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Proclamation

Declaring Barefoot Bay a Pyrate Republic on October 3, 2026

WHEREAS, in 1715, Spanish galleons laden with gold and silver were shipwrecked by a hurricane off Florida's coast, scattering riches along the shores now known as the Treasure Coast; and

WHEREAS, pirates and privateers were drawn to these waters in search of the fleet's salvaged fortune, becoming part of the legends and maritime history of our region; and

WHEREAS, the community of Barefoot Bay embraces the spirit of adventure, camaraderie, imagination, and good-natured fun; and

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2026, Barefoot Bay will hoist the colors and transform into a swashbuckling haven of pyrates, privateers, scallywags, treasure hunters, and merrymakers; and

WHEREAS, this celebration offers residents, guests, families, and friends an opportunity to come together while celebrating the colorful history and folklore of Florida's Treasure Coast;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that, on the 3rd day of October 2026, Barefoot Bay officially declares itself the

PYRATE REPUBLIC OF BAREFOOT BAY

and calls upon all residents, visitors, and fellow adventurers to hoist the sails, join the crew, and embrace the spirit of adventure.

Let the cannons roar, the flags fly, the treasures be bountiful, and the merriment begin!

PROCLAIMED this 22nd day of September 2026.

Barefoot Bay Recreation District,

Elaine Van Berschot, Chairwoman

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7:30 PM • Crowning of the Pyrate King & Queen

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From The Quarterdeck

Shiver me timbers! Our normally respectable community has been overtaken by pyrates—and they have raided The Tattler as well. In their honor, we have given this issue the look of an old seaside broadside, complete with proclamations, weathered parchment and a map of the new Republic.

For one glorious day, perhaps we can set aside the news, worries and matters beyond our control. On Saturday, October 3, Barefoot Bay's landlubbers will mingle with buccaneers, scallywags and assorted rogues from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. The Lake Stage will have live music, and Skallywag's marketplace is open for all to enjoy.

If you happen to be anywhere near the Bay, we could use your support. Barefoot Bay is open to the public, and both admission and parking are free. Come low tide or high water. Bring yourself and your crew, dressed in your finest pyrate garb—or come exactly as you are.

There will be music, food, drink, merchants, mischief, and plenty of community spirit. Grab a turkey leg, sample the grub, enjoy a little rum, and watch as one worthy rogue is crowned Pyrate King and another Pyrate Queen. Mostly, come enjoy Barefoot Bay the way we enjoy it — friendly, welcoming and just a little wild and crazy every now and then. Before setting sail through the rest of the issue, consult the official map of the Republic on the back page. Those searching for the District Entertainment Calendar will find it safely hidden on the inside back page.

Enjoy the voyage—and the rest of The Tattler.

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A Word From the CVO

How do we know that October is arriving in Florida? Pumpkin Spice flavors everything you purchase this month! Closest spots around are Holy Cannoli, our own Lounge, and 19th Hole!

The CVO is back in the office and we are readying ourselves for another busy fall. We do have a request from our Board Member, Peter Carey. Peter is looking for volunteers to drive the CVO Van for senior residents to attend a free lunch at the Micco Community Center. This program runs Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. – 1 p.m. And on Thursdays, following the luncheon program, we offer seniors a ride as far south as Walmart for one hour of shopping. Please… we need volunteers! There are no special licenses needed, and all that is required is to volunteer for 3 hours, 1 day a week. Interested parties can call Peter directly at 631-747-5612 or leave a message at the CVO office at 772-663-0633.

Another volunteer request. We have a program called "Safe At Home". This program provides a daily phone call 5 days a week to residents who would just like a neighborly "well-being" call. A volunteer will call each day at a given time that you choose, just to say hello and make sure things are good with you. You will be asked to provide a 2nd number, be that a friend, neighbor, or family member. This number will be used only if your assigned volunteer cannot get you on the phone. If after this step, you are still unavailable, an actual well-being check will be provided in person... at your door. This has proven to be quite a successful program, with many of the volunteers becoming friends who look forward to speaking with one another. So, bottom line, we are looking for volunteers who wish to be that "friendly voice" each morning, and we are extending our hand to those of you who would like to be on the receiving end of that friendly phone call. Maybe you know someone who would like this service. Please give us a call and leave a message for Sue Reddy at 772-663-0633.

Upcoming Dates:

October 3, 2026 – Barefoot Bay's Rise of the Pyrate Republic, Saturday 11-9 p.m.

October 7, 2026 – CVO Bingo – A Bldg. – Doors open 5 p.m. Starts 6:00 p.m

October 26, 2026 – Thanksgiving Dinner Tickets on sale in CVO office $22 each

October 29, 2026 - Town Hall – Bldg. D & E – 1:00 p.m.

October 31, 2026 – Trunk or Treat – Sat. from 2 p.m. till 4 p.m. Free hot dogs for kiddos.

Cars and carts arrive by 1:30 p.m.

November 3, 2026 – Election Day – Bldg. A 7a.m. -7 p.m.

Hurricane Season is also upon us at Barefoot Bay. Make sure you are ready and prepared. Stay safe and enjoy our community.

"We can't fix everything. But we can make a difference where we are." - Dolly Parton

Elaine VanBerschot

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A Word From Your
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BOT Happenings

August 13, 2026 Meeting Highlights:

The Board of Trustees considered DOR Violation 26-002148 involving a dog attack that occurred on June 22, 2026. Staff provided the Board with veterinary records, photographs, citations issued by Brevard County Animal Services, a Sheriff's Office report, and a response from the other dog owner. Trustees discussed the District's leash requirements and whether other pet provisions applied. Several trustees expressed concern that there was insufficient information to determine exactly what occurred and noted that both dogs were injured. General Counsel Olsen explained that while the Board has the authority to conduct a violation hearing, the matter could be referred to the Violations Committee for review. Following discussion, the Board unanimously voted to return the matter to the Violations Committee for review and determination.

DOR violations for 325 Egret Circle, 1025 Wren Circle, and 403 Barefoot Blvd. were referred to General Counsel for legal action, equitable or other appropriate action for failure to comply.

The Board of Trustees discussed a proposal from Apex Water and Ice to place a filtered water and ice vending machine on District property. The machine would provide filtered water and ice, generate possible revenue for the District, and could serve as an emergency resource during hurricanes if connected to a generator. Trustees discussed potential locations, including near Building A and the Memorial Garden, as well as concerns regarding liability, insurance, health regulations, maintenance, and the District's involvement in a business arrangement. General Counsel Olsen offered to further review the legal and liability considerations, while staff will meet with the vendor to discuss the proposed location, installation requirements, and other details. The Board reached consensus that it is interested in learning more about the proposal before making a decision.

Regarding the lawsuit with Brevard County concerning the Interlocal Agreement, General Counsel Olsen reported that he has contacted the County Attorney's Office in an effort to resolve the matter without further litigation but has not yet received a response. He is continuing work on a renewed Motion for Summary Judgment and the stipulated facts requested by the court, with a goal of filing both by the end of October. A hearing is tentatively anticipated for mid-October.

August 25, 2026 Meeting Highlights:

DOR violations for 910 Oleander Circle and 1121 Tequesta Drive were referred to General Counsel for legal action, equitable or other appropriate action, for failure to comply.

The Board of Trustees unanimously approved Resolution 2026-11, authorizing the certification of the District's FY2026/27 Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll. The required certification must be submitted to the Brevard County Tax Collector by the September 15 deadline. The assessment roll reflects an increase in assessable lots from 4,861 to 4,864, resulting in a difference between the budgeted assessment total and the final assessment roll.

District Manager Cichon provided updates on several Property Services projects. To address condensation issues in Building D/E and the 19th Hole, two existing HVAC units will be replaced with one 10-ton unit, and additional insulation will be installed above the ceiling tiles and below the roof line. The Board reached consensus to use available funds from the ceiling tile project to cover the estimated $3,000–$5,000 insulation cost.

Staff also reported that Property Services will work with BrightView in late September to reconfigure the lawn bowling irrigation system, with BrightView providing parts and expertise and District staff providing the labor. For the upcoming season, BrightView recommends overseeding and mowing the area level. A more extensive option, including laser leveling and Bimini Bermuda sod, is estimated at $28,440, while lower-cost alternatives are being explored. Updated pricing will be presented to the Board, and Trustee Grunow emphasized the importance of beginning the irrigation work as soon as possible.

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

BOT Regular Meeting: Thursday, October 8, 2026, Bldg. D & E, 1 p.m.

BOT Regular Meeting: Tuesday, October 27, 2026, Bldg. D & E, 1:00 p.m.

Next BOT Townhall Meeting: Thursday, October 29, 2026, Bldg. D/E, 1 pm.

BOT Regular Meeting: Thursday, November 12, 2026, Bldg. D & E, 1:00 p.m.

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We also encourage everyone to develop an Aging Plan—what we affectionately call *"Getting Your Ducks in a Row."* Through free educational programs, Helping Seniors shares information about health and wellness, legal and financial planning, staying safely at home, senior living, transportation, Medicare, caregiving, technology, scam prevention, and more.

While our Senior Resource Center is located in Melbourne, Helping Seniors serves people throughout Brevard County—including our neighbors in Barefoot Bay and South Brevard. Our Helpline is just a telephone call away.

If you are a senior, caregiver, family member, or simply helping a friend or neighbor, you don't need to have all the answers before calling.

Sometimes you just need a good place to begin.

Call 321-473-7770 or visit HelpingSeniorsofBrevard.org.

Helping Seniors of Brevard — helping our community Get Their Ducks in a Row!

We recommend you join us on Facebook for detailed, up-to-date information and analysis that we simply cannot 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 readers 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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News for Gen A and Gen Z

Hi teens, guardians, and residents!

LOL Teen Night resumes September 25th for Barefoot Bay teens ages 14-17, 6 - 8 p.m., at the Pavilion. We will be preparing our Pyrate booth on October 2nd. Teens can join our group chat by texting 360-566-3427.

LOL is excited to participate in Barefoot Bay's Rise of the Republic, Saturday, October 3, 2026, in the Scallywag Market! We will be applying temporary tattoos, braiding hair, and playing with bubbles. Kids of all ages should stop by our booth. Thanks, Barefoot Bay Recreation District, for inviting us to participate!

We are looking for teen and adult volunteers to help run our Pyrate booth. Teens 13 - 17 can earn school volunteer hours during this event. Watch for more details on our "Volunteers of LOL" Facebook group. Arrrrrrr!

Mark your calendars - LOL Art Club resumes November 7th for ages 8-17.

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Wednesday mornings. 9 a.m. to Noon. Claims help and benefit Information. Meet with veteran center staff who can assist based on their knowledge base. Afternoon is Movie Time. Showtime starts at 2 p.m. The schedule for October is on the bulletin board outside the veteran community center and the bulletin board outside Building A.

Friday 9 a.m. till noon: Claims help and information; afternoon 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Card game Euchre.

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

October 1, 2026: Orlando VA Invites Veterans to "Take Charge" at the 2026 Mental Health Summit. (more info see footnote section).

October 2, 2026: Domestic Violence Awareness Month (more info see footnote section).

October 7, 2001: The war in Afghanistan and Operation Enduring Freedom officially began.

October 13, 1775: The U.S. Navy was established by the Continental Congress.

October 16, 2026: On October 16, employees, Veterans, and community partners are invited to "Turn the VA Purple" in solidarity with survivors of domestic violence. The highlight of the month will be the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Resource Fair, held at the Orlando VA Medical Center in Lake Nona from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Attendees can also take the White Ribbon Pledge, reaffirming their commitment to ending sexual harassment, sexual assault, and domestic violence across the VA.

October 19, 1781: British General Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, effectively ending the final major battle of the American Revolution.

October 20th 2026: Tuesday American Legion Post 366 general meeting in Building D of the Barefoot Bay Recreation District government buildings. Agenda includes installation of officers by the district commander, presentation of draft bylaws for revision, Veterans Day, and golf tournament planning.

October 23, 1983: The Beirut barracks bombing occurred in Lebanon, marking a tragic loss for U.S. and French service members.

October 26: National Day of the Deployed, honoring service members stationed away from home. Wear the RED shirt day.

October 27: Navy Day, established in 1922 to celebrate the naval service.

Footnote Section.

Oct. 1st, the event is designed to help Veterans better understand the services and support available to them while providing an opportunity to hear directly from VA professionals who work in several areas of care. Whether a Veteran is already receiving care, has questions about available resources, or simply wants to learn more about navigating VA services, the summit offers a place to connect and get answers. Ask your local VSO for rideshare info.

October 2, 2026: Orlando VA Healthcare System (OVAHCS) is proud to recognize Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) this October by hosting a series of educational and awareness events across its clinics and medical centers. These events aim to raise awareness about the impact of domestic violence, promote prevention efforts, and connect Veterans, families, and staff with available resources and support systems.

Palm Bay Clinic will host a tabling event from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The Viera Clinic will host a tabling event from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Helpful Tips: Next month, see "Chronic Illnesses and what to do about them."

Written by Ray Osborne. Veteran Osborne got his first writing gig while serving aboard a submarine tender in the US Navy. Since that time, he has written dozens of articles on a variety of topics including local history, self-help, events, health matters, and more. He enjoys serving the veteran community with his Veteran-Owned Business as an independent health insurance broker. He is also the 1st Vice Commander of the Veterans Council of Barefoot Bay (321) 345-1715.

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Remembering Michael Monahan

By Rob Allan



Not everyone in our lives is a close friend. Some are simply familiar faces who become part of our routine without us ever realizing how much we'll miss them.

Michael Monahan passed away recently after his fight with cancer.

Many of you may not recognize his name. To be honest, I didn't either when his sister let us know on social media that Mike had passed away. Then I saw his picture and immediately knew exactly who he was.

For years, Mike worked at the convenience store at Midway Road and Barefoot Boulevard. I'd stop in, and we'd talk for a few minutes about whatever happened to come up that day. There were no deep conversations or great discussions about the meaning of life. We just talked about different stuff. Mike was always relaxed, friendly, and easy to talk to.

You appreciate these little relationships you build up over time, although sometimes you don't realize they're gone. Someone changes jobs, moves away, gets sick, or simply disappears from your regular routine.

A few months ago, I happened to see Mike again after not seeing him for quite some time. There was that immediate smile of recognition you have when you unexpectedly run into someone who used to be a regular part of your day. We talked for a bit, and Mike told me about the cancer. We didn't linger on it. It was simply great to see him again.

I didn't know Mike well. But I knew him.

There are probably a lot of people around Barefoot Bay who could say exactly the same thing.

We'll miss you, Mike.





Bay Vets Support "Operation Dover Detail"

Do you have a serviceable military dress uniform that you no longer need and are wondering what to do with it? Does your uniform no longer fit, but it deserves more honor than just throwing it away? Do you have any serviceable uniform parts that you are willing to part ways with? By donating your serviceable uniform and/or uniform parts, you can help honor a fallen hero, allowing their loved ones to witness them being laid to rest in the uniform they once wore with pride.

The Dover Detail gets its name from the Air Force base in Delaware where those killed overseas are traditionally brought before being transferred to family. Veterans want the final tribute to be proper — the right uniform that they would have worn, the right medals, the right awards and decorations, the right patches.

Many veterans, their family and/or friends may not have access to an accurate and complete military dress uniform due to many factors such as the ability to locate the veteran's service uniform, the prohibitive costs of a service uniform, not being familiar with the branch's service uniform regulations, etc. That is where The Dover Detail comes in. Located in Titusville, the Dover Detail will, at no charge to the veteran or their family, provide the veteran with an accurate and complete service dress uniform for their burial.

Do you have any parts of a military service dress uniform? (Please, no camo, ABUs, BDUs, fatigues, or flight suits.) If so, please drop them off at the Barefoot Bay Veterans Gathering Center, located at 931 Barefoot Boulevard, next to the Water District Offices. Our Veteran Service Officers will forward your donation to the Titusville headquarters.

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Lagoon Artisans Featured Artist Georgene Granholm





Georgene Granholm is the current President of Lagoon Artisans and served as secretary of the club for many years. She is proud of the accomplishments of the club and is thrilled to be working with so many exciting local artists. She is a founding member of the Lagoon Artisans of Barefoot Bay.

She began painting 30 years ago. Over the years, she has taken hundreds of professional art classes in portraiture, landscape, and abstract art. Georgene paints using oils and acrylics and enjoys focusing on portraiture and nature. She is inspired by beautiful smiles, bright eyes, and soulful expressions.

Georgene enjoys painting large-scale, bright paintings employing tropical themes. She is equally adept at painting miniatures.

She is also a member of the Vero Beach Art Club, the Portrait Society of America, and the Strawbridge Art League, where her art can be seen at the Strawbridge Art Gallery in Melbourne.


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The Hurricane Season That Didn't Happen — So Far

Two years after Florida endured three hurricane landfalls in little more than two months, the Atlantic has produced six tropical storms—and not one hurricane.

By Rob Allan

What a difference two years can make. In 2024, Florida was hit by Hurricanes Debby, Helene and Milton in the span of just 66 days. Residents barely had time to clean up from one storm before the next appeared on the map.

This year, we keep opening those maps and finding almost nothing.

As of Saturday morning, September 19, the Atlantic had produced six named storms. Every one remained a tropical storm. Not one reached the 74 mph wind speed required to become a hurricane.

That is more than a slow start. We have already passed the statistical peak of hurricane season without seeing the season's first hurricane, something that has never happened during the modern satellite era.

In 1941, the Atlantic's first hurricane finally reached hurricane strength on September 21. 2026 will match or pass a benchmark that has stood for 85 years.

Only two Atlantic seasons—1907 and 1914—are officially recorded as having produced no hurricanes at all. Both came long before weather satellites and routine aircraft reconnaissance, when storms over the open ocean could simply be missed.

Warm Water Wasn't Enough

The Atlantic has not lacked warm water. It has lacked a cooperative atmosphere.

A strengthening El Niño has helped produce persistent wind shear across the tropical Atlantic and Caribbean. Wind shear changes the speed or direction of the wind at different heights. A developing storm needs its thunderstorms stacked over the same center. Strong shear tilts that structure apart before the circulation can strengthen.

Dry air and pockets of sinking air have added to the problem. Several systems managed to earn names near land, but none found the combination of moisture, organization, and favorable upper-level winds needed to become a hurricane.

Put simply, the ocean supplied the fuel. The atmosphere kept knocking over the engine.

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Florida Is Clear—for Now

The official Atlantic hurricane season continues through November 30, which means nearly ten weeks remain on the calendar. The more meaningful window for Florida is shorter, but it would be foolish to declare the season finished in September.

Late-season storms can still develop in the western Caribbean or Gulf, sometimes much closer to land and with considerably less warning. A quiet season also does not guarantee a harmless one. The famously quiet 1992 season produced only seven named storms. One of them was Hurricane Andrew.

It only takes one.

That means the sensible advice has not changed:

- Keep the basic hurricane supplies you already have.
- Continue watching the National Hurricane Center, not social-media speculation.
- Do not panic over every colored X that appears thousands of miles away.

There is a difference between staying prepared and spending the next ten weeks living as though a storm is already outside the door.

A Historic Bust—and Nobody Is Complaining

After 2024, this season's silence feels almost impossible. Debby, Helene and Milton brought three Florida landfalls in rapid succession. Even communities far from the centers dealt with flooding, wind, tornadoes, cleanup, and the exhausting ritual of watching every forecast cone.

Two years later, the Atlantic has reached the middle of September without producing a single hurricane.

The season is not over. The coast is not invulnerable. But every quiet day now pushes Florida a little farther through the calendar and a little closer to the safer side of hurricane season.

For the moment, the biggest hurricane story of 2026 is the hurricane that still has not formed.

The Bottom Line

No hurricane has formed in the Atlantic this season, and the disturbance currently being watched is far from Florida. Keep your preparations in place—but enjoy the empty forecast map while it lasts.

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When the Oaks Are Gone

They have shaded Barefoot Bay's original entrance for decades. But as our stately old oaks are lost to storms, age, and decay, who is planting the trees that will someday replace them?

By Rob Allan

Another of Barefoot Bay's stately oak trees may have reached the end of its life.

Sometime during the early morning hours over the weekend, an enormous limb broke from an oak along Midway, near Barefoot Bay's original entrance. It fell across the grass and into the roadway, bringing down a tremendous amount of the tree with it.

Had a car, golf cart, bicycle, or pedestrian been beneath it at that moment, the outcome could have been very different.

Fortunately, the road was empty.

What the break revealed, however, may be even more significant than the fallen limb itself.

Inside a tree that still carried an enormous green canopy was extensive deterioration. From a distance, the oak still looked magnificent. Up close, the broken section told another story.

With such a substantial portion of the tree now gone and much of its remaining weight extending in the opposite direction, its future is uncertain. It may ultimately have to come down.

The Road Beneath the Oaks

For longtime residents, the oaks along Midway are more than landscaping.

They are part of Barefoot Bay.

Midway was the original entrance into the community, and its oaks have grown with Barefoot Bay. Their massive branches stretch outward over the grass and roadway. During the summer, the canopies of neighboring trees nearly meet, shading much of the road beneath them.

They have stood through decades of Florida heat, thunderstorms, hurricanes, and changing generations of residents.

Some have not survived.

Storms have claimed several over the years. Others have disappeared because of age or condition.

And slowly, almost imperceptibly, there are fewer of them.

"Every time one of these old oaks disappears and nothing takes its place, we lose something that cannot be replaced in our lifetime." - The Oaks of Midway

That raises a question worth asking now, rather than decades from now when the answer becomes obvious.

Are we replacing them?

Beauty, Shade — and Risk

There are legitimate reasons to be cautious about enormous trees growing alongside roads, homes and other structures.

Roots can lift pavement and curbs. Large limbs can fall. Hurricanes place tremendous loads on mature trees. And, as this weekend's failure demonstrates, a tree can contain structural deterioration that is not readily apparent to someone driving beneath it.

But that does not make Florida's oak trees undesirable.

Quite the opposite.

University of Florida research has repeatedly identified live oak as one of Florida's more wind-resistant tree species. Properly located and maintained, live oaks can survive for generations.

Their enormous crowns cool streets and yards, provide habitat for wildlife, and create a landscape that simply cannot be duplicated by ornamental shrubs or small replacement trees.

Shade itself has value in Florida. A mature canopy reduces the amount of direct sunlight

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striking pavement, vehicles, homes, and people. Anyone who has traveled beneath Midway's oaks on a hot summer afternoon already understands the difference.

There is also something harder to measure.

Mature trees give a place character.

Planting for Someone Else

Perhaps that is the part of this discussion we too easily overlook.

The person who plants an oak is rarely the person who receives its greatest benefit.

A young oak planted along Midway today will not replace the canopy of the tree we lost this weekend. Five years from now, it may still look relatively small beside the giants that remain.

Twenty or thirty years from now is another matter.

And fifty years from now, someone living in Barefoot Bay may drive beneath its branches without ever knowing who planted it.

That is precisely why replacement has to begin before the old trees are gone.

Waiting until the last mature oak along Midway dies guarantees a generation without the canopy we have today.

Safety and preservation do not have to be opposing ideas.

Trees that have become hazardous should be professionally evaluated and, when necessary, removed. Mature trees that remain healthy should be properly maintained. And where old trees are inevitably lost, thoughtful replacement can begin the cycle again.

The oak damaged this weekend may be beyond saving. If so, losing it will be understandable. A compromised tree of this size cannot be allowed to threaten residents simply because it is beautiful.

But its loss should also remind us of something.

These trees are not permanent.

Neither are the others lining Midway.

Every one of them will eventually come down.

The question is what we leave growing behind them.



A familiar landmark changed overnight. A massive section of this oak along Midway broke away during the early morning hours. Fortunately, no one was traveling beneath it when it fell.

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY #366

Dear members, there was an error in our last article regarding our next member meeting. That date should be October 20, 2026, at 1 PM in Building E. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Sue Reddy

AMERICAN LEGION POST 366

Barefoot Bay American Legion Post 366 will resume regular meetings on Tuesday, October 20. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1 PM in Building D. The agenda includes installation of officers by the district commander, presentation of draft bylaws for revision, Veterans Day, and golf tournament planning. The after-meeting snack will be pizza. 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 - Wednesday, November 11, 1100, "under the oaks."

Post/Auxiliary Christmas Party - Tuesday, December 15, 1400, Building D/E

Veterans Meet and Greet Picnic - Saturday, January 16, 1130-1330, Building A pavilion.

Sandy Lobello Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament – Saturday, February 6, with morning (0800) and afternoon (1300) starts.

Jeff Grunow
Commander

ARTISTS GUILD

Happy October from the Barefoot Bay Artists' Guild.

It's not too premature to announce that our 45th Annual "Art from the heart" Art Show will be held early this year. It will be on Sunday, November 1st from 10 am to 3 pm. Open to the public. Please tell all your friends. We have several brilliant Artists who will be showing and selling their magnificent works of art that they have been working on during the summer. Also, there will be a raffle for exceptional paintings that are donated by our talented members. Proceeds from the silent auction of small paintings will benefit the Barefoot Bay Community Fund. Through our workshops and Art Shows, we donate to the Barefoot Bay Community Fund and to the Barefoot Bay Church food pantries. This is a very sensational event that welcomes everyone who attends. Please mark your calendar.

Also, don't forget the Pirate Fest that we will be in on October 3rd. Look for a blue tent!

Until the next Tattler issue, stay safe and enjoy life's many blessings.

Bonnie J. Murphy

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 call 321-522-9321 M-F from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; email barefootangels1@yahoo.com or visit our website @barefootangels.org for more information.

Our Angels team is always recruiting volunteers to join us in supporting our residents. We operate on a "neighbors helping neighbors" model. Our next orientation is Tuesday 10/6 from 6 pm - 7:30 pm in Building D/E. Call/text or email to reserve your spot today. Phone: 321-522-9321. Email: barefootangels1@yahoo.com

BAREFOOT DANCERS

Come one, come all!!! Learn to Line Dance or improve your style! We are starting our new season the first Thursday in October.

The Barefoot Bay Line Dance Club meets on Thursday mornings in Building A, starting the first week of October. The Absolute beginner/ beginner Class (with step instructions) starts at 9:00 am and ends at 10:00 am. The improver level, with open dance requests, begins at 10:00 am and ends at 11:00 am. The instructor is Dona Gionet. The class costs only $5.00 for Barefoot Bay residents, and the non- resident cost is $10.00. Please remember to bring your badge each week.

Thanks again, Dona, for posting information on Facebook throughout the year.

Thank You To:
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BRIDGE MONDAY NIGHT

We play Contract Bridge all year long, so come join in. We start playing at 6 pm, but arrive a few minutes ahead. Contact Lois to sign up; it is a landline, so NO texting. 772-664-1199. We play in Bldg. C, which is next to the main Bldg. A and Pool 1.

BRITISH CLUB

October will be the last of our Summer Fun Nights, as we will be starting our 2026-2027 season next Month!

We will be meeting on Tuesday, October 20th, and will be having Salad, Chicken Parm, Spaghetti with Marinara sauce, garlic bread, and Tiramisu for dessert.

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

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

Our November meeting kicks off our 2026/2027 season and will be held on Tuesday, November 17th in Building A. We will have Roast Pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad, and apple crisp with ice cream for dessert.

Cocktails will begin at 4:45, and dinner will be served at 5:15. Since so many like to play cards and games after the meeting portion of our night, we are trying something a little different this year. On some nights, we will not have a DJ but will have a playlist with music that we can dance to or just have in the background. When we did the survey last year, the majority of you decided that this might be something we would like to try. Please give any of the board members your feedback, as this is your club and entertainment is flexible!

Tickets are $16.00 each for members and $18.00 for guests. Please contact Debbie O'Hara at 321-408-1687 by Thursday, November 12, for your tickets.

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Our Christmas Dinner/Meeting will be on December 15th with Dougie and a great menu. More to come in next month's news!

See you all soon!

Cheers,

Cyndie Bourassa

CANDY CANE LANE

Candy Cane Lane is in the third year of planning a fun, festive event for our community. A traveling craft show through the lanai's of the talented crafters in Barefoot Bay. Friday and Saturday, November 20 & 21, from 9-4

If you are a crafter and wish to participate, contact Mary Sherman at 470 Dolphin Circle. Applications can be picked up there.

CHESS CLUB

Chess Club meets every Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Building C.

All are welcome; please come join us.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB

Our September meeting was fun; we celebrated back to school! We were opened in prayer by Gayle, then our wonderful choir sang for us. I have heard that they are busy working on a Christmas program for our December meeting. They get better every year. If you are interested in being in the choir, it is not too late to join and sing in the Christmas program.

Zella reminded us of two things: the October meeting will be on the 6th of October, the first Tuesday instead of the second, due to a change in Building A's use. Please remember that we are having a baby shower for Pregnancy Resources in Vero Beach. Their director will speak, telling us of the many services they offer pregnant women. We are bringing an unwrapped baby gift to give them for the women they serve. The one thing not needed is diapers, as they have access to buying them very cheaply.

Sondra and her seasoned ladies made a luncheon with meatloaf, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, green beans, and fresh fruit. Myra did another great dessert, apple crisp with whipped cream. We thank these ladies for their hard work.

Our speaker was the assistant pastor at Community Baptist Church. He runs the Grief Share group and told us what they attempt to do in helping people through their time of grief. It is open to men and women. If you or someone you know is interested in their services, please call the church for information.

A woman spoke regarding the shoe boxes that Samaritan's Purse has collected and sent to millions of poor children all over the world. This can be done online, or you can contact a church that handles the collections. They provide the boxes and the list of allowed gifts. My church does not collect the boxes, so I donate through my daughter's church. If you want to donate, I will provide you with the information. Please remember, it needs to be done soon.

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DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB

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The DWCB hosted Mr. Matt Nylen at its September 17th meeting. Matt is the Chair of the Brevard Democratic Environmental Caucus. He spoke about the Right to Clean Water Act and how we can get it on the ballot again for 2028. The Club will also be doing some canvassing before the election, so if you need help, just let us know.

Deadline to register to vote in the mid-term election: October 5, 2026

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We welcome all Democrats or interested NPAs to our Club. We meet monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 3:30 pm in Bldg. D. Learn more by going to our Facebook page: The Democratic Women's Club of Barefoot Bay. For information, email BarefootBayDWC@yahoo.com or call 321-349-9565 and leave a message. We look forward to your visit.

GARDEN CLUB

The Barefoot Bay Garden Club will begin its new season on Wednesday, October 21st at 9 am in buildings D & E at the Golf Course. We're welcoming back the Snowbirds with refreshments and a business meeting. We have a guest speaker, Rodney Eaton from Eaton Worms, discussing "Healthy Soils". Also featured will be Paul and Charlotte, who live in the Bay, exhibiting their "Hotel Birdhouses". Remember, membership dues are $5. They will be collected at the meeting.

Please mark your calendar for October 3rd. The Garden Club will be participating in the Rise of the Pirate Festival, selling hanging baskets, plants, seeds, and miniature dish gardens (that were made during the summer session) at the Scallywag Farmers Market between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. at Building A. We hope you'll join us for another Great Year!

GERMAN CLUB

The German club will kick off our season on Oct. 27, 2026. We will gather at Building "A" for a Pizza party and games to follow. So bring your quarters to play along.

Details for October's Club Meeting: Oct. 27, 2026 at Bldg. "A," 5:00 P.M. Pizza Party & Games, Tickets $12.50 P.P. Call Lynn @772/202-4139 For Tickets

Note: Lynn will be unavailable from Oct. 11th through Oct. 17th. Please get your tickets before or after these dates.

Ticket sales cutoff date is Oct. 21, 2026.

Our first Board meeting will be Oct. 6th at 3:30 p.m. in Building "C".

Dues for the club are $15.00 per season. Our season runs from Oct. through April. Please pay your dues at the first meeting you attend, or you may contact Debie at 860/383-5089 to arrange to pay your dues.

All of our club meetings are on the 4th Tuesday of the month except for December. December's meeting will be held on December 16th. Mark your calendars.

At this time, I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with the different events and club business last season. Again, this year we will be looking for volunteers to help our club run smoothly. In advance, thank you for your help.

Safe travels to all of the members who will be returning to the Bay after their summer getaway.

Looking forward to seeing you on Oct. 27th for our first seasonal meeting.

Kathy

IRISH AMERICAN CLUB

Good day, Irish Club members,

Well, we are approaching our cooler weather; we had a long, hot summer. Hope you all had a fun summer wherever you spent it.

As we are getting ready for a fun-filled Irish Club year of 2026 & 2027. It's renewal time for your new badges. Please bring both of your badges to confirm that you are a resident here at Barefoot Bay.

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Date: October 20th
Time: 2 PM- 4 PM
Where: 19th Hole Bandstand
Membership is $15.00 - cash or check.

If you would like to join the Irish American Club, you may come and pay membership dues on October 20th. Our first meeting will be November 18th. This is our Thanksgiving dinner at 5 pm. Building A. Tickets will be sold at the 19th Hole Bandstand area on October 20th. Dinner tickets are $23.00. Band: Anna & Joe. Any questions, please contact Michelle Donnelly at 508-269-3933. Call or text.

Upcoming meetings:
Christmas: December 5th.
January 20th Wed
February 17th Wed
March 17th. Wed
April 4th. Sunday.

Have a safe trip back to sunny Florida. See you all soon.

ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB

October 28, 2026, is our season kickoff meeting for the Italian American Club of Barefoot Bay. We meet the fourth Wednesday of every month from October to April at 5:00 PM in Building A. This October, our dinner will be "Potluck". Our most popular meal of the season. This is an opportunity for the members to share their favorite home-made dish with others. The entertainment for October is horse racing. We had horse racing through the summer on pizza nights. The membership has asked for the races in October. There was great fun with the races this summer. If you missed the races this summer, please come out in October and have some fun with the club. Please know that membership to the Italian American Club is open to any and all residents of the Bay. There are no heritage requirements to join. The Executive Board has been successful in keeping our dues at only $10 a year. This year we have had many join the club, and we have room for many more. Come out and experience a social club that prides itself on heritage and fun at every meeting. Thank you for your continued support.

Ron Fashano
President

LAGOON ARTISANS

LABB hosts its season kickoff meeting Wednesday, October 14 at Building D/E from 10 to noon, and monthly on the second Wednesday thereafter through April. We discuss club matters, demonstrate techniques and skills, and manage the art shows. Luncheons are held after several meetings at local restaurants.

Fall is our annual membership drive. 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 3 samples of your work to a meeting to be juried into the club. Membership is just $15! We enjoy meeting new artists, so join us.

Our first show is a two-day holiday show on Saturday, November 28th and Sunday, November 29th. This is a great opportunity to purchase original art pieces for gifts. The other meetings are Sunday, January 24th with the CVO Car Show; Saturday, March 13th; and Saturday, April 3rd. All are in Building A from 10 to 3. Shows are free to the public and include music, a coffee bar, and a silent auction.

We are thrilled to announce that Lagoon Artisans will be featured in an exclusive show at the Emerson Center in Vero Beach during February and March. All of our artists will be displaying art different from that seen in our concurrent shows. Details will be announced once the dates have been finalized.

Didn't see that perfect piece? Tell your favorite artist what you want. We'd love to create that special piece just for you!

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.

LEADERSHIP AND BUSINESS CIRCLE

The BFB Leadership & Business Circle is off to a great start!

Our first gathering on September 3 brought together 12 working residents and local business owners for an evening of conversation, introductions, and ideas about what this new club can become. We even handled a last-minute venue change, a good reminder that flexibility is sometimes part of community life!

The Leadership & Business Circle was created as a social club specifically for working residents of Barefoot Bay and local business owners. It is not intended to be a traditional business networking group. Instead, the goal is to create a relaxed place to meet others with shared interests, build relationships, exchange ideas, support one another, and enjoy some time together.

Because the club is new, members will also have an opportunity to help shape future gatherings, activities, speakers, and special events as the group grows.

Join Us in October
Our next monthly gathering will be:
Thursday, October 1 at 6 pm
Building D

Whether you attended our first gathering or are just hearing about the club, we would love to have you join us.

For gathering updates, club news, and

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future event information, join our Facebook group:

BFB Leadership & Business Circle
facebook.com/groups/barefootbaylbc

LITTLE THEATER

October is showtime for the Barefoot Bay Little Theater Club!

Our fall production, Pigeons, Popcorn & Prosecco, takes the stage on Saturday, October 17, and Sunday, October 18, in Building A. Doors open at 6:00 pm and the play begins at 7:00 pm.

Set across three decades beginning in the 1950s, this sentimental Americana story brings together friendship, laughter, change, and plenty of memorable moments. We are excited to finally share it with our Barefoot Bay community.

Tickets are $15. Ticket sale information and additional production details can be found at www.BFBLittleTheater.com.

Our next Little Theater Club meeting will be held Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 pm in Building D/E. Members, future members, and neighbors interested in learning more about the club are always welcome. For additional information or to RSVP, visit facebook.com/bfblittletheater/events.

The fun continues on Wednesday, October 21, when members of the Pigeons, Popcorn & Prosecco cast will step into another role as celebrity hosts at the Best of Barefoot Bay community event, Fall Into Friendship. It is another fun way for our performers to connect with neighbors beyond the stage.

Help Fill Our Costume Closet

The Little Theater Club is also accepting donations for our costume department. We are especially looking for capes, hats, gloves, costume jewelry, vintage accessories, and other theatrical treasures.

If you have items tucked away in a closet that deserve another moment in the spotlight, we would love to hear from you.

For information about the club, upcoming activities, or costume donations, email info@bfblittletheater.com.

We hope to see you at the theater in October!

LOL YOUTH GROUP

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

NEW YORK CLUB

Well, fall is upon us, and our friends will soon be returning from the North. We hope all had a great summer.

Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, November 3rd. As always, our first meeting will be held in Building D&E and will be a potluck (All other meetings will be held in Building A). Please bring a dish or dessert to share. Doors open at 5 PM. There will be music and a cash bar.

If you've lived or worked in New York, please consider joining us.

Looking forward to seeing you in November. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Bob Kahl at 772-202-4139.

OPEN MIC CLUB

Hello Live Music Lovers, it's fall again, and that means cooler weather will be with us at last. That also means The Barefoot Bay Open Mic Musicians will be back outside starting the first week of October at our favorite spot under the Oaks at Pool 2. It has been a long, hot summer, and we have enjoyed playing for our fans inside where it's nice and cool, but outside is where we belong. So come on over and enjoy a wide variety of free live music, including Folk, Rock, Blues, R&B, and popular group songs every Tuesday afternoon from 1:30 to 4:00 PM. Whether you arrive by car, golf cart, bike, or on foot, feel free to bring along your family and friends for an afternoon of free live music and fun. For the latest updates on performance locations—including potential changes because of the weather — or to follow your favorite Open Mic Club Musicians at venues outside the Bay, please visit the "Barefoot Bay Open Mic Club" Facebook page. Thank you for spending your Tuesday afternoons with us.

THE WHITE CAPS - RETIRED NURSES

Hello, it's been a long, hot summer, but now back to our White Cap life.

We welcome all retired or soon-to-be retired nurses in Barefoot Bay to join us. We are a great group of Women who love to get together once a month to exchange our many stories.

Because we had to cancel the lunch in May, we will be going to The Old Fish House Bar and Grill, 5185 S US Highway 1, Grant-Valkaria, FL 32949-2004 on October 14th at 1:00 PM. See you then.

It would help me a lot to communicate with you if you would all join our Facebook group. If you need help, let me know, and I will invite you to the group. https://www.facebook.com/groups/1528433681512738

Please call or text Sandie at 716 445 8815 or Jan at 772 664 5531. You can also email me at yoni_222@hotmail.com if you're attending by October 11th so I can make reservations.

Also, let us know if you need directions or a ride. With the price of gas, it would be nice if we did a ride share!

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Music lovers are invited to enjoy an unforgettable afternoon of music and storytelling as, back by popular demand, legendary producer, composer, pianist, and songwriter John Simon performs at the Emerson Center on Saturday, October 10, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

One of the most influential record producers of the 1960s and beyond, Simon is best known for his work with iconic artists including The Band, Janis Joplin, Leonard Cohen, Blood, Sweat & Tears, and Simon & Garfunkel. His remarkable career also includes composing for film and Broadway, releasing seven albums of original music, and performing throughout the United States and abroad.

During this special performance, audiences will enjoy Simon's witty, piano-driven songs interwoven with captivating stories from a lifetime in music. His performances combine exceptional musicianship, humor, and heartfelt storytelling, offering a rare opportunity to experience the creative force behind some of the most memorable recordings of the past six decades.

Critics have long praised Simon's originality and talent. Jon Pareles of The New York Times called his songs "clever, articulate ... an eccentric, genial intelligence," while Rex Reed described him as "unique, original, fresh and funny ... a superb, witty lyricist."

Admission is free, with a suggested donation of $10. Seating is limited. Please reserve your seat by emailing info@TheEmersonCenter.com or by leaving a voicemail at 772-778-5249. When making your reservation, please include your name and the number of seats requested.

Event Details
Event: Experience the Legendary Songs and Stories of John Simon
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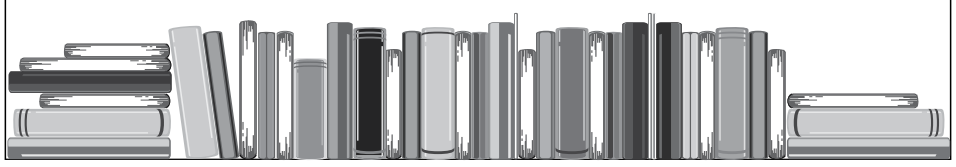
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Quilters

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

Master Gardeners

Bring all of your gardening questions, problems, and issues on Tuesday, Oct. 6th and Oct. 20th at 2 PM.

Adult Art Classes

• Join our staff on Thursday, Oct. 1st at 1 PM as we bring you an Introduction to Painting with acrylic colors. Our librarian, Scott Hauge, will give examples of his own methods for painting and generating ideas.

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

• Create a Ghost in a Jar (a "floating" ghost figurine inside of a mason jar) on Thursday, Oct. 15th at 1 PM.

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

Jaimie Engle

Join author, Jaimie Engle, for her workshop on Novel writing: Concept to Publication on Monday, Oct. 12th at 1 PM. This month's workshop will be focused on Basic Writing.

Book Speed Dating

Come in empty-handed and leave with a good book on Wednesday, Oct. 14th at 12 PM. Spend five minutes with a variety of different books before deciding which one you would like to check out. Book Speed Dating is a fun way to learn about new titles, authors, and genres!

Mystery Book Club/Third Thursday Book Club Joint Meeting

Pick up your copy of Leverage by Amran Gowani & The Murders in Great Diddling by Katarina Bivald in the Reference Department at South Mainland Public Library. Please read both books and compare/contrast the selections. The meeting will be held at the South Mainland Library on Tuesday, October 13th at 2 PM.

Brevard County Recycling Program

Attend this educational presentation to learn the dos and don'ts of recycling on Monday, October 19th at 1 PM.

Classic Horror Movie Trivia

Are you a fan of horror movies from the golden age of cinema? From vampires, mad scientists, werewolves, mummies, to giant behemoths, October 20th at 5 PM is the nightmare you have been waiting for. Make sure you brush up on your knowledge of horror movies, as the questions range from the mystical 1910s up to 1968. Be it Universal, Hammer, Hitchcock, or the obscure; it's sure to be a fun time! Just make sure you don't touch a cursed object in the process, and you'll have a bloody good time!

Fandom Meetup

Meet with fellow fans of The Nightmare Before Christmas on Tuesday, Oct. 27th at 5 PM for an hour of themed crafts, games, and more! All ages are welcome to join this program.

Adult Classes

Beginning Computer Classes: Ask library staff questions about technology and learn more about your devices on Wednesday, Oct. 7th at 1 PM. This month's meeting will be focused on Value Line!

Technology Q & A: Ask library staff questions about technology and learn more about your devices at this informal informational session on Wednesday, Oct. 21st at 1 PM.

Youth Services Programs

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

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.

Pop Culture Classroom's Monster Jam Day

Welcome back to the third installment of Pop Culture Classroom on Friday, Oct. 9th at 3 PM. Let's celebrate the spooky season by building your own Monster Truck out of popsicle sticks. While it may not be able to crush other cars, you can definitely stick it to them. Plus, enjoy the typical favorites like coloring pages, an amazing maze, and a word search.

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

Do you have a favorite planet? Plan-et now, as in this activity, you will get to pick and color a planet to your heart's content on Friday, October 16th at 3 PM. Afterwards, we will be cutting them out and turning them into a mask that you can feel proud to wear on your face.

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Prevention is key. Smoking and poor diet are major controllable factors for ARMD, while genetics can also play a role beyond your control. Combatting these risks involves adopting proactive measures, such as a ketogenic diet enriched with dark green leafy vegetables like spinach, kale, collard greens, and arugula. These veggies contain lutein and zeaxanthin pigments, which deposit in the macula, protecting against oxidative damage—a crucial factor in ARMD progression. Avoid processed foods, especially toxic seed oils like canola, corn, and vegetable oil.

The landmark AREDS2 study, spanning over 15 years with thousands of patients, demonstrated that a specific multivitamin formula reduced the relative risk of ARMD progression by one-third.

Regular vision monitoring is vital. Besides annual retina exams, check each eye separately monthly, immediately reporting any distortions or missing areas on the Amsler grid to your ophthalmologist. Such distortions may signal retinal changes, indicating the shift from dry to wet ARMD.

Untreated wet ARMD can lead to irreversible scar tissue formation and permanent vision loss. Fortunately, anti-VEGF drugs, repurposed from chemotherapy, can treat wet ARMD and prevent scarring. These drugs necessitate periodic injections through the white of the eye after numbing drops to maintain vision and prevent further damage.

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October Waiting Faith

Every Floridian knows the feeling: sometime in October, after months of soupy humidity, a cool front finally pushes through. I used to think that it waited until after our children had a sweaty Halloween trick-or-treat night! The air changes quickly. People open windows they haven't touched since March. Evening walks are friendlier, breathing is a little easier, sweating isn't as big an issue. We don't get falling leaves down here in Florida, but we do get some fall relief.

There's something in that waiting for October worth pondering. Christian scripture is full of people enduring a long, heavy stretch before the relief comes — Israel in the wilderness, the disciples in the storm, the psalmist crying out, how long, O Lord? (Psalm 13:1). We tend to think faith means never feeling the weight of waiting. It doesn't. Faith means trusting the cool weather is coming even in the thick of August. Paul put it plainly: we do not lose heart... for this light momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory (2 Corinthians 4:16-17). Maybe that's our October reminder: the humidity always breaks eventually — and so, in God's time, does everything else we're hoping for.

Pastor Jeff Wood

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Obituaries

Cynthia Light "Cindy"



Cynthia Light "Cindy" passed away peacefully on 9/4/26 at age 67.

Born in Quincy MA, moved to her slice of heaven in Barefoot Bay in 2005. Survived by her brother Mike Light and her longtime partner Phil Kraft. Countless family members, her loving nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her son Brent, her parents Connie and Al Light, her in-laws Brian and Chrissy, and her siblings Allan, Barbra, Dan, and their spouses.

Cindy enjoyed entertaining, cooking, gardening, shopping, and karaoke. She was a beautiful soul who touched so many lives. A vibrant spirit with endless kindness.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, 10/17/26 at FOE #4527 "Eagles," 5170 US1 Grant, FL, from 12 to 4.

Ruth (Spear) Wells

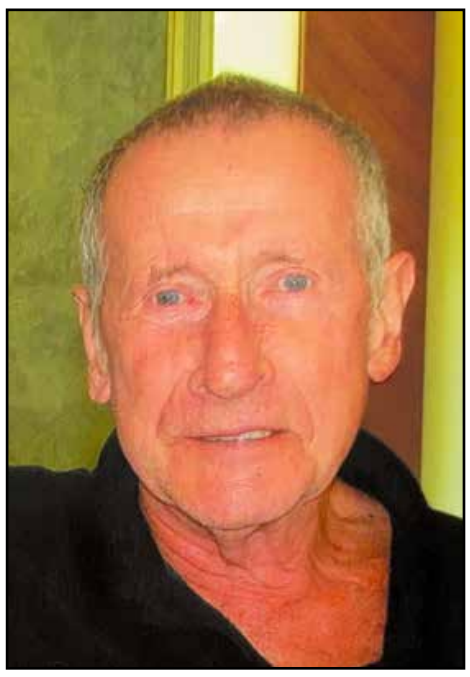


Ruth (Spear) Wells passed away peacefully on September 5th at the age of 107 at the Merrimack County Nursing Home in Boscawen, NH. She was the oldest resident at the Nursing Home. Born in Derry, NH, on August 28, 1919, Ruth was the daughter of the late Dr. Walter Spear and his wife, Lena of Derry. Ruth earned her Bachelor's degree in Education from the University of New Hampshire, Class of 1941. Soon after Ruth graduated from the University, she began her career as a kindergarten teacher in Derry. Opening up her own kindergarten, the "Ruth Wells Kindergarten," for 20 years. Ruth retired from her kindergarten in 1976 and moved to Barefoot Bay, Florida, with her husband John. In Barefoot Bay, Ruth volunteered for Meals on Wheels, the public library, and as a kindergarten teacher's aide in Sebastian, Florida, for many years. Ruth loved being with her family and was an avid animal lover. Ruth was also a painter, painting beautiful pictures for her family and friends. In Feb. 2025, Ruth was the recipient of the "Boston Post Cane" Award for being the oldest living resident in Boscawen, NH.

Ruth is survived by her daughter Polly (Wells) Tewksbury and her husband Steve (formerly of Derry and Chester), now living in Gilmanton, NH. Five grandchildren: Steve Tewksbury and his wife Christine of Auburn, NH; Shawn Tewksbury and his wife Stephanie of Milford, NH; Stacy (Tewksbury) Fawcett and her husband Greg of Loudon, NH; Jonathan Wells of Portsmouth, NH; and Gabe Wells of Denver, Colorado. Eleven great-grandchildren. Ruth was predeceased by her husband John in 1991, her son John on Jan. 1, 2026, and her sister Dr. Pauline Spear of Claremont, NH, in 2006.

Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Derry and Londonderry, assisted the family. To send a condolence, visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

Richard Lester



Dick, a kind, loving, and gentle man, passed away, leaving behind a lifetime of memories and countless people who were fortunate enough to know and love him.

Dick was born April 26, 1933, in Norwich, Connecticut. He was the son of the late Horace and Alice Lester. He was a brother to the late Edward Lester and an uncle to Bradley Lester.

He proudly served in the U.S. Army from 1953–1956 and later spent 31 years working for the State of Connecticut as a civil engineer, surveyor, and construction inspector. After retiring in 1992, he continued working for a local engineering firm for seven years.

In October 1998, Dick met Mary, beginning a beautiful relationship that lasted 28 years. Together, they enjoyed winters in Florida, where they made many wonderful friends, before returning each summer to Connecticut and Rhode Island.

Dick lovingly embraced Mary's five children—Kathy, Donald, Beth, Kevin, and Tricia—and became a cherished grandfather to 12 grandchildren and great-grandfather to five, all of whom lovingly called him "Grandpa Dick."

Dick had a lifelong love of sports and coaching. He played sports himself and especially enjoyed giving back by coaching youth in Norwich.

He also had a deep appreciation for antiques and history. He loved searching for unique pieces and discovering the stories behind them, finding a special reflection of another time in each treasure he collected.

He loved his beloved dogs, Aggie, Frankie, and Charlie, who were always close by his side.

Dick will be remembered for his kindness, gentle spirit, love of family, and the many lives he touched through friendship, coaching, and simply being there for others.

He was deeply loved, will be greatly missed, and will forever be remembered as Grandpa Dick.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 19th, 2026, at 10 AM at Maplewood Cemetery in Norwich, CT. A celebration of life will be held following the service at 1 PM at Wethersfield Commons Clubhouse, 1 Williamsburg Dr, Warwick, RI 02886. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org.

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II — Tableside Caesar salad
Wine: Famiglia Cotarella Ferentano Bianco 2021

III — Cavatappi
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IV — Choice of entrée
Prime rib with mashed potatoes and tri-color carrots
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Seafood Newburgh (crab, shrimp, lobster) over puff pastry
Wine for both: Ceretto Nebbiolo d'Alba Bernardina 2023

V — Lemon blueberry cheesecake
Wine: I Vignaioli di Santo Stefano Moscato d'Asti 2025

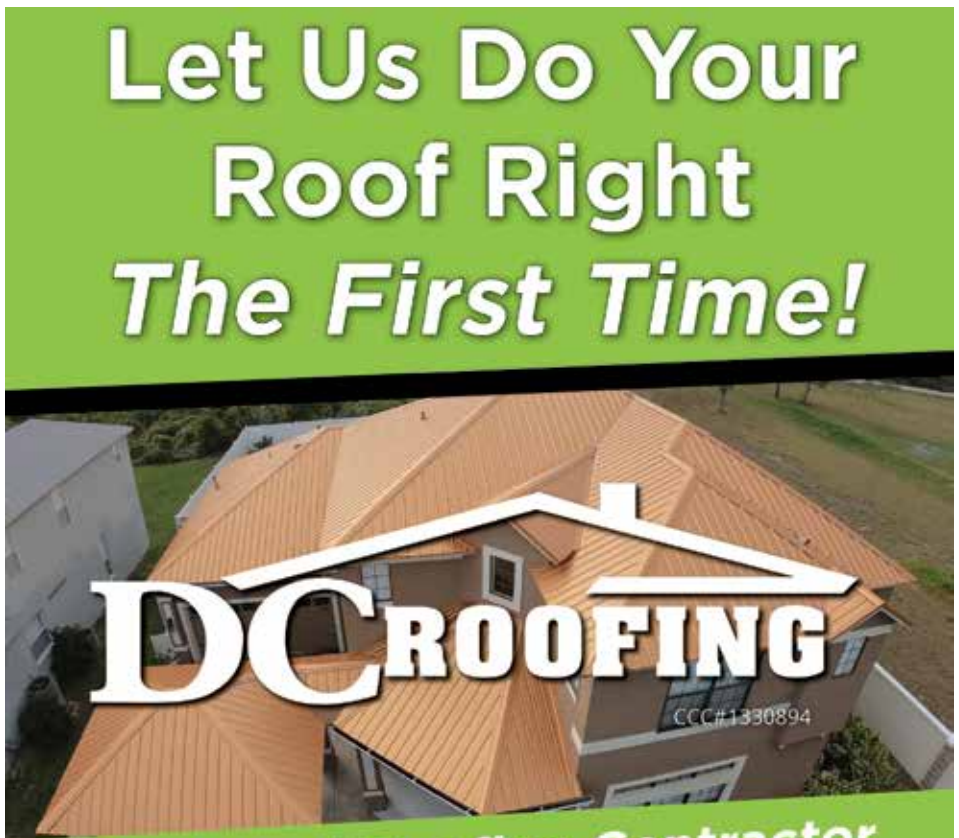
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OCTOBER 22 A NIGHT IN TUSCANY 4-8pm
OCTOBER 31 HALLOWEEN PARTY 7-10:30p



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1-4pm SCURVY DOGS (MACH 11)
5-9pm THE FLYING CANNONBALLS (JUICED)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
OCTOBER 				1 JULES from LAST CALL 19th Hole 4:30-7:30	2 SOULTIME LAKE STAGE 7-10:30pm	3 PYRATE REPUBLIC Artisans 11-6p MACH II 1-4pm JUICED as The Flying Cannonballs 5-9pm
	5 MUSIC BINGO BLDG A 5:30-8:30pm	6 DOUGIES KARAOKE LAKE STAGE 5:30-9:30pm TACOS 4-8	7 PASTA NIGHT 19TH HOLE 4-7:30 TRIVIA LOUNGE6-8p	8 PUSH'N TIME 19th Hole BAND SHELL 4:30-7:30	9 GIACO LAKE STAGE 7-10:30pm	10 SHORT CIRCUIT LAKE STAGE 6-10pm Plays all the hits from yesterday-today
11 A DAY IN MARGARITAVILLE JIMMY BUFFET TRIBUTE JOE CALAUTTI BAND & STEEL DRUMS 2-6pm COSTUME CONTEST FOOD TRUCK-ISLAND STYLE MENU	12 MUSIC BINGO BLDG A 5:30-8:30pm	13 DOUGIES KARAOKE LAKE STAGE 5:30-9:30pm TACO TUESDAY 4-8	14 TRIVIA LOUNGE 6-8pm	15 JOHN MCDONALD DUO 19th Hole BANDSHELL 4:30-7:30	16 GREG & BRIAN LAKE STAGE 7-10:30pm	17 PINK SPICE LAKE STAGE 6-10pm
18 RADAR RED LAKE STAGE 2-6pm	19 MUSIC BINGO BLDG A 5:30-8:30pm	20 DOUGIES KARAOKE LAKE STAGE 5:30-9:30pm TACO TUESDAY 4-8	21 TRIVIA LOUNGE 6-8pm	22 A NIGHT IN TUSCANY 4-8p BUILDING A BURNTABLES 19th Hole BANDSHELL 4:30-7:30	23 NOT JUST CANDI LAKE STAGE 7-10:3pm	24 TC & SASS LAKE STAGE 6-10pm
25	26 MUSIC BINGO BLDG A 5:30-8:30pm	27 DOUGIES KARAOKE LAKE STAGE 5:30-9:30pm TACO TUESDAY 4-8	28 PASTA NIGHT 19TH HOLE 4-7:30 TRIVIA LOUNGE 6-8pm	29 ALLEN WRONKO 19th Hole BANDSHELL 4:30-7:30	30 COLOSSAL BAND LAKE STAGE 7-10:30pm	31 HALLOWEEN PARTY ROCKN' RX LAKE STAGE 7-10:30p COSTUME CONTEST

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