

Gator Tales

News & Views of Blue Heron Pines Golf Community

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The Presidents Message: We've now been on lock-down for over two months and I know that we are all looking forward to the time when our lives will return to normal, whatever that will be. We have been a model community at BHP for following the proscribed guidelines and preventing COVID-19 from entering our community. YEAH!!!!!! Fortunately, a few things have opened here at BHP and that has helped our morale. Our pool is open with some restrictions mandated by the CDC but it is open. The dog park has re-opened (please remember to pick up after your dog:-), and other outdoor activities such as shuffle board, horseshoes and bocce ball are open for play here in the park. Fortunately for some of us, the golf

course remained open to residents without fees during this lockdown period and many of us, myself included, have enjoyed it thoroughly. Our golf course is now officially open to residents and soon it will be open to the public again. Knowing that many of us have been enjoying the course while closed, Sun is offering the yearly membership fee discounted if you sign up before the end of May. Also, there are tiny libraries around the park. Please take as many books as you like and pass them on when you're done. Books are available at #129, #555, and the mail kiosk as well. I know that some of our residents have already started to enjoy some of the local Phase One openings such as restaurants, barber shops and beauty salons. They have commented on the safety measures that are being used and all seems very promising. Remember, however, if you don't feel safe with the rate of reopening, you **do not** have to participate. Stay home, wear your mask and do the things that help you feel safe. For those that are just waiting to ramp back up to full speed, please remember to be considerate of others' concerns and respect their boundaries. I know that these restrictions are feeling a bit tedious at this point for us, but I believe that we will all continue to do the right things to promote a healthy community.

Walt King

**Next HOA Meeting
October 6, 2020**

EGADS!! “THEY” are BACK!!

No, I DON'T mean snowbirds; I mean those black LOVEBUGS---UUUGH! This is the time they hit us in droves, as we take a walk, covering our car as we drive, till we must stop and wash down the windows and grill before we even reach our destination. We forget I-75 for a while. We try to stay on blacktop and wear sunglasses even at dusk.

WHAT are these things? An untrue rumor is that University of FL created them when manipulating DNA to control mosquito populations. They are a non-pest fly all along the Gulf Coastal regions that doesn't seem to be a priority for funding, even though various fungi are suspected of being natural controllers. They don't bite, transmit diseases, and with the newer advances in automotive paint, they don't badly pit or etch the paint as they used to. But they can clog vehicle radiator air passages causing a reduction on the cooling effect on car engines. And they do cover your windshield when driving, especially if you use the wipers which smear the remains, causing inability to see out your windshield....and they get baked on in sunshine!

Some people swear by soaking down the more infested areas of their cars and then wiping the bugs off with clothes drier sheets. I keep both paper towels and clothes drier sheets right in my car. Lovebugs are attracted to about anything, but especially to light colors. One female will lay 100-350 eggs, which as they hatch, the larvae eat decayed plants on soil and other organic material.

Robins, quail, spiders, earwigs, centipedes and some beetle larvae will eat them, despite their strong acidic taste. And the lovebug larvae is somewhat beneficial to us as it eats the invasive Brazilian Pepper plant so prevalent here. So grit your teeth, and keep them closed when outdoors!! The onslaught will pass before long.....for another year.

Submitted by Sharon Breay

June Anniversaries

6/1 Gary-Gloria Pierson
6/2 John-Rosmary Burke
6/7 Larrie-Kathy Webb
6/8 Steve-Marna Basil
6/8 Dave-Shelley Steingart
6/10 Ed-Sammi Vidota
6/12 James-Imgard Bauman
6/15 Harvey-Patricia Karns
6/18 Rodney-Arlene Cannon
6/18 Steven-Judy Townley
6/19 Edgar-Geraldine Scowden
6/21 Kenneth-Kathleen Schuetz
6/21 Tim-Judy McPhillips
6/25 Lorne-Lois Niemann



July Anniversaries

7/1 Dave-Tammy Egger
7/6 Leonard-Joan Eggemeyer
7/14 Wilson-Cindy Yerk
7/15 Dennis-Gerri Frank
7/15 Remi-Karen Fournier
7/16 Edwin-Barbara Cox
7/19 Norm-Thelma Calfee
7/24 Butch-Pam Katona
7/26 Robert-Jerry Potorski
7/27 Tom-Jan Pearson
7/28 Tom-Monika Dudley
7/28 Ray-Sharon Banaguro
7/29 Mike-Kay Oetting
7/31 Wayne-Karen Carter



Sympathy

Betty Brook lot 441 passing of her husband Joe

Val and Rick Ingram lot 395 passing of Val's mother Joy

Get well:

Dave Bauer lot 308

Bob Harroun lot 117

Jim Neitfeld lot 521

Ronda Tobin lot 563



June Birthdays

6/1 Richard Filer
6/1 Pat Peterson
6/2 Sylvia Beauregard
6/2 Ray Bonaguro
6/3 Edward Matozza
6/3 Nancy Tillett
6/4 Thomas Merrill
6/5 Tyrone Beard
6/5 Bill Brietzke
6/6 Peter Babbitt
6/6 Dorothy Grady
6/6 Aline Benthon
6/7 Ruth Dimeglio
6/7 Jerrie Merrill
6/9 Brenda Hubertus
6/10 Delores Stonoha
6/12 Rick Schraum
6/13 Shelley Steingart
6/13 June Ashley
6/14 Ronald Brooks
6/16 Debra Tittle
6/16 Lori Nielson
6/17 Dayle Brown
6/17 Gloria Peirson
6/17 Valerie Meinen
6/17 William Hess
6/20 Nancy Simonis
6/21 Clyde Black
6/21 Annie Shea-Ross
6/21 Ron Frizzell
6/22 Sheree Battersby
6/22 Violet McCoy
6/22 Marcel Kates
6/24 Chuck Dickey
6/24 Dick Roller
6/24 Rick Barrett
6/24 Darrel Witty
6/25 Bob Wigginton
6/25 Ron Horner
6/25 Wolfgang Jejna
6/26 Bob Benthon
6/26 Alan Haspel
6/26 Melanie Bigos
6/26 Mary Ward
6/27 Tammy Eggar
6/27 Diane Cain
6/28 Judy Casimir
6/28 Darlene Ditmor
6/29 Karn Blknap
6/30 Terry Alves
6/30 Dona Noewer



July Birthdays

7/2 Scott Saunders
7/3 Dave Eggars
7/4 Betty Lustig
7/4 Betty Brooks
7/4 Joy Roberts
7/4 Mary Beaudow
7/5 Kathy Webb
7/5 Nancy Bartz
7/7 Terry Briskie
7/8 Rosmary Burke
7/9 Rickard Brinkman
7/9 Lucy Scheiner
7/9 Lorne Nieman
7/10 Sharon Moore
7/10 Dick Aaron
7/11 Billie Sixt
7/12 Larry Roberts
7/13 Donna Tomkins
7/14 Gail McNaughton
7/14 Bud Depper
7/15 Gerri Frank
7/15 Marilyn Gardner
7/16 Bob Harroun
7/16 Romeo Lemieux
7/19 Marsha McReynolds
7/19 Jerry Kulling
7/19 Jans Bowles
7/21 Douglas Howe
7/23 Tom Skonie
7/24 John Bigos
7/25 Regis Ditmor
7/25 Pat Lonergan
7/26 Karen Carter
7/26 Lester Yanowitz
7/27 Kevin Grady
7/27 Jeff Pollack
7/27 Tom Dudley
7/29 Diana DeVries
7/31 Rosa Barse
7/31 Nancy Kates
7/31 Marguerite Brietzke



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- - 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 15th of each month.

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

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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

EVERY OTHER SUNDAY

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

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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

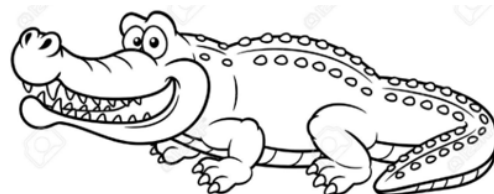
(HOA) Membership in the Home Owners Association is not mandatory, however, the Board represents the home owners of Blue Heron Pines as a group and provides a united voice for the home owners. They work as a liaison between BHP Owners/ Management and the residents. The cost is \$20 per year (Jan 1-Dec 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 lcritch3@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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