



The Fountain

Cape Haze Community Newsletter

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Kudos for the Community Center Remodel

When CHPOA began to explore options for redesign of the outdoor space created when the Community swimming pool was removed, the membership provided strong feedback that a more pressing need could be found indoors. Specifically, the restrooms in our Community Center had not been updated since the 1950s, when the building was new. By a nearly unanimous vote in the fall of 2009, the membership approved a project that included:

- complete remodeling of both the men's and ladies' restrooms
- creation of handicap access restroom facilities
- other modifications to make the entire building accessible to handicapped persons
- incorporation of the space formally occupied by the pool pumps and filters into the interior of the Community Center

A committee was formed to look into these tasks, budgets were developed, bids were collected, and a contract was awarded for the work. Over the past summer, a team of volunteers led by Directors Art Hanson and Mary Lou Fitzgerald brought the project to completion.

In addition to achieving the goals listed above, new carpeting was installed throughout - thanks to a donation from the Cape Haze Women's Club - and storage space within the Community Center was vastly increased.

Besides Art and Mary Lou, CHPOA extends its thanks to members Barbara Hanson, Jack Fitzgerald, Clare and Don Landmann, Bev and Bob Martin, Sharon and Bill Blasdel, and Jim Kexel for pitching in when needed.

Coincident with the remodeling project, other maintenance and minor capital improvements were addressed under the guidance of Director Ralph Bond. These tasks included upgrades and maintenance of the heating and cooling systems at the Community Center and repair to the roof, among several other minor improvements. Additionally, as always, we extend our gratitude to Ralph for his continued dedication to the overall maintenance of our Community at large through his directorship of CAM.

If you haven't seen the new and improved Community Center yet, plan to attend an upcoming event and check it out!

Thank you from a grateful neighbor.

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www.capehaze.org

Hank Irvine Takes 2nd in World Tennis

Cape Haze resident Hank Irvine just returned from a very successful showing at the International Tennis Federation (ITF) Super-Seniors (men ages 60 – 85) World Championships. Hank and his team finished sixth in overall ranking and made it to the finals in individual championships where they placed second against an American team.

Hank reunited with three friends he had played tennis with during his school days in Rhodesia (now the Republic of Zimbabwe). Hank was able to represent Zimbabwe in the World Championships because he had played for his home country in the Davis Cup in 1968 and 1969.

Hank spent two weeks in competition on clay courts in Ali Bey Resort-Manavgat in Antalya, Turkey. Since he didn't expect to make it to the finals, Hank hadn't planned on staying abroad a second week. That meant he actually stayed a little longer trying to get airplane tickets out of Turkey. Ask him about his experiences in this middle eastern country, it makes a very interesting story.

Hank Irvine is no stranger to accomplishment in the tennis world. In addition to his Davis Cup play, Hank represented Zimbabwe at Wimbledon in 1970, 1971, and 1972. While playing mixed doubles on the tour, Hank made it to the Wimbledon Semi-Finals in 1970 and the Quarterfinals in 1972. This accomplishment qualified him for membership in a very elite group, *The Last 8 Club* at Wimbledon.

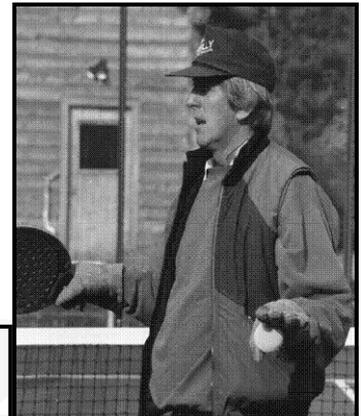
When Hank came to the United States, he began playing Platform Tennis, a racket sport which combines tennis and squash. Subsequently, Hank became a Tennis Pro for Platform Tennis, Squash, and Tennis and was inducted into the Platform Tennis Hall of Fame.

When asked what keeps him interested in competing in tournaments, Hank replied, "It is a wonderful bunch of guys, there is great camaraderie and it is just fun to be with them and have a good time....Every athlete at some stage loves to compete so it's nice to put yourself out on the court and see how you can match up with other players."

Currently, Hank is competing in Savannah, Georgia and will travel to Baltimore, Maryland later this year. We're very proud of Hank and his accomplishments and wish him the very best of luck in his future endeavors.



**Hank teaching
Platform Tennis**



Vacant Lot 2010 Report

We still have lots of lots to be mowed (pun intended), but not all owners have paid their share. We have mowed 70 lots five times this year and have one more mowing to complete during the next two months.

Eleven owners of thirteen lots have not responded to our invoices. These owners are: Michael Cervini, Christopher Deseco, Hector Gomez and Vilma Villeda, John and Janet Jones, Michael Halunen, Robert Reilly, Dennis Schielle, The

Soberano Family, Edwin and Brenda Stapens, Michael Witkosky, and Alex and Irina Zeltzer.

If any one knows any of these delinquent owners, please contact them and ask them to pay their bill.

Hopefully, we will be able to continue to provide this VERY reasonable mowing service to our vacant lot owners.

Thank you, Clare Landmann

Cape Haze and Gasparilla Marina Lighted Boat Parade

Saturday December 11 (Rain Date December 12)

Appetizer Buffet with Coffee at Waterside Grill follows Parade \$5/person

Cocktails available at extra cost

Food has improved and they promise an excellent buffet this year



Boats of all sizes are Welcome

To Make it Easy to Decorate and Get Home after the Festivities
No Charge Docking Space is available at Gasparilla Marina from Friday 4:00 PM
and again Saturday for overnight

- Assemble at Gasparilla Marina Fuel Dock by 5:30 PM
- Captains Meeting at 5:45 PM - Departure at 6:00 PM
- Planned Route is Gasparilla Marina fuel dock to Palm Island Marina and Back
- Inverters to run lights on battery and battery lights available at Walmart and other Retailers. Consider LED lights as they consume much less energy.
- For More Information, Contact Karen Irvine, 697-8883



Let's make this the best parade ever by really lighting up those boats. Let's also give them something to look at by decorating our waterfront.

Participate by captaining a lighted boat, riding on someone's boat, decorating the waterfront, and joining the group for party following the parade.

Registration Deadline is December 1

Name _____ Phone _____

Taking a Boat _____ Can You Take Additional Passengers _____

Want to Ride on someone's Boat _____

Need docking Friday _____ Need docking after Parade _____

Number Attending Party Following Parade _____ Pay \$5/person at the Door

Call or send registration to Karen Irvine, 697-8883, 255 Green Dolphin Dr., Cape Haze, FL 33946

Cape Haze Women's Club

The 2010-2011 season is off to a good start. Monday, November 8, The **American Red Cross** presented updated CPR procedures and emergency readiness training. Several other great events are planned for November through January. Don't miss the fun! Mark your calendars and make your reservations early so you are not disappointed.

The Welcome Back Party took place after the CHPOA meeting on Saturday November 13 with a pulled pork buffet dinner catered by Buffalo Bill's Catering of Venice. The food was yummy, entertainment by Gil Bricault was spectacular, and our returning friends shared great summer experiences with Cape Haze neighbors.

The Holiday Decorating Committee, chaired by Hilary Dahms, decorated the Community Center, the fountain and the front entrance. The lights will be turned on after Thanksgiving. A special thank you to all who helped prepare our Community for the season.

On **Friday, November 19, we will meet at the Community Center at 10:00 am** for the **Lemon Bay Garden Club Tour of seven outstanding local gardens**. Tickets are \$12. Lunch at the Lemon Bay Garden Club clubhouse is \$8. This event sells out quickly so get your tickets now. Contact Jeanne Corbin at 697-2274.

Our Holiday Festivities begin this year with the **Lighted Boat Parade on Saturday, December 11**. Rain date: Sunday December 12. Karen Irvine has arranged for us to join the Gasparilla Marina flotilla for a lighted parade along the Cape Haze waterfront to the ferry at Palm Island followed by a party at the Waterside Grill.

All residents are invited to participate either by joining the parade or by viewing it from convenient locations on the waterfront. You can drive your own boat or join another boat. We also encourage everyone to decorate in some way. Let's show off our neighborhood with some great lights. Parade details are on page 3. Call Karen Irvine, 697-8883, to join the fun.

Holiday Festivities continue on **Sunday, December 12** with a trip to the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall to see ***My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish and I'm Home for the Holidays***. Sharon Blasdell, 697-4130, is coordinating this *On the Go* event.

On **Monday, December 13**, after our regular 10 am meeting, we'll host a **Victorian Tea (Lunch) and Holiday Gift Exchange**. Cost is \$10 for lunch. Please wear your gloves and hat. Bring a wrapped gift valued about \$10 for exchanging. Guests are welcome. RSVP's to Mary Lou Fitzgerald, 697-6228.

The final holiday celebration will be the **December 17 Friday Night Social from 5-7 pm**. Bring an appetizer to share and your own beverage. All are welcome.

Heading into the year 2011, on **Friday, January 7**, Hilary Dahms and her committee will meet at **9:45 am to dismantle and store our holiday decorations**. Again, everyone is invited to help with this event.

Monday, January 10 is the regular business meeting at **10 am** followed by a program about the environment. Speaker to be announced.

The next Friday Night Social will take place on **Friday, January 14 from 5-7 pm**.

On **Sunday, January 16** we'll travel to the Venice Community Center to enjoy the music of **The Fabulous Hubcaps**. After the show join us for **dinner at Leverock's**. Call Karen Irvine, 697-8883, for more information.

Mark your calendars for **Thursday, February 24, 6-11 pm**. We will be hosting a semi-formal community party/dinner dance at the Plantation Country Club, Venice. More details to follow. Contact Nancy Buechler, 697-0885.

Also mark **Saturday, April 2** for the First **Poker Run/Walk/Bike/Boat Fund Raiser** followed by a **pot luck dinner** at the Community Center.

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Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Events

- November 19 Women's Club - Lemon Bay Garden Tour
10:00 AM - Meet at Community Center
- December 11 Holiday Boat Parade
5:30 PM - Gasparilla Marina Fuel Dock
- December 12 Play at Sarasota's Van Wezel
7:00 PM Curtain
- December 13 Women's Club Meeting - Victorian Tea
and Gift Exchange following Meeting
10:00 AM - Community Center
- December 14 Book Review Club - *The Help*
10:00 AM - Community Center
- December 17 Friday Night Social ***Note special date***
5:00 - 7:00 PM - Community Center
- January 10 Women's Club - Environmental Program
10:00 AM - Community Center
- January 11 Book Review Club - *Look Again*
10:00 AM - Community Center
- January 14 Friday Night Social
5:00 - 7:00 PM - Community Center
- January 16 Hubcaps Performance & Leverock's Dinner
2:00 PM - Venice Community Center
- January 22 CHPOA Meeting
4:00 PM - Community Center
- January 22 Soup Night Dinner
After CHPOA Meeting - Community Center

Stay informed, check our website - www.capehaze.org

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We'd like to thank everyone for bringing non-perishable food goods to all our events. They're donated to several food banks in our area and are greatly appreciated. We'll continue this all season.

Remember to watch for other events and details posted on the Community Center Bulletin Board, the website at www.capehaze.org, and through e-mails.

Don't forget our on-going activities at the Community Center. You can drop in once or become a regular.

Aerobics – Monday-Wednesday-Friday at 8:15 a.m.

Book Review Club meets the second Tuesday of the month at 10 am. Check the bulletin board or the website for the full reading list schedule

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:15 am the "**Walking Ladies**" informal walking group meets at the fountain for a brisk one hour walk around the Community.

There are many opportunities to meet and socialize with neighbors and all are welcome. Please join us.

Barbara Hanson, Women's Club President

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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 NancyBue@aol.com.

Hard copy submissions may also be considered.

**January Deadline is
January 10, 2011**

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