



# Harbour Island News

Winter, 2023



## Friendly Reminders



All owners should have received a 2024 coupon book. Pay your assessment by the 1st of each quarter. Interest and fees will be applied after a 30-day grace period.

All exterior changes require pre-approval. Please contact management before you make a change to your home or landscaping.

The speed limit is 15 mph. Please slow down to keep our pets and pedestrians safe.

Do not park campers, RVs, boats, or boat trailers in view or on the grass.

Dogs and cats should always be leashed. Always pick up after your pet.

Please store your trash cans out of public view.

Please pressure wash dirt and mold from your home and mailboxes.



## Harbour Island Christmas Eve Celebration

All Harbour Island Residents are encouraged to participate in the annual Harbour Island Christmas Eve Barbeque beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Schooner Court Cul-de-sac. Bring a chair, a side dish, and your favorite beverage and enjoy the holidays with your friends and neighbors. We hope to see you there!

### *A note from the President*

*I hope this note finds everyone having a wonderful December with plans to spend all the holidays with friends and family. It's hard to believe 2024 is knocking on the door already.*

*First off, I'd like to thank Michael Jones for being our HOA President the past few years and getting some very difficult projects done, especially the bridge. That was a huge job!! Michael is staying on the board as the VP to ensure things stay on track.*

*I'd also like to thank Jim and Janet White for serving on and supporting our board throughout the years. While we are sad to see them leave our Island community, we share in the happiness of knowing they will be closer to family and still close enough for us to visit.*

*If you are on Facebook and not already a member of the Harbour Island Community FB group, I encourage you to join to stay up to date with what's going on.*

*Please reach out to Gorilla Group, me or any of the board members if you have any questions or concerns. That's it for now. Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukka, Happy Holidays to everyone. May 2024 be filled with good health, happiness and limitless success.*

*Warm regards,  
Steve*



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## Enjoy a Safe Holiday Season

The use of candles combined with an increase in the amount of combustible, seasonal decorations in many homes during the holidays, means more risk for fire. The National Fire Protection Association reports that candles cause 46% of fires each December.

- Place candles where they cannot be knocked down or blown over, and out of reach of children.
- Keep matches and lighters up high and out of reach of children in a locked cabinet.
- Use flameless rather than lighted candles near flammable objects.
- Avoid using turkey fryers. The Consumer Product Safety Commission reports there have been hundreds turkey -fryer related fires, burns or other injuries, and millions of dollars in property loss from these incidents. NSC discourages the use of turkey fryers at home and urges those who prefer fried turkey to seek out professional establishments.

Traveling by car during the holidays has the highest fatality rate of any major form of transportation based on fatalities per passenger mile. Alcohol impairment is involved in about a third of these fatalities. Stay safe on the roads over the holidays — and every day:

- Prepare your car for winter and keep an emergency kit with you.
- Get a good night's sleep before departing and avoid drowsy driving.
- Make sure every person in the vehicle is properly buckled up no matter how long or short the distance traveled.
- Put that cell phone away.
- Designate a sober driver to ensure guests make it home safely after a holiday party; alcohol or over-the-counter, prescription and illegal drugs can cause impairment.

## 2024 Harbour Island Board of Directors

<b>President</b>	<b>Steve Burdian</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Mike Jones</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Mary Beth Letscher</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Mark Humphreys</b>
<b>Directors-at-Large</b>	<b>Bob Birtalan</b> <b>Robert Gibbs Jr.</b> <b>Ernie Hayward</b>

## Reserve Study and Covenant Updates

The Board of Directors discussed two primary topics at the last board meeting - a reserve study and updating the covenants & restrictions. Community Advisors was selected to prepare a reserve study for review at the board next meeting. This document will estimate the useful life of our roads, bridge, bridge walkway, storm drain system, and monument sign. It will approximate the costs to repair these capital assets and provide a time-line for when they will need repair. Once received, the document will be presented to the community for discussion and feedback.

We will be soliciting input from the community regarding updating the association's governing documents, which are over 30 years old, including what restrictions the community would like to continue to see or eliminate.

Gorilla Group has been conducting inspections under the current restrictions and continues to report boats and trailers stored on property, mold on homes and mailboxes, trash cans stored in view, vehicles and boats parked on the grass, and minor landscaping violations. This is an opportunity to make these documents more reflective of our current community's priorities. Please be on the lookout for correspondence regarding this update.

Included with this newsletter is the Harbour Island Notice of Consent to allow us to send correspondence via email. To help save postage and printing costs related to the covenants update, we are asking all owners to complete the form and mail it back to management.