

BERMUDA GREENS BUGLE



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

With the Holidays over, we see a resurgence of Residents and their visitors returning to Bermuda Greens. Also, sales and rentals are peaking as our winter season begins in earnest. Most of the IRMA related repairs are complete and we ask you to be patient as we close out the few remaining.

Our Activity schedule promises some enjoyable months ahead with Bocce gearing up for play next week and the Social calendar filling up rapidly over the next three months.

As a reminder to all: insure your renters/visitors/guests are aware of the latest BG rules and regulations especially those dealing with parking, trash pickup, smoking, and conduct at the pool.

Enjoy your time in our version of Paradise, Bermuda Greens!

Fred Demma, President

TREASURER'S REPORT

Welcome back to a new season in the sun at Bermuda Greens.

The income month to date is just about normal. The Association fees are \$3,760 below budget and the special assessment fees are now fully funded... The special assessment is paying for all IRMA repair work. The short fall in Association fees are compensated by income from rental fees, application fees and late fees.

Expenses are generally under budget. The Utilities – electric, water, phone, cable and trash – are under budget... Maintenance is over budget due to IRMA storm damage, which was not funded. However this shortfall is covered by the special assessment. Grounds Care is also under budget. Pool maintenance is over budget because we have had to replace a heater.

Towne is over budget since the 2018 budget was based on Guardian Management, which was less expensive. Office expense is also a little above budget. Legal fees are above budget due to our lawsuit against Porter Paint and Hein Brothers. We have terminated our lawsuit because the engineering study showed that we have no case.

The Reserve fund is currently at \$806,011. We have opened another bank account with TIAA (used to be Everbank). This account was funded by the IRMA insurance money received for repair of E Building roof (that was deemed not required). This account will be separate from our Reserve budget and is called the Reserve Contingency Expense. Its purpose is to pay for Special Capital Improvement projects and is at \$122,764. One such project is the proposed lakeshore restoration.

Rob Blagg, Treasurer

PROPERTY MANAGER

I've met some of you at the pool when I used to carry my bowl of candy around to offer chocolates to the sunbathers... not knowing I was breaking the rule for Bermuda Greens. Now I greet the owners and invite them into the clubhouse to partake.

I'm new to Bermuda Greens (having started in December 2018), but not new to community management. I moved to Florida in 2004 and got my license within the first six months.

Community management is fun and challenging because you are always learning something new. The practice of having an inventory of stock answers just doesn't work. So when presented with a scenario, the very nature require a manager to think.

In the Army, I became an airborne Ranger, Pathfinder and Jungle Expert. I fired a bazooka which cost me my hearing. So I tend to step closer to hear you better.

My second duty assignment was with the Berlin Brigade where I became moderately fluent in the German language. So much for those years of French in junior high and high school.

The Army paid for my undergraduate degree at Cleveland State University. I then worked for British Petroleum as a compensation analyst for roughly ten years.

I met my wife here in Florida when we both worked for WCI. We live in Estero and on weekends we take my mother-in-law to movies and lunch.

The candy bowl is my way of saying thank you for allowing me to be your manager. I hope to be here for the next 15 years.

Clement Ross, Property Manager

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

As you may have observed, our roofs are in need of cleaning from the molds that grow on roofs in Florida. LTP is currently exploring various types of roof cleaning solutions that are environmentally safe and will provide a sustainable solution. These suggestions will be presented to the Board this month for review so a decision can be made on the solution that fits Bermuda Greens. More to come.

LTPs role is to assist the Board, exploring and suggesting solutions on assigned projects that have a long term impact to BG. We are always

looking for new people who would like to help. Please let us know if you are interested. We'd love to have you!

Sue Giese, LRPC Chair
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BERMUDA GREENS WEBSITE

We hope you are using your website to find out valuable information about Bermuda Greens. As we head into the winter season, you will find out about Board meetings, Social Events, Bocce and more, offering everyone an opportunity to get out and meet their neighbors!

We have a few new sections that are in development, as we begin work on creating a Directory, a photo gallery for events and a section for interesting facts about Bermuda Green history. Look for email blasts announcing when these sections will be online and ready to view.

Remember, you can email the Property Manager through the Website by going to the Property Management page, or click on the Message Board at the bottom left corner of the Home page.

The Web Team will provide a workshop later in January to assist anyone who may need help navigating the website, learning how to find information about your community. Check the kiosks for date and time. If you have a suggestion for information that you think would be helpful to have available on the website, please let us know at BermudaGreensNews@gmail.com.

Link to website:

www.bermudagreensnaples.com

Sue Giese, Jan McCloskey and
Pete Asimakopoulos, Web team members

RECYCLING

Happy New Year! With many new owners and renters here in Bermuda Greens a review of recycling would be a benefit to us all!

Trash is collected twice weekly, Tues and Friday mornings, around 7AM. We are all asked not to place our trash curbside before 5PM on the evening before. If you are not using a covered trash container it is best not to place the trash curbside until the morning of collection. There are bear in the Imperial neighborhoods going through trash cans.

Thankfully they have not visited Bermuda Greens yet, but we do not want to invite them!

Recycling is collected on Friday mornings, again around 7AM. We are asked not to place recycling curbside before 5PM the evening before. Each unit should have a recycling bin for this purpose. If you do not have one, or if you feel you need a second bin, simply contact Waste Management and one will be dropped off at your residence. Please, please, please DO NOT place any items in a plastic bag and then put that plastic bag in the recycle bin. If the Recycling truck has any plastic bags in it the truck must take its load to the landfill. Just toss your rinsed recycle materials in the bin. A paper bag is acceptable. Plastic bags are recycled at your local grocery.

North Collier Recycling Center is located on Goodlette-Frank Rd. They will accept batteries, paint cans, metals, old closet fixtures, electronics and many other items. Hours of operation are Tues thru Sat, 8:30A - 4:30P. For questions call 239-252-8617.

We are very fortunate here in Bermuda Greens to have a dumpster available for our use. However, we ask you not to abuse it. Please do not place any large items such as furniture, refrigerators, dishwashers, stoves, electronics, remodeling materials, etc. in or near the Dumpster. To dispose of these items simply call Waste Management on Wednesday for a Friday curbside pickup. And the best part.....this service is FREE.

We are now asked to place any yard waste in paper bags, no more plastic bags. Yard waste is collected on Fri with the trash.

Emi Lydem

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

We are aware of several areas of sod and shrubs that need replacing following the Comcast install. Once the installation has been completed they will be making the needed repairs.

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

BOCCE

Bocce time is here! The team drawing is Friday Jan 4 at 3:00pm in the club house. We have a very nice group with seasoned player and new comers it should be a great season. Thanks to Nan Voll and Football Bocce some folks who never played have shown interest and joined this year. At the drawing you will need to have a team name (be creative) and select a team captain. We will also collect the \$30 fee.

Play starts Monday Jan 7 and continue through March 22, play offs and championships begin March 25 with the banquet Thursday March 28. The first week of play is doubled up so we can finish on March 22.

Good Luck, Have a Great Season

Bob Giese, Bocce Steering Committee

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

Social Committee is starting our Winter Season with a Welcome Back Pizza Party Plus on January 11th. An Email has been set out and flyers are posted in the Kiosks so check it out. There will also be a Wine and Cheese Party January 26, always a hit so keep the date open.

February looks to be an exciting month with a Super Bowl Party, a Pancake breakfast and the Gulf Stream Park outing. We already have 40 people signed up for Gulf Stream with room left for approximately 10 more people. Deadline for signing up is January 15, 2019. Tommie Faust has been working on the particulars.

Rest up for what looks like an exciting active winter season here at Bermuda Greens.

**Social Committee Chairs,
Tommie and Marilyn co- chairs**

BINGO

Our upcoming Bermuda Greens Bingo nights are **Monday, January 14th and 28th, and February 11th and 25th (the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month) from 7-9 PM** in the Bermuda Greens Clubhouse. Our new Bingo calling software makes things even easier for everyone (no more paper sheets showing the Bingo games... the current game is shown on the screen!).

On our last Bingo night (December 10th) a 7 or 11 was *not* rolled on the dice for the "PrizePlus" pot to be activated, so the pot has been rolled forward to our next session. It will continue building again until a lucky "7" or "11" is rolled... it could happen at our next Bingo night! When the "PrizePlus" pot is activated, that pot is added to the normal pot for that night and all prizes are increased proportionally.

Since things seem to go a bit faster with the new Bingo software, we've added an 8th game... more chances to win! Bingo cards are still just \$6 each and are good for all games that night. Small bills and especially \$1 bills are appreciated.

Bring some snacks to share. Hope to see you all at Bingo... invite your friends and neighbors, too!

Dan Howard, Coordinator and Caller

BERMUDA GREENS MEN'S CLUB

The Bermuda Greens Men's Club will meet this Wednesday, January 9th at 9:00 a.m. at the Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome; bring a friend, a neighbor, a stranger or all. The more, the more informed we become. This week's topic is "Where we live". We will explore housing options, after Bermuda Greens. Look for weekly posts for future meetings. Call Dave Bearce 413-896-2255 for additional information.