



## BERMUDA GREENS BUGLE

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### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The car transports are loading up, traffic is moderating, and Easter is upon us. That can only mean one thing: Bermuda Greens is transitioning from its busy season to a more tranquil one. However, more residents seem to be delaying that eventual trip up north to take advantage of the beautiful weather we are experiencing, can't say we blame them.

We had a very busy March including our annual meeting where 2 very important amendments to our Condo documents were passed dealing with water intrusion and lease denials. In addition the organizational meeting of the board of directors resulted in the following officers: Fred Demma President, Rob Blagg Treasurer & Vice President, Emi Lydem Secretary & Vice President, Steve Smith & Willis Faust Vice President. Our March concluded with the finalization of the Comcast bulk cable/internet agreement, bocce playoff and celebrations, and several social events showcasing our resident's culinary skills. More on these topics later in the Bugle including a report by our new property manager Deborah Shelby.

Safe travels to all and best wishes for good health !

**Fred Demma, President**

### FROM THE PROPERTY MANAGER

Hello! By now most of you are aware that Bermuda Greens has changed management companies. You are now with Towne Properties, and I am the property manager assigned to Bermuda Greens by Towne.

My name is Deborah Shelby, and I am licensed Community Association Manager with eight years of experience managing Florida condominiums.

I can usually arrive in the office around 1:00 or by 1:30 (because of responsibilities besides Bermuda Greens).

You may email me at the clubhouse office at [BermudaGreensOffice@gmail.com](mailto:BermudaGreensOffice@gmail.com). I normally answer email the same day, but depending on projects or other duties, there may be exceptions during certain times.

I have found it quite challenging several times to understand messages or phone numbers from the voicemail system on the office telephone. If you wish to leave a message, I would recommend email as the safest way to be sure I can understand your message. Otherwise, please state your information slowly and clearly.

A lot of owners have had questions concerning your dues or address changes. You may call **239-596-1031 for the Towne Properties accounting and record-keeping staff**. There are names, emails, and the Towne phone number for the new management staff posted in the window of the office, visible from outside. Also posted in the office

window are often-used local contacts and phone numbers, such as pest control, etc.

A few lovely owner-volunteers have been working very hard to create a new Bermuda Greens website, which will be operational very soon. The new website will have a treasure-trove of information available to answer your questions or give you information at any hour of the day or night. The **Rules and Regs**, Board meeting minutes, sales packets and rental forms, contact information, all the governing documents, owner information, and much, much more will all be accessible to you. **Watch for notices coming soon with the web address and login information!**

It has been an extremely busy few weeks since I came to Bermuda Greens. We had a smooth and successful annual meeting, in spite of being in the middle of management company transition. Due to errors in details of the 6<sup>th</sup> item on the proxy form regarding rental restrictions, it was thrown out on advice from the Association's attorney. It will be brought back for future vote at another membership meeting. **All the other amendment proposals passed and will now be in effect for the Association.**

Here is the **slate of officers** as determined at the organizational meeting afterwards:  
Fred Demma, President; Rob Blagg, Treasurer and Vice President; Emi Lydem, Secretary and Vice President; Steve Smith and Willis Faust, Vice Presidents.

There is still much hurricane recovery work to do, and unfortunately it will be slow going. The soonest we could schedule the contractor for soffit repairs is not until June. Please know that we are not ignoring any problems, and we are trying to get everything done as timely as possible. It is only due to the efforts of Steve Smith that we have progressed as far as this.

Other than hurricane recovery, the biggest issue I see in the community is Rules violations concerning parking. I have already had to put notices on vehicles and mail out letters. Please help me out, because this is NOT a part of the job that I enjoy. Please remember that trailers of any kind are not allowed on the property overnight. Owners and their guests are not allowed to have a pickup truck on the property unless it is kept enclosed inside a garage.

**Deborah Shelby, Property Manager**

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Income through February is on budget. We have also received \$130,000 from our Insurance for Hurricane IRMA damage. Year to date Application Fees total \$650. However due to the switch over to Towne Property Management from Guardian we are experiencing some payment delays in homeowners quarterly fees. Eight units paid at 2017 rate and not the updated rate of \$1,387. We have three units that are behind by over 60 days. Notices will be sent to these owners.

In general our expenses (apart from IRMA) are within budget. The Reserve is still in good shape with \$698,515.

Due to hurricane Irma we are collecting costs to repair. Major costs will be seen in the area of Car Ports, soffits and gutters, dumpster fence repair, island cleanup, landscape cleanup and one unit in C building, which received severe damage due to water and mold incursion. This will result in a special assessment. The assessment will be announced shortly and will consist of two installments. The first installment will cover most of the costs and the second will consist of any remaining costs which we don't have estimates for at this time. If the board approves an assessment due to hurricane IRMA, each homeowner of record at the time of Irma, may be eligible to receive from their own insurance up to \$2000 by Florida law.

**Rob Blagg, Treasurer**

## **LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The Long Term Planning committee is pleased to announce that the Bermuda Greens website is ready to launch its first phase. Please watch your emails and kiosks for information for the launch coming soon

**Sue Giese, LRPC Chair**  
**suegiese@gmail.com**

## **RECYCLING**

With the season drawing to a close many folks are in the cleaning and closing mode. Just a reminder about the North Collier Recycling Drop-Off Center on Goodlette-Frank Rd. North. The Center is open Tuesday thru Saturday from 8:30A to

4:30P. For questions call 239-252-2380. You may bring any Hazardous products that are not collected curbside; used oil, paints, pesticides, fluorescent bulbs, unused or outdated pharmaceuticals and biomedical sharps.

Bulky Item Collection is collected curbside. Simply call 239-252-2380 at least 48 hours before recycling day. For BG the call would be made no later than Wednesday for a Friday pickup. Bulky items are items that are too large for your green bin or green trash cart. This includes items like chairs, couches, refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers, dishwasher, microwaves, etc. Any unwanted electronic equipment is collected in the same manor. This service is free! Please do not place any of the items mentioned above in the large dumpster, this service is not free.

You can now purchase 100% compostable, 100% biodegradable garbage bags from Amazon. A box of 50 13 gallon bags cost \$15.95. Free shipping for Prime members. They are made by UNNI, "we can make earth a better place".

**Emi Lydem**

### **LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE**

The cleanup continues from Irma, primarily stump removal and sod replacement.

With season winding down we would like to remind you all to remove any pots or garden decorations you may have and place them inside your home or garage. Any plant material should be discarded in a paper bag and place curbside on Friday for pickup.

We wish everyone a healthy and safe summer. We look forward to another wonderful season come fall!

**Emi Lydem & Steve Smith,  
Chairs Landscape Committee**

### **BOCCE**

We enjoyed a great season of bocce and congratulations to the tournament winner, Mission Imbocceball. Sincere thanks to Joe and Rose for their work and coordination of the playoff pizza and banquet and the "team" that is always there pitching in to help. The steering group is looking forward to the 2019 season that starts in early January. Over the off season there will be some court renovation and

improvements. Check the up and coming web site and Bugle for sign up and additional info.

**Bob Giese, Bocce Steering Committee**

### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS**

The Social Committee is winding down for the season but we will leave you, if you choose to attend with a spectacular luau on April 6th. As we do each year the pool deck will be open to eating, drinking (plastic cups of course) and dancing to the music of Hank Scholz. The menu consists of Ribs, Chicken, Pulled Pork and sides.

We have our tickets DO YOU??? Check the Kiosk for details.

Have a wonderful summer and we will see you all back here in the fall. Be safe and stay healthy.

**Tommie and Marilyn co- chairs**

### **BINGO**

Just a reminder that Bingo is now the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month rather than every other Monday. Next Bingo night is April 10th. Followed by April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Dan Howard, Coordinator and Caller**

### **BERMUDA GREENS MEN'S CLUB**

The Men's Club continues to meet once a week at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday mornings. All residents are invited to attend. Come and spend a lively hour with good conversation, coffee and a sweet roll. Get to know other residents who may come from a different part of the country and bring a different slant to our group discussions. A \$1 donation is suggested. Dave (239-596-9638)

Questions: Call Dave Bearce 596-9638

### **POKER NIGHT**

Dealer's Choice poker is played on Thursday evenings from 7 to 10, in the Club House. Sixty Chips costs \$3.00 to start. These should last anywhere from 1 hour to all night. Depends upon your luck. All residents and guests are invited.