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Can Manufactured Housing Become Affordable Again? Congress changed the rules. Now comes the hard part.

By Rob Allan



I've had several people ask me about the new federal housing law over the past few weeks. Most wanted to know whether it finally puts manufactured homes on equal footing with traditional site-built homes. More specifically, they wanted to know whether this could mean better mortgages, better insurance, and a fairer shake for homeowners in communities like Barefoot Bay.

After reading through the legislation, I don't think that's what Congress did.

The biggest change in the bill removes the long-standing requirement that every manufactured home be built on a permanent steel chassis. That may not sound like much, but it gives manufacturers far more flexibility than they've had in decades. New designs, new materials and entirely new construction methods are now possible under the federal definition of manufactured housing.

That's a significant change for the industry.

I'm just not convinced it changes much for those of us already living in manufactured homes.

I don't see anything requiring banks to rewrite their lending policies. I don't see anything requiring insurance companies to view our homes differently. I don't see anything suggesting that a forty-year-old manufactured home in Barefoot Bay will suddenly qualify for the same financing or insurance options as a traditional concrete block home.

If that's what you were hoping this legislation would accomplish, I think you're going to be disappointed.

The reality is that many manufactured homes are still viewed as depreciating assets instead of permanent residences, even when they've been sitting on the same lot for forty years. We own the land. We pay property taxes. We maintain our homes. We invest thousands of dollars in improvements, yet we're often treated differently because of the label attached to the house.

Congress didn't change that.

So where does the affordability come in?

I don't believe the answer is lower mortgage rates or cheaper insurance for the homes we already own. If this legislation succeeds, I think it will be because it encourages someone to build a better product.

That's where I think the conversation gets interesting.

Congress can remove barriers, but it can't force innovation. Manufacturers still have to decide whether there's an opportunity worth pursuing. Personally, I think there is.

Barefoot Bay doesn't need a revolutionary home. It needs a replacement home.

We don't need futuristic architecture or luxury finishes. We need something that fits our lots, fits our neighborhood, and fits our budgets. My preference has always been precast concrete construction because I think it solves many of the problems homeowners worry about in Florida.

Concrete doesn't attract termites. It isn't susceptible to mold the way wood construction can be. It doesn't burn, and it can be engineered to withstand the kind of hurricanes we all think about every summer. Better yet, precast homes can be built from reusable forms in a factory, delivered to the site, and assembled far more quickly than traditional construction.

That last point may be just as important as the selling price.

One of the biggest obstacles to replacing an older home isn't simply writing the check. It's tearing down the home you already own, finding somewhere else to live, and waiting months for construction to finish. If most of that work could be done in a factory before demolition even begins, that timeline could shrink dramatically. Spending a few weeks somewhere else is a lot easier to accept than spending most of a year waiting to move back home.

Price matters too, but I think we sometimes focus on the wrong number.

Congress says this legislation is about affordability. If that's true, affordability has to show up in the monthly budget, not just on a sales contract.

A \$250,000 replacement home isn't affordable simply because it's called manufactured housing.

A \$100,000 home is a completely different conversation.

For homeowners who already own their lot, that kind of financing starts looking realistic over thirty years. Instead of asking retirees to absorb another massive housing payment, you're talking about something many people could actually budget for if it meant replacing a forty-year-old home with one built to last another fifty years.

The mortgage is only part of the equation.

Last month my electric bill was more than \$420. That's starting to feel like another mortgage payment.

Modern construction can change that. Better insulation, impact windows, tighter building envelopes and efficient mini-split air conditioning systems consume far less electricity than many of the homes we live in today. Saving even a hundred dollars a month on energy doesn't sound dramatic until you realize that's more than \$1,200 every year for as long as you own the home.

Insurance deserves the same conversation.

I'm not suggesting insurers are going to slash premiums overnight, but I also have a hard time believing they wouldn't compete for a home that's far less likely to burn, suffer termite damage, or come apart during a major hurricane. Insurance companies make their living measuring risk. If someone builds a home that dramatically reduces that risk, I have to believe the marketplace eventually notices.

That's why I think this legislation is worth paying attention to, even if it doesn't solve today's problems.

The opportunity isn't in redefining the manufactured homes we already own.

The opportunity is in redefining the manufactured homes that haven't been built yet.

We need new manufacturers willing to challenge old assumptions. We need new building methods that reduce labor and construction time. Most of all, we need a home that ordinary people can afford without sacrificing quality, durability, or safety.

I keep coming back to the same number.

We need a \$100,000 option.

Not a cheap home.

An inexpensive home built intelligently, efficiently and in volume.

If someone can deliver that, I think communities like Barefoot Bay will respond in ways the housing industry hasn't imagined. I don't know who will build the first one, and I don't know how long it will take. I do know that if Congress truly intended to make housing more affordable, this is where the conversation has to go next. That's when this legislation will begin making a difference where it matters most: not in Washington, but in neighborhoods like ours.



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A Word From the **CVO**

Can it be? Are we really looking at the end of the summer already? I feel like we just started it! But kids will begin school again, and those golden buses will be on the road!

The CVO office will reopen September 9th and resume normal hours 10-2 pm Monday through Friday. Once open, we will begin accepting reservations for our second Aging in Place 6-week Boot Camp.

Sessions will be held weekly beginning Monday, October 12th, and continue through Monday, November 16th. Please see our ad for the new Boot Camp below. Reservations will only be accepted after Sept. 9th at 772-663-0633. Limited to Barefoot Bay residents only.

Lars Braun, a resident who attended our first Boot Camp, wrote the following review of his experience. I have provided it below to give you a better idea of what this 6-week session includes.

Aging in Place

Barefoot Bay recently presented a six-week Bootcamp series, and when my wife and I learned the topics that would be covered, we signed up immediately. I have been retired for two years, and through these sessions I discovered things I didn't even realize I needed to know. Each week addressed a different subject, from Medicare to cremation services-answering hard questions with honesty and compassion.

Two of our dedicated Barefoot Bay ladies, Elaine VanBerschot and Ann Manzo, brought this program together. They enlisted the help of Susan Houts of Assisting Hands Home Care to spearhead the effort and coordinate with other organizations who participated by speaking and sharing valuable information with our group.

The topics included:

- “Complete Your File for Life”
- “Who Is Your POA, DPOA, HCS?”
- “Trusts, Deeds, and Taxes-Oh My!”
- “Medicare vs. Medicare Advantage - The Real Cost of Health Care”
- “Mobile Services You Didn't Know You Had”
- Graduation Celebration

For our graduation, Ann Manzo thoughtfully provided each of us with a three-ring binder, complete with dividers, to organize our personal information. It truly creates a “one-stop shop” for our families, covering everything from who handles our lawn care to the doctors who treat us, and much more.

It is my sincere hope that this Bootcamp will be offered again. If it is, I highly recommend that you sign up. It is time well spent and information you will be grateful to have.

Other Upcoming Events:

Sunday, September 27, 2026 - Barefoot By the Lake Car Show - 11-3 pm (Under the Oaks walking path). See our ad in this issue.

Saturday, October 3, 2026 - Rise of the Barefoot Bay Pirate Republic

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DATES AND LOCATION:

Sessions held weekly from Monday, October 12 to The final class on Monday, November 16, in the D/E Building from 10AM to noon.

TOPICS WE WILL COVER WILL INCLUDE:

- **Our Community:** Introducing Barefoot Bay Resources and local support.
- **Emergency Prep:** Completing your “Vial of Life” with the Barefoot Bay Fire Department.
- **Legal Planning:** Understanding POA, DPOA, and Healthcare Surrogates with Danielle Johnson, from the Office of Elder Law PA.
- **Healthcare and Medicare:** Navigating Medicare & Medicare Advantage Plans with SHINE.
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A Word From Your

Recreation District Chair

Elaine VanBerschoot

June 11, 2026: Meeting was canceled.
DOR Violations located at 1010 Ginger Lane, 1002 Robin Drive, 1211 Arcea Drive, and 1106 Oriole Circle were referred to legal counsel.

June 23, 2026: Meeting Highlights:
BrightView Superintendent Keith Henley presented preliminary plans to renovate the lawn bowling facility, focusing on improving the playing surface and correcting irrigation issues that have caused washouts. The Board discussed completing the irrigation improvements first, as they are essential to the long-term success of the project. If grant funding is unavailable, the surface could be improved gradually through topdressing and overseeding, with new sod representing the largest project expense. Mr. Henley estimated that newly seeded areas would be playable in approximately two months and noted that much of the work could be completed in-house. Board members also emphasized the importance of beginning the project during the current growing season while recognizing that using Property Services staff could impact the timeline of other maintenance projects.

The Board of Trustees approved a budget amendment allocating \$26,537 from the District's contingency fund to replace the dishwasher in the Lounge kitchen and several exterior doors throughout District facilities. The improvements are intended to address maintenance needs and support the continued operation and upkeep of District amenities. The resolution was approved unanimously as part of the consent agenda.

The Board discussed how to use approximately \$150,000 that became available after the State did not fund the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) in its FY27 budget. Several options were considered, including reserving the funds for future grant opportunities, increasing the District's capital reserves, or applying them toward future improvements.

Much of the discussion focused on a potential FRDAP grant application for improvements at Pool #3, including resurfacing, a new heater, and the possible addition of a shade structure. Trustees weighed the benefits of pursuing future grant funding against concerns about delaying needed improvements due to the lengthy grant approval process. Following discussion, the Board unanimously approved amendments to the proposed FY27 budget that increase the District's beginning fund balance to \$500,000 and increase the Repair & Maintenance Capital Reserve to \$201,292, providing additional flexibility for future capital projects and maintenance needs. The needs of Pool #3 are specifically being discussed.

The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the FY27 Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessment of \$1,028.18 per improved residential parcel. The annual assessment will fund the operation, maintenance, and continued improvement of Barefoot Bay Recreation District's amenities and services during the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

The Board of Trustees unanimously approved a five-year extension to the lease agreement with the Brevard County Utility Services Department. The action ensures the continued use of the property under the existing partnership.

The Board of Trustees also appointed Sydne James to fill the vacant alternate seat on the Violations Committee, with a term expiring May 8, 2028.

Staff is pursuing a \$25,000 Cultural Grant to support music programming and related initiatives. As part of the application, the District was required to submit a mission statement or formal expression of values, as none is currently adopted. Staff provided suggested language for Board consideration.

By consensus, the Board approved the following mission statement for the Barefoot Bay Recreation District: The mission of the Barefoot Bay Recreation District is to provide the best possible recreation facilities and services that promote community spirit, artistic expression, and the joy of gathering together in a vibrant coastal setting.

We encourage all residents to stay informed and participate in upcoming meetings.

BOT Regular Meeting, Tuesday, July 28, 2026, Bldg. D/E, 1 pm.
BOT Regular Meeting, Thursday, August 13, 2026, Bldg. D/E, 1 pm.
BOT Regular Meeting, Tuesday, August 25, 2026, Bldg. D/E, 1 pm.
BOT Regular Meeting, Thursday, September 10, 2026, Bldg. D/E, 1 pm.

Trustee Candidate Meet & Greet

August 20th5-6pm in Building A

Sydne James will introduce herself, answer questions and speak about a hot topic: our **high utility bills**. She has a strategy to try to lower our costs.

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Friday 9 a.m. till Noon: Claims Help and information Closed till October 1st. Afternoon 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Card game: Euchre.

Dates and Events of interest to veterans and those who honor them.

August 4 Coast Guard Day: This date marks the anniversary of the founding of the U.S. Coast Guard by an act of Congress in 1790. It honors the men and women who serve as both a federal law enforcement agency and a military, maritime, and multi-mission force.

August 5 Dogs of the K9 Project at SEAL Museum: Meet the handlers and their dogs from the Museum's K9 Project. Learn about the life-changing bond between Special Operators and their canine companions. Included with your paid admission to the Museum, Dogs of the K9 Project is intended for all ages. This interactive experience takes place in the Museum's theater at 12:00 PM.

August 7 Purple Heart Day: Commemorates the creation of the Badge of Military Merit—the predecessor to the modern Purple Heart—which was established by General George Washington on that date in 1782.

August 7th Complimentary Ribs and Chicken dinners for Purple Heart recipients. The Sons of the American Legion squad of Post 189 in Sebastian will buy dinners for Purple Heart recipients who attend.

August 9th Annual Military Order of the Purple Heart Recognition Ceremony. Held at the Brevard Veterans Memorial Center Museum in Merritt Island for special recognition of 10 Purple Heart recipients, stories of sacrifice, and Quilt of Valor presentations.

August 10th Agent Orange Awareness Day is observed annually on this date. It marks the date in 1961 when the U.S. began aerial spraying of toxic herbicides in Vietnam. The day honors the service members affected by chemical exposure and raises awareness of related conditions like cancers and heart disease.

Aug 14 – 15 Wounded Veterans Relief Fund Bonito Blast: Participate in or support this fishing tournament at Pirate's Cove

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Author's notes: The picture below was taken at the ribbon-cutting and ceremony at the new Veterans Memorial Center in the township of Valkaria/ Grant on July 11th. A gun salute was held by the Sebastian Area Veterans Honor Guard, Brevard Police & Fire Pipes and Drums marched, and Cub Scout Pack 505 helped out. Participants remarked that it is a top-of-the-line memorial park. The author suggests interested readers visit this park. More images of the event and park will be included in an upcoming local veterans slide show by the author.

Written by Ray Osborne. Veteran Osborne got his first writing gig while serving aboard a submarine tender in the US Navy. Since that time, he has written dozens of articles on a variety of topics including local history, self-help, events, white papers and more. He also authored a couple of books. Ray Osborne enjoys serving the veteran community as the 1st Vice Commander of the Veterans Council of Barefoot Bay and Historian of American Legion Post 189 (321) 345-1715.

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A Word From Your County Commissioner

Kim Adkinson
County Commissioner, District 3

One of my responsibilities as your County Commissioner is to look beyond today's challenges and make decisions that will benefit our community for years to come. That's exactly what we accomplished on July 21 when the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners voted to sunset the Barefoot Bay Water & Sewer District by December 2029 and transition it into Brevard County's countywide Utility Services system once the District's financial obligations have been fulfilled. I brought this initiative forward because I believe we have a responsibility to deliver reliable utility service at the lowest practical cost while planning responsibly for the future.

When I meet with residents, one topic comes up repeatedly: utility costs. Many families, especially retirees living on fixed incomes, want to know what the County is doing to keep water and sewer rates affordable in Barefoot Bay while maintaining the reliable service they depend on every day. Those conversations prompted me to ask County staff to conduct a comprehensive review of the District's finances and long-term outlook. What we found was an opportunity to provide meaningful rate relief while strengthening the utility system for future generations.

Our plan will roll back water and sewer rates to the 2025 base rates, eliminate planned annual Utility Consumer Price Index (UCPI) adjustments through 2029, and continue retiring the District's remaining bond debt as scheduled. Once those obligations are fulfilled, integrating Barefoot Bay into the County's utility system will create greater operational efficiencies, improve long-term planning, and help keep costs as low as possible for our Utility customers.

While I'm proud to have led this effort, this story began long before my time on the Commission. The story of the Barefoot Bay Water & Sewer District began nearly 30 years ago.

In the mid-1990s, residents faced significant rate increases from a privately owned Florida Cities Water Company. Former Commissioner Nancy Higgs recognized that the community needed a different path and led the effort to bring the system into public ownership. When the private utility was unwilling to sell, she explored every available legal option to protect residents. Those efforts ultimately resulted in negotiations through the Florida Governmental Utility Authority and the public acquisition of the utility.

In 1999, the County Commission created the Barefoot Bay Water & Sewer District and approved approximately \$17.1 million in Utility Revenue Bonds to finance the purchase. Those bonds were repaid entirely through utility revenues, not county property taxes, allowing the system to remain financially independent while serving the community. Since the acquisition was completed in 2000, the District has operated successfully as a self-supporting enterprise fund, funding operations, maintenance, infrastructure improvements, and debt repayment through customer revenues. That decision protected local control, created accountability, and laid the foundation for decades of dependable service.

As many of you know, the County is moving forward with plans to develop a new regional water and wastewater treatment facility to replace the existing Barefoot Bay treatment plant, which has provided dependable service to the community for over 50 years.

I'm grateful for the foundation that was laid nearly three decades ago, and I'm proud we can take the next step moving forward. My commitment is to continue providing dependable, high-quality utility service while keeping costs as low as possible for the families and retirees who call Barefoot Bay home.

If you have any questions or require additional assistance, please feel free to contact me at my office at 321-633-2075. Liz Alward, Chief of Staff, and Brian Bond, Legislative Aide, are also available to provide support and assistance as needed.

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Artists’ Guild Artist of the Month



Amanda and one of her creations.

The Barefoot Bay Artists’ Guild is proud to announce that the Artist for 2 Months in August and September is Amanda Leshko. Amanda has always been drawn to creative pursuits—anything that allows her to express herself, unwind, and find a sense of peaceful joy. Craft shows first opened the door to watercolor painting, sparking a curiosity that quickly grew into a passion.

With guidance from talented instructors like Maryann Hall and Bob Verelli, she explored local themes and learned how to bring familiar scenes to life with color and imagination. Each lesson deepened her skills and strengthened her love for the medium.

Today, Amanda is sharing what she has learned with others, passing along the same encouragement and inspiration she once received. Painting gives her a way to stay connected to her art while continuing her education with Special Olympics—a mission that fills her with pride and purpose.

You may see her stunning Art at RJ’s Restaurant and in Building A during the months of August and September.

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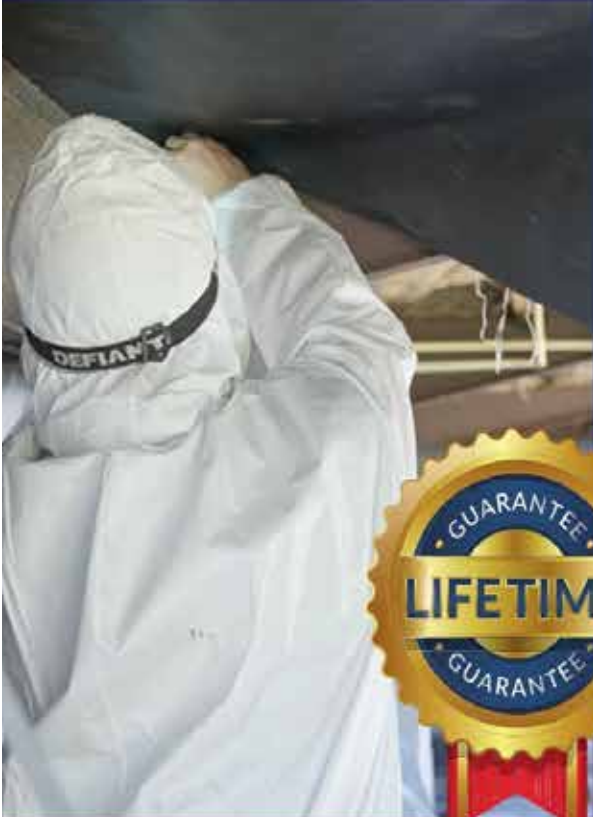
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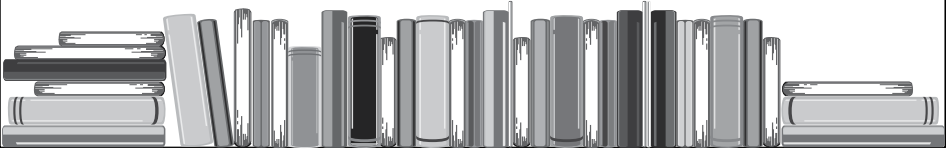
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Quilters

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Adult Art Classes

- Create a Newspaper Tree on Thursday, August 6th at 1 PM. This craft will be led by library staff.
- Create a Sea Glass Turtle on Thursday, August 20th at 1 PM. This craft will be led by library staff.

\$5.00 nonrefundable fee for supplies payable at the time of preregistration at the Circulation Desk.

Adult Classes

Beginning Computer Classes: Ask library staff questions about technology and learn more about your devices on Wednesday, August 5th at 1 PM. This month's meeting will be focused on Gale Legal Forms!

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Youth Services Programs

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some fun hands-on projects Friday, August 21st at 3 PM! This program is intended for ages 7 and up, and a supervising adult is required to be present in the room at all times.

Bluey Day

Are you looking for a pawstive experience? Don't be blue that summer is ending! Join us on Tuesday, August 4th at 3 PM for a fun, engaging round of activities. From making Octo-Wind Chimes to playing Bingo's bingo, word searches, and matching games, you will have an a-MAZE-ing time!

Fandom Meetup

Meet with fellow fans of Stranger Things on Tuesday, August 25th at 5 PM for an hour of themed crafts, games, and more! The show Stranger Things is rated TV-14 and up, but all ages are welcome at the program.

Nerdom

Love Star Trek? Get ready to "nerd-out" on Friday, August 28th at 3 PM. Expect fun activities such as creating a Communicator Badge, adopting a fuzzy tribble, and more! This program is suitable for all ages.

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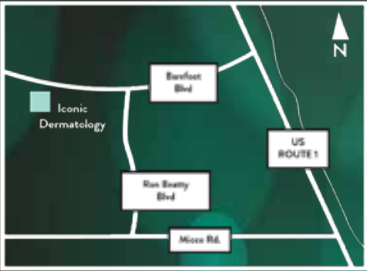
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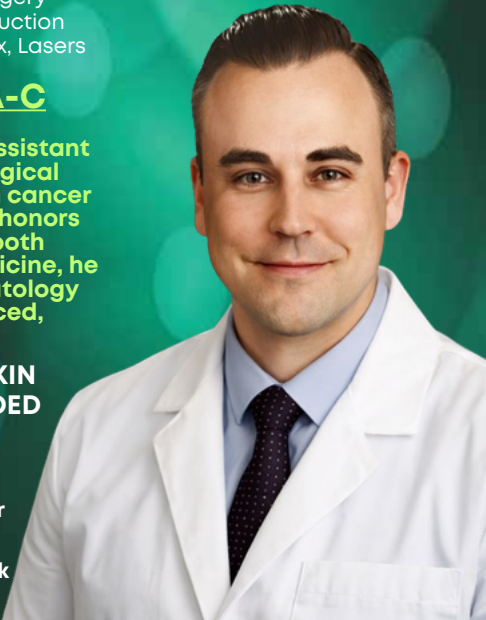
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Happy summer, fellow Auxiliary members. The next meeting of our Unit 366 will not be until the third week in October. Until then, our unit leadership members will keep up with any current news from our local, state, and national organizations.

We look forward to the coming year, and our finance committee will prepare the new 2026/2027 unit budget for our members' review and approval. The committee always keeps in mind our generous charity contributions and our scholarship awards. Last year, no high school student applied for the auxiliary scholarship award, and the unit donated our funds toward the Barefoot Bay Legion scholarship award.

For God and country,

Sue Reddy,
Public Relations Chair

ARTISTS' GUILD

Happy August from the Barefoot Bay Artists' Guild

We hope everyone is staying cool and staying hydrated during the hot summer.

Our classes are keeping us busy during the summer, and every one of them is entertaining. We continue to have plenty of fun in our summer classes through the month. It is a great way to meet people and enjoy making unique and artistic creations.

We had a nice luncheon at the 19th hole. There was plenty of good food and enjoyable conversations. Also, we had a workshop for the upcoming Pirate Fest in October, where everyone created a pirate-themed design.

August workshops will consist of creating a design on a bisque plate and having it fired by Linda Weinstein. Everyone is looking forward to this unique workshop.

Anyone interested in joining our fun workshops, please email the president, Bonnie J Murphy, at bmurphy16@gmail.com. We would love to have you visit our workshops or open painting classes.

Until the next issue, stay safe and enjoy life's Blessings.

Bonnie J. Murphy

BRIDGE ON MONDAY NIGHT

We play all year; start time is 6 PM. We play contract/party bridge and have lots of fun. Contact Lois to sign up for a seat. Phone number is a landline only: 772-664-1199.

BRITISH CLUB

I can't believe I am already writing August's Tattler article. The summer is already going by way too fast!

Reminder – we will be having our summer fun night on Tuesday, August 11th (second Tuesday) due to Building A being occupied for the primary.

We will have Salad, rolls and butter, meatloaf, gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered carrots, and angel food cake with strawberries and whipped cream for dessert. Sound yummy!

Cash Bar opens at 5:00 in Building A, and dinner will be served at 5:30.

Tickets are \$16.00, and you do not need to be a member to attend. This is a great time to get together with friends and have some fun playing games or just socializing.

For Ticket information, please call Debbie O'Hara at 321-408-1687

Have a great rest of summer and stay cool!

Cheers,

Cyndie

CHESS CLUB

Chess Club meets in Building C, 8:30 -12:00 every Wednesday.

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Come join us.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB

We celebrated the 250th anniversary of the United States of America with a picnic and ice cream social. Sondra and her seasoned ladies did a great job. We had several salads, along with chicken salad and croissants for sandwiches, watermelon, and all the ice cream you wanted. We had many toppings, including lots of whipped cream. We all had a great picnic!! Speaking of Sondra, I want to let you know that we need more ladies to step up and help us with the food. I hope you will pray about this and, if God tells you yes, call Sondra at 321 361 8991. She will not give you jobs you do not want. Our needs are people to set up, people

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to cook, and people to help break down.

After the wonderful picnic, we had a speaker from an organization in Vero Beach, the Gold Star Mothers. She was very interesting and told how she started the organization. Her son was killed in Afghanistan.

We are having a baby shower from now until our October meeting. If you want to help, please bring in new items for babies. These items will be donated to a pregnancy resource center for mothers who have chosen birth and not abortion. They can use our help.

Our August meeting will be the second Tuesday of the month, Building A, at noon. We would ask that you make a reservation by calling Ruth at 772 202 4251. It really helps us to know how many we are cooking for. The cost is \$15, payable at the door.

Hope we will see you there. Our main objective is to bring the light of Jesus Christ to Barefoot Bay.

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COMPUTER AND TECHNOLOGY CLUB

No matter where you get your news, there is always something about prices going up and scams 'going down'. There are many places where information is free - you can read it at your leisure or download and print it and even share it with others.

My first recommendation is to become familiar with BBRD.org. It costs you nothing, and the information provided is accurate and verifiable. You can get contact information about the management, the Board of Trustees, Deed of Restrictions, Policy, and connections to many other community services, clubs, and information, the current calendar, meeting videos, emergency alerts, and more- all on one website. Make sure you sign up for Alerts- weather, fire, boil water, and closures will be emailed/ messaged to you.

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DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB

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JEWISH SOCIAL CLUB

Our club is dedicated to understanding our common roots and welcoming folks of all religions. This is not a religious or political group.

On Friday, June 19, 2026, we traveled to Too Jay's Restaurant in Vero Beach. We had a nice dinner and continued to Temple Beth Shalom Synagogue. It was a very informative and fun evening.

We had decided that we wouldn't meet in July or August, so stay tuned for future events

All are welcome.

Please call or text Joanne at 860-869-2982 or Jerry at 860-869-2981 if you have questions or just want to chat.

Shalom (Peace).

LAGOON ARTISANS

LABB artists are a lot like school children. It is summer vacation, and it is more fun to play than work on art. There are many distractions. For non-artist followers, the distraction comes from the many areas in our community to experience the creations of others.

Many LABB members are displaying in nearby galleries and shows. This is a great time of year to visit local galleries. The exciting part is that galleries in Vero Beach, Historic Melbourne, Eau Gallie, Cocoa Village, and the beaches are surrounded by natural attractions and fine and casual dining. A trip to a gallery can become an afternoon and evening outing with friends. Plus, the galleries are air-conditioned!

Many members belong to other art associations and galleries to gain the widest exposure to their art. Most also maintain an online presence as well through websites. This supports our mission to support each other as fine artists while having fun and creating opportunities to show and sell our work. Creating it is one aspect; selling it is another that takes much effort.

LABB meets every second Wednesday, October through April, at Building D/E from 10 to noon. Meetings involve routine matters, techniques and skills demonstrations, and managing the art shows. Local artists interested in exploring opportunities are encouraged to call President Georgene Granholm at 908-337-9400 or me and plan to attend a meeting or show. We enjoy meeting new artists, sharing and learning with each other.

Text me an email address if you wish to join our contact list and keep up to date with club events. LABB also has volunteer opportunities at our shows for folks who would like to engage in the art community.

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LEADERSHIP AND BUSINESS CIRCLE

We are excited to announce the approval of a new Barefoot Bay club, the Barefoot Bay Leadership & Business Circle.

Our focus is simple: Connecting Leaders. Mentoring Growth. Strengthening Community.

This club is intended for people in Barefoot Bay who are currently working, own a business, freelance, work as contractors, or are aspiring entrepreneurs interested in leadership, business, and community connection.

The Leadership & Business Circle will offer a relaxed monthly gathering to meet others who are still actively engaged in work, business, entrepreneurship, or professional growth. Each gathering will begin with a brief welcome, club update, and activity, followed by time for informal conversation, social mingling, and relationship building.

Our vision is that this group will grow into a positive source of support for business and professional development in our community. Over time, in addition to the monthly meetup, we would love to see the club sponsor meaningful activities, conversations, and events that encourage local businesses, support working individuals, and create new opportunities for connection and growth within Barefoot Bay.

This is a wonderful time to get involved, meet others, and help shape the direction of the club as it begins.

Our first gathering will be held on Thursday, September 3, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Building E.

For more information, please contact Jannis Schneider at jannis.paulk@gmail.com or call 229-457-0023.

LITTLE THEATER

The Barefoot Bay Little Theater Club had a fabulous July with inspiring table reads, a lively member meeting, and plenty of creative energy as we continue preparing for our fall production. The theater magic is definitely carrying into August.

Our next club meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 18 at 6:00 pm in Building D/E. Members, future members, curious neighbors, and anyone who has ever wondered what happens behind the curtain are welcome to join us.

We are now working on our fall produc-

tion, Pigeons, Popcorn & Prosecco, which will be performed October 17 and 18 in Building A with continued opportunities to participate onstage or behind the scenes. This entertaining production unfolds in 3 Acts over 3 Decades through 3 Seasons, bringing laughter, heart, & memorable moments to the stage.

There is always room for you in the Barefoot Bay Little Theater family. Whether you enjoy being onstage or prefer an off-stage role, your time & talents are valuable. Sets, tickets, backstage support, hospitality, promotion, organization, and helping hands all play an important role in bringing a production to life.

More information about the club and upcoming production can be found at BFBlittletheater.com. You can follow the Barefoot Bay Little Theater page on Facebook or email us at info@bfblittletheater.com.

Come be part of the fun as we continue bringing live theater, creativity, laughter, and community spirit to Barefoot Bay.

LOL YOUTH GROUP

See the G-A+Z-ETTE article on page 5.

OPEN MIC CLUB

Hello Live Music Lovers, Summer is here, and we are still playing our music in building D/E every Tuesday. We love playing outside under the Oaks, but this temporary move inside keeps everyone cool and happy. So come on over to Building D/E, where we have tables and chairs set up for you. So grab a snack or your favorite beverage at the 19th hole right next door and enjoy the music as the Barefoot Bay Open Mic Musicians perform a wide range of music, including Folk, Rock, Blues, R&B, and popular group songs every Tuesday afternoon from 1:30 to 4:00 PM.— Whether you arrive by car, golf cart, bike, or on foot, feel free to bring along your family and friends for an afternoon of free live music and fun. For the latest updates on performance locations—including potential changes because of the weather—or to follow your favorite Open Mic Club Musicians at venues outside the Bay, please visit the “Barefoot Bay Open Mic Club” Facebook page. Thank you for spending your Tuesday afternoons with us.

SENIOR SOFTBALL

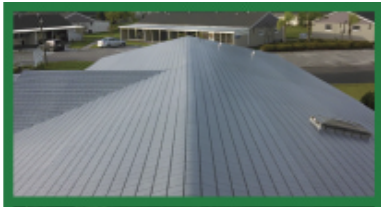
Although the regular season for Barefoot Bay Senior Softball ended at the end of March, there is still plenty of softball to be played. Every Tuesday and Thursday morning, players arrive at the ballpark for a little batting practice and then a pickup game. In a pickup game, teams are chosen from whoever shows up that day to play. Everyone is welcome; everyone can play.

Some recent news for the Softball League: the Polish-American Club generously donated \$100 to help the League. This is on top of a \$300 donation earlier in the year. From the Board and all the players, Thank You!

So the summer games have been exciting and fun to play. A lot of kidding goes on between the players. There have been some exceptional plays in the field and some maybe not so exceptional plays. Billy Wall, Neil Adams, Joe Dorman, Chuck Marqui, and Dennis Gough have been flashing the leather like it's nobody's business. John Truckner, Bobby Passagno, Rick Halaska, and Larry Wallin have been crushing balls off the fence, if not over. But the big surprise so far this summer is our League President, Dave Sweeney, who hit his first home run at the field and has followed that up with two more. The guys picking the teams in next year's draft have taken notice.

All in all, it's been a good time had by everyone. If you are interested in playing some softball, come down to the field any Tuesday or Thursday morning at 8:00. We have extra bats and gloves if you need them. No matter your batting ability or fielding skill, everyone is welcome to play. Bring your neighbors and friends and pretend you are 12 years old again. See you at the field.

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Here we are- entering the end of Summertime- 2026. Remember that song “Summertime” from Porgy and Bess? It was written by George Gershwin in 1935 and recreated many times over the years. The song lyrics speak of ‘easy livin’ in the summertime ’ and were a lullaby to be sung to babies. 1935 was a year of recovery- the Great Depression was still in the hearts and minds of the people. That year, Social Security was enacted, the Labor Relations Act protected workers, the WPA was started to help with high unemployment, and a hurricane hit Florida on Labor Day! Here we are, 91 years later, and what do we hear in our news today- about the same thing? We still have fears about money, security, and safety. Some things do not change. Fortunately for those who believe, things do not change either. Our hope and promise are still in the Goodness of God, His forgiveness, and His promise of life with Him. Would you like to hear more about that God and His Goodness and Mercy? The Sunday Worship Service begins at 10:30 am, and you are welcome to join with us in learning about ‘livin’, about God’s love, singing praises, and praying.

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Two Roads for Growing Older

I read the other day that life has two roads. One bends downward, toward complaint and what we’ve lost. The other curves upward, toward gratitude and becoming the kind of older person whose presence is a gift to everyone in the room.

As I thought about that, I realized that aging itself doesn't decide which road you're on. Attitude does. The body will do what bodies do. But whether the heart goes up or down is very much up to us — with God's help, every single day.

Motivational speaker Zig Ziglar had a word for the downward road: psychosclerosis, a hardening not of the arteries but of the spirit. His prescription was a regular "checkup from the neck up," catching "stinking thinking" before it hardens into something permanent. And the remedy for spiritual stiffness turns out to be the same one physical therapists give for stiff joints: stretch and flex. Daily. On purpose.

The Bible doesn't pretend the body loses no ground. But it does make a promise: "The righteous flourish like the palm tree... They still bear fruit in old age." (Psalm 92:12ff)

So, one and all: Stretch. Flex. Bear fruit.

Rev. Jeff Wood

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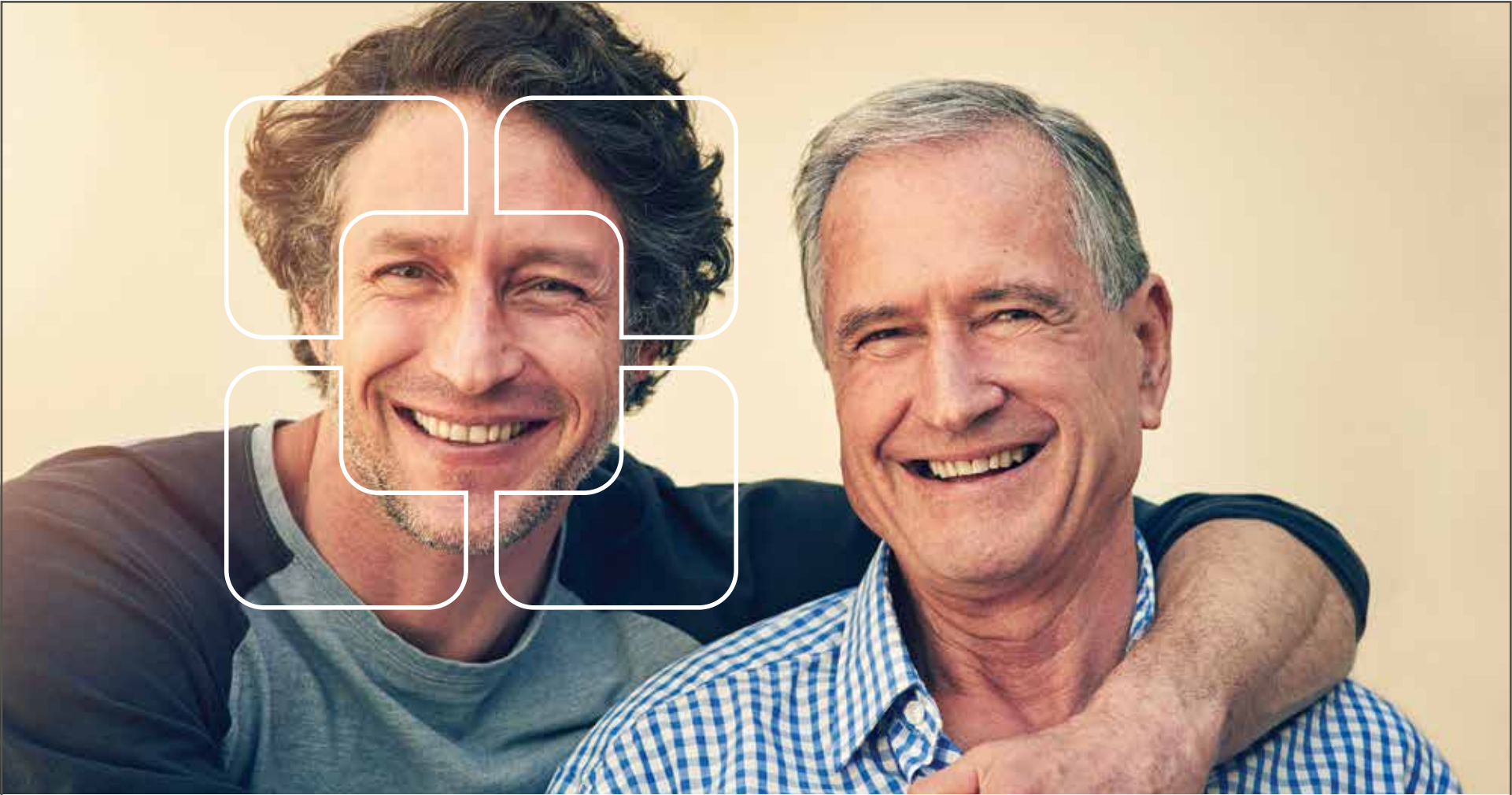


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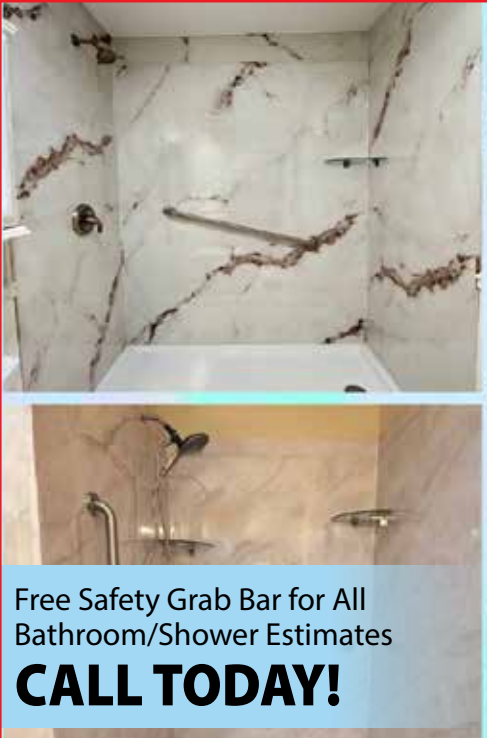


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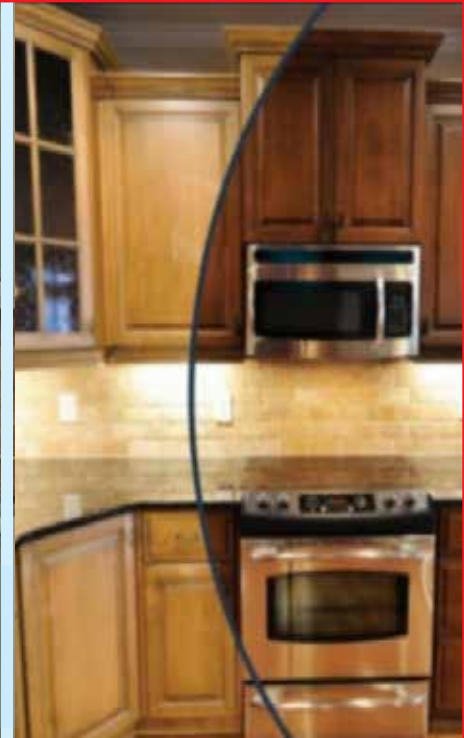
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