

## HOURS OF OPERATION

Clubhouse, Pool & Spa are  
**CLOSED** until further notice.

Office is open Mon thru Fri:  
9 AM to 12:30 PM  
1 PM to 4 PM

**CLOSED MAY 29 FOR  
OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL  
DAY**

# THE ANCHOR

HERITAGE POINTE NEWSLETTER  
MAY 2023



ALLIGATORS our Year Round Residents

Alligator mating season is here, extra precautions should now be taken as now thru June especially as they wander on land from pond to pond looking for a mate. Male alligators are territorial animals during this time, and will defend their area against other male intruders or people. An understanding of the following facts and broader knowledge of alligator behavior helps ensure that humans and alligators continue their long-term coexistence.

### Alligator Facts:

- Their average size is 6.5ft to 13ft. Some males can grow up to 18ft, while female rarely grow past 9 ft.
- Their diets consists mainly of easily attain- able prey such as fish, snakes, turtles, small mammals, birds, frogs and even snails
- Only alligators larger than 6ft long that exhibit aggressive behavior will be considered a nuisance and removed.
- Once removed they are not relocated but harvested. Smaller gators pose little threat.

### Alligator DON'TS:

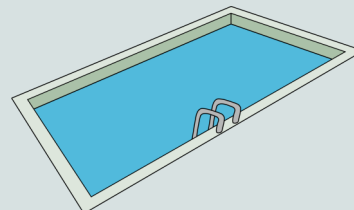
- DON'T feed or entice alligators, otherwise they will lose their natural fear of people and associate them with food.
- DON'T swim, walk dogs or small children, which resemble their natural prey, along the shoreline, especially at dusk or night they feed mostly during the evening hours.
- When fishing along the shore, please stop immediately if you see an alligator approaching.

Always be aware of your surroundings and never approach an alligator; instead, enjoy watching and photographing them at a distance. If you feel one has become a nuisance, contact Melissa, Valarie with Sentry or a board member on property and they will take the appropriate actions.



### Pool Update:

We are getting closer. The chemicals are starting to stabilize. We are close to calling for inspections with the Lee County Health Department. Let's keep our fingers crossed for us to pass! Thank you everyone for your patience and understanding..





### Dazed, Disappointed, Done

I enjoyed my much-anticipated vacation last week outside the U.S. As a full-time Fort Myers resident, I needed an unplugged week on a beach that is still lively and whole, I'm sure you understand.

I was surprised to hear about the Board meeting I missed. Please remember we all have a right to attend, but that doesn't entitle us to ignore the rules of order written in the Bylaws that govern our meetings.

For five years I've been thankful to be a part of the HP Board. We have worked hard together, not always seeing eye-to-eye but always trying to do the right thing for HP while respecting and trusting each other. In my opinion that trust has been broken.

Ian has certainly impacted all our lives. We decided recently to move away from the flood zone and are (ironically) awaiting a permit to build a new house which should be ready early next year. While I appreciate all the support you've given me, for my physical and mental health I have resigned as of May 1. I wish you well.

Thanks for listening,

Char Creech  
Board President



Hi everyone.

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers out there.

There isn't much news to report this month. The valve boxes and covers (see accompanying picture) on the inner circle have been replaced, eliminating trip hazards that have been around since Ian.

We did receive much needed rain during April. Total was 2.85" which was the first measurable rain for 2023. We are still way behind on rainfall for the year.

CRC has informed me that my unit will soon be ready to turn over to me to finish. That being said, it's time for Cathy and I to focus our time getting our unit back to pre-Ian condition.

It's been a pleasure to serve the Heritage Pointe community these last 5 years. I've put the community first over personal responsibility many times during that period. It's now time to move forward and focus my remaining time enjoying life with my wife and family. I wish the board well, as it continues to rebuild our community.

I regret any burden my resignation may cause the board.

Steve Hartley  
VP-Director in charge of Landscaping





Hello Owners,

Happy to report that we have made progress in moving forward with our supplemental insurance claims. On the flood side, additional claims are now being filed which amount to some \$4.7 million dollars. I'm told that we may be looking at two to three months before we know where we stand. We will keep you informed.

The inspection of our windows and doors has begun on the wind insurance side. This effort is to support our supplemental insurance claim. Hoping to complete this process quickly, as it is the last step in filing a substantial claim for additional funds.

Know that we continue to work on ways to ensure spending efficiencies as our rebuilding work goes forward. The board has just approved an investment policy which allows us to make our on-hand funds work harder for us and reduce the future burden on us owners. The investments will be guaranteed as stated in Florida law and Heritage Pointe by laws. My thanks to the Finance Committee for their work on this. The committee is also looking at other approaches / policies with an eye toward reducing or eliminating future assessments for us all.

Negotiations with SRM have yielded lower fees for the first-floor owners' for personal property removal and address some other damages. Fee reduction notices to first-floor owners will be sent shortly.

Please know that lots of other work continues behind the scenes. – by all board members. All in an effort to support property values for Heritage Pointe owners.

Thank you for your continued support.

Paul DiFuccia, Treasurer

### ELEVATOR ENTRAPMENT

If you get trapped in an elevator, know that every elevator is equipped with a phone that directly calls King's III, an emergency facilitator co. that will call the appropriate person to get you out and call the elevator co. to repair. The call button is either located inside the door that reads "**FOR HELP OPEN**" or visible on the panel. The person that answers will ask for your emergency and walk you thru certain procedures to open the door. If this is not successful the fire department will be dispatched. Until they arrive, please stay calm!



All owners may attend all meetings and you may sign up to speak for up to 3 minutes on any agenda item. If not an agenda item, you may speak to the board after the meeting has been adjourned.

### **SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

Activities Committee - **Monday, September 25 at 10 AM**

ARC (Architectural Review Committee) - **Wednesday May 10 at 10 AM**

Finance Committee - **Thursday, May 18 at 9 AM**

Board of Directors - **Thursday, May 25 at 10 AM**

Official Notice of Board of Director's Meeting is posted on the HP website

Official meeting minutes are those that are approved and posted on the HP website

### **WELCOME NEW OWNERS**

Unit 544—Tom & Agnes Jaruzel

Unit 624—Martha Harden

Unit 1014—Richard & Pamela Yarnell

### **Book Club News**

As we plan ahead for the 2024 Winter Season, hoping more of us will be in residence, once again, our future selections and dates have been chosen.

Winter 2024

Jan. 23 - Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

Feb. 27 - Verity by Colleen Hoover

Mar. 26 - Little Fires Everywhere by Kristen Hannah

We will continue to meet on Tuesdays at 3PM with our location to be determined in the future.

Another thank you to everyone who participated in and led our lively discussions this season.

Happy Reading to All,

Philly Evans

### **THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH**

"Knowledge is knowing what to say. Wisdom is knowing when to say it."

- Colette

[www.wisesayings.com](http://www.wisesayings.com)

## Association Board of Directors Contact Information

**Char Creech**, President: Governing Documents Review, Clubhouse, Office & Leases 513-702-5277  
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**Marilyn Hartke**, Secretary: Activities & Minutes 314-368-4329  
**Paul Difuccia**, Treasurer: Budget Workshop, Finance Committee Chair, Insurance Review 814-450-6766  
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**Ruth Wedster**, Director: Gates, Parking, Roads, Safety & Lake 773-230-0643  
**Ron Click**, Director: Pool and BBQ 618-407-7920

Contact the board member for issues pertaining to their areas; or send an email to the office.

### Committees

**Activities:** Chair, Marilyn Hartke, Glenda Bode, Nancy Copley, Janet Doremus, Roslyn Johnson, Scott Lightner, Alberta Mohnssen, and Connie Speck

**Architectural Review:** Chair, Jane Heston, Bob Butler, Louis States, Sue Wells and Ron Ledbetter

**Finance:** Chair, Treasurer Paul DiFuccia, Allan Fentner, Jack Norton, Arnie Strang, Bob Schriefer and Penny Yearndle and Chuck Kern.

**Compliance:**

Chair, Vickie Ryan, Tana Butler and Joe Giacomo

### Sentry Management Contacts:

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12830 University Dr, Suite 150, Fort Myers, FL 33907

**Manager:** Valerie Hoover 239-277-0112 ext. 51805  
e-mail: vhoover@sentrymgt.com

**Accounting:** Maintenance fees should always be made payable to Heritage Pointe Master Assoc., Inc., include your account # and coupon. Mailing address is P.O. Box 30437  
Tampa, FL 33630

**Lease Application:** Roxanne Wolf @ 239-277-0112 ext. 51800

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## ARC Architectural Review Committee

### Some of the items requiring ARC approval:

- Air Conditioner & Heating Replacement (includes either the entire unit, air handler only or condenser only)
- Entrance Enclosure (Screen doors)
- Entrance & Lanai Flooring (material & color)
- Indoor Hard Surface Flooring mainly sound proofing material
- Windows or Doors Replacement
- Lanai Sunscreens / Fabric or Metal Shutters
- Lanai Murals
- Entrance & Storage Door Hardware
- Window Coverings
- Material Alteration to Unit Interior

You may review all the specifications, appendixes, forms, approved choices from [www.heritagepointefl.com](http://www.heritagepointefl.com)

### Frequently Called Phone Numbers

**Advance Waste Disposal** call 239-334-1224 Option 3 to get on the list for large items which are picked up on Fridays (set out on Thursday night if possible)

**First Call** (pest control) - 239-247-1534

**CenturyLink** (telephone) - 800-788-3500

**Xfinity (Comcast)** - 855-510-1609

**FPL** (electricity) - 239-334-7754

**WATER UTILITY (main break)** - 239-533-8845

**EMS** - 239-337-2000

**SHERIFF** - 239-477-1234

**FIRE DEPARTMENT** - 239-433-0660

### Government Organizations

Social Security Administration - 1-800-772-1213

Lee County Court of Clerks - 239-533-5000

Lee County Property Appraiser - 239-533-6100

Driver's License Office - 239-533-6000 Option 4

Lee County Vehicle Registration -239-533-6000 opt 3