# THE OFFICIAL $\mathcal{N}ewsletter$ of Heritage Harbor

May Fun Facts. Bad news over, back to the fun stuff. May is named after the Greek Goddess of Fertility.

- <u>May is National Burger Month.</u> Best in the area is at our clubhouse.
- May is also National Golf Month (really did not make this up).
- <u>The birthstone for May is the Emerald.</u>
- By the end of May, sunrise will occur at 6:34 AM and sunset will occur at 8:53 PM.
- <u>May is Older Americans Month</u> (that be me).

May Holidays. Several notable holidays occur during May. Mark your calendars.

May 1, May Day. The roots of this holiday are Celtic and marks the beginning of their spring. Fresh beginnings. A day of happiness. May pole. Dance with flowers in your hair.

May 5, Cinco de Mayo. Celebration of the victory of the Mexican army over the French in 1862. We have several fine Mexican restaurants in the area. May be a great time to enjoy a Mexican meal with your family.

May 11, Mother's Day. This holiday this year falls on a Sunday. Many will start their celebration with church services, followed by a meal out (so mother does not have to cook or clean the dishes). Don't forget the flowers. And if your mother does not live in the area, remember to call and tell her how important she is.

May 26, Memorial Day. Honors the 1,200,000 men and women who died while serving our nation in uniform, especially the 700,000-service member who were killed on the battlefield. In

other words, the purpose of Memorial Day is to memorialize the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. If you love your freedom, thank a vet.

#### Wildlife Safety.

Did you know that it is against Florida wildlife laws to feed, capture, posses, hurt, or kill an alligator or a sandhill crane. I bring this up, citing these two animals specifically, because some of us interact with them daily. The sandhill cranes have lost much of their fear of humans and you can get very close to them on some occasions. Very tempting to reach out with a handful of crackers and to try to pet them. Alligators, specifically baby alligators, could appear to be cute from a distance and may let you get close to them out of curiosity.

There is a story circulating around, that a couple of young boys captured a baby alligator and removed it from its natural habitat. They took it home and posted pictures of it on the internet, which got the attention of enforcement officials.

When I was young, I did one or two things that I would not dare do today, like swiping a stop sign and hanging it up in my bedroom. Hindsight would tell one that it could have resulted in someone driving through an intersection and hitting someone. Thankfully, my father discovered my misdeed and we returned the stop sign to its proper location. Never did that again.

Many of the kids in our community love to explore and will have adventures along our lakes and may venture into our woods. Be aware of what your kids are doing and remember that life is a day-to-day classroom that never ends. Your kid can be an "A" student 363 days a year, but that one bad day can stain a reputation and last a lifetime.

#### Bicycles and the golf course.

Another tidbit. It is not uncommon to see kids riding bicycles on the golf course late in the afternoon. We have three bridges that are unsafe for bicycles and could result in a very serious injury or worse. These three bridges span wetlands and are designed for golf carts. They have side rails that are only a foot high – high enough to deflect a golf cart to keep it on the bridge but would result in a bicycle summersaulting over the rail. When it is wet, the bridge surfaces are very slick.

Be aware and be safe.



## HAPPY SPRING 2025!

With the arrival of Spring, perhaps we can all take the opportunity to

check batteries in smoke detectors, as well as check the unit itself. If it's got a yellow tint to it, chances are it's expired (they should be changed after 10 years). There are many old units that should be changed. This is also a good time to look around your property and do some clean-up/ freshen up. Mailboxes/posts, driveways, soffits, gutters/drain pipes, and roof eaves should be looked at and cleaned. Flower beds should be freshened up with mulch, as that will help keep weeds down. Lanai screens should be free from mold, mildew, and algae. Ripped screens should be repaired. During the last property management inspection, there were properties that need attention regarding the aforementioned items. We do have some homes for sale in the community, and a clean, fresh-looking community goes a long way in helping those homes sell quickly, and at good value, helping us all!

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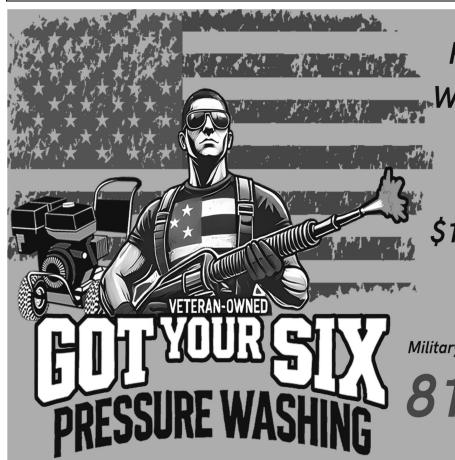
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#### Happy Spring continued...

DOG POOP: We continue to receive

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regarding
dog poop on
people's
lawns and on
the aprons.
PLEASE
pick up after



your pets. One resident sees dog poop on her lawn almost daily, along with cigarette butts. Please do your part in keeping the community clean by picking up after your pets and not dropping cigarette butts on the sidewalks and people's lawns.

POOL: The pool has been busy, and Jay has done a good job at keeping it clean. As a reminder, please keep the pool area clean, taking your garbage with you when you leave (or using the trash can that's there). Also, if you open the umbrella, please make sure to close it when you leave. If another resident requests that you leave it open for them, please remind them to close it before they leave. If you are the last one to leave, and the umbrella is open, please close it. With afternoon storms coming our way these umbrellas could easily be blown over (along with the tables) and get damaged. This is your pool, please take care of it. Also remember that you are responsible for your guests as well. Need a resident ID to get into the pool and the other amenities? Please do not hesitate to reach out to Kathy (hhcluboffice@gmail.com) in clubhouse office. She'll be more than happy to assist you.



Let's not forget our new residents! Reach out to your new neighbors and say hi! We've had a few new residents join us since our last newsletter. Welcome to all, both owners and renters! If you have yet to receive our newsletter or our Heritage Harbor emails, please email hhcluboffice@gmail.com and we will make sure you are added to the newsletter and email list.





## Beautifying the Neighborhood

Frontier, the current owner of the old, dilapidated, and rusty metal GTE phone boxes has agreed to remove all boxes from Heritage Harbor at no cost. These boxes have been nonoperational for quite some time and have become a danger and an eye sore to many front yards. Frontier estimated 200+boxes throughout Heritage Harbor and while they can only remove about 10 boxes per week due to limited staff availability, they assured me all will be removed. Removal of boxes also includes replacing turf with sod. Be on the lookout and if you see someone removing these boxes, smile and say thank you! And we would like to issue a big thank you to board member, Melissa Chevalier, for doing the research to make this project actually happen!



## Harbor Happenings

Events are coming and going at full speed at the Harbor.

At the end of March residents were showing off their cooking and baking skills with a friendly competition at the chili and baking cook off.

April brough the forever popular band "Stormbringer" back. A record crowd of over 500 people attended. Live music seems to be the artistic medium to bring us all together.

April also brought us the Easter egg hunt, the Easter Bunny, the Easter brunch and plenty of fun and games for kids of all ages.

# What to look forward to in May?

May 3rd, we have the community blood drive, May 17th is the community garage sale, Memorial Day, May 26th is the annual pool party and lastly May 30th, is the end of the school year party at the pool.

The new splash pad that replaces the kiddie pool should be ready for the Memorial Day pool party.

And don't forget the third Wednesday of each month is either regular Bingo or Music Bingo and every Thursday is live trivia at Double Bogeys.

So, a lot of things to attend and look forward to!!

Everyone have a safe and happy May!



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#### **Heritage Harbor News**

Adult Clinic May 10th- 10am Kids Clinic May 10th- 1030am

The Heritage Harbor golf league starts Tuesday May 20th and will run every Tuesday till September 23rd.

Weekly prizes, and prize packages for the top 3 finishers!! If you haven't played in it yet and want to sign up email John at <a href="mailto:hhproshop@gmail.com">hhproshop@gmail.com</a>

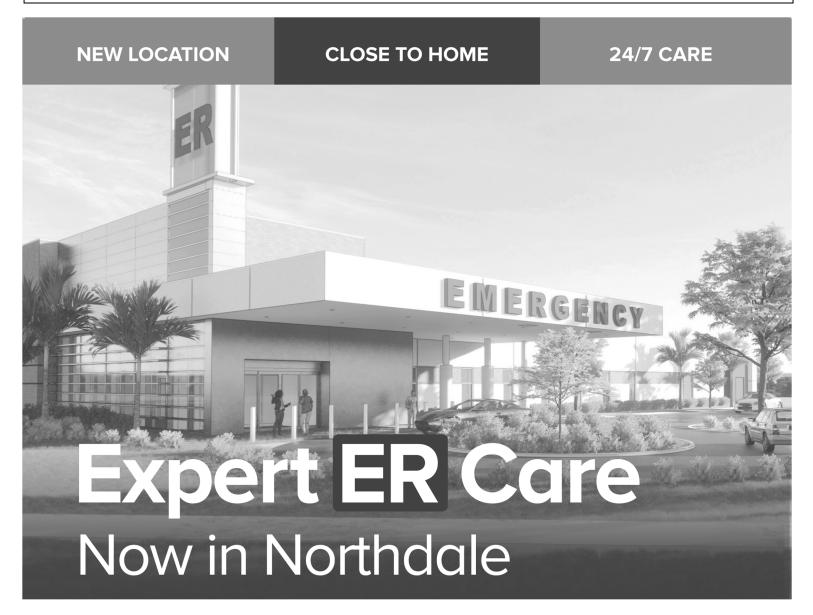
The pro shop and golf course will be closed on Monday June 2nd as we will be aerating the greens on the golf course. We will be back open on June 3rd and will be running discounted prices as the greens are healing.

Also, if anyone has kids that are planning to try out for the Steinbrenner Boys & Girls golf teams the tryouts will be held on August 5th- August 7th. The coaches are asking to make sure you get all your forms filled out before tryouts.









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- May 3, Community Blood Drive
- May 8, Double Bogey's Live Trivia 6:30pm-8:30pm
- May 10, Free Adult Golf Clinic 10am Free Kids Golf Clinic 10:30
- May 11, Happy Mother's Day
- May 13, CDD Meeting 8:30pm Clubhouse Library
- May 14, DRB Meeting 7:00pm Clubhouse Library
- May 15, Double Bogey's Live Trivia 6:30pm-8:30pm
- May 17, Community Garage Sale
- May 21, Music Bingo 6:30pm 8:30pm
- May 22, Double Bogey's Live Trivia 6:30pm-8:30pm
- May 26, Memorial Day Pool Party 12:00pm-4:00pm
- May 28, HOA Meeting Clubhouse Library
- May 29, Double Bogey's Live Trivia 6:30pm-8:30pm
- May 30, End of School Year Pool Party 4:00pm

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