

BEACH BUZZ

A Newsletter for HBBC Owners

Buzz Bites

Ferry Schedule Changes

The Board voted to add a 9 AM ferry daily - Sunday through Saturday. This is hoped to help with the crowds on the early morning ferries. This change goes into effect immediately. It is a permanent year round addition to the schedule.

The proposition to change to a 2 hour ferry schedule Tues - Thurs during High Season failed. There was not agreement amongst the board to vote on this item.

Ferry Motors

The ferry motors have been replaced, the hull has been power washed, the bottom was painted, all systems have been checked & repaired if needed & the Coast Guard inspection has been completed. Captain Mike has said our ferry fuel consumption has been cut in half.

FPL at HBBC

Florida Power & Light has brought a second power main to Little Gasparilla Island. The idea was that a second main will create a grid to help prevent lengthy power outages on the island.

The work started at the beginning of October. The cable went underneath the bay beginning just after the first bridge going to Boca Grande. The first picture depicts the area behind 'A' bldg where the cable has emerged from the ground. The second picture shows pipes stretched out up to 'G' bldg before they were pushed underground.

While they were digging the trench for the cable, the subcontractor hit the water main that connected to the fire suppression system in 'A' bldg. The water main has been repaired & the fire system has been tested by an authorized contractor to ensure the system is fully operational.

The work is still ongoing. The cleanup process is underway. The barge landing, the area behind 'A' bldg and the south roadway will be repaired by FPL before they complete the job.



Work Orders

Our online portal to accept work orders is operational. Owners are encouraged to use this system to report individual condo issues as well as common area issues rather than a verbal request to captains or board members. Go to our website: myhideawaybay.com. Find SMG work order. Fill out the form & send. You should receive confirmation within 24 hours.

Upcoming Maintenance

E & H Building will have lanai screens & rails replaced. Due to schedule conflicts with the contractor, this has been moved back until Nov.

A & G Buildings are scheduled for roof replacement in November.

The Caretaker bldg & A bldg are scheduled for painting. This has been postponed until after roof is finished on A bldg.

Board Meeting

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, December 5th at 11AM. Sign in begins at 10:30 AM.

Feedback

If there is a topic you would like to see addressed in this venue, please contact me by email at bdwyer31@yahoo.com

Barb Dwyer
HBBC Board VP

WiFi Status

The work is continuing to upgrade the WiFi at HBBC. Our IT specialist, Joe is creating a mesh system within the HBBC Community. New equipment - transmitters, antennas...are being purchased & installed to get the full signal to the gulf side condos. It is a slow & steady process. Progress is being made. Please be patient.

Joe recently received a letter from Comcast - our new provider. Someone was illegally downloading movies. The person has been contacted & will be blocked from being allowed to do this in the future. He has also determined a number of homeowners on the island have been piggybacking off of our WiFi signal. It was unclear if this was initiated by our former provider or the homeowners. These people have also been blocked. Joe is using a software firewall to prevent a reoccurrence.

Please note: illegal downloads from the internet could cause HBBC to lose the WiFi system through Comcast entirely.

Paint Color Proposal

There was a proposal made at the board meeting to change the exterior paint color of the condos. After much research and consultation with color specialists at Sherwin Williams, the color chosen was called Watery - a soft, muted greenish blue hue. Pure White would be used for the trim.

The board voted to put this requested paint color change to the vote of the homeowners at the December Annual Meeting. The packet you receive for the annual meeting will contain paint sample chips and a copy of the digital renderings so you can better visualize what Hideaway will look like if the paint color change is passed. Changing to this new paint color will require a second coat of paint. Due to increased man hours, the color change will incur an increase in cost to be determined.

Please contact contact Christine Junior at CANNJR69@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

Security at HBBC

If you notice suspicious activity within the HBBC community notify our caretaker or the Charlotte County Sheriff Department as soon as possible after the incident. In order to rectify a situation, it is important the caretaker is informed as soon as possible. A complaint a week or a month after the fact is difficult to address.

Other instances where unauthorized people are using our facilities and amenities is a continual concern. A security committee has been formed to address homeowner concerns within the community. This new committee is being chaired by Marcia Bouchie.

Contact Marcia at marciabouchie@yahoo.com if you are interested in joining this committee or with any suggestions or concerns you might have.

Happy Halloween 🎃

