Swap about 10:00. Please bring a wrapped gift worth about \$5 as well as a small plate of holiday cookies to share.

It just wouldn't be the same without our annual **New Year's Day Brunch** at the Clubhouse at 11:00 am. Bring a side dish, salad or dessert to go with the Bloody Marys, Mimosas and ham that the committee will provide.

The Cape Haze Women's Club is the social arm of the Cape Haze Property Owners Association. Membership is open to all women whose households are members of CHPOA.

For \$15 a year, we aim to provide a variety of fun activities, a way to get to know each other better, and perform some community/public service.

Please contact me to learn more about joining our group.

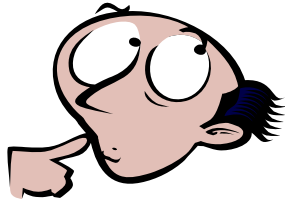
Penny Rieley, President  
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## Up-Coming Events

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| November 13 | CHPOA Special Membership Meeting<br>10:00 AM—Clubhouse<br>Coffee at 9:30 AM      |
| November 13 | Welcome Back Party<br>6:00 PM—Clubhouse  |
| November 17 | Dinner Dance Reservation Deadline<br>Call Mitzi Schramm—697-3279                 |
| December 8  | “An Evening of Elegance” Dinner Dance<br>6:00 PM—Boca Grande Club                |
| December 13 | Women’s Club Meeting—Yankee Swap<br>9:30 AM—Clubhouse<br>Refreshments at 9:00 AM |
| January 1   | New Year’s Day Brunch<br>11:00 AM—Clubhouse                                      |
| January 4   | Book Review Group<br>10:00 AM—Clubhouse  |
| January 10  | CHPOA Board Meeting<br>9:00 AM—Clubhouse   |
| January 10  | <i>The Fountain</i> Submission Deadline  |
| January 15  | CHPOA Annual Membership Meeting<br>10:00 AM—Clubhouse<br>Coffee at 9:30 AM       |
| January 17  | Women’s Club Meeting—Shell Craft<br>9:30 AM—Clubhouse<br>Coffee at 9:00 AM       |

## Homespun Wisdom

- ◆ Temperamental is mostly temper and a little mental.
- ◆ You get out of life just what you put into it ... minus taxes.
- ◆ A sure fire formula for making a speech; have a good beginning and a good ending—and keep them as close together as possible.
- ◆ The difference between looking good and good looking is 20 years and 20 pounds.
- ◆ When it comes to giving, some people stop at nothing.
- ◆ We live our lives forward but understand them backward.
- ◆ Age is a high price to pay for maturity.
- ◆ A person is most efficient when he or she forgets what is unimportant.



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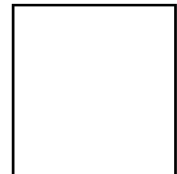
Hard copy submissions will also be considered.

**January Deadline is  
January 10, 2005**

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