

# THE HEATHER

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# President's Corner

Joseph Cuccio



I can't believe it is April already and we have gotten through another winter without any really cold weather. Hopefully we will not have a very hot spring or summer. In any event it is better to be prepared than caught off guard. Our next item is the upcoming Hurricane Season, which we should all be prepared for, since we do live in Florida. Please make sure you have fresh water and good batteries on hand so you are prepared for the power going out. If you have a generator it would be time to make sure it is in running condition so it is ready when needed. When you have advance notice of a storm fill your gas tanks and clean up around the yard so you don't have to deal with flying debris. These are just a few helpful hints for you new residents' as you older residents already know the drill.

May is the beginning of our Fiscal Year for the HPOA and the good news is no increase in your dues for this fiscal year. I would also like to thank every homeowner/member who pays their

dues on time. This saves us money and time versus having to chase people for the dues. We have recently increased the Certified Letter fee from \$7.00 to \$10.00, as this is a break even, for us. We are also considering raising the late fee from \$5.00 to \$10.00 effective May 1 2019 as the required mailing cost has increased. Please remember this only affects the non-payers. If you pay on time this has no affect on you at all. We continue to send members to the collection Attorney and while they are unable to pay us they pay the Attorney \$3,000, 4,000 and in one case over \$5,000 dollars in legal fees. If you are having a problem call the office and speak to Tom Taylor your Treasurer to work out a plan.

On a personal note there is a new ANY-TIME FITNESS facility just opening in the Glen Lakes Publix Shopping Center. This is really a nice place to keep in shape. I have already joined as it is free to Silver Sneakers members. If you have the time check it out and if

possible join to stay in good health. The owner is Tyler so ask for him by name.

Our Annual Meeting was held on March 21st 2019 and since I am writing this 3 weeks before I don't have the results but can tell you the same Board is in place for Fiscal 2019-2020. The new Officers will be determined at this meeting and we will post the names and titles in the next newsletter. I do feel confident the positions will remain as they are.

In closing I want to thank the current Board members for their support in the past year and look forward to another productive year. Several members at a past meeting were very complimentary of the Board and the results produced during the year. Since we are all volunteers it is refreshing to hear nice things and recognize our service in a positive manner.



## Important Notice

Heather Property Owners Association  
has a new email address!

Please use this email for  
all future correspondence.

Thank you!

[heatherpoa11@yahoo.com](mailto:heatherpoa11@yahoo.com)



## Let's Play BINGO!



Are you a resident of the Heather Community and like to play BINGO?

The new BINGO ladies have made many positive changes to "BINGO Wednesdays" and would like to invite all Heather BINGO players to join them every Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. at the Heather Community Center.

Bring a friend, meet new friends, and have fun!



## Just a reminder...

The Heather Property Owners Association dues of \$22 per month are due on the first of each month. HOWEVER, many homeowners are choosing to pay by the year as it is easier to remember to pay once every January. It's not too late to opt-in and get on an annual payment schedule. The annual payment is \$264 (\$22 X 12 months).

If you have any questions on what your current balance is and/or how much payment to make to get on the annual schedule, please contact Vickie at the HPOA office at 352-596-5028.

*Don't forget that we do not send statements or monthly reminders. It is up to the homeowner to make sure the account is kept current. Mail checks to Heather Property Owners Association, 9100 Nakoma Way, Weeki Wachee, FL 34613*



## **FOR FAIRWAY AT THE HEATHER** **HOMEOWNERS**

Please be advised that Republic Services has changed the terms of their contract.

Our semi-annual meeting will be held on Monday, May 6, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. (at the Heather Community Center) and it is imperative that Fairways homeowners attend, as you need to know what we are facing with the new changes.

These changes are **not** a result of anything to do with the Fairway Board and are strictly new service arrangements that we will have to abide by, which Republic Services has advised us of.

The changes have to do with placement of our pickup and/or cost.

Again, it is very important that you attend the meeting so you will be aware of the new arrangements.

## Staff & Phone Numbers

Joseph Cuccio .....President

Thomas Taylor .....1st Vice President/Treasurer

Larry Ball .....2nd Vice President

James Perretto .....3rd Vice President

Barbara J. Dohm .....Secretary/Director-at-Large

Barbara J. Dohm .....Heather News Editor

HPOA Office-9100 Nakoma Way

Vickie Porter, Office Administrator .....596-5028

Gate House (NOT FOR EMERGENCY) .....596-4011

Hernando County Sheriff Office .....754-6830

Police (EMERGENCY ONLY) .....9-1-1

The Heather News  
**DEADLINE**

Please submit your typewritten  
articles by 11:30am  
April 10th, to e-mail address  
**bdohm@tampabay.rr.com**

**We will not accept  
contributions after the deadline  
ALL ARTICLES MUST BE SIGNED**



By Barbara Dohm

We have changed our clocks by now, and weather should be getting hot.

March has been a very busy month for me.

Officers are in place for another year, sure hope people come across to put their name in for next year.

I hope we all pay up front for a year and save collection money, it's the smart thing to do. Don't you agree?? May 1st is the new year.

I would love to see more people come to our meetings from all our Associations.

Maybe we can all learn something.

While writing this I saw my 1st yellow butterfly in my garden. That tells me something.

Take care and drive safely out of the Heather.

H. P. O. A. Board of Director's Meeting  
March 18, 2019

\*\*\*Provisional Minutes until approved on April 15, 2019\*\*\*

Meeting came to order at 7:00 PM.

**Board members present:** Joe Cuccio, President; Tom Taylor, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Treasurer; Larry Ball, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Barbara Dohm, Corporate Secretary (Jim Perretto, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President – excused)

Barbara asked the Board for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2019 Board meeting; Tom 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion; vote 4-0 in favor.

**President/Administration Report:**

- Joe mentioned that the Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.
- There have been a few modifications to the building and office; Two new floodlights with cameras were installed on March 18<sup>th</sup> and replaced the old floodlights. The new office camera will capture anyone coming in or standing outside of the office door and all are recorded. These are a result of yet another incident the other day when someone got very irate because his girlfriend's account was seriously past due. The homeowner received a certified letter and the boyfriend came in extremely irate. He was told that we only deal with the actual homeowner and was told to leave.
- We now have five homeowners who are delinquent and were previously sent to the collection attorney last year and most likely will go again.
- Another homeowner who is past due also has a spot in the RV Compound; part of the privilege of having a spot in the RV Compound is that the homeowner's dues must stay current. This is not the case and it will be addressed. If the account continues to be delinquent, then they will lose their RV space.
- Tom asked to mention that the Facebook page that someone in the community started is NOT part of Heather Property Owners Association. This was erroneously put in the HPOA newsletter and has misled residents into thinking it is part of HPOA, which it is not. HPOA will remove it from any future publications of the newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Tom mentioned that all financials are in good shape and April marks the end of the fiscal year.
- The late list has improved.

**A & D:**

- Tom noted that there is one house that was going to the Board for constant violations that change weekly, however they have cleaned it up for the time being.
- The A & D Committee will be closing four violations.

**Security:**

- Larry advised that the Sheriff's Office has put up a digital speed monitor on St. Andrews Blvd. and this will be moved to other streets to catch speeders.

**RV Compound:**

- The RV Compound annual renewal is due no later than April 30, 2019. Letters will be sent out soon.

**Grounds:**

- Joe advised that the dead bush at the Community Center has been removed and replaced.
- Withlacoochee has painted all light poles and electric boxes at their expense. This was not an HPOA initiated project and it was done and paid for entirely by Withlacoochee.
- There is one pot hole in the road on St. Andrews Blvd. and it has been reported.

**Building:** (Joe reported on behalf of Jim P.)

- Joe advised that we have another new cleaning service and they are doing a very good job. They come once per week and clean the Community Center and Gatehouse. This has been cut down to once per week instead of two and it is working fine at a considerable savings.

**Events/Activities:** (Joe reported on behalf of Jim P.)

- Mark your calendars for Name That Tune on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.
- The next Community Yard Sale will be held the first Saturday in November.
- The 2019 Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**New/Old Business:**

- None

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. Next meeting will be on Monday, April 15, 2019.

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Barbara J. Dohm, Corporate Secretary

# For Your Information

By Barbara Dohm

I wish to say that I sit in the Heather Walk office Tuesday and Thursday signing checks and having people tell us how bad we are, how they have so many votes (so what). I believe we all need to be a little nicer in what we do and say, the same with the Heather. We are all volunteers and one day it will be your turn, start now going to state run classes and see what you are in for.

When walking dogs, please curb your dog; keep him/her off the whole grass just along the edge of the walk please. We are finding loads on the grass not picked up. It would help those of us who clean up.

Heather Walk: Blue Garbage Cans, if you can't get them in your garage you can't leave them out side either, so bring them to the parking lot at the pool and they will be picked up, but then you have to take your trash to the dump. NO PICK UP FOR YOU.

Your Board has tried everything but no luck, Get to your Commissioners.

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# For Your Information

My opinion by Barbara Dohm

First let me say, anything in this article is mine alone, what I have gone through. If you have a person in your family not well and not always with it, see a lawyer and have everything put in a trust and be sure to get Power of Attorney.

If this person is ill and needs a place other than a hospital, go visit every place you're interested in. Check it out, don't take other people's word on how great they are.

Check:

1. Condition of floors
2. Are people in wheel chairs sitting around Wrapped up in blankets by nurse's station?
3. Are they showered? Odor of place.
4. Changed often?
5. Dressed or in bed all the time.
6. Have given you a choice of meals?
7. Do they know what you can't eat? Very Important.
8. What does the room look like, is it homey or not?
9. Make sure no one signed any papers but you.

These are just a few problems I have had with my husband. His therapy was 90 feet and able to walk so he could go home. No showers or proper meals.

He signed himself out because he was in bed all the time except when he went to therapy and then left sitting in a wheel chair to eat.

He was in the hospital for 3 days and sat in a chair or bed for ten days before paper work was done right to get him in to EW. His short-term memory is gone from his last visit to the hospital OH.

He's no better just waiting for his next bout with his Diverticulosis.

Please think and check before your loved one is placed anywhere. Go see him/her every day as I did. Don't make my mistakes, Get Power of Attomey.

# Heather Community Center Library

Seeking volunteers to organize the Heather Library.  
We have received a wonderful donation of books and  
need assistance in organizing.  
Call Audrey 352-592-3498

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# Color Me



## EVENTS 2019

NOVEMBER 2nd GARAGE SALE  
NOVEMBER 8th FRIDAY, NAME THAT TUNE  
DECEMBER 7th CHRISTMAS PARTY

MARK THESE DATES SO YOU DON'T FORGET



**The Old Guy**  
Retired Computer Nerd

I'll bet your computer is very slow.  
I'll bet your computer has a virus.

I can fix anything. . . . Cheaply!

Phone: 352-686-3744 - E-mail: oldnerd@theoldnerd.com

## APRIL FACTS

Arab American Heritage Month  
Autism Awareness Month  
BLT Sandwich Month  
Child Abuse Prevention Month  
Confederate History Month  
Financial Literacy Month  
Florida Tomato Month  
Grilled Cheese Month  
Garlic Month  
Keep America Beautiful Month  
Lawn & Garden Month  
National Humor Month  
Jazz Appreciation Month  
Occupational Therapy (OT) Month  
Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month  
Pecan Month  
Poetry Writing Month  
Rape Awareness Month  
Sexual Assault Awareness Month  
Soft Pretzel Month  
Soyfoods Month  
Stress Awareness Month

The Romans gave this month the Latin name Aprilis but the derivation of this name is uncertain. The traditional etymology is from the verb aperire, "to open," in allusion to its being the season when trees and flowers begin to "open," which is supported by comparison with the modern Greek use of anoixis (opening) for spring.

Since some of the Roman months were named in honor of divinities, and as April was sacred to the goddess Venus, her Veneralia being held on the first day, it has been suggested that Aprilis was originally her month Aphrilis, from her equivalent Greek goddess name Aphrodite (Aphros), or from the Etruscan name Apru.

April was the second month of the earliest Roman calendar, before Ianuarius and Februarius were added by King Numa Pompilius about 700 BC. It became the fourth month of the calendar year (the year when twelve months are displayed in order) during the time of the decemvirs about 450 BC, when it also was given 29 days. The 30th day was added during the reform of the calendar undertaken by Julius Caesar in the mid-40s BC, which produced the Julian calendar.

The Anglo-Saxons called April Oster-monath or Eostur-monath. The Venerable Bede says in The Reckoning of Time that this month Eostur is the root of the word Easter. He further states that the month was named after a goddess Eostre whose feast was in that month. It is also attested by Einhard in his work, Vita Karoli Magni.

# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

## Across

- 1. Dirty fogs
- 6. Part of an ear
- 10. Ritzy
- 14. Pontifical
- 15. Close
- 16. Reflected sound
- 17. San Antonio fort
- 18. Conceited
- 19. Genuine
- 20. A superficial person
- 22. Man
- 23. Group of cattle
- 24. Showered
- 26. Nil
- 30. Yes to a sailor
- 31. Aye
- 32. Rectal
- 33. "Your majesty"
- 35. Willow
- 39. Decorate tastelessly
- 41. Plain
- 43. Mystic
- 44. Alumnus
- 46. Sleeveless garment
- 47. And so forth
- 49. A late time of life
- 50. Former spouses
- 51. Bathhouse

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## Down

- 1. WW1 plane
- 25. Period
- 51. Thug
- 2. French Sudan
- 26. Apprehends
- 52. Suffered
- 3. Iridescent gem
- 27. Once more
- 53. Testicle
- 4. Contest
- 28. Slang for Father
- 55. Phillips or thumb, for example
- 5. Indolence
- 29. Nutritious
- 58. A chess piece
- 6. Constant
- 34. Assessed
- 59. Magma
- 7. Wander aimlessly
- 36. Holly
- 60. Smell
- 8. Decoy
- 37. If not
- 61. Kid
- 9. Cantankerous
- 38. Rodents
- 62. Garden tools
- 10. Indulgent
- 40. Medium-sized tubular pasta
- 11. Large body of water
- 42. Extra
- 12. Sedimentary rock
- 45. Clear up
- 13. Hollowed out
- 48. Repair or mend
- 21. Make fun of

# APRIL 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> 1:00PM Bunco	<b>2</b> 3:30PM A & D Mtg.	<b>3</b> 2:00PM BINGO	<b>4</b> 1:00PM Bridge Cards, 6:30PM Pinochle, etc.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6:00PM NAME THAT TUNE (HPOA Community Center)
<b>7</b> Reserved	<b>8</b> 1:00PM Bunco	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 2:00PM BINGO	<b>11</b> 1:00PM Bridge Cards, 6:30PM Pinochle, etc.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Reserved	<b>15</b> 10:00AM Heather Sound Board Mtg. 1:00PM Bunco 7:00PM HPOA Board Mtg.	<b>16</b> 3:30PM A & D Mtg.	<b>17</b> 2:00PM BINGO	<b>18</b> 1:00PM Bridge Cards, 6:30PM Pinochle, etc.	<b>19</b> Reserved	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Reserved	<b>22</b> 1:00PM Bunco	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 2:00PM BINGO	<b>25</b> 1:00PM Bridge Cards, 6:30PM Pinochle, etc.	<b>26</b> Reserved	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Reserved	<b>29</b> 1:00PM Bunco	<b>30</b>				

# CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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