

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 four 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 golf, shuffle board, horseshoes and bocce ball are open for play here in the park. Please take advantage of these activities. Cabin fever is real. Outdoor activities are a great way to reduce the stress. I

know that some of our residents have already started to enjoy a lot of the openings such as restaurants, barber shops beauty salons, and retail stores being open. They have commented on the safety measures that are being used. I have heard of some establishments that are not really following the current guide lines and others that exceed them. However, as the numbers rise here in Florida, let us be very very careful of where we go and what we do. You may not worry, but it looks like the odds are that something may follow you home to Blue Heron Pines. Remember, some of us are at a real risk. Punta Gorda has mandated the wearing of a mask. 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 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 safe life here at BHP.

Walt King

**Next HOA Meeting
October 6, 2020**

August Anniversaries

8/7 Paul/Carol Robitalle
8/9 Bill/Donna Putney
8/10 Ken/Dottie Ramsey
8/13 John/Wendy Harvey
8/15 Ken/Susan Granado
8/20 Dick/Mary Roller



September Anniversaries

9/4 Lee/Judy Cayer
9/8 Michael/Renee Firestone
9/10 Frank/Jody Skorek
9/11 Thomas/Carolyn Merrill
9/11 Gene/Rosemary Robinson
9/13 Paul/Pat Lonergan
9/16 John/Grace Lucas
9/16 Bob/Debbie Schmidt
9/21 Daniel/Nancy Tillett
9/22 Moe/Sylvia Beauregard
9/22 Walter/Donna Tomkins
9/23 Alan/Susan Haspel
9/23 Tyrone/Richelle Beard



Sympathy

John and Grace Lucas lot 258 on the pass of Grace's son Lee

To the friends and family of Bob McGarry on 635 Wendy died

To Murielle Boule (810) for the loss of her husband

Get well:

Tom Pearson lot 443

Shelly Pollock lot 303

Jeff Pollock lot 303

Dave Eggert lot 152



August Birthdays

8/2 Dana Entzminger
8/2 Tony Gulotta
8/3 Kenneth Ralph
8/4 John Burke
8/6 Bob Pierce
8/6 Rosa Barse
8/7 Helen Matrozza
8/8 Pamela Brown
8/9 Dorthey Burgess
8/9 Rick Nielsen
8/12 Martha Kratz
8/14 Rosemay Erntz
8/15 David Bauer
8/16 Debbie Opfer
8/17 Paul Manning
8/17 Edwin Cox
8/17 Joe Bowditch
8/18 Sharon Breay
8/18 Mary Haubold
8/19 Harold Petrak
8/19 David Matejcek
8/21 Jeanette Bowles
8/21 Bonnie Andrainsen
8/25 Geraldine Scowden
8/25 Bob Schmidt
8/25 David Stepniak
8/25 Gene Robinson
8/26 Cal Evans
8/26 Colin Weddell
8/26 Joanne Waterman
8/27 Donna Thompson
8/28 Sally Sullivan
8/30 Donna Wheatly
8/30 Wayne Matthews



September Birthdays

9/2 Estelle Didricon
9/2 Jom Crail
9/6 Jan Pearson
9/6 Pat Schram
9/6 Joe Brooks
9/7 John Moore
9/8 Joanna Smith
9/9 Ken Ramsey
9/9 Susan Moore
9/10 Ken Granado
9/10 Ann Nieu Kirk
9/10 Mary Ellen Pierce
9/10 Judy Day
9/11 Janet Wiley
9/11 Patty Clarke
9/11 Kathy Hall
9/16 Jody Jejna
9/16 Frances Boatwright
9/16 Harry Willard
9/17 Karen Fournier
9/18 Rose Parente
9/20 Nikki Ward
9/21 Jerry Clark
9/22 Walter Tomkins
9/23 Rosemary Robinson
9/24 Yvonne Campell
9/24 Vic Vance
9/25 Sammi Tischler
9/25 Lou Royds
9/25 Lee Cayer
9/27 Thelma Calfee
9/29 Peter McNaughton
9/29 Dan Hanks





GOT MOSQUITOS?

WHO DOESN'T? Our Florida summer is in full reign!
of us hate to spray ourselves with insecticides though!

Well, here are a few good, easy, and healthy tips using plants as repellants:

Catmint, so extremely easy to grow and with a pleasant odor, is 10 times more effective as a mosquito repellant than DEET. Peppermint is also great, and you can use it for your iced tea and other recipes. Rosemary and Basil are kitchen herb staples that love growing in Florida, as does the little fuzzy purple flower, Ageratum, (often growing wildly down here). In fact all of the above are best grown in pots or they may take over your entire space! The added advantage to this is they need little care, and can be moved around to various locations as needed to keep those pesty insects away.

Of the basil, Cinnamon Basil or Blue Basil lasts longer in our summer heat, and can be grown as perennials (more than a year) into a short bushy plant you may wish to grow in your landscape; eventually reaching about 3 feet wide and tall, with attractive lavender or pink flowers. African Blue Basil has purplish foliage when young, and is capable of blooming all year. These two are not typically used in foods, but stems can be put into a vase with fresh water and used as a table centerpiece to ward off insects. They are highly fragrant,

Other herbs and wildflowers that are repellants are Marigolds, Lemon balm, Lavender, Lantana, Lemon Grass, Scented Geraniums.

Respectfully submitted by sharon breay

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 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

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Tom Lemke #212

Welcome to an 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 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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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

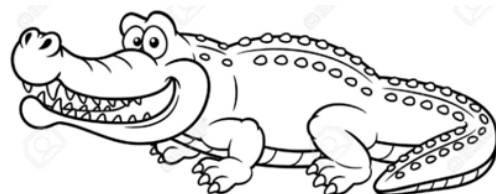
(HOA) Membership in the Home Owners Association is not mandatory, however, the Board represents the home owners of Blue Heron Pines as a group and provides a united voice for the home owners. They work as a liaison between BHP Owners/ Management and the residents. The cost is \$20 per year (Jan 1-Dec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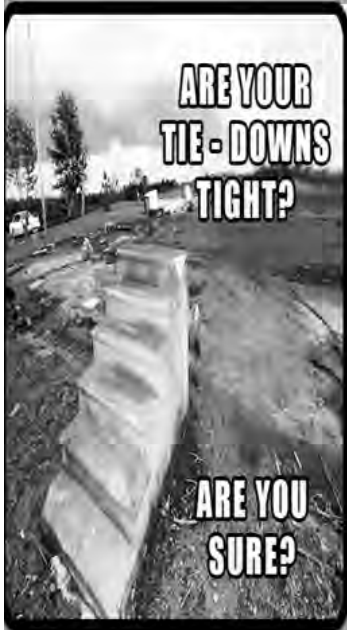
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