

BERMUDA GREENS BUGLE

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Since this is the last Bugle until Oct I will try to be more in the forecast mode than normal. First a hearty BG welcome to our new property manager Mark Talaga from Towne Properties. As most of you know by now our former manager Deborah Shelby has moved on to other opportunities and we wish her the best.

For those of you still onsite at BG, take advantage of the Comcast workshop scheduled for May 8th at the BG clubhouse. At this time I would like to personally thank Jan McCloskey of E10 who was instrumental in bringing the new bulk cable/internet package to our Community and will continue to be involved as we move to the activation and install phases.

Another forward looking topic is the BG Website which has been in development for several months and is in the final stages of operational testing and soon to make its prime time debut. Remember, a website is a living platform and as such is always a work in progress. It took a team effort led by Sue Giese including Peter Asimakopoulos, Susan Shrewsbury, and Jan McCloskey to make this happen, so Congrats all around.

Don't forget this Saturday's Kentucky Derby at the Club House. I am sure Joe Willwerth will make his usual outstanding selections.

Keeping on the activity theme, the Bocce steering group and the Social Committee are already

planning events for next Oct one of which may be a combined affair. Stay tuned.

For those planning to leave BG shortly, remember your shut down lists including water shut offs.

Safe travels and good health, see you all in Oct!!

Fred Demma, President

FROM THE PROPERTY MANAGER

Stop by and introduce yourself to the new office manager. His name is Mark Talaga.

Office Hours are: Mon-Wed-Fri 12-4 Tues-Thurs: 8:30am -12:30 pm

Email: <u>bermudagreensoffice@gmail.com</u> Phone: 239-514-0722

TREASURER'S REPORT

NO REPORT AT THIS TIME

Rob Blagg, Treasurer

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

LTP is pleased to announce that your longawaited Bermuda Greens Website is ready to go. You will receive a separate email with further instructions to access the Website along with some helpful tips. We hope that you will find the easy access to forms and information useful. Please remember, this is a start. Your Website will evolve and grow over time to reflect what is important for the Community.

Don't worry, the Website does not replace email blasts which will continue to update you on important happenings.

Long Term Planning wishes everyone a happy, safe and healthy summer!

Sue Giese, LRPC Chair suegiese@gmail.com

RECYCLING

Kicking the habit: Our Plastic Addiction

• 2.5 Million Plastic bottles are used in the US every hour.

• 9% is the estimated percent of plastic EVER recycled.

• 8.3 Billion Metric Tons is the weight of plastic ever produced.

• \$86 - \$125 Billion is the estimated value of annual global plastic industry.

• 1 Million Seabirds die every year from plastic entanglement or indigestion.

• 8 Million Metric Tons of plastic enter the oceans every year.

• 150 Metric Tons of plastic is in our oceans.

Plastic is ever present every day wherever we go. But our planet is paying a high price for our throw away culture. From water bottles to disposable coffee cups, items that we use for just a few moments can take up to centuries to decompose.

The pressure to reduce waste and think more sustainably is rising and governments are taking stock. In August, Kenya introduced the toughest law aimed at reducing plastic pollution, where Kenyans who produce, sell or even use plastic bags risk up to 4 years or \$40,000 fines. British Prime Minister Theresa May said she would eradicate avoidable plastic by 2042.

Sadly, the United States is not on the list of countries that recycle most. At just over 30% we remain on the list of countries that recycle least!

We can all help by being educated consumers. Bring your own reusable cloth bags to the grocery store or ask for paper bags. Purchase recyclable packaging, not plastic. Think Zero Plastic grocery shopping, Zero-Waste.

Did you know the Naples Daily News now comes in a recyclable plastic bag? Add this bag to your other plastic bags for recycling and return them to the Publix or Walmart container outside the store for plastic bags.

Emi Lydem

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

As we complete the Bugle for the season this month, the Irma cleanup continues. While the majority of work has finished there are still a few areas to complete. The Dumpster is waiting for a new enclosure, which should be here soon. Once done the landscape in that area needs to be completed, along with the entrance way. There are several areas that still need new sod and a few plantings. As you know, we are experiencing a 5" plus rain deficit. Once the rainy season begins in earnest the sod and planting will take place.

As you head north please remember to remove any annuals you may have planted. Place the removed plants in a paper bag and place them curbside on Friday for collection. Also please bring in any pots and decorative garden items as these may become airborne during a hurricane. If you leave them they will be tossed.

Wishing everyone a safe and healthy summer! Happy gardening.

Emi Lydem & Steve Smith, Chairs Landscape Committee

BOCCE

The Bocce Steering Group thanks everyone for the participation this season and look forward to the 2019 season. During the summer the court will undergo some renovations replacing rotted wood, improving court drainage and surface dressing.

Have a safe and healthy summer.

Bob Giese, Bocce Steering Committee

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

The Social Committee activities will end with the Kentucky Derby at the club house.

The Social Committee is already making plans for the Fall Season and they have a few new ideas, which we will share with everyone in the October Bugle.

If you are interested in joining our Social Committee please let one of us know, always looking for new blood.

Have a safe and healthy summer.

Social Committee Chairs, Tommie and Marilyn co- chairs

BINGO

Don't forget BINGO doesn't take a vacation. It will still be played on 2nd and 4th Monday of the month rather than every other Monday. Next Bingo night is May 14th. Followed by May 28th.

Dan Howard, Coordinator and Caller

BERMUDA GREENS MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club closed out the season on Tuesday, April 24. We enjoyed a good season with some lively discussions ranging from Condo issues to National issues. A couple of new owners joined us and added more variety to our discussions. Looking forward to seeing everybody next season and we welcome any new owners, lessees and guest to our meetings in the fall.

Questions: Call Dave Bearce 596-9638