## Gator Tales

News & Views of Blue Heron Pines Golf Community 29200 Jones Loop Rd, Punta Gorda, Fl, 33950



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#### The Presidents Message:

Oh how I wish that this month's message was all light and airy. I wish I could write about the great activities happening around the park and the many people that attended this and that event and all the fun that we have had. I wish we were looking forward to the activities planned for Mother's Day, the Memorial Day Celebration, Father's Day and the great 4th of July Party. But alas, those might have to be postponed for awhile. What I can comment on is how fortunate I feel; how grateful I am that even though I am confined to this

compound I do not have to worry about a great many of the things that others do in the world. I live in a safe and clean neighborhood surrounded by great people. I have a roof over my head that doesn't leak, I have air conditioning, I have food on my table (my wife is a great cook), and I have thousands of Ebooks to read, games to play and movies to watch. I receive a modest pension so I don't have to worry about my regular bills. I am grateful for how the people in the park have come together to help their friends and neighbors and I am also grateful for the many people here who are maintaining a positive attitude and big smiles whenever I see them. I am most grateful that I have a wonderful and loving wife who is sharing this experience with me. We have met such a large number of nice people here, and we are looking forward to getting to know them better in the future when this is over. Keep up the good work everyone!!

Walt King

Next HOA Meeting October 6, 2020 Get well:

Cindy Klein lot 122

Quint Peterson Lot 524

Adora Peterson Lot 524

Sympathy:

Kathy Gellart Lot 556 on passing of her husband Ken



#### SUMMER VEGGIES, SW FLORIDA VERSION

Several of you have asked about vegetable growing this spring. As mentioned in an earlier issue, many of the northern vegetables we are used to, need be planted in January & February down here. However, it's not too late to plant "Florida summer vegetables." Take spinach, which is best planted in January in SW Florida. But you can plant and grow **Malabar spinach** all through our summers. *Basella rubra* is a red-stemmed vine that's leaves can be used like spinach, and it's not fussy at all about soil types. It's thick, fleshy leaves should be cut off to keep the plant full. When cooked it doesn't have the slick texture like northern spinach.

June is a good month for planting **Sweet Potatoes**, **Southern Peas** and **Okra** (these last two can be planted through July and August also). Sweet Potatoes can be an interesting ground cover as well as have edible tubers. The variety "Blackie" has dark, burgundy colored foliage, "Margarita" has bright lime green foliage, and "Tricolor" has variegated green, cream, and pink foliage.

**Pumpkin** seed can be planted in mid-July. Protect the plants from vine borers, and you'll have some great tasting pies by holiday time.

Although I'd never heard of it before moving to Florida, I love **Chayote**, *Sechium edule*, The plant is a tender, perennial vegetable vine that produces light green, pear-shaped fruit with a single, flat edible seed. You can simply buy the fruit at the grocers and leave it on your kitchen counter or something similar until it begins to sprout, and then plant it next to a trellis or support for the vine to climb. Plant the fruit on its side with the smaller stem end sloping upward, and left slightly exposed.

Submitted by Sharon Breay

### **RESIDENT ADS**

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#### John's Yard & Home Service

Kill and remove weeds Trim Bushes & Flowers Watch your home while you're away. Keep your yard pristine No Large Tree Trimming. For a Free Estimate Call John Welcome 941-249-7842 <u>emw29200@gmail.com</u>

#### **Need Help?**

I am a handyman who lives in BHP & will do home & computer repairs, yard work, pet sitting, power washing, screening. Painting & just about any other work you may need done. Contact Scott at scuddy\_99@yahoo.com or 941-875-5952.

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I have an exterior power washer and carpet cleaner. I am willing to come clean and power wash the exterior of your home or clean your interior carpets. My prices are based solely on your donation. **Call Julie at 575 520 9943 I live at lot 333.** 

#### **Re-screening by Tom**

Lanais-Windows-Screens No Job too Small Reasonable Rates 941-661-1405 Tom Lemke #212

Welcome to a Old/New feature of the "Gator Tales". We will be running a "for sale" section **STRICTLY** for the residents of Blue Heron Pines. If you have something to sell, we probably have someone who wants to buy it. The guidelines are simple:

- Short and sweet.
- - Ad will run for one issue unless you re-submit your ad for the next issue.
- The service is free to residents only.
- All articles have to be in no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

#### **Birthdays**

- 5/1 Bill Bentley
- 5/2 Kent Adriansen Joan Reschke
- 5/4 Helen Hyde-Russel
- 5/5 Pam Katona
- 5/7 Joann Bowers Carol Harroun
- 5/8 Charlotte Brown
- 5/9 Craig Lindley
- 5/10 Connie Phillips
- 5/12 Marlene Skonie
- 5/13 Marna Thomas-Basil
- 5/14 Cathy Richardson
- 5/16 Joan Jessop

#### Anniversary

- 5/3 Jim/Sara Hire
- 5/6 Tom/Sharon Breay
- 5/16 Rick/Pat Schram Gary/Nikki Ward Jerry/Patty Clarke
- 5/17 Donal/Jerrie Merrill
- 5/19 Joe/Bunny Lane

#### 5/19 Nancy Fee

- 5/21 Bob Blakslee Bob James Andy Sikkema Janet Allen
- 5/22 Jean Boule Betty Duncan
- 5/23 Tim Flintoff Dennis Frank 5/25 Bill Bartz Linda Kain Patricia Powers
- 5/28 Quint Peterson
- 5/30 Mark Wesaw Vinni Zito Kay Oetting
- 5/31 Gladys Salus Carolyn Merrill Judy Henderson



- 5/21 Craig/Barbara Lindley Jerry/AnnMarie Kulling
- 5/27 David/Debra Tittle
- 5/29 Edward/Doris Leatherman Gerald/Inge German
- 5/30 Joe/Andrea Bowditch Quint/Adora Peterson



#### Plan Ahead for a Hurricane

Hurricane season is almost here. Here are some tips to minimize damage to your property and others in the event of a hurricane. Clear your yard of loose objects which become potential airborne missiles in high winds. Place items inside your house or shed, NOT on your lanai. Some examples of things to secure:

- Lawn Furniture
- Potted plants
- Gazing Balls
- Statues
- Bicycles
- Trash Cans
- Garden Hose(s)
- Decorative flags and poles
- Any other decorative items

Anchor objects that cannot be moved inside (no matter how heavy or large). Close all windows and doors. FYI: Taping glass will not prevent breakage. Store documents and valuables in waterproof containers; secure in highest possible spot.

Source Publix – "Are you ready to weather a storm?" Charlotte Country – Disaster Planning Guide

#### The Role of the NeighborHood Watch in Blue Heron Pines.

I have been asked many times by residents what the role and duties of the Neighborhood Watch are here in Blue Heron Pines. We are here to help to ensure that our neighborhood remains a safe place to live. Our volunteers patrol our community to make certain that outsiders are not robbing and molesting us. We check to see that the club house is secured at night and that no one is sleeping in the pool house. (Yes, it has happened). We check to see that there has been no vandalism and that there isn't a moving van whisking away your or your neighbor's stuff, and we also check for strange cars in the park at night. Also, we look out for any other emergency types of situations that might occur, such as fires or injuries. We have given rides home from various fun activities at the community center when needed, and have pushed a few carts home when they have run out of juice. What we DON'T do is police the residents. We are not here to report you if you are breaking one of the BHP rules. We are not here to make sure your outdoor bulb is lit, and we're not looking at your driveway for too much clutter or your flowerbeds for weeds. We ARE here to ensure that our neighborhood remains a safe place to live. I have placed a list here from the Charlotte County Sheriff's office that provides examples of suspicious behaviors. Some do not apply to our setting but others do. There are also phone numbers provided if needed. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who are currently patrolling our community and to the many many many volunteers who have done so in the past. This is another reason that I enjoy living here. When given the opportunity to get involved, there are a lot of residents who do and who have. If you have any questions about the Neighborhood Watch please feel free to email me at rawsage@gmail.com Thanks, Walt

#### **Suspicious Activity Concerning Persons**

Circumstance	Possible Crime		
Persons offering items for sale at a very low price.	Possibly trying to sell stolen property.		
Strangers loitering or driving through a neighborhood several times.	Possible burglary suspects or vandals.		
Slow moving vehicle, without lights, or following an aimless course. This is suspicious in any location including residential streets, schools, playgrounds.	Possible burglar, drug pusher, or sex offender. Possible lookouts for a burglary or robbery. Possible burglary or theft in progress.		
Parked or occupied vehicle containing one or more persons, especially significant if observed at an unusual hour.			
Vehicles being loaded with valuables if parked by a closed business or unoccupied residence.			
Abandoned vehicle parked on your block.	Possible stolen car.		
Vehicle containing weapons.	Owner or driver may engage in criminal activity.		
Vehicle someone is being forced to enter, especially females or juveniles.	Possible kidnapping, assault, attempted rape or child molesting.		
Vehicle in which a business transaction is being conducted around schools or parks.	Possible selling stolen items or drugs.		

#### Other Suspicious Activity

Circumstance	Possible Crime	
Continuous repair operations at a non-business location.	Possible stolen property being altered.	
Open or broken doors and windows at a closed business or unoccupied residence.	Possible burglary in progress, completed burglary, or vandalism.	
Unusual noises such as gunshots, screaming or continuously barking dogs.	Possible burglary, assault, rape, etc.	
Sound of breaking glass.	Possible burglary or vandalism.	
A person exhibiting unusual mental or physical symptoms.	Person may be injured, under the influence of drugs, or otherwise in need of medical attention.	

EMERGENCY	9-1-1
NON-EMERGENCY	941-639-0013
ANIMAL CONTROL	941-833-5690
CODE COMPLIANCE	941-743-4158
FIRE/EMS NON-EMERGENCY	941-833-5600

#### **Suspicious Activity Concerning Persons**

Circumstance	Possible Crime Possible theft of a car or its contents. Possible theft or vandalism.	
Locked vehicle that someone is attempting to forcibly enter, especially in a parking lot.		
Persons detaching mechanical parts or accessories from a vehicle.		
Objects thrown from a vehicle.	Possible disposal of objects or evidence of criminal act.	
Property in homes, garages or storage areas is suspicious if ac- cumulations are large or items are in good condition but not in use.	Possible stolen property.	
Property in vehicles that is not normally found in vehicles (TV sets, stereos, guns, or auto parts), especially if observed at an unusual hour.	Possible stolen property.	
Property carried by persons on foot, especially suspicious at an unusual hour or unusual pace. Very questionable if person is running and property is unwrapped.	Possible property just stolen in a burglary or robbery.	
Property being removed from or loaded into a vehicle or building, at an unusual hour, from a closed business or unoccupied residence.	Possible burglary or theft in progress.	

#### IF YOU OBSERVE ANY OF THESE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES, CALL THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AT 941-639-0013

#### **Suspicious Activity Concerning Persons**

Circumstance	Possible Crime		
Going door to door in a residential area, especially if one or more persons goes to rear of residence.	Possible burglary suspects or trespassers.		
Waiting or loitering in front of an unoccupied house or closed.	Possible burglary suspects.		
Forcing entrance, or entering your neighbor's house when it is unoccupied.	Possible burglary, theft, or trespassing.		
Person running, especially if something of value is being carried.	Possible suspect fleeing the scene of a crime.		
Unusual amount of human traffic to and from a certain residence if it occurs on a daily or regular basis.	Possible drug activity.		
Person screaming.	Possible rape or assault.		
Persons loitering around cars or going car to car peering into them, especially in parking lots or on streets.	Possible car thief or theft from vehicles.		
Persons loitering around schools, parks, or secluded areas.	Possible sex offender or drug dealer.		

#### **BHP RECURRING ACTIVITIES**

#### MONDAYS

7am Men's Scramble/ Doug Howe 941-661-2238 8:00 am Walking DVD Exercise, just show up 10 am Water Aerobics/ Swimming Pool/Just show up 1-4 pm Mah Jongg/Game Room Jan Crail 941-575-2935 7 pm Bingo 7 pm Texas Hold Em'/Game Room **TUESDAYS** 7:30am Ladies 9 Hole Golf/ C.Harroun 941-575-2138/Darlene Ditmore 941-833-3353 am Men's 18 Hole Golf (Off Site) Leo Zehnder 248-421-4774 8:30 am Ladies 18-Hole Golf/ Donna Cononico 941-639-3752/ Sally Sullivan 941-505-8710 12:45 pm Ladies 9-Hole Golf / Pat Lonergan 941-637-4820/ Janet Bolyard 260-417-6003 12:45 pm Revenge/Clubhse Main Area/Suz Krause 586-764-3674 1:00 Quilting/Craft Room/ **WEDNESDAYS** 7:15 am Golf /Ron Jessop 941-639-1378 8:00 am. Walking DVD Exercise Just show up 10 am Water Aerobics/Swimming Pool/Just show up 11 am Ceramics/Arts & Crafts Room/Just show up 5:45 pm Revenge/Clubhse/Suz Krause 586-764-3674 7 pm Men's Pool League/Games Room/ Tom Bray 303-503-8170 (Jan-Mar) 7 pm Pool Tournament/Game Room (April-Dec) THURSDAYS 9:00 am Couples Golf /Rick Schram 941-505-0646 3:30 p.m. Zumba/Clubhouse Main Area/Just show up 6 pm Nickel/Nickel/Craft Room/ Just show up. 6:35 pm Euchre/Game Room/Rick Schram 941-505-0646 7:00pm Men's Pool League/Games Room/Tom Bray 303-503-8170 (Jan-Mar)

#### **FRIDAYS**

7:15 am Men's Golf /Ron Jessop 941-639-1378

8:00 am Walking DVD Exercise, just show up

10 am Water Aerobics/Swimming Pool/Just show up

9:30 am Bocce Ball/Behind Clubhouse/Just show up

#### **SATURDAYS**

9:30 am Horseshoes/Behind Clubhouse - Just show up R Moore 607-765-1091 9 am Coffee, donuts & bagels (Bul. Bd. sign-up list)

10 am Shuffleboard/Behind Clubhouse - Just show up

1:00 pm Bean Bag Baseball/Behind Clubhouse – Carl & Cheryl Festa 315-651-7728

6:30 pm Pinochle/Clubhouse Main/ Rm/M Brietzke 941-249-3962 <u>EVERY OTHER SUNDAY</u>

9-Hole Scramble Golf/Doug Howe 941-661-2238

#### **SUNDAYS**

6:15 pm Dominoes, Arts-Crf Rm/Just show up

7 pm open Pool /Game Room/ just show up

TO RESERVE AN AREA FOR AN ACTIVITY IN ANY OF THE CLUBHOUSE ROOMS, PLEASE CONTACT MAUREEN HEGER 732-259-0596 MAUREEN.HEGER127@GMAIL.COM

HOA MEETINGS The HOA Board meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month and the HOA Membership Meetings are on the 1st **Tuesday** of each month during the month of October through April beginning at 7:00 PM. The February Membership meeting is the Annual meeting at which Board Member elections are held. The meeting agenda is posted on the bulletin board 48 hours prior to the meeting. All HOA members are encouraged to attend the Board meetings. If you have an issue or concern, please contact a Board member prior to the meeting to have that item added to the agenda or sign in before the meeting. You will have 3 minutes to speak about that item during the meeting. (This is the "Sunshine Law" as defined under Florida Statute 723.078.) In addition, at the end of each meeting there will be an opportunity to ask questions or present items for discussion

#### HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION

(HOA) Membership in the Home Owners Association is not mandatory, however, the Board represents the home owners of Blue Heron Pines as a group and provides a united voice for the home owners. They work as a liaison between BHP Owners/ Management and the residents. The cost is \$20 per year (Jan 1-Dec 31). This entitles the home owner to one vote per household for election of Board Members and any issues that need to be voted on. This money also pays for holiday events, kitchen supplies for Saturday Coffee and various activities, Legal fund, decorations for the Clubhouse, copying costs, reduced price on tickets for HOA events and more. Renters are also encouraged to join the HOA. Although they cannot vote, they are welcome to participate in all of the Blue Heron Pines activities and events as a member. You can purchase your Membership at monthly meetings or from Jae-Ann Carder #528

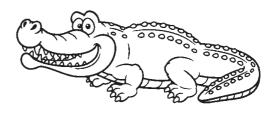
#### HEALTH & WELFARE Sunshine COMMITTEE:

#### Cathy Richardson #555 502-321-5229 lcrich3@att.net

has volunteered for this committee. She will gather information from other residents about who is ill or hospitalized, has a family member with a serious illness, or has passed away. If you have any news about a neighbor, please let Cathy know.

WILDLIFE: Warm spring weather means it's time to brush up on tips for living with alligators and other wild critters. It is very important that you DO NOT feed any of the wildlife in and around our park. From the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission website: "In Florida, it is ILLEGAL to feed manatees, sandhill cranes, bears, raccoons, foxes, and alligators." We need to do our part by making sure we are not providing any food for any animals (including birds and ducks). If you have a fruit tree, make sure you pick up fallen fruit. Above all, if you see an alligator, just leave it alone! The same is true of the coyotes people have seen out and about at night. If you leave them alone, they will do the same.





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Memberships can be purchased at any HOA meeting.



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