

March 2022



The Beachcomber



By: Doreen Taylor

*Hernando Beach
Property Owners
Association
Newsletter*

Our next meeting
will be held
**Thursday,
March 3rd, 2022 at
7:00pm at the HB
Marine Group
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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY BILL ROBERTS**

Today is a good day. Helen Keller said, "Keep your face in the sunshine, and you will not see the shadows." If you read what's posted on the neighborhood NextDoor app, use Facebook, or watch the news it should not surprise you that much of what is posted online is a repost of an opinion with no real research and often hurtful. The news is brought to your TV with the intent of capturing market share with stories of celebrity and authority. My New Year's resolution is while I know it's there, I just don't have to read it and get upset about it. Today is a good day, I love the sunshine, I love where I live.

Our February 3rd meeting minutes are included in this issue of the Beachcomber. Please review them as they will become part of the official record pending any edits for accuracy. Send your comments to HBPOA34607@gmail.com.

The second HBPOA General Membership Meeting hosted guest speaker Mr. Chris Linsbeck, Hernando County Community Services Director. His presentation supplied an overview of all the programs he manages. The largest of which are the 24 parks in Hernando County. Here is a short summary of what he said regarding the parks in Hernando County: Leer Construction for Linda Pederson Boardwalk, fully funded from Restore Act. Expect construction to start Fall of 2022 with an opening Spring 2023. The Hernando Beach boat ramp parking issue is under review, they are developing new parking lot concept to help the flow. Pine Island parking lot is getting resurfaced. Jenkins Creek fishing Pier will be renovated. Rodger's Park Playground improvements are almost complete, look for a ribbon cutting soon. Veteran's Park, Ridge Manor Playground are all getting new equipment. Chris started the Parks Quarterly Award Program to build up his employees pride in their work, recognize achievement and collect data on the most needed improvements for the parks. He closed by asking everyone to please complete the Parks and Rec Survey for the Shoal Line Boulevard Recreation Area Feasibility Study (Weekiwachee Preserve) at: [Shoal Line Boulevard Recreation Area Feasibility Study \(Weekiwachee Preserve\)](#) | [Hernando County, FL](#)

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Last month I reviewed how the HBPOA is a basic nonprofit corporation (501(c)(4) and what it means. February is a great time of year to clear the books, review our records and prepare for the year ahead. We're already collecting data to pay our taxes, why not do some spring cleaning too. While we're at it, let's look at how we keep things secure. In our own home we shred old documents, review our credit card agreements, update passwords, cut the unnecessary and refresh the new. The HBPOA is bound through the Bylaws to protect your personal information: "Section 3.11 – Confidentiality of membership data and information. Unless otherwise provided in these HBPOA Bylaws, the HBPOA shall maintain the confidentiality of all member data and information in compliance with relevant Federal and Florida State law." This means we keep all your personal information: name, phone, address, and email on a secure drive. Emails are sent to membership via Blind Courtesy Copy (BCC).

Let me finish with a big shout out to Bill and Cathy Jasper, Barb Gossett and Joel Silver. They completed the annual audit of our HBPOA and Beachcomber finances. I am very proud to announce that the Audit team recognized our Treasurer, Jen Brown for her impeccable record keeping. Well done Jen and a round of applause for a job well done. Next month I'll review another part of the Bylaws, Section 5.3. Do you know what our approved projects are? Thank you for your participation and support. See you in March!

Bill Roberts, President

**GUEST SPEAKER  
ALAN WILKETT  
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Corporal Alan Wilkett recently retired from the Pasco Sheriff's Office where he served for almost 15 years with a total law enforcement experience of over 25 years. Patrol, court security, investigations, crime prevention, and community relations are among the assignments fulfilled in the years of service. In 2007 he was awarded the Law Enforcement

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ment Deputy of the Year. Corporal Wilkett holds a Florida Practitioner Designation in both crime prevention and CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design).

Corporal Wilkett has devoted the past several years in the fight against human trafficking. He has trained and instructed law enforcement, federal agencies, state and local agencies, NGO's, along with multiple groups, churches, and organizations. The Pasco Human Trafficking Task Force, the Human Trafficking Commission, and Light Up the Night are founding initiatives. Corporal Wilkett was awarded the 2017 Florida Human Trafficking Law Enforcement Official of the Year from Attorney General Pam Bondi and recently received the Law Enforcement Lifetime Achievement Award from the Florida Crime Prevention Association.

Alan has hundreds of hours of advanced law enforcement training in areas such as Human Trafficking investigations and awareness, advanced interview and interrogation, homicide investigations, terrorism, active threat, as well as many others. He holds certificates in Human Trafficking

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## 2022 HBPOA Monthly Meetings

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### Board meeting

11:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Dates: Jan. 31, Feb. 28, April 4, May 2,  
May 31, Aug. 29, Oct. 3, Oct 31.

### General Membership Meeting

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
Dates: Jan. 6, Feb. 3, March 3, April 7,  
May 5, June 2, Sep. 1, Oct 6, Nov. 3

## HERNANDO BEACH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION 2022 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & RENEWAL FORM

HBPOA meetings are held the 1st Thursday of every month.

Meetings are held at the Coast Guard Station on Calienta St, the doors open at 6:45pm and meetings start at 7pm.

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Investigation, Cryptocurrencies, Dark Web Investigations, Social Media Investigations, Basic Cyber Investigations and others. Alan is engaged as a SME (Subject Matter Expert) in Human Trafficking and has presented at The Florida Senate, numerous conferences, civic organizations, Task Forces, panel discussions and others. He has appeared on multiple television, print, digital, and radio mediums as well as The Weekend Report with Jon Scott on the Fox News Network. Alan was privileged to appear in the recent documentary "Blind Eyes Opened."

## HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Hello March,

February is the month for Red and March is the month for Green. March 17th, St. Patrick's Day is a day we drink green beverages, wear shamrock pins and green beads, and some cities even turn their rivers green.

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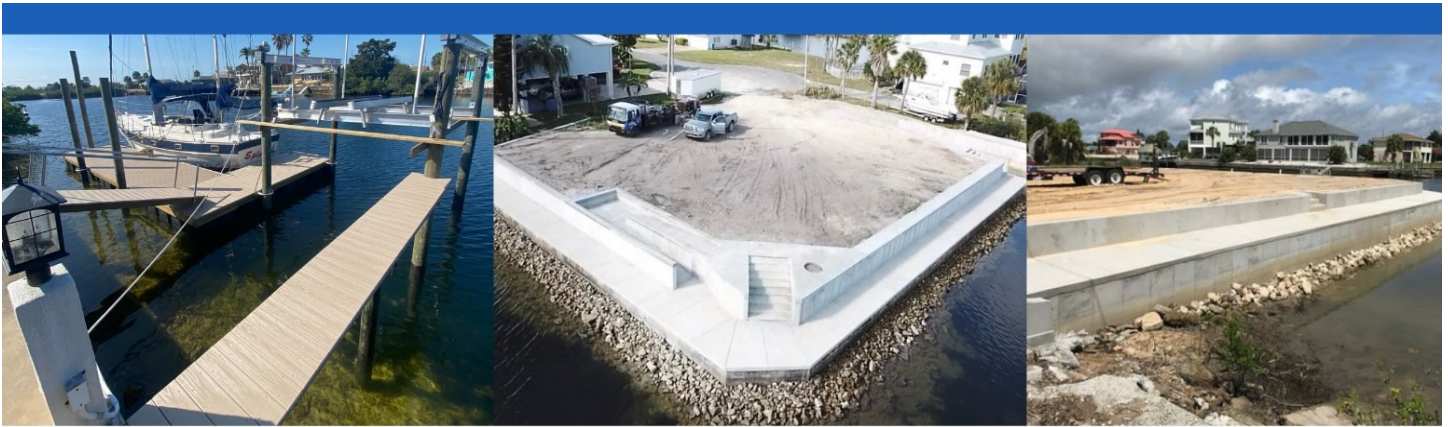


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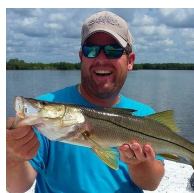
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### FEBRUARY FISHING REPORT

February is a fantastic time to target sheepshead on the offshore rocks, reefs, and ledges. There are many different rigs to use, but my favorite is using a hog ball jig I use, depending on depths and current. A 1/8-1 ounce hog ball rigged to a 30-pound leader and either live or dead shrimp works very well for sheeps. Along with sheepshead we are catching mangrove snapper and some hog fish.

Inshore, the trout bite is steady in the afternoon, with high sun on a shallow hard bottom. I like to use a XL mirro dine in the 808 and 50 colors.

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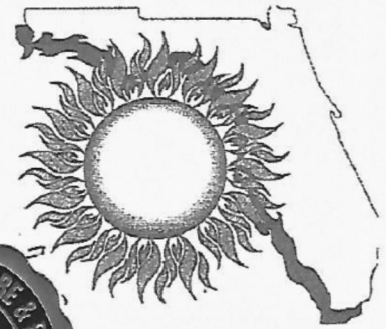
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Another notable day in March is Pi Day (March 14th). What is Pi day you ask? Here is an explanation I found online. Founded in 1988 at the Exploratorium, Pi ( $\pi$ ) Day has become an international holiday, celebrated live and online all around the world. The numbers in the date (3/14) match the first three digits of the mathematical constant pi ( $\pi$ ). So now you know!

March 14th is also the beginning of Daylight Savings time.

Living in Hernando beach are many retirees and we like it when it stays light later. This is especially significant for those seniors who just don't relish driving at night. Look out world, here we come!

It is said that March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. Here in Florida, we all look forward to no more freezing weather (go ahead, laugh) and it is a time when the garden shops are flush with new flowers and plants. The "Green Thumb" emerges.

We all know January and February present some

very cold days. In Late January, a few members of the Ladies Breakfast Group of Hernando Beach braved a cold and rainy day and ventured to Crystal River. Three Sister Springs is a great place to view the manatees as they seek refuge from the cold Gulf waters. Those brave women found "The Crab Plant" in Crystal River to warm up, get dry, and have a wonderful lunch.

Game Day on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 - 3:00 has been a great hit. Ask about it at the next HBPOA meeting. HBPOA is still looking for ideas for couples outings.

Stay warm and we will see you at the next HBPOA meeting.

Judy Hughes

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in Hernando Beach. We were having dreams of non-stop boating, doing The Great Loop, and escaping any kind of lockdown that could possibly befall us that year. My husband and I fell in love with the area's wildlife, peacefulness and it's laidback lifestyle. We realized within a month that we wanted to be here permanently and decided to buy our next forever home in Hernando Beach.

It wasn't hard to uproot from our 3rd forever home in Pinellas County as I'm not exactly a stranger to moving. I've lived in more places than I care to admit (partly due to being an Air Force brat). I was born in Nebraska, spent my youth in North Dakota, lived in various towns in Minnesota, Wisconsin, NY, Arizona, California, Oklahoma, Texas, South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia and now Florida.

When I look back at my career-life, it's also been a moving target. I graduated from USC and immediately dove head-first into hotel management. My next career involved working with my first ex-husband in the family retail business which is still thriving after 40 years in Myrtle Beach. Next I be-

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By: Diane Greenwell

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gan a party supply/party planning business and sold it to a franchise group before moving to Charlotte. In Charlotte, I worked in school administration, was a Real Estate Broker, and then began my career with Edward Jones. Next I began outside sales with Chevron-Texaco. After that, I enjoyed working in both management and outside sales with Raymond which is where I met my fabulous husband, Gary. I have a thousand hobbies that I'm involved in, but my personal motto is probably, that I'm a "Joan of all trades, master of none!" My most favorite pastimes are entertaining, cooking and vintage shopping.

I've been very blessed to be able to travel extensively in my lifetime. Dad was a Delta pilot which enabled us to fly frequently as children. In addition, our careers have enabled us to explore the world in ways that we couldn't otherwise. I've traveled all over the US and toured many different places in Mexico, Canada, Europe and Japan, but my absolute favorite trip was our 2 week tour of South Africa and experiencing a fantastic safari. Wowee!

Between the two of us, Gary and I have 3 fabulous daughters (Lauren, Erin and Niki), 4 gorgeous grandbabies (plus 5 step-grands on the way in October!) and a beautiful 12 year old Car-

olina Dog named Maya. I've been involved with the Humane Society, Big Brother Big Sister, GAL, CASA, various local charities and food banks. An opportunity arose recently when Board elections came up and I volunteered to be the Hernando Beach Club's Membership Director. If you've never visited the Hernando Beach Club located at the end of Flamingo Drive, you've missed out on some of the most stunning sunsets on earth. If you ever decide to become a member you'll realize that it's a great way to meet new friends and hang out with your old ones. We still have availability for new members, so feel free to contact me if you'd like to find out more about the club. Hernando Beach is a wonderful place to live and I spend most days trying to learn everything about it and help out with my time and life's lessons.

## MARCH MEMBERSHIP MINUTES

Here are some of the things your Membership team is working on.

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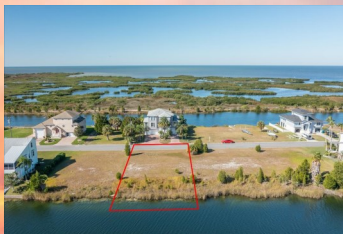
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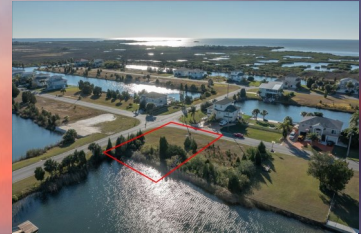
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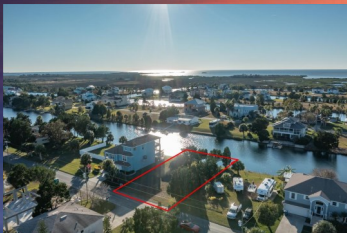
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members and invite them to a hot dog social at the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. We would love to have our members bring a neighbor to April's meeting. Watch for more information coming soon.

Our President emailed former members introducing himself and invited them back to rejoin their HBPOA membership.

Business cards are one way to communicate and have people remember you and connect. We designed an HBPOA business card to hand out with the QR Code to the HBPOA website. Just click your camera on the code and BAM...you are connected to our website. These cards could be used by any member or board member. The backside is blank so you can write your name and phone number (if needed) for people to call you with any questions.

Our Social Media person is working on our Nextdoor and Facebook HBPOA groups. We need to purge non-members and welcome new members.

We are looking for volunteers to give a short sentence or "testimonial" why you joined HBPOA. For example: Sally R. said, "I am so excited to finally meet some of my neighbors at the meetings. Also, I like to listen to the speakers and keep informed of any upcoming county information that pertains to H.B." We would love to hear YOUR voice. Please send a few sentences to [HBPOA34607@gmail.com](mailto:HBPOA34607@gmail.com) with "testimonial" in

the subject line. We won't print your last name.

If you have any ideas or comments for membership, please send them to me at [PattyatHernandobeach@gmail.com](mailto:PattyatHernandobeach@gmail.com). I would love to hear from you!

Patty Roberts

## **GAC SUMMARY**

For those members who were unable to attend the 7 Feb., P & Z meeting. Scott provides his statements for your review to accompany the Presidents summary sent via email.

Good morning, my name is Scott Fitzgerald and I am a Director with the Hernando Beach Property Owners Association as well as the chairman of the Government Advisory Committee.

I stand before you today not to speak for or against the proposed rezoning for H-21-50 but rather the need for a PIW so that the members of the HBPOA, as well as non-member residents of our community, can make an informed opinion on whether to support, oppose or remain neutral on this issue.

One of the criteria's in deciding if a PIW is warranted is the number of public inquiries.

Pursuant with Policy 37-01's notification guide-

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lines the HBPOA should have been notified in a timely manner. In the case of H-21-50 the HBPOA's first and only notification was post-marked January 26, 2022, and received on January 28, 2022, after this hearing was already scheduled.

Due to this late arrival of information the Hernando Beach community was denied a time period in which to request a PIW.

On February 3, 2022, at our regularly scheduled

monthly meeting, the HBPOA members, with a quorum being present, voted unanimously for me to speak to you today and request that you pause the hearing on H-21-50 so that the applicant can hold a PIW for the community.

## LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE

**CALENDAR ALERT!** Bring your gloves and water and join us beautifying the beach! Triangle Park: 1 & 15 March, and Dolphin Fountain on 29 March. Landscape Committee Report: March will be our growing

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Mike is also a combat veteran, having served three separate tours in Afghanistan (2002) and Iraq (2008 and 2011). He received the Bronze Star Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal among multiple awards.

Mike currently serves as the Chair of the Hernando County Planning and Zoning Commission and is the former Vice Chair of the Hernando County Waterways Advisory Committee. He is a member of the Citizens Emergency Response Team, the Hernando Beach Property Owners Association, and the VFW (Hernando Beach Post). He is a graduate of the Sheriff's Citizens Academy and the Sheriff's Situational Awareness Firearms Education program.

Mike Fulford has been married to Diane for 34 years, and they have two sons; both are currently serving in the US Army.



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I hope to earn your confidence and your vote.

Mike Fulford  
Republican for Hernando County Commission

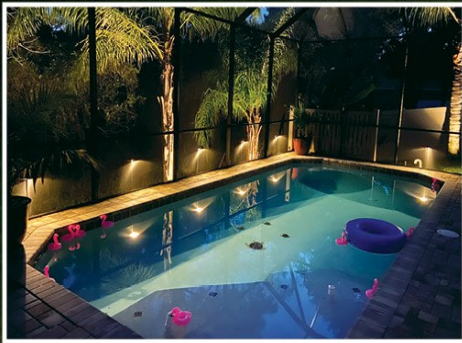
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season. We'll have many plants to trim the freeze damage off before they really take off. Additionally, we are burying all the irrigation lines and changing some sprinkler heads. We start at 8am and work till 10am. Call me (Bill Roberts) at 540-419-5871 if you have any questions.

Bill Roberts

## HBPOA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

### 7:00PM FEBRUARY 3, 2022

#### PRESENT:

|                   |                |     |                  |          |     |
|-------------------|----------------|-----|------------------|----------|-----|
| Bill Roberts      | President      | yes | Scott Fitzgerald | Director | yes |
| Diane Greenwell   | Vice President | yes | James Fournier   | Director | yes |
| Linda Tartaglione | Secretary      | yes | Denis Polyn      | Director | yes |
| Jen Brown         | Treasurer      | yes | Bobbi Caccamisi  | Director | yes |
| Dave Skinner      | Director       | yes | Quorum?          |          | Yes |

#### 7:00pm CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda was approved.

Minutes from 6 January meeting approved.

#### 7:15pm- GUEST SPEAKER

Chris Linsbeck- Hernando County Community Services Director

#### 7:45 pm- BUSINESS MEETING

President's Comments

Committee reports:

a. Finance – Jen Brown. Successful Audit of HBPOA Financial Accounts. Excellent records and professional work according to our Audit Team.

Hospitality – Judy Hughes.

Membership – Patty Roberts, and Marlies Blackford.

Landscape – Bill Roberts.

Gov't Affairs – Mike Fulford and Scott Fitzgerald. Addressed item 9. on agenda the REZONING package staff report #H-21-50 - 3 parcels on Shoal Line Blvd. are now C1. Applicant was zoning change to PDP, outdoor storage. HBPOA wants a PIW. Motion to demand a PIW at Planning and Zoning meeting on Feb, 7. was seconded, discussed and voted. The quorum of membership voted to have Scott Fitzgerald speak for the HBPOA membership at the P&Z meeting for a PIW.

#### 8:00pm NEW BUSINESS:

Ad Hoc Committee is formed to plan and execute Candidate Forum on May 5<sup>th</sup>. This committee

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needs 5 volunteers to work with Committee Chair Diane Greenwell. Thank you Marlies Blackford and Hospitality Team for volunteering. Send an email to HBPOA34607@gmail.com to get involved with the Candidates Forum.

Ad Hoc Committee is formed to plan and execute the HBPOA Scholarship Program. This committee is supported by Chuck Greenwell, Joan Puls and Erin Daly. Send an email to HBPOA34607@gmail.com to get involved with the Scholarship Committee.

Community concerns posted on NextDoor regarding zoning change posted request on Shoal Line Blvd. This agenda item provided the impetus driving discussion covered in the GAC committee report in this beachcomber issue.

Speaker for March: Alan Wilkette, Human Trafficking.

**Next Meetings:**

11. February 28 11:00am Board Meeting Marine Group Training Facility

12. March 37:00pm General Meeting Marine Group Training Facility

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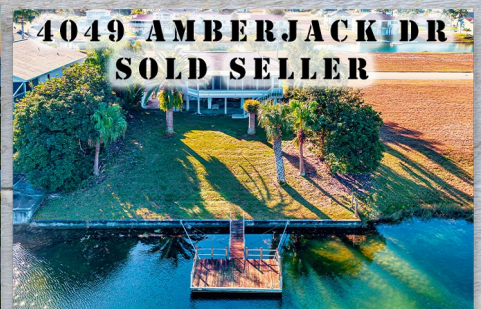
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|                                                       |                                                  | 1   | 2                                         | 3<br>HBPOA<br>Membership<br>Meeting<br>7pm | 4                                                                                 | 5                                                                    |
| 6                                                     | 7                                                | 8   | 9<br>HB Crime Watch<br>Meeting            | 10<br>Beachcomber<br>Deadline              | 11                                                                                | 12<br>Art in the Park<br>10am to 5pm<br>Tam Varn Park                |
| 13<br>Art in the Park<br>10am to 5pm<br>Tam Varn Park | 14                                               | 15  | 16<br>Waterways Advisory<br>Committee 6pm | 17                                         | 18                                                                                | 19                                                                   |
| 20                                                    | 21<br>US Coast Guard<br>Auxiliary Meeting<br>7pm | 22  | 23                                        | 24                                         | 25                                                                                | 26                                                                   |
| 27                                                    | 28                                               | 29  | 30                                        | 31                                         | To be included in<br>next month's<br>calendar please<br>e-mail your events<br>to: | to Jennifer Brown<br>mjajbrown@<br>tampabay.rr.com<br>By 03/10/2022. |

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## **8:45pm CLOSING COMMENTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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VFW Red Shirt Day to remember and honor  
our deployed military.

Larry Mayer – President of Hernando Beach  
Crime Watch provided an overview of our local  
program, meeting dates and times: Second  
Wednesday of the month, 6pm at the Marine  
Group Training Facility. They do need volun-  
teers.

Erin Daly introduced a play sponsored by the Hu-  
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man Service league. It's a Murder Mystery, Passion, Pistol, and Pasta on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **8:55pm ADJOURN**

Motion, second, discussion, voted, passed

50/50

### **9:15pm DEPART BUILDING**

## **COYOTE**



### **Appearance:**

The coyote is a member of the dog family. They weigh between 20 and 30 pounds, have pointed ears, a narrow muzzle, and bushy tail. Males tend to be larger than females. Pelts are usually grayish-brown, but occasionally black, often with a patch of white chest hair. When running, coyotes usually hold their tails extended out behind them at "half-mast." Coyote tracks are narrower and more elongated than dog tracks.

### **Habitat:**

Coyotes are native to North America. Once strictly a

western species, coyotes now occur throughout the eastern United States. Coyotes began expanding their range into northwestern Florida in the 1970s, and are now considered to be a naturalized species in all 67 Florida counties. They are extremely adaptable; just about any type of forest or farmland is suitable habitat. They can also adapt to and live in suburban and urban areas.

### **Behavior:**

The scientific name of the coyote, *Canis latrans*, literally means "barking dog." Coyotes make a variety of vocalizations from barking to shrill yips and howls. They are active day or night, but usually most active at sunset and sunrise.

Coyotes are territorial. A resident pair will establish a territory shared only by other members of their family group.

A coyote's home range varies from 1,500 to 12,000 acres depending on the individual, food availability and other factors. Coyotes established in urban areas have smaller home ranges than coyotes in rural areas.

Coyotes eat a variety of plants and animals including fruits, insects, rats and mice, rabbits, birds, deer, livestock, virtually any type of carrion, and people's trash

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and pet food. They usually hunt alone, sometimes as a pair, but rarely as a group.

Coyotes have one breeding cycle per year. They can first breed when they are 10 months old. Breeding occurs in late winter and following a 63-day gestation period, 4 to 6 pups are born. They den in hollow logs, brush piles and burrows. Pups emerge from dens when they are about 3 weeks old. Parental care lasts until the pups are about 9 months old. The young usually then disperse to a new area, where they establish their own breeding territories. Some pups, however, may stay in their parents' territory and assist with rearing the next year's litter.

Coyotes live in urban, suburban, and rural areas throughout Florida. Follow these tips to avoid conflicts.

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