

HARMON COVE NOTES

November 2017





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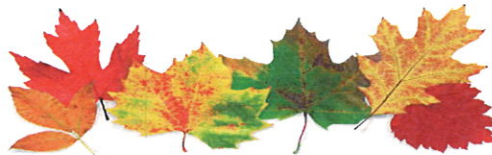
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Secaucus Calendar

- November 1 – Taxes Due
- November 4 – Boating Safely Class – 8 am 5 Meadowlands Parkway
- November 5 – Martin Luther Birthday Dinner St. Matthews
- November 6 – ABC Board Meeting 7 pm, SMUA Meeting
- November 7 – ELECTION DAY
- November 11 – Veterans Day Ceremony 11 am
- November 13 – Board of Adjustment Meeting 7 pm, Secaucus High School Veterans Day Ceremony PAC 1 pm
- November 14 – Mayor & Council Meeting 7 pm
- November 15 – Secaucus Coalition Meeting 7 pm
- November 16 – Friends of the Library “Friends-Giving” Party the Library 7 pm
- November 17 – Kids Night In at the Rec Center
- November 19 – Independent Film Series at the Library 1 pm, Hygiene Walk Against Poverty
- November 20 – Board of Health Meeting 7 pm
- November 21 – Planning Board Meeting 7 pm, Library Board Meeting 7 pm
- November 23 – HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- November 26 – Exchange Holiday Lighting Secaucus Junction 5 pm
- November 27 – Senior Citizen Bingo at the Senior Center 6 pm
- November 28 – Mayor & Council Meeting 7 pm

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IMPORTANT INFO.

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Next Meeting Dates:

Harmon Cove I – 12/4

Harmon Cove II – 12/7

Recreation Association – 11/21





From the Recreation Association

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PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

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Can you believe it's almost time for the holidays? Before you know it, it will be 2018!

A hot topic lately at Recreation has been parking. Clearly there are not enough spots to accommodate all commuters, staff and residents and vendors needing to do business at the building. The 15-minute spots were added to help with people needing to come and conduct business at the Clubhouse and ensuring they would have a spot. These spots quickly filled up with staff as a last alternative for a place to park, especially in the summer. The Rec Board had authorized 4 spots in the clubhouse lot to designate for staff of HCI, HCII and Rec. This was not well received by the commuters. The spots have since been removed, however 1 "Reserved" spot will be included in the 15-minute area for HCI staff and 3 spaces in the Marina Lot will be designated for staff as well. These spots will be the first 3 on the right when entering the Marina Lot.

Harmon Cove Recreation has approved their 12/1/17 – 11/30/18 operating budget at their meeting in October. The new budget reflects NO INCREASE to owners of Harmon Cove for the 10th year in a row. Please see the information from the Board in this edition of the Cove Notes.

A reminder that the Clubhouse is CLOSED on Thanksgiving Day. We will be open on Friday, November 24 for business however the HCI and HCII offices will be closed.

The Recreation Associations 2nd Wine & Paint Party was a success. Over 20 people enjoyed the step by step instructions given by Richard Mog of Mog Creations. Everyone went home with their artwork at the end of the night. See photos in this edition.

Exciting changes are coming to the Cove Club kitchen.... Watch for all of the details coming soon via email blast and notices.

The Wednesday Bumper Pool League nights have been great at the Cove Club. Remember it's open for everyone to enjoy!

Don't forget our next meeting on November 21st, 7 pm.

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By Jeanne Brown, Secretary

The summer-like weather and temperatures have finally left us and have been replaced with autumnal splendor all around the area. Halloween is now past us and Thanksgiving and the other holidays are coming upon us quickly. Hopefully, everyone can get finished with their outdoor activities in time to hunker down for the winter. With some luck, winter won't be that bad but you never know; it's best to be prepared. Be sure to replace the batteries in your thermostat, smoke alarm, and all of your flashlights...just in case. If your fireplace is still wood-burning and not converted to gas, make sure that you have enough wood available for the season. Wood can be stacked in a crib or a hoop in the carport only and must be about 3 feet from the carport wall. Wood cannot be stacked on or under porches or decks. And, just to reiterate what was mentioned in previous Cove Notes articles, fireplace doors are strictly prohibited. Closing doors on a fire can cause the flames to reach up the flue for oxygen, make the flue red hot, and burn the wall above the firebox. This happened to a resident last winter so there is no need for you to try your own "experiment". Everything you need to know about winter rules and safety is clearly outlined in the Fall / Winter bulletin that everyone received in their mailboxes about two weeks ago. If you have any questions or need further clarification on anything at all, please contact the management office @ 201-867-0400.

Speaking of rules, did you know that discussing Board-related business with an individual Board member outside of a Board meeting is not protocol? The Board is an elected body of nine individuals who work together as one "voice" on behalf of the entire community. What happens during the executive session of a Board meeting is not public information and is not even in the monthly minutes. The Board gets to vote on various items during each meeting outside of executive session and the results of that election appear in the minutes. The results will tell you how many members voted for and against the item or issue but there are no names attached to those votes. That is intentional; votes are anonymous to those who are not on the Board.

In a previous monthly article, I reminded everyone how to get your voice heard on a particular community-related issue that you may be having. Just to refresh everyone's memory, here are the highlights:

- Attend the good and welfare portion of a monthly meeting.
- Write a letter to the Board and mail it to the management office.
- Send an e-mail to Susan Baumann in the management office.

Please do not:

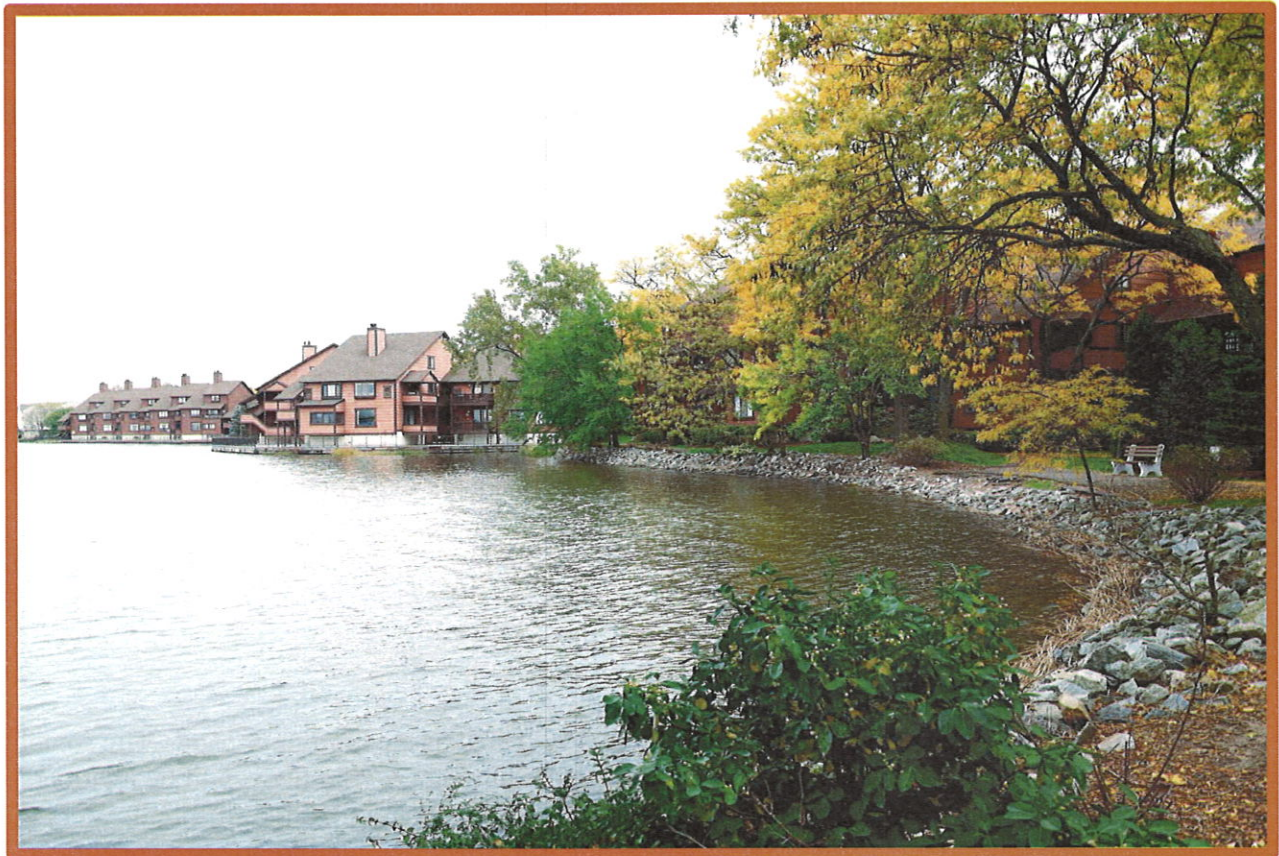
Post your issues on social media – not even on one designated as a community page. The social media pages are dead ends for your problems. Any Board members who happen to be members of a community-related social media page are only able to read but not react or respond. Very seldom, if ever, do these topics get discussed at a Board meeting. If you like to see your superfluous comments and grievances in print on social media and it makes you feel important and powerful, by all means, continue posting.

The painting project on Marina Key has been completed. Our contractor, Advanced Restoration, did a wonderful job of not only painting but also of replacing rotted siding and trim. The next street to be painted in 2018 will be ten buildings on Sandpiper Key. Stay tuned in the months ahead for more information about it.

J. Fletcher-Creamer completed the water main replacement on Sunset Key two weeks ago and every line from each building to the new main has been connected. The old main stays where it is, out of service, and was simply “buried”. In the spring or summer, all of Sunset Key will be paved and made beautiful once again.

Please be careful as you drive around the Cove especially since it gets dark out much earlier now. People may be walking home from the bus and kids may still be out playing in the streets. We don’t want the unthinkable to happen. Also, leaves are quite slippery on those dreary rainy days so please slow it down and anticipate not being able to stop your car as quickly as you can on dry roads.

Enjoy the rest of November, Happy Thanksgiving to all, and see you next month!



Harmon Cove II

Hello Residents!

We have so much to be thankful for this season – and top of the list -- our friends, family and neighbors! And lovely days at the cove! As we look forward to a safe and happy holiday season, a few things to keep in mind:

When you use your fireplace, make sure the flue is open and that the fire is completely out before you go to bed or leave the house.

When you or your visitors are parking, please respect the fire lanes. In the event of an emergency, fire trucks need to be able to enter and exit safely.

Remember that electric festive lights are not permitted on outside decks. Solar lights are ok to use.

And while you are planning your holidays with loved ones and those delicious meals, here are a few cooking and decorating safety tips from the Red Cross to keep in mind:

Never leave cooking food unattended.

Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you must leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.

Avoid wearing loose clothing or dangling sleeves while cooking.

Keep anything that can catch on fire—pot holders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags, food packaging, and towels or curtains—away from your stove top and oven or any other appliance in the kitchen that generates heat.

Purchase a fire extinguisher to keep in your kitchen. Consider training on the proper use of extinguishers.

Always check the kitchen before going to bed or leaving home to make sure all stoves, ovens, and small appliances are turned off.

Lit candles are fire. Keep them at least 12 inches from anything that can burn, such as curtains, bedding, mattresses, paper, decorations, clothing, and upholstered furniture.

Always extinguish candles before leaving the room or going to bed.

Place candles where they cannot be reached or knocked over by pets and children.

During an emergency, use flashlights, not candles as light sources.

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This can be a busy time of year, but it is also a perfect time to think about your neighbors and help each other enjoy the spirit of the season. Also, you may consider helping the local food pantry so they can help as many people as possible.

Since there will be a lot of visitors to our community during the holidays, let's please do our best to keep Harmon Cove looking its best:

Please don't litter!

Always pick up after your dog. It is the considerate thing to do and it is the law.

If you are a smoker, please be responsible and do not leave cigarette litter in the gardens or carports. It is unsightly and can be a fire hazard.

No matter what kind of work you are having done in your unit, contractors cannot leave debris in the carports or put materials in the regular trash dumpsters. They must take away all waste from each job with them.

Your carport is not the designated place to store bikes, outdoor equipment or household items. Carports should be kept clear, and personal items should be kept in your storage room. When the time comes for you to get rid of items you no longer want to keep, large items and furniture do not belong in dumpsters or alongside dumpsters. The regular garbage collectors will not pick up these things. The Town of Secaucus picks up and disposes of bulky items. All you have to do is call (201) 330-2080 to schedule a pick-up. Speaking of the dumpsters, if you see one is full, please put your trash in one nearby that is not overflowing. Trash on top of the dumpsters or on the ground can attract pests. Also, dumpsters are not for recyclables. Please be green and recycle properly! Cardboard boxes, newspapers, metal, glass and plastic belong in the recycling sheds! If you have questions about recyclables, you can check the signs near the dumpsters or the town website.

The next Harmon Cove II board meeting is on December 7th.

And just in case you are looking for fun fall side dishes to share, here some suggestions from Bon Appetit:



Duchess Baked Potatoes:

Ingredients:

12 medium Yukon Gold potatoes (3½–4 pounds)
Kosher salt
5 large egg yolks
2 garlic cloves, finely grated
1¼ cups heavy cream

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¾ cup sour cream
10 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
1 teaspoon pink or black peppercorns, finely ground

Directions:

Place potatoes in a large pot and pour in water to cover by 2 inches; season with salt. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat and simmer until a paring knife very easily slides through potatoes, 25–35 minutes. Drain and let cool slightly.

Preheat oven to 425°. Whisk egg yolks, garlic, cream, sour cream, butter, and peppercorns in a large bowl; season generously with salt. Peel potatoes and pass flesh through a ricer or a food mill (or mash them by hand if you don't mind a few lumps) directly into bowl with egg mixture. Fold in gently (be careful not to over mix). Transfer to a 3-quart baking dish and decoratively shingle or swirl surface. Bake, rotating once, until golden brown and slightly puffed, 30–40 minutes.

This dish can be assembled 1 day ahead. Cover and chill. Increase the bake time by 5–10 minutes.



Lemon Brussels Sprouts with Bacon and Breadcrumbs

Ingredients:

2½ pounds brussels sprouts, trimmed
4 ounces slab bacon or pancetta, coarsely chopped
3 tablespoons olive oil, divided, plus more for serving
1 cup coarse fresh breadcrumbs
1 small Fresno chile, seeds removed, finely chopped
1 tablespoon thyme leaves
1 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest
Kosher salt
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice, divided

Directions:

Remove outer leaves from brussels sprouts; set aside. Halve sprouts; set aside. Pulse bacon in a food processor until finely ground. Heat 1 Tbsp. oil in a large skillet over medium-low. Cook bacon, stirring often, until browned around edges and fat is rendered, about 4 minutes. Add breadcrumbs and cook, stirring often, until brown and crisp, about 5 minutes. Transfer breadcrumb mixture to paper towels and let cool slightly. Toss in a medium bowl with chile, thyme, and lemon zest; set aside.

Increase heat to medium-high and heat 2 Tbsp. oil in the same skillet. Add reserved halved brussels sprouts; season with salt. Cook, tossing occasionally, until deeply browned all over, 5–8 minutes. Reduce heat to low, cover skillet, and cook until tender, about 5 minutes. Uncover skillet, add reserved leaves and 1 Tbsp. lemon juice, and toss to combine. Cover skillet and cook,

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tossing occasionally, until leaves are bright green and just wilted, 4–5 minutes. Uncover; add remaining 1 Tbsp. lemon juice and season with salt.

Transfer brussels sprouts to a platter, drizzle with more oil, and top with reserved breadcrumb mixture (reheat breadcrumb mixture if needed in a small skillet or in microwave).

The breadcrumb mixture can be made 3 hours ahead; store uncovered at room temperature. Brussels sprouts (without leaves) can be cooked 2 hours ahead; store covered at room temperature. Reheat before adding leaves.

*Your HCII Board wishes you a wonderful
Thanksgiving!
See you around the Cove!*



Harmon Cove Recreation Update



From: Richard Long, Harmon Cove Recreation Board Treasurer

Here it is November 1st and another fiscal year flies by. I would like to present a brief annual summary of the Harmon Cove Recreation Board activities.

The first topic is the annual budget. The Board has unanimously passed the budget for the fiscal year beginning December 1, 2017. It has been posted online for your review. Once again, there will be no increase in our annual funding from the community. This is the 10th consecutive year without an increase, even though our community continues to age and costs increase.

Now I would like to go through some of our major accomplishments for the year:

- 1) The Pool – A major renovation was completed including new stairs. Cathy, our manager, was able to track down one of the original contractors. They fully understood the “uniqueness” of the pool design and knew how and where to concentrate the scope of the work. This enabled us to get the most out of our repair funds.
- 2) The Cove Club – New lighting was installed, the interior was painted, and an accent wall was added. Noise reducing ceiling panels were also installed. In addition, a winter protection door was added that helps to keep the cold weather out and heating costs down.
- 3) Road repairs and catch basin repairs were completed at the clubhouse.
- 4) Marina Landscape – The old hedges along the walkway were removed. They were replaced with grasses and rocks. Not only is this easy and inexpensive to maintain, but it also affords us a new area to place the snow. The grasses are very durable and will not be damaged when covered by snow.
- 5) Deep Pruning of our Grounds – Parts of the area have not been touched in over 25 years. This is a very extensive project. We will keep at it until the grounds are brought back to where they used to be.
- 6) The pool deck and clubhouse deck were both painted.

Unfortunately, we also encountered a major repair. A sewer line that services the Cove Club ruptured in several places. It took several weeks to finally repair the break.

Upon review, it was a very good year for improvements on recreation property. We were able to accomplish many items from our wish list and look forward to the upcoming year. The upgrading of our community remains our highest priority. With the help of Cathy, our manager, and mem property management, we continue to search out ways of enhancing our grounds and buildings while controlling costs and keeping maintenance funding at present levels.

On behalf of the entire Harmon Cove Recreation Board, I wish to thank our wonderful community for its support.



Harmon Cove Bumper Pool League Standings 11/2/2017

Wins		Losses
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Rick Bland	11	1
Rich Long	9	3
John Meyer	8	4
Dan Murray	8	4
Frank Massaro	7	5
Scott Schafer	7	2
Ryuji Kanno	6	3
Jim Foley	6	6
Rich Romano	6	6
Tommy Schwarz	6	6
Jeremy Bland	5	7
Vijay Alimchandani	3	9
Robert Rosa	2	7
Walter Sesholtz	2	7
Pat Foley	2	7
Tom Kirkman	2	10

The Wednesday Night Bumper Pool League nights have proven to be a great time! The participants are all hoping for the winning Title!

The Cove Club is open to everyone during the games. We open at 7 pm each Wednesday. Come out and watch the high stakes matches! If you like it, you can be a part of the next league!



Our 2nd Wine & Paint Party was another success! Richard from Mog Creations is a great instructor. His studio is right in town and they offer all sorts of programs for any interested artist.

We are looking forward to planning our next Wine & Paint Party in the spring!



Thank You

I want to take this opportunity on behalf of the Recreation Board to thank Scott Schaffer for being a silent assistant and contributor to our community.

Let me share with you what Scott has been busy doing around the Cove. Let's start by pointing out the home made art he produced, by creating an American flag out of tennis balls which can be seen in the card room at the clubhouse, and his design of the Cove Club completely made from used corks, this is hanging in the Cove Club for all to see.

Then we have his assistance in repairing most of the bottom of the fencing which surrounds the tennis courts, by securing it to handle the punishment the fence gets from kids and adults alike during the summer months. But most impressive is the fact that Scott single handed, laying on the surface of the tennis courts, filled in with caulk every single crack of the 5 tennis courts, to prevent additional damage that the winter ice will cause to our courts. This was no easy feat, and I must give Scott a lot of credit for staying with this project to its completion, and merits our gratitude for a job well done.

You can always count on him being around for some "odds & ends" that need handling, for which he volunteers without hesitation. Thanks Scott, we owe you lots of "thanks" for stepping up BIG time!!!

Tommy

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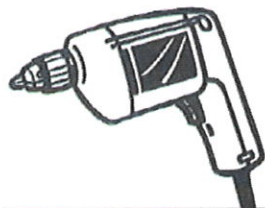
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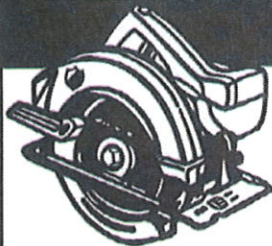
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5 Cove Club Opens at Noon *Change Your Clocks!	6 Town Q&A with Mayor Gonnelli 7:30 pm Clubhouse	7 	8 Cove Club OPEN 7 pm Bumper Pool	9 	10 Cove Club Opens at 8 pm Happy Hour till 9:30 pm	11 
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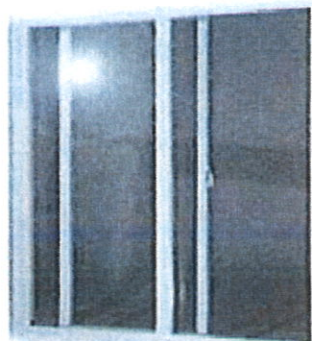
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