

New Year, Same Concerns: Safety and Compliance

By: Rob Allan









Barefoot Bay, a large community with approximately 4,900 homes and thousands of residents, faces challenges common to neighborhoods of this size. Some residents engage in activities that conflict with community guidelines or legal requirements, potentially putting others at risk or exposing the Barefoot Bay Recreation District (BBRD) to liability. Addressing these issues requires awareness and action from both residents and local authorities.

One ongoing concern is the misuse of golf carts on the sidewalk along Micco Road. Florida law prohibits driving golf carts on sidewalks that are not specifically designed for mixed-use traffic, which are a minimum of eight feet wide and are set back from the road. Golf carts can cross at designated crossing points, which in Barefoot Bay are located at Sebastian/Egret and East Road. Despite this, some individuals routinely drive their golf carts and use the sidewalk as personal highways.

The sidewalks on Micco Road are narrow and adjacent to the roadway, making them unsuitable for mixed-use by pedestrians and golf carts. Accidents have occurred, such as a collision involving a golf cart and an SUV, resulting in injuries and significant property damage. Golf carts are heavy, fast, quiet, have poor handling, and have startled and clipped unexpecting pedestrians as they pass by them. These incidents highlight the need for compliance with local traffic laws to prevent further harm.

Brevard County authorities have updated signage along Micco Road to clarify these regulations. However, enforcement remains inconsistent, with some residents continuing to disregard the rules. Violations like these, which could result in death or serious injury, jeopardize the community's agreement with Brevard County, which allows golf carts on public roads within Barefoot Bay. Residents are encouraged to follow the rules and report violations to BCSO (non-emergency) to ensure safety and preserve these privileges.

Another issue involves the unauthorized use of BBRD property as a dog park. While some residents have proposed converting the park at Kiwi and Sebastian into an official dog park, these requests have been declined due to the local residents not wanting it and the majority of the community not being in favor, insurance liability concerns notwithstanding. Current rules require dogs to remain leashed on BBRD property, per our DOR, and in compliance with Brevard County leash laws.

Despite these restrictions, some residents allow their dogs to run off-leash in the area, creating potential safety risks for other pets and people and encouraging others to disobey the law. BBRD enforces these rules by trespassing violators, which may result in the loss of badge privileges. To maintain safety, dog owners are encouraged to use nearby dog parks

Traffic regulations within Barefoot Bay, including a maximum speed limit of 25 mph, are often ignored by both motorists and golf cart drivers. Rolling through stop signs and reckless driving are common complaints, posing risks to drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists.

Golf carts are permitted to operate on public roads in Barefoot Bay and are not obligated to yield to faster vehicles. However, most golf cart drivers courteously pull aside to allow cars to pass. Motorists should exercise patience and adhere to speed limits and stop signs to prevent accidents that have occurred frequently.

Community living requires mutual respect and adherence to rules designed to ensure everyone's safety and well-being. Residents of Barefoot Bay are urged to familiarize themselves with local guidelines and laws, report violations when necessary, and prioritize safety. By addressing these issues proactively, the community can create a safer, more harmonious environment for all.

For further updates and community news, The Tattler remains committed to reporting on issues of public interest.

Winn-Dixie to Close as Aldi's Remodels

Winn-Dixie will close on March 17, 2025, and will be closed for six months as it undergoes a complete remodel to become an Aldi's Food Market. All 500 Winn-Dixie locations were sold to Aldi's earlier this year, with the intention of eventually converting all of them to Aldi's. Our local Winn-Dixie was not on the list of locations to be converted right away, but those plans have changed.

The inconvenience of not having a grocery store within golf cart distance will be felt by the entire community for the six months the store is closed. Changes will be dramatic for those unaware of Aldi's unique discount approach to grocery stores. In their goal to reduce waste and pass on the savings to their customers, Aldi's Food Markets does not offer "fresh" options. The deli, bakery, and meat/fish departments, currently provided by Winn-Dixie, are a significant source of food waste and will close permanently. Additional Aldi's quirks include requiring a quarter to release locked grocery carts (you get the quarter back when you rack your cart), not offering paper or plastic bags for your groceries (you must provide your own canvas or plastic bags), and a lack of name-brand products, preferring the private label brands they offer at significant savings. Aldi's is well known for their smaller stores, warehouse-type stocking (think mini-Costco), and lack of variety, but everyone agrees their pricing is better on a daily basis as long as you don't mind you can't always find Kraft Mac and Cheese or Lays Potato Chips, as they heavily push their store brands and limit variety, allowing for less floor space per product. You won't see 50ft of cereal shelving in an Aldi's.

Aldi's has its fans and detractors, as did Winn-Dixie, but the change will come as a shock to many in Barefoot Bay, and many will miss the BOGOs that I took advantage of every visit. It's been a few years since I've personally shopped at an Aldi's, and my experience was that you couldn't find the same items on every visit (or even in the same location), fresh produce was hit or miss, and if I needed something specific, I'd probably have to visit another grocery chain. Trips to the new Publix on Babcock and St John's Heritage Parkway in Palm Bay that just opened or Walmart in Sebastian may become more frequent for many. The changeover will also affect the number of employees, and many current Winn-Dixie employees will be looking for new jobs in March. Aldi's has offered a severance package for those willing to stay on until the closure. We wish those friends and acquaintances who work at Winn-Dixie the best. Change is inevitable, so please be respectful and remember to thank these employees over the next couple of months, as they're not responsible for the change or closure.



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A Word From the

CVO

Our Christmas holiday is over, and this year, Hanukkah begins at sundown on December 25th. So I hope everyone who celebrated Christmas had a joyful time. And sending Happy Hanukkah wishes to our Jewish friends. So now it's time to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

This year, the CVO is sponsoring "A New Year's Eve Tribute to THE RAT PACK" in Building A. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., buffet begins at 5:30 p.m., and the floor show begins at 7 p.m. Another entertaining evening with Frank, Dean, and Sammy! Going to be a show to remember, and when it's done (approximately 9:00 p.m.), you can head over to Lakeside and the Lounge to dance the night away and ring in the New Year with DJ Lajon!

As 2025 begins, we will be hosting another Barefoot By the Lake Winter Car Show 2025 on Sunday, January 26th. For those who wish to enter their vehicles, you will find an ad in the Tattler that can be used to enter the show. The entry fee for your vehicle is \$20 or \$25 on the day of the event. The public can come "ooh and ahh" from 11:00 a.m. till 3 p.m. There will be music, raffles,

their art show inside Building A. Something Barefoot Bay will be hosting a Town Hall E at 6 p.m. Our Town Halls are a good time

vendors, food, and magnificent cars, trucks,

and motorcycles! This is always a wonderful

family day for all. As an added bonus, the

Lagoon Artisans of Barefoot Bay will present

on Thursday, January 30th, in Buildings D & to come in and discuss and talk with your Board of Trustees, management, and other residents. Discussions are open for all topics. This is a time for questions and sharing information. Please take the time to join us and help make Barefoot Bay a community that works together and cares.

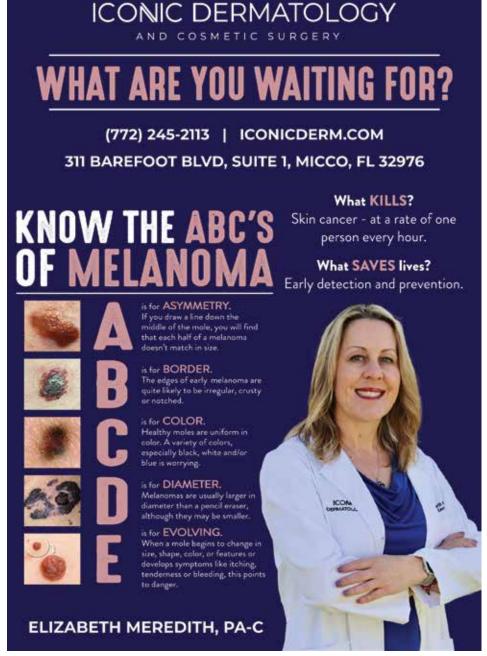
Now, drum roll, please! Announcing Barefoot by the Lake, a music, art, and food festival 2025! Friday and Saturday, February 7th & 8t,h from 11:00 a.m. till 9:00 p.m. each day! If you have never attended before, this is the highlight of the year! This is the weekend that we show off the Bay! Music all day long.....artisans and crafters.....and food and drink that will keep everyone happy! Lobster, seafood, chicken, cheese steaks, gyros, ice cream, popcorn, and so much more. So don't miss the funnel cakes! Did I mention the Kidz Zone, where you can get your face painted and fairy hair? This is your official invite, so you don't want to miss it! Friday and Saturday, Feb. 7th and 8th, 2025

Happy New Year, Barefoot Bay! Wishing all good things and joyful times to be shared with friends and family.

Elaine VanBerschot









A Word From Your Recreation District Chair

Bruce Amoss

BOT Happenings:

12/12/2024 Meeting Highlights:

Richard H. Edwards II was appointed to the vacant ARCC position.

The BOT approved the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection Standard Grant Agreement for \$150,000.00 for the Golf Course, with \$112,500.00 of that amount in reimbursable FRDAP grant Funding.

The board authorized the Chair to execute the audit engagement letter between BBRD and Forvis Mazars, LLP. This firm took over the contract from Moore, Stevens, and Lovelace as the auditors for BBRD.

The board authorized an expanded scope of work on the pickleball courts while still staying within budget for the previously approved improvements.

The board ratified the executed agreement between BBRD and ASAP (Onsite Septic & Sewer), which is needed for permit approval for the beach restroom project.

December Service Anniversaries:

Susan Kraut Food & Beverage: 5 Years Barbara McGinnis Property Services: 5 Years

Jason Haigh Food & Beverage: 5 Years Ron Bergum Property Services: 5 Years Diana Cross Food & Beverage: 10 Years Lynn Tummolo Human Resources: 10 Years

Deborah Perguson Golf: 20 Years [Wow!] Thank all of you for your dedication.

A Message from Trustee Bruce Amoss:

Due to the Supervisor of Elections not including the 2024 trustee's election on the November ballot, we needed a way to decide

who has the 2-year term starting January 2025 through the end of 2026. Our attorney, Mr. Olsen, communicated with the attorney for the Supervisor of Elections office and worked out an option. The November 2025 ballot would have a question asking which Trustee would have a 2-year term while the other two trustees receive 3-year terms. I feel this is a good solution and appreciate the time and effort expended by the Voss Law Firm, but I can see unintended consequences. I believe this option would crowd and possibly confuse the actual trustee race for the one Trustee 3-year position to be elected on that 2025 ballot. There would be three extra trustees campaigning, with all those additional signs, vying for the 3-year terms from the 2024 election. A little background: I was appointed to an 18-month vacancy in June of 2021, then ran on the November 2022 ballot for term years 2023 and 2024. I won a term that expires this year. I ran again in 2024 and now have a spot in the upcoming terms starting in 2025. When I first became a trustee, 2 years was the term. I was not really in favor of changing to a 3-year term. I have volunteered to accept the 2-year term starting January 2025. This decision will be accepted by the Board at the January 9th Regular Board Meeting by Resolution. Starting with the 2025 election, all elections will be for 3-year terms as stated in the current charter.

BOT Regular Meeting: Thursday, January 9th, 2025, Bldg. D/E, 1 PM.

BOT Regular Meeting: Tuesday, January 28th, 2025, Bldg. D/E, 1 PM.

Budget / Town Hall: Thursday, January 30th, 2025, Bldg. D/E, 6 PM.

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Wishing you all a Happy Year 2025! This month, we ring in the new year in the Beautiful Down Town of Barefoot Bay! "Happy New Year from The Veterans Council of Barefoot Bay!"

Our annual Flea Market and Crafts Sale is coming up this month on January 18th, 2025. Join us and the people of Barefoot Bay to enjoy the indoor sale. Many different Vendors and items for sale as well as treats to eat. Enjoy joining the 50-50 style game, and have much more fun. Keep your eyes open for our signs!

Every year, we have the "Salute to Veterans". This year, it is in February on the 22nd from 1100 to 1500. Tickets are on sale at the Veterans Service Office next to the Water Department in Barefoot Bay—Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 to 1200 noon. There are many changes, so it will be a little different this year, but much better!

We are looking for Women Veterans to join us. Come to the Veterans Council Office and introduce yourself if you want to relax and spend some time for YOU! Play cards or games, watch a movie, or help out and get involved; we need people to help out with veterans, visit them in their homes, or just meet veterans at our office meeting place. We also make claims and help people with problems. We also help the wives or partners get help.

Women's Health Transition Training: The online, self-paced Women's Health Transition Training is available for service women and women Veterans. It can be taken any time, anywhere, at the Transition Assistance Program website. Explore the content further by downloading the Participant Handbook. Visit the women's health website and check out the comprehensive list of women's health benefits and resources.

Movie Afternoon at the Veterans Council meeting place: Come by for the popcorn, other treats, and a great movie. We try to make them appealing to everyone. Let us have your opinion; please, it will help to make things better. See the Peek of the Week for movies we will be showing on January 1, Dean Martin Variety Show + Johnny Carson! 8th Appaloosa! 15th Air America! 22nd The Whole Nine Yards! 29th A Walk in the Sun! February 5th Mortal Thoughts! 12th Eagles Wing! 19th The White Raven! 26th Out for the Kill!

CARDS on Friday afternoon Euchre And Mexican Train on Monday Afternoons at the Veterans Council. "EUCHRE" is the Card Game. Al and David are the organizers, so come on in on Friday afternoon at 1330 to game end to play EUCHRE. There is also talk about the Domino game Mexican Train. This Domino Game is fun, and you will play with others. It will be on Monday afternoons from 1330 to the end of games; Ron and possibly Warren will be heading up this on Monday Afternoons. So we will have many, many things going on this month.

VA History | Senate Speech Proposing First Presumptive Conditions for Great War Veterans: After World War I, thousands of veterans suffering from tuberculosis and neuropsychiatric disorders struggled to prove their conditions were connected to their service, leaving many without critical benefits. In response, Massachusetts Senator David Walsh made a speech urging Congressional support. Congress passed a 1921 law introducing presumptive service connection, which removed the burden of proof for certain diseases. This landmark change laid the foundation for the modern system of presumptive conditions for veterans when applying for benefits.

Survivor Benefits and Reporting a Veteran Death: Losing a loved one is a challenging time — we are here to help. As the survivor of a Veteran or Service member, check to see if you qualify for survivor benefits, including help with burial costs and survivor compensation.

Please contact the VA to report the Veteran's death and avoid an overpayment of the Veteran's benefits. You can report the death in person at a VA Regional Office, by mail, or by phone. When you do this, the VA will stop any benefit payments the Veteran received as required by law. Reporting the death in a timely manner will help ensure survivors or executors of the veteran's estate do not experience additional financial stress.

Did you know: you have access to your VA claims development letters on VA.gov? You don't have to wait. By Calling 800-698-2411, 24-7 and 877-222-8387, 8 am to 8 pm. If you recently lost a loved one, ask us for a checklist to help you deal with the things that need to be done.

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Hosts and Hostesses: We are still looking for Hosts and Hostsesses for "The Veterans Meeting Center." You can also email us at veteranscouncil32976@gmail.com. Our area in the building is like a day room where everyone can gather, talk, play cards, play games, or read. We have a library for you to look at and people you can talk to.

The 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! We are 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 from 9 to 12 and Wednesday from 1300 to 1600 for fun, games, and movies from 2 to 4. We Served Now We Serve! We hope we see you at "The Veterans Meeting Center."

Renee Chevalier

Lagoon Artisans Feature Artist











Georgene and her works.

Feature LABB Artist Georgene Granholm distinguishes herself as a fine artist and president of the Lagoon Artisans of Barefoot Bay. She works primarily in acrylics in small and large formats. Her themes are versatile, ranging from landscapes to local Florida wildlife.

Georgene grew up in New Jersey and spent her career in administrative support positions at Rutgers University and the Rutgers Foundation. All the while, she raised her three children along with her husband, Tom.

Georgene began painting 30 years ago and has taken hundreds of professional art classes in portraiture, landscape, and abstract art. She paints in oils & acrylics. Her style is bright and colorful.

She is inspired by the beauty of Florida and paints many southern palms, seascapes, hammocks, lakes, birds, and livestock paintings. She has also painted indoor and outdoor murals.

Georgene is a founding member and president of the Lagoon Artists of Barefoot Bay. She is also a member of the Vero Beach Art Club, the Sebastian River Art Club, and the Strawbridge Art League in Melbourne. She has exhibited and sold her artwork in many shows in Florida and has received several awards in juried shows. She also accepts commissions.

Georgene splits her time between Florida and New Jersey.

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BBRD Free Kid's Swim Badges are becoming Free Kid's Event Badges for 2025. From our community manager, Kent Cichon: "A parent residing in Barefoot Bay that would like to obtain a Kids' Event Badge for their child residing in Barefoot Bay should come into the Administration Building with their child and show proof of Barefoot Bay residency. A Kids' Event Badge will be issued and will be valid through the year 2025. Those kids currently possessing a Kids' Swim Badge should follow the above procedure with their parents. The Kids' Swim Badges will expire at the end of 2024, and these badges will no longer be issued."

Barefoot Bay Young Christians Youth Group meets January 10th and 24th, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the Aerobic studio at Indian River Fitness. 8000 Ron Beatty Blvd, Suite 1.

LOL will be having kickball for ages 5 - 17 and Pickleball for ages 10 - 17 on the second and fourth Saturdays in January and February (Jan 11th and 25th and Feb 8th and 22nd). Sign up by emailing lolyouthgroup24@gmail.com.

Tell your parents that LOL is having a Rainbow Bridge Project Fundraiser Art,

Craft, and Vendor Fair on January 18th Under the Oaks, starting at 10:00 A.M. We are also having a Rainbow Bridge Fundraiser Paint and Sip for adults on January 25th. Sign-up is required.

Thank you to everyone who donated bottle caps! We are no longer collecting them. Next year, we will announce how we will proceed with this project.

Please reference the Gazette article under the LOL Youth Group of Barefoot Bay in the Club listings.

Thank you!

Becky Culp

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Auxiliary has many plans for the coming year, which include a card party on Sunday, February 23, 2025, with games, silent auctions, and beautiful desserts. Participants can bring their own games and enjoy a new game called "Show Me the Money."

There will be a Penny Social on January 19, 2025, from 12 until 5 PM in Building A. Come and enjoy our bake sale and the auction items.

Our ladies have made 25 handmade bears, which our President Rhoda Barnett took to Promenade Senior Living Residence in Sebastian. Additional bears will be provided to Cleveland Clinic Hospital in Vero Beach, Joe's Club, and the Brevard County Fire Department in Brevard County. The Ladies Auxiliary provided lunch for our brave and helpful fireman in November 2024.

Local poppy distribution will be beginning

Our children's Christmas party was very successful on December 14, 2024. Attendees received many gifts and enjoyed a light lunch. The auxiliary and the Legionnaires enjoyed their own Christmas party on March 17, 2024, in Buildings D and E.

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Sue Reddy, Vice President

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AMERICAN LEGION POST #366

Barefoot Bay American Legion Post 366 has restarted regular meetings. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 21, at 1 PM in Building D. Our agenda will include further discussion about increasing postmembership dues and the February 1st Golf Tournament. With Congress's passing of the LEGION Act, any veteran who has honorably served since Pearl Harbor is eligible to join. For further information, please call Commander Jeff Grunow at 772-202-4926.

Veterans Picnic – There will be a veteran's (and veteran widows) 'meet and greet' on Saturday, January 18, from 11 AM to 1 PM at the gazebo. Please join us behind Building A for hamburgers, hot dogs, and more.

ARTISTS GUILD

Happy New Year from the Barefoot Bay

What an exciting year it has been, and ow we are looking forward to an even better new year for 2025.

Most important! Our 45th Annual "Art from the Heart" Art Show will be held on Sunday, January 12th, in Building A, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is nothing like this unique Art Show. It is a judged show and is open to the public. Please tell all your friends. We have several brilliant Artists who will be showing and selling their magnificent works of art. Also, there will be a raffle for exceptional paintings that are donated by our talented members. Proceeds from the silent auction of small paintings will benefit the Barefoot Bay Community Fund. Through our workshops and Art Shows, we donate to the Barefoot Bay Community Fund and to the Barefoot Bay Baptist Church food pantry. This is a very sensational event that welcomes everyone who attends. Please mark your calendar.

BOAT AND FISHING CLUB

Commodore Steve Johnson opened the regular meeting of the Barefoot Bay Boat and Fishing Club on December 13 and asked members to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Purser Paul Levesque read the Yeoman's report from the November meeting, as Pattie Andryshak was unable to attend. The report was moved, seconded, and approved by members. Paul presented the Purser's report, which was also approved.

Vice Commodore Linda Lesnewski reported that she made arrangements to have Coleta Scott speak to members at the January meeting. Scott is the Community Engagement Coordinator for the Southern Indian River Lagoon organization. She will present information about lagoon water quality and other topics.

Members learned the club needs a replacement for Yeoman (secretary) Pattie Andryshak, whose term of office ends this year. Volunteers are encouraged to contact one of the officers if interested.

The club fishing tournament is set for Wednesday, January 15, from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. as reported by Joanne Grenier. She will host with help from Dennis Kispert. The tournament is held each year at Barefoot Bay Beach. The entry fee is \$10, two rods per angler. The sign-up sheet is available now and will also be available at the January

Members reported successful fishing at Stick Marsh and other locations.

Club dues of \$15 are now due. Jane Jones was the winner of the \$25 prize in the 50/50 drawing.

The club's next regular meeting will be held on January 10. 2025 at 7:30 p.m. in Building D&E.

BRITISH CLUB

I hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful but cool weather! Personally, I would like it a bit warmer, but then I will remind myself what the temperatures are in Massachusetts and quickly count my blessings!

Our January meeting will be held on January 21st in Building A, and our theme is Scottish Night. This is always an enjoyable night, and the members provide Trifles for dessert. Our meal will be Shrimp Scampi with Linguini and salad. Our entertainment will be Music Bingo with Dougie dressed in full Kilt! We encourage everyone to dress in something plaid to show our support for our Scottish Heritage.

Tickets are \$16.00 for members and \$18.00 for guests. Please contact Debbie O'Hara at 321-408-1687 no later than Thursday, January 16th, for tickets. A reminder that tickets must be paid for and picked up before the meeting. The easiest way to get your tickets is at the prior meeting or to pick them up at Debbie's house prior to the meeting. Unfortunately, we have had requests for tickets, and people have failed to show up or let us know that they are unable to attend. This causes an issue with head counts for food and table seating. We appreciate your understanding!!

The meeting will be on February 18th, and our theme is Pub Night. More info to come in next month's article.

Just a reminder that this year's Ethnic Food Festival is on Sunday - March 2nd, and the clubs will be having their annual bake sale on Saturday - January 11th. This bake sale is very important to the festival as this is

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where we raise the money to purchase the great prizes for the many raffles that we have during the festival. Bake goods and monetary donations are always welcome!

Cyndie Bourassa

CANADA CLUB

As I sit here having my morning coffee and looking out at the beautiful day ahead, I can't help but think of our home area of Muskoka and all the snow and freezing rain they are dealing with. It makes me wonder what I did so right to be able to spend our winter in this beautiful community. As Christmas approaches, many of us travel home to be with family and friends. We wish all those people on the move safe travels.

Our Christmas dance is coming up this week. We have 50 people attending, which is pretty good for this time of year. You will also be able to pay for your annual membership

Our AGM and potluck dinner on January 8th will feature a speaker on senior fraud and how to avoid it. It is a serious problem among seniors, so any information could

Mark your calendar for February 1st and 2nd, as it is our Valentine's dinner and dance. Also, this year, we are having our picnic during March spring break, so if you have company, please bring them along. It will be free for members and 5\$ for guests.

If you are traveling this season, I hope you stay healthy and safe.

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

> **Brad Jackson** President Canada Club

CHESS CLUB

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

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB

Our Christmas luncheon was a wonderful time, celebrating the birthday of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The food was delicious, a lasagna meal catered by Holy Cannoli. Best lasagna I have ever had! Our food crew had a chance for a little time off, although they still did the work of putting the meal on four buffet tables. We had just under 120 people in attendance. It was followed by a program prepared for us by our choir, which is led by Joyce Sweeney and piano player Sue Davis. They did a great job; they get better every month. We even had a snowball fight, which everyone enjoyed. They did some serious Christmas music and also some fun songs. Jeanie Trembly did a solo of "O Holy Night." Which was absolutely wonderful. The choir plans to sing at different events and has already appeared at a church in Palm Bay. Following the music program. Bill Criscillis read the story of the birth of Jesus. He did a great job. We even had a visit from Santa Claus! December is the month we give a check to the ministry we have been saving for all year. This year, it was Royal Oak Ministries, which was started and run by Brianne Robertson. They build tiny houses on property donated by a church in Titusville. The homes are for single mothers and their children. They have many plans for extensions; it will be wonderful to follow their

I met Brianne when I attended a dinner that Love, INC. held last year. The minute we started to talk, I knew she was my choice; I am grateful the staff agreed. The picture below (R to L) is Zella, holding the check she is about to present, Brianne, and me. Zella very proudly presented a check for \$5,000 to Brianne. This money comes from Donations and the price of the meal; our cooks do all of the buying, preparation, serving, and cleaning up. They do a wonderful job! Without them, we could not raise so much money.

We feel the presence of the Lord whenever we meet and know we are shining God's light on Barefoot Bay.

COMPUTER CLUB

The Barefoot Bay Computer Club will be holding its annual Membership Drive meeting on Friday, January 24th. The club memberships follow the calendar year. Many times, the Executive Board Members are asked if people can just attend the meetings or if they have to be members to attend. Most of our programs are "People Helping People". Our purpose is to improve your use of electronic communication devices, not to raise money. We hope to help people learn new skills, improve their current skills, update programs and applications, make tasks easier, and, in general, make the devices work for you. These phones, computers, tablets, smartwatches, and add-on programs and apps are designed to make life easier and give you the information you need at the touch of a button or as a spoken request. When we hold classes or have specific programs, we ask the experts to teach us since that is what they do every day in their own businesses. We pay these specialists for their time, and for this reason, the club needs to have resources. If you were to go to one of these businesses for individual training, you would expect to be paying more than our \$10 membership fee for their training. We meet from September through April on the 4th Friday of each month at Building D&E. We begin at 6:00 pm with a time to get a cookie and a cup of coffee and visit with other club members. It is also time to ask for help with any individual problems you may be having. Generally, there is someone from our club who has already experienced the same problem and can help with the solution. The meeting begins at 6:30 pm, and the program begins at around 7:00 pm. The programs are about ½ hour long and offer time for you to ask questions as well. I am very proud of the work that the Executive Board has done to arrange for programs to address the needs of the club membership. We are always open to suggestions for programming or for classes. This club is not just a social club, not just an entertainment club- it is a club where you can learn new skills, improve the old skills, and adapt to the new technology to help you enjoy the communications tools we have. Maybe you would want to join us on January 24th? We hope to see you then.

CONSERVATIVE CLUB

Calling all Patriots who believe in the values of our Nation during its Founding. God, Country, Family, and Freedom are ours; we must celebrate these values. Join us on the 4th Thursday of each month in Bldg D at 2:30 pm. Join other like-minded neighbors as we discuss the current times and learn about local functions and events where we may wish to participate while working on charitable fundraising events through the club. Start the New Year with a New Look at how you and your voice can make a difference. In this coming meeting, the officers voted in for 2025 will be seated. The Elvis Show is being finalized, and tickets will go on sale very soon. We are trying to maintain the price per ticket, although everything has gone up in the past few years. All proceeds go to local charities and Veteran's organizations. Hope to see you at the next meeting on January 23rd, 2025, at 2:30 pm Bldg D.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB

We had a great time at our December Holiday Social. We had lots of holiday goodies to keep with the season! As the New Year starts, we look to the new leadership changes with hopeful anticipation that there's a real chance to advance toward a multiracial, more inclusive, or egalitarian democracy.

Please be aware, now that this election cycle has ended, that it will be necessary for anyone having had a ballot mailed to

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Barefoot Bay's Music Bingo on Mondays in Building A is one of the District's most popular weekly events. The door opens at 4 pm, and Music Bingo begins at 5:30. Residents line up early as Building A has a maximum occupancy of 180 people and sells out frequently. DJ Doug Ryrie hosts the music, and BBRD Trustee Joe Klosky and Barbara Fry run the 50/50, a raffle where 50% of the entry fees go to the winner and the other 50% goes towards the annual charity donation. Congratulations to those who participate towards this worthy cause

Pictured left to right: Kathy Mendes, Janice Hannify, Nicole Infantes accepting the check on behalf of Ronald McDonald House Charities, Barbara Fry, and Doug Ryrie.



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them to renew their request. We hope that Vote by Mail will become a universal way for Democrats to vote. Remember, renewal needs to be done after every election cycle! Share with your friends and neighbors how easy it is to use this voting method. Just go to: https://www.votebrevard.gov/Ballots-by-Mail/Request-a-Mail-Ballot.

If you are a registered Democrat from any state, please join us. Both men and women are welcome! Democratic-leaning Independents are welcome to attend after contacting us. We meet monthly on the 3rd Thursday this January at 3:30 pm in Bldg D next to 19th Hole. You can learn more about us by visiting our Facebook page and The Democrat Women's Club of Barefoot Bay. Please leave a message at 772-252-9679 or email to dwcbbay@gmail.com.

ETHNIC COMMITTEE

Ethnic Food Festival Bake Sale – Saturday January 11, 2025, 9:00 – 12:00.

This is a reminder that the bake sale for the Ethnic Food Festival is coming fast. This bake sale supports all of our clubs and allows us to purchase the wonderful raffle items that are given away each year at the festival. Last year was our biggest year yet, and we hope to do even better this year.

Thanks go to the Irish Club, German Club, Italian Club, Polish Club, and British Club for donating baked goods to be sold. We are also very grateful for the monetary donations that we receive from members who are not able to bake.

Please drop off your baked goods between 7:00 and 7:30 AM the morning of January 11, 2025.

The Ethnic Festival Committee,

Cyndie Bourassa, Gail Morrisson, Arne Redfern

GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club will have their January meeting on Wednesday the 15th at 9 am. Meetings are held at Building D&E (at the Golf Course). A presentation on Holiday Cactus will be given, and some cuttings will be available to share. New members are welcome. Come join us for a coffee and garden talk!

Shelly DuChemin Secretary

GERMAN CLUB

Our New Year will start with our first meeting on Jan 28 at 5:00 p.m. in Bldg "A." Meatloaf will be served. Tickets are \$15.00 for members and \$17.00 for guests. Contact Vivian at 772-202-4686 to get your tickets. After our meal, we will be hosting a "Game Night" with various games and prizes to be won.

We will also have a cash raffle. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. There is a Guaranteed \$50.00 Pot to be won. The drawing will be at 8:30, and you must be present to win.

Jan 11 is the Ethnic Bake Sale. We are asking our club members to bake an item to donate or make a cash donation. Baked goods should be brought to Bldg "A" at 7:00 a.m. on the morning of Jan. 11. Please mention your donation is from the German club.

Get out your dancing shoes and gather your friends to join us on Jan 17 at 5:00 p.m. in Bldg "A" for a 'Doo Wop Disco.' Bring snacks to share with your table, and there will be a cash bar for your drinking pleasures. Contact Vivian at 772-202-4686 for tickets. Note: This event is open to the public.

Manfred (Manny)Kolz has invited the club to join him in a Celebration of Life for his wife, Mary. This will be held on Jan 4 at 3:00 p.m. in Bldg. D - E.

The club is hosting a bus trip to Hollerbachs German Restaurant in Sanford, FL, on Feb 23. The bus will pick us up at Bldg "A at 3:30 p.m. A "Family-style" German meal will be served at 5:00 p.m... We will also be entertained by live German music at the restaurant. Tickets are \$35.00

p.p. This includes transportation and meals. Contact Kathy at 309-635-0300 for tickets.

Remember, the club is always open to suggestions for entertainment or meals. If you have any suggestions, please share them with us.

Wir freuen uns auf ein erfreuliches Jahr. German for: Looking forward to an enjoyable year

Kathy Ford

GREAT LAKES STATES CLUB

Hi Club Members! Season Greetings! Hoping the Christmas Spirit lingers into the New Year. Now that Christmas is over, we slow the pace down; no more hustle and bustle, just easygoing and enjoying the change of 'cool' weather.

Note: Mr. Richard LaPage has stepped down as 'Head Chairman'. A 'Letter of Resignation' has been signed by Richard. The witness's signatures were Daphnia Missad and Terri Gilmore. A copy of the letter was forwarded to Valley National Bank so that Richard's signature could be removed from the bank account. Mr LaPage will give a 'closing' speech at that time. In so doing, a nomination has to be presented to the floor who will fill the vacancy. A vote has to be taken. A letter from the newly appointed 'Head Chairman' has to be signed.

The club event will be on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at Bldg A, at 5:30 pm. Early seating can start at 5 pm. The main entree will be Italian Meat Balls. Shelley Songer, the singer, and her husband, Dave guitarist, will perform at 6:30 pm. They have played before at the Bay's Lake Stage.

Please update your membership badge for 2025 with a green sticker for \$5.00 with Terri, our Treasurer. Again, those 'tasty' side dishes and desserts are welcome for everyone to enjoy!

Keep the date, Tuesday, January 14. 2025, to cheer in the New Year!

See everyone dressed in the spirit of

Daphnia Missad, Secretary

IRISH CLUB

Happy New Year to all!

What an amazing year we have had. Our membership has increased substantially, and activities were planned for this past summer. Sadly, we have lost several dear friends.

Our first dress dinner was a success, including the presence of Mr and Mrs Santa Claus. Many took the opportunity to have pictures taken. It was so nice to see everyone in "dress up" attire. There was a totally different atmosphere.

On Wednesday, January 15th, the dinner party is building At 5 PM. The last day to get tickets is January 8th. Meatloaf dinner will be served, and Jonnie and the Blaze will entertain. Tickets are \$20 and available for purchase by Terri Murphy at 203-592-2939.

The Ethnic Festival Bake Sale is scheduled for Saturday, January 11. Please bring your baked goods to Bldg. A between 7-7:30. We were successful last year; let's do it again. Please text Michelle at 508-269-3933 if you can donate a baked good. Mark the Irish Club and what the item is taped to your donation.

February 19th, Wednesday, Valentine's Dinner party

Music: Allen Wronko

March 3rd, Sunday, Ethnic Festival

March 16th, Sunday, Irish American Club Parade.

March 19th, Wednesday, Saint Patrick's Day Dinner

Music: Dreamer's

It is that time of year again when our friends and neighbors arrive back for the warmth of the high season. We look forward to their arrival.

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

Safe travels!

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The January meeting for the Italian American club will be on January 22nd in Building A at 5:00 PM. The dinner will be lasagna. Tickets are \$15 for members and \$18 for guests. Tickets are always available at Shirley's store, The Barefoot Stitcher on Micco Rd. January is game night. So bring your favorite game to play and invite someone to join your table. January 11 is the Ethnic Festival Bake sale. Those members who are helping out by baking need to have their goodies at Building A by 7:30 AM on the 11th of January. Our club has always been a strong supporter of the festival. Let's not stop now. We are gearing up for our second annual Barefoot Bay Chili Cook-Off, which will be held on February 26 in Building A. This event is open to all residents of the Bay. So, for those of you who pride yourselves on your great chili, here's your chance to prove the competition wrong. Look for the fliers and more info to come. We had a great turnout last year with 18 chilis. I'm sure this year will be bigger. If you haven't paid your \$10 dues yet, it's due. Thank you.

Ron Fashano President

JEWISH CLUB

Welcome to the Jewish Social Club. The club is dedicated to understanding our common roots and welcoming folks of all religions. This is not a religious or political group.

We are planning a car share trip on January 19th. to Maitland Fl... This is the location of a Holocaust Memorial Resouce and Education Center, which includes an Anne Frank exhibit and much more. We plan to stop for lunch at a deli. Please RSVP by January 13th...

We have been involved in lighting Hannukah candles at Bldg. A.

We recently viewed the movie "Dough," a very funny and meaningful movie.

We also took a trip to Too Jay's restaurant and attended a Jewish service in Vero Beach.

In other words, we are an informal, relaxed group that is very welcoming to new members.

Please call Joanne at 860-869-2982 or Jerry at 860-869-2981.

SHALOM - PEACE

LAGOON ARTISANS

LABB artists are preparing for their Sunday, January 26th art show and CVO's collectible Car Show under the oaks. Come inside Building A to view and purchase original art!

The free show is open to the public and will feature music and light refreshments. A silent auction of pieces donated by each artist will be held. Tickets are placed in the bowl for your choice of items. The drawing is held at 2 pm. Winners need not be present. Proceeds support club advertising.

The remaining shows are on Saturdays, March 15th and April 26th, in building A from 10-3.

LABB meets every second Wednesday, October through April, at Building D/E from 10 to noon. Meetings involve routine matters, techniques, and skills demonstrations, as well as 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.

These activities support our mission to create opportunities to show and sell our work while supporting each other as fine artists creating and having fun.

Email me 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 by running the silent auction, creating guests, and organizing refreshments.

Members Peni Baker, Grace Cormier, Stephani Lovallo, Mary Ann Hall, Georgene Granholm, and Pam Morley are showing their art in the "Art By The Sea Show" at the Vero Beach Art Museum January 10-12th.

Learn with us, create with us, and add a little color to your life with us. See you at the end of January. View the classic cars, then come inside Building A for a refreshment and to view the art!

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. The instructor will be Dona Gionet, 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. A portion of all monies collected will go to the Veterans at the end of the season.

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

Hope that you all had a Happy Holiday season. Here's hoping for a Healthy New Year!

See you on the dance floor!

Joanne Blum, President Jill Anderson, Vice President Doris McNamara, Treasurer

LOL YOUTH GROUP

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MEMOIR GROUP

Get ready, get set, sharpen your pencils! The Memoir Group meets at the South Mainland Library on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 13, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. We always welcome new members. Everyone has a story. Please join us as we learn how to turn our memories into memoirs! For any questions or concerns, call or text Fern Hammer at 860-428-4177.

NEW YORK CLUB

We had a great time at our Christmas dinner. The Left-Right Night Before Christmas gift swap was a lot of laughs. Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 7, 2025, in Building A at 5 pm. For dinner tickets, call Martin at 845-781-8883. The deadline to purchase tickets is January 2.

The cost is \$17 per person. If you have ever lived or worked in New York, please consider joining us.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a very Happy New Year.

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OPEN MIC CLUB

Hello Music Lovers! Happy New Year! 2025 is here, and we're prepared to entertain you all year. We are scheduled to play the entire month of January at Pool 2, under the Oaks, from 1:30 to 4:00. As always, check our Facebook site for any changes in venue. We did move one show to Building D/E in December. There was a big turnout that day as the weather didn't want to cooperate, and the venue change was announced on the FB page. Also, the Policies to Perform were printed in the December issue of the Tattler. Feel free to approach any member of the group if you have a question regarding performing. Also, don't forget to check the FB site for information regarding where your favorite performer may be playing outside of the Bay. So remember to walk, bike, golf cart, or drive over to Pool 2 on Tuesday afternoons to enjoy the free sounds of the Barefoot Bay Open Mic Club. T-Shirts are

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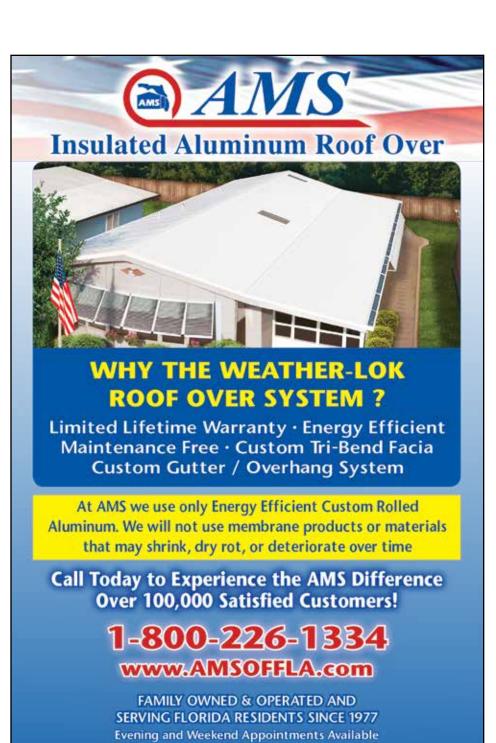












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for sale for a \$20.00 donation. All funds raised go to various charities in the bay. See you there.

PETALS AND PALMS CLUB

At our last meeting, we approved paying the yearly fee for the Christmas decoration on the B. Blvd light post and donating again to the golf tournament in February. We have also put new plants in the pot at the entrance to Pool 3. The planters at Pool 2 are doing great; the crotons and sweet potato vines are thriving and very colorful.

As Jan 1 is a holiday, our next meeting will be Wed. Jan 8 at 1000 am in the conference room in the Adm. building. See you then

Jo-Anne Stukas

POLISH CLUB

Welcome – Greeting – Merry Christmas! Our January meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at Bldg. D & E.

Our menu will be chopped salad, Italian bread and butter, eggplant parmesan, pasta, meatballs, sausage, peppers & onions. Dessert will be cannoli with a coffee station.

Ethic Festival – our bake sale will be on Saturday, January 11, 2025, at Bldg. A from 9 am to noon.

Please bring all your baked goods by 7:30 am for pricing. All monies made at the Bake Sale will go towards purchasing prizes for the Ethic Festival. If you do not bake, then please donate \$10.00.

All members' dues must be paid at our next meeting; fill out your Ethic tickets and return them no later than January 31, 2025.

return them no later than January 31, 2025. Here's wishing everyone a healthy, blessed New Year and a Merry Christmas.

> Joseph Klosky President

SENIOR SOFTBALL

The new season for Barefoot Bay Senior Softball begins on January 7th. Ridge Automotive is looking to repeat itself as champions in the 2025 tournament, but there are five other teams working to take the crown themselves. As long as they stay healthy, Ridge Auto may just go the distance. Indian River Fitness has put together a young team of players as if any of us can be considered young in a league that is 60 or over. Affordable Air will be led by a strong infield and not one but two capable pitchers. Sabol Air, on the other hand, recruited a quick outfield with strong arms. Schneider Insurance has brought together a number of veteran players with speed and power. Barefoot Bay Food Store, a new sponsor for the League, brings a little bit of everything to the field.

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The League has stayed busy throughout the year, running pickup games every Tuesday and Thursday. Though we lose a few members who travel North during the summer months, the games are enjoyable and keep the players in shape, whatever their shape may be.

Banner Day was November 12th, and we hung banners for the team sponsors and league sponsors on the outfield fences. The Ladies Auxiliary put together a 'chili luncheon' for the league members after the banners were installed. A great many choices of chili, from 'hot and hardy' to vegetarian and turkey chili, were offered. And then there were the desserts! If you are not a member of the Softball League, the times that the Auxiliary puts together a luncheon is more than enough reason to join.

The Bay Administration is working with us to improve the field and the overall facility. We are looking forward to a new left field fence and shade covers for the bleachers. So come out to the field to watch some entertaining softball every Tuesday and Thursday morning, starting at 9:00. Coffee and donuts can be purchased from our favorite hostess, Patti. We may be just a bit slower than the professionals and don't hit the ball quite as far, but we certainly have a good time. See you at the field.

TENNIS CLUB

Welcome back, snowbirds! You have been missed, so let's go. Of course, our matchmaker, Lenny, is scheduling play M, W, and F 8:30 - 9:00 am for doubles; let him know when you are available. Of course, the playing or social memberships are ready to be renewed at only \$15 per year. The club annual meeting is Tuesday, Jan 7th at 12:20 pm in bldg D.

Things to know...

We briefly lost our Bob Lewis sign during Hurricane Milton. Luckily, it has been recovered and secured again at the courts. Asking only once this year for donations to the club in remembrance of Bob, movies support club activities.

A new tennis/pickleball shed is going to happen-when? It will be an improvement in many ways for both programs.

Tennis lessons are available - get started in the game or, for intermediates, improve that dreaded backhand.

A club dinner will be scheduled at a local restaurant in February.

A sign will be displayed at the courts listing the club presidents over the years. There have been 11 presidents since 1985. A day of recognition and thanks will be announced and will occur in March.

Fun Facts...

1st tennis balls were made of wool - tennis was played at the Olympics in 1896; a 160 1b: individual burns about 440 calories per hour playing tennis.

Tennis Club Presidents:

1985-86 - Cathay Newton, 1987 - Scott Wheeler, 1988 - Bill Powers, 1989 - Armand Roux, 1990-91 - Doreen Duncan, 1992 - Earl Merriman, 1993 - Lenard Stone, 1994-95 - Jack Holbrook, 1996-2009 - Hal Holmes, 2010-2022 - Sandy Richter, 2023-present - Barry Fisher.

Comments or Questions,

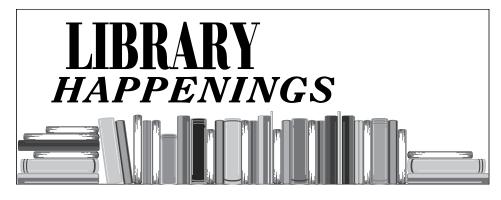
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THE WHITE HATS - RETIRED NURSES

"Happy New Year." I hope your holidays were fantastic. We will be starting the new year with a lot of new retired nurses.

Our lunch on January 8th at 1 PM will be at Mulligan's Beach House Bar and Grill, 806 Indian River Dr, Sebastian, FL 32958.

Please call Sandie at 716-445-8815 or Jan at 772-664-5531 if you're attending by January 2nd so I can make reservations. Also, let us know if you need directions or a ride.



South Mainland Public Library

Movies at the Library - 1st Thursday of each month at 1:00 PM

Jan. 2nd – Arthur the King - Michael Light convinces a sponsor to back him and a team of athletes for the Adventure Racing World Championship in the Dominican Republic. A dog named Arthur comes along for the ride, redefining what victory, loyalty, and friendship truly mean. Stars Mark Wahlberg & Juliet Rylance. PG-13 1 hr 47 min.

Chair Yoga - Fridays at 10:30 AM

Jan. 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st. Chair yoga is gentle and uses a chair for poses and balance. \$5.00/session payable to the instructor.

Adult Art Classes - 1st and 3rd Mondays at 1:00 PM

Naomi will assist you with art and jewelry projects on Jan. 6th.

The library is closed for MLK Jr. Day on 1/20/25. A \$5.00 fee will be charged for supplies when you pre-register at the Circulation Desk.

Total Memory Workout Classes – Tuesdays in January from 1:00 – 2:00 PM

Free four-week series will be held on Jan. 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th. Participants will learn about memory, steps to maximize memory fitness, living a brain-healthy lifestyle, and practicing "memorizing" to build muscle memory. To register, please call 321-434-7614.

Master Gardeners – 1st and 3rd Tuesdays anytime between 2:00-4:00 PM

Bring all of your gardening questions, problems, and issues on Jan. 7th and 21st.

Genealogy Research - every Wednesday at 11:00 AM

Elsie Dietzmann will help you with your Family tree(s) on Jan. 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th. *Adult Crafts* – This month only – both the 2nd and 3rd Thursdays at 1:00 PM

Our staff will assist you with monthly projects on both Jan. 9th and 16th. A \$5.00 fee will

be charged for supplies when you pre-register at the Circulation Desk.

Cooking in an Instant - Monday, Jan. 13th, 1:00-3:00 PM

This is a pressure cooker/air fryer class that will feature four recipes. There is a \$5.00 fee due when you pre-register at the Circulation Desk. The remaining cost is paid by the Friends of the South Mainland Library. Participants are limited to 12.

NYT Bestselling Author Event - Tuesday, January 14th at 3:30 PM

Our book club groups (Mystery and Third Thursday at 3) will host guest speaker Brian Freeman, a New York Times bestselling thriller author.

Free Medicare Seminar - Thursday, January 23rd at 6:00 PM

This informative session will be held in the Reading Room.

Brevard County Recycling Program - Thursday, January 30th at 1:00 PM

Learn how to recycle by room and recycle correctly. Giveaways will be provided.

January Youth Programs

Read Your Way to K Playdate – Babies and Toddlers

Every Wednesday at $10:30\ AM$ in the Children's Room

We invite babies, young toddlers, and their caregivers to join us for an hour of stories, songs, and games. Reading and storytelling allow our littlest patrons to discover speech patterns, new words, and language. Our fun and informal program is designed to enhance those skills through age-appropriate play.

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

Every Friday at 3:00 PM in the Meeting Room

Experiment, Explore, and Engage with some fun hands-on projects!

This program is intended for ages seven and up, and a supervising adult is required to be present in the room at all times.

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New Library Hours:

We are closed on Monday, January 20th, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Monday, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM (a newly added hour at the end of the day),

Tuesday and Thursday, 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM,

Wednesday and Saturday, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM,

Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Closed on Sunday.

Any person requiring special accommodations to participate in any class or event due to a disability may arrange for accommodations by contacting the location at which the event is held at least seven days prior to the event. This flyer is intended to be ephemeral in nature; as a result, if you need 508-compliant information, please contact the location, and it can be provided.



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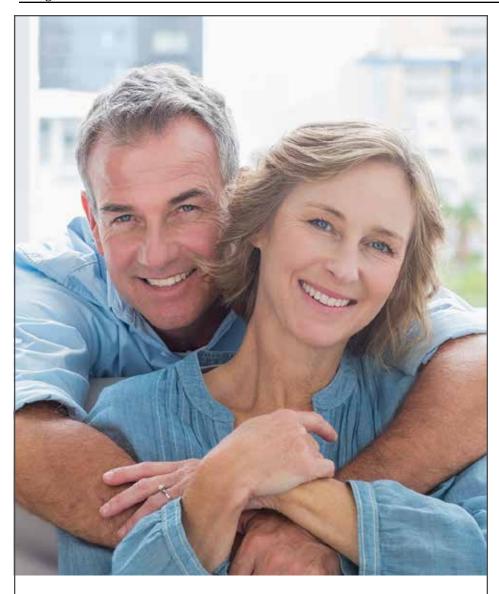
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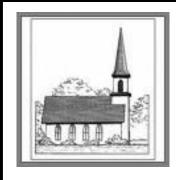
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CHURCH NEWS

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There is much to be said about facing a New Year. Some of us enjoy parties that close out the year on a festive note and welcome a new year with family and friends. Others enjoy a quiet night to remember the past year (certainly not all 365 days) but a few of the highs and lows of the year and look forward to what is in store for us in the new year. We look forward to the New Year with joy and hope at Concordia Lutheran. We remember a year when some in our family found restored health after cancer treatments; some families found peace after the loss of loved ones; some have celebrated marriages, births, graduations, and new beginnings in 2024. Our friendships will carry into the new year, we can make renewed commitments to God, we can strive to do better, and we can make those New Year's Resolutions! At Concordia, we pray that you all find a closer relationship with God and with your family, friends, and neighbors in the coming year- but do not wait to start on those relationships. Begin today and join us as we pray:

Gracious God, we come before you seeking renewal in the new year. Renew our minds, our hearts, and our spirits. May we be transformed by the power of your Holy Spirit, leaving behind the old and embracing the new that you have in store for us.

All are welcome to join us on Sunday at 10:30 am for worship with communion. We also invite you to visit the website for inspirational messages, monthly calendar, newsletters and events at www.BarefootLutheran.com

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Down with the Walls, In with the New Year

It's January 2025! Some time is more full of time than others. That's true, I believe, for starts like January. We jettison the past, and we reach for the future. In the pivot from past to future, in Rome, every twenty-five years, there is the Ritual of Passing through the Holy Doors, and it dates to the year 1500 A.D. It is a ritual full of time.

In the four major basilicas of Rome, the pope approaches holy doors that, interestingly enough, are bricked in. The walled-off doorways represent that within us and between us that cuts off, closes in, and separates from. You know how this goes – the errant word that has a touch of meanness in it ("You, jerk."), the selfish act (your gluttony before your partner's need), the unintended neglect, the insensitive (or perhaps contemptuous) look ... and a relationship starts to have a wall. It may be our thinking that separates us even from ourselves – like chronic insecurity or jealousy. Or it may be our hostilities, the kind that turns into war, that keep us walled off and separated from each other.

In the Ritual of the Doors, the pope uses a golden hammer to strike the brick. Then, the wall of bricks is shattered, and the debris moves away while the pope moves through the doors. The hammer represents God's grace, how he can break through our walls, dismantle our mistakes, heal our hurts, and reclaim those walled-off places in human life.

As we reach forward, remember God has made a way through by his grace.

Pastor Jeff Wood



Obituaries

Pam Townsend

April 10, 1937 - December 4, 2024 Beloved Wife, Mother, and Grandmother passed peacefully on December 4. She was 87 years old. Rita resided in Albany, NY, and for the past 25 years, in Barefoot Bay, sharing her life with her devoted husband, George Townsend. Rita was a former Red Hat Society Lady. Rita and George were members of Barefoot Bay Irish Club. A lifelong avid reader, she always had a book or two going. Rita leaves behind her daughters Pamela (Fuller) and Michael of Sebastian. And Michelle Townsend of Albany, NY

Grandmother to Trey Evans of Syracuse, NY. In keeping with her wishes, a memorial service will be held in Albany, NY.



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Daniel Lee Matthews

Passed surrounded by family and friends at his Barefoot Bay home on December 5th.

Dan was born on October 11, 1965. He is the much-loved husband and best friend of Tiffaney Matthews and the proud father of Kaylee Matthews, Ashley (Travis) Spriet, and Haylee (Josh) Jett. He leaves his cherished grandchildren, Jaylee, Ellee, Rylee, Eli, Leeim, Oaklee, and Millee. He was predeceased by his grandson, Maddux, whom he will lovingly watch over in the presence of our Lord until we are able to join them again.

Dan was a well-known and loved member of Barefoot Bay. He worked for the maintenance department at the golf course and was frequently seen at cornhole on Monday and Wednesday nights.

Prior to moving to the Bay, Dan grew up and raised his family in Moline, Illinois, where he retired from the Rock Island Sherrif's Department and also served as the Assistant Chief of the Carbon Cliff Volunteer Fire Department.

In keeping with his wishes, Dan will have a funeral in Illinois, and a memorial service will be planned in Sebastian in early January.

The family and friends of Dan would like to give their utmost thanks to the community of Barefoot Bay for all the love and prayers, the donations made for his benefit, and the compassion given to the family during his battle against cancer. Dan had great appre-



ciation for this community and loved being able to call Barefoot Bay his home.

As Abe Lincoln once said, "In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years". Dan lived life to the fullest, loved with his whole heart, and will be sorely missed but greatly remembered.

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Ladies' 9 Hole Golf League Ladies' 18 Hole Golf League

November 5th - A/B C/D Odd/Even A/B Flight

1st - Raylene McSally & Tricia Farrell 2nd - Elaine Stevenson & Sharon Farrell

3rd - Kathy Duquette & Michelle Donnelly

4th - Sue Stevens & Judy Skene

5th - MaryBeth Sullivan & Paula Vail-Gerard

C/D Flight

1st - Judy Gagnon & Jackie Broderick

2nd - Janet Jackson & Betty Healy

3rd - Dee Chimenti & Roberta Kessler

4th - Mary Landenberger & Kandi Fallon

5th - Marsha Costello & Patty Wright

November 12 - Scramble

1st - Sue Stevens, Marsha Costello, Gail Morrison, Debbie Korich

2nd - Doris McClintock, Zeny LaBarge, Anastasia Baptiste

3rd - Linda Martin, Sharon Farrell, Betty Healy, Roberta Kessler

4th - Judy Farrell, Judy Gagnon, Eve Sherwood, Joan Clement

5th - Deb Lawrence, Deborah Bertossa, Betty Greco, Terry Odette

CTP #7 Elaine Stevenson CTP #15 Beth Gillette

November 19 - ABCD Low New In Flight

1st - Brenda Maslanka

2nd - Sue Stevens

3rd - Sheila Crawford

4th - Raylene McSally

5th - Doris McClintock B Flight

1st - Judy Gagnon

2nd - Cindy Kaloski

3rd - Betty Greco

4th - Nadine Vair 5th - Tricia Farrell C Flight

1st - Janet Jackson

2nd - Gail Morrison

3rd - Ruthann Funari 4th - Cathy LeBlanc

5th - Sharon Gerthoffer

D Flight

1st - Terry Odette

2nd - Jackie Brodrick

3rd - Barb Smith

4th - Lynda Flynn

5th - Terry Perry CTP #2 Nadine Vair, CTP #12 Elaine

Stevenson

November 26 - Low Net In Flight

1st - Doris McClintock

2nd - Beth Gillette

3rd - Pat Lefebvre

4th - MaryBeth Sullivan

5th - Carol Mecanko

B Flight

1st - Betty Greco

2nd - Cammi Provencher

3rd - Sandy Kirkman

4th - Deborah Bertossa

5th - Tricia Farrell

C Flight

1st - Marsha Costello

2nd - Cathy LeBlanc

3rd - Ruthann Funari

4th - Janet Jackson

5th - Tamarah Mitchell

D Flight

1st - Jackie Broderick

2nd - Tish Garrett 3rd - Debbie Korich

4th - Betty Healy

5th - Anastasia Baptiste

CTP # 4 MaryBeth Sullivan CTP # 11

Tricia Farrell

November 5 - Scramble

1st - Lisa Drake Mark-Kay O'Brien Cathy Duggan

Cyndie Bourassa

2nd - Janet Rafferty Heidi Kamman

Bonnie Lynds Jerri Blauvelt

3rd - Judy O'Donnell Mary Draper Barbara Minklein

Robin Gayton 4th - Debra Corkins Susan Gilman

Linda Doran

JoAnn Leary CTP Hole 11 10'4" Jerri Blauvelt CTP Hole # 15 17'1" Lisa Drake

November 12 - Shamble

Flight 1 1st - Mary Ellen Sayles 40 2nd - Susan Gilman 43 3rd - MK O'Brien 44 Flight 2 1st - Mary Draper 42 2nd - Cathy Duggan 45 3rd - Barbara Minklein 48 Flight 3

1st - Bonnie Lynds 2nd - JoAnn Leary 3rd - Debbie Thornton

CTG Hole 7 9 ft Cathy Duggan

November 19 - Bingo, Bango, Bongo

1st - Pat Moody 9

2nd - JoAnn Leary Bonnie Lynds

Susan Gilman

Joan Miller Sheryl Morehouse

Judy O'Connell Judy Rice

Penny Zeilman

3rd - Elaine Armstrong

Mary Draper

Harriet Heuser Debra Corkins

MK O'Brien

CTP Hole13 19'2" Cyndie Bourassa

November 26 - 2 Person Best Ball

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1st - Penny Zeilman Harriet Heuser 2nd - MK O'Brien 25 Cyndie Bourassa Debra Corkins 25 Debbie Thornton 3rd - Mary Draper 26 June Sotir Judy O'Connell 26

Donna Sadlowski CTG Hole #2 3' 2" Bonnie Lynds

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George Underwood	250	George Underwood	662
Amy Beil	199	Amy Beil	478
November 11, 2024		November 11, 2024	
Al Urenovich	266	Al Urenovich	718
Amy Beil	214	Amy Beil	554
November 18, 2024		November 18, 2024	
Al Urenovich	268	Al Urenovich	664
Amy Beil	180	Darlene Wong-Kam	475
November 25, 2024		November 25, 2024	
George Underwood	216	George Underwood	616
Amy Beil	169	Amy Beil	479

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