

At Palm Bay's Mercy: One Year Later

By Rob Allan

A year ago, The Tattler examined thousands of planned homes in Ashton Park, Lotis Palm Bay, SunTerra Lakes and a proposed Holiday Builders community practically across the canal from us. Beyond those projects were thousands more homes in Emerald Lakes, Cypress Bay, and other developments already approved or under construction. Connecting much of it was the St. Johns Heritage Parkway, eventually intended to provide another connection to Micco Road and give development west of us a much easier route east toward U.S. 1.

Barefoot Bay, of course, doesn't get a vote. We aren't part of Palm Bay, don't elect its City Council, and don't participate in approving its developments. After writing last year's story, I visited the Palm Bay City Council twice. I don't pretend anything I said changed Palm Bay policy, especially when Palm Bay residents were raising many of the same concerns about traffic, growth, and infrastructure. But I appreciated being acknowledged and having the opportunity to make a simple point on behalf of our community: Barefoot Bay is here, and we are your neighbors.

A year later, quite a lot has changed, and some of it is surprisingly encouraging. The biggest development may be one The Tattler completely missed when it happened. On March 19, Palm Bay City Council considered the Preliminary Development Plan for Lotis Palm Bay, a 353-acre mixed-use project north of Micco Road and east of Interstate 95 that had been moving through the city's development process since 2022.

The revised proposal called for 1,350 residential units — 567 single-family homes, 156 townhomes and 627 multifamily units — along with 82,600 square feet of commercial development and a 20,000-square-foot daycare. Years of planning, engineering, and considerable expense had already gone into the project, and Lotis had received school concurrency clearance.

Then Palm Bay Council started asking about fire and police protection. Palm Bay Fire officials said Station 9's response time to the property was approximately 12 minutes, with Brevard County auto-aid estimated at about 10 minutes. Police officials said the southern district was already averaging approximately eight minutes and 30 seconds for priority-two calls while handling roughly 17,000 calls for service annually.

Future public-safety facilities associated with other developments were discussed, but they didn't yet exist and weren't guaranteed in the Lotis development agreement. Councilman Kenny Johnson moved to deny the Preliminary Development Plan. The vote was 5-0.

That stopped the project in its current form. The Final Development Plan became moot, and the applicant withdrew its proposed Community Development District and Master Development Agreement. Lotis could return with a revised project addressing Palm Bay's concerns, but after approximately four years in the pipeline, it is stopped for now.

The denial matters to Barefoot Bay for another reason. Under the proposed development agreement, the Lotis developer was responsible for extending the St. Johns Heritage Parkway from the I-95 area to Micco Road, initially as two lanes and eventually four. Palm Bay would have provided transportation impact-fee credits of up to approximately \$7.6 million toward an estimated \$22 million Parkway cost.

When Lotis was denied and its development agreement withdrawn, that proposed obligation disappeared with it.

The Parkway hasn't been abandoned. Palm Bay and developers continue trying to piece the roadway together, with different sections tied to different properties and development agreements. What has changed is the timetable for completing the connection to Micco Road.

How much time that buys us is impossible to know. It could be five years, considerably longer or much less if another developer steps in with a workable plan. What we can say is that the connection looks considerably less imminent today than it did last summer.

The largest project we examined last year was Ashton Park, and there is no reason to

believe it has gone away. DIX Developments assembled approximately 1,568 acres for the project at a reported cost of about \$100 million.

At the end of last year, DIX founder James Dicks said 2025 had been the company's big buying year, and 2026 would be its big selling year. DIX said a national developer was expected to acquire approximately 1,100 acres of Ashton Park South, install infrastructure and ultimately sell finished lots to homebuilders. Ashton Park North was reportedly under contract to a regional developer, with an initial release of about 300 lots expected in June.

As we prepare the September issue, The Tattler has not found public confirmation that those announced May and June milestones occurred as originally described. That doesn't mean the deals collapsed. Large land transactions get delayed, renegotiated, and change hands. It does mean the timetable deserves watching.

DIX currently describes Ashton Park as being in the "final approval process" with Palm Bay and has projected construction beginning in the third quarter of 2026. During the March Lotis hearing, however, Ashton Park was referenced as a possible location for future public-safety infrastructure while it was acknowledged that the development itself had not yet been approved. The Tattler has not located a subsequent City Council approval of an Ashton Park Preliminary Development Plan.

DIX has real land and real money invested in Ashton Park, and there is every reason to expect the property will continue to be pursued for development. But projects this large can take years, change hands, and change plans. Capital also costs money while land sits waiting for development or resale.

We don't have to look far for an example. SunTerra Lakes, another major project included in our story last year, changed hands this summer.

JTD Land Company purchased approximately 1,100 acres of SunTerra Lakes for a reported \$53 million in cash. The project has vested entitlements for 2,548 residential units, but the new owner didn't simply continue the old plan. JTD proposed converting 1,198 units into a gated 55-plus active-adult community, substantially changing the development and reducing projected traffic and school impacts.

The owner changed, the plan changed, and the timetable changed. That's how projects of this size work, and it's a reminder that thousands of homes on a development map don't necessarily become thousands of rooftops on the schedule originally envisioned.

That's particularly important when Palm Bay eventually considers Ashton Park. The city isn't deciding whether to approve Ashton Park in an area otherwise starved for new housing.

Emerald Lakes alone encompasses approximately 1,500 acres and is planned for more than 3,760 residences and 2.8 million square feet of commercial development. Cypress Bay continues through multiple phases; SunTerra has thousands of vested units, and additional developments throughout the Babcock Street and St. Johns Heritage Parkway corridor have been approved, started, or are already selling homes.

Palm Bay already has an enormous housing pipeline before Ashton Park adds another major development. The Lotis vote suggests Council may be more willing to ask whether roads, police, fire protection, schools and utilities should catch up with growth already approved before still more rooftops are added.

None of this means growth west of Barefoot Bay has disappeared. It hasn't. Hundreds of millions of dollars have changed hands, thousands of homes remain approved or planned, and the St. Johns Heritage Parkway is still being assembled one piece at a time.

What has changed is the timetable. Lotis Palm Bay was denied 5-0, taking with it the developer's proposed obligation to extend the Parkway from I-95 to Micco Road. Ashton Park remains very real and is described by its developer as being in Palm Bay's final approval process, but important approvals and development milestones remain ahead. SunTerra changed owners and plans, while thousands of previously approved homes elsewhere remain to be built.

Perhaps most importantly, Palm Bay demonstrated something this past March that we weren't certain of when we wrote "At Palm Bay's Mercy": the City Council is willing to tell a major developer no when it isn't convinced the infrastructure is ready.

A year ago, I went to Palm Bay City Hall because I wanted our neighbors to remember that approximately 4,900 homes sit immediately outside Palm Bay's southern frontier. What happens there eventually reaches us.

In many respects, Barefoot Bay is still at Palm Bay's mercy. We don't get a vote on its developments or when the Parkway eventually reaches Micco Road. But Palm Bay also appears to be recognizing the practical limits imposed by its roads, fire stations, police department, utilities, and tremendous development pipeline.

Somewhere along the way, Barefoot Bay may have gained something we weren't expecting: time.

How much remains to be seen.



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September is here, and just as the kids begin revving up for a scheduled school day, we adults here in Barefoot Bay start to feel the anticipation of “fall” weather, people returning from vacations, and clubs starting to meet again.

“Happy September! The world shall now transform into pumpkin everything.”.....Keith Wynn

The CVO Office will officially reopen on September 9th. Hours remain the same, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. until 2:00 P.M.

Upcoming Events:

Sept. 9, 2026 - Sign-up for “Aging in Place 6-week Boot Camp” begins. This program is only open to Barefoot Bay Residents, and there are only 30 openings available. So if this is something you are interested in, call or come in today. Phone: 772-663-0633 (see ad in Tattler)

Saturday, September 12, 2026 – Candidate Meet N Greet Coffee – 10 a.m. to noon in the Pavilion behind Building A. It’s that time again, and this is your chance to meet your candidates for the Board of Trustees: Jan Creitz, Sydne James, and Elaine VanBerschot. Coffee, water, and refreshments will be served.

Sunday, September 27, 2026 – Barefoot By the Lake Fall Car Show from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. This bi-annual event gets bigger and better every time! Bring the family out (Fido too!) and reminisce about times gone by. Music, food, raffles, vendors, and cars, motorcycles, and trucks!

Saturday, October 3, 2026 – Barefoot Bay’s Rise of the Pirate Republic! – Come one, come all! Enjoy the days of ole with all the Barefoot Bay Pirates and Wenches! Vendors, music, dancing, and mayhem right here in the Bay beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, October 7, 2026 – CVO Bingo returns! Building A – Doors open at 5 p.m.

October 17 & 18th– Little Theatre’s Production of “Pigeons, Popcorn and Prosecco”. Buy your tickets early! This is sure to be another hit!

Saturday, October 31, 2026 – Trunk or Treat! Yes, Halloween this year is a Saturday, so the Trunk or Treat will be held on the walking path under the oaks earlier this year. The event will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you are planning to give out candy, please arrive by 1:30 P.M. to be ready for the onslaught of goblins and ghouls!

Tuesday, November 3, 2026 – Election Day

Thursday, November 26, 2026 – Thanksgiving Day Dinner – Doors open at 12:15 p.m. Dinner served at 1:00 p.m. \$20 a ticket

Thursday, December 31, 2026 – Ring in the New Year with a Buffet Dinner & Dance - More info to come!

Elaine VanBerschot



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County Commissioner

Kim Adkinson
County Commissioner, District 3

September: An Important Month for Brevard County

As we welcome September and our snowbirds returning to the Bay, I want to take a moment to thank the amazing residents of Barefoot Bay for the continued opportunity to serve you on the Brevard County Commission. I am incredibly proud to represent our community and the residents who care so deeply about this special place we call home. Your concerns and ideas continue to strengthen my commitment to ensuring that the services, public safety, infrastructure, and quality of life you value are protected for years to come.

As your County Commissioner, one of my responsibilities is to make sure Barefoot Bay has a strong and consistent voice in county issues. My staff and I are always available to listen to residents, address concerns, ask difficult questions, and work toward responsible solutions. We may not always agree on the outcome, but I will always do my best to address your concerns and make a positive difference on the issues that matter most to our community.

There are many important issues that come to me on the County Commission, including infrastructure, public safety, utilities, growth, environmental protection, and the responsible use of taxpayer dollars. These decisions have a direct impact on Barefoot Bay and the communities throughout District 3. I believe our residents deserve transparency, accountability, and a meaningful opportunity to be heard.

September is an especially important month for Brevard County as the County Commission prepares to finalize the 2026–2027 county budget. Over the past several months, the Commission has had several Budget Workshops, and we have been reviewing the proposed budget, discussing priorities, and looking closely at how we can continue providing the services you depend on while remaining responsible with taxpayer dollars.

The County Commission will hold its two public hearings on the proposed county budget and property tax rates on Tuesday, September 8, and Tuesday, September 22, at 5:05 p.m. These hearings are an important part of the budget process and provide you with an opportunity to learn more about the proposed budget and make your voices heard before the final budget is adopted.

Thank you for your trust and for allowing me to serve as your County Commissioner. I am honored to represent Barefoot Bay and the residents of District 3, and I remain committed to working diligently on your behalf. If you have any questions or require additional assistance, please feel free to contact me at my office at 321-633-2075. Liz Alward, Chief of Staff, and Brian Bond, Legislative Aide, are also available to assist you.



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A Word From Your Recreation District Chair

Elaine VanBerschot

BOT Happenings
July 9, 2026 Meeting Highlights:
The BOT amended the budget to provide the additional funds needed to complete the flooring replacement project at the Shopping Center.

The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the conditional acceptance of a proposed equipment donation from an anonymous donor for an articulating boom lift. Because the equipment exceeds the District Charter's \$50,000 acquisition limit, District Attorney Mr. Olsen advised that voter approval through a referendum is required. A ballot question and resolution will be presented at the next Board meeting for submission to the Supervisor of Elections. The donation would be funded entirely by the donor, with no District funds used for the purchase.

The Board tabled consideration of DOR Violation 26-001757 involving a dog bite incident at 448 Dolphin Circle. Citations were issued to both dog owners, one for the bite and the other for an unlicensed dog and expired rabies vaccination. Because the Sheriff's Office report had not yet been received and no witnesses were present, Mr. Olsen recommended continuing the quasi-judicial hearing. The Board unanimously voted to table the matter until August 13, 2026.

The Board discussed plans for improvements to the US 1 gateway, which has \$4,000 budgeted in the FY26 R&M/Capital Projects budget. Proposed improvements include repairing and painting the entrance walls, refreshing signage, addressing fountain repairs, and adding Florida-native, low-maintenance landscaping. Trustees expressed support for a durable, low-maintenance design and discussed options for landscaping, paint colors, signage, and irrigation. Staff noted that irrigation for the side

sections would require additional funding. Chairwoman Van Berschot's recommendations will be distributed to the Board for review. The item will return at a future meeting for further discussion and direction to staff.

The Board of Trustees approved a proposed settlement agreement in the case of Richard Armington v. Barefoot Bay Recreation District. District General Counsel Mr. Olsen advised that the agreement would resolve the outstanding claims and eliminate the District's obligation to reinstate Armington to his former position. Mr. Olsen explained that the proposed settlement was reduced from an initial demand of two years' salary to one year and would avoid further litigation and a potential appeal. Trustees discussed the financial and employment implications of the agreement, including the prior reinstatement order. The Board voted 4-1 to approve the settlement and authorize Chairwoman Van Berschot to execute the agreement.

July 11, 2026 Townhall Meeting Highlights:
A strong turnout of residents attended the recent Barefoot Bay Recreation District Town Hall meeting, with discussion covering the golf course, amenity security, the courtesy cart, water and sewer rates, property maintenance, a possible dog park, community activities, and District operations.

Residents discussed the financial challenges associated with maintaining the golf course and rising operating costs. Trustees noted that the District recently renewed its BrightView maintenance contract for three years at a fixed rate, providing greater cost stability.

Several residents supported increased security at the Fishing Pier, Beach and Lounge Lakeside. Staff is evaluating electronic access control systems, with improvements potentially included in a future budget.

The possibility of reinstating the Building A courtesy cart service also generated discussion. While several residents and Trustees expressed support, staff and the District's insurance representatives have raised concerns about liability based on previous incidents involving the service. The matter may return for further consideration, including the possibility of limiting service to Veterans Way.

Water and sewer rates and the potential future integration of Barefoot Bay's system with Brevard County Utilities were another major topic. Residents questioned the remaining bond, future treatment plant costs, and the potential impact on customers. Residents were encouraged to attend an upcoming presentation on the history and future of the water and sewer system.

Residents also discussed the possibility of developing a dog park. Preliminary estimates indicated that a facility could cost approximately \$100,000 to \$150,000, with annual maintenance and insurance costs in addition. Based on the estimated expense and liability concerns, there was currently little support for moving forward.

Other concerns included property maintenance, landscaping, air conditioning repairs, yard debris collection, parking, Fishing Pier cleanup, and opportunities for additional activities for children and teens. Residents also offered suggestions for improving communication and providing more information about District operations.

Trustees encouraged residents to attend Board meetings, ask questions, and participate in community discussions. Chairwoman Van Berschot thanked residents for the strong turnout and emphasized the value of hearing directly from the community.

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July 28, 2026 Meeting Highlights:
The Board of Trustees unanimously approved accepting a new articulating boom lift from an anonymous donor for the Property Services Department and waived the District’s policy requiring the donor to pay the District before staff purchases the donated item. Legal counsel had determined that a referendum would not be needed in order to accept the donation. The donation will eliminate the need to routinely rent a lift, which cost the District \$4,621.66 in FY26. Estimated maintenance costs are less than \$1,000 annually for the first five years. The lift will include a one-year comprehensive warranty and a five-year frame warranty.

The Board of Trustees provided final input on the US 1 Gateway Landscaping Project, which has \$4,000 budgeted in the FY26 R&M/Capital Projects budget. Trustees generally supported the proposed blue color scheme, xeriscaping, and improvements to the entrance signage, while recommending greater contrast for the lettering to improve visibility. The Board reached a consensus to retain the existing fountain, with staff confirming that the pump is in good working condition. Trustees also supported using Florida-native, low-maintenance landscaping and retaining the existing palm trees. Concerns about parking and preserving some sod near the flagpole were also discussed. District Manager Kent Cichon said Property Services will move forward with the project. He noted that the current estimates do not include wall repairs, painting, patching, or new lettering, but some landscaping elements may be reduced to help fund those

improvements.

DOR violations for 1010 Ginger Lane were referred to General Counsel for legal action, equitable or other appropriate action for failure to comply.

The Board of Trustees unanimously approved awarding a contract to Endeavor for \$30,550 to construct an expanded outdoor deck at the 19th Hole. The project was originally budgeted at \$30,000. The expanded deck will use wood construction to accommodate an existing oak tree and avoid damaging its roots. The project will include railings similar to those on the existing 19th Hole patio.

The Board of Trustees discussed a request to reinstate the courtesy cart service previously provided in the Building A parking lot. District staff and insurance representatives recommended against reinstating the service due to past incidents and the potential liability and insurance risks.

Trustees acknowledged the convenience of the service but expressed concern about its potential impact on the District’s insurance coverage, premiums, and safety record. After discussion, the Board reached a consensus not to reinstate the courtesy cart service at this time.

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

BOT Regular Meeting, Tuesday, August 25, 2026, Bldg. D/E, 1 pm.
Thursday, Sept. 10, 2026, Bldg. D/E, 1 p.m.
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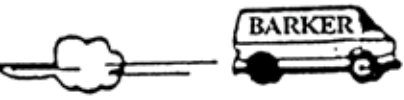


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Wednesday mornings. 9 a.m. to Noon. Claims help and benefit Information. Meet with veteran center staff who can assist based on their knowledge base. Afternoon is Movie Time. Showtime starts at 2 p.m. The schedule for September is on the bulletin board outside the veteran community center and the bulletin board outside Building A.
Friday 9 a.m. till Noon: Claims Help and information. Closed till October 1st. Afternoon 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Card game: Euchre.
Dates and Events of interest to veterans and those who honor them.
September 11 Patriot Day: Remembers and honors those injured or killed in the 2001 terrorist attacks, often including tributes to first responders and military personnel.
September 11: Tunnel to Towers Benefit Golf Tournament at Mangrove Sands Golf Club (Vero Beach). Starts at 8:30 AM with a remembrance ceremony and breakfast, followed by a 9:00 AM shotgun start (\$100 entry fee includes lunch)
September 12: (4:00 AM departure / 8:30 PM return) Space Coast Honor Flight Mission #4 departs from and returns to Melbourne International Airport, featuring the "Red, White & YOU" pre-flight welcome-home celebration, live music by Hot Pink, and a Veteran Walk of Honor starting at 9:00 PM
September 18: Air Force Birthday Marks the founding of the United States Air Force as a separate branch in 1947.
September 18: National POW/MIA Recognition Day Honors prisoners of war and those still missing in action. It is one of the designated days to fly the POW/MIA flag. Wear Red that day to "Remember Everyone Deployed."
September 27: Gold Star Mothers and Families Day. Honors the families of fallen service members who died while serving.
September 29: National VFW Day commemorates the founding of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1899 to support combat veterans.
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A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Printer

Last-minute ad offers a lesson in reaching Barefoot Bay

By Rob Allan

Today, as we were putting the finishing touches on the September Tattler, my phone rang. The gentleman on the other end wanted to know if it was too late to get an advertisement into the September issue. Our advertising deadline was last Friday and, truthfully, today was about as late as he possibly could have called and still had a chance.

My first question was pretty simple.

"Do you have print-ready artwork?"

Yes.

Well, that changes things.

He needed a half page. The artwork could go directly to Laura; we still had the space and, most importantly, we still had just enough time to make it happen.

The advertisement is for APEX Water & Ice, a company hoping to bring a commercial filtered water and ice machine to Barefoot Bay. The possibility of installing one had apparently been discussed at a recent Board of Trustees meeting, and APEX wanted residents to know about it while that discussion was still relevant.

Take a look at the advertisement elsewhere in this issue. It's a good one. It shows you the machine, explains why APEX believes Barefoot Bay would benefit from having one, and asks residents to support the idea. It even includes the names and email addresses of all five Trustees and encourages residents to contact them.

There isn't much ambiguity. APEX wants to bring a water and ice machine to Barefoot Bay; community support could help make that happen, and, if it does, those same residents become potential customers. This isn't simply about placing a machine. If residents embrace it, APEX could be providing water and ice to our community for years to come.

He knew exactly who he needed to reach.

That's where our conversation became interesting.

The gentleman who called me isn't new to Barefoot Bay. He has owned another business here for many years, and I've tried before to interest him in advertising that business in The Tattler. During our conversation, he rather quickly told me that he'd never really seen the value in doing so.

Fair enough. I've been selling advertising long enough to know I'm not going to convince everybody, and ultimately it's his money.

But I couldn't help smiling at the irony.

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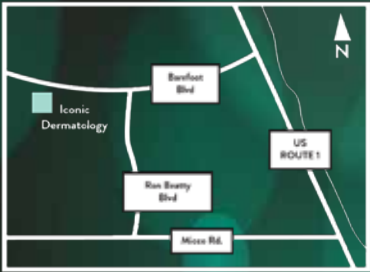
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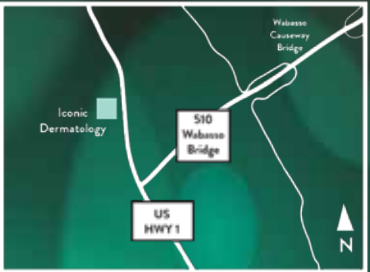
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Twenty-two years in the community and I'm still not really sure what they do.

Now compare that with APEX Water & Ice. Until today, I knew virtually nothing about it. One advertisement later, I know what the company does, what it wants to bring to Barefoot Bay, what the machine looks like, why they think residents would want one, and exactly what they'd like us to do to help make it happen.

That's a pretty remarkable contrast, and it's a lesson in advertising that I think a lot of longtime businesses sometimes forget. Just because people recognize your name doesn't mean they know what you do.

A business can sit in the same location for ten or twenty years. Thousands of people can drive past it and recognize the sign. None of that necessarily means those people understand what happens inside or know why they should ever pick up the phone and call.

Advertising isn't always about putting a coupon in the newspaper and counting how many people bring it back. Sometimes it's simply about introducing yourself to your neighbors, explaining what you do, and giving them a reason to remember you when the day comes that they need whatever it is you provide.

The APEX advertisement demonstrates something else particularly well. They aren't trying to reach everyone in Brevard County, and they certainly don't need everyone in Florida to see this advertisement. Right now they want the attention of one very specific group of people — Barefoot Bay residents.

That's exactly who The Tattler reaches.

There is also something to be said for being seen supporting the community where you do business. The advertisers in The Tattler make it possible for us to continue covering Barefoot Bay, publishing community information, promoting local events, and putting a newspaper devoted specifically to this community into residents' hands every month. Businesses that have been part of Barefoot Bay for years have their own stories, and there is value in telling them.

If you've been serving Barefoot Bay for twenty years, tell people about it. If you've added a service they may not know about, tell them about that too. And if everybody recognizes the name on your building but a guy who has lived here for 22 years still can't explain exactly what you do, maybe there's an opportunity there.

That's what made today's phone call so interesting to me. A businessman who had never really seen much value in advertising his longtime business in The Tattler suddenly had something else he very much wanted Barefoot Bay residents to know about.

He knew exactly where to find them.

We were putting the finishing touches on the September Tattler when the phone rang. And we were ready.

<EDITOR'S NOTE: The story you just read about an advertisement demonstrating the value of advertising has itself become an advertisement demonstrating the value of advertising.
The circle is now complete.>



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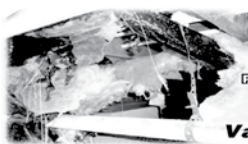
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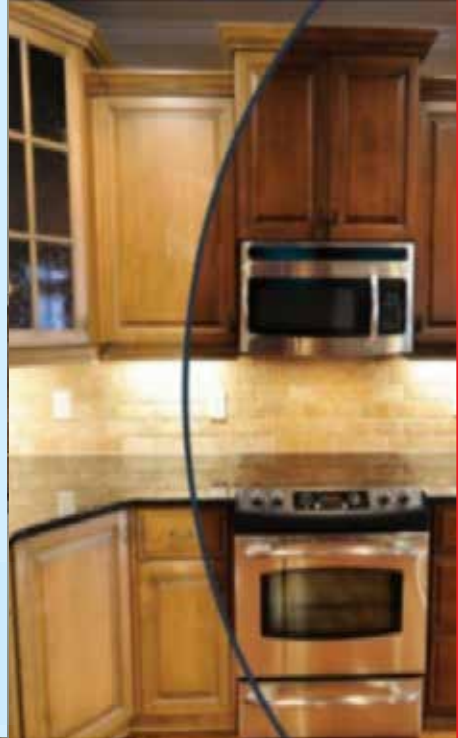
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Spaces are limited so please reply if you can attend all 6 weeks!

DATES AND LOCATION:

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

TOPICS WE WILL COVER WILL INCLUDE:

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

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
#366

American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 366, will resume meetings in Building E on October 13, 2026, at 1 PM. Guests are welcome. The finance committee is busily working on the budget for 2026/2027 and will be brought forth for review.

For God and country,

Sue Reddy,
Public Relations

ARTISTS’ GUILD

Happy September from the Barefoot Bay Artists’ Guild.

The seasons are shifting once again. The kiddos are back to school, and before long our snowbirds will begin their journey south. Summer, with all its sunshine and laughter, has slipped by almost too quickly. But with every change comes a new beginning — a fresh chance to create, connect, and let our spirits stretch into something beautiful.

Community and Connection

“Ahoj, mates! On October 3rd, we’re dropping anchor at Pirate Fest to unite our community in a whirlwind of adventure, creativity, and pure swashbuckling fun! Sail on over to our booth to feast your eyes on dazzling creations, joyful surprises, and costumes worthy of the high seas. Come join the revelry — the treasure is the magic we make together!”

At the heart of the Guild is a simple belief: art brings people together. It softens us. It opens us. It reminds us that we’re part of something larger than ourselves.

Come Create With Us

Have you ever felt a little spark inside — that quiet tug toward color, imagination, and the joy of making something with your own hands? Maybe you’ve always wanted to explore your artistic side but weren’t sure where to begin. Or perhaps you’re already painting and simply longing for a place where you can grow, be encouraged, and share your gifts with others.

Wherever you are on your creative journey, we welcome you with open arms. Truly — no experience is needed. All you need is curiosity, a little courage, and the willingness to let your heart speak through color.

Our classes are designed to nurture both beginners and seasoned artists. We meet on Mondays in Building D/E from 1 to 4, and on the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Fridays of each month in the same building. Bring your supplies, bring your smile, and bring the beautiful openness that makes art possible. We’ll take care of the rest. Please contact Bonnie Murphy @ 772-925-2205 for more information.

We’re more than paint and canvas — we’re a circle of storytellers, dre

BRITISH CLUB

So here we are in September – it’s hard to believe the kids have already gone back to school and the leaves will start changing soon here in Massachusetts! The best part of all of that is it means we will be returning to Barefoot Bay very soon!

We are back on our usual third Tuesday of the month schedule for September. Our Fun Night will be held on September 15th in Building A. We will be having Pot Roast with gravy along with boiled, quartered potatoes. Carrots, celery, and onions will be added for flavor and then served separately. We will also have salad, rolls, butter, and Chocolate Mousse for dessert.

Tickets are \$16.00, and you do not need

to be a member to attend. This is a great time to get together with friends and have some fun playing games or just socializing.

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

One more summer fun night on October 20th, and then we will be starting our fall season. Looking forward to getting back into our “winter” routine.

Remember to live one day at a time and make it a masterpiece!

Cheers,

Cyndie Bourassa

CHESS CLUB

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

All skill levels are welcome. Looking for new players.

Come join us.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN’S CLUB

As usual, the meeting was opened in prayer. It was followed by some great singing by our choir. Joyce Sweeney, director, announced that they would welcome any new members. They practice on Monday morning at 10:00 AM in the D & E building. No practice on the Monday following the luncheon.

The tables were decorated with beach things and looked very pretty. Sondra and her seasoned ladies served a luncheon that went along with the beach theme. We had fried chicken, beans, potato salad, broccoli salad, fruit, rolls, and butter. Dessert was cream cheese pie. Lots of nice comments about the meal!! Thanks, Ladies!!

The speaker was from the American Legion Unit 189 in Sebastian. She talked about helping homeless students in high school. These kids do not have families; instead, they live wherever they can. They are desperately trying to finish school. The American Legion helps with whatever they need, trying to make it possible for them to finish high school. If you want to know what you can do to help, contact the American Legion in Sebastian.

We were given information regarding Franklin Graham’s Christmas boxes for children in developing countries. There are two ways to give to this. It can be done online at Samaritan’s Purse. It is paid by credit card; they fill and send the box. There are local churches that take filled boxes and ship them to Samaritan’s Purse. I do this every year; it is a very worthy cause. When a child receives the box, they know there is a Christian in America who cares for them. If you are filling your own box, check with Samaritan’s Purse for allowed items.

On October 6, we will be having a baby shower meeting. Please bring a gift for a baby, sizes newborn to one, not used. Gifts will be given to the Caring Center for Women Pregnancy Resource Center.

For a reservation for September, please call Ruth at 772-202-4251.

Looking forward to seeing you next month! God Bless All of You!!

Jane Fruscella
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COMPUTER AND TECHNOLOGY CLUB

The first Computer Club meeting of the season will be on Friday, September 25th, beginning at 6:00 pm at Building D&E. If

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you would like individual help with your electronic devices, please come between 6:00 and 6:30 pm. This is a great time for people to help each other to resolve issues. It has often been said- there are no new problems, just new-to-you problems! Many of our members may have already resolved the problem and would be willing to help you. The meeting begins at 6:30 pm. The program will be a sharing time for tips for online shopping. What are the challenges, risks, advantages, and things to watch for in the fine print? Please come and share your experiences - the good, bad, and ugly - with our group. Refreshments will be available before the meeting begins. The Computer and Technology Club meets on the 4th Friday of each month from September through April. No dinner, dances, or games- just people helping people to use those electronic devices that are designed to save us time and money.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB

Now that our State primary is complete, it's time to focus our energies on beating our Republican opponents. If we, as Democrats, get out and vote, we have a very good chance of returning Florida to a blue State. We need to learn what our priorities are and what Florida Democrats can do to help its citizens. Our best chance to turn the tide is to get out the vote. Talk to your friends and neighbors, encourage them to vote or even sign up to vote by mail. Voting is critical this year!

The DWCB is hosting Mr. Matt Nylen at its September 17th meeting. Matt is the Chair of the Brevard Democratic Environmental Caucus. He will be talking about the Right to Clean Water Act and how we can get it on the ballot again for 2028. If you would like to learn more, please join us in Building D at 3:30 pm for his presentation: Voices for the Lagoon – A SOIRL Renewal Stakeholders Conversation.

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

- Deadline to request that ballot be mailed: October 22, 2026

- Early voting period (mandatory period): October 24 – 31, 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.

GRANT HISTORICAL HOUSE

The Grant Historical House will remain closed through September. Tours will be resumed in October. If you would like a tour for a group, you may contact Cheri at 321-794-9393. We would love to tell you about Grant and the marvelous pioneers who settled here.

The Grant Historical House is located at 5795 US 1 Grant/Valkaria, FL

IRISH AMERICAN CLUB

Hello to all,

Hope everyone is doing well and summer is going great. The Irish American Club will always remember Eddy Reardon, who passed away in July. Both she and her husband were members of the Irish club for a long time; let's all remember them both for their long commitment to our club.

Prayers and thoughts to their family.

ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB

September 24, 2026, in building D&E at

5:00 PM will be our final pizza night for the season. Yes, we will have the horse races again. Great fun. On September 14, 2026, the Executive Board will meet at Shirley's store. Our meeting will be at 9:00 AM. We will be planning our events for the remainder of the year and next. Our first general membership meeting, which is held at 5:00 PM in Building A, is scheduled for October 28, 2026. I'm very excited about our first meeting because it's our famous "Potluck" dinner. This is an opportunity for our members to show off their culinary skills by bringing their favorite dish to share with the membership. Yummy! At the October meeting, we will be introducing our horse racing to all those members who missed the pizza nights due to being away for the summer. We do not meet in November because of Thanksgiving being at the same time. However, we will have tickets available for the Christmas party/dinner at the October meeting. Our leadership team has been able to keep our dues at \$10 a year. I have been most fortunate to have a great team to work with. Please know how much I appreciate everyone's dedication to the success of our club. We try to collect our dues before the end of the year. Our membership continues to grow, and we are very excited about all our new members joining us for our season of fun, games, and entertainment. Thank you, folks, for all your support and trusted dedication to our club.

Ron Fashano
President

JEWISH SOCIAL CLUB

Our club is dedicated to exploring our shared roots and welcoming people of all religions and backgrounds. This is not a religious or political group—just a community that enjoys learning, connecting, and

celebrating together.

We had decided not to meet in July or August, and suddenly September is here. On Monday, September 21, 2026, at 3:30 PM, we will gather at our home for a model Break Fast in honor of Yom Kippur.

Yom Kippur is the Day of Atonement, traditionally observed with a 25-hour fast. The Break Fast is the joyful meal that follows—a time for community, reflection, and sharing simple, comforting foods. Ours will be a welcoming, inclusive version meant for everyone, whether or not you observe the holiday.

Everyone is welcome, but please RSVP. If you'd like, feel free to bring a dairy side dish to share.

All are welcome.

If you have questions or just want to chat, please call or text:

Joanne: 860-869-2982

Jerry: 860-869-2981

Shalom (Peace)

LAGOON ARTISANS

LABB artists spent their summer preparing new art for the coming year and recharging their artistic batteries.

The first show this season is a two-day holiday show on Saturday, November 28th, and Sunday, November 29th. The others 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, light refreshments, and a silent auction.

A special show is planned for early spring, where the Artisans will have a six-week exclusive show at the Emerson Center in

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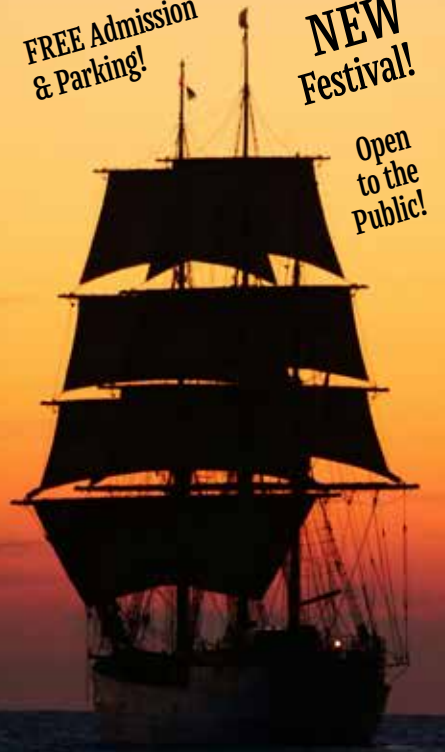
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Club News from Page 11

Vero Beach. This will run concurrently with the shows mentioned above. Details will be provided later.

LABB meets every second Wednesday, October through April, at Building D/E from 10 to noon. Meetings involve routine matters, techniques/skills demonstrations, and managing the art shows. Luncheons are held after several meetings at local restaurants.

Leadership for the group remains the same for the coming season: Georgene Granholm, president; Ethel Marchione, vice president; Pam Morley, treasurer; and Dan Martin, secretary. Since this is a volunteer club, all members are expected to contribute to the management of the shows, publicity, and required tasks.

Local artists interested in exploring opportunities are encouraged to call President Georgene Granholm at 908-337-9400 or me and plan to attend a meeting or show. We enjoy meeting new artists, sharing and learning with each other.

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

Learn with us, create with us, and add a little color to your life.

Dan Martin, Secretary
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LINE DANCE CLUB

We are looking forward to and excited for the start of our new season. 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.

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See the G-A+Z-ETTE article on page 7.

OPEN MIC CLUB

Hello Live Music Lovers. The summer has been hot and humid, but we have stayed cool playing our music in building D/E every Tuesday. We love playing outside under the Oaks, but we will be inside for a few more

weeks or until it's cool enough to play outside. Come on over to building D/E, where we have tables and chairs set up so you can bring your favorite crafts, or you can grab a snack and your favorite beverage at the 19th hole right next door and enjoy the music. The Barefoot Bay Open Mic Musicians perform a wide range of music, including Folk, Rock, Blues, R&B, and popular group songs every Tuesday afternoon from 1:30 to 4:00 PM.— Whether you arrive by car, golf cart, bike, or on foot, feel free to bring along your family and friends for an afternoon of free live music and fun. For the latest updates on performance locations—including potential changes because of the weather— or to follow your favorite Open Mic Club Musicians at venues outside the Bay, please visit the “Barefoot Bay Open Mic Club” Facebook page. Thank you for spending your Tuesday afternoons with us.

SENIOR SOFTBALL

Hello Everyone. As the Summer is coming to a close, Barefoot Bay Senior Softball is heating up. With the weather cooperating a little better than last summer's rains, quite a few more games have been played at the ball field. As always, we've seen some spectacular fielding- spectacular, that is, from our point of view - and some amazing hitting and base running. For some of us, it's amazing that we can get to first base. One thing we can be proud of is the pitching efforts from the players on the mound. Since we are playing more games, the pitchers get more practice to nibble on the corners and throw some incredible curveballs.

We've had a number of folks from the Bay coming out to play who don't play in the formal League during the winter. The summer games are open to anyone interested in playing, and age is not a determining factor. Several Young people have been coming out to the field, showing us older players how to play the game. However, we can generally hold our own against those upstarts. Regardless, everyone is having fun.

The League is looking forward to the fall when we begin practice in earnest and hold our draft. With the number of new players who have signed up for the 2027 Season, it should be interesting. As the year goes on, the League will also have our traditional social events, including the Sweetheart Dance, the season-ending picnic, and the very popular and well-attended Canadian-American Softball Game.

So if you are looking for some fun and maybe just a little bit of exercise, join us at the ball field. We play every Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30. If you don't have a bat or glove, we can provide you with those. If you are concerned about running the bases, we will get a runner for you. However, you may find that you might be a little quicker than some of the players volunteering to run. Just something to consider. Come out and be a kid again and meet some great people. See you at the field.

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Artists’ Guild Artist of the Month Pamela Morley



LABB member Pamela Morley is a diversified artist and published author who spent a lifetime perfecting her craft as a painter, medium, and author. While no subject eludes her eye, her uncanny ability to capture humanity in realistic portraits is remarkable.

Pam has been commissioned to paint portraits for the last fifteen years. Once or twice a year, she runs a contest where people who have lost a loved one can submit a photo, and she randomly paints a portrait for one of them free of charge.

Pictured above is a cowboy portrait with an interesting backstory. Her mother painted a picture of an old cowboy. Her uncle hung it in his Tex-Mex restaurant, and it was stolen off the wall one night. Pam recently found her mother’s reference photo and decided to recreate it.

Pam serves as Treasurer of LABB. She recently wrote a new novel, “Cardinal Choice.” More information is on her website, pammorleymedium.com.

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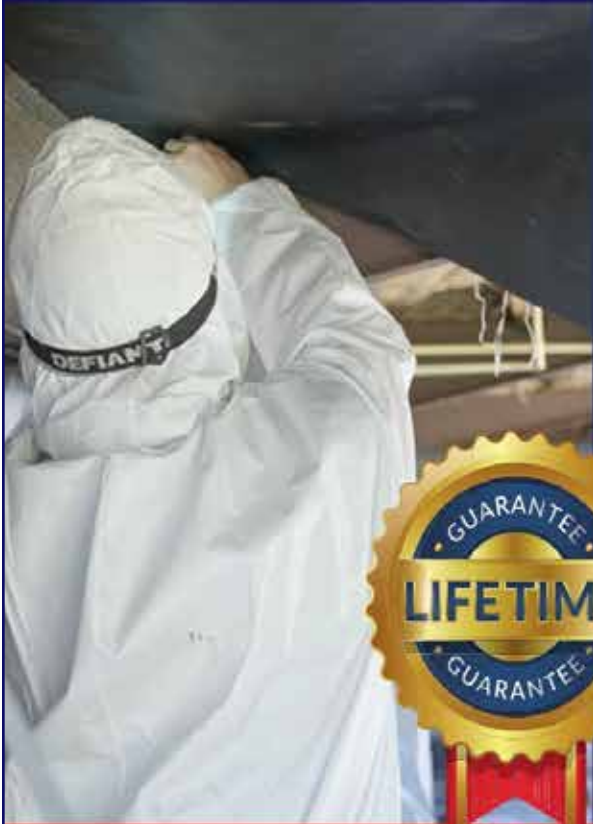


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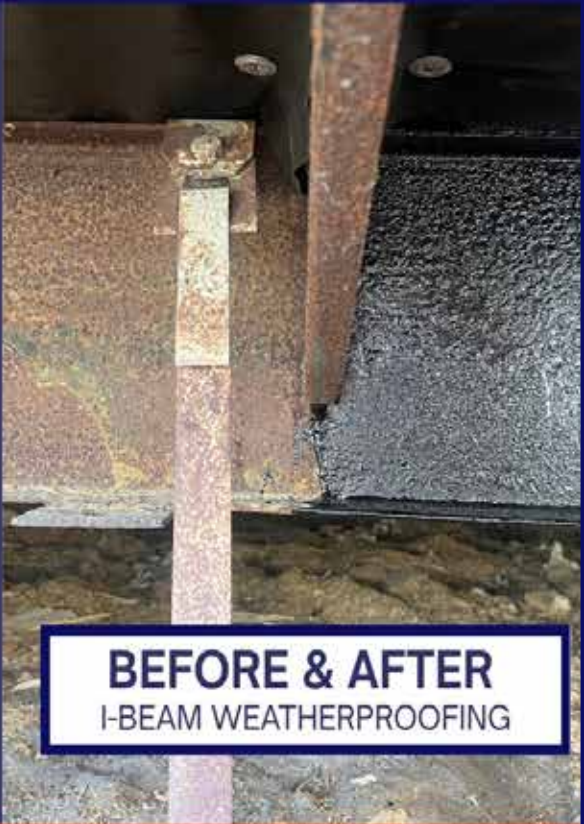


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Adult Art Classes

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Book Speed Dating

Come in empty-handed and leave with a good book on Wednesday, Sept. 9th at 12 PM.

Spend five minutes with a variety of different books and then decide which one you want to check out. Book Speed Dating is a fun way to learn about new titles, authors, and genres!

Floridian Cuisine

Join Chef Warren on Monday, Sept. 14th at 1 PM for a Florida cooking presentation. He will show you how to prepare quick and healthy meals using a variety of seafood, poultry and meat with locally grown fruits and vegetables. Chef Warren will end his presentation with a cooking demonstration, preparing a healthy entrée that anyone can replicate in his or her own home in less than 15 minutes.

ABCD Health Plans

Bill Wilkie, a Senior Community Educator and Advocate, is hosting a free, educational seminar on Thursday, Sept. 24th at 6 PM. He will discuss topics such as Medicare and healthcare options for seniors.

Fandom Meetup

Meet with fellow fans of Dragon Ball on Tuesday, Sept. 29th at 5 PM for an hour of themed crafts, games, and more! The show Dragon Ball is rated TV-14 and up, but all ages are welcome at the program.

Adult Classes

Beginning Computer Classes: Ask library staff questions about technology and learn more about your devices on Wednesday, September 2nd at 1 PM. This month's meeting will be focused on Peterson Test Prep!

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Youth Services Programs

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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.

Alphabet Soup

We invite babies, young toddlers, and their caregivers to join us for an alphabet-themed storytime every Friday at 10:30 AM in the Children's Room. By focusing on a different letter each week, we hope to enhance letter recognition and develop vocabulary in our littlest patrons!

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Experiment, Explore, and Engage with some fun hands-on projects on Friday, Sept. 18th at 3 PM! This program is intended for ages 7 and up, and a supervising adult is required to be present in the room at all times.

Sonic the Hedgehog Day

Fall's coming up fast. Let's ring in the season with a speedy event centered around Sonic the Hedgehog on Friday, September 11th at 3 PM. Create your own ring and compete in a game of ring toss. How fast can you score a bingo? Escape a maze? Or would you prefer to relax with some coloring pages? No matter what, it will be an Egg-cellent time!

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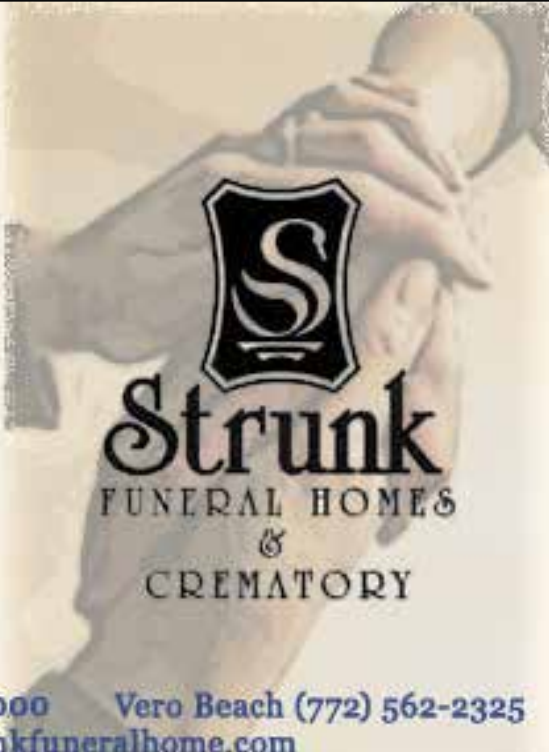
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Famously, Peter's response is, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." So Peter climbs out of the boat, walks a few steps, and then does what all of us do — he looks at the size of the waves instead of the size of the one who called him. And down he goes.

But notice his second prayer. Not, "Help me have more faith." Not, "Let me try again." Three words: "Lord, save me." That prayer has given up on impressing anyone. It has nothing to offer but need — and it's the one Jesus answers instantly, reaching out before Peter can say another word.

Without any other happening, Jesus gets in the boat with all of them. The winds and waves don't just stop. But Jesus is with them. And when the wind (and waves) are against us, "Lord, save me" gets him in the boat with us.

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Obituaries

Barbara Jean
Sammarco

Barbara Jean Sammarco of Barefoot Bay passed away peacefully in her sleep on July 21, 2026. She was born on 7/29/1947. Barbara grew up in Acton, MA, and lived in the area until moving down to Florida.

She was employed at Digital Corporation early in her career and later worked alongside her husband, Casper (Sam) Sammarco, running the Barefoot Traveler travel agency. She and Sam were fortunate to have traveled all over the world and made lifelong friends wherever they went. Their favorite place to travel was Italy, having visited there many times with family.

She leaves behind her husband Sam, daughter Carol Ann Sammarco, stepchildren, Janet Dutcher and her husband Kurt, Susan Gurney and her husband Fred, Glenn Sammarco, Gary Sammarco and his partner Michelle Ratta, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind



beloved family members Mary Lou Johnson and Marjorie Rogers.

She is predeceased by her parents, Thomas and TheoLinda Stoffle, and grandson Marc Sammarco.

At the request of the family, services will be private.

Richard Anthony Black

Richard Anthony Black passed away peacefully on August 1, 2026. Richard was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on June 1, 1941.

Richard was predeceased by his parents, Louis Black and Domenica (Cavalieri) Black.

Richard lived in So. Florida and Barefoot Bay since the mid 70's.

He was an avid motorcyclist, a dog lover, and a fitness enthusiast who approached his daily routine with unwavering discipline. In his later years, he worked in his own business, Richard's Carpet Service, making repairs and installations in the Bay and surrounding towns.

Richard was loved by everyone he met. He leaves behind his good, close friends and caretakers, Bert Hernandez and Diane Bledsoe.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1 DOUGIES KARAOKE LAKE STAGE 5:30-9:30pm TACO TUESDAY 4-8	2 TRIVIA LOUNGE 6-8pm FOOD TRUCK 11-7	3 ALLAN WRONKO 19th Hole BANDSHELL 4:30-7:30	4 JOHNNY & THE BLAZE LAKE STAGE 7-10:30pm Great danceable oldies	5 HIGHWAY #1 LAKE STAGE 6-10pm Motown, beach, rock & pop	
6 NEX LEVEL LAKE STAGE 2-6pm Classic rock, & country	7 LABOR DAY NO MUSIC BINGO FOOD TRUCK OPEN 11-6PM	8 DOUGIES KARAOKE LAKE STAGE 5:30-9:30pm TACO TUESDAY 4-8	9 TRIVIA LOUNGE 6-8pm FOOD TRUCK 11-7	10	11 MID LIFE CRISIS LAKE STAGE 7-10:30pm Classic rock, pop & country favorites	12 DJ LAJON LAKE STAGE 6-10pm Plays all the hits from yesterday-today	
13	14 MUSIC BINGO BLDG A 5:30-8:30pm FOOD TRUCK OPEN UNTIL 7pm	15 DOUGIES KARAOKE LAKE STAGE 5:30-9:30pm TACO TUESDAY 4-8	16 TRIVIA LOUNGE 6-8pm FOOD TRUCK 11-7	17 RICK FERRIN 19th Hole BANDSHELL 4:30-7:30	18 THE KORE LAKE STAGE 7-10:30pm Classic rock & popular music	19 HARTS & JOKERS LAKE STAGE 6-10pm	
20 SOUL SHOT LAKE STAGE 2-6pm Soulful classic & southern rock	21 MUSIC BINGO BLDG A 5:30-8:30pm FOOD TRUCK OPEN UNTIL 7pm	22 DOUGIES KARAOKE LAKE STAGE 5:30-9:30pm TACO TUESDAY 4-8	23 TRIVIA LOUNGE 6-8pm FOOD TRUCK 11-7	24	25 SWITCH LAKE STAGE 7-10:30pm Top 40 hits, country, rock, and jazz standards	26 HEATSTROKE LAKE STAGE 6-10pm Best of pop, rock, soul & funk of the past 50 years	
27	28 MUSIC BINGO BLDG A 5:30-8:30pm FOOD TRUCK OPEN UNTIL 7pm	29 DOUGIES KARAOKE LAKE STAGE 5:30-9:30pm TACO TUESDAY 4-8	30 TRIVIA LOUNGE 6-8pm FOOD TRUCK 11-7				

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