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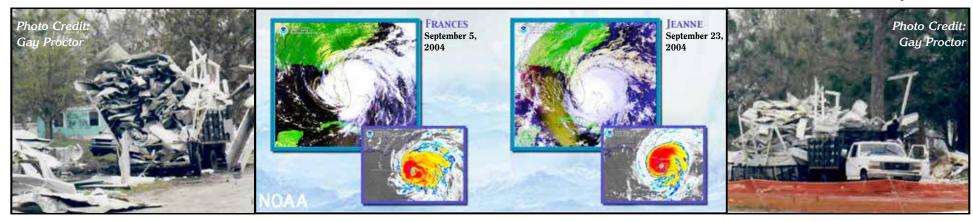


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20 Years Later: Back-to-Back Hurricanes Remembered

By: Rob Allan



We're blessed to live where we do. Our weather in Florida is fantastic. We are the Sunshine State, after all, and Barefoot Bay is in a Goldilocks part of the state, it seems. You may not be aware that Brevard County has never been hit by a major hurricane (Cat 3 or above), though we can't say that about Indian River County to our south. We rarely see hurricanes threatening Barefoot Bay directly. The odds suggest you will not see a major hurricane hit our area again in your lifetime. My lifetime odds ran out two months after I bought my first home in Barefoot Bay when Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne decided to make a visit in September 2004.

A lot of you were living in Barefoot Bay 20 years ago. Quite a few of you were not. For some who survived Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne, time has stolen some of those memories. For others, bad memories are repressed into a simple but significant single memory (I lost my roof). There are others who remember the little things that jarred the mind and will never be forgotten (a Trimaran on the west side of US1).

I was 42. My wife and I had just bought a home on Vireo Dr. It had been built in 2002. We closed on the sale in June and moved in. We weren't thinking about the year of the home when we purchased it, which is a blessing now, but we were happy it had three bedrooms since we had an 11-year-old, a one-year-old, and a newborn. We were settled into our new home, and I had a new job. Things were looking good.

In late August 2004, Hurricane Charley hit the southwest of Florida hard and then cruised up the middle of the state and north of Barefoot Bay. It was a nonevent for our family. The next storm, we wouldn't be as lucky. Hurricane Frances forced us to evacuate. We rented adjoining hotel suites in Orlando with my mother, stepfather, and grandmother. Hurricane Frances hit about 50 miles south of Barefoot Bay, and we had no idea what to expect when we got back. You can watch our own reactions to the video we shot of our Return to Barefoot Bay on the Tattler Media YouTube page.

Barefoot Bay was still dealing with the remnants of Hurricane Frances when Hurricane lan started marching through the Caribbean. It wasn't coming towards us, so we were able to relax a little. Hurricane Jeanne also didn't appear to be a threat. It was headed out to sea until it, unthinkably, did a complete loop in the Atlantic and headed straight for Florida. Seventeen days after Hurricane Frances, Hurricane Jeanne slammed the coast and wreaked havoc on our weakened infrastructure. When we returned from our second evacuation in less than three weeks, Barefoot Bay had been changed forever. Hundreds of homes were lost or condemned after the storm. Roofs, carports, and Florida rooms were damaged or destroyed. Aluminum and styrofoam insulation everywhere. Barefoot Bay became a sea of blue tarps as far as the eye could see.

My brother lost his home on the corner of Pecan and Midway. The empty lot is still there today from 2004. My brother lost a carport and shed. My grandmother, mother and myself had very minor damage from either storm. 20 years later, I'm not as confident Barefoot Bay can handle a major hurricane and I'm definitely not confident I'll be as lucky the next time

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Exclusive Video: Hurricane Frances -Return to Barefoot Bay



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2004: Four Florida Hurricanes in Six Weeks

In 2004, Florida experienced an unprecedented and devastating hurricane season, marked by the landfall of four major hurricanes—Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne—in just six weeks. This extraordinary sequence of storms caused widespread destruction across the state, leaving a lasting impact on its residents and infrastructure.

Hurricane Charley

The first of the four, Hurricane Charley, struck on August 13, 2004, as a powerful Category 4 storm. With winds reaching 150 mph, Charley made landfall near Punta Gorda on Florida's southwest coast. The hurricane caused severe damage, particularly in Charlotte County, where entire neighborhoods were flattened. Charley was notable for its compact size and rapid intensification, which left many residents with little time to prepare.

Hurricane Frances

Just three weeks later, Hurricane Frances, a large and slow-moving Category 2 storm, made landfall on September 5 near Stuart, Florida. Frances brought torrential rain, high winds, and widespread flooding across central and northern Florida. The storm caused extensive damage to homes, businesses, and agriculture, particularly in the citrus industry.

Hurricane Ivan

Next came Hurricane Ivan, a Category 3 storm when it struck the Florida Panhandle on September 16. Ivan was one of the deadliest hurricanes of the season, responsible for over 90 deaths across the Caribbean and the United States. In Florida, Ivan caused catastrophic damage to the Pensacola area, including the destruction of the Interstate 10 bridge and widespread coastal erosion.

Hurricane Jeanne

Remarkably, Hurricane Jeanne made landfall on September 26, striking near the same area as Frances just three weeks prior. Jeanne, a Category 3 storm, caused further damage to already battered communities in central Florida. The storm exacerbated the flooding and destruction from Frances, making recovery efforts even more challenging.

Aftermath and Impact

The 2004 hurricane season was one of the most costly in Florida's history, with damages exceeding \$45 billion. The relentless onslaught of storms tested Floridians' resilience and highlighted the importance of disaster preparedness and response. The season also led to significant changes in building codes and emergency management practices across the state.

The 2004 hurricanes left an indelible mark on Florida, reminding its residents of the power of nature and the importance of vigilance in the face of such destructive forces.

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Request your military records, including DD214: Submit a request to get your DD214 or other military service records. Form use VA FORM SF180. You can find it on the internet Here: https://www.va.gov/find-forms/?q=SF180

How to Enroll in VA Health Care: From applying online to visiting your local VA, learn everything you need to know about enrolling in VA health care in this episode of the SITREP. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SozVGoNzBqY

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Learn about GI Bill and education benefits fraud prevention, Supplemental Claim File a Supplemental Claim for Denied Benefits

If the VA denied your disability claim in the past but now considers your condition presumptive, you are encouraged to file a Supplemental Claim. This will allow the VA to re-adjudicate your claim when new evidence or policy is presented. Learn how to file a Supplemental Claim today.

Find Your VA Disability Ratings: Your VA disability rating determines how much compensation you'll receive each month and your eligibility for other VA benefits. If you have one or multiple disability ratings, you can view both your combined VA disability

rating and individual ratings online.

Be Cautious of Education Benefits Scams! Are you ready to expand your skill-set? This fall, VBA wants to ensure that veterans who pursue their education are secure and empowered by providing tools to safeguard their education benefits. Learn about the GI Bill and education benefits fraud prevention. Supplemental Claim: File a Supplemental Claim for Denied Benefits

Arm Yourself: Claim Predators Want to Prey on Your Benefits: Many Veterans seek support and help with filing VA benefits claims for payments they deserve. Be cautious of claim predators, unaccredited companies, individuals targeting Veterans, and benefits for profit.

How to identify claim predators:

- 1. Charging High Fees: Predatory companies charge absurd fees or require you to pay a portion of your VA benefits. Never pay anyone a fee to file an initial claim for benefits.
- 2. Making Dishonest Promises: Don't trust anyone who claims they can help accelerate the claims process and obtain a 100% disability benefits evaluation. Remember, only the VA has the authority to determine disability ratings.
- 3. Requiring Binding Contracts: No one should ever charge a fee to file an initial claim for VA benefits. Never sign a contract agreeing to pay an unauthorized individual/company a percentage of your benefit payment in exchange for help with your VA claim. Learn more about VA-accredited representatives and how they can help you.

Easy Access to Urgent Care: Did you know that eligible Veterans can get easy access to urgent care? Read more about urgent care benefits through VA health care and share the outreach kit with Veterans and their families. https://news.va.gov/128934/everything-to-know-about-va-urgent-care/?utm_source=feature&utm_medium=emaileure&utm_teampaign=VetResources&utm_id=13MAR2024

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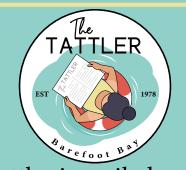
Veterans Council Office is at 931 Barefoot Blvd #1 ph-772-663-0645. If you need a ride to Viera or Palm Bay VA Clinic, contact us on the transportation line at 772-663-0644! Open every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 am to 12 noon and from 1 pm to 4 pm; summer hours are Monday and Wednesday, 9 to 12, and Wednesday, 1300 to 1600 for fun, games & movies from 2 till 4.

We Served Now We Serve! Hope we see you at "The Veterans Meeting Center."

Renee Chevalier



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A Word From the

CVO

It's that time of year....an election year! Please make sure you are registered to vote. You will need a valid Florida Driver's License or State ID. The closest office to Barefoot Bay to do so is at 450 Cogan Drive SE, Palm Bay, FL 32909. If you have questions, please call their office at 321-290-8683 or, for Spanish, 1-833-803-0613.

"The 2024 General Election Early Voting dates are Monday beginning October 21, until Saturday, November 2, 2024. "

"Early Voting sites will be open: Monday-Friday – 8:00 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday –Sunday –8 a.m.-4 p.m."

"Secure Ballot Intake Stations are available during early voting hours for voters wishing to drop off their voted mail ballots. Voters can return their voted mail ballot to any of Brevard's 10 Early Voting locations."

"Voters may vote at any of Brevard's Early Voting sites regardless of their residential address. On Election Day, voters can only vote at their precinct-specific polling location."

If you are interested in a Vote-By-Mail ballot, you must complete a Vote-By-Mail Request Form DS-DE160 (MailBallotStaff@ VoteBrevard.gov) or call 321-633-2127 and request the form. The last date to request a Mail Ballot is Thursday, October 24, 2024, by 5 p.m.

All the above information is quoted from the Brevard Board of Elections website vote-Brevard.gov. Barefoot Bay's voting place will be held in Building A on Tuesday Nov. 5 from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

And if you don't think your vote matters, let me remind you that in our last local election, I won by one vote, allowing me the first three-year term as a trustee! No matter your party....please use your vote as your voice!

Future Events:

September 15 – Barefoot By the Lake Car Show – our rescheduled car show was canceled in June because of the weather. Free to the public and \$20 for car entries or \$25 for entry that day. This is always a fun day from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Relive those old memories or just enjoy the beauty of so many classics! Plenty of cars, music, food, raffles, and vendors, and don't forget to vote for the People's Choice!

September 28 – Tickets will be on sale Sept. 5 at the CVO Office for an afternoon Magic Show geared to kids in Building A at 2:00 p.m. This show is free to all kids under the age of 16 (Attending adults \$10). The second show that evening will be an extravaganza of Magic, with the doors opening at 5:30 for a cash bar and the magic beginning at 7:00 p.m. Tickets for the evening show are \$20, and you can bring your own appetizers.

October 11, 2024 - "Cher-ing Your Dollars to Cure Cancer" - This will be a different event for us, but I think it might be a lot of fun while we fundraise for our yearly Cancer Event. We are hosting an evening of "Cher-ing"! We will have a signup in the CVO for anyone who wants to compete with their own impersonation of Cher. We will have a fun-filled evening of dancing and lipsyncing competition! Adding to the evening, we are asking you to bring in your broken or just "no longer liked" 14 karats or 18-karat jewelry (not goldfilled) and sterling silver. So many of us have lost one earring or have a broken bracelet, necklace, or anklet sitting in a box somewhere that we will never really do anything with. Well....how about we drop them in a treasure box that evening.....we will then take them to a refinery and cash out our treasures for Cancer Research, thus "Cher-ing" our dollars! Tickets for the dance will be \$20 each.....entry fee to be the next Barefoot Bay Cher is \$5....and bring your own appetizers (again, you will be sharing!!). I know that there is an inner Cher somewhere, so let's let her out! Our own highenergy DJ, Russ Gagnor, will be providing the music and entertainment for this rocking evening! All proceeds will go to the Brevard American Cancer Society. CVO office opens again on Sept. 5, so please don't hesitate to come in or call 772-663-0633.

Elaine VanBerschot



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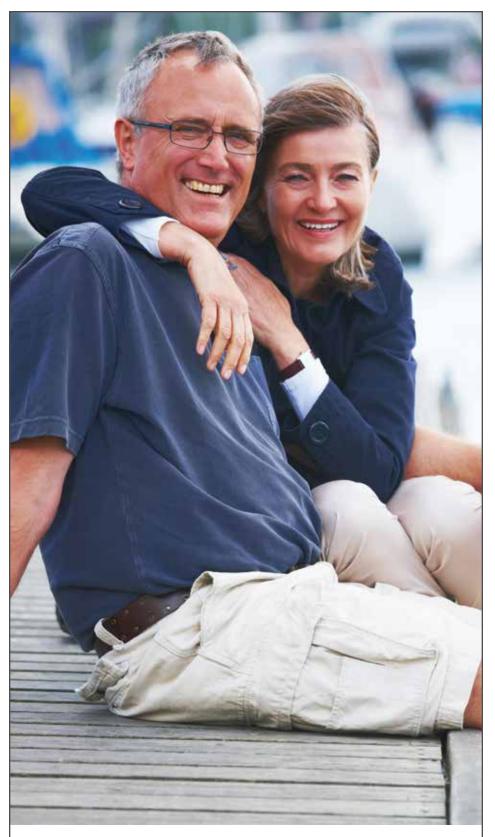
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Artists Guild Artist of the Month



Barefoot Bay Artists' Guild is proud to announce Artist for the month of September is, Maureen Fitzpatrick.

Maureen Fitzpatrick's natural talent for drawing started at an early age, and she considers it a gift from God. She followed her love of art into the Traphagen School of Fashion in New York City. While raising her children in New Jersey, she was commissioned to design and paint for local schools, churches, and stores.

She is primarily a self-taught artist with her own creativity and vision. She works in many different mediums, but her favorite is drawing with pen ink and graphite. With this medium, she has won many awards in Florida, New Jersey, and Ohio.

She is a member of the Barefoot Bay Artists' Guild, Sebastian River Art Club and Center, and Vero Beach Art Club. Here is one of her lovely creations.

You may view more of her work in Bldg. A, from September 1st to September 29th



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A Word From Your **Recreation District Chair**

BOT Happenings:

07/23/24 Regular Meeting

Service anniversaries were recognized, and awards were given.

DOR Violation 24-000614 522 Citron Drive and DOR Violation 24-001471 522 Citron Drive were referred to legal.

A vote was taken and approved to move the October Town Hall to Saturday, October 19th, at 10 AM.

Mr. John Dittmore, a candidate for County Commissioner, spoke during the audience participation and informed us about how the water bills may be reduced. Please review the video.

Everyone should fill out an online contact form with our Senators, Mr. Marko Rubio and Mr. Rick Scott, to support Senate Bill S.4673 and Congressman Bill Posey for House Bill H.B7525. This bill will help Special Districts like ours access federal funds we don't have direct access to now, such as ADA grants.

07/25/24 Town Hall Meeting

A Town Hall meeting was held at 9 a.m. About 20 residents and guests were present, and it went well. Everyone was respectful to each other, and there was a very useful back-andforth. I would like to see more of this at Town Hall meetings. I believe it was enlightening

08/08/24 Regular Meeting

DOR Violation 24-001632 522 Citron Drive, DOR Violation 23-002826 1027 Thrush Circle, DOR Violation 24-000888 732 Oleander Circle, and DOR Violation 23-003125 892 Pecan Drive were all referred to legal.

Resolution 2024-09 Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll for FY2024/25 was passed. This is the comprehensive list of all the lots required to pay the assessment fee.

A motion to waive the BBRD policy on page 38 of the Barefoot Bay Recreation District Policy Manual to permit the use of the Kids Swim Badges for admission to Pool #2 during the LOL Labor Day event on Monday, September 2, 2024, from 1 - 4 pm was passed unanimously.

08/15/24 Emergency Meeting

An emergency meeting was held at 12:45 pm, just before the Policy Manual Workshop. An electronic component of the BBRD Golf Course irrigation system, referred to as the Programmable Logic Controller (PLC), has failed. The PLC is a critical component of the irrigation system's electronics and is required for the irrigation system to irrigate the entire golf course. The Board members agreed that this critical component needs to be replaced as soon as possible. Mr. Cichon confirmed that this expenditure will fall under the FRDAP grant for the Golf Course. A motion was made to approve the proposal to repair the BBRD Golf Course irrigation system by Paramount Pump Services in the amount of \$30,714, to be ratified at the next scheduled meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

08/15/24 Policy Manual Workshop

No fees for passes were raised, or talked about, at this meeting. The meeting was for removing unnecessary language, correcting language and updating policies. Also, the "caregiver" pass was approved by consensus and Mr. Olsen will finalize the wording. The changes will be contained in one resolution that will be voted on in September and take effect on October 1.

Finally, To put some rumors to rest: after a long and exhausting investigation, I found in the Brevard County Records, Barefoot Bay's DOR documents and updates, where each is required to be filed, that the size of a manufactured home, before 1999 was no less than 12 feet wide and 44 feet in length for a single wide and no home designated a double wide or modular home can be no less than 20 feet wide and 34 feet long including the hitch. In 1999, the reference to a single wide was removed from the updated DOR. I located, in the minutes from 1999, that an updated DOR was requested by the attorney at the time during the January 14th BOT meeting. The updated DOR was created by a properly formed committee, accepted by the BOT, and then mailed to every lot owner. Lot owners voted on the DOR updates on a ballot supplied to each lot owner, and was tallied and passed. This took most of the year of 1999 to accomplish. Due to the limited documents available, I could not determine why the single-wide was removed, but it was, and the language was approved by over 50% of owners and placed on file with the county. The DOR has since been updated by the committee in 2008, 2016, and 2022 with no change to the type or size of the home.

BOT Regular Meeting: Tuesday, August 27th, Bldg. D/E, 3 pm. BOT Regular Meeting: Thursday, September 12th, Bldg. D/E, 1 pm. BOT Regular Meeting: Tuesday, September 24th, Bldg. D/E, 3 pm.



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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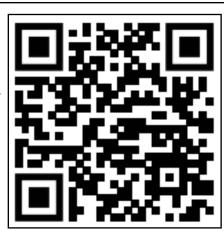
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LOL Splish Splash Family Bash is on Labor Day, September 2nd, at Pool 2 from 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. Ages 1 - 101 are invited to jump, splash, and play in the pool. We will have hot dogs, snacks, and drinks for the kids. Holy Cannoli is donating their make-your-own-sundae ice cream bar again! There will be no running or diving. Badges, Guest Passes, or Free Kids Swim Badges are required.

Thank You to the Senior Softball League for accepting LOL's challenge and playing a great game with our kids! The kids won 11 - 5!!! Words cannot express our gratitude to our coaches and parents who have continually shown up for our kids this summer! The YouTube video shows how incredible each of our coaches is with our LOL Youth Group Softball Team! You guys gave it your all, and we are so proud of each of you! YouTube: "Barefoot Bay Senior Softball," click on "live," and the video is "Kids vs. Kodgers." https://www.youtube.com/live/ CMT7ml50WNI?si=O--QyB7T5iX0xaxl

LOL's Craft Day is September 7th, 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. in Building D & E. Bring a washed (NO fabric softener) 100% Cotton or 50% Cotton white or pastel T-shirt to make your own Rainbow Bridge t-shirt. You might want to size up so it fits you for the next year. Wear painting clothes and sign up on LOL's Facebook page. Let us know if you need us to purchase the T-shirt for you.

LOL's next sport is mini golf for ages 5-17. It started August 24th, but you can still sign up on LOL's Facebook group or by calling 360-566-3427. Meet us at the mini golf course at 10:00 A.M. on September 14th and September 28th, and bring a water bottle as with all LOL events, children 12 and under need to have a guardian with them.

LOL, Teen Nights - Board Games for Ages 13-17 is September 27th and October 25th, 6:00 P.M.- 8:00 P.M. at The Pavilion by Pool 1.

Gert Jackson Community Library's Rock Painting Event is Saturday, September 7th, from 10:30 A.M. to 12 P.M. at 4580 1st Street in Grant. All ages are welcome to paint rocks for themselves, Sadie, Barefoot Bay's Rock Snake, who lives under the Oaks, or the Veteran's

The CVO will have two magic shows on September 28th. The matinee show starts at 2:00 P.M., and kids 16 and under are FREE with an adult ticket holder. Tickets are \$10. The evening show, from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M., is for adults.

BFB Young Christians Youth Group meets every other Tuesday in Building C by the main pool. The September 10th and 24th meetings are 5:30 PM -7:00 PM. RSVP to Lynne at 239-404-4788.

Becky Culp

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We asked our online Barefoot Bay community for some of their memories and photos from 2004. Find photos on Page 10. We share their memories here.

Kathleen Mitchell Fortier

I was here, my husband and I evacuated to Sebastian. I remember returning home after our second hurricane, Jeanne. We left Sebastian early in the morning, driving across the old Bridge on US1; the Bridge was crumbling behind us, and we were the last car to cross before the Bridge fell into the water. We saw a house floating off into the River, praying no one was in it. When we got to the lights on the Blvd, they were swinging back and forth. Driving down the Blvd, I saw deep water; I never thought the river would rise high enough to cross the railroad tracks, but it did. Driving down to the 4-way stop sign, some houses were completely flattened, some were half gone, and some with only the roof completely gone. Our home on Lantania looked fine until we went inside; the damage was all in the back of our house. People without insurance abandoned their houses, and a large number of seasonal people collected their insurance and never returned. The people who stayed here lived in FEMA trailers, set up a place in their driveway, or lived in a section of their home that wasn't destroyed. It looked like a war zone. We didn't have a community manager company; we had no leadership; we had no plans in place for what to do after a hurricane. Several people were cheated by false contractors who were collecting money and disappearing. It took years to repair the damage to the Bay. I hope we have learned from our nightmare; we need a plan, leadership, and better communication after a disaster.

Tom Krupp

Oh yeah. Dad lived in BFB and evacuated more than once. Knew the route from KC to Sebastian by heart. The trimaran on the west side of US1, piles of aluminum by the side of the road, blue tarps everywhere (proper nails were in short supply), and the volunteers from NJ who were placing tarps on roofs for free. AND the knock on the door from the lineman asking us to turn off our little generator so he could restore power. MREs forever!

Wendy Dianne Hughes

It is impossible to describe. And unless you were here, any description would not do it justice. It was absolutely horrible.

Cindy Lafferty

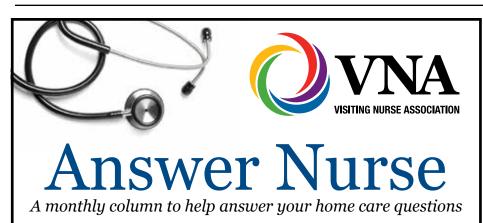
I would like to give a shout out to the Salvation Army, 20 years later, I still remember how good that hot meal tasted that they delivered door to door.

Oh, and my insurance adjuster was from Wyoming and he had never even laid eyes on manufactured homes!!! There is so much more, I literally could write a book.

Candy Christani Thomas

I was in Orlando and drove down to see Capt Hirams, where I stayed often, and it was shocking. The East Coast was a mess. Stuart was a mess. I was hit with Charlie in Orlando and had 17,000 dollars of damage to my home. Between Andrew, which was the worst, and the 2004 storms for the East Coast, they were the worst I've seen. I've lived in Florida and was born WPB, and I'm still here 70 years later. It's part of the deal.

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September is Fall Prevention Awareness Month

Once you are past the age of 50, the likelihood of experiencing a fall continues to increase every few years. Seniors over the age of 65 are the most at risk. To put this in perspective, one in three adults aged 65 or older fall every year, and less than half may talk to their healthcare provider about their fall. Falling may be a sign of illness or problems with medications. It may also be a sign of limited vision. It is important to take proactive actions if you have fallen or feel your sense of balance is unstable to prevent future falls and injuries. Below, we answer your questions about falls and how to help prevent them.

Q. My neighbor is a nurse and said it is particularly dangerous for seniors to fall. Is that really true?

A. As your age increases, so does your chance of a debilitating fall. The National Institutes of Health states that falls are the leading cause of fatal and non-fatal injuries in people aged 65 or older. The rate of hip fractures begins to increase at age 50 and doubles every five to six years. Women over 50 suffer fractures at two to three times the rate of men. Though there are glowering statistics about aging increasing your chance of falling, there are plenty of basic prevention measures you can put in place now to keep you or your loved ones safe.

Q. What can I do to keep myself or a loved one safe?

- A. There are several steps that can be taken to reduce the risk of falling:
- Survey the household's walking areas. Remove unorganized clutter and ensure paths, hallways, and stairwells are well-lit.
- If you think you or your loved one may experience low vision, consult with your doctor. Additional lighting may need to be added to certain rooms, hallways, stairways, etc. in the
- Use tools. Canes, walking sticks, or walkers assist with balance and support while allowing your loved one to remain independent and mobile.
- Avoid carrying too many items at a time. Use a bag with handles that can be managed easily or even hung on the handle of a walker.
 - Chairs should be of proper height with arms that extend to the seat front.
 - Install grab bars and railings where needed.
 - Review your medications with your doctors to understand which ones cause dizziness.
- Have your vision and hearing checked regularly; both are related to balance and fall
- Q. My parents' bathroom is all marble and slippery, and I almost fell the other day; I'm worried my parents will slip and fall and hurt themselves. What are things they can do to
- A. Adjustable toilet and shower seats can provide extra balance support. Adding grab bars to these areas is also encouraged. Adhesive slip strips can easily be installed in tubs and showers to reduce the risk of slipping. Nightlights in bathrooms are encouraged to assist in nighttime trips to the restroom. Your physician, home health aide, or local pharmacy should be able to recommend devices to prevent falls in bathrooms.
 - **Q.** Are there local resources for fall prevention?
- A. The VNA can help people at risk of falling. By conducting home assessments, our visiting nurses, therapists, and home health aides can help you manage your condition so you can lead a healthy, independent, and balanced life. Download a free Fall Prevention Home Safety Guide at vnatc.com/home-health/fall-prevention/

For more information about how to keep you or your loved one safe from preventable falls, visit www.careqiver.com. To learn more about how VNA can assist you, please visit www. vnatc.com or give us a call at 772-567-5551.

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

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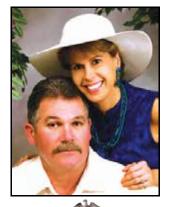
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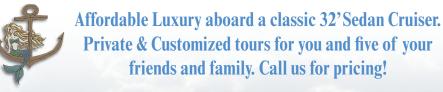
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Sue Bassett

Driving home after Frances and seeing boats all over US 1, with no streetlights, was simply eerie! Then, taking the turn onto Micco, it was downright scary! I then turned on East to Marlin, and it was a war zone. Simply indescribable! Pulled up to my house and started crying because my house was still standing and looked fine for the most part. My house was built in 2003 and did ok. For many of my neighbors, it was a different story. The entire carport of a home two houses away sat in my front yard. I was grateful for myself and heartbroken for many of my neighbors.

Robin Lane Phillips

There are no words. I will personally always be grateful to the Salvation Army. They would drive by every day and feed us all. They gave us supplies to try and help us with the cleanup, and the list goes on. We became neighbors, looking out for each other and helping each other; it didn't matter who you were. The youth from the community came together and went out and helped clean up the yards for those who couldn't. In the midst of all the destruction, there was peace.

Vivian Taylor Walter

I lost a house. It looked like a war zone.

Sandy L. Christenson

It looked like bombs had gone off. It was terrible.

Robert Scott Ernst

I got here in July of 2004. After my dad had passed, Mom lost her home.

Tiffany Houck

Little Hollywood, down the road from Micco Park. Lost my childhood home to the storms. I'll never forget standing in front of what was left, crying in my mom's arms as they condemned it.

Michelle Milano

My house got the roof ripped off. I was homeless.

John Burke

Lost my home on Barefoot Circle.

Angie Guffy

We lived in Little Hollywood. The electricity was off for weeks. FEMA was set up at Winn-Dixie for water and ice. The bridge crossing into Sebastian was closed. Officials would drive by and drop off MREs. The entire neighborhood got together for repairs, clean up, and cookouts. Our neighbors on the river had the roof blow off, so we had a 2 am rescue, grandmother in a wheelchair. I'll never forget the feeling of walking into the force of that wind getting to their house. Standing on the north side of Sebastian River, watching all the transformers blow on the south side, was a site to watch.

Robbie Mitrowski

Parents were here. Every other house on the street was destroyed or gone. They had damage, but rebuilt. Some lots are just now getting homes. I remember driving up afterwards from PBC (several days later), just in shock with what we saw. Like another country, another world. Mom and Dad were both safe! Blessed!

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Lagoon Artisans of Barefoot Bay Featured **Artist Renee Hernandez**



Lagoon Artisans of Barefoot Bay's featured artist, Renee Hernandez, is shown with

Renee was born and raised in Queens, NY, and attended St. John's University,

Since she married right after college and raised her family, she did not have time to pursue her art interests. In 2020, she moved

where she earned a fine arts degree with an

to Sebastian to care for her elderly mother

and picked up her hobby of decoupage on

and 'fluid art" through online tutorials. From

there, she discovered epoxy resins and spent

most of her art energy in that medium.

That led Renee to explore "liquid pouring"

three of her epoxy-resin creations.

emphasis in graphic design.

oyster shells.









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She said, " I love adding crystals and semi-precious stones to create 'geode art." She has expanded her art to include small tables and earrings using the technique. Her art is available at LABB art shows.



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L.O.L. Youth Group Summer L.O.L. Mini Golf Softball Season

L.O.L. Youth Group of Barefoot Bay Summer Softball Season came to a close on August 1st with a game and a hotdog cookout celebration provided by Frank and Mike from Holy Cannoli! Thank you for continuously supporting our youth group!

Thanks to Jack Hansen for cooking and to the families who brought a dish to share, and thanks to BFB Property Services for providing the grill at the last minute!

A huge thank you to our number one coach, Coach Ronnie Martin! Thank you to Jack Hansen, John Spierdt, Nick Fuller, Jeremy Roosa, Frank Cavalieri, Jordan Kahle, Christine Bartolomeo, and Becky Culp for supporting Ronnie and guiding the kids! Thank you to our friends and neighbors who donated drinks and snacks! Thanks, Jennifer Lynn Roosa, for all of your help!

It was incredible to watch the kids improve over the season! It was hot, but we made it through. We will be playing again, but in cooler months. Stay tuned.

Thank You to the Senior Softball League for accepting the L.O.L. Youth Group of Barefoot Bay's challenge and playing a great game with our kids! It's so kind of you to bring the kids ice cream! The kids won 11 - 7!!!

Words cannot express our gratitude to our coaches and parents who have continually shown up for our kids this summer! The YouTube video shows how incredible each of our coaches is with our LOL Youth Group Softball Team!

Thank you to everyone who donated to support our summer softball program!

Christine & Becky Culp









LOL Mini Golf started August 24th. Twenty-three kids had a lot of fun playing on the recently renovated course. Thank you, Barefoot Bay Golf Club, for renovating it!

The LOL kids will play the second and fourth Saturdays through the end of October at 10:00 A.M.

Please follow the "LOL Youth Group of Barefoot Bay" Facebook Group so your children and grandchildren can join it.

Becky Culp









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AQUA ZUMBA CLUB

Hello Barefoot Bay,

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Forsman Aqua Zumba Club, President and Certified Instructor

ARTISTS GUILD

Hello from Barefoot Bay Artists' Guild, It is hard to believe that it is almost September. Hopefully, the weather will start to cool off.

Although most people are either on Vacation or at their summer homes, quite a few Artists came to the workshops during the summer. Dorothy and Maureen held workshops studying famous artists and attempting to paint a likeness of their art. It was a nice break from trying to perfect our own creations. We will continue to study more famous Artists during the month of September.

Did you know the Barefoot Bay Art Guild is a year-round Art Club? The 1st, 2nd, and 4th Fridays are available for some exciting Workshops. On the 3rd Friday of the month, we choose to go to an outing for the day with a luncheon. Through these workshops and Art Shows, we donate to the Barefoot Bay Community Fund and Barefoot Bay Baptist Church Food Pantry. We welcome anyone interested in becoming a potential member or quest. Please send in your ideas for other workshops that everyone would enjoy doing in our workshops. Also, anyone interested in joining our fun workshops, please email the president, Dorothy Buchmann, @ barefootbluedot@gmail.com. The cost for membership is only \$15.00 per year.

Please do not forget to save clean plastic bottle caps for an upcoming mural that the kids are going to make. You may drop them off at any LOL event.

September Artist of the Month is Maureen Fitzpatrick. Please see the article about her that is posted.

Until the next Tattler issue, stay safe, have a magnificent month, and enjoy life's blessings.

Bonnie J. Murphy

BRITISH CLUB

Well, by the time you read this, we will already be into the "Brrr" months (or just about). I don't know about you, but this summer has certainly flown by. It won't be

long now before we seasonal folks return to the Bay.

We look forward to seeing all our friends and returning to our winter activities.

August's Fun Night was held on Tuesday, August 20th, in building D/E due to the primary election being held in Building A. Dinner included Pot Roast, Potatoes, Carrots with Salad, bread, and dessert.

September's Fun Night will be held on Tuesday, September 17th, in building "A." Dinner will include roast pork thinly sliced with provolone on a hoagie roll, banana peppers, fries, Cole Slaw, and an ice cream cake for dessert.

The bar opens at 5:15, and dinner will be served at 6:00 PM.

Please call Debbie O'Hara at 321-408-1687 by Thursday, September 12th, to get your tickets. Tickets are \$15.00, and you do not need to be a member to attend, so bring a friend or two and enjoy playing cards and games after dinner.

Stay cool and stay safe!

Cyndie Bourassa

CHESS CLUB

Chess Club meets in Building C 8:30 -12:00 every Wednesday. All skill levels are welcome.

On the 1st Wednesday, we offer instruction if you would like to learn or improve.

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

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB

We had a smaller group at our August 13th luncheon and missed our snowbirds! You missed one of the most dynamic speakers we have had this year. She is Brianne Robinson, who runs a ministry in Titusville called Royal Oaks. The ministry is building tiny houses for single mothers and their children at a reduced rate to give them a safe place to live. They are also attempting to purchase an existing piece of property for more homes. Brianne was a single mother, and her story was so impactful. If you want to donate to this ministry, please contact me for the information. The food was wonderful, thanks to Dottie and her crew. There is no way we can thank them enough for all they do. The choir opened with an acapella number, which was very moving. They also sang later, and even though their numbers were down for the summer, they did a beautiful job, thanks to Joyce and Sue. I love that we can feel the presence of the Lord as we pray and listen to the wonderful people who are working to help those we truly need. I want to thank Lynne and Ruth for all they do to register us, remind us, and work at the front table every month, collecting money and signing us in. They do a beautiful joy. There are many who work behind the scenes, not doing it for recognition but doing it for the reasons we started this club. First, to glorify the Lord; second, to help children; and third, to lead women in Barefoot Bay to the Lord. Thanks to our prayer warrior, Gayle, we always have people to help in any way; if you need prayer, let her know. Dottie tells me that next month, we will celebrate the school opening with a school lunch favorite, meatloaf. Don't forget to register with Ruth at 772-202-4152.

Looking forward to seeing you on September 10th. Jane Fruscella, 772-202-

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DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB

Hello, Democrats and those leaning toward voting that way! The DWC of BB is gearing up for a busy few months before the November election. In August, the Club labeled and addressed close to 400 postcards to remind those Democrats who didn't vote in 2020 and to ensure they did in 2024. After work, we had some fun eating ice cream sundaes - a great way to cool off in this heat. We are pleased to announce we are hosting a speaker from the Brevard Dems at our September meeting, who will be explaining the Amendments to the 2024 Ballot this year. All Democrats in the Bay are invited to come, but we ask that you contact us first in order to ensure that we have enough seats. We have plans for a moving rally at the end of October. Call the number below (772-252-9679) if you are interested in joining. We need your help this year to get our Democratic candidates elected. Our Democracy is threatened, and the only way to save it is your vote!

Remember, every vote counts. The 2024 Presidential Election is November 5, 2024. The Last Day to Register to Vote is October 7, 2024. Check your registration, update your signature [if it has changed], and check the status of your Vote-By-Mail request. The last day to request a ballot by mail is October 24, 2024. Call 321-290-8683 for more information, or go online at https://www.votebrevard.gov.

If you are a registered Democrat from any state, please join us. Democratic-leaning NPAs are welcome to attend after contacting us. We meet monthly on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 3:30 pm in Building E next to 19th Hole. Leave us a message at 772-252-9679 or email dwcbbay@gmail.com.

GERMAN CLUB

Our summer is ending, but our 2024/2025 season for the German club is just beginning.

Our first meeting will be held on Oct. 22, 2024, in Building "A." Social hour will be at 5:00 p.m., followed by a Pot Roast Dinner. Please contact Debbie at 860/383-5089 or Kathy at 309/635-0300 for tickets. The cost will remain the same as last year: \$15.00 for members and \$17.00 for guests.

This is just a reminder that dues should be paid in October. Our season runs from October to September. If you are not in the Bay by this time, no problem; just pay when you arrive. Dues are \$10.00 per year.

Our meetings are generally held on the 4th Tuesday of each month. This season, we will have an exception as the December meeting will be held on December 18, 2024, in Building "A" starting at 5:00 p.m. This is due to a conflict with another event held in the building.

Other dates to keep in mind for the upcoming season:

Jan. 11, 2025, is the Ethnic Bake sale. We ask our club members to make a baked item to donate, or a cash donation would also be appreciated. The proceeds from this sale are used to buy prizes for the Ethnic Festival held later in the year. The residents of Barefoot Bay highly support this bake sale, so please consider donating.

Jan. 17, 2025: The club will once again have an evening of entertainment with Jerry and the Dolls. This event is open to the public, so ask your friends to join you. Tickets are \$15.00 per person. This is the club's major fundraiser for the year, so we need your support to help keep our meal tickets and yearly dues at a minimum.

March 2, 2025, will be the Ethnic Festival. Each Ethnic club will have a booth and usually sell food with the origin of their club's country, such as Italian, British, and, of course, German. For this event, we need volunteers to help set up the night before or serve the day of the event. We are only asking for an hour of your time, but of course,

we can always use more. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Looking forward to a great season.

Kathy Ford

GRANT HISTORICAL HOUSE

The Grant Historical House (Bensen House) will be open in October on Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00 AM til 1:00 PM. Special tours of 5-10 visitors can be arranged by calling 321-794-9393.

We invite you to visit us on October 20th for the one time Community Yard sale at the Grant Farmers Market. Market hours are 10:00 AM—1:00 PM. If you are interested in selling items at the yard sale, call 321-794-9393. Rental space is \$20, and you must provide your own tables and set equipment. You may begin set up at 8:00 AM.

The Grant Farmers Market is held on the Grant Seafood Festival Grounds in Grant,

LAGOON ARTISANS

LABB artists are preparing for a new show season by adding to their collections to display and sell.

The season's first show is a two-day holiday show in Building A on Friday, November 29, and Saturday, November 30. This is the first time the club has had a two-day show. We are collaborating with the BB Craft Club's Christmas Fine Art Show & Bazaar and the Candy Cane group.

The remaining shows are on Sunday, January 26th, with the collectible Car Show on March 15th and April 26th. All are in building A from 10 to 3 on Saturdays.

This supports our mission to create opportunities to show and sell our work while supporting each other as fine artists who create and have fun. Many members belong to other art associations and galleries to gain the widest exposure to their art. Creating it is one aspect; selling it is another that takes much effort.

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. 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.

This month's featured artist is Renee Hernandez, who works with epoxy resin. She joined the LABB group last year.

Text me an email address if you wish to join our contact list and keep up to date with club events. 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 with us.

Dan Martin, Secretary 609-432-1059

LINE DANCE CLUB

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

The Barefoot Bay Line Dance Club will meet on Thursdays in Building A. Dona Gionet will instruct, assisted by Eileen Derrick

The schedule will be:

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

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

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

The October schedule will be October 3, 10, 17,24, and 31. November's schedule will be November 7 and 21. (November 14 is the Little Theater, and 28 is Thanksgiving)!

Have a great, safe summer. Enjoy the

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weather wherever your travels take you. Surely hope it isn't too hot! Even the northern states have been unseasonably hot! And remember to stay hydrated!! Keep up your line dancing.

See you on the dance floor in October! Joanne Blum, President Jill Anderson, Vice President Doris McNamara, Treasurer

OPEN MIC CLUB

Hello music lovers! We hope you have been enjoying the Summer sessions being performed by the Barefoot Bay Open Mic Club; with September upon us, some of the snowbird performers will be heading south to join the year-round group. Here is the performance schedule for September. We will be in building D/E on Tuesday, the 3rd, 10th, and 17th, and will be at Pool 2 under the Oaks on Tuesday, September 24th. As always, remember to check the Barefoot Bay Open Mic Facebook site for any updates to

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scheduled September date for the group to play at the Sebastian Moose Club. Multiple performers are also playing out at different venues. That information regarding dates, times, and performers is also available on our FB site. So remember to walk, bike, golf cart, or drive over on Tuesday afternoons to hear the free sounds of the Barefoot Bay Open Mic club. See you there!

the above schedule. At this time, there is no

PINOCHLE CLUB

We are still playing on Friday nights throughout the summer months.

Come by yourself or with others! Please arrive by 6:20, as games begin at 6:30. We play single-deck pinochle and have lots of laughs along the way. For questions, call Lois at 772-664-1199 (landline).

RETIRED NURSES - "THE WHITE

The hot summer months went by too quickly, which means our snowbird nurses are heading back to the Bay. We would like to welcome back our old friends and any new nurses who wish to join us. All retired nurses who reside in the Bay are welcome to join us.

Our October Luncheon will be at Vic's Pizza Italian Restaurant, 1140 U.S. Highway 1. Sebastian, FL 32958.

October 9th at 1 pm. Please call Sandie Scheib at 716-445-8815 by October 7th for reservations, information, or directions.

TRAVELERS CLUB

Friday, September 6, 9 am, Bldg D/E, Barefoot Bay Travelers Club meeting. Also available by Zoom at https://bit.ly/

Wednesday, September 25, 2:00, Barefoot Bay Travelers Club trip to Medieval Times. Tickets available at https://bit.ly/





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How Plastic Affects Sea Life

By: Sherrel Galeotti and Becky Culp

Have you heard about the bottle caps project that the Barefoot Bay Artist Guild and LOL Youth Group of Barefoot Bay plan on making in 2025? We are collaborating to make this art project to raise awareness of the problem plastics cause to marine life.

Marine life scientists have discovered a new disease in seabirds which is caused solely by ingesting plastics from our oceans and other waterways. The findings published by the Journal of Hazardous Materials state the disease was given the name 'plasticosis.' The plastic impacts the kidney function of sea birds and marine life, causing increased uric acid, increased cholesterol, and reduced digestive enzymes.

Seabirds and other marine life eat plastic waste because algae accumulates on the plastic and gives off the same smell as krill, which is a crustacean that is a big part of their diet. This in turn causes their digestive tract to become inflamed and scarred. Over time, this persistent inflammation causes their tissue to become disfigured, affecting the seabirds' and marine life's growth, digestion and survival.

The residents of Barefoot Bay are active in upcycling and protecting our marine environment. Plastic bottle caps of all sizes are one of the top five types of plastic litter found on beaches worldwide. For this reason, LOL, Barefoot Bay Artist Guild, and many residents have decided to collect bottle caps to build a large sea life mural. We will adhere thousands of caps to several wood panels to create multiple sea creature art pieces that will combine to make one large marine life mural. The attached turtle photo is an example of a similar art piece done by a local group of nurses.

As individuals, we need to become more mindful of our own plastic usage and follow the correct channels for recycling. Do not allow plasticosis to claim the lives of our precious marine life and sea birds. Please do your part in protecting them.

After consuming bottles connected to each other with a clear plastic connector (such as soda or sports drinks multipacks), cut the threaded area of the connector to enlarge the openings. Marine life and birds get their heads stuck in the openings, affecting their maneuverability. Be mindful to cut open every circle of the plastic connector, including the tiny

Thank you, Barefoot Bay residents, for continuing to collect bottle caps for our project. We have received an abundance of clear water bottle caps, so we prefer colored caps moving forward. We especially need blue and green. We are collecting plastic caps of all shapes and sizes from all types of products. Collecting caps has increased Barefoot Bay's awareness of how much plastic we use day-to-day.

Plastic caps can be dropped off at any LOL Event, the Wednesday A.M. Craft Club meetings, Music Bingo Mondays, Allen Wronko shows, Barefoot Bay Salon, Paradise Home Finders, or at 524 Royal Tern.

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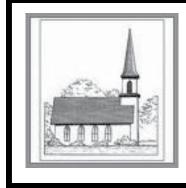
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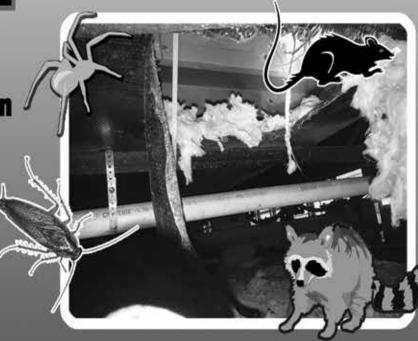


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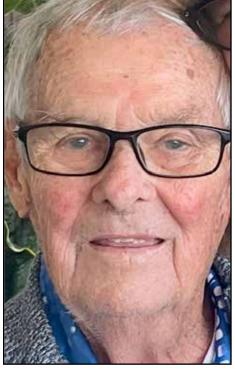
David Warren Steeves

October 14, 1940 - July 26, 2024 David Steeves, of Sebastian, FL, and Lincoln, ME, passed away Friday, July 26, at age 83. Born and raised in Lincoln, ME, David's life was marked by creativity, adventure, and a dry sense of humor. After high school, he served in the Air Force from 1961 to 1964 and was stationed in Labrador, Newfoundland. Shortly after his military service, he left the cold climate and quiet rural life in Maine to move to Miami, where he established a career working in the early days of electronics for Sears in Florida. His intelligence and can-do attitude led him to build two airplanes by himself and then fly them. He also built a car from scratch. Even though he was quiet about his accomplishments, his family has always been incredibly

David loved an adventure. He was paid to sail boats down the East Coast of Florida (rumored clients included a notorious Central American dictator). He held a pilot's license and a certification in scuba diving. He enjoyed his life in Miami in the 1970s and loved showing off the city to family who came to visit.

proud of his talents.

In later years, David moved to Barefoot Bay, Florida, where he met the love of his life and longtime partner, Margaret Thompson. They shared their lives and took great pleasure in each other's company for many years. David loved driving his golf cart with



his little dogs around the community and enjoyed meeting people wherever he went. David's golf cart travels frequently led him to the 19th Hole, where he delighted people with his dry sense of humor and hearty laugh. Many knew him affectionately as the "Mayor" of Barefoot Bay.

David is survived by his partner in life Margaret Thompson, sister Cara Matteliano, nephews and many cousins. The family plans to have a celebration of life at a time to be determined in the future.



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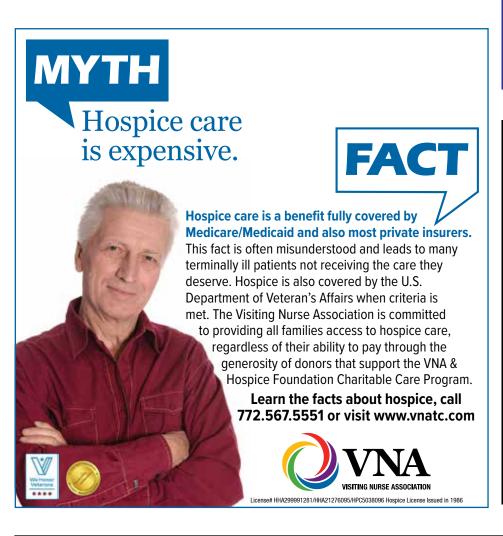
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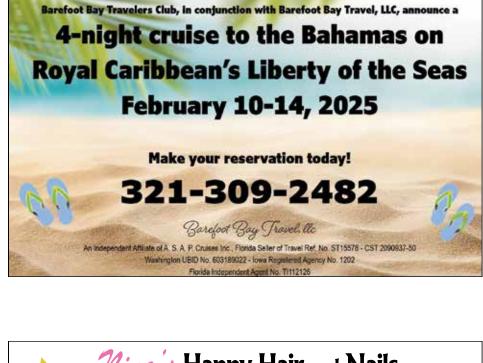
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