

HIGH POINT MATTERS

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High Point ... A great place to live!



A message from Susan . . .

There's a nip in the air. It must be fall!

Just kidding! This is Florida, we only wish there would be a slight nip in the air. But the calendar still says it is September and that means our "snowbirds" will soon be coming home to roost for the winter months. We look forward to the beginning of our official High Point "Season." It's awfully quiet around here in the summer time but things start jumping by the end of September as various clubs and activities welcome back their full membership.

We welcome everyone back and invite you to stop in at the office to say hello and let us know how your summer went. As you entered the Community you probably noticed some changes to our entrance. We think the new High Point lettering on the wall past the Front Gate is very attractive. There will be other improvements taking place in the near future as we continue to update the appearance of our Community. We hope you will like them.

As a follow-up to my article last month, I would like to thank everyone who came forward to volunteer to help Terry Mathes with our Community Holiday Dinners. As a result of your willingness to help, we can now say that this treasured High Point Tradition will be able to continue through this year's holiday season.

As usual, the best thing about High Point is its residents and the feeling of community we have by living here and taking part in our various activities and presentations. Thank you all for continuing to be the main reason that High Point is a great place to live.

-Susan Hildebrand, Community Association Manager





Civic Organization of High Point News By Ellyn Shulmier

Civic Organization opens its September calendar with its 3-5 pm "Sundae Sunday" on Labor Day weekend, Sunday, September 6th in the Community Center. Featured will be our customary yummy ice cream treats including banana splits, root beer floats, sundaes and a selection of ice cream varieties and yogurt. Additionally, by request, we have added hot dogs, sloppy joes, pulled pork sandwiches and taco salads!

Come join us for a relaxing couple of hours with friends and neighbors listening to live music, watching the big TV's, playing cards, etc.

We are currently selling t-shirts with the triangle HP logo and "High Point Community" lettering. You can choose bright green, black with green lettering, garnet red or neutral and the cost is a low, low \$12.00 each! Catch the High Point Spirit and show your pride. We also sell coffee mugs.

Contrary to the error in the Bulletin, we meet the third Saturday of each month from 9:30 to 11:30 am for our Koffee Klatch. Again, we hope you will join us and bring a friend. This is your organization and we miss you when you aren't with us! Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 19th. We'll be serving freshly made coffee and sweet rolls or bagels.

Our Food Pantry Project is moving right along with drivers signing up regularly to take friends who cannot drive to local church pantries to stock up on food. We are proud of our volunteers and their spirit and willingness to help fellow High Pointers. If you are interested in driving, or if you are in need of a ride, please contact our chairperson, Gini Schweigert, 592-2147.

We are still working on our new idea whereby we would deliver hot meals you have ordered from nearby restaurants. There will be a small fee involved for this delivery service. The plan will include lunch and early evening meals, most likely from noon until 5:00 pm. When we have all of the details in order, we will be making an announcement concerning all aspects of the plan. If you are interested in this program, please contact 597-1966 and leave a message.

The High Point Highlighter picture directory is still in production. We are eager to get it completed and out to all of you who participated.

Three upcoming musical events are "in the works." We are seeking dates for the Hudson Middle School Jazz Band, a concert and the return of the High School Marching Band in November.

We want to thank all of you who have joined us during the hot summer months. We've all had fun and look forward to more of the same this Fall.

High Point 40th Anniversary Shirts

In case you didn't get your shirt last year to commemorate High Point's 40th Anniversary there are still some available for purchase at the office.

There is a limited number of polo shirts available in various sizes at \$12 ea. (Originally \$20).

We also have some of the t-shirts which are being sold for \$7 each.

Another way to show our High Point Pride!



Golf Club News By Donna O'Keefe

The lazy days of summer are coming to an end. Those of us who have remained in Florida for the summer are still enjoying our beautiful golf course and we welcome any year-round residents who have not yet tried the course to take advantage of our Summer Golf Specials, listed below.

HIGH POINT CAFÉ SUMMER HOURS

Sunday breakfast	8:00 – 11:00 am
Thursday lunch	11:00 – 1:00 pm
Thursday Karaoke	5:00 – 6:30 pm Burgers and wings

Watch for posted special meals during the summer!

Summer Golf Specials

This year we are trying something new. Residents of High Point may play golf by paying the summer greens fee rate of \$20.00 for 18 holes or \$14.00 for 9 holes. Silver Golf Members may also play during the summer on days other than their specified day by paying the green's fees. You must supply your own cart and you must present to the pro-shop a certificate proving that you have liability insurance on your golf cart. We will make a copy and keep on file so you will only have to do that the first time you play. This year you are not required to be with a member, but you are still responsible for following the rules of the course. A rule book may be obtained in the pro-shop. Dates for open golf are from May 1 - Oct.1, so if you have been meaning to give us a try, don't delay any longer! If you have questions, please contact Donna O'Keefe at 596-4773.

Aluminum Recycling

The High Point Golf Club will now be caring for aluminum can recycling for the community. The recycle bin that had been located at the fire station is now located on the east side of the parking lot for golf cart and car parking.

> **High Point Golf Club Labor Day Celebration** September 7, 2015 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Everyone Welcome!

Music by John Conroy

Drink Specials

Hamburgers & Italian Sausage \$5.00 **Hot Dogs \$3.50 Includes Salad and Chips**

> **Ice Cream Sundaes Double \$2.00 or Single \$1.50**

Labor Day Golf Tournament





Sign up on the Men's BB For more info call Paul Sheahan

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Annual All Club Meeting

Our annual Club Meeting for the 2015-2016 High Point entertainment season will be Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 9:30 am in the Community Center.

The purpose of this meeting is to assure fairness in dates and give all clubs a chance to communicate with one another so as not to duplicate events.

We ask that each club assign a representative (or 2) from their group to be present at this MUST ATTEND meeting. We are making this announcement well in advance of the event so that you can come to the meeting prepared with your plans for the coming season. Please bring club event descriptions for insertion in the new web site which will be up and running at that time.



SOCIAL CLUB by Eileen Willms, Social Club President

A new High Point season countdown is beginning. October is around the corner and activities are getting organized. Just a reminder to all of our friends and neighbors; we are the "**High Point Social Club**". The **Highpoint Golf Club** has a "**Social Membership**" to allow individuals to use their club facilities and attend events the Golf Club sponsors. These are two separate memberships, both providing an avenue for social interaction and fun.

We have been asked why the Social Club charges a membership fee when other clubs do not. The answer is: In order for the Social Club to bring in outside entertainers and instructors, host the Annual Fourth of July Parade and allow guests to attend our functions we must carry insurance. Additionally, at the end of the year ALL of our funds above our operating expenses are put back into the High Point Community through our donations to those service organizations such as the Mobile Patrol and Garden Club.

Those of us who volunteer to operate the Social Club are excited at some of our new changes coming. We are thankful to those who began our club almost 40 years ago and will continue the tradition of sponsoring our monthly Saturday night get-togethers with music, Meeting Nights with entertainment, June Ice Cream Social, Annual Christmas party, Dance Classes, Nursery Items to rent and so much more!

There are many different clubs and activities to choose from, each bringing their own special formula for your enjoyment and assistance. We are fortunate our community has so much to offer and are glad to be a part of the Highpoint Community. Here's to a new year! See you all soon.

HERNANDO HIGH POINT EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDERS, INC. (HP EMR INC.)

Got Questions? . . . Get Answers!

... that will be the theme for the upcoming High Point Responders (HHP EMR, Inc.) meeting which will be open to all, scheduled for September 15, at 2 pm in the High Point Community Center

Our Organizational Team has been meeting, writing, researching daily to ensure we have all of our "ducks in a row." We are excited about our Responder Unit and have been receiving a wonderful "High Point" positive response. We have been steadily meeting with the High Point Homeowners Board of Directors and the Hernando County Fire Department Chiefs. We are registered and incorporated with the State of Florida. All necessary paperwork for fundraising has been completed and approved by the Dept. of Agriculture. Our new Medical Team is working on protocols for the responders and gearing up to begin training. The Traffic Control Team is preparing and ensuring equipment is ready to go and traffic safety procedures are completed.

Our goal is to answer the many questions our community has about the new Responders Unit. Judie, Charles, Willi and Eileen are looking forward to providing you with an overview of the new program and introduction of our Medical Team. We look forward to seeing everyone on the 15^{th} at 2 pm.

Until then,

Willi Wilms

For any questions call Charles and Judie Harriett at 352-232-2564 or Willi and Eileen Willms at 914-450-2449

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School's Open!

Please exercise more than the usual care when driving. Watch for school buses or youngsters walking on the roads as you are out and about this time of year.

Holiday Decorating Committee

We are looking for a small group of "elves" who would like to help decorate the Community Center for the holidays.



If you are interested, call Susan at the office, 596-2397.



Sunday Worship Coming to High Point Community

Starting In October and running through April, the second and fourth Sundays of each month will be a time for worship at High Point. The worship services will begin at 10:15 am with Rev. G.H. Trumbo preaching.

This is a non-denominational service and all are welcome to attend. We are very excited about offering this opportunity for friends to worship together at High Point.

Mark your calendars and come and be a part of what we believe will be an uplifting and growing experience of worship beginning Sunday, October 11, 2015.

Garden Club Annual Plant & Craft Bazaar



It's that time again! Though autumn seems a long way off when we are dealing with the heat of summer, it will be here before you know it, and with it one of our most popular events in High Point. If you are interested in participating in the Annual Plant and Craft Bazaar, now is the time to start crafting and/or planting to put your talents on display

and sell your wares.

This year's Bazaar will be held Saturday, November 14, 2015 at the High Point Community Center from 8 am to 1 pm.

To sign up, call the High Point office at 352-596-2397 or Ellie at 352-597-1409

The rest of us non-crafty peeps always look forward to this display of our neighbors' talents and goods and the opportunity to find some unique gift items for friends and loved ones during the holidays.



Health Fair & Senior Information Day Sponsored by High Point Lions Club

> Saturday, October 24th 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Free light lunch served

Don't miss this popular High Point Event!



Musical & Comedy Club by Joyce Senf

Fall is near, and so is our next show, "Rootin' Tootin' Country Jamboree."

Think, it's not every day that a jamboree is arranged to celebrate a 90th birthday! In our story, many relatives, neighbors and friends come together to celebrate Pa's birthday by performing his favorite songs, skits, etc.

Come join the celebration on Friday, October 23 and Saturday, October 24. Cost of the show is only \$5 and handicap seating is available for those who need it.

Doors open at 6:00 pm, with the show starting at 7:00 pm. We hope to see you there!



High Point Travel Club by Trey Jordan

Still hot here in High Point, but take heart! Autumn is on the way.

As our season begins with the return of our northern friends we will be adding a number of events. Here is what we have for now.

We are going to see a comedy at the Early Bird Dinner Theatre on September 12th. Great food and a great show are planned and the cost is \$67.00.

Watch this space for a "Mystery Trip" to come in October.

December 1^{st} , 2^{nd} and 3^{rd} we will be in St. Augustine for the Christmas Night of Lights.

For future plans we have a 4 night, 5 day trip to Mobile , AL and Biloxi, MS in March of 2016. Lots of things are planned for this trip!

We have a number of cruises going out throughout the year and all the way into 2017. Be among the first to know what else is in the works by coming to a meeting of the Travel Club. We meet the 2^{nd} and 4^{th} Thursday of each month at 11:00 am. in the Community Center.

Helpful Phone Numbers

Nursery Days Harry & Anna

596-1601 Lions Med Equip

Tony Albano 596-7435

High Point Golf Club Pro Shop 596-0833

Animal Services 352-796-5062 Bulletin Delivery Sylvia 596-6006

County Sheriff Non-Emergency # 754-6830

Information Booth (Front Gate) 596-5359

Adult Protective Svcs. 1-800-962-2873

Office use only	h Point Community Property Owners, Inc.
	st for Approval of Improvement or Additions
	Date Submitted/
(Please Print)	
	High Point Address
	Phone Number
	Contractors Name
(In this space please show	floor plan or plot plan with distances to property lines on construction to be performed)
	Permit expires 120 days after data submitted
Permit expires 120 days after date submitted Improvement to be completed within 90 days of commencement	
Signatures Required:	
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Do you know what this form is? Have you ever had to submit one and do you know when you are required to have an approved Improvement request on file? All of these questions are answered in your copy of the High Point Rules and Regulations. If you don't have a recent copy feel free to come into the office and ask for one. Many of you will be making improvements inside and outside of your home this fall. It's important that you know when you need permits, not only from High Point but also from Hernando County. Some have had to face the frustration of removing improvements because they do not comply with our regulations or those of the County. This little pink form can keep you from having that experience. If you need one, stop into the office and we will provide you with a form and answer any questions you may have.

Signs, Signs, Signs!

There is an unfortunate trend developing in the community which is most notable on the weekends. We understand that if you are having a yard sale or open house you want to make sure that people coming into the community from outside will be able to find your home. That is why we post yard sales for the week on Ch.95 for High Point Residents and provide a printed list of all scheduled yard sales which is available at the Front Gate along with maps of the High Point Community.

It is against the rules of the Community to post *any* signs, other than real estate signs in the area that is described in our Rules and Regulations. There should be no Yard Sale, Open House or any other business signs posted on the medians or roadways in High Point. If they are spotted by High Point staff they will be removed and discarded!





Let's all do our part to make sure that High Point remains a well-kept *Mobile Home Community*! *We appreciate your cooperation*.



Landscaping Tips

By Tom Anderson, Univ. of Florida Master Gardener

"Dividing Bulbs and Perennials, Bedding Plants, Herbs,Vegetables,Citrus, Irrigation Systems,and Free Classes"

"It is not enough for a Gardener to Love Flowers; He must also Hate Weeds"- Anon

According to the University of Florida Extension Service **September** is a Great time to **Divide and Replant Bulbs and Perennials** that have grown too large or need rejuvenation. Add organic material to the planting areas. See: *Propagation of the Landscape Plants*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/MG108

Bedding Plants – Coleus, Celosia, Zinnia, and Wax Begonias are good choices for bedding color into the Fall. September is a good time to remove spent blooms, to cut back, and fertilize flowering annuals and perennials to extend the flowering season into the fall months. For additional information: *Gardening with Annuals in Florida:* <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/MG319</u>

Some of the**Herbs** that can be planted now are **Mint**, **Rosemary**, **Basil**, **and Mexican Tarragon**. For more information: *Herbs in the Florida Garden:* <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/VH020</u>

Vegetables – Time to start planting the fall cool season vegetables such as **Lettuce**, **Collards**, **Celery**, **and Cabbage**. Go to: *Florida Vegetable Garden Guide:* <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdffiles/VH/VH02100.pdf</u>

Citrus should be fertilized this month or in October with a balanced timed released **nitrogen** fertilizer because the rains will leach the water soluble nitrogen from the soil too quickly. See: *Citrus Culture in the Home Landscape*: <u>http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/hs132</u>

Irrigation Systems – Mid September is typically the end of our summer rainy season and it is an excellent time to check out your **Sprinkler System.** It probably has been turned off or not been used much this July and Aug. Cycle your system through all the zones to make sure all your heads are operating properly and calibrate your system if you think you are not getting an even and adequate distribution of water. If a zone is slow to come on or slow to come up to pressure, you probably need to replace the diaphragm in the valve. Sprinkler valve diaphragms are readily available at the large garden centers. Additional information at: *Calibrate your Sprinkler System*: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/lh026

September 2015Free Florida-Friendly Landscaping and Gardening Classes

Thur. Sept 3–"*Come to Your Senses – Landscapes You Can See, Hear, Smell, Touch & Taste*" 10:30 West Hernando Library, 8335 Blackbird Ave., Brooksville – Lilly Browning

Wed. Sept 9–"Snakes Alive" 10:30 Spring Hill Library, 9220 Spring Hill Dr., Spring Hill – Jennifer Merkosky, UF Master Gardener

Wed. Sept 10 – "*Fall Vegetable Gardening*" 10 AMChinsegut Hill Manor House 22495 Chinsegut Hill Rd, Brooksville – Dr. Bill Lester

Wed. Sept 23 – "**Rain Barrel Workshop**" 2 PM County Extension Office, 1653 Blaise Dr. Brooksville – Lilly Browning, Register 540-6230

Thur. Sept 24 – "Come to your Senses – Landscapes You Can See, Hear, Smell, Touch & Taste!"10 -Chinsegut Hill Man. Hse – Lilly Browning

The September High Point Garden Club meeting will be on Thursday, the 17th at 10:30 in the Community Center. "*Recycling Raindrops*" will be presented by Lilly Browning, Hernando County Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program Coordinator.

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"The Dark Side of High Point"

Once again the "rumor mill" is running rampant! I'm going to outline a few issues that some folks can't seem to understand no matter how many times they are explained. Here goes - again. The High Point Board of Directors are charged with:

- 1. Providing safe and effective facilities for Community use.
- 2. Governing, advising and administering through our Community Association Manager (CAM)
- 3. Maintaining all Common Areas in a responsible manner.
- 4. Providing certain Amenities
- 5. Adopting rules and regulations, formulating by-laws and preparing yearly budgets for the Membership's approval and then the administration thereof.
- 6. The Board has "general" control and management through the <u>Office</u> of a <u>Certified Community Association Manager</u> or <u>Licensed</u> <u>Management Co.</u>

The CAM is hired to manage the day-to-day, hour-to-hour Operations of the Corporation with powers vested to him/her by the Board of Directors. The CAM. handles all legal matters, advises the Board of Directors as to special issues, conditions, etc. Our Community Association Manager is in charge of ALL personnel, does all hiring and firing with consideration and advice from the Human Resource Committee and the Board of Directors. No Director hires or fires! All major decisions are made by joint cooperation between the Board of Directors and the Community Association Manager. Normal daily operations are the responsibility of the Community Association Manager!

All of our duties and responsibilities are clearly addressed in our <u>free</u> handbook. Directors do not negotiate employee duties or responsibilities. That is the CAM's job. Anyone who thinks that he or she can do the CAM's job needs to remember that legal firms and Certified, Licensed CAM's are trained professionals in their field of expertise! Thank you, Susan Hildebrand, for your dedicated, caring and outstanding commitment to High Point!

Rumors abound about the use of the now silent Fire House with more "I want this" and "I want that!" When the time comes for the Board of Directors to make any decisions about the future use of that facility, it will be what is fiscally responsible and professionally practical for the benefit of the <u>entire</u> High Point Community, not a few "special interest" groups that seem to continually disrupt the harmony of an otherwise "harmonious" community.

Some folks are already asking "what are you going to do with the assets received from the Fire Co.?" As of this time, NO assets have been received as the Fire Co. Charter has not yet been dissolved. Therefore, no decisions have been made and public discussions would be premature and inappropriate at this time. Meanwhile, ideas have been tossed around and that good old "Rumor Mill" has more suggestions than some critters have fleas! Again, when the time comes to make those decisions, very serious and thoughtful consideration will be applied to determine how best to serve the needs of the entire High Point Community. I can assure you, this Board of Directors has no "pet projects, "personal agendas" nor are we influenced by a desire to create a "great legacy for our administration." We all <u>do care</u> for the best long-term and progressive policy for High Point.

Let us all resolve to revitalize a dying art and bring "Common Sense" back into our daily lives and in so doing rejuvenate High Point as "A Great Place to Live" without the drama, tension and divisiveness on which some among us, sadly, seem to thrive.

Our Nominating Committee takes this opportunity to remind you that our Charter and By-laws call for electing 3 members to the Board of Directors this year to serve a 2-year term. If you have business, management, financial or legal skills, you could be a viable candidate. "Personal agendas," "pet projects" or "self promotion" are poor reasons to run for office and almost always end up jeopardizing the Community in one way or another.

If you are considering running, please keep in mind the following responsibilities. (If it seems that I am repeating myself throughout this article it is because "repetition is the mother of retention.") Directors have a list of responsibilities to the Membership of our Homeowners Association that includes the general control and management of the affairs of the Corporation <u>through the Office of the CAM</u> who has been hired to, among <u>many</u> other responsibilities, manage all Association personnel. The Board of Directors drafts and submits an Annual Budget and reviews and amends by-laws for approval by the Membership as required by law. As of July 1, 2013 the Florida Legislature Amended Chapter 720 of the Florida Statutes by adding Section 720.3033. The amendment requires that "all newly elected or appointed Officers of the Homeowner's Association must be Certified by an approved agency within 90 days or relinquish their position until such Certification is completed." All of your present Directors are Certified and have attended yearly Continuing Education Seminars through 2015!

Remember, if you have questions about how our Community works, please contact someone in the Office or call any Board Member. We have all posted our phone numbers on TV (Ch. 95) and in various pieces of printed information, including the High Point Bulletin. If we can't immediately answer your question, we will do necessary research to find the best answer available. We will not "blow smoke" or try to deceive anyone! Often times neighbors' or friends' <u>opinions</u> are *mistaken for fact* and the "Rumor Mill" flourishes. Call us. We can help!

PS: to Ken and Gretchen, thanks again for your kind and encouraging words! - Jim Woolcock, President