



# The Fountain

Cape Haze Community Newsletter

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## CHPOA President's Letter

Greetings from the President:

It has been a hectic two months trying to organize myself for this job. Fortunately, with the support of the CHPOA members, I have learned that I can count on ungrudging cooperation on all that will help us improve our already special home.

Among the problems we've faced so far, the most serious has been (in my opinion) the inadequate water pressure during the morning hours. I testified at a Charlotte County Commission hearing, and met with and had follow-up discussions with the engineer who now leads Charlotte County Utilities. He assures me that we should see considerable improvement by late March, and modest improvement before then.

The main improvement will come from a new storage tank, and the other modest improvements derive from reducing hydrant flushing and fixing any defects in the pipe system along 776 that delivers our water. Let me know how the pressure is – the utility now takes my calls.

We are counting the CHPOA dues and the Common Area Maintenance (CAM) payments coming in. For those of you who have not yet paid, we'll be giving you a second chance – we'll be sending a second billing soon. It's really necessary to have wide participation to assure that we can keep our Community functioning and beautiful.

We want to improve our entrances, pay off our dock loan, improve the Don Pedro beach path, get a ladder at our dock so small boats and kayaks can use our beach, investigate making Cape Haze a wi-fi zone, maintain our infrastructure, and make our voice heard regarding development issues. This takes both time and money. If any of you have any special ideas you'd like to see implemented, let me know. Your Board is filled with creative and energetic people.

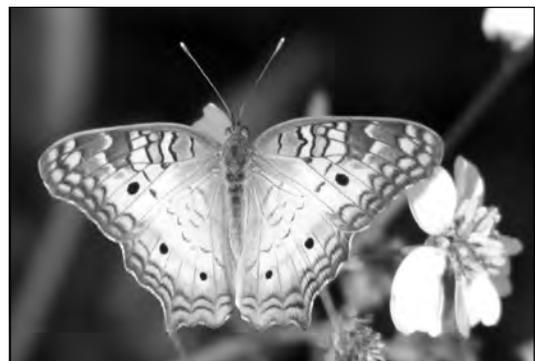
If you have any questions or concerns about dues, please call me. If we don't get your check, I may call you to see what CHPOA can do to earn your support.

Have a wonderful Spring.

Thanks to all of you.

*Marv*

Marv Medintz  
CHPOA President



White Peacock butterfly often seen in wildflowers of Cape Haze.  
*Photo by Eva Furner.*

## CHPOA Elects New Board Members

The membership elected three new Cape Haze Property Owners Association Board members; Susan Butler, Don Libby, and Shell Rieley.

In turn the CHPOA Board elected officers for 2007-2008. The new officers are: President Marv Medintz, Vice-President Pete Hayes, Secretary Bill Dahms, and Treasurer Shell Rieley.

Congratulations to them all.

Don Landmann, Pam Neer, and Paul Wunsch completed their terms on the Board and have returned to private life. We thank them for their years of dedication and service to our Community.

We all appreciate the time and efforts all these officers donate on our behalf and let's be ready and willing to help them any way we can.

A hearty thanks to all our Community volunteers.

## Golf Scramble Coming

Thursday, April 26  
12:30 PM Shot Gun  
Myakka Pines Golf Club

Dinner Following Play



Call Pat Sabourin  
698-5722

## Cape Haze Communications

Our Cape Haze Community has moved into the 21st Century in a big way and we're not stopping yet!

We still have our old standby printed-paper versions of *The Fountain* newsletter, the *Cape Haze Resident's Directory*, and the *Women's Club Book*. But, that's only the beginning.

We have our own website, [www.capehaze.org](http://www.capehaze.org). The site is full of information about our Community; included are history, governance, projects, social events, interests groups and much more. Our *Fountain* newsletter is even available for viewing on the website.

We have CHPOA and Women's Club updates sent to members through e-mail. We no longer have to wait for the newsletter for information. If you aren't receiving these updates, contact [medintzm@yahoo.com](mailto:medintzm@yahoo.com).

And, now our Community members are working to make Cape Haze a wi-fi Community. The ultimate in internet portability, this would eliminate the need to access the internet through a cabled connection to a "place", like your home - as one does with Comcast or Embarq. Hope it works out!

It's all wonderful technology and we in Cape Haze are ready to take advantage of it!

# Boat Cruise to Useppa

**Thursday, March 29**

**Meet in Pelican Bay at 10 AM**



**Lunch on Useppa  
\$26/person**

**Visit the Museum  
\$3**

**Call Paula Irving  
for Reservations  
697-7779**

*Sites to see on the way to Useppa. Eagle Photo by Eva Furner. Pelican Bay Photo by Lee Buechler.*

## Can Emergency Vehicles Find Us?

Have you called 911 needing the police, firemen or emergency medical techs? Some neighbors have had more than one emergency vehicle mistakenly pull into their driveway and bang on their doors.

Others have had to direct fire trucks and ambulances off dead end streets, and a particular problem seems to be getting from Green Dolphin 'something' to Green Dolphin 'correct'.

The emergency techs explain that when we call 911, the 911 operator calls the appropriate dispatch who then calls the emergency personnel. This is like when we were kids playing *telephone*. The final listener often gets a message with something

important missing, or distorted. It's funny when playing the game. It can be tragic during an emergency.

The advice given is, please stress the correct number and complete street name when you call 911. In other words, please calm down enough to speak slowly, speak super distinctly, and, by all means, stress the importance of north or south on the street name. And ask the operator to repeat the information back to you - so you know if it's been correctly received.

So far we've been very lucky, hopefully our luck holds!

## Answers to Florida Trivia from Page 6

1. Tourism, 2. Clearwater, 3. Hawaii, 4. Washington Redskins, 5. Spain, 6. Lake Okeechobee, 7. Florida was named for the Easter day of 1513 by Ponce de Leon as "Pascua Florida," meaning "Flowery Easter," 8. Gatorade was named for the University of Florida Gators where the drink was first developed.

# Cape Haze Women's Club

We've had many enjoyable activities already in 2007, including our New Year's Day Brunch, Shelling and Lunch on Palm Island, a Superbowl party, Crafting, Friday Social Hours, a combined luncheon with the Women of Windward, and a Beach Party, not to mention bowling, golfing, book club, aerobics and yoga. My, we do keep busy.

We hope those who participated had a great time. But if you missed out and want to join the fun, contact any Women's Club member for information.

Thank you to the many volunteers who make these events possible. And, remember, if someone asks for your help, please say, "Yes."

Here's a line-up of the many events planned for the rest of the season here in Cape Haze.

**Saturday, March 24 - SPRING FLING, 6 PM at the Community Center.** The theme for this year's fun event is an Italian Night. Cost is \$12 per person. Please BYOB. D.J. Scott Holcomb will provide the entertainment. Reservations by March 14 to Clare Landmann, 697-8492.

**Thursday, March 29 - BOAT RENDEZVOUS – meet in Pelican Bay at 10 AM.** We'll cruise to Useppa where the luncheon is "The Caya Costa Buffet" at a cost of \$26 per person. Useppa has asked those attending to also visit the museum (\$3 admission). Reservations may be made by check given to Paula Irving. Call Paula at 697-7779.

**Tuesday, April 3 – BOOK CLUB, 10 AM at the Community Center.** *The Secret River* by Kate Grenville with discussion led by Kathleen Peterson. The book looks at early pioneers of 19th century Australia.

Please bring your list of three books for the summer reading list and suggestions for next season's discussions.

**Friday, April 13 - SOCIAL HOUR 5-7 PM at the Community Center.** Hosts are Shell and Penny Rieley

**Monday, April 16 - WOMEN'S CLUB ANNUAL MEETING, 10:30 AM at the Community Center.** We'll have officer installation and a potluck luncheon. Bring your dish to pass, drinks will be provided. Let Penny Rieley, 697-9811, know you're coming by April 13.

**Thursday, April 26 - GOLF SCRAMBLE, Myakka Pines.** See Registration Form in this newsletter and sign up as soon as possible with Pat Sabourin, 698-5722.

**Tuesday, May 1 - BOOK CLUB, 10 AM at the Community Center.** The book has been changed to *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa Lee with discussion led by Joye Scholten. The story is a journey back to look at a female relationship in Chinese history.

**Friday, May 11 - SOCIAL HOUR, 5-7 PM at the Community Center.** Hosts are George and Ellie Wolthoff and Mitzi Schramm.

Women's Club news is frequently updated and e-mailed to all members who have an e-mail address. If you're not on the distribution list and would like to be notified, please send your request to [medintzm@yahoo.com](mailto:medintzm@yahoo.com). If you don't have an e-mail address, you might want to ask a buddy to let you know a notice is out.

Bev Martin, Women's Club Correspondent

## NOTE:

May 1st Book Discussion Has  
been changed to:  
*Snow Flower and the  
Secret Fan*  
by Lisa Lee

# Upcoming Events

- March 24**                    **Annual Spring Fling - Italian Night**  
**6:00 PM - Community Center**  
**Reservations by March 14**
- March 29**                    **Boat Rendezvous - Useppa**  
**10:00 AM - Pelican Bay**
- April 3**                      **Book Discussion Group**  
***The Secret River***  
**10:00 AM - Community Center**
- April 13**                    **Friday Night Social**  
**5:00 - 7:00 PM - Community Center**
- April 14**                    **CHPOA Special Membership Meeting**  
**10:00 AM - Community Center**  
**Coffee at 9:30 AM**
- April 16**                    **Women's Club Meeting**  
**Officer Installation/Luncheon**  
**10:30 AM - Community Center**
- April 26**                    **Golf Scramble & Roast Pork Dinner**  
**12:30 PM Shot Gun - Myakka Pines**
- May 7**                      ***The Fountain* May Issue Submission Deadline**  
**NancyBue@aol.com**
- May 1**                      **Book Discussion**  
***Snow Flower and the Secret Fan***  
**10:00 AM - Community Center**
- May 11**                    **Friday Night Social**  
**5:00 - 7:00 PM - Community Center**

## Florida Triva

1. What is the number one industry in Florida?
2. What Florida city has the highest rate of lightning strikes per capita in the U.S.?
3. Florida is not the southernmost state in the U.S. What state is further south?
4. What team did the Miami Dolphins defeat in Superbowl VII to become the only team in NFL history to have an undefeated season?
5. Who sold Florida to the U.S.?
6. What is the largest lake in Florida?
7. How did Florida get it's name?
8. How are Florida and Gatorade related?

*Answers are on Page 3*

## ***The Fountain***

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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.

**May Deadline is  
May 7, 2007**

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***Spring Fling March 24th  
Reservations Due Now!***

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