

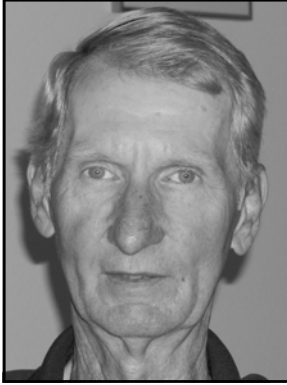


The Fountain

Cape Haze Community Newsletter

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CHPOA President's Letter

Our Community looked very festive for the holidays. Thank you to the Decorating Committee for a superb job trimming the front entrance, fountain, and Community Center. I would also like to thank our friends and neighbors for adding to the festive effect by the decorating of personal properties.

Many activities were held and many more are planned by the Cape Haze Women's Club. We hope that everyone will participate in some or all of those events. Do you have ideas on activities you would like to see here in Cape Haze? Contact Karen Irvine, 697-8883, or Cindy Howell, 828-1125. A fishing club has been requested so call Karen if you'd like to join other local anglers.

Did you notice that our fountain has been repaired and a new fountain pump installed? Thanks, Bill Blasdell for overseeing the refreshment of our entrance focal point.

Deed restrictions enforcement is continuing:

Deed restriction #5 – Vacant Lot Mowing - first and second letters have been sent. Those not conforming have been sent certified letters for court/mediation procedure by our attorney.

Deed restriction #6 – No tents, campers, motor homes, boats, or trailers on premises - first and second letters have been sent. The names of those not responsive were forwarded to our attorney for the court/mediation procedure.

Welcome to several new Community members. Come meet them at the **Annual CHPOA Meeting at 4:00 pm on Saturday, January 19 at the Community Center**, followed by a barbecue dinner sponsored by the Cape Haze Women's Club. Come join us and take an active part in your Community.

Art

Art Hanson, President
Cape Haze Property Owners Association

Important Neighborhood Meeting - Sewers in Cape Haze!

Charlotte County Presentation

Thursday, February 14 - Community Center

9:30 AM and Repeated at 10:30 AM

Everyone Should Attend - See Page 3 for More Information

Useful Phone Numbers

It's often difficult to find the correct phone number to obtain information. This is especially important in an urgent situation. Of course, if it's an **emergency, still use 911—YES even on cell phones!** However, other useful contact numbers are:

Animal Control	833-5690	After Hours Contact Sheriff's Office at 639-2101
Charlotte Co. EMS	833-5600	
Charlotte Co. Sheriff	639-2101	
Coast Guard	1-239-463-5754	
County Code Enforcement	www.charlottecountyfl.com/licensing and permitting (Preferred) or 743-1201 Option 2	
Englewood Fire Dist.	474-3311	
Large Item Garbage Pick Up	764-4360	
Mosquito Control	764-4370 - Option 1	
Placida EMS & Fire Station	697-1222	
Placida Post Office Direct	697-7614	
Poison Information Center	1-904-244-4465	
Poison Information <u>Urgent</u>	1-800-222-1222	
Power Outage Report	639-1106 - Option 1, then Option 1 again	
Red Dot Program	833-5610	
San Casa Sheriff Office	475-9005	
Traffic Signal Out	575-3600 - Option 2 - After Hours Use 911	
Water Pipe Leak	764-4300 - Emergency Option 5 or Customer Service Option 4	



It's often helpful to give neighbors your emergency contact phone numbers. You might also let a neighbor know your cell phone number and/or how you can be reached in an emergency while you're away from home for extended periods.

Vacant Lot Mowing Report



As we come to the end of our 2012 vacant lot mowing season, we want to thank West County Mowing for keeping the Cape Haze vacant lots well maintained.

As we look forward to 2013's mowing season we are aware that the Deed Restrictions have encouraged some owners to mow their vacant lots. Currently we mow 66 lots, 9 are mowed by the owners, and 7 owners have NOT paid their mowing bills so their lots were not mowed in 2012. These owners have been sent Deed Restriction Violation letters. We'd like to note that those providing their own mowing may join our program whenever they wish.

We mow six times a season during the spring, summer and fall months. A letter explaining our

program, containing an annual invoice and an identification post card will be mailed to vacant lot owners soon. The identification card should declare whether the owner will mow their own lot(s) or join our program and should be returned to me (Clare Landmann, Vacant Lot Mowing Manager). Payment should be by check payable to CHPOA Vacant Lot Mowing and mailed to Sheldon Rieley, CHPOA Treasurer. Both should be mailed to CHPOA, PO Box 690, Cape Haze, Florida 33946.

We're hoping ALL owners will comply with the new Deed Restrictions and ALL vacant lots will look well-groomed throughout the year.

We are still looking for someone to work with us to manage our vacant lot mowing activity. Right now there is plenty of time to learn the current system - or to develop your own program.

Thanks,
Clare Landmann

Sewers Coming to Cape Haze?

Judy Hunter, Charlotte County Utilities, says the County is coming to Cape Haze for a Planning/Informational Meeting about providing waste water services (sewers) to Cape Haze. Judy says “the County has been talking with people in our community and they want to explain the program they’d like to see in Cape Haze based on the existing infrastructure.”

The County will mail an invitation letter to all property owners in our subdivision on January 28. This will contain no information other than announcing two identical meetings in the Cape Haze Community Center, Thursday, February 14, one at 9:30 am and the second at 10:30 am. Bruce Bullert, Charlotte County Engineering Services Manager, will more than likely be the County’s representative on the 14th.

Ms. Hunter says “cost of a county assessment to property owners will be presented at this meeting and, if all goes forward, could appear on the 2013

tax bill.” Additional personal costs would be incurred preparing each property to “hook up” to the County services.

Public hearings on the Cape Haze waste water service project will take place in July and September. The Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners would initially approve the project in the budget, then a permit from the State would be requested (which Ms. Hunter says would “not take long to be approved”), followed by County bid solicitation.

Ms. Hunter says “If all goes forward, the project will be listed on the Charlotte County website, www.charlottecountyfl.com/utilities, and updates will be posted. Following that, if anyone has additional questions, they could contact Judy Hunter directly at 764-4539.

Information obtained during phone interview with Ms. Hunter on January 11, 2013. Nancy Buechler

Red Dot Emergency Information Program

You’re at home when illness or an accident occurs and you CALL 911. The paramedics arrive and begin medical care for you. They also start asking your and/or your family members what seems to be a tremendous amount of questions. (What is your Medical History? What medication do you take? How much? When? Do you have any allergies?)

Emergency workers need this important information in order to treat you as quickly and effectively as possible. But can you remember everything during an emergency? What can you do?

Charlotte County Fire & EMS personnel recognize this problem and that’s why the Red Dot Program was created. This information is extremely helpful in medical emergencies and also when a call for assistance is made to law enforcement agencies.

This quick and easy Red Dot Medical Information Form is filled out before an emergency occurs.

The yellow top section of the form is placed in a red magnetic pouch on the front of your refrigerator. The pink bottom sheet is mailed to the local 911 office using a provided pre-addressed envelope.

Then 911 personnel enter your pertinent information into the 911 computers. At the time of your emergency, dispatchers will provide the emergency responders your important information while responders are enroute to help you.

The 2-inch self-adhesive **RED DOT** is placed on the exterior of your entry door, just above the doorknob. The **Red Dot** and dispatchers will alert emergency workers that the Red Dot Medical Information Sheet is in place in the resident’s home. The yellow information sheet is transported with you to the hospital and copies are provided for the emergency room staff.

For more information about this program, please contact Dee Hawkins, Charlotte County Public Relations/Education Coordinator, 833-5610. Red Dot Information Sheets may be obtained at the Englewood Area Fire Control District, 474-3311, or register on line at: the County website, www.charlottecountyfl.com/Fire/RedDotProgram.asp.



Cape Haze Women's Club

We had a very successful **Holiday Dinner Dance** at the Boca Royale Club on December 13. Over 60 residents enjoyed a delicious meal and dancing in a truly festive atmosphere. Our co-presidents Cindy Howell and Karen Irvine and their committee, including Sharon Blasdell who made the exquisite flower arrangements, deserve a huge round of applause.

On January 14 we sponsored a **Passions and Projects** show at the Community Center. While enjoying wine, cheese and fruit, attendees could check out various displays presented by neighbors who brought samples of their hobbies or information about organizations for which they volunteer. What talented, interesting and committed neighbors we have! Thank you Nancy Buechler and Caroline Csavas for this event.

After our **CHPOA meeting** on Saturday, January 19, 4:00pm, we're sponsoring a **BBQ Dinner** with all the trimmings. These meetings are meant to let all Cape Haze residents know what projects, concerns and maintenance are happening in our Community. Socializing over a meal lets us network and enjoy the fellowship of our neighbors even more. For more information on the BBQ dinner, contact Mary Landy, 830-8774

On Wednesday, January 23 we will be **taking down our holiday decorations**. Many hands make light work so please join us at the Community Center at 10:00am.

Our next **Friday Night Social** is Friday, February 8. Hosts are the Dahms, Hoes and Fisks. Join them at the Community Center at 5:30pm and bring an hors d'oeuvre to share and your own drinks.

In what has become an annual event, Women's Club members will be attending the **Sarasota Youth Orchestra Fashion Show and Luncheon**

with string quartet entertainment on Monday, February 11. The event starts at 11:00am at the Gasparilla Inn on Boca Grande. Cost is \$50, check only, payable to Sarasota Orchestra Association, (\$25 is tax deductible). Get your reservation to Jan Hayes, 698-4132 by February 4. Carpools will be arranged.

Probably our most popular Women's Club event is our **Shelling and Luncheon on Palm Island**. We'll meet at the Community Center at 9:00am on Monday, February 25 and carpool to the ferry from there. \$25 includes car ferry, golf cart, and lunch. Make check payable to Karen Irvine, 697-8883, and get it to her by Friday, February 22.

On Monday, March 11 there will be a **Women's Club meeting** at the Community Center at 1:00pm. After the business meeting, at 2:00pm, we will hear from **Woody Thayer, a local horticulturist**. All gardeners in the Community are invited to hear his presentation.

Our **March Friday Night Social** will be on Friday, March 22, hosted by E. Furner, P. Neer, C. Csavas and G. Schreibman. Join them at 5:30pm with your drinks and an hors d'oeuvre to pass.

All Cape Haze residents are invited to attend any Women's Club activity. If you haven't attended a function recently, you're missing out on a lot of fun. Please come and join us soon. *"Try it, you'll like it."*

Remember Aerobics led by Cheryl Clark, is held every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:15am at the Community Center.

Up to date information on all our activities is located on the website: www.capehaze.org

Penny Rieley
Secretary,
Cape Haze Women's Club

**Women's Club Membership is Due in January - \$20 check payable to CH Women's Club
Send to Treasurer Mary Landy, 50 Spyglass Alley**



Mark Your Calendars

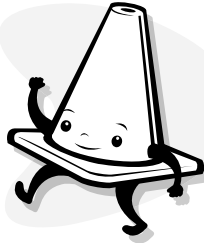
Upcoming Events

Unless otherwise noted, events take place at the Community Center

- January 19 CHPOA Annual Membership Meeting - 4:00 PM
Community Invited
- January 19 BBQ Dinner with all the trimmings
Following CHPOA Meeting, About 5:30 PM
- January 23 Take Down Holiday Decorations - 10:00 AM
All Men & Women Invited to Help
- February 8 Friday Night Social - 5:30 PM
Bring an hors d'oeuvre to share and your own drink
- February 11 Women's Club - 11:00 AM - Gasparilla Inn
Sarasota Youth Orchestra Fashion Show and Luncheon
- February 14 County Meeting on Cape Haze Sewers
9:30 AM and Repeated at 10:30 AM - All Should Attend
- February 19 Book Club - 10:00 AM - *The Invisible Wall*
by Harry Bernstein
- February 25 Women's Club - 9:00 AM - Meet at Community Center
Shelling and Luncheon on Palm Island
- March 11 Women's Club Meeting - 1:00 PM
2:00 PM - Woody Thayer, horticulturist, all invited
- March 12 Book Club - 10:00 AM - *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain
- March 22 Friday Night Social - 5:30 PM
Bring an hors d'oeuvre to share and your own drink
- April 9 Book Club - 10:00 AM - *The Color of Water*
by James McBride
- April 13 CHPOA Special Membership Meeting - 4:00 PM
Community Invited
- April 13 Community Picnic - Details TBA
Following CHPOA Meeting, About 5:30 PM
- April 15 Women's Club - 11:30 AM - Zydeco Restaurant
Cooking Demonstration, Lunch, Meeting, Details TBA

Sidewalk Construction May Impact Traffic

Charlotte County Engineer John Elias, Project Manager, has announced that the Cape Haze Drive sidewalk construction, from Arlington Drive to Placida Road (in Windward) is scheduled to begin on January 14 and will continue through March 2013. To carry out construction, the contractor may need to shift traffic patterns and will utilize signs and flagmen when needed. Citizens are urged to exercise caution when traveling through this area.



Support Your Community

Join CHPOA, Join The Women's Club,
Contribute to CAM (Common Area Maintenance)

Volunteer Today!

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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 with "Fountain Submission" in the subject box, and forwarded to **NEW *** nancybue1@gmail.com *** NEW**

Hard copy submissions may also be considered.

**March Deadline is
March 25, 2013**

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**CHPOA Meeting & BBQ Dinner
Saturday, January 19 - 4:00 PM**

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