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At Palm Bay's Mercy

By Rob Allan



Developer rendering of the proposed Ashton Park town center and amphitheater. See Ashton Park pages 12-13. Image courtesy of Dix Development.

A fire on Amayllis Drive reminds us how fast things can change. One faulty battery, one old charger, and within minutes, someone's home is gone. We're lucky it wasn't worse. But it's a reminder that the biggest problems often start small and quietly — until they're suddenly at your door.

That's exactly what's happening just west of Barefoot Bay.

Palm Bay is expanding fast. Several major developments are in motion that will transform the land around us, the roads we drive on, and the services we rely on. And while we'll bear the consequences, we're not being included in the conversation.

The largest of these is Ashton Park — a 1,568-acre master-planned community that could bring more than 5,813 homes and thousands of new residents to our border. The project includes apartments, townhomes, single-family homes, a commercial downtown district, and public trails. It also extends the St Johns Heritage Parkway (SJHP), which is slated to end at Micco Rd, less than 2,000 feet west of where Barefoot Bay begins at Dottie Dr.

There's no mystery about what that means. Thousands of cars a day will pour directly into the east end of Micco Rd. Traffic engineers have already said the road will need to be widened to four lanes. That's not speculation — it's a requirement in the developer's transportation impact study.

We know what that looks like. Some of us live just feet from Micco Rd. Others cross it every day in golf carts. We've seen cars lose control. We've seen homes hit. A neighbor's friend was struck by a commercial van earlier this month while crossing with his cart. He's lucky to be alive.

To the north of Micco Rd, and south of the I-95 interchange, the Lotis Palm Bay development is also underway — another planned community with more than 1,372 homes, commercial space, and road connections that will eventually tie into Ashton Park and, through SJHP, to Micco Rd.

But Ashton Park and Lotis Palm Bay are not the only projects coming. SunTerra Lakes, a 1,000-acre community, is supposed to break ground this year. This new development abuts Deer Run to the south, cornering on Micco Rd and Babcock Rd. Just another 2,700-home community to our west. Holiday Builders has a small 270-home development in the early stages just across from the Lakes at St Sebastian, another Holiday Builders community. That project is even closer to Barefoot Bay — and could start construction as soon as 2027.

These four projects together, with more to come, form a continuous corridor of growth, and the eastern terminus of that corridor is the final two-mile stretch of Micco Road that divides our community. The next nearest east-west corridors are Grant Rd (3 miles north) and Valkaria Rd (6 miles north).

Holiday Builders has been told up to 200 homes could tie into our aging water treatment plant until Palm Bay and Brevard County complete the new regional plant planned west of Dottie Dr. The pressure to fast-track that plant is now growing — and it's part of the reason we've been forced to accelerate payments to retire the Barefoot Bay water treatment plant. Barefoot Bay residents pay the highest water bills in Brevard County, with annual 13% increases through 2029. Who will be paying for the new \$52 million facility needed by Palm Bay? I've been told that newly built homes will pay to hook up to the system and that the new treatment facility cost will be shared by the entire county. We will see our water bills reduced, eventually.

At the recent Space Coast TPO Open House, I spoke publicly to those attending and then had a chance meeting with Palm Bay City Planner Debbie Flynn after the presentations. She was professional and sincerely concerned. She admitted she didn't know much about Barefoot Bay — how Micco Rd splits our community, how close some homes sit to the street, how much we rely on golf carts to get around.

We viewed a map of Barefoot Bay on her phone. I suggested, instead of curling north and burying Micco Rd (and possibly some of our residents), take SJHP south of Barefoot Bay, south of the solar farm, straight to US-1. I could sense the quandary. Going straight to US-1

would make sense from a traffic perspective — and the human one — but there's a lot of land there that's not in Palm Bay. Is the County to pay for it? The developer? The SCTPO's list of federally funded projects scheduled over the next 25 years did not include any projects in our area. The closest project was the widening of Babcock from Malabar Rd south to SJHP. That project is currently projected, but unfunded. This list of projects constantly changes, but Brevard County apparently has no other road projects scheduled for southern Brevard County.

City Planner Flynn suggested a public meeting with the developer in Barefoot Bay. She said she'd reached out, but nothing's scheduled as yet. It's important to point out that there have been meetings already. Lots of them — Palm Bay and Brevard County, Palm Bay and the developers. There's an inter-local agreement between Palm Bay and Brevard County for the new water treatment facility. Lots of meetings, but for some of you, this may be the first you've heard about any of these projects.

That's disappointing, and part of the larger problem, no one has talked to Barefoot Bay residents regarding these projects, though they will seriously affect our safety and lifestyle. Unfortunately, they don't have to talk to us, and though these meetings are public, we don't receive mandatory notices unless we're within 500 feet of any construction. A few Barefoot Bay homes backing Dottie Dr received mandatory notices in March for the Holiday Builders community just across the canal. Only one side of the street was within the 500 ft limit.

The County is ambivalent at best to the needs of Barefoot Bay. Our Commissioner has her priorities, and I've been assured she'll be an ally. It's always easier (and cheaper) to widen Micco Road, but that seems short-sighted considering the amount of flow-through traffic from SJHP, the interchange, and more than 10,000 new homes currently planned. Though our Special District and BOT, concerned as any homeowner about traffic congestion and safety, will stand with us, they aren't truly empowered to fight these battles.

So here we are — watching the storm build, with no formal seat at the table. But that doesn't mean we're powerless. There are hundreds of Barefoot Bay retirees, veterans, and grandmas in golf carts, with plenty of time, ready and willing to write letters, postcards, and emails. We can make phone calls, show up to Planning, Zoning, City Council, and Commissioner meetings. Most of us are used to turning the sound up at our age. This is one of those times.

We need a meeting here in Barefoot Bay. We need to see how they intend to route traffic. A feeder road between Micco Rd and Grant Rd west of Barefoot Bay would feed traffic north, away from Barefoot Bay. Feeder roads connecting SJHP to Valkaria Rd, Grant Rd, and/or Berry St would provide alternatives to Micco Rd when travelling east towards US-1.

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A Word From the
CVO

By: Elaine VanBerschoot

Well, Summer is officially here! School's out, the heat is on, and grandkids come down here to play! I had my first grandchild visiting already. Ela is 16 and Anna is 13! What great ages to have them here with us! Mom and Dad did not arrive until the second week, and they were just as much fun to be with. By the time they left, I was waterlogged, and I acquired some new vocabulary that a Gram just needs to know!

I have to share what I consider a very thoughtful statement by Ela, our 16-year-old. "Gram, Barefoot Bay is so interesting... No one talks about how big or nice their home is, or the car that they drive. But the first thing they say is, "This is my granddaughter, or grandson, or son, or daughter!" Ela made me stop and ponder that statement. We here in Barefoot Bay live and promote a different lifestyle. So many of us are from different parts of the United States and the world. So when we first meet, the question always is, "where are you from?", as opposed to "what do you do for a living?". Or we overhear a conversation about a city that we recognize, a sports team we support, or an accent that is familiar and immediately slide over and converse.

I know in the pool areas, we bring our families to swim and enjoy the music, but let's face it, we are definitely "showing off" our loved ones! Virgin Pina Colodas for everyone! You know our bartenders groan inwardly when they get those orders! Used to be politics we would share, but God knows that's a "no-no" these days!

Kids, no matter what their age, bring us to the heart of the matter. Let's take a lesson from that simple statement. What really is important is the fact that we have friends and family who love us and who spend their time in Barefoot Bay. They want to be here, and it's a breath of fresh air for them to come down and not have to compare themselves via the price of their home, cars, or the importance of their job. Again, as I am writing this column, a good friend just stopped in at the CVO office with her grandchild, Jackie, who just finished our kids' free golf clinic for the day. And the sole purpose of the visit was just to introduce her granddaughter to a friend of hers, nothing less than friendship and pride. Can I say... I love this place! Both grandmother and granddaughter left beaming, and I felt the love from both of them!

Is Barefoot Bay perfect? Sadly, it is not... but what is? You can whine and complain about the timeliness of things to be corrected or completed. Still, in reality, we are a small "city" and every aspect of finances, timelines, employee availability, etc, comes into play with each decision made. The best part of Barefoot Bay is that we ALL share in every aspect of the decisions made in the community. No one is immune to that, including our Board of Trustees. When a decision is made, it is not a decision that only affects others...it affects them also. There is an election coming up for the Board of Trustees this November. If you are interested, please call the Brevard County Election Board, and they will direct you as to the proper procedures to take. It really is not a difficult process. But please remember that you are volunteering to dig deep and understand all the issues of the Bay. Information will be gleaned from legal counsel, financial counsel, management counsel, and personal one-on-one sessions with residents. Facebook is not going to provide you with the necessary and correct information. And believe me, it is very difficult to sit back and hear the misnomers that Facebook provides. Yes, a thick skin is needed, but not so thick that you can't find the deep concern for all of us here that live in Barefoot Bay.

I started this column feeling all soft and thoughtful, but I will end with a direct question for all of us. Decisions made in Barefoot Bay affect all of us, not just a chosen few. We have a direct decision to be made regarding our DOR ballot. Most of the ballot just corrects the wording of the DOR, fine-tuning, if you will. The underlined wording replaces the crossed-out verbiage, generally trying to make the wording more precise. But because of something, even just "wording", we, the owners, must approve that change, as small as it is. The big change is Question #1. The effect of a yes vote for Question #1 is that we use the wording for the minimum size of homes allowed in Barefoot Bay. Previously, the DOR required a minimum width of 20 feet and a minimum length of 34 feet. This ballot is changing that requirement to the Brevard County limitations of no less than 600 square feet. So the question is left to be answered by all the owners, not the BOT. You have a part to play in the governing of our place we call home. Please take the time to think it through and hear all sides of the issue, and then VOTE! We are Barefoot Bay Strong... let's hear your voices.

In closing, let me remind you that the CVO office will be closed for the summer, effective July 3rd until September 3rd. Enjoy your summer and your friends and family!

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**A Word From Your
Recreation District Chair**
Bruce Amoss

BOT Happenings:

5/27/2025 Meeting Highlights:

Ms. Van Berschot was appointed to the RFP committee for the Lounge Cooler Replacement project.

Proposed Public Club Events consent items were approved.

Tracy Overton was appointed to the Violations Committee as an alternate member.

Implementing a Convenience Fee for the use of Credit/Debit Cards at District Facilities, and a minimum charge of \$10.00, was approved. This will help reimburse the over \$59,000 charged to the District by the Credit Card clearing house each year when customers use credit cards at the point of sale.

This will go into effect on August 1st. As of this writing, a "debit card" can only be used as a "credit card". Staff is looking into ways a "debit card" can be accepted as a "debit card" in the future.

Tom O'Donnell was reappointed to the ARCC as an alternate member.

The Toro National Support Network (NSN) Service Agreement was renewed for 3 years for the golf course irrigation controller.

The BOT approved the Proposed Budget Mailout and announced June 24, 2025, at 1 pm in Building D/E, as the date, time, and location of the public hearing for the adoption of the annual assessment in addition to the adoption of the FY26 Budget.

The BOT approved the five-year lease agreement with Sea Breeze Realty & Property Management Services LLC. for Building 1, Suite 7 at the Shopping Center.

6/12/2025 Meeting was cancelled.

There is a Board of Trustees election every November.

Starting with the 2025 November election, all newly elected terms will be for 3 years.

The duration of the term for this year's election is for calendar years 2026, 2027, and 2028.

One position will be available. Jeff Grunow holds that position now and is eligible to run.

The next election will be in November 2026 for calendar years 2027, 2028, and 2029. 2 Positions will be available. Bruce Amoss will be "termed out" and is ineligible to run. Elaine Van Berschot is eligible to run.

Next will be November 2027 for calendar years 2028, 2029, and 2030. 2 Positions will be available. Joe Kloskey will be "termed out" and is ineligible to run. Ed Haslem is eligible to run.

Candidate qualifying for the 2025 election cycle will take place in the Viera and Titusville administrative offices between noon, August 25, 2025, and noon, August 29, 2025.

(Pre-qualifying papers will be accepted beginning August 11, 2025. F.S. 99.061(8) states that qualifying papers may be submitted to the qualifying officer beginning 14 days prior to the qualifying period.)

BOT Regular Meeting: Thursday, June 24th, 2025, Bldg. D/E, 1 PM.

BOT Regular Meeting: Tuesday, July 10th, 2025, Bldg. D/E, 1 PM.

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For Clarification

The Tattler needs to clarify two items published in the June 2025 issue.

The front page had an article regarding adding Grant-Valkaria to our circulation, and one of the town's residents informed us that the Mayor was incorrectly identified. The current Mayor of Grant-Valkaria is Lisette Kolar, who was appointed after the sudden passing of the previous Mayor, Del Yonts. Our apologies, Mayor Kolar.

The recent "brochure" published in the center section mentioned that Planet Fitness would be coming to our community. This information was based on early development chatter, not a confirmed announcement.

We apologize for any confusion and will strive to verify future reports more thoroughly.

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A Word From Your

County Commissioner

Kim Adkinson
County Commissioner, District 3

Help heal our Lagoon in 2025 - Why care about our Lagoon? Because it's our paradise and a major part of our economy. Our piece of paradise offers us beauty, diversity, and recreational opportunities. A visit to the Lagoon often offers postcard scenes of the sun over the water, boating, fishing, and a diverse environment with animals, fish, birds, and plants. We are blessed with this natural wonder and want to heal it both for today and for our children tomorrow.

Our Lagoon is a major driver of Brevard's economy. It helps bring us millions of visitors annually, supports more than 40,000 of our local jobs, and adds millions to our property values. Restoring and maintaining a healthy Lagoon is key to a strong economy for us all

- Help Heal our Lagoon in 2025 – What you can do**
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 - Use as little plastic as possible
 - Plant native plants that don't need water or fertilizer
 - Minimize pesticide use and dispose of toxic chemicals correctly
 - Stop septic leaks: Inspect your drain field as well as your septic tank
 - Wash your car at a carwash – keeps soap and chemicals out of the Lagoon
 - Follow the Brevard County Ordinance banning the application of fertilizer from June 11th to September 30th

After a very dry start to 2025, the summer season is just the opposite. According to St. John's Water Management, Brevard County receives 80 percent of its rainfall during the summer months. If you've been here for a while, you know this translates into torrents of water from the sky washing across our yards, sweeping everything loose into the streets, storm sewers, and out into the Lagoon and its tributaries. So, any fertilizer on the lawn doesn't have a chance to help the plants; instead, it is swept along by the rain right into the Lagoon. Thousands of pounds of pollutants enter the Lagoon watershed from excess fertilizer application, causing algal blooms that kill seagrasses and other marine life.

That's why Brevard County has an ordinance banning the application of fertilizer on residential properties from June 1st to September 30th.

For properties abutting our many surface water bodies, including the Lagoon, the fertilizer ordinance also prohibits application of fertilizer in a 10 ft. to 25 ft "fertilizer free" zone along the shoreline. The buffer differs based on your location in relation to the lagoon. This restriction applies year-round, not just in the summer.

If you fertilize your own yard, please follow these rules. If your yard is fertilized by a residential landscape company, make sure they are licensed in Brevard County, which requires them to be trained on chemical applications to lawns and landscapes.

Small actions at home make a big difference for our lagoon's health. Let's work together to keep the Indian River Lagoon clean, vibrant, and full of life.

I wish you all a wonderful and safe Fourth of July, and please contact my office if you need any assistance at 321-633-2075.



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Hi teens! I hope you're having a fantastic summer!
 LOL Teen Night continues every Friday night at the Pavilion, 6 - 8 p.m. Join our teen chat by texting 360-566-3427. Teens are using the Chat to coordinate swimming on other days, too! A resident is sponsoring a Teen Pizza Party at the beginning of August, so keep an eye out for more info.

Barefoot Bay Fireworks are on July 3rd at 9 p.m.
 LOL Families are invited to join us to walk, bike, or ride your golf cart in the Parade on July 4th. Line up at the shopping center at 10:30 a.m. Decorate your bicycle and golf carts! Thank you, Barefoot Bay, for inviting us to lead the parade!

LOL Art Day and July 3rd Teen Night are cancelled due to the holiday. The next LOL Art Day for ages 8-17 is August 1st. We will be painting with Sherrel. Sign up on our Facebook event page.

LOL Basketball continues on Saturdays, 4 - 6 p.m. Sign up by emailing lolyouthgroup24@gmail.com. Shuffleboard will be our next sport. Keep an eye on the LOL Facebook page and barefootbay.com for more info.

Thanks to the Community's support, we made \$886 at the June Quarter Auction! This supports our regular activities, and we will be able to provide backpacks and school supplies again to Barefoot Bay Kids ages 5-17! Parents sign up between July 1st and 15th by emailing lolyouthgroup24@gmail.com. If the community wants to support this project, we are looking for backpack donations, as we have a source for all of the other school supplies.

Contact Lynne Fraser to sign up for the Young Christians Youth Group at 239-404-4788. As a reminder, Indian River Fitness, 8000 Ron Beatty Blvd, provides free memberships for kids and teens. Stay active in a cool environment this summer.

Premier Theater Oaks 10 has Free summer movies now through August 7th. Movies are listed on their Facebook page. 1800 W Hibiscus Blvd, Melbourne, FL.

Additional summer activities for you and your siblings can be found at fun4spacecoast-kids.com.

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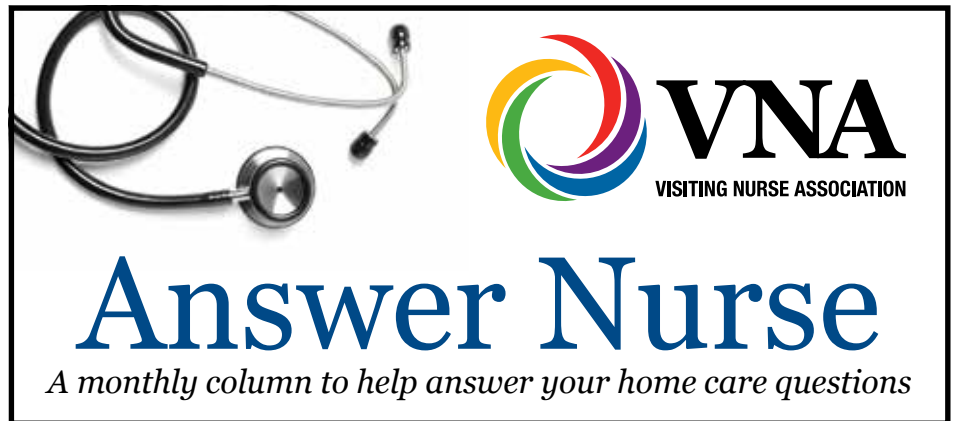
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Nearly all of us have been touched by Alzheimer's in one way or another. Maybe it's a grandparent, a parent, or a spouse. Maybe it's a neighbor. Maybe it's you. Whomever it is, the reality of a brain in slow demise can be very scary. That's why educating yourself about the disease can be helpful, particularly since there are ways to potentially slow it down.

Q: My mom was recently diagnosed with Alzheimer's. I know it's about memory loss, but is there anything else to it?

A: Alzheimer's is an incurable brain disease that causes memory loss and a decline in thinking skills. It's a progressive, terminal neurodegenerative disorder that destroys brain cells, actually shrinking the brain, and it slowly worsens over time, with some people's health deteriorating faster than others.

Q: My wife has Alzheimer's. I understand that it is terminal, but except for forgetting stuff, she seems to feel fine. How long does she have to live?

A: It really depends on the individual. According to the Mayo Clinic, people with Alzheimer's live approximately between three and 11 years post-diagnosis, with some living 20 years or more. And Alzheimer's is the sixth leading cause of death in the U.S., according to the Alzheimer's Association.

Q: Are Alzheimer's and dementia the same thing?

A: Alzheimer's is often used interchangeably with dementia, but Alzheimer's is actually just one type of dementia. Dementia is a blanket term used to describe a number of different neurological conditions affecting the brain that worsen over time; Alzheimer's is the most common type of dementia.

Q: I've recently been diagnosed with Alzheimer's, but my doctor didn't give me much information; he just said I'm in my "early stages." How many "stages" are there? Can you tell me a little bit about each stage?

A: There are three main phases of Alzheimer's, according to the Alzheimer's Association. It begins with mild symptoms, typically memory problems (some experts divide this into two mild phases, with a total of four – and sometimes more – phases). In phase two, symptoms, such as memory problems, become more pronounced. A patient may also experience severely impaired reasoning and a loss of language. By phase three, the final stage of Alzheimer's, patients can no longer recognize loved ones and are unable to care for themselves. In layman's terms, the brain is no longer communicating to the body how to do even the most basic things like swallowing, which makes eating and drinking a never-ending challenge and can lead to dehydration and malnutrition. Difficulty swallowing can also cause accidental inhalation of food, liquids, or other particles into the lungs instead of the esophagus, which can cause aspiration pneumonia, the most common cause of death among Alzheimer's patients.

Q: Are there any warning signs that you might have Alzheimer's?

A: According to the Alzheimer's Association, there are ten warning signs for Alzheimer's. They are:

1) *Memory loss that disrupts daily life.* This isn't simply forgetting appointments once in a while, which might be typical of someone who is ageing; we're talking about forgetting recently learned information often. This is particularly characteristic of Alzheimer's in the early stages – and is the number one indicator of Alzheimer's or another form of dementia.

2) *Challenges in planning or solving information.* Someone with Alzheimer's or another form of dementia might start having problems making plans or working with numbers. They might find it difficult to follow a recipe or manage household bills.

3) *Difficulty completing familiar tasks.*

4) *Confusion with time or place.* People with Alzheimer's might become confused about what day, month, or season it is. Sometimes they get confused about where they are.

5) *Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships.* Some people with Alzheimer's begin experiencing issues with their vision (not due to cataracts). This sometimes impacts their balance or ability to read. They may also have problems judging

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distances, which can negatively impact their ability to drive.

6) New problems speaking or writing certain words. People with Alzheimer's might have trouble following or joining a conversation. They might lose their train of thought, causing them to suddenly stop in the middle of a conversation. They might have trouble remembering the names of familiar objects such as "table" and "tree."

7) Misplace things and lose the ability to retrace steps.

8) Experience decreased or poor judgment. People with Alzheimer's may begin to show changes in decision-making. For example, they might make poor/odd decisions regarding money and might begin to neglect personal hygiene, unaware that they need to regularly bathe.

9) Withdraw from work or social activities. A person with Alzheimer's might find it challenging to follow conversations, and because of this, withdraw from social settings.

10) Experience changes in mood and personality. This can take many forms: the person might become more irritable, depressed, or easily anxious or fearful.

If you or a loved one is experiencing many of the above, it might be time to visit a doctor to get properly diagnosed. Doctors can use a variety of methods to see if a patient has Alzheimer's or another form of dementia (or something else entirely).

Q: Is there anything you can do if you're diagnosed with Alzheimer's?

A: Yes, and the earlier you get diagnosed, the better. There are medications you can take, and there are lifestyle changes you can make. Check with your doctor about which medications might be right for you. And in terms of lifestyle changes, below are some steps you can take starting right now that

may slow down symptoms and improve your quality of life:

1) Challenge your mind. Do crossword puzzles or learn a new skill. Think of it as a workout for your brain – it may help slow the cognitive decline caused by Alzheimer's.

2) Challenge your body. Just as it's important to work out your brain, it's important to work out your body. Raising your heart rate and increasing blood flow to the body and brain may help improve cognitive functioning.

3) Quit smoking! Giving up the butts may lower the risk of cognitive decline to levels to those who don't smoke.

4) Maintain healthy blood pressure. According to NYU Langone Health NewsHub, "high blood pressure damages blood vessels and causes blockages that reduce blood flow to the brain. It reduces the blood's ability to clear harmful waste products and breaks down connectivity between areas of the brain." Talk to your doctor about how you can lower your blood pressure.

5) Eat healthy. Some studies have shown that healthy eating habits may help reduce your risk of cognitive decline. A healthy diet includes lots of vegetables, leaner meats, and unprocessed foods. This is also known as a "Mediterranean diet," which is a diet high in anti-inflammatory foods, including healthy fats and antioxidants.

6) Manage your diabetes. While the exact connection between Alzheimer's and type 2 diabetes is still in debate, according to the NIH, studies do suggest that "poorly controlled blood sugar may increase the risk of developing Alzheimer's. This relationship is so strong that some have called Alzheimer's 'diabetes of the brain' or 'type 3 diabetes.'"

7) Maintain a healthy weight. According to many experts, including the Alzheimer's Society, "people who maintain

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a healthy weight are more resilient to the changes in the brain that are caused by Alzheimer's disease."

8) **Sleep Well:** We all know how good we feel after a full night's sleep, but did you know it's the equivalent of 'food' for the brain? Your brain needs its rest and will only function optimally when it gets enough of it.

9) **Manage your stress.** Stress negatively impacts a person's overall health, and this is true for someone with Alzheimer's. Increased stress may exacerbate symptoms of Alzheimer's, so do whatever it is that helps you prevent stress or at least minimize it. For some, that's meditating, for others, that's going fishing, and many things in between.

Being diagnosed with Alzheimer's can be upsetting and overwhelming. Remember, you're not alone. There are plenty of resources available to help you navigate this disease - just make sure you find the right ones (there's a lot of not-so-accurate information on the internet). To help you on your jour-

ney, we've listed a few trustworthy websites about Alzheimer's and dementia below:

Official website of the US government on Alzheimer's: Alzheimers.gov

Alzheimer's Association: www.alz.org (Also: call its 24/7 helpline anytime 800.272.3900)

National Institute on Ageing: www.nia.nih.gov

National Institute of Health: www.nih.gov

BrightFocus Foundation: www.brightfocus.org

ALZConnected: alzconnected.org

This information is for educational purposes. Please consult your physician for any medical issues. The Visiting Nurse Association of the Treasure Coast (VNA) is committed to bringing trusted and quality home health, private care, and hospice to Indian River and Brevard County patients. For more information about VNA services, call 772-567-5551 or visit www.vnadc.com.

We recommend you join us on Facebook for detailed, up-to-date information and analysis that we simply can not provide in a monthly newspaper. Our Facebook Group home page, The Tattler, tracks approaching storm systems, weather related events and other topics of interest to residents of Barefoot Bay and southern Brevard County. It's also a great place for reader's to comment on the latest issue and provide feedback on what's happening around our community. Join The Tattler on Facebook Groups or use the QR code provided here.




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Detect to Protect: Safeguard Your Family from Online Threats: Consumers rely on the internet now more than ever. While it offers many advantages, the internet also presents significant risks, particularly for military children. Though their digital proficiency allows them to operate technology with ease, it can also put them in vulnerable positions. As internet usage continues to increase, scammers and their tactics continue to evolve. Phishing emails, online shopping scams, and romance scams are a few tactics scammers use to try to steal Personally Identifiable Information (PII). During the Month of the Military Child, VA is committed to raising awareness and protecting the military and Veterans community from online scams, along with providing Veterans and their families with the knowledge to keep themselves safe.

Adapt Your Car with VA: Do you have a disability related to your military service that prevents you from driving? You may be eligible for a one-time payment or grant to help with buying a specially equipped vehicle or adaptive equipment.

Change Your VA Direct Deposit Information: If you receive disability compensation, pension, or education benefits from VA, you can update direct deposit information in your VA.gov profile. You'll need your bank's routing number and account number to make the updates.

Women-Veterans' Support Groups Really Work: It turned out to be the best decision I had ever made," one Veteran says. Hear women Veterans discuss how they found support through shared experiences and group therapy. Would you want to start a support group for Women Veterans? Contact us for a free place to meet.

VA has a new FLAG policy: Under the new directive, only specific flags may be publicly displayed or depicted at VA facilities. These include the United States flag, flags of U.S. states and territories, military service flags, VA flags, and official flags of U.S. agencies. Additionally, flags representing prisoners of war/missing in action (POW/MIA), Senior Executive Service (SES), military command units, and burial flags for honoring Veterans and reservists are permitted.

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Survivor Benefits and Reporting a Veteran Death: Losing a loved one is a challenging time — we are here to help. As the survivor of a Veteran or Service member, check to see if you qualify for survivor benefits, including help with burial costs and survivor compensation.

Please contact the VA to report the Veteran's death and avoid an overpayment

of the Veteran's benefits. You can report the death in person at a VA Regional Office, by mail, or by phone. When you do this, VA will stop any benefit payments the Veteran received as required by law. Reporting the death timely will help ensure survivors or executors of the Veteran's estate do not experience additional financial stress.

Did you know: you have access to your VA claims development letters on VA.gov? You don't have to wait by calling 800-698-2411, 24/7, or 877-222-8387, 8 am to 8 pm. If you recently lost a loved one, ask us for a checklist to help you deal with the things that need to be done.

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Hosts and Hostesses: Still looking for Hosts and Hostesses for "The Veterans Meeting Center." You can also email us at: veteranscouncil32976@gmail.com. Our area is like a day room where everyone can gather, talk, play cards, play games, or read in the library

Veterans Council Office is at: 931 Barefoot Blvd #1, phone 772-663-0645. If you need a ride to Viera or Palm Bay VA Clinic, contact us on the transportation line 772-663-0644! Open every Wednesday and Friday from 9 am to 12 noon and from 1 pm to 4 pm Summer hours are Wednesdays and Fridays 9 to 12 (0900 to 1200) and 1 pm to 4 pm (1300 to 1600) for fun, games & movies from 2 to 4. We served, now we serve! Hope we see you at "The Veterans Meeting Center."

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We need to know how Brevard County will protect golf cart crossings and manage runoff and drainage, who will pay for noise and accident mitigation when Micco Rd is widened, and whether Barefoot Bay residents will be given any input before the bulldozers arrive.

City Planner Flynn mentioned a mixed-use path for pedestrians, bicycles, and possibly golf carts. That's promising — but we need assurances that Barefoot Bay will have access to this path via golf cart, and ideally, that it will stretch from Ashton Park to US-1. We don't want to be cut off from this new community, but we also don't need another amenity across the street if we can't cross that street without risking our lives.

At a minimum, we'll need new traffic signals on Midway St and likely on Fleming Grant Rd and East Dr as well. The intersection of Egret Cir, Sebastian Rd, and Fleming Grant Rd will need to be completely reconfigured. A traffic light holding east-west traffic on Micco Rd at Fleming Grant Rd would give carts and pedestrians safe access to the mixed-use path from Egret Cir and Sebastian Rd. When the mixed-use path goes in, we may need additional crossings at Midway St and/or Bird Dr.

We could settle, if necessary, for pedestrian-activated flashing crosswalk signals — similar to what you see along A1A and the one in front of the Yellow Dog restaurant on US-1. They're not as safe as a regular traffic light, which forces traffic, golf carts, and vehicles to come to a complete stop. With construction traffic bringing a significant volume of big, heavy equipment and more vehicles in general — and with accidents between vehicles and golf carts already a concern — proper traffic lighting should be fast-tracked for our current golf cart crossings, long before we worry about four lanes on Micco Rd.

As these projects proceed, we need heavy commercial construction trucks to use Micco Rd from the west, and avoid driving east on Micco Rd through Barefoot Bay. We want firm commitments that sound and accident mitigation walls will be installed where needed, and not at the expense of Barefoot Bay residents. We want a promise that those walls — and the mixed-use path — will be aesthetically pleasing and maintained in perpetuity, not left to decay once the ribbon is cut and the developers are gone.

Relief from traffic congestion and safety for Barefoot Bay residents are insignificantly small requests (if not legal requirements), considering the enormous changes to our community, brought by developers and politicians who tacitly acknowledge our 54-year existence. We should be asking for a lot more. We're going to be regular customers in Palm Bay's Ashton Park neighborhood restaurants, stores, and shops. The developer should help us resod the Barefoot Bay Golf Course, a District project that is coming due, in the next few years. That would be a friendly gesture, considering the golfers in Ashton Park are certain to adopt and utilize our golf course in the future.

We know growth is coming. We're not trying to stop it. But we have a right to insist that it doesn't steamroll us in the process. Because if no one else is going to protect Barefoot Bay, we'll have to do it ourselves.

<Editor's Note: As a courtesy, we provided both Commissioner Adkinson and City Planner Flynn with a copy of this story prior to going to press. Minor edits were made. We have received assurances from both to meet residents at a future Town Hall or schedule a separate meeting specific to this future growth. Visit BarefootBay.com for updates between issues.>

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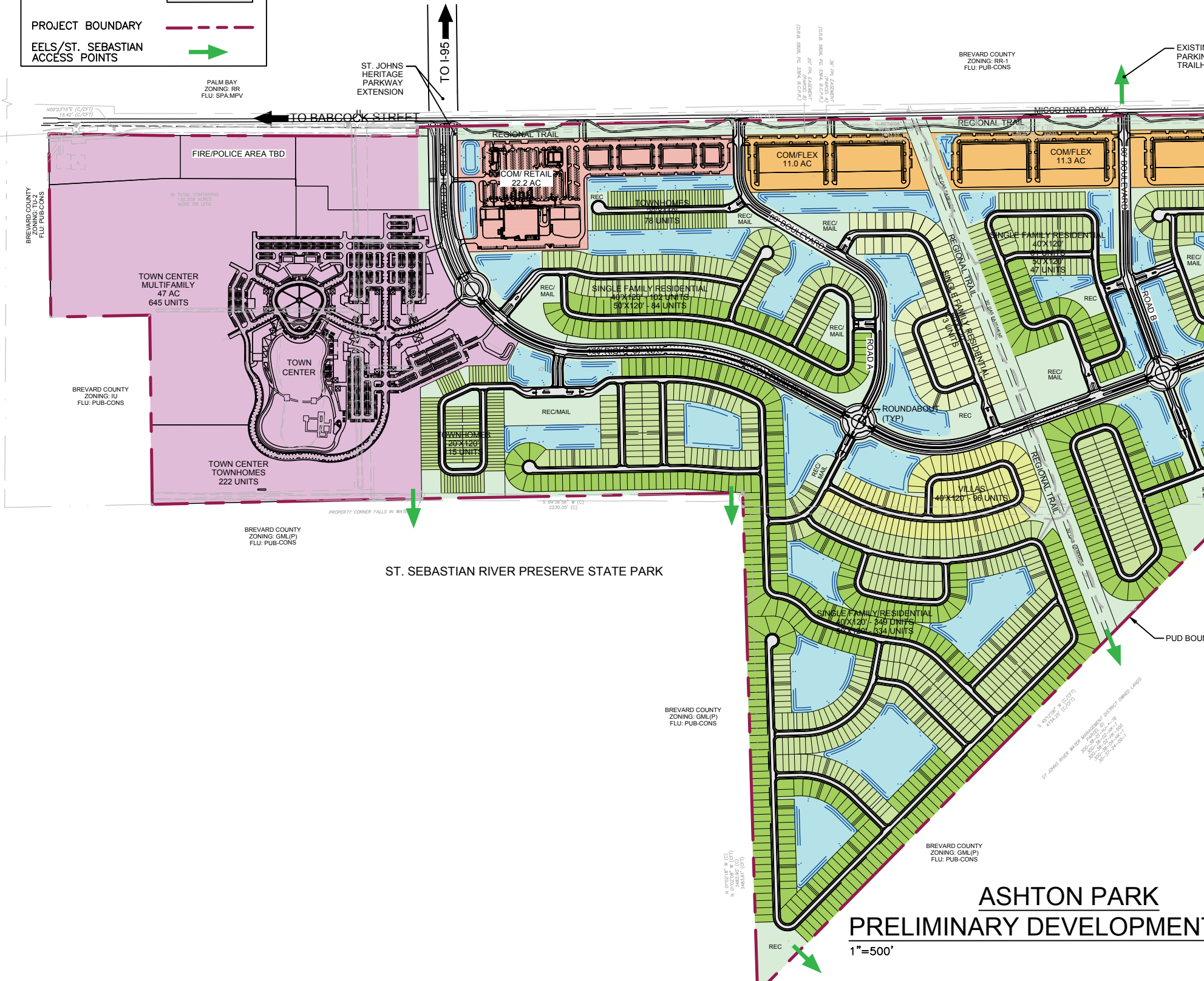
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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY #366

Memorial Day was well celebrated by Unit 366 of our wonderful American Legion. A ceremony was hosted by the men of the Legion in Building A, with help from the Ladies Auxiliary and the CVO. It was really inspiring to see how many residents attended this tribute to our military, who have given their lives for our freedom. The names of our resident veterans who passed away this year were read and honored. May they rest in peace.

The Auxiliary will once again be having their monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at 1 PM in Building E, near the golf course. Guests are always welcome. Dues will be collected starting in August, and feel free to contact the membership chair, Sue Reddy.

The 2025/2026 budget will be prepared in August by the budget team of Jill Daley, Vicky Hay, and Sue Reddy. We look forward to a good distribution of our means to veterans and those in need.

For God and country,
Sue Reddy,
Membership Chair,
Board Member

ARTISTS' GUILD

Greetings from the Barefoot Bay Artists' Guild!

Summer has arrived, and with the heat in full swing, we hope you're staying cool and hydrated. At the Barefoot Bay Artists' Guild, creativity never takes a vacation—we are a year-round community dedicated to exploring the world of art!

For just \$15 a year, you can become a part of our vibrant group, where exciting workshops, new painting techniques, and monthly day trips await. We'd love for you to join us and experience all we have to offer. Our workshops take place every 1st, 3rd, and 4th Friday of the month, from 1 PM to 4 PM, in Building D/E. If we don't have a workshop, we will just paint. On the 2nd Friday, we go on a day trip. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Maureen Fitzpatrick at jawafitz@gmail.com.

This summer, we're bringing a lineup of exciting workshops to spark your creativity:

- Pictionary with a Twist – Not your typical game! This version will focus on colors and pictorial elements related to art, led by Tonya.

- Exploring Additives in Paint – Hosted by Sherill, this hands-on workshop will introduce unique additives that bring distinct textures and effects to your artwork.

- Join Bonnie in an innovative workshop. She shows us how to paint distinctive kinds of palm trees since there are over 2500 categories of palms.

We are always seeking fresh ideas to expand our artistic horizons, and we'd love for you to be part of the journey.

Lastly, we're thrilled to announce that Sarah Kelley has been selected as Artist of the Month for July! Be sure to check out her featured article in this edition.

Join us and let's create something amazing together!

Bonnie J Murphy

BRIDGE

We want to keep the Monday night contract/party bridge going over the summer, so come to play! You must call Lois at 772-664-1199 (landline) to sign up. We start playing at 6 PM in Bldg C, which is next to Bldg A.

BRITISH CLUB

Just a reminder that we are having our Summer Fun nights in building A on the third Tuesday of every month until we start up our regular season in November. This is a great time to come out and enjoy a night with your friends, play some cards, and eat good food!

On Tuesday, July 15th, we will be having fried crispy chicken, golden brown gravy, mashed potatoes, corn on the cob, cole slaw, and white cake with blueberries and strawberries for dessert. Cash bar opens at 5:00, and dinner will be served at 5:30.

Tickets are \$15.00, and you do not need to be a member to attend – so bring a friend or two.

Please contact Debbie O'Hara at 321-408-1687 for tickets by Thursday, July 10th.

Enjoy your summer and see you all in the fall!
 Cheers,

Cyndie

CHESS CLUB

On the 1st Wednesday, we offer instruction if you would like to join the Chess Club, which meets in Building C, 8:30 -12:00 every Wednesday. All skill levels are welcome.

Learn or improve.
 Come join us, you are welcome to come and watch.

COMPUTER CLUB

Another round of scam phone calls and messages, seeming to come from the Brevard County Sheriff's Department, is happening now. The caller may tell you that you have missed jury duty, have an arrest warrant, or have other county matters. Please read this response from the Brevard County Sheriff's Office.

Brevard County, Florida – If you receive a phone call from the Brevard County Sheriff's Office saying you missed jury duty and have an arrest warrant, it's a scam folks, because I can promise you with all my heart that if the Brevard County Sheriff's Office has a warrant for your arrest we don't give you a head's up by calling you on the phone so you can get a head start at running from us.

It just makes sense when you read the statement- why would they give you a warning that they are coming for you!! When the caller has you on the phone or asks you to respond to the message, he has your attention. It is harder to think these things through when you are frightened or in disbelief. First of all, look at the message. Do you know the caller? Secondly, often scam calls only ring 3 times, so let it ring a little longer, and the call will disconnect automatically. It is doubtful that the scam caller will leave a message. The caller ID on your phone will give you a chance to check the caller's number to see if it is someone you know. You can call back if you know and trust the person who is calling. If the matter is legitimate, the caller will generally leave a message telling you about the call and a number to call to discuss the message. This precaution

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includes all of your phone calls- look at the number/name of the caller. If the message comes on and you are near the phone, you can still pick up the call and respond to the caller while he is leaving the message. The most important reminder for all phone calls is that it is your choice to answer a call that comes to your home phone, your cell phone, or your email. There are no requirements that you must answer all calls. If you are not at home, the call goes to voicemail. If you can't get to the phone in time to answer, the call goes to voicemail. If you don't want to talk to the person right now, the call goes to voicemail. You can also check the caller ID or recent calls on your cell phone. You are in control of which calls you answer. If you need help setting up voicemail or caller ID, please check with your service provider. To avoid phone or internet scams, please be careful to know who is calling before you respond.

The Barefoot Bay Computer Club will meet again in September. During the summer months, we are happy to help with computer or cell phone questions. There is a Facebook page (Barefoot Bay Computer Club) to ask questions or call the numbers listed for the club.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB

Summer, the heat and humidity are here. Most of our seasonal members have returned to their homes up north. In spite of the heat, some of our members joined in the rallies held on June 14th this year to protest the current administration. The Club does meet all year, but we like to save the speakers and informational presentations until fall. We would like to invite any Democratic voters in the Bay that register to vote in any State to join us at a meeting to get an idea of what we are all about.

Reminder: It is necessary for everyone to renew their option for having a ballot mailed to them. Also, renewal needs to be done after every election cycle! Share with your friends and neighbors how easy it is to use this method of voting. Just go to:

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We meet monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 3:30 pm in Bldg D next to the 19th Hole. You can also learn more about us by going to our Facebook page: The Democratic Women's Club of Barefoot Bay. For more information, please email BarefootBayDWC@yahoo.com or call 321-349-9565. We look forward to your visit.

JEWISH CLUB

If by chance, this is the first time you are reading this, welcome to the Jewish Social Club. This club is dedicated to understanding our common roots and welcoming folks of all religions. This is not a religious or political group.

We are looking forward to more events in the future and would welcome all new members. Keep an eye on Facebook, emails, and texts for more updates.

Please Note! There will be no meetings for the months of July and August! We look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Have a healthy summer, and we'll see you soon. In the meantime, please feel free to reach out to chat.

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

Shalom (Peace).

LAGOON ARTISANS

Lagoon Artisans members are enjoying a break from the business of running their club for the summer. Instead, they are enjoying a slower pace to curate their collections, create new masterpieces, and participate in local art events.

We enjoyed a successful season, living our mission to support each other as fine art-

ists, having fun, and creating opportunities to show and sell our work. We do not create art together, but focus on marketing and displaying our art. Many styles and genres are represented in the membership.

The next general meeting will be on Wednesday, October 8, from 10 a.m. to noon in Building D/E. There, we will resume the process of planning a full year's show calendar and welcome new members to the club. Bring three recent pieces of art to be juried as a new member. Membership is \$15, and table fees are \$10 per show.

The LABB will hold four art shows again next season. Dates and themes will be announced in August. All shows will be held in Building A from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All include a raffle of the artists' works, light refreshments, music, and the opportunity to meet neighbors and engage in conversation about the community and their creations.

If you live in Barefoot Bay and are an artist interested in joining our club, please contact: president Georgene Granholm at 908-337-9400, or me to introduce yourself and plan to attend our next meeting. We welcome non-artist members to volunteer at the shows. Come learn with us, create with us, and add a little color to your life with us.

If you would like to be added to our contact list and kept up to date with club events, send me your email address so we can add you to our e-list.

Dan Martin, Secretary
danmartinsartwall@gmail.com
609-432-1059

LINE DANCE

Learn to line dance to country classics while supporting our local veterans, their families, and the Barefoot Bay Community.

The Barefoot Bay Line Dance Club will meet on Thursdays in Building A from October 1, 2025, through May 2026. The instructor will be Dona Gionet.

The schedule will be:

9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.- Beginner class with instruction.

11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.- Improver level with open dance and requests.

The cost of each class will be \$5 for Barefoot Bay residents and \$10 for non-residents. Please remember to bring your badge each week. A portion of all monies collected will go to the Veterans in the Bay at the end of the season.

Have a great summer. Hope you're all doing something fun, but don't forget to keep dancing.

See you on the dance floor in October!

Joanne Blum, President
Mary Ellen Stagliano, Vice President
Doris McNamara, Treasurer

LOL YOUTH GROUP

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

OPEN MIC CLUB

Hello Music Lovers! Please check the Barefoot Bay Open Mic FB page to see where we will be performing on Tuesday afternoons. With the weather heating up, most of our shows will be in Building D/E next to the 19th Hole, so get there early and grab a late lunch or your favorite beverage and enjoy the show. We will post any changes of venue on our FB page, whether it's under the Oaks at Pool 2, Building D/E, or in the Lounge. The FB page is also a great place to find out where your favorite Open Mic Players are performing outside the Bay. We still have T-shirts for sale that make great souvenirs for fans or anyone visiting the Bay. So remember to walk, bike, golf cart, or drive to wherever we are performing every Tuesday from 1:30 to 4:00 and enjoy the free music and sounds of The Barefoot Bay Open Mic Club. Thank you all in advance for spending your Tuesday afternoons with us.

SENIOR SOFTBALL

Softball continues at the Barefoot Bay Senior Softball field, although the 2025 season has come to an end. In the Spring,

Barefoot Bay Food Store was crowned Champion after an exciting tournament. Every Tuesday and Thursday morning, players gather for some batting practice and perhaps a pickup game or two. This is the time of year that many of the members look forward to. During these games and practices, they get to play positions that they would not normally be chosen for. Chuck Marqui, traditionally one of the better outfielders in the League, has been trying his hand at shortstop. Dave Wilson, 1st baseman extraordinaire, has been showing his talents at pitching, along with Bill Wall and Jim Traum. Neil Adams has played every position except umpire. As far as hitting, Tony Biondolillo, Dave Sweeney, and Tommy Masone are making adjustments that have the batted balls crashing off the fences.

The League has been preparing for the upcoming draft that will set the teams for the 2026 Season. The field of six members selected to pick the teams have been studying their charts and analyzing the stats from the 2025 Season. Each picker has his crew of advisors, weighing one player against another, planning strategies and contingencies in hopes of capturing the coveted championship. The draft won't be held until October, but tensions are high and spies are everywhere. Hushed conversations by the pool may not be what you think they are.

So the excitement continues in the field. If you are interested at all in joining your neighbors for some fun and camaraderie, and maybe a little exercise, come on down on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:00. If you don't have a bat or glove, no worries. There is always someone who will lend you some equipment. But most importantly, we will have a good time. See you in the field.



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By Rob Allan

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Every month, we receive dozens of submissions from clubs, churches, columnists, Board members, and residents like you. And we're grateful for every one of them, truly.

But as we continue to grow, we need your help in streamlining the process.

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It's simple, quick, and helps us:

- Keep your group's contact info current
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- Accept all standard file types (Word, PDF, photos, etc.)

If technology isn't your strong suit, that's okay. Most groups have someone who's "tech-comfortable" — we kindly ask that person to handle or assist with monthly submissions. We've tested the page thoroughly, and it works smoothly on phones, tablets, and computers.

Guidelines to keep in mind:

- Club & Church News: 300 words or less
- Photos: Include full captions (left to right, seated, standing, etc.)
- Feature Articles: Accepted based on space and editorial approval
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As part of this rollout, we've activated commenting, likes, and RSVP functionality in the Forum and on Calendar events. Please note that some of these features may be limited in the future.

A Neighborly Reminder:

Unlike Facebook, almost everyone on this site is a real neighbor. While screen names are allowed, you are not anonymous—your actual name is visible when sending messages within the website.

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Lagoon Artisans Featured Artist Grace Cormier



LABB artist Grace Cormier has distinguished herself as a regional artist, gaining more exposure from Melbourne to Vero Beach. Her latest venture is "Reaching Beyond," a joint show with metal sculptor Kevin Wilson at Gallery 14. Her display features her fiber art. The display runs through September 6th.

Receptions will be held in conjunction with the first Friday Gallery Strolls in the Arts District: July 11, August 1, and September 5 from 5 to 8 pm.

Grace, an award-winning artist known in statewide gallery scenes, incorporates traditional Japanese aesthetics into her work. She specializes in Boro mending and Sachiko hand stitching. Grace also does 2-D art and handmade jewelry.

Visit Gallery 14 at 1911 14th Avenue in the Historic Arts District of Vero Beach. Summer hours are June and July: Thursday and Friday, 11 am to 4 pm; Saturday, 11 am to 3 pm. August and September only during Gallery Strolls or by appointment.

Several other artists will show their art along with the gallery owners who maintain permanent displays.

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Please join us at 10:30 am on Sundays or visit the website at www.BarefootLutheran.com.
 p.s. The donation basket for the Roseland Food Pantry is just inside the south entry doors at the church. Special requests include individual food items for children. Those meat and cheese combo units, fruit cups, cereal, ready-to-eat foods, peanut butter, and jelly are especially appreciated. Also, if your summer includes travel, please pick up those hotel convenience items. These products are needed by the homeless, and they are distributed through the Food Pantry as well. Thank you.

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However, some amount of power is intrinsic to what it means to be human. A toddler fascinated with walking is an illustration of this. Power to move. The biblical message is that power is given and is good; but that our power center is limited in the first place, much to our consternation, and it has been shanghaied in the second place, that with our own cooperation. This Shanghai is something involving our egos, the sin principle in the world, even the devil, if you will.

We did not dictate our existence, and we cannot do the good we want or refrain from the bad we do not want. Today, this summer, we always need good and freeing power. This is the endeavor and the gift of the spiritual life, studying Jesus Christ. His is free grace and freeing grace. Take a step in his direction today. Sundays at 10 am.

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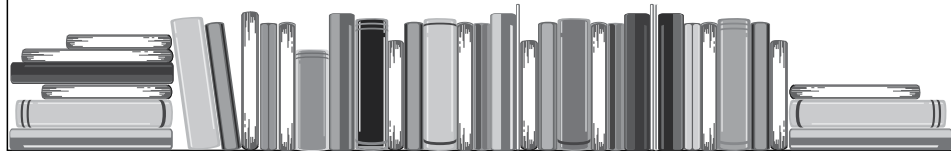
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LIBRARY HAPPENINGS



South Mainland Public Library

Adult Programs

Please call the library at 772-664-4066 for more information regarding programs.

Quilters

Come in and work on your quilting pieces every Thursday at 6:00 PM—non-instructional group.

BINGO

Come in and play BINGO with friends & family on Monday, July 14th and July 28th at 1 PM.

Movies at the Library

Join us for the movie *News of the World* and limited snacks on Thursday, July 3rd at 1 PM.

A Civil War veteran agrees to deliver a girl taken by the Kiowa people years ago to her aunt and uncle against her will. They travel hundreds of miles and face grave dangers as they search for a place that they can call home—starring Tom Hanks, Helena Zengel, and Tom Astor. PG-13, 1 h 58 m.

Free Adult Art Classes: Craft with library staff on Monday, July 7th and July 21st & Thursday, July 10th and July 24th at 1 PM.

Memoir Writers

Learn how to pen your own memoirs on Monday, July 14th and July 28th at 11 AM.

Mystery Book Club: Every Time I Go On Vacation, *Someone Dies* by Catherine Mack, with a meeting on Tuesday, July 8th at 2 PM.

Rick: Live Music

Join us as Rick performs popular songs from the 1970s on Wednesday, July 16th at 2 PM.

Third Thursday @ Three: *The Stranger in the Lifeboat* by Micah Albon with a meeting on Thursday, July 17th at 3 PM.

Adult Classes

Beginning Computer Classes

Sign up for Hoopla and check out our online magazine, audiobooks, and more on Wednesday, July 2nd at 1 PM!

One-on-One Computer/Skills Classes:

appointment only at the Reference Desk
Learn more about technology and more with the library staff. \$5.00/session payable to the instructor.

Youth Services Programs

Please call the library at 772-664-4066 for more information regarding programs.

All Youth programs are free.

Summer Reading Program:

Summer on the Space Coast
Join us every Tuesday at 3 PM for weekly presenters. All ages welcome!

July 1st – Space Coast Area Transit: Roll Right

July 8th – Brevard Zoo: Habitats for Survival

July 15th – Blacklight Party

July 22nd – Mobile Library: Escape Room

Read Your Way to K Playdate – Babies and Toddlers

We invite babies, young toddlers, and their caregivers to join us for an hour of stories, songs, and games every Wednesday at 10:30 AM in the Children's Room. Reading and story-telling allow our littlest patrons to discover speech patterns, new words, and language. Our fun and informal program is designed to enhance those skills through age-appropriate play.

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM)

Experiment, Explore, and Engage with some fun hands-on projects every Friday at 3 PM in the Meeting Room! This program is intended for ages seven and up, and a supervising adult is required to be present in the room at all times.

Kid's Art Space

Staff will show you how to paint with bubble wrap, cotton Q-tips, and a ball chain necklace on Thursday, July 10th at 3 PM. This program is recommended for children 5 years and older.

Family Movies at the Library

Join us for a family-friendly movie and limited snacks on Saturday, July 26th at 11 AM.

South Mainland Public Library

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New Library Hours:

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Tuesday and Thursday: 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM,

Wednesday and Saturday: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM,

Friday: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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Programs Sponsored by the Friends Of The South Mainland Library

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12/18/2024 - 4 / Man 2 Best Ball		
<i>Flight 1</i>		
1st - Dave Maslanka, Stu Schwab, Gene Pettit	-15	2nd - Dale Fowler Even
2nd - Paul Stevens, Lenny Leroux, Bill Stevenson	-14	1st - Bob Starr Even
<i>Flight 2</i>		2nd - Dennis Doran +2
1st - Joe Cali, Tery Bain, Harvey Willford, Tom Felke	-10	<i>Flight 3</i>
2nd - Ed Constantino, Bob Starr, George Auletta, Dan Strom	-9	1st - Bill Jackson -3
<i>Flight 3</i>		2nd - Don Page -2
1st - Jerry Martin, Jack Vickers, Don Page	-12	<i>Pin Shots</i>
2nd - John Styron, Jack Marti, Floyd Lynds, Jas Sellers	-10	Scott Cochrane, Bob Starr, Jack Marti
<i>Pin Shots</i>		
Stu Schwab - Carry-Over - John Styron		
12/25/24 - No Game		
1/01/25 - Scramble		
<i>Flight 1</i>		
1st - David Lane, Russ Ramah, Jim McClintock, Dale Fowler	-9	5/14/25 - 4 / Man 2 Best Ball
2nd - Mike Maino, Tom Guinther, Mike Coats, Pat Diamond	-4	<i>Flight 1</i>
<i>Flight 2</i>		1st - Rich Krywe, Kully Smith, Ed Constantino -16
1st - Gerard Theurin, Steve Morris, Bob Barrow, Bob Starr	-1	2nd - Dave Maslanka, Kris Vasiliu, Denis Doran -11
2nd - Brian Watts, John Armstrong, Bill Jackson, Dave Foisy	-1	<i>Closest To The Pins</i>
<i>Pin Shots</i>		Kris Vasiliu & Jack Marti
David Lane, Steve Morris		
1/08/25 - Individual Low Net		
<i>Flight 1</i>		
1st - Scott Cockrane	-1	5/21/25 - 2 / Man Teams 9 Holes 1 Best Ball / 9 Hole Scramble
		1st - Mike Maino & Don Oldakowski -6
		2nd - David Lane & Jack Vickers -5
		<i>Pin Shots</i>
		Dave Maslanka, Both Holes
		5/28/25 - Mixed Flight Scramble
		<i>Played The Back 9 Twice Used The Best Score From Each Hole</i>
		1st - Dave Maslanka, Steve Morris, Jack Marti -3
		2nd - Mike Maino, Kenny Gionet, Jack Vickers -3
		<i>Pin Shots</i>
		Paul Stevens & Rich Krywe
		<i>The Men's League is finished for the summer; it will start up in October. Have a healthy & safe summer.</i>

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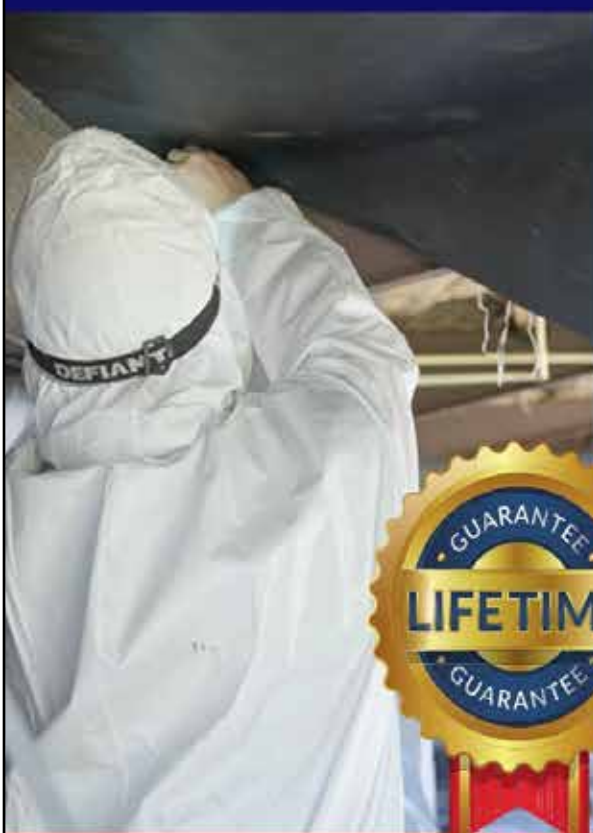
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6	7 MUSIC BINGO BLDG A 5:30- 8:30p KITCHEN OPEN 4-7pm	8 DOUGIES KARAOKE LAKE STAGE 5:30-9:30pm TACO TUESDAY 4-8p	9 TRIVIA LOUNGE 6-8pm Pizz Asta Night 19th Hole 4-7:00p	10 RUSTIC PUB & ROAST 3-7 BLDG A	11 SOULTIME LAKE STAGE 7-10:30pm	12 THE KORE LAKE STAGE 6-10p
13	14 MUSIC BINGO BLDG A 5:30- 8:30p KITCHEN OPEN 4-7pm	15 DOUGIES KARAOKE LAKE STAGE 5:30-9:30pm TACO TUESDAY 4-8p	16 TRIVIA LOUNGE 6-8pm Pizz Asta Night 19th Hole 4-7:00p	17 RUSTIC PUB & ROAST 3-7 BLDG A	18 BLUE MOON LAKE STAGE 7-10:30pm	19 THE LAST CALL BAND LAKE STAGE 6-10p
20 THE FLASHBACKS LAKE STAGE 2-6PM	21 MUSIC BINGO BLDG A 5:30- 8:30p KITCHEN OPEN 4-7pm	22 DOUGIES KARAOKE LAKE STAGE 5:30-9:30pm TACO TUESDAY 4-8p	23 TRIVIA LOUNGE 6-8pm Pizz Asta Night 19th Hole 4-7:00p	24 RUSTIC PUB & ROAST 3-7 BLDG A ZANRICKY 19TH HOLE 4:30-7:30p	25 VINCE LOVE & THE SOUL CATS LAKE STAGE 7-10:30pm	26 TC & SASS LAKE STAGE 6-10p
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