



The Fountain

Cape Haze Community Newsletter

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CHPOA President's Letter

Time flies. It will soon be time when many of us start to pack up and head North or West. It's always a bittersweet time for us as we love it here but also like it "up North". We really need a 16 month year so we can spend 8 months in each place!

I'd like to update all of you on what's been going on in Cape Haze and in the county. Forgive me if this is long, but there is a lot going on.

You should know that our goal on the CHPOA board is to do those things that will enhance the overall quality of life here and protect our property values. This is what guides us every time we meet as a Board. Our meetings are open to all residents

and we welcome your attendance. We meet on the second Monday of each month at 4PM at the Cape Haze Community Center.

First: Deed Restrictions. A vast number of our property owners voted in 2012 to revitalize our Deed Restrictions. With the guidance of legal counsel and the approval of the State we accomplished this. Thus we then have the duty to enforce them. Our goal is to do this thoughtfully and even-handedly, but we have been enforcing them and will continue to do so. Our actions have been upheld in the courts as well.

We recently sent out a number of letters to property owners regarding infractions. Most of them concerned boat trailers, RV's and unkempt lots. If you received one, I hope you will understand that neither have we singled you out nor do we wish to harass anyone. We also hope you will bring your property into compliance. Hopefully you will see this as an opportunity to be a considerate neighbor.

For your information, a copy of our Deed Restrictions is included elsewhere in this publication. They are also available on our website: "www.capehaze.org".

Next: Smart Charlotte 2050. This was originally a comprehensive plan for managing development in the county with emphasis on West County. It was enacted in 2012 after a few of us, notably Percy Angelo, worked closely with the county to develop a framework for future development. The approved plan was a very reasonable approach and satisfied property developers and neighbors. Now some are proposing to totally revise it and remove the safeguards we negotiated.

It is 128 pages long, so it's hard to summarize here. However, if you have time please go to the county website, www.charlottefl.com, click on the "community development" section and review it there. If you do, I think you will see that, if enacted it will have a major negative impact on the ecology, our environment and the quality of life in this area. It will be easy to see the potential results just by looking at the deletions to the plan.

We plan to speak out against it and engage with the county officials in order to limit the changes they propose and the damage it will cause. I hope as many of you as possible will take a look at it and contact the Board of County Commissioners at bcc@charlottefl.com and let them know of your opposition. [see last page for more information]

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Another interesting item is the plan by Charlotte County Utilities (CCU) to offer gray water (reclaimed, non-potable water) to residents along Placida Road. They made presentations to Cape Haze residents and other community groups on Thursday March 20. The Cape Haze residents who attended had little interest since it would cost upwards of a million dollars to provide the necessary piping and equipment to our community. Other community groups in the area are more interested since they are right on Placida Road and their costs of connecting would be far lower.

Finally, I'd like to recognize the tremendous contribution made to our community by the Cape Haze Women's Club and its' outgoing co-presidents, Cindy Howell and Karen Irvine. The CHWC is a real asset to the community. Cape Haze wouldn't be the great place it is without it and these two great ladies. Thanks also to Nancy Buechler for being the editor of *The Fountain*. She's done a wonderful job on it for all these years.

In closing, I hope those of you who are reading this understand that we are more than just a social organization but one fighting for the quality of life here in Cape Haze. If you are a member thanks for looking out for your interests. If you are not, please join. The price of \$275 is small in relation to the benefits.

Have a great and a safe summer.

Thank you,

Bill Dahms

Bill Dahms, President
Cape Haze Property Owners' Association

Cape Haze Library and Book Review Club News

The Cape Haze Library is running smoothly under the capable care of volunteer Librarian Nancy Fogle. Nancy says the Library is still under the honor system; just take a book or books and return them when you're finished reading. Returns and donations should be placed in the basket marked for that purpose. Because our library shelves are limited, Nancy is requesting donations of paperback books of five years or newer and new hardbacks - all books should be in good condition.

The Cape Haze Book Club meets the second Tuesday of each month October through May, 10:00 am at the Community Center. All Cape Haze residents are invited to join in the discussion and guests are welcome.

The last meeting of this season is May 13 when Homer Hoe will lead the discussion of *Doc* by Mary Doria Russell. A "Suggestions for Summer Reading" list and next season's discussion list have been determined and will be posted on the Cape Haze website, www.capehaze.org.

Book Review Club 2014-2015 Discussion Schedule

October 14	<i>Wolf Hall</i> by Hilary Mantel
November 11	<i>Pope Joan</i> by Donna Woolfolk Cross
December 9	<i>Hemingway's Girl</i> by Erika Robuck
January 13	<i>The Scavenger's Daughters</i> by Kay Bratt
February 10	<i>The Orphan Master's Son</i> by Adam Johnson
March 10	<i>Orphan Train</i> by Christina Baker Kline
April 14	<i>The Sense of an Ending</i> by Julian Barnes
May 12	<i>The Invention of Wings</i> by Sue Monk Kidd



Some Book Club members pondering a provocative discussion question. Caroline Csavas, Lillian Clayton, Clare Landmann, Gerry Schreiber, Homer Hoe, Penny Rieley

DEED RESTRICTIONS OF THE CAPE HAZE SUBDIVISION RESTATED AND REVITALIZED AS OF APRIL 12, 2012

1. The property shall be occupied and used for residential purposes only. No building shall be erected or maintained on said premises except one to be used as a single family, private dwelling house together with appropriate structures such as servants quarters, garage and other outbuildings as may be required for the private use of the owners or occupants of said premises. Not more than one such dwelling house with appurtenant buildings shall be erected or maintained on said premises.
2. No boathouses (with walls and a roof) shall be constructed extending into or over the coves, bays or basins in Cape Haze. A covered lift is not considered a boathouse.
3. No wall or fence over six feet tall shall be erected on any lot.
4. No animals other than commonly accepted domestic pets shall be kept on any lot.
5. Nothing shall be done and no condition shall be allowed to continue which may constitute a nuisance. All lots shall be kept free of brush, trash or other materials that may constitute a fire hazard or become a breeding ground for rats, snakes or other vermin. Thirty days after notice CHPOA reserves the right of entry on vacant lots for the purpose of clearing away any such accumulation and assessing the cost thereof to the owner.
6. No tents, house trailers, campers (motor homes and recreational vehicles, for example), or boat trailers may be occupied or parked or placed on the premises of Cape Haze subdivision for an extended period of time (generally greater than seven days), unless stored in a garage or otherwise completely screened from view. Boats may be moored or stored on boat lifts at waterfront property.
7. No "For Rent" signs may be displayed on any lot. "For Sale" signs may be displayed only if they are no larger than customary and standard realtors for residential property.
8. The Declaration of Covenants may only be amended by a vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the affected parcel owners of the Association.

Executed April 12, 2012 at Cape Haze, Placida, FL
Cape Haze Property Owners Association
By its President

Kids' Needs Update

Kids' Needs-Greater Englewood is the 501(c)3 charity adopted by our Community. It is dedicated to keeping local children safe and in school. It is our hope that every time you go to our Community Center, you take a donation to help K-12 students in the greater Englewood area.

Current suggested donation items are—new underwear (hipsters for girls, boxers for boys), new low rise socks, toiletries and new or like-new sneakers, and other school appropriate clothing.

We're also gearing up to send kids to YMCA summer camp where they will receive supervision, two healthy meals per day, and fun. It costs \$330/camper for the entire summer and we're expecting to award about 90 scholarships to children of the working poor this year.

Of course tax-deductible financial donations are always accepted. Checks made payable to *Kids' Needs* may be mailed to 1201 S. McCall Rd., Englewood, FL 34223 . For more information, like *Kids' Needs* on facebook or visit the website, www.kidsneedsenglewood.org.

Thank you for your help.

Cape Haze Fishing Club Kick Off Meetings



We have scheduled two Fishing Club kick off meetings in April to determine our goals and plans to further develop a Cape Haze

Fishing Club. Even though two meetings are scheduled for everyone's convenience, you need only attend one session, but all are welcome to attend both.

From the "Novice to the Advanced Angler" - our plans will include very basic fishing technique sessions related to: knot tying, casting, bait, dock or boat, etc. Other topics will come from requests from Club members for sessions on basics to the advanced areas of inshore - offshore, and fly fishing; whatever interests members.

We covered a lot at the "Fishing 101" meeting last month with Hank Irvine, Bob Howell, and participation of the 30 attendees. We plan to use questions and comments from that session as a starting point to move our Cape Haze Fishing Club forward in upcoming meetings.

If you have ideas and particular interests about fishing please bring them along to our first two kick off meetings. Both meetings will be held in the Cape Haze Community Center with the first scheduled for Tuesday, April 15th at 4:00-5:30pm and the second is Tuesday, April 29th, also at 4:00-5:30 p.m.

We've tried to accommodate everyone's schedules and plan to communicate with all those interested by email to insure Club members are updated even though they may not be able to attend all meetings. To be included, please be sure to send your email address to Bob Howell.

We also plan to set up a Web Page to post pictures, questions, information, a Fishing Club Roster, etc.. If you have any questions or further comments please send them along to me at RNHOWELL4@MSN.COM.

All Cape Haze residents are welcome and we're looking forward to seeing you at one or both of the kick off meetings.

Bob Howell
Fishing Enthusiast
RNHOWELL4@MSN.COM

Women's Club Honors Community Legend, Clare Landmann

The Cape Haze Women's Club April 9 luncheon at the Community Center thanked the outgoing Board of Directors and installed the new Directors. In addition, they honored long time Club member, Clare Landmann, for her many years of service to the Women's Club and to the Cape Haze Community. Clare has held many offices in the organization through the years, has been the Welcome Committee and the Roadside Clean Up Supervisor, continues to manage the Community's Lot Mowing Program, and has helped in countless ways. A bench from Recycled Plastic Factory with a commemorative plaque was dedicated in Clare's honor and has been placed at the Community Center school bus stop. We thank these and other volunteers for all they do to make Cape Haze the fun, friendly neighborhood we love.



Outgoing Board: Standing-Cindy Howell, Karen Irvine, Penny Rieley, Jan Hayes, Lee Ann Tobin
Clare Landmann seated



Incoming Board: Standing-Vickie Keidel, Mary Barron, Cindy Howell, Penny Rieley, Susan Butler
Clare Landmann seated

Meet Your New Women's Club Officers

Mary Barron, the seventh of eight children, grew up on a farm in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. She graduated from SE Missouri State in Music Education with a major in Voice. Mary worked 25 years in mortgage banking/residential construction lending in the Annapolis/Baltimore, Maryland area. She then spent a couple of years working for a homebuilder, and then returned to school to become a Maryland State licensed massage therapist.

Mary and husband Kevin have two grown children, a boy and a girl. Their son lives in Annapolis, works in technology management and has a three year old daughter. Their daughter, a former Marine, moves frequently as her husband is career Air Force. They are currently stationed in Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas where they stay busy with their ten year old son and eight year old daughter.

Kevin, who is a commercial real estate credit executive with Regions Bank, had visited this area and discovered he liked it. Together they explored southwest Florida and wandered into Cape Haze, started looking for a home, and moved here in June 2013. Kevin works from home, but finds time to enjoy the local fishing. Mary says she's retired but has already volunteered with *Kids' Needs*, helped with Women's Club activities and is now serving as co-vice president.

Susan Butler grew up near Watertown, New York – almost into Canada - and earned her Masters Degree from Cornell University in Community Services Education. She spent six years writing and promoting the first de-institutionalization proposal in the country. Called Project Zero, the aim of the program was to move mentally retarded people out of institutions and into more suitable living situations.

Next Susan moved to Albany to head the newly formed Supplemental Security Income for Disabled Children Program. Susan's last position in the public sector was as a deputy commissioner for the New York State Prison System where she was in charge of assessing prisoners' skills and arranging training that would hopefully transfer to employment upon release from the prison system.

Susan and her husband retired to Cape Haze in April 2001, but sadly he passed away the following August. Susan



Co-Vice President Mary Barron, Co-Presidents Susan Butler and Vickie Keidel are newest Women's Club Board Members. Cindy Howell (not shown), outgoing Co-President, will serve as Co-Vice President.

decided to stay and became involved in real estate, served on the CHPOA Board, the Women's Club Board, and has been actively involved in the Women of Windward.

Susan enjoys kayaking, walking, antiques, gourmet cooking, and spending time with family. Susan still summers on a lake in Henderson Harbor, New York.

Susan remains an active community volunteer, volunteers with *Kids' Needs*, and has rejoined the Women's Club Board as co-president.

For more on Susan, see the May 2008 issue of The Fountain, available on the Cape Haze website at www.capehaze.org.

Vickie Keidel grew up in Tonawanda, New York and received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Design from Buffalo State College.

Vickie worked most of her career in sales and marketing for two New Jersey based Fortune 500 companies and most recently served as the Executive Director of the National Kidney Foundation of Western New York. She was on the speakers bureau for the University of Buffalo Medical School, Amgen and Schien Pharmaceuticals, as well as holding various board positions for local Western New York and New York State nonprofit organizations.

In her spare time, Vickie enjoys gardening (even has an English garden at their summer home in Tonawanda, New York) and has always had a passion for equestrian activities.

Vickie and Tim Danahy had known each other most of their lives and reconnected after years with busy careers. When Vickie retired in 2009 she decided to spend her winters in Florida. After trying both the east coast and central Florida, both Vickie and Tim fell in love with southwest Florida and moved to Cape Haze in January 2012. Tim enjoys the area's water and fishing and is on the CHPOA Board. Vickie has become involved in local organizations volunteering for *Kids' Needs*, serving on the Lemon Bay Conservancy Board and several of its committees, as well as taking an active role in the Women's Club before becoming its co-president.

Thank you to these women and to all those who volunteer to provide social activities and manage Cape Haze affairs.

Cape Haze Women's Club

We are wrapping up another successful, busy season of activities within our Community. By the time you read this we will have just finished a trip to Spanish Point in Osprey. We closed out Club activities with a luncheon at the Community Center on April 9.

At that time we honored Clare Landmann for her untiring efforts to make our Community the best it can be. Clare has served as President of the Women's Club as well as Vice-President in the past and has served CHPOA for many years as Mowing Coordinator, a sometimes thankless job but one which keeps vacant lots looking their best. Over the years Clare has tackled any sort of job in Cape Haze that needed doing, attested to by the fact that she keeps a tool kit in her red truck. All this has been done unasked and sometimes unnoticed, but we really did know and we appreciate her efforts. In Clare's honor, a bench manufactured by the Recycled Plastic Factory, an Englewood company owned by Clare's next-door neighbor, Cindy Googins, and Cindy's dad, David Arp, has been placed on the Community Center grounds where school children wait for their bus. Cindy says to watch the spot for more changes to come.

At the luncheon we also thanked outgoing officers of the Women's Club for their hard work from 2012 to the present. Retiring were Karen Irvine, Co-President, and Jan Hayes and Lee Ann Tobin, Co-Vice-Presidents. Retiring Co-President Cindy Howell, a glutton for punishment, has cheerfully accepted a new position as Co-Vice President along with Mary Barron. New Co-Presidents for the 2014-2016 term are Vickie Keidel and Susan Butler. Penny Rieley will stay on as Secretary and Elaine Fisk will continue as Treasurer. Many, many thanks to all these women for their efforts to provide fellowship for all Cape Haze residents.

Under the retiring Women's Club Board, we were able to install a new kitchen in the Community Center, including a new French-Door refrigerator and paint the rooms. Six new light-weight round tables were purchased and a quantity of new tablecloths, both green and white, was purchased. If you've attended a dinner or Social Hour lately, you might have noticed how "spiffy" the table settings were. We can be proud of our Community's generosity in providing over \$500, clothing, and time for the *Kids' Needs Program*. Member Nancy Buechler leads our efforts for this project.

Planning has been underway for next winter's programs, but it is never too late to suggest some activity you might like to see take place. In fact, your ideas are what we want so we can please as many residents as possible. Any of the women mentioned above will make sure your idea is brought to the Board's attention. Please speak up!!

Whereas there are no more special Women's Club functions for this season, informal 2nd Friday Social Hours will continue throughout the summer. The next one is on May 9 and will be hosted by Percy Angelo and Gerry Schreiberman. As always, bring your own beverage and a heavy hors d'oeuvre to share. The time is from 5:30pm until 8pm. This is a great time to keep up with what's going on in the neighborhood.

Mary Lou Fitzgerald, our "Town Crier" for the last six+ years, will keep you informed of upcoming Socials. Many thanks, Mary Lou.

Penny

Penny Rieley
Women's Club Secretary

White Pages Phone Book Information

Are you having trouble finding non-business phone numbers without paying for them? There is a simple fix for this problem. You can order a White Pages Directory from your local provider . . . and it's free. Century Link customers call 1-877-2GET-DEX (1-877-243-8339) and simply request the white pages, it will

arrive in 2-3 weeks. Or go to DexKnows.com, click on [Local White Pages](#), click on [Find a Person](#), fill in information (first name, last name, town, state - this works if you're close to the right town, i.e., you enter Englewood and they live in Pt. Charlotte) then click [FIND](#). You get the phone number and address at no charge.



Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Events

Unless otherwise noted, events take place at the Community Center

- April 15 Fishing Club - 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM - All Invited
Questions/Comments to Bob Howell
RNHOWELL4@MSN.COM
- April 23 County Roundtable-Revisions to Smart Charlotte 2050 Plan
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM - Charlotte County Administration Center
See Next Page for More Information
- April 28 *Thank You* Lunch for Cheryl Clark, Aerobics Leader - Noon
The Cove Bistro & Grill on Gasparilla Rd
Confirm w/Cindy Howell/cahowell29@gmail.com or 828-1125
- April 29 Fishing Club - 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM - All Invited
See April 15 for More Details
- May 9 Friday Night Social - 5:30 PM - All Invited
Bring Appetizer to Share & Your Own Beverage
- May 13 Book Club - 10:00 AM - *Doc* by Mary Doria Russell
- June 13 Friday Night Socials - 5:30 PM
July 11 Will Continue if Community Interested - Watch Your Emails
August 8 Bring a heavy appetizer to share and your own beverage
September 12 Summer Hosts Needed, Please Call Cindy Howell, 828-1125
- October 10 First Fall Friday Night Social - 5:30 PM
Bring appetizer to share and your own beverage
- October 14 Book Club - 10:00 AM - *Wolf Hall* by Hilary Mantel
Newcomers & Guests Always Welcome
- October 31 Howl-dog Costume Parade - 5:00 PM - Prizes & Fun
- November 11 Book Club - 10:00 AM - *Pope Joan* by Donna W. Cross
Newcomers & Guests Always Welcome
- November 13 Women's Club Welcome Back Luncheon - Details TBA
- November 15 CHPOA Special Membership Meeting - 4:00 PM
- November 15 Welcome Back Social following Meeting - Details TBA

Check your email and www.capehaze.org for up-to-date information

Roundtable on Revisions to Smart Charlotte 2050 Comp Plan

Comment: The scheduled roundtable is designed to revise important protections in the county comprehensive plan. For example, wetland and transfer of density unit protections. Please attend if possible, or let your commissioners know that you support the current comp plan.

From an email from Gayle L. Moore:

Charlotte County Community Development will conduct a roundtable meeting pertaining to proposed changes to the Charlotte County Comprehensive Plan, Smart Charlotte 2050. A link to the current Comprehensive Plan can be found on the County's website at www.smartcharlotte2050.com.

The purpose of the meeting is to gather public input regarding the proposed revisions to the County's Comprehensive Plan. The public is invited to attend, and to provide comments and concerns for consideration.

The meeting will take place on **Wednesday, April 23, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** in Room B-106 of the Charlotte County Administration Center, 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, Florida, with a break for lunch.

If you have any questions regarding the event, please contact:

Gayle L. Moore, Admin. Asst. (941-623-1094)

Gayle.Moore@charlottefl.com

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

Text and photographs should be attached to email with "The Fountain" in the subject box, and forwarded to *** nancybue1@gmail.com ***

Hard copy submissions may also be considered.

**November Deadline is
November 5, 2014**

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**Community Volunteers Needed
Several Rewarding Positions Available
Contact Any Board Member Today**

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