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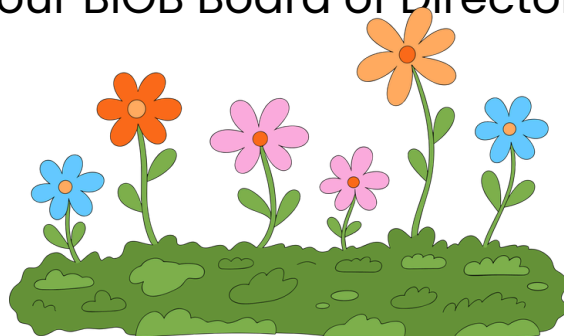
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A Message From Your Board of Directors

As we welcome the arrival of April and the fresh energy that Spring brings, your Board of Directors would like to extend our appreciation to all residents for helping keep our community vibrant and connected. With the rainy season approaching, this is also an ideal time to take a few simple steps to protect your home and our shared spaces—such as clearing gutters, checking drainage areas, and securing outdoor items that could shift during heavy storms.

These small preparations go a long way in keeping our neighborhood safe, attractive, and resilient. We look forward to a productive month ahead and encourage everyone to stay engaged, stay prepared, and enjoy the beauty of Spring throughout our community.

Cordially,
Your BIOB Board of Directors



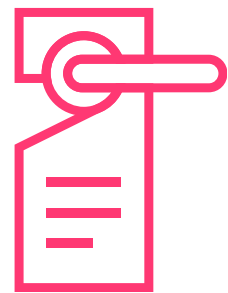
Upcoming Canvassing April 22 and April 29

Get Out the Vote: What Is Canvassing?

As we approach an important community vote, May 6, 2026, regarding the proposed defect lawsuit, you may see individuals going door-to-door. This is called canvassing—a way residents connect, share information, and encourage participation.

Under Florida Statutes Chapter 720, residents (and their invited guests) can legally go door-to-door for **non-commercial, community-related purposes** like helping us reach quorum.

Your vote matters.



Whether you choose to engage or simply cast your vote, every voice helps shape the future of our community.

Upcoming Townhall



Join us
for an important



Community Townhall **April 29, 2026 at 6:00 PM**

Residents of Bellalago & Isles of Bellalago will hear directly from professionals about the upcoming May 6 membership vote regarding the proposed defect lawsuit involving both townhomes and common areas.

This is your opportunity to understand the findings, ask questions, and make an informed decision.

Under Florida Statutes Chapter 720, we must achieve quorum in order to move forward—without it, the community cannot authorize litigation against the parties responsible for these defects.

Your participation is critical.

Details to join via Zoom or in-person will come via email.

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MEMBERSHIP VOTE
MAY 6, 2026
6PM
VOTING INFORMATION
WILL BE SENT TO YOU
NEXT WEEK.

VOTES WILL ALSO
BE ACCEPTED
ON MAY 6



Why Vote Yes?

Our community is facing an **extremely** important decision: whether to move forward with a construction defect lawsuit involving certain common areas and infrastructure or not.

To hold developers accountable responsible for defects of their work—**not pass the cost on to YOU!**

Protect **YOUR** wallet: If defects aren't moved forward in the lawsuit, the cost to fix the defects comes out of our pockets!



Preserve property values:
Addressing issues now helps maintain the quality and value of our community.

Legal deadlines apply. A NO Vote losing the ability to recover anything at all.

Architectural Review Reminder

As Spring projects begin to pick up, the Board would like to remind all homeowners to submit an Architectural Review Request (ARC) before starting any exterior changes to their homes.

Even small updates – such as painting, landscaping modifications or installing new fixtures – often require approval to ensure our community maintains a cohesive and well-kept appearance. Taking a moment to submit your plans in advance helps avoid delays and keeps our neighborhood looking its best for everyone.

You can find more information and the ARC Request form at:
<https://bellalagohoa.com/architectural-review>



Committee Spotlight

The Election Committee

Our next Board of Director Election is this coming November. The Election Committee helps ensure that the board elections are fair, transparent and free from conflicts of interest. With the guidance of legal counsel, working with our management company, and in accordance with our governing documents, the Election Committee manages tasks like verifying candidate eligibility, preparing ballots, overseeing voting procedures, and documenting results. The committee builds homeowner confidence in the process and reduces the risk of disputes. This separation of duties also keeps the board from appearing biased, especially when current directors are running for re-election, and helps the community stay compliant with Florida's detailed statutory requirements for HOA elections.



Executive Committee Orientation Package

We're excited to share that the HOA Executive Committee is creating a Welcome & Orientation Package to help new homeowners and residents feel right at home from day one! This friendly guide will highlight everything you need to know—community tips, helpful contacts, what's permitted within the community, and how things work—so settling in is easy and stress-free. Even better, we're not starting from scratch—we're building on the thoughtful work and contributions of past committees to bring together the best of what's already been created. It's all about making that first impression a great one and helping every new neighbor feel connected, confident, and part of the community from the very start.



Your Resident Committees at Work

Stronger together in action—the HOA Executive, Election, and Communication Committees have officially come together to work as one team on upcoming community initiatives. By combining their experience, ideas, and resources, we're building a more connected, transparent, and effective approach that benefits the entire community. This collaboration allows us to move forward with greater clarity, shared purpose, and momentum—because when we work together, we achieve more. Stay tuned for updates as this unified effort continues!



The ARC Committee is working on finalizing the new Home Exterior Paint Color Book so that new and modern color schemes are made available to homeowners.



Lakes and Ponds Committee tackled the Hyacinth outbreaks on Lake Bellalago. The removal of the Hyacinth and sludge from the lake bottom will help maintain the sludge from accumulating on the bottom. The remainder of the sparse Hyacinth areas will be treated further with chemicals for removal.





Barcode Audit underway

Common Area Sidewalk Inspections
underway to prep for vendor repair

New LED Lighted Gate Arms - Installed
and being adjusted

Six Pond Aerators - Ongoing

Replacement of two broken Pond
Fountains - Underway

Storm Drain Cleaning - Ongoing with
some completed

How to Control Midges

In Central Florida, Midges are most common from April through November.

Controlling midges in Central Florida starts with identifying whether you're dealing with biting no-see-ums or the larger, non-biting "blind mosquitoes," since each responds to different strategies.

For biting midges, the most effective approach combines personal protection—like repellents with DEET or Picaridin and wearing long sleeves at dawn and dusk—with environmental tactics such as installing no-see-um mesh screens, using outdoor fans, and applying targeted barrier treatments to vegetation.



For non-biting midges require more habitat-focused solutions, including using aeration and keeping vegetation trimmed and managing moisture around the home all help reduce breeding sites.

History of Earth Day

The first Earth Day took place on April 22, 1970, when more than 20 million Americans gathered to protest pollution and demand stronger environmental protections. The movement was inspired by growing public concern following events like the 1969 Santa Barbara oil spill and the influence of Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*. Senator Gaylord Nelson and activist Denis Hayes organized the first nationwide "teach-ins," which quickly expanded into a massive demonstration that helped spur the creation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and landmark laws such as the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act.



Earth Day Insights from Your Environmental Committee

What's Earth Day All About?

Over a half-century ago, Americans were seeing dark clouds of pollution in their air and dirty suds in water in what had been drinkable streams and rivers. The Cuyahoga River in Ohio was so toxic, bubbling with oil slicks and dead rats that it actually caught on fire numerous times! In Cape Cod, MA, summers had been full of a concert of songbirds. Bees, butterflies and moths colorfully flew about. But after the grey fog of DDT was sprayed above the tree canopy, total silence deafened the atmosphere, with not a sound heard. An inch or two of dead birds, butterflies and other pollinators carpeted the ground. This organochlorine chemical had turned a glorious opera into a holocaust.



Earth Day Insights from Your Environmental Committee

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Americans resonated with Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* which, with half a million copies purchased, became a NY Times best seller and won 8 awards. Investigative articles by Paul Brodeur appeared in *The New Yorker* about the widespread harm of pesticides and other hazards. And President John F Kennedy's Science Advisory Committee recommended immediate reduction of DDT toward its quick, total elimination - along with other "hard" pesticides.

Noticing the loss of pollinators, wildlife and marine life, Americans understood their own health was compromised. They learned that pollutants accumulate in the bodies of animals, with the top predators in a food chain getting the highest dose since they essentially eat everything else. One consequence of DDT in the wild was that the eggshells of exposed birds and alligators were unusually fragile and would break before their babies were fully formed, leading to diminished populations.



Earth Day Insights from Your Environmental Committee

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With litter strewn and landscapes cluttered where beauty had once resided, and cancer and other illnesses skyrocketing, many people became desperate to return to a more natural environment. So, with help from a U.S. Senator and ardent activists, Earth Day was born.

People began gathering in the springtime to clean up their local areas and urge governments to do more to stop pollution. Their advocacy brought the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) into being. Soon, the Clean Air Act (CAA), Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), and Clean Water Act (CWA) were signed into law to restrict pollutants. The Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and more followed, as did new federal agencies such as the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

The number of countries and cities with Earth Day celebrations grew, until the holiday - April 22 - became recognized all around the world

Earth Day Insights from Your Environmental Committee

Over time, the Earth Day organization lost sight of its original mission to minimize pollution and enhance health. However, we can still celebrate Earth Day to promote environmental health using laws both new and old, asking the assistance of federal, state and local governments to protect our land and soil, our waters and air, and our vibratory atmosphere from all kinds of pollutants. By minimizing hazards, we encourage everyone's health – from ourselves and our pets to wildlife, marine life, and even microorganisms. We can plant special flowers for bees, butterflies, and other pollinators. We can minimize light, microwave radiation, and noise by night so as to provide wildlife a quiet habitat. Refraining from using chemicals on our bodies, homes and yards, we decrease air and water contamination. Every little action reduces the suffering of people, animals, insects and plants – helping us all to thrive!



Earth Day in Action: Small Steps, Big Impact

Earth Day encourages people to make small but meaningful choices that support a healthier planet, from reducing single-use plastics and conserving energy to planting trees or joining local cleanups. These actions strengthen communities, protect wildlife, and cut down on pollution.



