



# Baytree Newsletter

## September 2021

HELLO BAYTREE COMMUNITY

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### Your Volunteer BCA Directors:

- \*President: Wayne Huot
- \*VP: Stephanie Knudson
- \*Director: Nick Williams
- \*Treasurer: Arthur Hudson
- \*Secretary: Michael Sherbin

Welcome to the 4th edition of the Baytree Newsletter. We hope you find the newsletter informative and that you will take advantage of the newsletter and share articles of your own. Articles are always welcome.

Welcome to the BCA Fall edition of the newsletter. Hopefully with the

onset of Fall, temperatures will start to recede. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Paul Hill a Baytree resident and owner of the Dirty Oar Beer Company located in Cocoa. Paul donated the beer at the food truck party, and we are grateful of his support. It is an awesome place to grab a beer and enjoy the variety of food trucks that change out on a daily basis. The social committee was planning another food truck event in October with a Halloween theme, however with the increasing levels of COVID in Brevard County we have decided to cancel in the interest in safety.

On a more somber note, I will be resigning from the Baytree Board effective September 15<sup>th</sup>. My wife and I are relocating to the mountains of North Carolina. I have had an enjoyable time working with the BCA Board and Fairway Management. Stephanie Knudson

will be taking over as the new President on the 15<sup>th</sup>. I know she will do a great job and I wish her well. Thank you for your support and please be well.

Regards,

Wayne Huot.

**Correction:** *The Dirty Oar Beer Company partnered with the BCA at the May Food TRUCK Party! Not the Dirty Oak Bar. Many thanks to the Dirty Oar Beer Company!*



The BCA is excited to announce that the Baytree Living Magazine is coming back after nearly a 2.5-year hiatus! The first monthly edition will be mailed in September. The magazine is unique to our Baytree Community. ENJOY and Please CONTRIBUTE!



### Welcome New Residents

Welcome to Baytree, a deed restricted community. While getting settled into your new home, please take the time to visit our website: [www.baytreeca.org](http://www.baytreeca.org).

There you will find the Guidelines for any exterior changes to your home and landscaping. Each neighborhood has a Voting Member (VM) and an Alternative Voting Member (AVM) listed on the website. Either of these individuals will be able to assist you with becoming acquainted with your new community. Please feel free to contact them with your questions. Be on the lookout for your Baytree "Welcome Gift".

NOTE: Sample Welcome Gift



### To all of our friends and neighbors in Baytree:

As you all know, the numbers of new Covid infections are high in our county!

I was planning an activity for the end of October but I had to cancel due to input from other board members and acquaintances.

I'm going to plan a fun activity hopefully in early December.

Everyone stay safe and stay well!  
Thank you for your understanding!

Sue Frontera  
Social Committee Chairperson

[baytreefun@baytreeca.org](mailto:baytreefun@baytreeca.org)

Thank you,  
Sue Frontera  
Social Committee Chairman

### Baytree Women's Lunch Group

We are excited to announce that Henrietta Shuminsky has volunteered to organize a new Baytree Women's Lunch Group starting November 2021. We're watching to see how the Covid numbers look for our area.

From Henrietta:

I would like to introduce myself to all the wonderful residents here at Baytree. I recently moved here from Fort Myers the beginning of March 2021. During that time, I organized many Women's Luncheons at Moody River Estates in North Fort Myers. My goal is to have fun while exploring many restaurants in this area.

Hopefully, we can plan one each month at various restaurants. Our first date will be the 2nd Monday in November, 11/8/2021.

We would like your input for restaurants you would like us to try. All information will be shared with the participants.

Let's get this started. Please send me your name, telephone number, and email address. I will communicate with everyone interested via email. If you want to text me, please feel free to do so. The sharing of information will be helpful so we can carpool.

Please send your information to Henrietta by 10/8/2021 so we know how many people are interested in attending. We will email everyone the restaurant and time for our first luncheon.

Henrietta's Information:  
Name: Henrietta Shuminsky  
Address: 7992 Old Tramway Drive  
Telephone: 407-234-8773  
Email: [thshuminsky@spectrum.net](mailto:thshuminsky@spectrum.net)

Do you own a restaurant in this area? If so, please send me the name of the restaurant.

Thank you for this opportunity.  
Henrietta Shuminsky

co-host  
Sue Frontera  
Social Committee Chairperson



We encourage all residents to attend ZOOM BCA board meetings when possible. We would love to hear from you. The meeting dates are posted on the website and posted at the front and back gates 48 hours in advance of the meetings. CDD Meetings are also posted at the front and back gates and held at the Baytree Clubhouse @ the golf course.



**Keep in mind the SPEED LIMIT is 25 MPH!**

Please slow down and be considerate of your neighbors, children playing, cyclists and watch out for golfers crossing on Old Tramway and Baytree Drive.

**Helpful Reminder for our new to Baytree Residents!**



**Hurricane Preparedness Kit Recommendations Provided by State of Florida.**

To assemble your kit, store items in airtight plastic bags and put your entire disaster supplies kit in one or two easy-to-carry containers such as plastic bins or a duffel bag.

A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:

- Non-perishable food (enough to last at least 3 days)
- Water (enough to last at least 3 days)
- First-aid kit (include any prescription medication you may need)
- Personal hygiene items and sanitation items
- Flashlights (have extra batteries on hand)

- Battery operated radio (again, have extra batteries)
- Waterproof container with cash and important documents
- Manual can opener
- Lighter or matches
- Books, magazines, games for recreation
- Special needs items: pet supplies and baby supplies if applicable
- Cooler and ice packs
- A plan for evacuation and for if family members are separated

During a watch, prepare your home and evacuation plan in case a warning is issued. During a warning, carefully follow the directions of officials, and immediately leave the area if they advise it.

In the event of an **Extreme Wind Warning/Advisory**, which means that extreme sustained winds of 115 mph or greater are expected to begin within an hour, immediately take shelter in the interior portion of a well-built structure.

**ARC Update – Rick Brown WELCOME TO HURRICANE SEASON**

As we enter the 'height' of Hurricane Season the ARC Committee would like to make you aware of some courtesies that community residents have participated in over the past number of years. Namely:

- Keep gutters free of landscaping or yard waste. Place such waste in the area between the sidewalk and the gutter. This allows the free flow of rainwater to the drains.
- Those residents whose property is directly in front of storm water drains have tried to keep them clear of debris during the height of the Hurricane Season. This prevents drain water from backing up in the drain and, thereby, flooding the street. The CDD cleans those drains every year just prior to Hurricane

Season to make sure they are functioning properly. Homeowners also need to be aware that there are very specific covenants relative to the timing and use of Hurricane shutters. See Article 13; Section 13.21.11 Hurricane and Storm Protection of the Covenants. These can be found on the Baytree BCA website (click on Documents, then click on Amendment to Second Amended Declarations dated 6-10-2011, then scroll to page 36).

**TREE TRIMMING**

Please be aware that Excessive tree trimming is a violation of the BPARCS (4.6.7.6). This is defined as pruning more than 25% of the tree's canopy and other activities (i.e., trunk girdling, excessive root cutting, use of tree-killing chemicals, etc.) which result in the effective destruction of a tree. Recently there have been some 'questionable' trimming activities. You should also be aware that Brevard County Ordinance 94-49 requires ALL lawn and tree contractors to remove yard trash generated from their operations.

Homeowners who have trees on their property that overhangs the sidewalk shall make sure the limbs do not impede bikers or walkers. Homeowners who have trees overhanging the street need to make sure that they are pruned to a height of 12 feet off the road. This includes trees located between the sidewalk and the street. Although the tree is a CDD tree the homeowner is required to maintain it (i.e. prune it). If the tree needs to be removed, the CDD is responsible to remove it, not the homeowner.

As always if you have any questions regarding what you may and may not be allowed to do on your property, the ARC Committee would be happy to assist you. Just email [arcmanager@baytreeca.org](mailto:arcmanager@baytreeca.org) or you are welcome to come to our meeting which is posted on the front gate bulletin board.

**CDD Chairman – Mel Mills**

As the Chair of the Baytree CDD, I want to welcome all new and current residents to our great community. The Baytree Community Development District (CDD) manages and maintains all the common area property in the

community. This includes roads, ponds, common area landscaping, security, conservation and wetland areas and recreational facilities. The Baytree CDD assessment will show up on your property tax bill and will be \$2,000.00 per home for the upcoming year. For all information about the CDD, you can review our website at [www.BaytreeCDD.Org](http://www.BaytreeCDD.Org). On that site you can find our budgets, meeting schedule, minutes and a lot of other information about the CDD.

For any residents interested in getting transponders, you can contact the District Managers Office at 407-841-5524, and they will schedule you for the next available appointment. The transponders are \$25/each, and to get one you will need to show your vehicle registration as well.

The CDD board would like for ALL residents to please obey the 25 MPH speed limit in our community. The only exception to this is on Kingswood Way and that is 20 MPH. The board has also noticed that not everyone is obeying the posted stop signs and continue on. Should you get caught by the Sheriff it is a whopping \$169.00 FINE. The board has instructed the deputies to issue tickets to those offenders. We have also installed additional speed humps in order to slow down speeders. They would not be necessary if everyone complied to the Law of 25 MPH. We are getting a lot of new residents that have young children and we certainly do not want anyone to hurt a resident or child by speeding. If additional speed humps are needed to slow you down the board certainly will consider that action. Just a reminder DO NOT PASS A MOVING VEHICLE on any roadway within the community.

As for my area of oversight, I am responsible for the landscaping. We have made several improvements to the front entrance over the last year, as well as improving the neighborhood monuments. Next year, we will be focused on improving the rear gate area.

We welcome all your comments and suggestions, and you can always direct your comments to me, or our District Manager at 407-841-5524. Thanks again for your continued support.

### Introducing your VM (Voting Member).



**ARUNDEL**  
**30 Homes**  
Anita Moreano-Arbeenyl/ Sue Frontera  
201-966-4288  
[VMArundel@BaytreeCA.org](mailto:VMArundel@BaytreeCA.org)

**BALMORAL/SOUTHPOINT**  
**64 Homes**  
Dee Waldron /Unassigned  
845.367.2800  
[VMBalmoral@BaytreeCA.org](mailto:VMBalmoral@BaytreeCA.org)

**CHATSWORTH**  
**37 Homes**  
Dr. Kevin Campbell/Bernard Bryan  
844-484-7633  
[VMChatsworth@BaytreeCA.org](mailto:VMChatsworth@BaytreeCA.org)

**HAMLET**  
**49 Homes**  
Christine Applegate/Celeste Abjornson  
908.433.9586  
[bklynapples@aol.com](mailto:bklynapples@aol.com)

**KINGSWOOD**  
**48 Homes**  
Sandy Schoonmaker/Arthur Breitner  
321.241.4002  
[VMKingswood@BaytreeCA.org](mailto:VMKingswood@BaytreeCA.org)

**SADDLEWORTH**  
**32 Homes**  
Tom Harrison/Carolyn Finn  
774.232.0473  
[VMSaddleworth@BaytreeCA.org](mailto:VMSaddleworth@BaytreeCA.org)

**TURNBERRY**  
**64 Homes**  
George Hazley/Nancy Green  
321.307.1312  
[VMTurnberry@BaytreeCA.org](mailto:VMTurnberry@BaytreeCA.org)

**WINDSOR**  
**137 Homes**  
VM Paul Panikowski/AVM unassigned  
321-242-2752  
[VMWindsor@BaytreeCA.org](mailto:VMWindsor@BaytreeCA.org)

VMs & AVMs are elected every two years by the individual neighborhood at an Annual Meeting. VMs elect the BCA Board of Directors and vote on Covenant Amendments.

**Let's Go Walking...**

Cooler weather means more outdoor activities and what is better than taking a walk. Besides the well documented health and fitness benefits of walking, it is also one of the few activities that only requires a good pair of shoes and the desire to get out and enjoy a breath of fresh air.

Walking through the gorgeous Baytree neighborhoods is always pleasurable yet exploring new territory can add some incentive to stepping out. Within a short drive of the community there are several new areas to explore.

Brevard County Zoo linear trail is probably the best-known walking trail in the area. Parking is available at the end of Murrell Road from which a board walk enters into a shaded natural area for approximately one mile. The trail extends another two miles with partial morning shade and several bridges over swampy areas.

Woodside Park, located at the corner of Murrell Road and Crane Creek Boulevard, has a pleasant nature trail, beginning at the future dog park. Winding for ½ mile through a palm and oak forest, this shaded walkway provides a peaceful setting for a leisurely stroll. As the walkway comes out of the woods, it proceeds another ½ mile along a lake, home to several mottled ducks and wading birds. At the end there is a choice to continue through a neighborhood back to Murrell Road or to reverse along the same path back to your car.

Wickham Park has a series of trails for walking. These are generally along sandy roads and paths through a variety of natural environments. Personal choice determines the length of the walk. This area is also used by off-road bikers so be prepared to share your walk.

Helen and Allan Cruickshank Sanctuary, located at 360 Barnes Blvd. in Rockledge has a trail through the scrub forest that is known for its very friendly scrub jays. The paths are often narrow and always sandy. The main path is less than a mile but

there are other paths to add distance. Shade is limited so go early in the day. The birds make this a great place to walk. (Please do not feed them)

For more information "google" Brevard County Walking Trails.

Grab your hat, a bottle of water and take off to explore our world using your feet, the oldest form of transportation.  
Submitted by: Sandy Schoonmaker



Come on in, the water is warm!  
Residents are invited to join water aerobics classes 5 days/week in the heated community pool. While the workout is rigorous, many participants go at their own pace, especially those who are recuperating from surgery to hips, knees and shoulders. There is no sign-up to attend. Sessions: M-W-F 9am and 3pm (\$5 fee per session.)

Residents and guests are reminded to pick-up after their pets and per county regulations keep your dogs on leashes while not on your property.

Please keep Baytree free of pet waste!



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**People and Pets**

**The maximum legal length of a leash is six (6) feet**

Nov 13, 2018 Brevard County Leash Law

Baytree is a dog friendly neighborhood!

**Please be mindful of your neighbors and do not allow your leashed dog to enter neighbor's lawns and bushes.**

### A Uniquely Brevard Beach Find

Anybody who has taken a stroll on a Brevard County beach has surely noticed the plentiful ghost crabs digging tunnels in the sand just beyond the high tide line. I'm sure you have also noticed the ubiquitous chunks of coquina rock mixed in with the shells along the shore.

Something you may not know is that 100,000 years ago ghost crabs' bodies mixed with coquina rock to form petrified crabs...also called stone crabs. Scientists have studied these fossils and postulate that there is something unique about Brevard's coast and the exact type of coquina to allow for this fossilization process. Although ghost crabs are common in many areas, petrified crabs are only found between Melbourne Beach and Satellite Beach.

My son and I found dozens of them after hurricanes. Be on the lookout for these special specimens.

Submitted By: Susan Sunter



#### Riddle of the Day

What word is spelled the same backwards? Racecar.

#### Laugh of the Day

Where do ghosts prefer to swim? Lake Eerie.

Sudoku Puzzle 1 Solution

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9	3	1	8	5	2	6	7	4
5	2	4	1	7	6	9	8	3

