



BERMUDA GREENS BUGLE

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

For those of us still north for the Holidays we are very envious of the Residents presently at Bermuda Greens with temps in the 80s and sunny skies.

Our activities including social events and bocce are gearing up for a full schedule throughout the next several months. A number of infrastructure projects are in the planning stages to sustain the reputation of Bermuda Greens as one of the most sought after communities in South West Florida.

With the arrival of our seasonal visitors, parking spaces are at a premium and vehicle traffic can become congested so please be courteous and follow the rules posted and available in the Club House. Looking forward to seeing all of you very soon.

Fred Demma, President

FROM THE PROPERTY MANAGER

Bermuda Greens is looking forward to a prosperous 2018, as well as a warm and sunny winter season for all our year-round residents and snow birds. Our continued hurricane Irma recovery efforts are moving right along. We've recently began work, with ServiceMaster, on the more severely damaged units. Minor repairs, being done by Pat, are almost

complete, and all but a few damaged trees and stumps have been removed or trimmed. However, due to a nationwide shortage of aluminum, screens and manpower, we're experiencing some delays in soffits, fascia and screens. Please be patient, we are aware of everyone's concerns and issues, and we will get it done. In the meantime, if you have questions, do not hesitate to call, email or stop by the office. Here's to a Happy New Year and a wonderful winter season.

Rich Ouimet, Property Manager

TREASURER'S REPORT

Income though 30 November 2017 is over budget by \$23,848 due mainly to an insurance payment of \$20,605 for carport repairs, late fees and application fees.

On the expense side Ground Maintenance is over budget by \$271 due to Hurricane damage, Pest Control, and Irrigation repair. Pool expense is over budget by \$650 due to Pool/Spa repair. Management is over budget by \$18,263 due to legal fees and audit. This line item will continue to increase due to ongoing issues. Early Loan Repay will not be paid this year for a savings of \$9,051.

Expenses are below budget in Building Maintenance by \$18,768 since power wash has not started and will not be charged this year saving

\$10,000. Also, Utilities and Insurance are under budget by a combined value of \$1,166.

The Reserve is still in good shape with a value of \$728,744. To date we have spent \$170,647 and added \$137,555. The expenditures were for Clubhouse Renovation, Power Washing and Road engineering. In addition some irrigation and Plant replacement occurred due to the road repair.

The budget for 2018 has been approved. The quarterly fee has increased by \$118 to \$1,387 per quarter. Included is a \$90 per door increase in the Comcast line item for TV and Internet services for two quarters. Other concerns that we have to address are Island cleanup and on-going maintenance, crabgrass control (which appears to be aggressive and extensive). Also legal fees are increasing and the budget needs to be increased. On the positive side, insurance costs remain stable. In order to continue roadway rebuilding, we have increased the Reserve budget to \$150,000 per year.

Due to hurricane Irma we are collecting costs to repair. Major costs will be seen in the area of Car Ports, landscape cleanup and one unit in C building, which received severe damage due to water and mold incursion. We are waiting for the insurance adjustors report. This will likely result in a special assessment. If the board approves an assessment due to hurricane IRMA, each homeowner may be eligible to receive from their own insurance up to \$2000 by Florida law.

Rob Blagg, Treasurer

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Although there is nothing new to report for December, we continue to work on the outstanding projects. More to come in January.

Sue Giese, LRPC Chair
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RECYCLING

The following information was taken from an article published in the National Geographic on July 19, 2017.

“A Whopping 91% of Plastic Isn’t Recycled.

Plastic takes more than 400 years to degrade, so most of it still exists in some form. Only 12% has been incinerated.

Of the 8.3 billion metric tons that has been produced, 6.3 billion metric tons has become plastic waste. The vast majority is accumulating in landfills or sloughing off in the natural environment as litter. Meaning, at some point, much of it ends up in the ocean, the final sink.”

Facts:

More than 8 million tons of plastic are dumped in our oceans every year.

Annually approximately 500 billion plastic bags are used worldwide.

More than one million bags are used every minute.

A plastic bag has an average “working life” of 15 minutes.

Over the last 10 years we have produced more plastic than during the whole of the last century.

The United States ranks behind Europe (30%) and China (25%) in recycling. Recycling in the U.S. has remained at 9% since 2012.

Emi Lydem

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Just a reminder to residents that planting annuals in the area around your unit is permitted at Bermuda Greens, unlike many associations. The removal of sod to create a garden area is not permitted. Please refer to your Bermuda Greens Directory for the list of desirable and undesirable plantings. It is suggested again this year that you avoid planting Impatiens as the fungus may remain in the soil from previous years.

The Association will be mulching again this year soon. The color will be dark brown. It is fine if you choose to add to that mulch as long as the mulch is dark brown and decomposable. Black, red or natural are not acceptable and may be removed at your expense.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding gardening or plantings in your area please contact us, thanks.

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

BOCCE

Thanks to all for your generous support and participation in the Italian Night festivities. Our great appreciation is extended to the wonderful chef's that prepared the dishes.

The court has been cleaned up and addressed for play that begins Monday January 8. The sign up sheet has been removed from the club house in anticipation of the team drawing to be held at the Club House on Thursday January 4. If you signed up as a single and have someone as a team mate, email me with your choice before the meeting. There is still room for more players and subs, so please email me before the drawing on January 4.

The league fee this year (for play and festivities including the Championship Pizza Party and End of Season Banquet) is \$28 per player and sub. Please pay with cash at the drawing.

Dates to remember:

Sign Up closes Wednesday January 3 at 4:00pm
Team Drawing at Club House January 4 at 3:00pm
Play begins Monday January 8

Bob Giese's email is gieserw@gmail.com

Bob Giese, Bocce Steering Committee

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

Happy New Year to all. It's 2018 and the Social Committee has a great year planned. We are starting off with a Pizza, Wings, and Dance party in the Clubhouse. Music by Guy and Cindy of Sweet Surrender. Reservations are needed for this event. Please RSVP to Connie Brauer 914-707-3357 or Sue Guise 908-334-4726, by January 10th. There is a fee of \$7.00 per person. Doors open at 5:30 with food served at 6:00. BYOB.

Tentative plans are being made for a trip to Gulfstream Park near Fort Lauderdale'. To complete planning for this trip, we will need an estimate of the number of BG residents/guests interested, The cost is \$30.00 per person which includes bus fare, admission to the race track, casino inducements, and access to world class shopping For those interested contact Tommie Faust .@ 859-312-6608 or tommiefaust@aol.com

Bingo will resume Monday, January 8th at 7:00 pm. Cards are \$6.00 at the door. Beginning with this next session, our Bingo nights will be on the 2rd and 4th Monday of each month so as to be more predictable. Dan Howard will continue as your host. Everyone is invited, including your guests and players outside the Bermuda Green community. . David and Treva Guenard have "retired" from the committee and we thank them for their long service. At the same time, we welcome Mary Trad as a new member joining the committee. Mary and her husband Frank recently purchased N9 and are from Wisconsin. We look forward to working with Mary.

Ellen Bearce, Publicity

BERMUDA GREENS MEN'S CLUB

Our first meeting of the season will be Tuesday, Jan 12, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Club House. Join us for some lively discussion on any topic of interest. Meetings last about one hour. Coffee and sweet rolls will be served. A \$1 donation at the door would be appreciated.

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.