



BENT CREEK CHRONICLE

Bent Creek Preserve's Community Newsletter

On behalf of the community, the Bent Creek Chronicle would like to say thank you to the Social Committee for their dedication in planning our recent and future events. You're doing a great job!



Over 50 children participated in the Easter Egg Hunt on April 3rd. Thank you to all the volunteers, especially Tom Rosen, for making sure everyone had a hoppin' good time.



Italian cuisine, Italian wine, and Italian deco were the winning combination for An Italian Affair on April 23rd. Kudos to Janice Amenta who planned this wonderful event.

Upcoming Social Events



May 8th: Muffins with Mom **Happy Mother's Day!**

May 30th: Memorial Day Celebration **Happy Summer!**

Every Saturday through May 22nd: Kids Tennis Lessons

June 19th: Donuts with Dad **Happy Father's Day!**





Bent Creek Preserve is excited to announce our first community Pickleball Championship Tournament!

Teams will arrange mutual days and times to play their matches in single eliminations and the finals will be held on Sunday, May 30th at 5:00 pm. Entry forms may be picked up and dropped off at the office.

Good luck to all the players!

Court Weekly Reserved Schedule

Monday through Friday, 8:00 am-9:30am

Monday, 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Wednesday, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Wednesday, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Friday, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

All other times are 1st come 1st serve.

Upcoming Board Meetings

All meetings are held at 6:00 PM. Agendas and format will be posted in advanced.

May 19

Aug 25

Nov 17

ACC Process And Meeting Dates

The ACC committee meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month beginning at 10:00 AM. All modification applications must be submitted no later than the Thursday prior to the meeting (which is 3 business days before the meeting).

Note: A completed application includes all required certificates of insurance, vendor business licenses, survey or drawings of the work requested and a list of plants to be installed. The next meeting is May 19, 2021.

Kids / Charity Spotlight

Congratulations to resident Bella Stevens who, along with her friends Whitney and Addison Thompson, represented Laurel Oaks Elementary School by organizing a food/can drive and lemonade stand for the St. Matthew's House Food Bank. These remarkable girls raised over \$50 to purchase food for the bank.

Way to go Girls! We're all very proud of you.



Leaving For The Summer?



We will miss you, but before you go, please remember to:

- ☒ Move all outdoor items inside
- ☒ Clean out your refrigerator
- ☒ Shut off your water
- ☒ Service your HVAC system
- ☒ Lower your thermostat
- ☒ Turn off your water heater
- ☒ Forward your mail
- ☒ Unplug appliances

In the event of a hurricane, outside décor/furniture, etc., will be hazardous. It is very important that residents do not leave loose items on lawns, decks or lanais. Items left outside may be removed by management.

We wish you safe travels and look forward to seeing you again in the fall!

Landscape Enhancements In Common Areas

It's springtime, and many of the Bent Creek Preserve common areas are in bloom! In the past several weeks the Bent Creek Preserve Homeowner's Association has had the following common areas groomed and landscaped:

Corner of Glenforest & Foxglove (where Foxglove meets Woodhurst)

2 Chinese Fan Palms, Clerodendrums, Muhly Decorative Grass, and Panama Rose were planted, and mulch beds were laid.

Southwest corner of Shadow Oak & Glenforest (entering the Villas)

2 Buttonwood Trees and a Holly Tree were transplanted and mulch beds were laid.

Corner of Woodhurst & Bronwood

Removed torpedo grass and applied herbicide. Planted 2 Hong Kong Orchid Trees, a Shady Lady Tree, Bromeliad plants, and a Pygmy Date Palm. Transplanted 1 Oak Tree. Mulch beds were laid and excess area resodded.

The corner of Foxglove & Glenforest (on the southeast side of Bent Creek Preserve)

3 Chinese Fan Palms were planted, 8 Buttonwood Trees were transplanted and mulch beds were laid.

The common area on the east end of Bronwood near Greenleigh

2 Buttonwood Trees were transplanted and mulch beds were laid.

The common area on the west end of Bronwood near Woodhurst

A Buttonwood Tree was transplanted and the mulch bed was laid.

The common area between the Villas located at 9193 & 9201 Glenforest

A Buttonwood Tree was transplanted and the mulch bed was laid.

Like all fresh plantings these areas will need time, sunshine, and plenty of water to take root

and reach their full bloom. Additional irrigation has been provided at all the above locations.

Additional common area landscaping will be determined by the limited 2021 Landscaping Budget. The 2022 Landscaping Budget will require additional funding to continue to beautify common areas with flowers, palms, shrubs, trees, mulch beds and irrigation.

All transplanted trees were donated to the effort by Bent Creek residents from trees that were removed from their property for various reasons. These include 14 Buttonwood Trees, an Oak Tree and a Holly Tree. The budget saved by using the donated trees can now be used to help fund future landscape projects. If you would like to donate a tree for future BCP common area enhancements please email our Property Manager, Nicole Angelo at nangelo@swpropmgt.com.

A Huge **SHOUT OUT** and **THANK YOU** to all our neighbors who donated their trees.

The Fire Pit Will Be Turned Off For The Summer

By recommendation of the electrician, the fire pit will be turned off during the summer months.

Due to exposure, the internal parts of the fire pit have rusted and need to be replaced. Replacement parts have been on back order for almost 6 weeks. Once the repairs are complete, the fire pit will be covered and turned off. This simple task will reduce wear and tear as well as reducing the annual amount spent on propane.

Alligators, Ducks and other Wildlife

Regarding ducks... Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission states:

"Never feed Muscovy ducks, either by direct handout or by putting feed out in locations accessible to them. Natural food for Muscovy ducks is plentiful and feeding the ducks can lead to overcrowding, messy conditions, and the potential to spread disease."

Regarding alligators... Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission states:

"Never feed alligators – it's dangerous and illegal. When fed, alligators can overcome their natural wariness and learn to associate people with food."

Feeding wildlife, directly or indirectly, can lead to unwanted results. Most commonly

seen is the feeding of ducks. Some people enjoy having this interaction but don't realize the potential consequences of their actions. Other predatory animals may be drawn to the area, such as alligators. Not only will these predators be looking for a free handout, they will likely eat their natural food source... the animals you are feeding. This also endangers other humans, as these animals learn to associate people with food.

Enjoy, respect and most importantly Do NOT feed wildlife!

For more information visit...

Ducks: <https://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/nonnatives/birds/waterfowl/muscovy-duck/>

Alligators: <https://myfwc.com/conservation/you-conserve/wildlife/gators>

Resident Business Listings

Note: Services are listed as a courtesy only to residents of Bent Creek Preserve. The Bent Creek Homeowner's Association, its Board of Directors and/or Management do not represent recommend or endorse these companies. Residents contract with companies at their own risk and reward. Please shop wisely.

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