HARBOUR ISLE EAST NEWS JANUARY 2019





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HAPPY NEW YEAR everyone! The holidays came and went in a flash. We are happy to welcome back our snowbirds and owners who are returning from their other homes. We, who are here year-round, had a very quiet summer and fall, so its nice to see and experience more activity.

During the summer months, some new landscaping was done, the HIE office was remodeled and the gym flooring was replaced. We will soon be getting 5 new lawn benches made of polywood to replace the metal base benches that are deteriorating and often needed painting. The new benches will never need maintenance.

There have been a few units whose water heaters have leaked because they were not replaced, causing water intrusion to the units below. The original water heaters were installed in 2005. Their lifespan is approximately 10 years. If you have not replaced yours, it is essential that you do so. It is also time to replace/inspect your air conditioning unit, especially those of you who do not live here full time. You might want to check your insurance policies to see if they will cover damages within your unit if there is a leak from above. Having an HO6 policy is a valuable benefit. If there is a leak from above, or if your unit causes a leak, your individual insurance will pay for the damages within your unit. It also includes the \$2000 loss assessment coverage which covers us if we have a casualty (hurricane, etc.) and if the Association has a special assessment as a result. If you have the loss assessment coverage, your insurance company will pay the Association up to \$2000.

If you have not visited our new website, **harbourisleeast.com**, please do. It has all the information you need to know about our community.

COMMUNICATIONS: We wish to send information throughout the year to all owners, however, the only way we can do so affordably is through use of emails. Please ensure that we have your email address. If you have not done so yet, please supply our office with one. You can email it to julie.lynch@fsresidential.com or to amy.richards@fsresidential.com.

TRASH ROOM: We are seeing too many boxes that are not broken down in the recycle bins. Please be considerate and break down all boxes so they don't take up room that could be used for more recyclables.

UNIT KEYS: It is the responsibility of each unit owner to supply the HIE office with keys to their unit. The Legislation for Condominiums (718) for the State of Florida clearly states that the Association must have a set of keys.

Before you leave for the season (or for more than ten days):

- ✓ Make arrangements to have your unit checked at least once a week. Several insurance companies are not paying claims if you do not have someone checking empty units at least once a week. Make sure the office has the name and contact number of the person who will be checking your unit.
- ✓ Turn your water off; there are also features that can be added to water heaters that will alert you to a potential overflow of the water pan. Turn off your water heater on the electrical panel and any other electrical features.
- ✓ It is a good time to have your annual air conditioning maintenance performed.
- Leave your air conditioning on and set to the recommended setting to maintain humidity levels in your unit.
- Remove any objects (for example, bikes, chairs, tables, plants, welcome mats, etc.) that you have outside and put into your unit.
- ✓ If you leave a car, please park it in your assigned parking space. You must leave a car key with your unit caretaker or in your unit in case your car needs to be moved for work related projects or an emergency.
- ✓ If you are an owner who rents, please make sure you rent at least for the minimum amount of 3 months. Also make sure your tenants/visitors are aware of the rules and regulations of Harbour Isle East.
- ✓ We love the uniqueness of our community. We can all protect that uniqueness by following the simple rule of respect for our neighbors and our property.

HIE Turkey Trot (Reported by: Patti Horan of the Social Committee)

If you were wondering what was going on Thanksgiving morning at 8 am when you looked out your windows, you missed out on the first HIE Turkey Trot around our pond. Two dozen of your fellow neighbors were seen walking, running, riding bikes and walking dogs. It was a fabulous, comfortable morning to get our exercise in before the big meal and counter all those calories. The goal was to make 3 trips around the pond. Some enthusiasts went around 5 times! The water stop was welcomed when passing the clubhouse. My next year goal is to beat the 8-minute lap. Gracie, my chihuahua, slowed me down with the need to sniff everything.

Our Holiday Party was sold out this year! Dennis Sarlo from Building 6 supplied the music and sang a few songs. The delicious dinner was catered by Tutto Fresco.



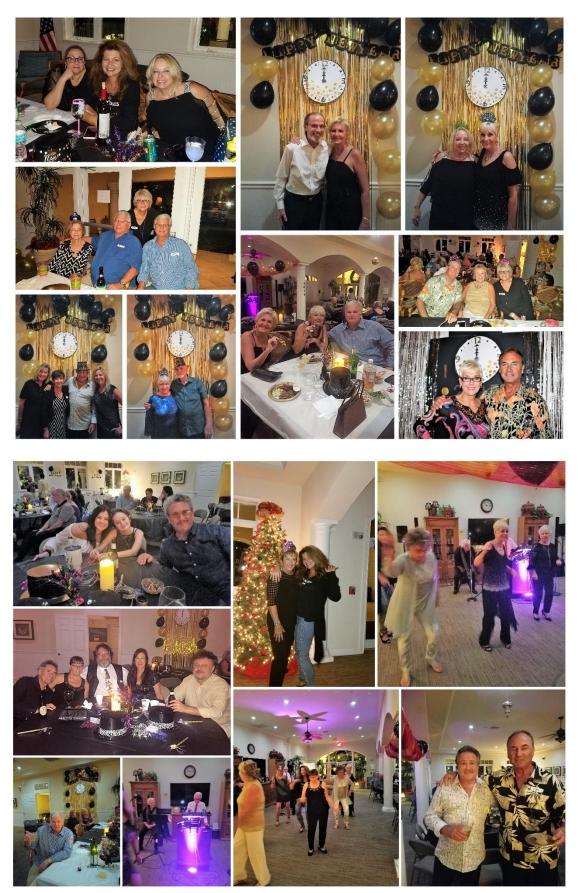
HOLIDAY PARTY - SOLD OUT!!!!

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New Year's Eve was lots of fun. Once again, Dennis Sarlo supplied music to dance to. He and his friend, John O'Neil, also sang a few songs for the crowd. They both have amazing voices!



2ND ANNUAL TURTLE DIP (REPORTED BY PATTI HORAN of the Social Committee)

January 1st at 9 am the 2nd Annual Turtle Dip took place at our pool. It was another beautiful, sunny morning in the 80's. To add to the challenge, a couple of ice blocks were placed in the pool, but they didn't last long as some brave neighbors hit the water for their first dip of the year. The only disappointment was that our giant turtle float was missing. He was last seen in the clubhouse in the summer. It would be great if he was returned or if someone would let Julie know what happened to him. The morning ended with coffee and donut holes provided by the Social Committee. A big thank you to Andrea, who provided fabulous Bloody Marys. There goes my New Year's resolution!





You can see all these photos on the following website: <u>https://www.flickr.com/photos/hiesocial</u> User name is: hie.east Password is: harbourisle

GROUP EXERCISE: If you are interested in group exercise, there is pool aerobics at 9:00 am Monday–Friday and exercising to videos in the clubhouse at 9:15 am Monday-Friday. Just show up and join the group!

PLEASE NOTE: Due to liability the Association does not loan ladders and/or tools to residents. If needed, Jay or Brian can be hired for work after hours and on weekends, however they are not covered by the Association.

Have you been to the Summer Crush Vineyard & Winery yet? They are open Tuesday-Friday 11am-5pm, Saturday Ilam-6pm and Sundays from 12 noon-5pm. To see a Schedule of Events and Concerts for 2019 go to their website: https://www.summercrushwine.com/upcoming-events.php

TIP OF THE DAY

How to Clean a Cast Iron Frying Pan

To clean, just use mild dish soap (that's right, it's okay to use a little soap!) and a scouring pad or a cast iron pan cleaning brush. Wash it, scrub it, rinse it, then wipe it out well and season it with a few drops of oil and store with a paper towel covering the cooking surface.

Besides soap and a scrubby, you can also use some **really hot water and a spatula** to take off seriously burnt-on food. It's how cooks clean flat-top grills in a restaurant, so it'll work for you, too.

How to Dry a Cast Iron Pan

It's cleaned and rinsed, **now make sure the rust doesn't come back**. It's easy: just turn the burner to high, set the pan on it, and wait for the water to boil out. That cast iron is practically parched now.

How to Season Cast Iron

Now, it's clean and dry, but **you want it seasoned**. "Seasoning" is, basically, oil bonding to the iron. Just follow these 2 easy steps:

1. Heat your clean cast iron pan on the stove until it's crazy hot.

2. Pour a little canola oil or flaxseed oil on a wad of paper towel and rub it all over the pan. Do not touch that hot pan with your unprotected hand. Then wipe the surface with a clean paper towel to remove excess oil. You do NOT want a thick slick of oil on your pan, otherwise you'll end up with a sticky, gummy mess. Let the pan cool.