

Neighbors for Neighbors Community Club Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

You never get a second chance to make a good first impression. When you come into **Harbor Point** your first impression is our guardhouse. You should see a building welcoming you and letting you know this is a place where we keep our properties well maintained and take pride in our community. I don't think our current building gives that impression. The guard shack has been neglected over the years and the **NFNCC (Neighbors for Neighbors Community Club)** would like to improve it. We really want to completely replace it but that is out of our budget so we chose to improve. We want to improve the outside by giving it a facelift. We want to improve the inside so it is more functional and comfortable for the guards. How much we can improve depends on you and your support at our fundraisers. I hope you attended the fundraising breakfast on January 24th. In the next several months we will be having other fundraisers such as a Mexican dinner, an Easter bake sale, a garage sale and a fish fry to help raise funds for the guardhouse. We also have some not for profit (just for fun) events coming up this month.. On Feb 3 we will have a Neighbors Nite Out at **Rancho Viejo**. On Feb 21 we have the **POA** meeting at 10am then the club will offer painting classes at 1pm and 6pm. As always, you are encouraged to attend the **NFNCC** club meeting on Feb 10 at 6pm. Hope to see you soon.

Kay



HAPPY HAPPY HAPPY

Angela and Rick Stemer moved into their new house in December.

After waiting several weeks for the weather to cooperate, **Pop and Pappy** started painting the exterior of the Clubhouse on 1-25—should be finished by the time of this printing. Go by and take a look.

Neighbors Nite Out

Let's all go out to dinner. Meet at **Rancho Viejo** (the wild lime green building on 19) in Trinity on Tuesday, Feb 3rd, at 6pm. We'll have a **Harbor Point** table reserved so we can all sit together. Order off the menu, eat with your neighbors and pay your own tab. If you want a ride or to carpool, post it on facebook or call **Kay** at 594-1771. No need to RSVP, just come and have fun.

Richard and Tina Wheeler's Grandson **Daniel Ward** made State Band He will be going to Europe to play his Clarinet at famous Concert Halls.

Tony and Marcia Santa Cruz's daughter **Sara Santa Cruz** a Band Director is also going to Europe to Concert Halls. **Marcia's** Grandson **Jacob Marrow** went State with his marching band. **Jacob** attends CyFalls High School.

David, Josephine and Chris Stoll have a new puppy named **Rocky**.

AND not so happy news:

The **Trinity Standard** posted that the ambulance service **ETMC** is leaving Trinity in March.



NEIGHBORS UPDATES

Terry Cooley got the cast off his foot. Now has a boot so he can walk a little on it.

Don Motley, is back home, on the mend and out around the neighborhood on his golf cart.

Cheryl Nagle is home after 2-3 weeks in the hospital. She is still on oxygen.

Joyce Syling is home after have lung surgery. Best news, biopsies show no cancer in the lymph nodes so she is clean!! So far a CANCER SURVIVOR!

Tony Lemoine will have surgery on his rotary cuff, after his Heart Doctor gives the ok.

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



EVERYONE

FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS

- 2-1 National Freedom Day 2-2 Groundhog Day
2-3 Neighbors Nite Out 2-7 Greet your Neighbor Day
2-8 Boy Scout Day 2-12 Lincoln's Birthday
2-14 Valentines Day 2-15 Susan B Anthony Day
2-16 Presidents Day 2-20 Pet your dog Day
2-21 Harbor Point Property Owners Association Meeting
2-22 Washington's Birthday 2-22 Tennis Day
Fat Tuesday celebrated the Tuesday before Ash
Wednesday the 7th Wednesday prsding Easter



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NFCC's fiscal year is March 1 to the last day of February. If you would like to be a part of NFCC, now is the perfect time to join. We meet the second Tuesday of the month (February 10) at 6pm in the clubhouse. The meetings are fun, round-table type discussions, usually lasting until around 7:30 and end with yummy treats. If you have any questions or would like to offer some talents or suggestions, please check out a meeting.

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

By Lisa Risler Office Manager

The office has reduced their hours for the winter. It will be closed all Mondays until further notice.

We do have a e-mail address: hppo@windstream.net

The small Library table with giveaway books, magazines and puzzles set up at the office is still growing.

This is a working office, but we do enjoy the drop-ins from time to time, we just can't visit too long. :)

Tidbits of Info from the Office.

These are in the amended Deed Restrictions from 2011. Page 2 Part 2: No trailer or building may be used for camping unless it is connected to water and sewer system. Travel trailers may use internal water system of the trailer and may utilize the **Harbor Point** sewage dump station. **Harbor Point** does not supply water to campers not utilizing and paying the applicable fees for the Campground facilities.

Just an fyi, some people may not know we do not supply water for homes or mobile homes. Please do not take buckets, barrels, etc. To any faucet and steal the water. Also make SURE you have sewer full time.

That is an environmental problem and will not be tolerated. If you see someone stealing water via buckets, barrels, etc., please notify the gate immediately. It is not fair to the other owners to pay for their home, let us know that also.

Questions, give us a holler! More tidbits to come.

Lisa, who lives across from Westwood Shores toward Trinity, is having a yard sale sometime in April or May. She has invited anyone and everyone from **Harbor Point** to join her by setting up a table or two and selling your yard sale goodies. There is PLENTY of room for a lot of us! Start NOW putting things in boxes to sell and don't forget to price it all! You will sell your own merchandise so be prepared with a money box/change/bags and a smile.

Lisa will announce as soon as she knows which day (it will be on a Saturday).

Lisa

Deed Restrictions are available anytime at the office. That way people know what they can and cannot do on their property.

Have a GREAT day!
We have a beautiful neighborhood here.
Thanks all, *Lisa*



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SPORTS WORLD

Well, it looks like the NFL team that everyone "LOVES TO HATE" is involved in yet another controversy! Yes, folks, why it's the "DEFLATE GATE"! When you consider the outcome of the game between the Patriots and the Colts, I don't believe a deflated ball would make much difference. The thing that was totally deflated was the Indianapolis Colts!! When there seems to be wrongdoing the finger always points to the head coach and in this case, the QB Tom Brady. There is always someone trying to undermine the accomplishments that a team has earned. There is no doubt that the news media will relish this controversy for months, maybe years to come. WELCOME TO AMERICA!!! The Dallas Cowboys played one helluva game against the Green Bay Packers only to be denied the win by a controversial call at the end of the game. The best part of it all is that head coach Jason Garret was given a very large contract for the next 5 years. Good for you, Mr. Garret! Again, we'll just have to wait until next year to see how the Cowboys perform, won't we? For the SEATTLE SEAHAWKS to make such an incredible comeback against the GREEN BAY PACKERS with 5 minutes left in the game is almost beyond belief. Surely it will go down as one of the greatest NFL games ever played. I'm sure that the team and the fans are very disappointed and probably will be for some years to come. We all are aware that it only takes one mistake to change the results of a football game. To bad for the Packers. Maybe next year! With the SUPER BOWL just a week away (and I'm sure they will double-check the inflation of the footballs) I think that both the SEAHAWKS and the PATRIOTS have both proven that they belong there. I predict a super game and we can only speculate the outcome. Best of luck to both teams. We will recap the game in the next issue of our newsletter. MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP ALL OF YOU!! Stay happy and have a good one!

That's all for now from your friendly neighbor

Tony (WHO DAT) Lemoine



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fitness Class at Dorcas Wills Memorial Baptist Church
Monday and Thursdays

5:00-6:00pm Beginner class

6:15-7:15pm Advance class

Everyone welcome

If you'd like a ride to the beginner class call or email
Patty Rogers at 832-221-0203, plrogers214@gmail.com

When **Harbor Point** has property to auction off, the **Constable** auctions off property at the **Groveton Courthouse**. The Auction takes place on the left side of the **Groveton Courthouse** steps at 10am, on the 1st Tuesday of each month. The bidding usually starts at \$1000.00 or more. You still need to check on the past due taxes that are due on the property you are bidding on. This is a **CASH** sale only- no checks or credit cards.



Back by Popular Demand Painting with Stacey Hogg

Develop your inner artist while having fun at the clubhouse on Saturday, February 21 after the POA meeting. Participants will paint a 12x12 landscape. Two classes will be offered. **1pm for ladies only and 6pm for anyone.** You are welcome to attend one class for \$20 or both classes for \$35. The canvas, paint, brushes and all needed supplies will be furnished. If you like, bring a snack to share as you enjoy a stress-free, fun and creative class.

Please RSVP to Kay Culpepper by February 10 if you have questions or would like to attend. Phone 594-1771,

Email kay2culpepper@yahoo.com

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OUTDOOR REPORT

01-16-15 **Pop & Alice** put out jug lines for the first time this year. Caught 2 catfish about 16 inches long & threw them back.

01-16-15 **Bil Culpepper** fished for hours and had 5 bites on rod & reels. He did catch 4 fish.

01-17-15 **Pop & Alice** tried again and caught 2 catfish about 15-16 inches long & threw them back.

01-17-15 **Jack Rogers** went up Caney Creek for about an hour and caught 3 Crappie. The fish would have been legal if he had stood on the tail and pulled real hard. He threw them back. **Pop & Alice** took their boat out after 2 unsuccessful days of fishing. Water temperature is 44 degrees early and gets to around 48 as the day goes on. Report in the Chronicle on 01-18-15 indicated the water is too cold and the fish are suspended in deep water. I believe it.

Pop & Alice were using frozen shad and they stayed on the hook. That may have been because the water was cold. Several months ago I gave you instructions on how you can freeze your own shad for hard times. Catch the shad, place them in a single layer on a cookie sheet, freeze them, once frozen place in zip lock bags and place back in freezer. They will not stick together. A word from experience is thaw the shad a little before you try to place them on a hook; otherwise the shad will crack when you place the hook in them. *Alice*



Chris still needs your help

The **Harbor Point Community** continues support of the deer feeding program with can donations and deer feed contributions. **Chris Stoll** is still collecting cans that you leave in the various can receptacles around the neighborhood. He also appreciates your support. A very special Thanks to **Brent Hall** for his very large donation of deer corn and everyone else who gave Chris contributions.

Please keep the cash, cans & corn coming



NEW NEIGHBORS:

Danny Martin B366-367, D64-65 and 127

Lonnie and Kathy Watts H228-229

Russel Albarado and Rema Aguilar G47



Harbor Point is a deeded community, which you should be aware of when you purchase property here. Those rules are enforced by the **Harbor Point Property Owners Association (HPPOA)**. If you are a property owner, you are part of **HPPOA**. As a group we elect board members to run the **HPPOA**. As property owners we pay the association dues and they provide the needed services for the community. They see that the rules are followed and use our dues for our guards at the gate, the staff in the office, any needed extra security, general maintenance, mowing of common areas, road repairs, lights on the streets, electricity and water for the pool, marina and clubhouse, trash removal, all the things necessary for this to be a livable place.

Remember that we have our first **HPPOA** meeting of the year this month on Saturday, February 21st at 10am. The meeting will be held at the clubhouse.

In addition to the usual meeting information, the board will be accepting board nominations for two positions.

Get involved in your POA.



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Be a Purple Martin Landlord



Purple Martins are the largest member of the swallow family. The Native American Indians began setting up housing for them and now the PMs have abandoned their native nests of cliffs and trees and rely entirely on housing supplied by humans. Over a million Americans are PM landlords and Harbor Point is an ideal spot for a colony. The birds require plenty of space to fly and swoop for insects so the house needs to be up high and in the open, 10-15' high with clearance of 40-60'. You will need to be able to raise and lower the house for maintenance so mark it so you orient everything back in the same direction each time.



The first PMs to arrive from South America are the 2-3 year old males in January. They return to the same house they used last year if they successfully raised a family there. Get your houses up but don't let starlings or sparrows move in. Clean out their nests or they will set up home and fight with any martins to defend their territory (chasing them then pecking at eggs or killing their nestlings). This month the females and 1-year old adults will arrive, looking for new houses. As PMs are monogamous, the females will return to their partners. For the first year adults the romance begins as the male picks a home and courts his lady by taking her there.

She accepts or rejects him based on whether she likes his house or not. Both parents build the nest, usually pine needles topped with a layer of green leaves here. The female lays one pure white egg a day for 2 to 7 days then incubates them for 15 days. Both parents continually feed their young for 26-32 days. It is fun to watch as they prey on flying insects preferring the larger insects like wasps, dragonflies, moths and beetles that are active high in the air during the day. Sadly they rarely eat mosquitoes, which are small, toward the ground and most active in the evening. The entire colony celebrates with a big ruckus when the offspring fledge and it all begins again as they may have 1-3 broods each summer before leaving in July. Their numbers can be so dense when they leave that they show up on the Doppler radar when in flight. Once they are gone, take down, clean up and close down your apartment to prevent wasps, squirrels or other birds from claiming the house. Being a PM landlord is a lot of fun but be patient. Establishing a new colony can take time, sometimes several years, but is so exciting when it happens.



★ Presidents' Day ★



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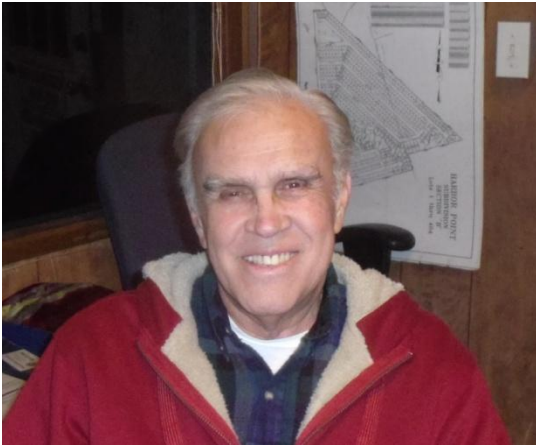
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Introducing the People who work for you in Harbor Point...

This is a continuation in a series introducing the people who work for you, the owners and residents of **Harbor Point**. Now we get to meet the ones who welcome us when we come home, the guards at the gate. Well, the rest of them anyway. I introduced some of them in the last the issue. I have learned a lot about what they do other than welcome me home. These men and women greet us in the rain, the wind, the hot and the cold and keep **Harbor Point** secure. They keep a record of times delivery and service people are in the neighborhood, they screen those coming into the neighborhood, refusing entry to those with restraining orders or no reason to be here, they make sure if someone comes in with a trailer full of trash that they leave with the same trailer full of trash. They keep an eye on cars that leave with boats to make sure they didn't steal one while in the neighborhood. The weather isn't always nice and the job isn't always easy, they are up and down, up and down, up and down their entire shift. They face straight into the setting sun each afternoon. They answer resident's calls when there is a question or concern. They do all kinds of things I don't even know about but just take for granted. I do know that I feel more secure knowing they are working for us 24/7.

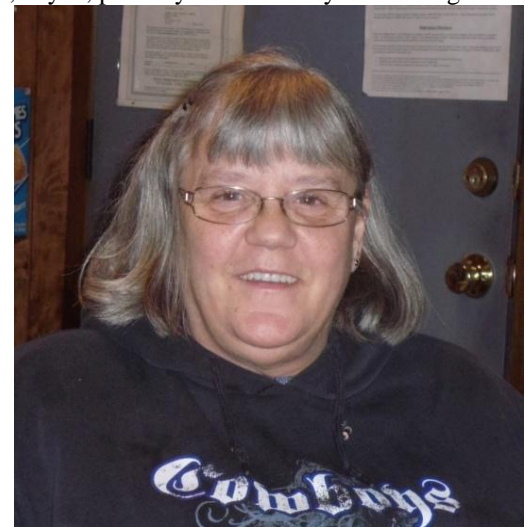


Miguel Carrillo—Miguel has been on the gate for about 2 years. He works the 11pm-7am shift on Friday and Saturday nights so probably has some of the more interesting stories about our residents. He was born in Mexico and worked with television, radio and special events. He would find the talent and music for all aspects of the entertainment industry and was frequently sent to do jobs in the states. He says when he changed employers and worked for a company in the United States he was assigned jobs in Mexico so frequently felt like a ping-pong ball living in one country and working in another. He has dual citizenship, becoming an American citizen in 1992. In about 2007 he was looking for a peaceful piece of land and saw an ad for **Harbor Point** in a Houston newspaper. He still has a home and family in Mexico which he visits a couple of times a year. **Miguel** says he gets along with almost everybody and has always had the good luck of

finding wonderful people wherever he is. I think that is because he is such an interesting person himself.



Vera Smock—Vera is our newest guard; she started this Christmas. She and her husband **Keith** purchased property here 10 years ago and moved here about 6 years ago. **Keith** passed away suddenly last January and **Vera** says neighbors **Tommy** and **Reba Winslow** were a Godsend to her. **Reba** stayed with her until her sons could arrive. Vera adopted a dog, LuLu, in October and says she is happy here. Her son **Robert** drives a truck and is able to stay with her for 3 or 4 days every couple of weeks. Her son **Gary** lives in Singapore. She went to Singapore for several weeks last year. Singapore is multi-cultural and **Vera** is the adventurous type, ready to try it all. On her trip she ate all kinds of local foods, including Century Egg in Singapore, sushi in Japan and a few unknown. They toured an aquarium, rain forest with poisonous plants and flower gardens. She and her son visited Tokyo, Bali, Indonesia and Thailand, where she rode and then fed an elephant. She plans to return this summer and will visit the Philippines, kayak, possibly scuba and try more things.



Vickie Millstid—Vickie has been on the gate for about a year but is no stranger to working security. She worked a high security gate in Colorado for a main gas well, keeping safe

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dangerous areas where fracking and oil shale mining were taking place. A hard worker, she has waited tables and managed a family restaurant then later worked in construction. She did room additions and maintenance for the school district, where in addition to the usual projects she became an expert in retrieving pens, pencils and other items from stuck toilets. Now she takes things a little easier but still likes to stay busy. She and Don like to fish and she enjoys the pool for both fun and exercise. In the winter it is all about Cowboys football; they even attended a game last year. She enjoys refinishing and repurposing furniture and also does crochet knitting and needlepoint. Right now she is making her second quilt and is having five generations work on the needlepoint. What a treasured heirloom that will be!

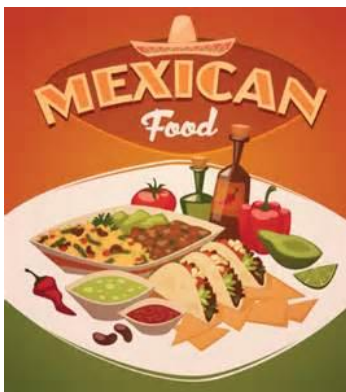
As always NFNCC would like to thank everyone in advance for your continued financial support.



Neighbors for Neighbors
Community Club

NEXT FUNDRAISER

Mexican Dinner



NFNCC would like to invite you to join.

2015 FUNDRAISERS

Fish Fry
Mexican Dinner
Easter Bake Sale
Barbecue Cookoff
A Garage Sale
Breakfast

Speaking about Breakfast
Thanks to everyone that joined us.
We didn't have a very good turn out
because the weather was still cold.



The Pancake Queen

Thank You

Your participation in our Fundraisers is greatly appreciated.



If you had the Newsletter emailed, you could enjoy all the pictures in color.

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RECIPES

Microwave Roux

2/3 cup flour 3/4 cup oil

Mix to make paste

6 minutes in microwave watch & stir often

SEAFOOD GUMBO

1lb. peeled shrimp
1 pt. fresh oysters, opt
1/2 c. flour
2 c. chopped onions
4 c. hot water
1/4 tsp black pepper
1/2 c chopped bell peppers and jalapeno
2 cans Ro-tel tomatoes and chilies

6 oz. crab meat
2 tsp. salt
1/2 c. cooking oil
5 or 6 cloves garlic, minced
10oz. pkg. frozen cut okra
1tsp. red pepper

Roux:

In heavy 4 quart Dutch oven combine flour and oil. Cook over medium heat, stirring often for 30 minutes or until a dark reddish brown roux is formed.

Add onion peppers and garlic. Cook and stir over medium heat for 10 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Stir in hot water and Ro-tel tomatoes. Stir in okra, salt, black pepper and red pepper. Bring to a rolling boil, reduce heat, cover and simmer for 1 hour. Add seafood and cook until shrimp turns pink. Serve with rice.

Lynn York

Herb Baked Crappie

Mix for 1 pound of fillets:

2/3 c crushed crackers
1/4 c grated parmesan
1/2 t basil
1/2 t oregano
1/2 t salt

1/4 t garlic powder

Dip fillet in melted butter then crumb mixture.

Place in shallow baking pan.

Bake 350 for 25-30 minutes

Kay Culpepper

CHICKEN AND SAUSAGE GUMBO

1 large whole chicken
1/2 c. flour
2 c. chopped onions
1/2 c chopped bell peppers
1 T. parsley
Boil 1 chicken until tender, Debone & remove skin
Save juice

1 pkg Eckage sausage
1/2 c. cooking oil
2 celery stalks chopped
3 green onions chopped
salt and pepper to taste

In heavy 4 quart pot combine flour and oil. Cook over medium heat, stirring often for 30 minutes or until a dark brown (be careful not to burn). Blend Roux with onions and celery. Stir well. Let simmer until veggies are tender. Gradually add water from chicken and cook about 20 minutes. Add chicken and sausage and cook about 20 minutes more. Just before serving add green onions and parsley and cook 5 minutes more.

2 cans okra and/or 1 can chopped tomatoes can be added with meat. Serve with rice.

Unknown

SHRIMP ETOUFEE

1 small jar Plicate sauce, mild, med. or hot
1 stick margarine per pound of shrimp
1 can Cream of mushroom soup
1 can Cream of shrimp or celery soup
1 c. Prego or Ro-tel diced tomatoes and chilies
2 onions, chopped
2 stocks celery
2 bunches green onions, chopped including tops
1 to 2 lbs peeled shrimp

1 bell pepper chopped
1 T. sugar

Sauté' 2 cups chopped onions and bell pepper in margarine. In large saucepan, simmer mushroom soup, shrimp or celery soup, tomatoes and picante sauce. Add sautéed onion and shrimp. Cook until done Add green onions.

Ronnie York

SHRIMP CREOLE

1lb. shrimp cleaned & shelled
1 large tomato (chopped)
1/2 green pepper (chopped)
2 green onion (chopped)
2T. oil
1 T. tomato paste
Cajun seasoning to taste

1 clove garlic
1/2 c. white wine

Heat skillet to 250 degrees. Sauté' garlic, green pepper and onion in oil for 3-4 minutes. Add tomato and cook 3 minutes until tender. Add tomato paste, wine, and seasoning. Bring to simmer. Add shrimp and simmer 4-5 minutes. Serve over rice Serves 2

Tina Wheeler

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SERVICES

We will print services, and items for sale, at no charge

Rules that apply: 25-word minimum, e-mail the newsletter by the 20th of the month.

Anything deemed questionable by the editor will not be printed.

Real estate for sale will not be printed Please contact harborpointresort.com to advertise lots or homes for sale.

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The clubhouse has new central air conditioning and no longer needs the portable air conditioning unit purchased in June 2013, a 14,000 BTU Keystone unit with remote control. It would work great to cool a work shop or room up to 700 square feet needing without permanent mounting. If interested please contact **Kay or Alice**. Asking \$250, which will be donated back to the Neighbors for Neighbors Community Club.

<http://www.homedepot.com/p/Keystone-14-000-BTU-115-Volt-Portable-Air-Conditioner-with-Follow-Me-LCD-Remote-Control-KSTAP14A/204170317>

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Super Heavy Duty Utility Trailer

Tandem axels, Bulldog Hitch, Tailgate ramp, Mobil Home Wheels which are plentiful and cheap, Could use a new wood floor, Elect. Brakes haven't been hooked up in years. Here in Harbor Point if you want to check it out.

Box= 15' x 6'4" Overall= 20'6" x 8' \$1150 OBO
Call **Bil** at 594-1771



Items they sell at the GUARD GATE

Everything is 50 cents

.Except the chocolate bars which are 75 cents



Regular and Diet Cokes, Dr Pepper, Sprite Sunkist Orange Pepsi Bottled Water



Pay Day Bars Peanuts Chips Rice Krispie Treats Chocolate Candy Bars



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