

# Board Talk . . . . . A Hearthstone Community at Hillsborough Publication

Editor: Ron Newsom, Board President Issue 1 2020

## IMPORTANT DATES:

All activities and meetings are cancelled for now

### Community Board 2020

Ron Newsom	President
Joyce Eldridge-Howard	Vice President
Don Andersen	Treasurer
Jim Vonderhorst	Secretary
Bob Rolando	Trustee
Nancy Capella	MEM Property Mgmt

### Come together as a Community and Stay Safe

By now we have all heard many alerts of the Covid19 and the health hazards to communities like ours. Nancy has taken the lead on this with the Board and have shut down the Clubhouse, sanitized common areas at the Clubhouse and in the common areas in the Condos. She has provided us with numerous alerts and bulletins concerning the status of the virus and all the things we should do to stay safe. We are proud that all are abiding by the guidelines to keep our community safe. Continue to stay in your homes if possible. If you go for a walk, stay 6 feet or more in distance from anyone walking with you. Cover your coughs and sneezes to prevent the spread. **Please put your tissues in the trash when you use them outside. Do not drop them on the ground. This can spread the germs and virus to anyone that has to pick it up.** We are a risk community given our age and many of us suffer from various health issues. Please continue to practice safe guidelines. Check on your neighbor by phone to make sure they are ok. Refrain from having guests or family in the community. I know it is hard, but this is a major deal and step to prevent the spread. Let them do your grocery shopping or errands if possible and drop those items off. Thank you all for complying with safe practices. We will get through this, but it will take some time. Pay attention to the many alerts and stay informed.

### New Board for 2020

Elections were held last November at our Annual meeting, Joyce Eldridge-Howard was re-elected and Jim Vonderhorst was elected to fill 2 of 3 positions open. The Board appointed Bob Rolando to fill the 3<sup>rd</sup> position

on the Board. They bring fresh ideas and direction to the board and continue to strengthen the team. Again, we thank Bill Merritt and Bob Francolini for their dedication and contributions to the board and wish them well.

### Landscaping (Joyce Eldridge-Howard)

Landscaping activity has begun after a somewhat mild winter and despite of a nasty virus. Joyce is working closely with our new Landscaper to provide a beautiful look to our community as we ease out of winter. Mulch has been laid and area has been cleaned up and lawn treatments have begun and hedges have been trimmed.



Some residents have expressed concern with the landscapers working as well as other contractors on site. They are practicing safety in their work. No need for you to go out of your homes to have any contact with them. You can feel safe in your own homes. They will not enter your home.

### Building and Grounds (Don Andersen/Bob Rolando)

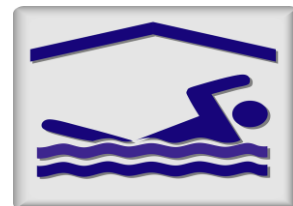
Our new Pergola has been finished and it looks great. Has a roof and well build. We have added some lights and even a flood light for the Bocce Ball court.

Once the weather is a bit warmer Don and Bob will direct the paving contractor to start work on the cracks in the roads and parking lots. There will be some direction given as they work on various sections of the community and parking restrictions will be needed. Please work with us when the project starts.

As with landscaping, the B&G team will be reviewing the complex for items that need attention.

### Clubhouse/Swimming Pool (Nancy/Jim)

As you know the pool is closed until further notice. There is work being done on the pool which is needed. No pool opening activities have been planned. We will keep you notified as to when we expect to open and virus guidelines are lifted.



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## Please Use the Pet Area

When walking your pet, please be considerate of the community and your neighbors. Do not allow your pet to relieve themselves on a resident's property. This causes damage to the grassy areas. If an emergency happens on the way to the Pet Area, have them use the common area between the street and sidewalk and then clean thoroughly. Do not use the resident's yard. This is not a statement that it is ok to use the common area between the street and the sidewalk. It only provides a solution on the way to the Pet Area, and your pet just can't wait.



**THE PET AREAS.** We have three of them. Do the right thing and respect the community and your neighbor's property. Thank you. keep Social distancing when there are more than one of you at the pet park.

## Hearthstone Committees Corner

All residents are welcome to join the various committees that our community has to offer. If you would like to know more about the committees in Hearthstone or become a member, please contact Nancy for the following contact numbers:

Committees	Contact
<b>Social Activity</b>	Thelma Emory (908) 359-6223
<b>Knitting</b>	Fran Cavagnaro (908) 359-5282 Ilona O'Sullivan (908) 428-6328
<b>Book Club</b>	Joan Ebersbach (908) 428-4857
<b>Mah Jongg</b>	Contact Clubhouse Office if Interested (908) 359-1102
<b>Bunco</b>	Contact Clubhouse Office if Interested (908) 359-1102
<b>Bridge</b>	Bill Merritt (201) 655-3078
<b>Summer Water Aerobics</b>	Joan kathenes (908) 829-4055
<b>Architectural Review (ARC)</b>	Jim Vonderhorst -Chairman Rich Schaefer Walt Vestea Tom Cavagnaro Bob Bottini
<b>Alternate Dispute</b>	<b>Nancy Capella, Info</b>

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## Planned Community Activities and Events

**No Activities will take place until further notice due to Covid19 Safety Guidelines.**

**Knitting** (crochet, needlepoint, etc.) meets in the Clubhouse. We offer to teach those who want to learn how to knit or crochet. (Call Ilona (908)359-5282 or Fran (908)428-6328).

**Bridge** meets in the Card Room (Call Bill Merritt (908) 428-6327). Join us Tues. from 7PM to 9PM.

**First Thursday of the month at the clubhouse 7PM to 9PM**

**Book Club** Meets - The purpose of the club is to enlighten our members and get them out of their "comfort zone" with their "normal" type of book they read. You'd be surprised how many other types of books you may like. Join us for stimulating discussion about a new book every month. The group, led by Joan Ebersbach, discusses the book we've read during the last month and chooses a new book for the following month.

## Please Obey Speed Limits

The Board asks the residents to obey the posted speed limits in our community. This is for the safety of the Hearthstone Community. Please slow down and watch your speed. Be sure to **STOP** at all stop signs. Running through these signs puts you and your neighbors at risk. Remind your guests of the speed limits.



## ARC Committee (Jim Vonderhorst)

If you intend to do any outside work you must submit an ARC form with all the permit information to the ARC committee through Nancy. Patios, landscaping designs, decks etc. Failure to do so could cost you money to undo your work. The ARC committee will follow up to make sure the work completed was done per the ARC submission. The Committee will provide swift review and get back to you in 30 days or less of request. Currently they are not meeting as a group due to Covid19, but will handle requests via phone and e-mail.



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**Awnings** have been approved by the Board with guidelines by the ARC committee. If interested, follow the guidelines and submit your request.

**Outside safety lights and door cameras** have been approved by the Board with guidelines provided by the ARC committee. Please be sure to follow the guidelines to avoid additional cost to fix what was not followed.

**House numbers** have been approved by the Board. The ARC committee has arranged to have numbers put on the garage doors of the townhomes and single-family homes. They are a certain size by code and placed in a location that can be seen from the road. Anyone who has placed numbers on their garage will be asked to remove them so there is a uniform location of the numbers and placed where fire, medical and police personnel can recognize them quickly. Work will begin Mid-Late April. Watch your email for additional information. Cost will come out of the existing budget.

## CONDO BOARD



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<b>Jan Senese</b>	<b>Trustee</b>

The Condo Board continues to seek leadership to fill the vacancies on the Board. If you are interested, please contact your Board members.



**More information on the Hearthstone of Hillsborough Web site.....GO TO**

<https://www.hearthstoneathillsborough.org>

### From the President:

We are living in very troubled times with the Covid19 virus, financial concerns, uncertainty, dealing with the loss of a friend to the virus, etc. We are learning to isolate with each other, keep our distance from each other, wash our hands, sanitize etc....It is a time to come together in isolation to protect each other. We are proud of our medical staffs and their bravery. We have an appreciation for each other. Let us hope that when this all ends, and it will, we continue the kindness extended to each other.

The Board wishes all of you good health in this most holy season. Thank you for your support.

We will endeavor to put out the Newsletter more often to keep you informed of what is going on in the community.

**To Our Residents:** This is a publication from the Board to strengthen communications with its residents. The mission of the Board is to serve its residents wisely and positively. We hope this will be well received by all of you and look forward to any comments you may have. Please send them to Ron Newsom, Board President at [RRnewsom@comcast.net](mailto:RRnewsom@comcast.net).

**From the Board..... Enjoy**

