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Conclusions The Power of Perception

By Rob Allan



Enjoying a Sunday breakfast at the 19th Hole.

One of the interesting aspects of publishing The Tattler is that I see how quickly small misunderstandings grow into bigger stories. A neighbor says one thing, someone else repeats it a little differently, and by the time it gets back to me, the meaning has changed entirely. Sometimes I've been the target of those conclusions; other times, I've been guilty of making them myself. Either way, the pattern is familiar.

Breakfast with Jeff

This November's Recreation District election won't appear on the ballot, because only one candidate qualified: Trustee Jeff Grunow. With no challengers, Jeff automatically retains the open seat on the Board of Trustees. Our community is lucky to have him step up, and he deserves our appreciation and respect.

I ran into Jeff at the 19th Hole recently, and he invited me to join him for breakfast. He told me something interesting. People had been coming up to him, saying I didn't support his candidacy. Why? Because I had publicly said I wished more candidates had come forward. In their minds, wanting an actual election equaled opposition to the one person who made the effort to qualify for the position.

Jeff himself knew better. Over coffee, he made it clear he never took my comments as criticism of him. He understood I simply believe voters deserve a choice. But the rumor was already circulating. Assumptions had been made, repeated, and passed along as fact.

The Need for Candidates in Waiting

Jeff's automatic re-election raises another concern. Barefoot Bay is a citizen-run community, and over the past 30 years, our Board of Trustees has seen frequent openings due to retirements, serious health conditions, and even deaths. That's natural in a retirement community like ours, but it also means we need a pool of candidates "in waiting" or "in training."

Without neighbors who have stepped forward, people who have expressed their desires, interests, and willingness to serve, we end up in a situation where vacancies are filled not by voters, but by the remaining Trustees. In other words, our representatives may be chosen from a list of people we know little or nothing about, individuals who were not willing to stand before the community and make their case in a general election.

Does that make for good governance? It's a serious question. Elections are messy, but they are also clarifying. They allow us to hear opinions, weigh choices, and decide who best represents us. When that process is bypassed, even unintentionally, we lose the transparency and accountability that make Barefoot Bay stronger.

The Water Petition

Like many residents, I believed the accelerated 13% water and sewer increases would continue year after year until 2029. That was the common understanding in the community, and it fueled the frustration behind the petition drive.

But when Commissioner Kim Adkinson pressed staff for answers, the original 2022 resolution told a different story (see her column in this issue). It did mandate four steep hikes — 10% in 2022, and 13% in 2023, 2024, and 2025 — but after this year, the increases are not locked at 13%. Beginning in 2026, rates are tied to the Consumer Price Index for Sewer and Water Maintenance, which historically runs closer to 3%. And if that index pushes higher than 3.4%, the matter must come back before the Commission for a public vote.

So while the petition did not change the resolution itself, it had an important impact. By raising the alarm, it forced a harder look at the documents and led to a clearer explanation for all of us. In that sense, the effort was successful: it uncovered the truth and ensured residents are better informed about what to expect.

The long-term challenges remain — our aging system still needs replacement, and the new treatment facility carries a \$51 million price tag. But thanks to that petition, we now know the coming years may bring smaller, index-based increases rather than four more years of 13%. And that's progress.

And perhaps most importantly, as Commissioner Adkinson noted, Barefoot Bay's bills — still the highest in Brevard County — may finally see real relief once we are folded into the larger countywide utility system. That transition will take time, but it offers hope that our community won't be carrying the burden alone forever.

Owning My Own Mistakes

I've jumped to conclusions, too. It's easy to do. We all want quick answers, and when we don't have the facts, we fill in the blanks ourselves. The trouble is that these assumptions can harden into judgments that divide us. What starts as a misunderstanding turns into mistrust, and mistrust silences voices that should be heard.

That's dangerous anywhere, but in a community like Barefoot Bay, it's especially corrosive. If neighbors stop speaking up—whether at a board meeting, in a letter to the editor, or in a casual conversation—then we lose the spirit of the place. Barefoot Bay has always been stronger when people aren't afraid to share their thoughts, even if they disagree.

Facebook, Rumors, and the Need for Something Better

The worst place for these misunderstandings to multiply is social media. Facebook, in particular, rewards negativity. A single post can ignite a storm of rumor and recrimination. By the end of the thread, facts are blurred, emotions are inflamed, and neighbors are left wondering what's true. And Facebook algorithms force these "active" posts to the forefront as you scroll.

That cycle of confusion was one of the main reasons we created BarefootBay.com. We needed a place where people could ask questions, get answers, and know the response was grounded in facts—not just whispers. It's not perfect, and we won't always know every detail, but it's built on the idea that truth matters and neighbors deserve clarity.

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A Word From Your Recreation District Chair

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8/26/2025 Meeting Highlights:

Shopping Center parking lot milling and paving, and Veterans Gathering Center/Water & Sewer Office parking lot repair and sealcoating. The Project Award of Contract was made to All County Paving. Work will begin when all permits are obtained. This could take up to six months.

The BOT approved the proposed Lounge Walk-in Cooler/Freezer Replacement project contract with Island Harbor Custom Builders, LLC. The project will begin when any needed county permits are obtained and the cooler is shipped. This one could also take many months.

Sharon M. Reginier was appointed to fill the vacant Violations Committee Alternate Position until April 22, 2028.

The BOT approved Resolution 2025-11 and authorized the Chairman to sign the Certificate to Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll for FY 2025/26. The FY2025/26 Budgeted Assessments differ from the total of the FY 2025/26 Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll because of the increase in the assessable lots from 4861 to 4865.

The BOT awarded a contract to renovate the Golf Course tees in an amount not to exceed \$66,997.50 to BrightView Golf Maintenance. This is covered by an FRDAP Grant.

The renovation of the tees element of this project is due to the tees having reached the end of their useful life, because the sod is no longer able to regenerate on the existing soil. The BBRD staff has determined that BrightView Golf Maintenance submitted the lowest responsive and qualified quote for this project's element.

Building A Bar Rebuild:

The original scope of work for this project included a complete rebuild of the bar, removal of old cabinets, and installation of lower storage cabinets or lockable multi-tiered liquor cabinets, shelving, a fountain soda, and a beer cooler. Four contractors evaluated the scope of the project, and none were able to provide a quote within the budgeted amount to completely rebuild the bar; therefore, Resolution of the Board of Trustees of The Barefoot Bay Recreation District Amending Resolution 2024-06; Amending the Budget was passed to add \$5,090 additional funds to the project.

Amendments are needed to bring the Employee Deferred Compensation Plans into compliance with relevant federal laws and regulations and to reflect the current up to 4%, \$ for \$ match previously approved by the BOT.

The BOT approved the amendments to the Barefoot Bay Recreation District 401 (a) Plan and the 457 (b) Plan and authorized the Finance Manager to sign the amended plan documents with Mission Square Plan Services. This is for clarification in the documents and does not add any additional costs to BBRD.

9/11/2025 Meeting Highlights:

A 9/11 memorial tribute was offered at the beginning of the meeting.

The BOT awarded liability and workers' compensation insurance coverage to PGIT (Brown & Brown) and liquor liability insurance coverage to Founders Insurance Company.

The following DOR Violations were referred to legal:

DOR Violation 25-001086 404 Raven Drive, DOR Violation 25-000882 1263 Waterway Drive.

The BOT approved the one-year Statement of Work (SOW) with CivicPlus for the CivicPlus Municipal Website and Migration

The BOT selected Florida Blue for healthcare coverage due to its low deductible and competitive premiums, and Principal Insurance due to its low premiums and employee satisfaction for the last seven years.

In June 2025, the BOT adopted the FY26 budget, which included the Five-Year Capital Improvement and Project Plan. BBRD is currently in the process of applying for an FRDAP grant to fund a project that is identified in the Five-Year Capital Improvement and Project Plan as the first project listed for FY26. It is beneficial to have the Five-Year Capital Improvement and Project Plan title for this project correspond to the title being utilized in the FRDAP grant application, which is "Development of the Community Center Complex". The BOT approved the revision of the Five-Year Capital Improvement and Project Plan.

The referendum for two new pickleball courts is on the November ballot. Options on pickleball court changes were offered, and the staff will be looking into possibilities.

The board unanimously passed Resolution 2025-13: Condemning Action of Brevard County Board of County Commissioners, Invoking the Provisions of the Florida Governmental Conflict Resolution Act, Chapter 164, Fla. Statutes. Mr. Olsen, the attorney, is sending the registered letter to the county commissioners to start the process.

No one registered to run against Jeff Grunow for the expiring Trustee position. Jeff will continue for the term 2026 through 2028. Jeff has done a great job, and I am looking forward to continuing to work with him on the Board.

Dates were set for the next 4 Townhalls and the regular BOT meetings. At the next meeting, the budget meetings will be set.

Have a safe month. Be aware, there is more traffic every day now, and the drivers may not have acclimated to Florida's slower pace.

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CVO

"There is magic in the night when pumpkins glow by moonlight." – Unknown.

When October arrives, you can't help but know that Halloween is right around the corner. And as usual, the CVO will sponsor Trunk Or Treat on October 31st, under the oaks on the walking path. To set up for our tricksters, please arrive between 3 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. It's just safer for our kiddos if we are in place before they begin. The CVO will provide free hot dogs and water for the kids to help keep that "sugar high" to a minimum!

October 1st: CVO Bingo begins in Building A, and doors open at 5 p.m. and Bingo begins at 6 p.m. The Bingo package costs \$20 and includes all games. Specials cost \$1! You must be 18 or older to play.

October 14: Save The Date for Barefoot Bay's Town Hall in Buildings D & E from 6-9 p.m.

October 25: Footloose & Cancer Free Dance! Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the party begins at 6 p.m. Each ticket is sold at the CVO Office and costs \$10. The CVO will sponsor DJ Dougie "The Mad Scotsman" so that all proceeds will go to the Cancer Fund. Bring your own snacks and your \$\$\$ as the raffles will be flowing! As an added bonus, we will have a Warrior Wall lit up for you to post your warrior pictures, stories, or poems. This is meant to be a joyful event, so come out to play!

October 31: Trunk or Treat 4 – 7 p.m. Carts and cars arrive between 3-3:45 p.m.

The CVO is helping to promote the Candy Cane Lane this year! If you are a crafter, please join this event, which will be occurring on Nov. 21 & 22nd. Crafters will be displaying their wares in yards, lanais, and patios. You can travel the Bay and each home will be marked with a giant Candy Can. A map will be provided in November's Tattler. Cost is \$30, and applications can be picked up at the CVO Office, 935 Barefoot Boulevard, Suite #6, or by calling Mary Sherman at 717-582-2206. For those of us who do not have an artistic bone in our body... this is the time to buy for Christmas! See you all out there!

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A Word From Your

County Commissioner

Kim Adkinson County Commissioner, District 3

Brevard County Barefoot Bay Water and Sewer District Rates

The Board of County Commissioners sits as the Governing Body for the Barefoot Bay Water and Sewer District (BFBWSD) and establishes water and sewer rates at a level sufficient to cover the cost of the system's operation, maintenance, debt service, and administrative services. The BFBWSD is operated as an enterprise fund. The utility receives no General Funds. All operating and capital expenses are paid for from the user fees and impact fees. All fees collected are used solely for the benefit of the BFBWD system.

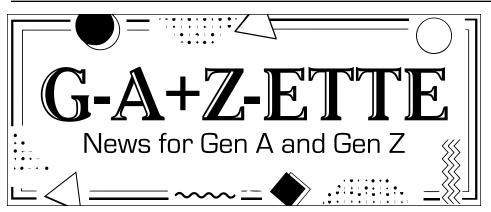
Back in February 2022, the County Commissioners approved the new water and sewer user rates that were adjusted beginning March 2022 and subsequent years beginning January 1 from 2023 through 2025 as follows: 2022 - 10%, 2023 - 13.0%, 2024 - 13.0%, and 2025 - 13.0%. Future rate adjustments from 2026 through 2029 will be based on the actual change in the Consumer Price Index Sewer and Water Maintenance index. The estimated rate index for January 2026 is approximately 5.1% and each subsequent year until 2029 will be tied to the CPI-U for Sewer and Water Maintenance index. The Utility Services Department conducted a review of its water and sewer capacity, the conditions of existing assets, and the impacts of recent State Environmental Laws. With the assistance of the utility rate consultant, much detail was invested to develop a financial model for the Department to review the revenue versus future expenditures of the utility.

Since the rate study was conducted several years back, I consulted with our County Attorney, Assistant County Manager, and Utility Services Director, and asked if we could reevaluate the rates to see if there is any opportunity to reduce the rate for customers of the BFBWSD. At the September 10th County Commissioner meeting, I made a motion to direct staff to have the rate consultant update the rate study and a separate motion to authorize the Utility Services Department to consult with Bond Council, subject to County Attorney approval, and to explore options regarding the outstanding bond debt. By evaluating the rates and doing the analysis of the bond structure, my hope is to bring financial relief to the rate payers of the Barefoot Bay Utility. I was told the study could take several months.

The existing Barefoot Bay Water and Sewer system has exceeded its service life, leading to operational challenges and concerns about water quality. The county plans to build a new, estimated \$51M water treatment facility to replace the aging one and increase capacity for future development. The new infrastructure and investments are intended to improve the quality and reliability of water and sewer services and will roll the Barefoot Bay water and sewer customers into the county-wide system that would eliminate the area's separate, higher rate structure. The primary outcome would be to spread the financial obligations for the BFBWSD rate payers across all Brevard County utility customers. This would likely lower the base facility charges for the BFBWSD rate payers. I will keep you all posted on the Study outcome.







Hi teens, I hope all is well! Join LOL's Teen texting chain by texting 360-566-3427.

LOL Teen Night is taking a break until October 25th at 6 p.m. at the Pavilion. We are having a Halloween party on October 31st, 6 - 8 p.m. Wear your best costume and enjoy a pizza dinner with your friends.

Guess what? The Artist Guild has invited you and your siblings to sell your art at the November 2nd Art Open House in Building A! You can each submit two pieces of art to sell. All proceeds will benefit future LOL Youth Group activities. Sign up for a time slot to help us at our table, too! Submissions should be 11x14 or smaller and should be canvases, canvas boards, small sculptures, or framed drawings. Tell your families to mark their calendars to support LOL and Barefoot Bay Artist Guild on November 2nd! The Artist Guild is donating some of their proceeds to the youth group as well!

LOL will be participating in Candy Cane Lane on November 21st and 22nd on Royal Tern. We will be selling any art that doesn't sell at the Art Open house, as well as ornaments, painted seashells, and painted rocks. Many of our items are painted by the kids, but some are also painted by our instructors. Proceeds Benefit LOL. Tell your parents to stop by.

LOL Art Days are October 25th in Building A and November 1st in Building D&E from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. for ages 8-17. Sign up on the Facebook events or by emailing lolyouthgroup24@gmail.com. We will be making three-dimensional jellyfish on October 25th and painting wood gingerbread houses on November 1st.

LOL is doing a Scavenger Hunt around the Bay for kids and teens throughout October! More details to follow on LOL's Facebook page and barefootbay.com.

Young Christians Youth Group meets on October 5th and October 17th at Indian River Fitness on Ron Beatty Boulevard from 5:30 - 7 p.m. Contact Lynne Fraser to reserve your spot at 239-404-4788.

Enjoy the cooler weather and make good choices!

Becky Culp





Barefoot Bay Candy Cane Lane Christmas Market

We invite all crafters to participate. Start working on crafts to sell. Display them on your Lanai. Much like our Yard sales, but it will be a craft sale

How will it work

Each participating crafter will recieve a copy of the map indicating where the sales are being held, as well as a candy cane sign to mark their house. Our market will be advertised in the Tattler, Facebook pages, Board at Building A



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POAG requires preventive management. However, eye pressure alone isn't enough for diagnosis, as individuals have varying pressure sensitivities. Some with elevated intraocular pressure (IOP) have ocular hypertension (OHTN) but don't develop glaucoma, while others, despite statistically normal pressures, develop normal tension glaucoma (NTG), leading to nerve damage.

Ophthalmologists use specialized tests like optic nerve scans (OCT), photography, and visual field tests to monitor changes over time. The hallmark signs of glaucoma include optic nerve thinning, increased cupping, and peripheral vision loss.

Early diagnosis is crucial, as nerve damage is irreversible. Fortunately, modern treatments like selective laser trabeculoplasty (SLT), prescription eye drops (often blood pressure meds in drop form), and minimally invasive glaucoma surgeries (MIGS) offer effective management. MIGS, often combined with cataract surgery, safely lowers eye pressure with minimal added risk.

Regular eye exams, especially for those with a family history or suspicious optic nerve appearance, are essential. Without testing you will have no-eyedeer—prevention and early intervention are key to preserving your vision and quality of life!

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Lagoon Artisans Featured Artist







LABB artist of the month Amanda Lescho has been developing her talents through lessons and practice since joining the group in 2022. At that time, she was doing tie-dye T-shirts and other articles of clothing.

Featured among her collection were tie-die creations, including shirts, sweatshirts, scarves, and bandanas for all sizes and shapes, acrylic pouring, and watercolors.

She began "pour painting" on canvas, furthering her love of creating with color. Amanda uses her imagination and artistic abilities with the pour method of painting and implements different techniques to manipulate the paint into ocean/beach scenes, sunflowers, trees, and abstracts. Fellow LABB artist Mary Ann Hall has been mentoring her in working with watercolors, which will be on display at November's Holiday Art Show and Sale.

Amanda has recently been focusing her watercolor paintings on Florida scenery and wildlife, including birds, turtles, and fish. She continues her education with various art classes, learning new techniques to further improve her creativity, and participates with LABB members at their art shows.

She has found an audience for her art and has sold many pieces.

When asked what she values most about participating with Lagoon Artisans, Amanda says, "The friendships with the professional LABB members and the joy her art brings to those at the art shows."

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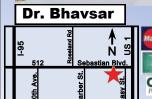
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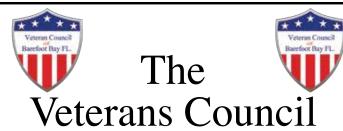
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Claims help and Information.

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Afternoon is Movie Time. Showtime starts at $2\ p.m.$

Schedule For October:

October 1st Moonstruck, 8th This Is The Army, 15th The Lady and the Highwayman, 22nd The Lucy Show, 29th Yellow Neck

Fridays 9 a.m. -Noon (0900-1200) Claims Help and information

Afternoon, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (1300 -1600) card game Euchre.

Free Stuff While you are at the Veteran Council Meeting Place, be sure to check out the helpful information table and the free giveaway promo items table. (see pic)

Upcoming

Local History seminar at Micco Library October 11th, 10:30 am to 11:45 am

Includes presentations on the Veterans History Project. As well as stories of pioneers, treasure, military, Presidents, and more. (see flyer on outside bulletin board)

American Legion Post 366 at Bldg D, Monthly 3rd Tuesday, October 20th. 1 p.m. (1300 hours)

Veteran Council Meeting Center for officers and volunteers. October 14th, 10:a.m. (10:00 hours)

"Be Prepared" Helpful Tips for Veterans

There are many changes going on, and nothing is certain, but the fact remains that veterans need to be prepared for change.

The first step to prepare is to self-educate, which includes Do-It-Yourself.

1) Know your metrics. You've seen the TV commercial with people jumping up and down with joy that their A1C is down. Well, every disorder has a metric, and if you know what ails you, then you can have more meaningful communications with your health care providers.

2) When you visit your primary care physician, as you check out, make sure you have their most Up-to-date phone extension.

3) While you are visiting your local VA clinic, look for and take a sheet called "Save A Trip... How to Reach Us Between Appointments," which offers many more helpful tips. Use it and write on it your doctors' extension numbers. You'll be glad you did. File it in a folder you reserve for Health Matters.

4) Discover within your circle of contacts (family and friends) who actually take an interest in your well-being. Consider making them your health care advocate. You never know when a big decision comes up and you need someone to talk to about it.

Watch for more helpful tips in next month's column, "Be Prepared".

Assisting Hands Brevard Partners with the VA to Serve Veterans

Assisting Hands Home Care of Brevard is proud to hold a contract with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), allowing it to provide in-home support to local veterans through the VA Community Care Program. This partnership ensures that those who served our country can receive the compassionate, professional care they deserve, right in the comfort of their own homes.



Ron Swint, a leader at the Veterans Council, stands by information table. Photo Credit: Ray Osborne

The VA Community Care Program was created to expand healthcare access for veterans. While the VA operates its own hospitals and clinics, there are times when veterans may need services outside of those facilities. Through this program, eligible veterans can receive care from approved providers like Assisting Hands Brevard. This includes personal care, companionship, meal preparation, medication reminders, and help with activities of daily living—all essential services that support independence and dignity.

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Disabled Veterans are encouraged to download the new app to their smartphone for their travel reimbursements. This saves paperwork, resulting in faster reimbursements

Written by Ray Osborne. Veteran Osborne got his first writing gig while serving

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 an American Legion historian. 321-345-1715.



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Adult Programs

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

Gentle Yoga

Come in for Gentle Yoga every Monday at 10 AM. Gentle Yoga is a low-impact form of yoga that uses slow and controlled movements. Chair for poses and balance is optional.

Please bring a yoga mat and water. \$5.00/session payable to the instructor.

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

Come in for Chair yoga every Friday at 10:30 AM. Chair Yoga is gentle and uses a chair for poses and balance. \$5.00/session payable to the instructor.

Movies at the Library

Join us for Haunted Mansion and limited snacks on Thursday, Oct. 2nd at 1 PM.

A mother-son tandem tries to rid the mansion of resident ghosts. They enlist the help of a priest, while a paranormal tour guide and a psychic are also in on the ride for the exorcism purge.

But with the presence of entities like the Hatbox Ghost, it's going to be a challenge. PG-13 122 min. Starring Rosario Dawson and LaKeith Stanfield.

Painting for Beginners

Learn the basics of painting and how to enjoy art on Friday, Oct. 3rd and Oct. 17th at 12 PM. \$5.00/session payable to the instructor for supplies.

BINGO

Come in and play BINGO with friends & family on Tuesday, Oct. 7th at 1 PM.

Local Florida History Presentation

Learn more about Florida history with Local Historian Ray Osborne on Saturday, Oct. 11, at 10:30 AM. Topics include but are not limited to the Veterans History Project, pioneers, military history, 1715 treasure, archaeology, Indigenous people, and more.

Adult Art Classes – Free Take and Make Kits

Pick up a caramel apple craft on Thursday, Oct. 16th. Kits are first-come, first-served.

Adult Classes

Beginning Computer Classes: Ask library staff questions about technology and learn more about your devices on Wednesday, Oct. 1st at 1 PM.

One-on-One Computer Classes: appointment only at the Reference Desk

Learn more about technology and improve computer skills 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 our free youth

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 storytelling 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 on Friday, Oct. 10th and Oct. 24th at 3 PM! This program is intended for ages seven and up, and a supervising adult is required to be present in the room at all times.

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Artists' Guild: Assorted Painted Vases Workshop Reflection



Last month, our art group gathered for a vibrant and inspiring workshop titled Assorted Painted Vases. Each participant was invited to create their own unique interpretation of a vase filled with flowers—a subject that offered endless possibilities for personal expression, depth, and creativity.

What unfolded was a beautiful celebration of individuality. No two paintings were alike. Each artist brought their own perspective, style, and emotional palette to the canvas. Some vases were bold and abstract, others delicate and detailed. The flowers ranged from wild and whimsical to soft and serene, reflecting the inner worlds of their creators.

Together, these works formed a stunning visual tapestry—an affirmation of how diverse voices can harmonize through art. The photo we've shared captures just a glimpse of that magic. We hope you'll take a moment to view it and appreciate the richness of each piece.

Whether you were part of the workshop or simply admiring from afar, we invite you to celebrate the creativity and spirit that made this event so special. Please see the photo.

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Conclusions: The Power of Perception Continued...

A Community in Action

Here's an example from our new Barefoot Bay Live Chat feature, which works a little like the old message boards but with a commitment to civility. This text string is from earlier this month:

QUESTION: hfabian (09/01 16:08): Is a one-time special assessment fee planned for 2025 or 2026?

ANSWER: Rob Allan (ADMIN) (09/02 07:02): We have an annual assessment that covers our budget. We have never had an additional special assessment like many condo and HOA communities are experiencing in Miami and elsewhere due to increases in insurance or major repairs that they were not prepared to fund. Being a government agency—a Florida Special District—has its advantages. Our charter allows us to sell bonds and enter into loans, which HOAs cannot do. If Barefoot Bay suddenly needed funds, say after a disaster, we could borrow the money and pay it off over time (even 30 years), allowing us to spread the cost over decades if necessary. Would our annual assessment go up? Yes. But it wouldn't be the hardship of every homeowner having to come up with thousands of dollars in a single year. Why do you ask?

RESPONSE: hfabian (09/02 21:10): Thank you for answering my question. We heard rumors from our neighbor and wanted to make sure that it wasn't fake news. This is great—any questions in the future, I know where to go. Thanks again.

FOLLOW UP: Rob Allan (ADMIN) (09/03 11:47): You're quite welcome. I hope this chat room will be used by others looking for respectful answers. Everyone is welcome here to chat, but we will not tolerate abuse. FB is toxic, and one of the reasons we created this website for Barefoot Bay. So much negativity and "fake" crap. If I don't know the answer, I'll do my best to find it. I hope others will step up and help with responses as well. This is a community website, after all.

That short exchange says a lot. A neighbor had heard a rumor, checked it with a credible source, got a clear answer, and left reassured. No shouting. No pile-on. No assumptions. That's how a community should work.

A Fan of Barefoot Bay

I write these stories, not as a critic of our community, but as one of Barefoot Bay's biggest fans. I live here. That is the reason The Tattler and BarefootBay.com exists. Some may perceive it as criticism, but it is the exact opposite. I care deeply about the truth, and I care about our property values. What worries me most about Facebook isn't just the bickering; it's the trolls and outsiders who don't even live here but feel free to say things with impunity.

Take the false claim that "Barefoot Bay's water is toxic." That is not true. But if you're a prospective homeowner browsing online, you may stumble across a comment like that and assume it must be fact. It isn't. Yet repeated enough, those words damage the reputation

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of our community. Some people may not like the water, it's "hard" and mineral rich, but we should be grateful we don't have the cancer-causing PFAS contamination that has been found in other Brevard County water systems.

The same goes for endless complaints about fees and assessments. Yes, no one likes paying annual assessments. But let's be honest: for about \$1,000 a year, Barefoot Bay residents enjoy amenities and services that make our community one of the best values in Florida. When people outside the community read comment after comment suggesting otherwise, they're not getting the full picture. Yes, fees for renters have increased dramatically, but if that encourages home sales and discourages landlords from buying another rental unit, that's a net positive for Barefoot Bay.

And then there are the exaggerated claims about crime and drug use. Do we have petty crime? Yes. Do we have residents who struggle with substance use? Of course — like every other community in the state. But the suggestion that Barefoot Bay is defined by crime and drugs is simply false, and it undermines the reality of what life here is really like.

Some would say that calling out these voices means I don't believe in the First Amendment. I disagree. The First Amendment protects the right to speak, but it also protects the right to answer back. If we let lies go unchallenged, we succumb to the narrative rumors and allow the truth and facts to be buried and obscured. Free speech doesn't mean silence in the face of misinformation — it means stepping forward with the truth, and trusting our neighbors to hear it.

That's why platforms like BarefootBay.com and The Tattler matter. They give us a place to push back with facts, not rumors and innuendos, and to protect the reputation of the community we've chosen to call home. And to remind our neighbors — and those considering becoming neighbors — that Barefoot Bay is far stronger than what a few loud voices on Facebook would have you believe.

Protecting the Right to Speak

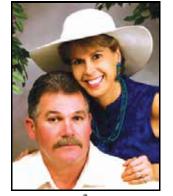
Free speech isn't only about national headlines or high-profile controversies. It lives and dies in small conversations like these—around the breakfast table, at a board meeting, in the pages of this paper, or in an online chat. Protecting that freedom means more than defending your own right to talk. It means respecting your neighbor's right to be heard, even when you disagree.

Our Founding Fathers knew that the key to society and peace within a community starts with open and honest conversation. In recent years, we have stopped talking and look where we are as a result. In Barefoot Bay, we don't thrive because we all think alike. We thrive because we care enough to speak up and especially to listen.

So the next time you hear something that doesn't sound right, pause. Ask a question. Look for the facts before drawing conclusions. It's the least we can do for one another, and it may be the most important thing we do for our community.

Here, your voice still matters. Let's keep it that way.







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AMERICAN LEGION POST #366

Barefoot Bay American Legion Post 366 will resume regular meetings on Tuesday, October 21. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1 PM in Building D. The LEGION Act, as passed by Congress, removed the "date gaps" in order to join the American Legion. Any member of the military who has served honorably since Pearl Harbor Day (1941) is now eligible to join. For more information, call Commander Jeff Grunow at 772-202-4926.

Upcoming Events:

Veterans Day Ceremony – The Barefoot Bay Veterans Day ceremony will be on Tuesday, November 11, at 11 AM. Join us "under the Oaks" or consider competing pre-ceremony in the decorated golf cart contest. Hot dogs and light refreshments will follow the ceremony.

Veterans Picnic – Save the date, Saturday, January 17th, 2026. The American Legion, Veterans Council, and Marine Corps League will be sponsoring a "meet and greet" picnic at the Gazebo behind Building A. Veterans, veteran spouses, and widows are encouraged to attend. Please wear your service branch ballcap.

Sandy Lobello Veterans Golf Tournament - Join your fellow golfers at this yearly event, Saturday, February 7, with morning and afternoon starts.

> Jeff Grunow, Commander

ARTISTS' GUILD

Greetings from the Barefoot Bay Artists' Guild!

As summer's heat gives way to the charm of fall, our community is coming alive again. With cooler days and returning snowbirds, it's the perfect season to reconnect, celebrate, and create. From now through March, Barefoot Bay will be buzzing with eventsand the Artists' Guild is ready to shine. We've been busy all summer long, dreaming up fresh ideas and crafting new works to share with you. Soon, you'll get to see the fruits of our creativity in a series of exciting events. Through our shows and workshops, we proudly support the Barefoot Bay Community Fund, and we always welcome new members and guests who share our passion for art and community.

Mark Your Calendar! November Open

Join us for our very first open house on November 2nd in Building A from 10 am to 3 pm, where members will showcase the art they've been creating all year. The LOL kids will be showing off their wonderful work, also. It's a delightful chance to meet local artists, hear their stories, and maybe even take home a piece that speaks to you. The artwork will be available for purchase, with something for every taste and budget. There will even be some demonstrations.

Candy Cane Lane

Holiday magic is in the air! Some of our artists are already crafting festive, whimsical, and elegant pieces for this beloved November tradition. Expect sparkle, joy, and plenty of creative and unique surprises.

January Art Show

One of our biggest exhibitions of the year is on the horizon. From watercolors and oils to mixed media and sculpture, this show will be a stunning celebration of local talent and imagination.

Until the next issue of The Tattler,

Stay inspired, stay safe, and cherish the creative spirit in all that you do.

Bonnie J Murphy

AQUA ZUMBA

Hello Barefoot Bay,

It has been a hot, humid, and windy summer. But of course, that is perfect weather to attend the Aqua Zumba Club classes. Many of our year-round residents have enjoyed the splashing. singing and swaying to some of their favorite songs, and we are looking forward to welcoming our Snowbird members back to classes.

The benefits of dancing and exercising in the water include improved blood pressure, weight loss, and increased muscle strength and power. Because water creates drag and natural resistance when pushing, walking, jumping, and rebounding in the water, it will result in improved coordination. The lowimpact exercises offer a safe environment to improve and reach your health and fitness goals. The best part of participating in Aqua Zumba classes is the variety of music and friendships made.

The Aqua Zumba classes are held at Pool 3, from 2 to 3 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. All classes are free to residents and guests with passes. Why not join the Party and splash, laugh, and exercise with friends?

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Forsman Aqua Zumba Club, President and Certified Instructor

BAREFOOT ANGELS

The Barefoot Angels Volunteer Community Advocacy team is here to assist our neighbors. Intake assessments are performed by our volunteer nurses. If you know a resident in need, please have them or their family reach out to us.

We are also always recruiting volunteers to join us. We operate on a "neighbors helping neighbors" model. Orientation sessions are on the first Tuesday of each month from 6pm - 7:30pm in building D/E. Call or email to reserve your spot.

Contact info: 321-522-9321 Mon-Fri, from 9 am - 2 pm; email to barefootangels1@yahoo.com or visit our website at barefootangels.org.

BRIDGE

We have played Contract/Party bridge all summer long and have missed seeing you! We start at 6 PM. Till Jackie gets back from her summer up north, please contact Lois to get your seat reserved.

We play in Bldg C, next to Bldg A. Lois -- 772-664-1199 (it is a landline).

BRITISH CLUB

Well, this will be my last summer article before we start up our season in November. I'm happy to say that we will be back in town (God willing) for the October Summer Fun Night! I am looking forward to seeing

Tuesday, October 21, will be the last of our Summer Fun nights in building A. We will be starting up our winter season on November 18th.

For dinner, we will be having Salad, Chicken Parm, Spaghetti with Marinara

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sauce, Garlic Bread, and Tiramisu for des-

Cash bar opens at 5:00, and dinner will be served at 5:30. This is a great time to come out and enjoy a night with your friends, play some cards, and eat good food!

Tickets are \$15.00, and you do not need to be a member to attend - so bring a friend

Please contact Debbie O'Hara at 321-408-1687 by Thursday, October 16th, to get your tickets.

See you soon! Cheers,

Cyndie

CHESS CLUB

-12:00 every Wednesday.

All skill levels are welcome.

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

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB

Our September meeting was another lovely afternoon. I love listening to our prayer warrior, Gayle Black, as she opens us in prayer, reminding us of who we are and why we are there. First, it is to glorify the Lord; second, it is to show concern for orphans and widows. The children of this country are our future, and we need to make sure they are cared for. If everyone did just a little, what a different world we could make. The tables were decorated with cute pots, painted with ladies' faces. So cute. We have been gifted with a wonderful choir, led by Joyce Sweeney. They always do a wonderful job. A little bird told me they are currently working on our Christmas special. Since the Christmas luncheon is catered, it will be \$20. Reservations and payments must be made in advance, due by the November meeting. No walk-ins at the December luncheon. Dottie and her crew did a delicious taco bar. The desserts were served in tiny flower pots, and they looked like what they represented. Thanks to Myra for a wonderful job. I don't eat desserts, but I always bring mine home to my daughter; she loves them.

Our speaker is a missionary, Ann Trementozzi, from a ministry called Family of Hope. They are based in Jacksonville. Their goal is to help families that are dealing with children with disabilities. They also work with churches, telling us that most churches have no way of dealing with disabled people. The organization sends children to a camp at Lake Aurora, which is in Wales, Florida, for a week in the spring. There are other camps in other states. There is always a need for people to help, as well as donations to pay for the camp. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Ann at 321-489-9805.

Our next meeting is on October 13. Be sure to call Ruth at 772-202-4251 for a reservation or information on paying for the Christmas luncheon. God Bless each and every one!

Jane Fruscella, 772-202-4214

COMPUTER CLUB

The Computer Club will be welcoming members back after a long summer. Join us on Friday, September 26th, at 6:00 pm in Buildings D&E. We will have refreshments ready and will be available to answer individual questions that you may have. The program for this month will be looking at emails. How do you know if you should open the email- it is spam? We will also look at organizing emails, forwarding or replying, and how to delete those unwanted emails. What is the difference between archiving and deleting? Future program plans include the "cloud", photo editing, AI, and social media. Membership in the Computer Club gives you the opportunity to learn and share with others in a relaxed atmosphere. We are here to help you get more out of those everyday electronics, from computers to cell phones and beyond.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB

Our Club celebrated August with a cool Ice Cream social, which we do annually, but it seemed particularly good this year due to the awful heat. We also enjoyed participating in a nationwide project called MailStorm. We wrote notes and letters to our "favorite" politicians, and we repeated in September. We are gearing up for the fall with a series of speakers that should bring us some ideas as to what we are going to need to do for the midterm elections next year. There is so much going on in our world and state today that it is hard to know where to begin. We welcome any Democrats or NPA members in the Bay that would like to share ideas to help get the vote out next year.

To all those Democrats who don't know Chess Club meets in Building C, 8:30 we have a Democratic Club in Barefoot Bay, I urge you to look us up and consider getting involved for a very important upcoming midterm election cycle. See our email and phone number below if you have further

> Reminder: Everyone must renew the option of getting a Mail-In Ballot this year. 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: https://www.votebrevard. gov/Ballots-by-Mail/Request-a-Mail-Ballot or call 321-633-2127 to request one!

> We meet monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 3:30 pm in Building D next to the 19th Hole. 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 vour visit.

GARDEN CLUB

The Barefoot Bay Garden Club's First Meet and Greet of the season will be held on October 15. Join us in Building D&E at 9 am. Bring a plant for a plant exchange! Coffee and Tea served.

GERMAN CLUB

And just like that, our summer has passed, and we are starting a new season for the German club.

Our first meeting will be held Oct. 28, 2025, in Building "A". Happy hour will be at 5:00 p.m. Our meal this month is Homemade Chicken Noodle soup with a Sandwich bar, salad, and rolls. The cost this month is only \$13.00. To reserve your tickets, please contact Mary Ann Hosetter at 772/664-3748. If she does not answer, please leave a message, and she will return your call. This is going to be a "Game Night". The game requires 3 quarters per game, and we might play 2 or 3 games.

On behalf of myself and our great food team, Debbie Zglobis and Kathy Ford, our goal is to provide great meals at an affordable price with good fellowship.

We welcome all Barefoot Bay residents to join our club; you do not have to be German to join. Membership is \$15.00 per year. You can join at any meeting held on the 4th Tuesday of the month, except for December this year. You may also contact Debbie Zglobis at 860/383-5089 for membership.

Please Make Note: This year's Christmas Dinner will be held on Friday, Dec. 19th. Our normal meeting night would be too close to Christmas, and members will be traveling.

This will be my first season serving as your President. We have structured a new Board of Directors and new Committees. With these changes, we are looking forward to an exciting, fun-filled season.

In closing, may I say:

und viel Vergnügen - German for: It is my pleasure to serve as your President.

Looking forward to seeing you on Oct.

Manfred (Manny) Kolz

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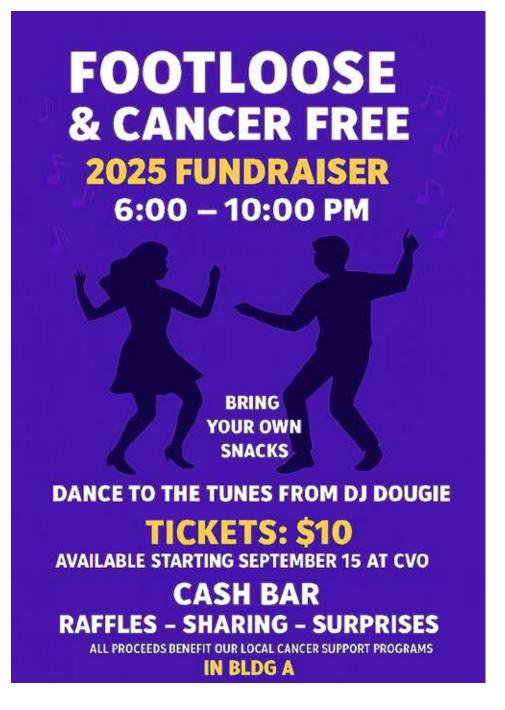


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GRANT HISTORICAL HOUSE

It's coming up soon! What? The Annual Pioneer Fish Fry at the Bensen House. So mark your calendar for October 11, 2025, for 4:30 PM. Come and enjoy a delicious meal including fish, hushpuppies, coleslaw, cheese grits, collard greens, baked beans, dessert, and beverage. Tickets are \$18.00 for adults and \$9.00 for children and are available at the House.

The Bensen House is located at 5795 US 1 S, Grant. FL.

For information, call 321-723-854. Rain location - 4580 1st Street, Grant, FL.

GREEN THUMB CLUB

Green Thumb Garden Club is excited about starting a new season of sweet and savory rewards. Lots of our members are dreaming and preparing the beds for their future bounty. Pretty soon, the beautiful vegetables will be buttered, fried, baked, or boiled onto our tables. If you have been considering working your own (approximately) 10-foot by 20-foot lot, let us know. For information or to adopt a plot, text 603-520-9552 or contact the Barefoot Bay Green Thumb Garden Club on Facebook, or join us at 9 am on the first Saturday of every month (from October to April) behind the Softball Field on Wren Cir.

IRISH CLUB

Hello Irish Club,

Hope you all had a wonderful summer. We're looking forward to seeing everyone very soon. As we approach another fun year ahead, our 1st event will be on October 12th, 2025.

Irish Club Bingo: Building A, 3:30 PM. Pizza, salad, dessert.

\$15.00 a ticket!!! (includes bingo cards

Tickets will be sold at the 19th hole bandstand outside from 2 pm. - 4 pm Tuesday, September 30th.

Any questions, please contact Michelle Donnelly. 508-269-3933.

For those who are traveling to Florida soon, be safe.

See you all soon!

ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB

Thank you for the great turnout for our pizza night in August. September's pizza night will be on September 25 in Building E at 5:00 PM. This will be our last pizza night before starting our regular meetings in Builsing A on October 22. It's always the fourth Wednesday of the month. This is our welcome back meeting for our seasonal members. The dinner for October is our oh so popular "Pot Luck." So, get your kitchens warmed up and bring your favorite dish to share with the membership. While you're at it, bring your neighbors or friends. We could use a few new members. October is also our annual nominations and elections of officers. These offices, which are available, do not consume a great deal of time. I could use some help. Thank you, and I'll see you soon. Ron Fashano/President

JEWISH CLUB

Welcome back to the Jewish Social Club. We hope your summer was enjoyable. 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.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 3:30 pm at our home. All are welcome, but please RSVP.

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

Shalom (Peace)

LAGOON ARTISANS

LABB kicks off its season with special events at its October 8th meeting. First is a new member drive. Artists new to Barefoot Bay or just looking to reboot their art career should join us at this meeting. The second special event is a Leoma Lovegrove tribute.

In honor of Leoma, we encourage club members to wear any of her fashion merchandise they might have. We will be taking a group photo for the Tattler. Second, members are invited to participate in a Leoma Lovegrave painting contest with a \$50 prize. The challenge is to paint an 11 x 14 or larger canvas in Leoma's brilliant style.

Our first show is a two-day holiday show on Saturday, November 22nd, and Sunday, November 23rd, the same weekend as Candy Cane Lane. The others are January 25th with the CVO Car Show; February 2nd; and April 4th. All are in Building A from 10 to 3. Shows are free to the public and include music, refreshments, and a silent auction.

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. Luncheons are held after several meetings at local restaurants.

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. Bring three samples of your work to be juried into the club. Membership is just \$15! We enjoy meeting new artists, so join us.

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

Dan Martin, Secretary 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 meets on Thursday mornings in Building A from October 1, 2025, through May 2026. The instructor will be Dona Gionet.

The schedule will be:

9:00-11 am- Beginner class with instruction.

10:30 am to 11:00 am- Improver level with open dances 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 will go to the Veterans in the Bay at the end of the season.

*Please note: Time will now be 9 am to 11 am. This year is shaping up to be an exciting one! Dona is planning to introduce more dances and has several fun and engaging activities in store. Come one and all.

The October 2025 schedule will be on October 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30.

See you on the dance floor

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

LITTLE THEATER

Love the spotlight—or the magic behind the scenes? The Barefoot Bay Little Theater Club is calling theater lovers of all kinds! Whether you're a seasoned performer or backstage hand, or just curious to try something new, our fun and welcoming group has a role for everyone. Join us as we bring stories to life, build friendships, and share laughter and creativity with our community. No experience necessary—just a passion for the arts and a love for a good time! Contact Lorri Cook at 772-538-7605 or email to: friendsfan481@yahoo.com

LOL YOUTH GROUP

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NEW YORK CLUB

Hello New Yorkers, and welcome back snowbirds. Another season is upon us, and our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 4th. Since it is Election Day, we will be meeting in Building D&E. (All other meetings will be in Building A.) Doors open at five, and dinner is at 6. As always, our first meeting will be a potluck. Please bring a dish or dessert to share. A cash bar will be available. Membership dues are \$10 pp and must be paid by our January meeting. December dinner tickets will be on sale at our November meeting. The cost is \$20 pp.

For those who have purchased tickets for Singing in the Rain, they will be available for pick up at the meetings.

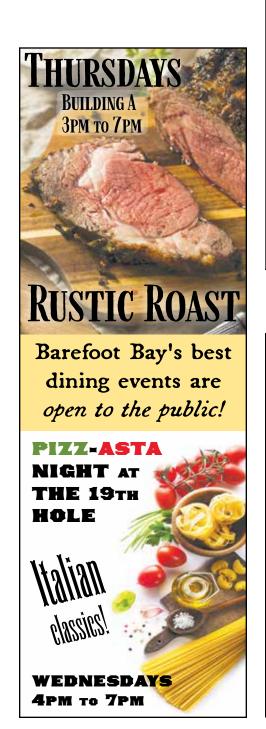
If you have lived or worked in New York at any time, please consider joining us. For further information, please call Bob at 772-202-4139.

We look forward to seeing you all!

Bob Kahl

OPEN MIC

Hello Music Lovers! The weather is getting better, so our Tuesday shows will be back outside under the Oaks by pool 2. This past month, the Open Mic Club performed at the 19th hole, and we hope some of you were able to enjoy the music on those days. We are all really excited about being outside and playing under the Oaks again. We hope you can join us. Please check our FB page Barefoot Bay Open Mike Club for any changes of venue, whether it's under the Oaks at Pool 2 or in the Lounge, and to find out where your favorite Open Mic Players are performing outside the Bay. We still have T-shirts for sale with all proceeds going to charities here in the Bay. So 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 for spending your Tuesday afternoons with us.



ORGAN, KEYBOARD, AND PIANO CLUB

We hope everyone had a great summer, and we are looking forward to the upcoming year of music. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, October 22nd, at 1:00 pm in Blda A

Rollin Rice, President 802-299-9230

WHITE CAPS

It's that time again, summer has gone, and we are welcoming the comforts of fall. And, our Beloved snowbirds are making their way back to the bay.

Barefoot Bay Nurses Group (the original name) started in 1962 when a group of dedicated nurses established it. They got together for lunch in their homes. Originally, they had various speakers come to their functions, but that slowly stopped. It is just great to hear all the stories we nurses experienced through our many encounters and specialties.'

We are now an officially registered club in BFB. Woot Woot! Which means we will now be included in the BFB club list, so the word gets out that we welcome old and new members. I would like to invite Nurses who live in BFB to join us on the second Wednesday of the month for lunch.

October 8th lunch will be at The Pelican Diner, 100 Brush Foot Drive, Sebastian, 32958, at 1 PM.

Please call or text Sandie at 716-445-8815 or Jan at 772-664-5531 if you're attending by October 3rd, so I can make reservations. Also, let us know if you need directions or a ride.





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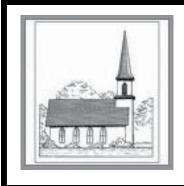
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CHURCH NEWS

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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www.BarefootLutheran.com

Several weeks ago, Pastor Jim asked us if we remembered studying the 10 Commandments, could we name them, and even more embarrassing, could we put them in numerical order? There weren't many volunteers! He went on to remind us that naming and numbering the Commandments was not nearly as important as knowing what they meant to us. For the Sunday messages until Advent, we will be learning more. You are welcome to join us at 10:30 am each Sunday morning. You can also find the message at www.Barefootlutheran.

We are looking forward to joining with our community at the Trunk or Treat Halloween event again this year. It is a joy to see so many families joining together for this event. The Flea Market and Bake Sale will be on Saturday, November 8th. If you would like to register as a vendor, please call the church office (772-664-1104). Our parking lot location provides easy setup for vendors, ample parking for shoppers, and a solid surface for walkers. Our location at 300 Barefoot Boulevard is convenient and highly visible. The Bake Sale will offer lots of delicious home-baked goods. Proceeds from the Bake Sale are used to support local charities in our own area. There will be a basket to collect canned goods or personal care items for the Roseland Food Pantry as well. We hope to see you there.

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The Kite

I first heard this fable from Rev. Earl Palmer twenty years ago. I was delighted to hear him again recently through a DVD lecture on Romans. I share it with you gladly. Once upon a time, there was a kite. It flew well. It flew high. Then one day, while flying high, the kite looked up and thought: "How nice it would be if I could go further up, above all the other kites around me." He tried to go up, but he felt himself being pulled down by the string. Frustrated, he said to himself, "Oh, this string! It's a nuisance. If only I could be free of this string, I could fly into heaven itself." One day, while up in the air, in its eagerness for freedom, the kite pulled with all its strength, and surprisingly, this time, the string snapped, and at last, it became free! But his joy and excitement were very short-lived. To his surprise and dismay, he found himself going down and down, instead of soaring up into heaven. He crashed. The poor kite was not aware that the very string that pulled on him was the one that held him high in the air! Religion, interestingly, comes from the Latin religio, meaning to bind. Religion, rightly practiced, helps us fly.

Rev. Jeff Wood



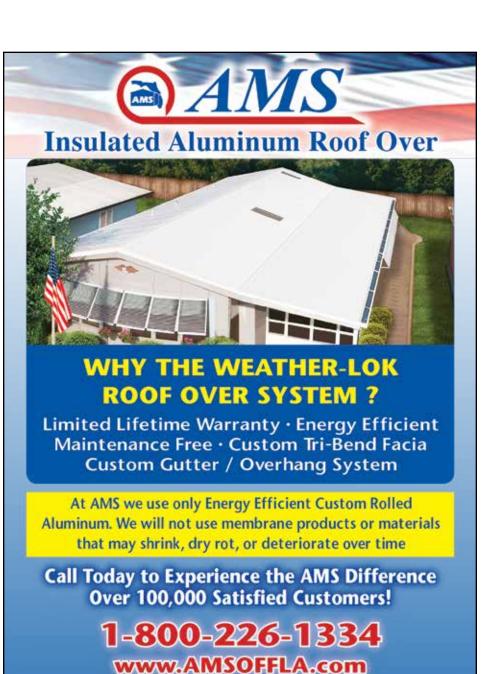
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Obituary

Marion D. Slaipoh

Marion D. Slaipoh, 80, of Barefoot Bay, Florida, passed away surrounded by loved ones. Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Marion was the cherished daughter of Bill Nigro and Mary Simeone. She attended Sacred Heart Catholic School, where her lifelong devotion to faith and learning began.

A proud member of St. Luke's Catholic Church in Barefoot Bay, Marion lived her life with grace, compassion, and creativity. Marion was also a member of the Barefoot Bay Art Guild. She found joy in painting, cooking, and sharing her talents with those around her. Her warmth filled every room, and her meals were always served with love.

Marion dedicated many years to Pittsburgh National Bank, where she served as Platform Manager with diligence and care. Her colleagues remember her as a steady presence, always ready with a kind word and a helping hand.

She was preceded in death by her beloved parents, Bill and Mary Nigro. Marion is survived by her devoted husband of 55 years, Louis Slaipoh, whose love and partnership were the foundation of a beautiful life together.



A viewing will be held on Sunday, August 24, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Strunk Funeral Home in Sebastian, Florida. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow on Monday, August 25, at 12:00 PM at St. Luke's Catholic Church in Barefoot Bay.

In honor of Marion's generous spirit, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Her legacy lives on in the hearts of all who knew her. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.









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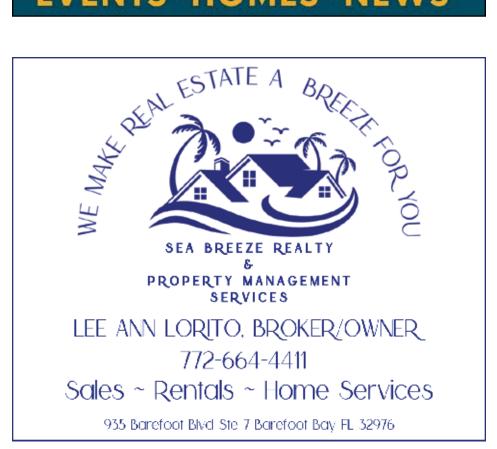












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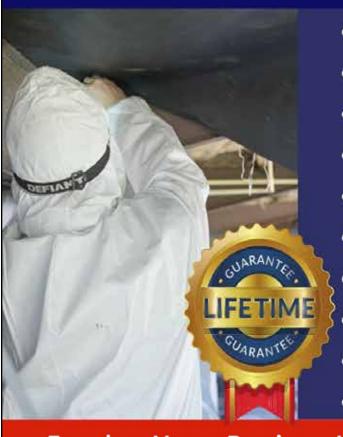
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