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MANAGERS' REPORT

Security

Thank you to the residents who volunteer to provide night security here at Harbor Lights. There is a checklist of items that the security people follow, and it not only ensures that cars parked in the park are all accounted for with proper stickers but people living alone appreciate this service for safety issues. This is an important part of how the community comes together to help make the park safe, especially during the busy season. If anyone is interested in participating in the nightly security detail, please contact Cindy Drefke and Joan Dahl.

Rules & Regulations Committee

Approximately every 5 years members of the cooperative review the Rules & Regulations. There is a sign up sheet in the clubhouse for anyone who would like to join this committee. There will be 5 people on this committee to review the current Rules & Regulations.

Court Painting

The tennis/pickleball court painting was delayed due to wet and cold weather but they managed to complete the painting before the end of January. The court painting will consist of the green and blue part of the court, with lines differentiating between tennis and pickleball with white and yellow, consecutively. We are also requesting quotes to resurface the shuffleboard court. In the interim, the shuffleboard court will be touched up to smooth out the surface.

Street Lights

The electrician continues to fix all the streetlights and any issues that remain for the non-working streetlights. Please report any street light issues to the office. Thank you.

Seawall Update

Crevalle Consulting LLC is the engineering firm hired to complete the second report on the seawall. This report will outline structural plans and specifications for the repair of the existing seawall. The firm will begin their report in the first week of February and take about 3 weeks to complete. We will have more information after completion of this engineering report.



A Special Board Meeting was held on Thursday, January 22 at 9 am to discuss the financing of the seawall project. Attorney Harlan Domber was also a guest at the meeting to answer any questions that residents have regarding the seawall project.

Co-op News

The Annual Co-op Board Membership Meeting was January 17 and the Organizational Board Members Meeting followed immediately after. Below are the New Board Members for Harbor Lights:

Officers:

President – Neal Drefke
Vice President – Steve Sullivan
Secretary – Trude Pophal
Treasurer – Ron Schenkel

Directors:

Mike Leahy
Teri Rice
David Wuest



BINGO

December 23

Canadian flag – Carol Dautermann
Jane Dellina

American flag – Jane Dellina

December 30

Canadian flag – Wes Butler
American flag – Rosie Knapp

January 6

Canadian flag – Diane Pacific
American flag – Donna Leary
Kit Seney
Ron Ganance
Matt Zimny

January 13

Canadian flag – Rosie Knapp
American flag – Donna Leary

Thank you Sam and Carol Dauterman for making the popcorn.



FYI

Did you know?? In the state of Florida a DNR (Do Not Resuscitate) order must be clearly displayed on your refrigerator. (Usually near the File of Life) It must be on a yellow sheet of paper. If you have an out of state/country order it will not be accepted by EMS. Only the yellow directive is accepted in Florida. Contact a Florida doctor to prepare this paperwork.

FYI-The HL AED is being repositioned to the Breezeway for easy access in case of an emergency.

RECREATION NEWS

A Recreation meeting was held on Thursday January 15, 2026 at 9am in clubhouse.. Donuts were provided before the meeting. Minutes are published in the Beacon for additional details.

Xmas Garage Sale was a success. We had increased traffic this year. Thanks to all who helped with the sale and the planning.

AED firefighters Shawn Connor and Paul Lauffer provided refresher to 40 people hoping to make this an annual event. Thank you for all the participation. **Hands on CPR to be scheduled.** Watch bulletin board and calendar.

Thank you to Marie Puma and team for the fabulous Chicken Pot Pie cook luck. It was a wonderful event.

Capital travelers and trivia offered on Wednesday in January due to the football schedule. It will be returning to Sundays. Check the calendar.

Discussion on Game Night at January recreation meeting. Hoping to offer it twice a month on Monday in clubhouse from 7-9. All board and card games welcomed. Watch the bulletin board and calendar for future dates.

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BRIDGE

December 17

Jane Dellina 2100
Linda Bolender 1870

January 7

Sheila Williams 2330
Sue Wolters 2280

January 14

Sheila Williams 3080
Linda Bolender 2200



EUCHRE

January 8th

First place - Margie Elmer
Mark Grady

Second place - Joyce Skorka

January 15th

First place - Jenny Grady

Second place - Sam Dautermann

Third place - Danette Ward
Phillip Robert's
Rosie Knapp -

HEADS UP!!

BRING YOUR WALLETS! WHY!

Because basket draffle tickets will be for sale
7-8 pm on February 6th!

The Raffle Basket Team wants to make sure
Community members don't miss out on their
chance to take part in the Basket Raffle!

This year's Baskets are **AMAZING!!**

FYI

I am retiring from being the editor of the
newsletter. Would anyone be interested in taking
it over?

If anyone wants to have the newsletter emailed
to them, instead of mailed, please let me know. I
will pass it on to the next editor.

The newsletter can also be seen on the Harbor
Lights Co-op website, under community news.
We have an archive of past newsletters there.

Thank you, Jan Utley #103

ON THE COVER

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parade.

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HARBOR LIGHTS RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026

Call to Order: President Rosemary Knapp called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

Roll Call was read by Joan Dahl

Board Members Present Rosie Knapp, Darlene Butler, Cindy Drefke, Joan Dahl, Bob Ward, Donna Leary

Absent Kim Zimny & Wes Butler

Associates Present: Jim Ciarmella, Ruth Batjes

Absent: Todd Cummings, Paula Pitman

Co Op Liason Neil Drefke

READING OF THE MINUTES:

December minutes were published in the Beacon no need to read. Motion to accept the minutes by Bob Ward and 2nd motion by Donna Leary

TREASURER'S REPORT - Darlene Butler supplied treasurer report

Report presented –no need to approve/oppose

CORRESPONDENCE - no correspondence

Reports:

Co Chair 1- Rosie Knapp

Co Chair II Wes Butler

Director 1 Cindy Drefke

Director II Joan Dhal – 100th Anniversary Luncheon in March Women at Noon and Men to come at 1:15pm

Director III Donna Leary - Meeting and Cleaning Friday January 16 for Dues & new key for workshop

Director IV Bob Ward

CoOp Liason Neal Drefke

Old Business:

1. Christmas Sale 344.00 – Increase in traffic is attributed to outside flyers put up.
2. Defibrillator demonstration date January 16, 2026 & SMH poster. We have had a great response to the sign up.

New Business:

1. Garage Sale Feb 7 – Theresa R, Chris & Debbie M the year long collectors. Bring plastic bags for departments to use.
2. Added to Activity List
 1. Euchre representative Margie
 2. Decorating committee and bulletin board monitoring.

Thank you to Cindy D., Kim Z & Joan D and their team for the beautiful clubhouse & bulletin board.

Harbor Lights BEACON

3. Can collection during Bingo, to benefit Salvation Army. Can will get 1 free bingo card
4. March 4 is Art in the Park
5. Puzzle Night competition will be held on February 18 at 6pm in the clubhouse. Pizza will be provided.
6. Pool purchases: New pool noodles purchased by Donna LRec Board purchased 2 patio sets that are scheduled to deliver mid January as well as new event chairs.
7. Jan Utley has semi-retired. We thank her for all her years of commitment and service to Harbor Lights.
8. Beacon- January Utley is retiring that position as well. She will gradually be leaving her spot and will help anyone interested in continuing our community newsletter.
9. Appreciation Dinner will be hosted by board members on February 21,2026. Menu to be determined.
10. New bookcase found by Joan D. for the backroom to house HL historical and memory book. Major cleanup done by Joan D, Jan U, and Cindy D. Thank you!

Floor Comments:

Residence suggested yoga and a portable basketball net.

Super Bowl party will be at 5pm. Don Butler will be in charge.

Reminder that there should be NO alcohol at any function provided by HL. Only BYOB functions.

Announcements:

Please check your calendar in the upcoming Beaconfor events. Any changes or addition as will be posted on the bulletin board.

Next meeting is our Annual Meeting to be held on February 25 at 9am with donuts to be served. We need all to attend for membership count.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Ward and 2nd motion by Joan Dahl.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Zimny, Secretary



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During COVID-19, most people said they found us "online" since we couldn't meet in person. Now that we can be together again, many new clients are saying things like, "My neighbor told me I should see you because I wasn't hearing well."

One of my favorite stories came from a new client, Betty. When I asked her how she found us, she said, "I overheard my friend, Shirley, saying she loves her hearing aids." Betty said this because Shirley talked about her hearing aids in a positive way, which made Betty want to try them, too.

Betty explained that she often heard people complain about their hearing aids, especially when they had trouble understanding conversations in groups. But Shirley was at a line-dancing class and, while talking to someone else, said, "I love my hearing aids." This made Betty curious.

So, Betty walked over to Shirley and asked, "Who helps you with your hearing aids?"

When I heard this story, I felt so happy to know that Shirley's hearing aids worked well for her. Our goal is to help people hear clearly in groups. Knowing we helped Shirley hear well enough to enjoy a dance class and even tell others she loves her hearing aids is a huge success for us.

If you have trouble hearing conversations clearly in crowds, give us a call to try a free hearing aid demo. You might even find ones that you love.



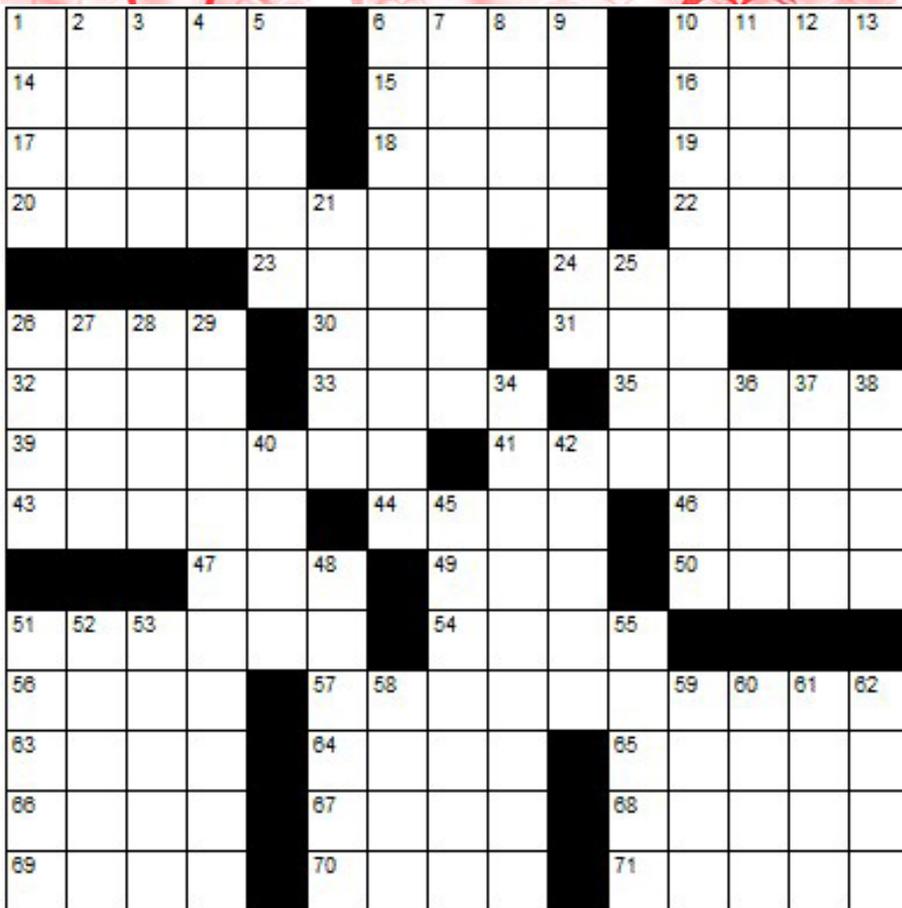
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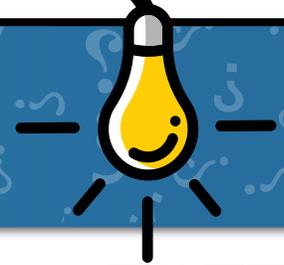
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6. Soft drink
10. Handguns
14. Send, as payment
15. Baking appliance
16. Mine entrance
17. Genus of heath
18. Let out
19. Capital of Peru
20. Placenta
22. Anagram of "Keel"
23. Ages
24. Guarantee
26. Employ
30. Half of a pair
31. Thick flat pad
32. Cards with one symbol
33. Notion
35. Honorable
39. Belligerent
41. Adolescent
43. Caper
44. Assess
46. Freudian topics
47. Encountered
49. Neither ____
50. Droops
51. Flail
54. A math subject
56. Miami basketball team
57. Passing from place to place
63. Hindu princess
64. Anger
65. Hawaiian greeting
66. Therefore
67. 3
68. Low point
69. Anagram of "Need"
70. Cravings
71. Vogue

DOWN

1. Component used as fertilizer
2. Lowly worker
3. Broadcast
4. Oriental grain
5. Fixed gaze
6. Curry-powder ingredient
7. Supervise
8. Advanced
9. National tune
10. Bilestones
11. Farewell
12. Countdown clock
13. A post in the ground
21. Grill
25. What we're called
26. Laugh
27. Computer symbol
28. Repose
29. Approximation
34. Lawyers
36. Indian music
37. Excited
38. Not more
40. Frosts, as a cake
42. Spooky
45. Immune response trigger
48. 3 tens
51. Trio
52. Discovered
53. Scope
55. Allow
58. Empty weight
59. Winglike
60. Connecting point
61. Lower jaw part
62. Almost a meter



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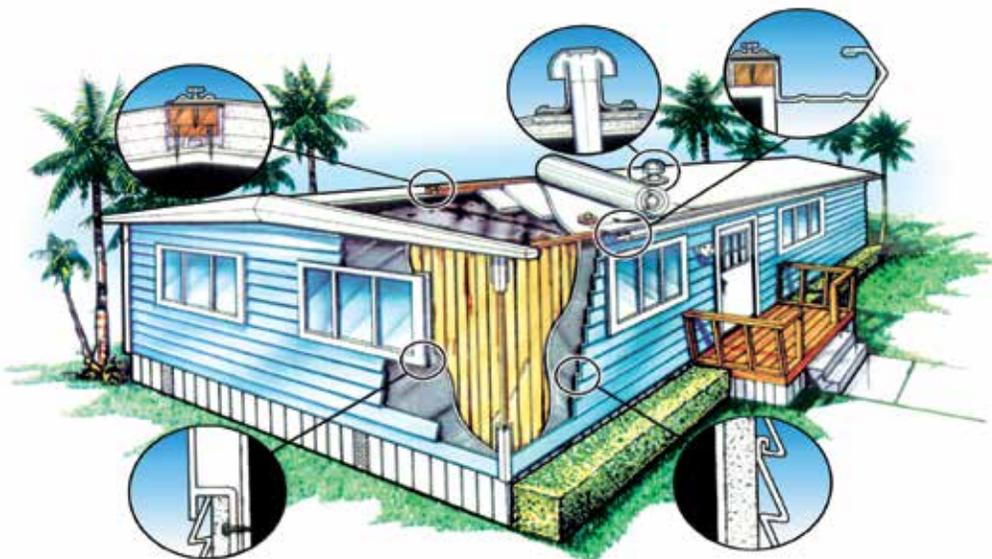


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