

SunTimes

A newsletter for residents of Harbor Town • June - July 2011

Harbor Town Secret Gardens Open on June 4th

Six Harbor Town gardens will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 4 in a fundraising event brought to you by the Harbor Town Social Club. Since most gardens are hidden away behind fences, this is the only time of the year that visitors can view these secret hide-aways. As a special treat this year, Millstone Market will be adding fairy gardens to each of the six gardens. "What is a fairy garden?" you might ask. A fairy garden features outdoor miniature houses, plants and accessories that create a fairy world to enchant gardens of any size. The gardens

can be within a terra cotta or wooden box or the elements can be loose in the yard under plants or shrubs.

To help our guests learn more about fairy gardens, master gardener Paul Little will be at the Bieber's home to offer advice. At 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Paul will demonstrate how to put together a sedum container garden.

If you have never been to this event, make this the year that you attend. For only \$10, you can get some great ideas on how to spruce up your own yard. Tickets will be on sale the day of the event at Miss Cordelia's. Or perhaps you would like to volunteer to help. Call Chairman Anita McCarty at 522-8584 for more information. Carolyn Harvey serves as co-chair for the event.

The Harbor Town Golf Cart Brigade will be available to ferry our guests around.

All proceeds will go to beautify Harbor Town, so you will be helping the community as well. After the tour, enjoy a garden lunch special at Tug's or Paulette's in the River Inn.



A fairy garden adds a magic touch to a yard.

The homes on the Harbor Town Secret Garden Tour are as follows:

163 Running River Place – Julie and Kenneth Binder

121 Harbor Town Blvd – Shaheera and Chris Bieber

988 River Landing Drive – Patti and Mike Bowlan

980 River Currents Drive – Ann and Darryl Sparks

899 Harbor Bend Road – Margaret and Craig Cardwell

800 Harbor Crest Drive – Cathy and Donald Kaminski



Book Club

Join Harbor Town women and their friends as we discuss significant books.

- **June 7, Hostess: Corinne Elliott**
Book: *Reliable Wife*, Robert Joolrick
 - **August 1, Hostess: Marjorie Poissant**
Book: *Aurora Montrealis*, by Monique Proulx
- Call Priscilla Neale at 527-3585 for info.

Things to Celebrate in Harbor Town

by Henry Turley, developer of Harbor Town

Harbor Town has gotten a lot of attention recently. The media tended to make things look much worse than they were. Al Roker and Diane Sawyer waded into areas that were acknowledged to be in the flood plane such as the Montessori school's gardens and amphitheatre. In fact, Harbor Town weathered the high water exceedingly well and we should all celebrate many things.

- To my knowledge no homes took water except in basements and those were few. The water did not reach any of the finished floor levels in any of the homes in Harbor Town.
- Our surveys taken during the flood indicate that all homes are over the 100 year flood elevation guidelines.
- Everyone, led by Elizabeth Glasgow, worked heroically and effectively.
- Our collaborations with the city through the police, engineers and public works employees produced quick and thorough solutions.
- The city protected Island Drive to a flood stage of 50 feet.
- The school came thru fine. I visited at the height of the water and saw about a cup full of water in their basement.
- We were declared a disaster area and are eligible for the benefits that accrue to such.
- We are preparing for a fast, efficient clean up.
- Most of the common areas that were affected are affected anyway every year when the river rises in the spring.
- The involuntary evacuations that occurred only did so because MLGW cut the power to the 12 cottages (and 10 condos in Beacon as they are on the same circuit). Power and sanitary lift station services were restored 5 days later, which allowed for a quick move in.
- We survived!

So tell all your friends that Harbor Town is still a great place to live. Be your own best PR agent and dispel any myths that arise.

Harbor Town Calendar of Events

Monday, May 30th: Memorial Day, association office closed. No trash removal – moved to Tuesday, May 31st.

Tuesday, May 31st: Garbage can switch out! All old red garbage cans will be switched out to new blue cans. This will also be the pickup day for that week due to Memorial Day.

Friday, June 3rd: Harbor Town 5K, www.harbortown5k.racesonline.com

Saturday, June 4th: Secret Garden Tour, various homes, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m..

Saturday, June 4th: 3rd Annual Harbor Town Square Cares for Kids, 2 to 10 PM.

Monday, June 20th: Harbor Town Board of Trustees, 5:30 p.m., River Inn Conference Room, meeting added to follow up from 2011 Flood

Monday, July 4th: Happy Independence Day! Association office closed.

Harbor Town 5K Set for June 3

Through the continued support of The Phoenix Club, the Boys & Girls Clubs' programs continue to grow and serve Memphis youth in desperate need of education, training, fellowship, and support. A flyer will be sent out to detail the race route and inform residents of street closings.

What: Harbor Town 5K and Nike 1-Mile Fun Run (for children under 12)

When: Friday, June 3 at 7:00 p.m.; Nike 1-Mile Fun Run is at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Harbor Town

Presenter: Phoenix Club of Memphis

Why: Benefitting the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis

Cost: \$21 through June 2; \$30 on June 3; \$10 for Nike 1-Mile Fun Run

How to Register:
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Flood Clean Up

Ben's Park, Wetlands, and the area behind Village Park are closed until further notice. These areas need to dry completely and the common elements (playground, trash cans, park benches, doggy waste stations, etc) will be cleaned professionally prior to reopening. Stay tuned for reopening dates!



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Would You Like to Serve on the Harbor Town Board?

The Harbor Town Election Committee announces the upcoming election of representatives from Districts 3 & 4 (see district map below).

Candidates must meet the following three requirements:

- Be a citizen of Harbor Town
- Be in good standing and current in payment of association dues
- Board candidates should submit a petition for candidacy signed by at least twenty (20) people in his/her district that are in good standing

The board members elected in August will serve a two-year term beginning in September. The Board of Trustees meets at 5:30 p.m. on the third Monday of every other month (in January, March, May, July, September and November). Candidate petitions may be obtained from the Association office. The deadline for submission of a signed petition is Friday, July 8th. The election will be held on Saturday, August 6th at the Association office from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. All eligible Harbor Town residents are encouraged to get involved!



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Memphysis: High Water, Tall Tales

by Dan Conaway, As published in *The Daily News*, May 20, 2011, and in *The Memphis News*, May 21-27, 2011

For those of us who have placed and worked on network and network affiliate stories — by virtue of this column I may have worked on my last one for a while — the manipulation of information and images comes as no surprise. But the magnitude of epidemic airborne disregard for verifiable fact is giving even the hardest of cynics pause.

To see how badly we've all been infected, try this little test:

First, consider the truth of your life and the life of this city over the last couple of weeks. Then, consider what you and your friends and family here and around the country have seen reported about this city.

The distance between those two is greater than the expanse of water between here and the Arkansas levee.

Truth drowns in high water. Katie Couric told me our daughter was underwater on Mud Island. Wolf Blitzer cut to his man in Memphis, up to his armpits in the Mississippi, giving us the impression that the entire city might be sucking river by morning. National networks reported that the river was (pick one) 4 or 3.4 or 5 or 3 miles wide at Memphis and that it was normally a half-mile or about a mile or only a mile or about half that and that hundreds or thousands or whole neighborhoods or square miles were evacuated or leaving or fleeing for safety

or watching their dreams sink or their lives go under.

Or whatever.

Katie was all wet. Our daughter was not. Even as he dripped doom, Wolf's ridiculous ersatz frogman was looking at hundreds of partying Memphians, along with their kids and dogs, high and dry on the Riverwalk just above him.

After throwing cold water on Beale Street and Downtown and scaring the grits out of everyone who knows anyone in Memphis, the national media packed up their innuendo and moved it downriver.

If what the networks staged to ride the crest of our historic flood was irresponsible, what the local stations did was unconscionable. Without the time and physical constraints of print media, broadcast media can give us facts in real-time in the face of panic, show us real danger and calm us the most when we are most frightened. Instead, they flooded us with grim and threatening hyperbole. They used the very real high water and the very real tragedy of relatively few, thank God, of our citizens to create the impression of an entire city in imminent danger.

Sadly, they do much the same thing every night. They've cried wolf, and shot and stabbed the wolf so many times — and this time drowned the wolf — that we're left with cynical disbelief instead of reliable information.

The day after the crest — the first day when we could look to recovery, be thankful that our safeguards held and help those in need — at least one station led with an implied epidemic of snakes and spiders.

This is the era of tornadic activity, while Dorothy and Toto just had plain ole tornadoes. The news makes us more aware of the exact minute a hailstone may hit Gnatswat and Hogwiggle than it does about, say, the news. Doppler radar's gazillion watts have us more concerned about those frightening colors hovering above momma's house than about anything that should actually, like, concern us.

This just in:

At 6:02, reported as fact, half-truths will reach Gnatswat.

At 6:21, reported as fact, baseless rumor will reach Hogwiggle.

At 10:03, reported as fact, the greater metropolitan area will be immersed in calculated claims of catastrophe.

For the entire viewing area, a major fear warning will be in place until this station's ability to profit from it lifts.

I'm a Memphian, and Chicken Little anchors the local news. And that's a fact.

Dan Conaway is a lifelong Memphian, longtime adman and aspiring local character in a city known for them. Reach him at dan@wakesomebodyup.com.

How Some Harbor Town Residents Dealt with the Great Flood of 2011

by Dawn Nielsen

While the newspapers and television media would have you believe that Harbor Town was in great peril during the flood, that was hardly the case. In fact, many of our residents took advantage of the water to catch fish, clean up trash, paddle the harbor, and just get together with friends. Some fishermen threw back their smaller catches in our Harbor Town ponds so that they could look forward to catching them again someday!



Just one of many fish caught by Eric Nielsen.



Aiden Wegele with his catch.



Ian and Conner Marks with their carp that they caught in the flood field near Ben's Park.



John Bondo can barely hold his catch.



Cy Forck caught his fair share of catfish, too.



In addition to the fishing, some of our children took the time to collect trash that was once buried in the brush along the bank...THANKS KIDS!!!

(L) John Bondo, Nathan Reynolds; (R) John Bondo and Adelaide Doss



Some of our neighbors paddled the new water for a different perspective of our neighborhood. Above: Susie and David McCandless go for a paddle in their kayaks.



Lastly, many of our residents took the time to get together for "Flood Parties." Settler's Point was hopping one night when we held a potluck for neighbors and friends. Later, Nikki Schroeder and Rene Trammell brought out the water sprinkler to give the neighborhood kids a place to play while Ben's Park is out of commission.

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Stop by the Clubhouse or the Pro Shop for a tour and request information!

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Don't Let Your Name Show Up On The Delinquent Homeowners List

Harbor Town Homeowners - 2011 2nd quarter Assessment payments were due by April 30. A \$25.00 late fee was added to any accounts not paid on May 25th. If these fees are not paid by May 31st, the Association will accelerate the fees for the remainder of the year and file a lien on your property. If not paid by June 30th, the Association will file a lawsuit to obtain a judgment for the outstanding balance. The complete collection procedures are lined out in Administrative Resolution 1, which can be found online at www.harbertownonline.com. **Delinquents as of 5/18/11 - Owners over 90 days with a balance of over \$100.00:**

- Albert Bean, 950 Harbor View Drive
- Joseph and Brooke L. Conway, 127 Harbor Town Blvd
- Jan Green, 792 River Park Drive
- Gail Mathes and Ron Bolen, 876 River Park Drive
- Martin and Mildred Pantik, 113 Village Lane
- Tony and Jan Provenza, 947 Harbor View Drive
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Harbor Town Square Cares for Kids

Please join us as Harbor Town celebrates the work of Ronald McDonald House of Memphis in a wonderful family event for kids and adults alike. Harbor Town Square Cares for Kids benefitting Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Memphis will be held on June 4th, from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. (rain date will be June 5th) at Harbor Town Square with fun events and activities for the children and adults.

Bring the whole family and let your kids enjoy inflatable slides, moon bounces, a basketball shoot, obstacle course, a Playstation van, balloon animal makers, magic shows and face painting as well as other events. In the meantime adults will enjoy a live DJ, musical acts, great food, and a few other surprises. We'll also have great raffles for gift cards to restaurants, hotel stays, Grizzlies tickets, jewelry and much, much more.



Admission is \$5 per adult, with children under 14 years old getting in for free (children must be accompanied by an adult). All proceeds of Harbor Town Square Cares for Kids will benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Memphis. For more information please contact Fred Roberts at (901) 870-1217.



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Harbor Town Kids Enjoy a Visit from the Easter Bunny

Fun was had by all at the Harbor Town Annual Easter Egg Hunt. "We had a great turn out," said Dawn Nielsen, coordinator. "Glad for the good weather and, of course, the Easter Bunny." A special thanks goes out the Moke O'Connor, a generous Harbor Town resident who donated ten dozen eggs to the event. Thanks for making Harbor Town a great place to live!



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Avery Curran



*Kate Kimple and
her new baby girl*



Lauren Reynolds



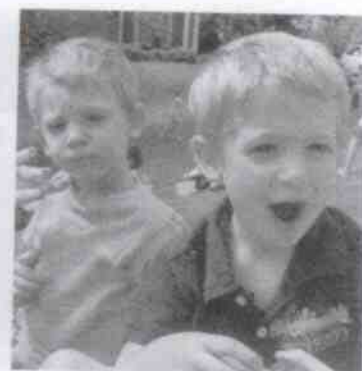
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