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Late Summer Musings

By Rob Allan



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It's hot. Very hot. One of the hottest summers I can remember. Thank goodness for air conditioning and late afternoon showers to keep things cool, though the drains are no match for the rains around Barefoot Bay. Brevard County is responsible for our roads and drainage and know that some of our roads flood every time there's a big downburst, which seems more the norm, than not, these days. The same places flood, as they have for decades, even though the County has worked on the drainage issues in each of those areas over the years. Care should be taken whenever driving through these NO WAKE zones since they can be deeper than they appear and car interiors and golf cart electronics don't like water.

School's back in session so slow down with buses and kids on the streets. For your own safety, do not pass a bus with flashing lights, lest you seek the vengeance of parents waiting patiently with/for their children. The cameras are always watching, even if you're not paying attention. This will be the first time in 20 years I have no children in the Brevard County School System. Parent teacher conferences, permission slips, doctor's notes, text messages and robo calls will not be missed. I feel especially sorry for any parent that has to fill out the same 15 pages of enrollment documentation, for each child, by hand, every single year. Without question, the dumbest waste of time, energy and paper ever designed by our education system. Honestly, why?

There's been nothing worth talking about in the Atlantic for weeks and based on the new map, apparently that was just the "lull". The professional prognosticators suggest we still have 15 named storms to go before the end of this hurricane season. El Nino has not materialized and the Atlantic and Gulf waters continue to hit record high water temps. We'll have a lot to focus on as we near the peak of the season this September and October. I vote for boring weather.

Speaking of voting, we are rapidly coming into our local political season as two seats are up for the Board of Trustees (BOT) this November 7. As of this printing, we have three declared candidates, two of which have announced they are running in this issue of The Tattler. Jeff Grunow, an incumbent who currently sits on the BOT (see page 15) and Elaine VanBerschoot, who is currently the President of the Civic Volunteer Organization (CVO) (see page 2). Mike Maino, who resigned from the BOT last year after selling his home in Barefoot Bay, is back and running for Trustee again. There is still a week left to qualify if you're interested in running for Trustee (see page 7) and the more the merrier. Step up!

The Pool 1 resurfacing and modifications are nearing completion and we can expect to see Pool 1 reopen towards the end of September/early October. Moving the heaters and chemical storage buildings has provided a lot more room around the pool deck and lounge and the refurbishment looks fantastic. If I know Kathy Mendes, BBRD F&B Director, that reopening will be a great excuse for a Pool Party, not that we need an excuse for a party in Barefoot Bay!

Due to feedback from Barefoot Bay residents at a recent Town Hall, some of the discretionary fees published on the cover of the July issue have been reduced by the BOT. The

revenue lost required approximately \$40,000 worth of repair/capital projects to be canceled for the upcoming fiscal year. We will publish the changes in the fee schedule in the next issue of The Tattler.

And finally, two milestones for my youngest, Laura Allan, the Tattler Creative Director, who passed her driving exam in July (on her first try) and received her driver's license just in time for her enrollment in Eastern State as a freshman this month. I am one incredibly proud papa.

Tracking the Tropics & Topics, Today and Tomorrow



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



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A Word From Your
CVO OFFICERS

Another summer is coming to a close, and events and important information are forthcoming!

With all the rains we have had this summer coinciding with our insurance plans increasing, I have heard many complaints regarding the need for Flood Insurance in Barefoot Bay for our homes. One of our residents, Ian Riley, has done his homework on this subject. So listen up, people....This information is about removing your property from the Special Flood Hazard Area (SPHA) with the FEMA flood plan!

Basically, Ian is willing to help anyone that is interested in doing so. The form can be found on the FEMA website. Here are the steps to take.

1. Fill in the Application Form
2. Submit Plat and County Tax Maps
3. Obtain an Elevation Survey from Cecre Land Surveying, 10749 U.S. 1, Sebastian, FL. 772-388-0582.
4. Cost of the survey is \$175 and includes all State and Federal Reports
5. Copy and send to Brevard County Flood Plain Administrator
 They will review and issue a certificate stating your property is not in Flood Plain
 There is no charge for a Letter of Map Change
6. Keep ALL originals, including certificate
7. Submit copies of documents to FEMA
 Copies can be made at the CVO Office, 935 Barefoot Boulevard, Barefoot Bay. 772-663-0633

Contact Ian Riley for help: 1453 Barefoot Circle, Barefoot Bay. 772-202-4468

September 17, 2023 - Barefoot by the Lake Care Show 11:00 - 3:00 p.m

Due to the weather problems in June, this car show has been rescheduled for Sunday, September 17th. If you have even the slightest love of cars and moving vehicles, you will enjoy this event! We will enjoy music, food, vendors, and more magnificent cars than you can imagine! One of the favorite awards for each show is the Barefoot Bay People's Choice, so please don't miss voting for your favorite! The car show is a bi-annual event that gets better with time. Come on out!

September 26, 2023 - A wellness workshop for seniors - Better In the Bay 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Another workshop presented by the CVO and Simplifying Senior Living will have a scheduled agenda beginning at 1:00 p.m. with "Easy Exercises to do at Home." There will be FREE Blood Pressure Checks, FREE Mobility Equipment Checks, FREE Balance Assessments, and door prizes!

Please see the Advertisement in this Tattler for more information!

As I finish this column, I wish to mention that I am running for the Board of Trustees this November. The CVO and its events are run by a group of volunteer board members and I intend on remaining on the CVO Board as well. Contrary to what some think, all of us contribute our best assets to the club, and when it comes time to be involved in the community, we all have delegated jobs to do. No one person handles it all! With this group of volunteers, the load has always been shared. So I guess what I am trying to say is it will be business (or fun) as usual at the CVO!

Here is a list of our board members that contribute their time and energy in our weekly office time and for all events sponsored by the CVO: Lizzann Taylor, Joanne Plasse, Sue Reddy, Tom O'Donnell, Nancy O'Donnell, Betsy Clark, Janine Bryant, Kathleen Fortier, Peter Carey and myself. All of the CVO events, programs, and information are provided by each and every one of these people. And I, for one, am extremely proud of them.

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

Happenings at the BOT meetings...

July 25th meeting—The board awarded the 1-year fire inspection and monitoring lease for Building A, the Lounge, and the Shopping Center to 1st Fire Security Inc., waived kid swim badges at Pool #2 on August 6, 2023, from 1 pm-4 pm for the Back-to-School Kids Swim Party event. Also approved is the RV storage fee increase from \$46 to \$56, effective October 1, 2023. The RV lot users must be notified 60 days before any price change.

July 27th Town Hall meeting—There was a large turnout. There were many suggestions regarding fees and other issues. Please refer to the minutes of the meeting available on the bbrd.org website.

August 3rd was the final Fee Workshop—The fee structure was firmed up, and when the staff finalizes the estimated income from the fees then the expenditures side of the budget will be modified to meet the income. The fountains at the golf course were moved to FY25 on the five-year plan.

Because of the questions at the Town Hall meeting, I am printing the following statement that I made at the opening of the Fees Meeting on 8/3.

It explains how the Social Membership Fee is applied and lists the DOR rules that pertain to it.

Barefoot Bay was created as an “own your property, manufactured home community.” It is a “Deed Restricted” community. Barefoot Bay assesses property owners with non-ad valorem assessments to help fund the many services and facilities the district provides. What does non-ad valorem mean?

Ad valorem is a Latin phrase that means according to value.

Ad valorem taxes are imposed based on a millage rate (that is the same for everyone) but are then multiplied by the value of the property. Non-ad valorem taxes are not based on a millage rate or property value – they are fixed. They apply to each property owner the same. Each property owner will pay the same amount, no matter the value of the property. Non-ad valorem is the method Barefoot Bay uses for the annual assessment that is due on your tax bill. But we also use this on some of our additional charges, such as an additional resident to a property above the two that is standard on the property at purchase. This is the Social Membership fee. We apply the same fee to all properties. There are no exemptions. If you choose to purchase more than one property, you will pay the same for each property. If you then choose to lease your property to someone else, it does not exempt you from any stated policies.

DOR Article IV Section 3: Social Membership Fee

Upon the genuine purchase of the property, each new Lot Owner shall pay the Recreation District a social membership fee. The Social Membership Fee shall be a one-time charge upon the genuine sale of the property to a new owner, which is non-refundable and non-transferable from the Lot Owner to any other party. Such a fee shall entitle the Lot Owner to use the common facilities of the Recreation District, except the Golf Course, subject to the Rules and Regulations adopted by the Recreation District for the use of its facilities. No Lot Owner shall be excused from payment of the Social Membership Fee because of (1) non-use of the facilities, (2) non-residency in Barefoot Bay, or (3) by virtue of ownership of more than one Lot.

The Lot Owner’s obligation for the Social Membership Fee accrues upon the genuine sale of a Lot in Barefoot Bay to such Owner.

DOR Article IV Section 4: Recreation District Assessment and/or Maintenance Fee

No Lot Owner shall be excused from payment of such fees or charges by reason of non-use of the Recreation District’s facilities for any portion thereof.

End of DOR statements.

The DOR was created and voted on by the Lot Owners of Barefoot Bay. We have an Ad-Hoc committee that meets every 5 years or so for suggested changes to the Deed of Restrictions. Last year was when the most recent committee sat, and there were no suggestions to change Article IV Section 3 or 4. Note, any change resulting from the committee must be voted on by all the owners.

If your name is not on the deed, or you do not have some other ownership interest in a property in Barefoot Bay, then you are not an “Owner” under the DOR. You are a “Resident” if you live with an Owner at the residence as defined in the Policy Manual descriptions. A lessee has the status of Renter, and there are charges for the Renter’s Badge as well.

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Every year in September, National Fall Prevention Awareness Month takes place. Fall prevention awareness aims for organizations to share education on effective strategies for increasing mobility and strength while offering practical solutions for safety.

It seems like home should be the safest place on earth, but that is where most accidents and injuries occur. The truth is that most accidents can be prevented if a few precautions are taken. In fact, the home is the second most common location of unintentional fatal injuries (traveling via motor vehicles is number one), according to the National Institute of Health (NIH). And adults 65 and older are the highest risk group for home injury, both fatal and nonfatal, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Q: I've read that falls in the home are common, particularly as we get older; why is that?

A: As we age, our senses of sight, touch, hearing, and smell tend to decline. Our physical abilities are reduced, and certain tasks such as stretching, lifting, and bending become more difficult. In addition, we also experience a slowing of judgment and reaction time. As a result, we cannot respond as quickly as when we were younger. These normal changes in perception, physical abilities, and judgment make us more prone to accidents. Simple precautions and adjustments can help ensure a safe, accident-free home. Additional factors include:

Internal factors

- Medical conditions
- Decreased vision
- Medications
- Decreased strength
- Foot problems

External factors

- Uneven or slippery surfaces
- Poor lighting
- Activity level

Q: My parents are in their 80s and want to stay in their home and not move to a senior facility like many of their friends. But I'm concerned about them falling as many of their friends have done. What are some ways I can help prevent a fall in their home?

A: The Home Safety Council suggests conducting a home safety walk-through to identify potential slipping, tripping, and falling hazards. *Follow these precautionary measures:*

- Have bright lights over stairs, steps, and on landings.
- Install handrails on both sides of the stairs and steps. Make sure handrails go from the top to the bottom of the stairs.
- Use a ladder for climbing instead of a stool or furniture.
- Tape small rugs to the floor or remove them entirely.
- Keep stairs clear of debris.
- Have nightlights placed in the bedrooms, hallways, and bathrooms.
- Use a mat or non-slip strips in the tub and shower. Have a non-skid bottom on your bathroom rug or mat.
- Install grab bars in the tub and shower.
- Wipe up spills when they happen.
- Outdoors, fix broken or chipped steps on walkways.

Q: My husband is 70, and I'm afraid he will fall and seriously injure himself. I've already taken steps to make our house as 'fall-proof' as possible, but is there anything he can do to make himself less prone to falling?

A: Most falls can be prevented. But you are right to be concerned because as we grow older, the consequences of a fall become more serious. Broken bones often result and may lead to lifelong disability. Below are some guidelines to help stop this from happening for your husband – and anyone 65 and older.

- Take care of medical problems
- Have your vision checked
- Check with your doctor regarding possible medication interaction which may affect your balance
- Take medication as prescribed
- Exercise regularly to help improve strength and balance
- Take care of your feet
- Install proper lighting throughout your home
- Remove clutter
- Use a cane, walker, or other device
- Reduce fall hazards in the home

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Barefoot Bay American Legion Post 366 has resumed its regular meetings. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1 PM in Building D. The next meeting is on December 20th. At this meeting we need to finalize plans for the Sandy Lobello Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament on January 14. A small Christmas Party with the Legion Auxiliary will immediately follow the meeting.

Please note the LEGION Act was passed, removing the "date gaps" in order to join the American Legion. Any member of the military that has served honorably since Pearl Harbor Day (1941) is now eligible to join.

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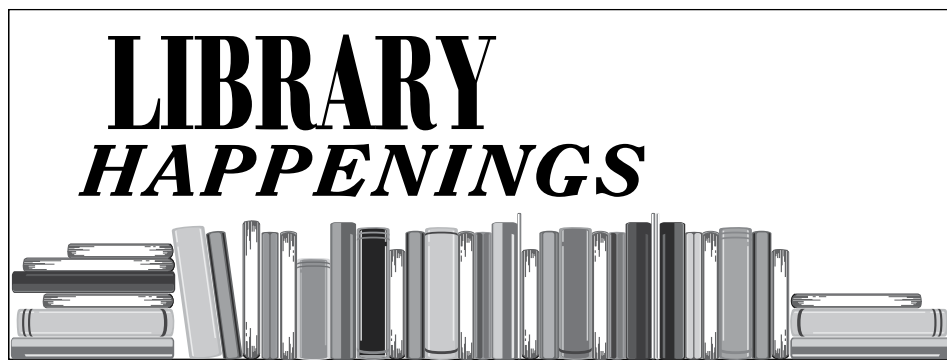
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Adult Crafts: Thursdays, September 14th and 28th at 1 PM: Join us and get inspired to craft. Bring your creative genius or beginner.

Game Time: Thursday, September 21st at 1 PM. Join us for an afternoon of games and fun. You bring the competition, we will provide the board games.

Mystery Book Club: Resumes in October. Watch this column for the October schedule.

Book club copies are available in the Library's Reference area, back left corner. This group meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2 PM except August and September.

Third Thursday @ Three Book Club: Resumes in October. Watch this column for the October schedule.

Book club copies are available back in the Reference area of the Library. Group members meet on the third Thursday of each month at 3 PM except August and September.

Weekly:
Quilters - Every Thursday at 6 PM. Join us for a casual quilting group that enjoys the Fiber Arts. This is not a "how-to" class.

September 2023 Youth Programs
Storytime - Tuesdays at 2 PM in the Children's Room

Get STEAMed: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math - Fridays at 3 PM. Experiment, Explore, and Engage with some fun projects!

Any person requiring special accommodations to participate in any class or event due to a disability may arrange for accommodations by contacting the location at

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All of us who live in South Brevard, even for only part of the year, can be "Friends" of this Library. The Friends of the Brevard South Mainland Library (FOL) provides the organization and "person-power" to support services and building improvements that are planned and implemented by the Director and Staff of the Library and volunteers. Members enjoy promoting programs, raising funds, and increasing public awareness of this lifelong learning center. We will be sharing more history and ongoing evidence of this collaboration in future columns.

Did You Know? Back in the early 80s, before the South Mainland Library had a physical building, the Friends of the Library helped to support a Bookmobile.

As we rebuild from the COVID years, what we need most now are more "Friends." We have a lock box in the entryway to the Library, or you can send membership requests and/or donations to:

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What If You Win the Election for Trustee?

By Randy Loveland

If you happen to be the top vote getter this year, you can expect to be serving a 3 year term rather than a 2 year term. This is part of the migration of the new term limits from 2 to 3 years. You can expect a 6 - 8 hour day of orientation where you get to sit with each Department Head, the Community Manager, the Clerk and the Attorney for Barefoot Bay to fully understand what each department or ancillary support person does to make this all work. You can plan on attending a mandatory session on Sunshine Laws and Ethics.

You will be assigned a laptop or tablet with your Barefoot Bay Recreation District (BBRD) official email address and some brief instruction on the use and your obligation for care and storage of BBRD equipment.

With the introductions, orientation and instructions completed you are ready to start learning what type of Board Member you are going to be versus the one you said you would be. Do you find yourself in a pickle with your supporters because you promised something, without realizing the steps it would take to make it happen? How do you get two other Trustees to vote your way without violating the Sunshine law? Come to the meetings prepared, ready, willing and able to speak to any topic on the Agenda and with facts, confidence and thoroughly researched opinions. If you can make a logical and reasonable argument for the item you are bringing forward, you can usually win the fair thinking minds of the Board of Trustees and besides yourself, you only need two more.

When out socially, expect to be seen as a public commodity that each homeowner feels they can confront with any topic, at anytime, if they voted for you or not. Expect to treat each homeowner with respect and always remember you represent them all, even the ones that are less than pleasant.

Expect to be praised, cursed, inundated and ignored all in the same day. Expect to make many happy with your vote and equally as many unhappy with that same vote. Be prepared when you face an agenda item that has a 50/50 split and make your decision wisely, fairly and in the best financial interest of the community.

Expect to lead each conversation with compassion and work to understand a different side to all situations. Personal preference should never be your lead. Be a person of reason and speak with kindness. Expect the reward of this position to be in direct alignment with your motives for running in the first place. If you are for love of the community and its health, security, financial and social opportunities then your rewards will be great.

(Editors note: If you're interested in running for Trustee, you still have time to get your paperwork filed with the Brevard County Supervisor of Elections and two months to mount a successful campaign. Please note that all paperwork, fees, etc. must be filed, no later than noon on Friday, September 1, 2023. If you wait until the last day, be aware that there may be a line and some filing paperwork requires a notary!)

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Lagoon Artisans' Featured Artist Mary Ann Hall



Featured artist Mary Ann Hall has served the Lagoon Artisans as secretary for the last two years. While her first memories are of painting watercolors on the back porch in the summertime with this little tin of paints and some paper, she finally started taking lessons in her early 20s.

Her career as a display artist started with one of her pieces hanging in the Saginaw Art Museum show. Like many artists, her career and the need to support her family held her art development off for 25 years.

When she picked up the brush and paints, she finally achieved her dream—painting watercolors. After a few years of retirement, she became co-owner of Gallery 14, a cornerstone in the historic Vero Beach Arts District.

Mary Ann's interests are in nature. She loves painting flowers and birds using her watercolor skills. "My watercolors are created to let others experience the thrill of living here with the large colorful florals and unique birds that are found along the waters of Florida," she said.

As she has continued on this journey, her work has evolved into contemporary watercolors. The use of texture with bright, bold colors has freed her creativity into a "unique modern new style."

She describes her style: "My paintings now have an unusual visual feeling created through my use of special papers, new colors, and various techniques. Now my watercolors span from the traditional style to a new modern, contemporary style."

In addition to co-managing Gallery 14, constantly creating new art and displaying it in prominent areas, Mary Ann teaches watercolor painting to developing artists. As a specialty, Mary Ann also does pet portraits.

Look forward to seeing her work at the four Lagoon Artisans of Barefoot Bay shows this coming season.

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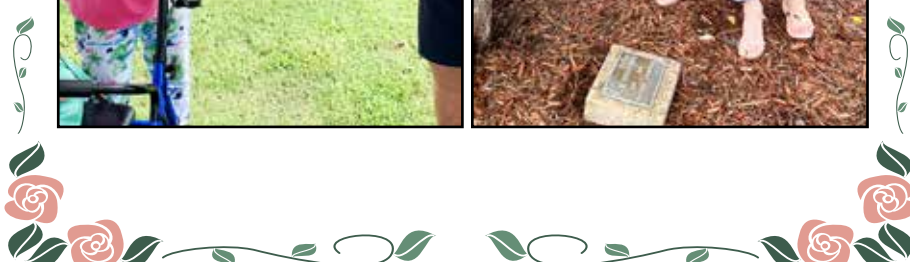
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Card of Thanks

Thank you, Barefoot Bay - Memorial Plaque Found.

George Michalski, a dear friend of Jeanne Osborne, posted on Facebook the need for help to find Charlie Osborne's missing memorial plaque. The responses offering to help were absolutely wonderful. Jack and Ann Hansen (Ann is a current Barefoot Bay board member) met George at the memorial tree with their metal detector, and after a bit of searching, the plaque was found. It truly takes a village. The Osborne Family and Friends extend a sincere appreciation to all that helped.

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Pool Party Backpack

We are overwhelmed with gratitude for how our Back to School / End of Summer Kids' Party went on August 6th. Many people made this a fantastic day for the kids and every kid left tired and happy!

The kids enjoyed playing in the pool together, diving for fish, racing on horses attached to noodles (1-time exception), throwing reusable water balloons at each other, playing corn-hole, giant Jenga & ring toss. DJ Dougie kept the fun going with special dances and musical games. Barefoot Bay Food and Beverage provided hot dogs, watermelon and water and the kids were thrilled with the make-your-own ice cream sundae bar from Holy Cannoli.

Each school-aged child received a custom-made drawstring backpack, school supplies and a couple of small, fun items. We had several younger kids attend our event with their siblings and we had a gift for them too. We also raffled two full backpacks stuffed with a \$50 Walmart gift card and 20 additional gifts. Each child received a free raffle ticket and we also sold additional tickets to those who wanted to participate.

It's wonderful that we were able to join together and make this day possible for Barefoot Bay kids and grandkids. As residents, our goal was to make the kids feel special and we accomplished it! We received incredible support from our community and were able to turn those donations into meaningful gifts and school supplies for the kids. Some donations went

towards pool toys and games that we will use again at future youth events.

Many thanks again to our sponsors and everyone who donated their time and money. Special thanks to all the the volunteers, DJ Douglas Ryrie, Holy Cannoli, our three pool hosts and Leslie, the Barefoot Bay Food and Beverage team, Kathy Mendes and the property services crew.

This event was sponsored in part by Barefoot Bay Civic Volunteer Organization, Barefoot Bay Residents, Barefoot Bay Food and Beverage, Holy Cannoli, Horton's Lawn Care, BFB Food Store, Ridge Automotive, Schneider and Associates Insurance Agency, Big Roman's Pizza, Barefoot Bay Realty, Inc. and the Barefoot Bay Salon and Barber.

Keep an eye out for future Resident Sponsored Events for our youngest residents!

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILLARY #366

Hello dear members and friends. Just a note to remind you that our dues are needed for 2024. The payment is \$30.00 for the year, and you can send your check directly to me. Our meetings will again begin on the third Tuesday in October in Building E. We all look forward to seeing each other at that time. Our president, Rhoda Barnett, returns on October 9, 2023. As always, we will be most happy to see her.

Our year will be filled with helping our military (active and retired) and serving our community. Stay cool and see you in October.

For God and Country,
Sue Reddy

AMERICAN LEGION POST #366

Barefoot Bay Post 366 is restarting regular meetings. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. in Building D. The next meeting is on September 19. Please note the LEGION Act was passed by Congress and signed, removing 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 772-202-4926.

Jeff Grunow
 Commander

ART GUILD

Hello from the Barefoot Bay Art Guild. Here it is, almost September! The kiddies are back in school, and the snowbirds will return soon. Where has the summer gone? Some news from the Art Guild: The last workshops that we had in August were so popular that we had several lessons on how to make pop-up greeting cards. Every artist enjoyed learning this craft. It is very inexpensive and fun to create.

During the Month of August, we also had portrait drawings of pets or a favorite animal. We brought a photo of a pet and either drew or painted a copy of the photo. Each and every one of the Portraits was so unique.

Also, there was a workshop on making masks. Some were Mardi- Gras masks or a copy of someone else face. We paraded around the room once the masks were done.

Our classes kept us busy during the summer, and every one of them was entertaining. We continue to have many fun summer classes through the month of September. It is a great way to meet people and enjoy making unique and artistic creations.

Anyone interested in joining our fun workshops, please email the president, Dorothy Buchmann, at barefootbluedot@gmail.com
Bonnie J. Murphy

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Sure has been a hot one! We've been busy bees working on our upcoming projects. Also, this summer, we learned how to put photos on fabric, machine use and safety, types of fabrics, tools, etc.

Looking forward to the return of our seasonal friends. We're making some wonderful treasures! Call for class availability.

All Classes are Thursdays, 12:30-3:15; some supplies are provided to use. We are in Bldg C by Bldg A and pool 1 entrance. Look forward to seeing you!

Let's make something fun and make friends along the way!

Be safe, and have a great summer!
Your President, Shawna Greene
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BRITISH HERITAGE CLUB

Hi Folks!
 I hope everyone is surviving this unprecedented heat and humidity that you are having. Even those who "love" the heat are saying enough is enough...

September's Summer Fun Night will be held Tuesday, September 12th, in air-conditioned building D&E. The dinner will be a Taco Bar with soft and hard shells (3 each) served with beef buffet style. Each table will have shredded lettuce, chopped tomatoes, onions, sour cream, shredded Colby Jack cheese, and salsa. Dessert will be Cherry Churros (2 each)

Bar opens at 5:00 PM, and dinner will be served at 6:15 PM. Please contact Liz Embre at 321-750-3119 no later than September 7th so that we can get an accurate head-count for the food. Please provide exact cash or a check, as we will not be able to provide change. Tickets are \$12.00 per person.

These nights are always a great time to meet new friends and enjoy each other's company. Bring a game or join in with others. You do not need to be a British Club member to attend, so bring a friend or two.

Stay cool!
Cyndie Bourassa

CHESS CLUB

Barefoot Bay Chess Club meets every Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m. in Building C. The First Wednesday of every month is open for instruction. All levels are welcome. Spectators are welcome. Come join the Barefoot Bay Chess Club.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB

Barefoot Bay Christian Women's Club held our August luncheon on the third of August, with a food theme being a picnic. Fried chicken was enjoyed by all. Our thanks go to Dottie Rhea and her food crew for their usual great job. The decorations were very pretty, with the theme being Flamingos. Each woman received a pair of Flamingo earrings. Our newly formed Choir sang "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

We are looking for new members; if you are interested, please call Joyce Sweeney at 772-913-5122. We practice every Monday at 10 AM. We were pleased to hear Zella Criscillis give her testimony and tell us how the Lord helped her defeat cancer. It was a very inspiring story.

Information for our Christmas Luncheon has been announced. We have a group called The Puffers to entertain us. They are a Christian couple who provide music and stories. They have appeared worldwide, and we feel very fortunate that they live close by and will be available to us on December 7. We are taking reservations now, and they

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are already more than 50% filled. We have a limit of 80. Please call Ruth Lanning at 772-202-4251 or 631-241-3218 for reservations.

The price of this luncheon will be slightly higher due to the Puffers and catering. It will still be very reasonable. Please keep in mind that our chosen charity group this year is "Wings of Grace." We have a box for donations at each luncheon. Every penny of donations, and most of the food profits, go to this mission. Our next luncheon will be on September 7, at noon at D & E building. Hope to see you there!!

COMPUTER CLUB

I am including a few more reminders for computer and smartphone users that are intended to make life easier and more secure for you.

First- make sure you have set a password, fingerprint, or face recognition on your smartphone. This is extremely important if you use the device to do any financial transactions, including online purchases, health care portals, and Facebook profiles. Anyone picking up your phone can access your information as quickly as you do without this protection. It is simple and generally available through the settings icon and then security. I like the fingerprint recognition system since I don't have to remember another password!

Second- have you stored your important insurance information and photos of your home and contents on your smartphone? Recent fires in Hawaii and severe storms all around us illustrate how quickly you could have to leave your home and belongings to evacuate to safety. There simply is no time to gather your important papers together when the emergency notice or evacuation order is given. Take a photo of the front page with the insurance company name, contact name and number, and policy number. This is the information you would need to file a claim. Auto, House, Life, Mortgage, and other insurance policies are bulky to carry- your phone is probably the first thing you would take with you.

Third- ensure you have fully charged backup storage devices ready to go. Many models on the market are recharged electronically or through solar energy. Charge them now and be ready to go in an emergency. Most devices are small and can easily be packed in a travel bag.

Fourth-back up your computer to a flash drive or an external hard drive as a precaution. With most computers having information stored "in the cloud," this may not be as crucial as it once was, but still, a good idea just in case something happens to your computer or your internet service.

Fifth- plan on coming to the Computer Club meeting on Friday, September 22nd at 6:00 pm at Building D&E. Refreshments are available at 6:00 pm, and this is the time to visit and ask any individual questions you may have about your electronic devices. The program is always of interest to those who want to improve their use of computers, phones, and other electronics.

Hope to see you then.

CONSERVATIVE CLUB

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We will host a FREE 6-week course, Constitution Alive, beginning during Constitution Week (Sept 17-23) on

September 18th. The class will be held in Bldg D from 6-8 pm each Monday for the 6-week period. You can register online at <https://www.patriotacademy.com/coach/register/6685>

The Conservative Club meets on the 4th Thurs. of every month at 2:30 pm. Bldg. D&E. Next mtg. Sept 28th, and you Never know what you will find. Everyone is welcome to join us for a Fun Time and Friendship.

Thanks for Listening, and talk to you soon.

Ruthie

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DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB

Thank you to all our volunteers who helped in HOT weather to obtain signatures for the "Right to Clean and Healthy Waters" petitions. We'll continue to have information and 2023 petitions to encourage Bay residents to get involved to demand clean water in Indian River Lagoon and all over Florida. In September, we will be outside the South Mainland Public Library on Saturday 09/09 10-noon, Saturday 09/23 10-noon, and Tuesday 09/26 3-5 pm. Meet us at the Barefoot Bay Car Show on Sunday, 09/17, 11 am-3 pm. Besides yourself, please bring friends and families who are registered Florida voters to get these on the November 2024 ballot.

We will have information on How to Register to Vote and How to Vote by Mail [or go to <https://www.votebrevard.gov>]. Another 2023 initiative for the November 2024 ballot is to "Limit Government Interference with Abortion" for the Florida voters to decide. These are issues supported by both parties. Club members have collected 83 clean water and 54 safe abortion petitions to date.

To beat the HEAT, our August meeting was an Ice Cream Social. Join us at one of our meetings; if you are a registered Democrat from any state, we'd love to meet you. Democratic-leaning Independents are welcome! We meet monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 3:30 pm in Bldg D next to 19th Hole Restaurant.

Leave a message at 772-252-9679 or email dwcbbay@gmail.com.

EUCHRE

We play every Wednesday night in Bldg. D/E, which is at the golf course building. We begin at 6:30 PM but arrive about 10 minutes ahead of time. Come join us for a few hours of fun! Any questions, contact Ron at 772-202-4036 or Lois at 772-664-1199.

GREEN THUMB GARDENING CLUB

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, September 2nd, at 9:00 near the greenhouse off Dotti Road. Coffee and dessert will be provided.

The club has 4 garden plots for sale; call Val if interested.

At our last meeting, it was voted on by the club members that the club start charging a yearly club fee of \$10.00 to cover the cost of maintenance and supplies.

We will collect this at our Jan 6th meeting.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Val Abbate President
631-495-4703

IRISH AMERICAN CLUB

Hello, Irish American Club members.

Get ready for another summer get-together On September 3, 2023, at 3 pm, for a Hot Dog Chili Feast, along with a Golf Cart or Vehicle Poker Run consisting of 5 stops. We will meet at the Barefoot Bay golf course parking lot at 3 pm.

After completing all 5 stops, join us in building D/E for the Hot Dog Chili Feast; tickets are \$10.00 per member (cash or check). Tickets go on sale Tuesday, August 22, from 2 - 5 pm at the 19th hole Outside bandstand. Come and have some fun!

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If you wish NOT to participate in the poker run, we strongly encourage you to join us for the Hot Dog Chili Feast.

Any questions, contact:

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LAGOON ARTISANS

LABB artists have many opportunities to display their art. Several have displays and entries in galleries in the Eau Gallie Arts District highlighted below.

This supports our mission to support each other as fine artists while having fun and creating opportunities to show and sell our work. Many members belong to other art associations and galleries. Creating it is one aspect; selling it is another that takes much effort.

The club holds four art shows each year, mostly in Building A. The club meets monthly from October to April to discuss business, followed by art demos and discussions. The club also hosts four luncheons yearly at Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day, and End-of-the-Year. These socials provide opportunities for members to get to know each other outside of the club meetings and learn new things about art from their colleagues. The club welcomes new fine artists to join in the fun.

Further north of historic Melbourne is the Eau Gallie Arts District (EGAD), described by the District as "a vibrant community that boasts a rich history, an eclectic mix of art galleries, restaurants, shops and normally a full calendar of family-friendly events for visitors and residents to enjoy year-round." Several LABB artists display their art in local galleries and participate in special events.

The district offers opportunities for a pleasant afternoon or day trip. Fun shops, historic homes, museums, and restaurants fill the four-square block district.

This month's featured artist is Mary Ann Hall, who works in watercolors and is LABB's secretary.

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

Dan Martin, Secretary
609-432-1059

LINE DANCE CLUB

Learn how to line dance to country classics while supporting our local veterans, their families, and the Barefoot Bay Community! The Barefoot Bay Line Dance Club will begin the 2023 - 2024 season on Thursday, October 5th, 2023, in Building A at 9:30 a.m. The instructors will be Dona Gionet, assisted by Eileen Derrick. The schedule will be as follows:

9:30 a.m. to 9:55 a.m. - Absolute beginner step review.

10 a.m. to 11 a.m. - Beginner class with instruction

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

Each class will cost \$5 for Barefoot Bay residents and \$8 for non-residents. Please remember to bring your badge each week.

The October schedule will include the following dates: 5, 12, 19, 26th.

A portion of all monies collected will go to our Veterans at the end of the season.

See you on the dance floor,

Joanne Blum President
Jill Anderson Vice President
Lyn Simmons Secretary
Cathy Dugan Treasurer

LITTLE THEATER CLUB

Little Theater members are currently working on our next production to be held November 2-4, 2023. Watch next month's issue of The Tattler for ticket information. Anyone interested in getting involved in the theater club, come join us! For more information, please text or call Laura Kies at 815.592.1070.

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Jeff Grunow Running for BOT

Please let me introduce myself and ask for your support on Election Day. Although formally named Jeffrey, I simply go by Jeff. In May of 2017, my wife and I moved to Barefoot Bay after taking early retirement from Weber State University in Ogden, UT. Having served three years on the violations committee, I was honored to be chosen to fill Roger Compton's unexpired BOT term in 2020. Again, I'm honored to be serving out Mike Mainos's term.

I've always contributed to public service. I was active in our rural volunteer fire department and rescue squad in my collegiate days. Having gone to school to be an RN, I taught numerous first aid courses to the Boy Scouts and the community. As a volunteer mobile intensive care nurse, in 1982, the state of NJ allowed me to test out as a National Registry paramedic. Until retirement, I built paramedic education programs in Central NJ, Eastern KY, Charlotte, NC, and Intermountain West (ID, WY, UT, NV). I estimate over my education career, I've led to the certification of nearly 1000 paramedic students. In addition to teaching, I served 22 years in the USAF Reserve as an aeromedical evacuation flight nurse, retiring as a Colonel. I presently serve as the commander of Barefoot Bay American Legion Post 366.

I'm pleased to say that I make every effort to communicate with the residents. If you e-mail, phone, mail, meet me on my screen porch, and yes, I'll visit your home. I respond to all concerns. If you ask a question, I will be brutally honest with an answer.

Upon election, I will continue to serve ALL residents and the interests of the Bay. As we go forward, the greatest challenge for

the District will be our aging infrastructure, which is approaching 50 years of age. As a board member, I will prioritize infrastructure projects in our five-year plan. I'm not afraid to question the status quo. I also like the consistency of operation. During my first term, I was keenly interested in reviewing the Bay's COVID-19 status at every BOT meeting. I was a champion in changing BOT terms to 3 years on a 2-2-1 election cycle. This change, up for referendum in 2022, passed and will allow for greater efficacy of new board members and never allow a majority of the BOT to turnover in any election. Another initiative I successfully supported was to raise our capital spending limit to \$50K, allowing our Neighborhood Revitalization Program to better compete with developers and "flippers."

I've enjoyed serving the Bay by finishing Roger Compton's and Mike Maino's terms as a trustee. If elected, I will continue to serve the Bay's residents with the ethical and due diligence expected.

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Happy September! The hot August is behind us, and we hope the high 90s are too. We thank God that the weather has been relatively kind to us so far—seeing the devastation that some storms have caused worldwide. We are only human, we cannot control the weather, but we have certainly been known to complain about it. I remember a marquee outside a church reminding us, “You think it is HOT here!” It should serve to remind us that our life here is short, but eternity is forever. Where do we want to spend it? With our God or in the ‘hot place’?

As we approach Fall and things cool down, our activities gradually pick up around the church. Our Women’s Group (WELCA) will meet on September 13th to plan upcoming projects and events. Bring your own lunch and meet at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall to visit, get to know each other, and take care of the group’s business. Then the fun begins with planning our service to our church, our community, and to God, using our gifts and resources. Our choir will once again gather to lead us in song. We thank our members and the Pastor who stepped up with their musical talents during the summer interim.

On Sunday, September 10th, we will join the other Lutheran churches with a special service called “God’s Work- Our Hands.” We use this day to remind ourselves and each other that God uses our hands in many ways to lift each other up and contribute to the betterment of our surroundings.

Our church supports the Ecumenical Food Pantry in Roseland, serving residents of the Barefoot Bay area. There is a basket for food donations just inside the south entry doors, you can drop off your donations of food or money from 9 am to 11 am, Monday through Thursday, or bring your donations to church on Sunday morning.

We are a small congregation that loves a Big God and welcome ALL who enter our sanctuary. Matthew 19:20 reminds us that “For where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them.”

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Number your days and ...

Teach us to number our days aright,

that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us;

establish the work of our hands for us—

yes, establish the work of our hands. Psalm 90:12, 17

Karl Barth, a theologian, used to preach in a prison near where he taught in Basel, Switzerland. When he preached to the inmates on this psalm quoted above, he called their attention to a painting of a Christian saint contemplating a human skull. He said that this psalm bids us to ponder our mortality. Yet that is not where the psalm starts. Its beginning starts at the pre-beginning. Its first word, literally, is God, and he precedes all beginnings and is himself without beginning (or end).

God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. That’s the first sentence of the Psalm. People dwell in time and space, and so they, and time and space itself, exist within God.

So ponder, yes, your years and gain wisdom from that. But also ponder the God who is beyond your, and everyone’s, years ... and space. Gain wisdom also from that.

Rev. Jeff Wood

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Indian River County Cancer Support Group will meet on Friday, September 15, 2023, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 1301 Sebastian Blvd. in Sebastian. This month’s speaker will be Gary Owen, Owen Insurance Group, who will deliver a Medicare presentation addressing current plan changes and answer the audience’s questions.

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Obituaries

Steven Edward York

Steven Edward York, affectionately known as Yorkie, of Barefoot Bay, peacefully passed away on the evening of Sunday, July 30th at the age of 69, in southern Maine after a brief illness. Steve was born on October 7, 1953, in Winslow, Maine, eldest of three sons born to the late Robert E. York and Mary (Guiski) York, of Barefoot Bay.

Yorkie had the truest gift of charisma! He was sincere to the core, always had a story or joke to share, and became true friends to many over the years. He was a golf member of Barefoot Bay Golf Course and participated in the weekly Men's League and the Sunday afternoon golf league, as well as the spirited camaraderie that followed in the 19th Hole. He was a welcomed contributor to the issues of the day, and will be greatly missed by all those who had the privilege of sharing in his life.

He was a loving husband to Lani York, with whom he shared 28 years together. Steve and Lani enjoyed traveling in their retirement with numerous ocean cruises to



the Caribbean and river cruises in Europe. They organized the annual MAINE DAY luncheon for several years in Barefoot Bay. Steve's wit shined at the podium and he could get the entire room reduced to tears of laughter during the luncheon.

A memorial service for Yorkie will be planned in Barefoot Bay later in 2023. Steve's final resting place will be at the York Family plot at the Saint Francis Catholic Cemetery in Waterville, Maine.

Gail M. Buchanan

Gail M. Buchanan (78) passed away in her home on July 9, 2023. Gail will be remembered for her kindness, humor, generosity, and devotion to family.

Gail was born in Belleville, New Jersey, the third daughter to parents of Italian immigrants. She graduated from Verona High School. The family spent their summers at the shore, and moved to Wildwood Crest where she met her husband Jack and married in 1967. Gail was a dental assistant, before becoming the secretary for the Wildwood Crest Police Department, a position she held for 25 years.

Gail was known for her cooking and baking, and family history says Jack married Gail for her spaghetti sauce. Her cheesecake has won awards, and if you were lucky, you'd get plenty of fruitcake and cookies during the holidays. Gail was also an avid crafter throughout the years, always making wreaths, ceramics, and macrame. She also gave back to her community, volunteering for many years at the Burdette Tomlin Memorial Hospital. In 2000, she was nominated and received the Cape May County Secretary of the Year Award. Her picture for this award still hangs in the Police Department in her honor.

When Gail and Jack retired, they spent their time between Wisconsin and Florida. They cherished the time with their grand-



children, and their friends in Barefoot Bay. Before her illness, Gail spent many mornings with friends at the Senior Softball league where Jack played.

She is preceded in death by her husband, her parents Sue and Joe Posta, her niece Suzanne, and sister, Joan Campbell.

Gail leaves behind her loving sister and best friend, Sara Tenenbaum; her children, Dan (Omar Sanabria) and Elizabeth (William Topritzhofer); grandchildren Zachary and Annika; nephews Joe McKenna (Kris), David McKenna, and Todd Campbell; great niece Tiffany (Michael Mellon) and great nephew, Jacob McKenna.

A celebration of her life will be held in November 2023.

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10	11 MUSIC BINGO BLDG A5:30-8:30 P Kitchen Open 4-7 pm	12 DOUGIES KARAOKE LAKE STAGE 5-10 P TACO TUESDAY 5-8 P	13 TRIVIA LOUNGE 6:30-8:3	14 19th Hole DOUBLE TROUBLE RUSTIC ROAST BLDG A 4-7 pm	15 WHISKEY JU JU LAKE STAGE 7-10:30	16 AFTER GLOW LAKE STAGE 6-10
17 JOHNNY & THE BLAZE STREETDANCE 2-6 P FOOD TRUCK 11-7 P	18 MUSIC BINGO BLDG A5:30-8:30 P Kitchen Open 4-7 pm	19 DOUGIES KARAOKE LAKE STAGE 5-10 P TACO TUESDAY 5-8 P	20 TRIVIA LOUNGE 6:30-8:3	21 19th Hole GREG & BRIAN RUSTIC ROAST BLDG A 4-7 pm	22 DJ LAJON LAKE STAGE 7-10:30	23 SOULTIME LAKE STAGE 6-10
24	25 MUSIC BINGO BLDG A5:30-8:30 P Kitchen Open 4-7 pm	26 DOUGIES KARAOKE LAKE STAGE 5-10 P TACO TUESDAY 5-8 P	27 TRIVIA LOUNGE 6:30-8:3	28 19th Hole STEVE COLE RUSTIC ROAST BLDG A 4-7 pm	29 ALLEN WRONKO LAKE STAGE 7-10:30	30 TC & SASS LAKE STAGE 6-10PM

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