



BENT CREEK CHRONICLE

Bent Creek Preserve's Community Newsletter



HAPPY SPRING!



A Word From The Board

We want to welcome and look forward to working with our new landscape vendor, Greenscapes. A big thanks goes out to our Landscape Committee - Carol Wolowiec, Joe Catanzaro, Gino Salvatore and Dennis Strausbaugh for the time and effort they put in to assist the Board in choosing Greenscapes. The Committee, Board President Ciro Mastropaolo, CAM Steve Dorozenski and Board Director Luke Stucker interviewed nine vendors over two days. The committee narrowed it down to three vendors and interviewed them again. Before making a final recommendation to the Board, the committee visited properties to see their work. In total, the committee spent over 40

hours working on this selection process. The committee will hold monthly scheduled meetings with Greenscapes to review and address any matters of concern brought forward by the board or homeowners. As Board President, Ciro personally wants to thank them for their commitment, time and efforts on all landscape projects and issues, as they are not only an asset to the board but also to our community. This proves that getting involved on a committee, you can make a difference in our community

HOA Board Members:
Ciro Mastropaolo, Pres.
Jason Bryce, Vice Pres.
Chirag Patel, Treasurer

Denise Dennison, Secretary
Luke Stucker, Dir. at Large



A Word From Our CAM

Importance of Up-to-Date Governing Documents: Our governing documents are the foundation of our community's operations, outlining rules, responsibilities, and protections for all homeowners. Over time, laws change, community needs evolve, and certain provisions may become outdated or unclear. Updating these documents ensures we remain compliant with current regulations, address modern

concerns, and protect property values. It also allows us to clarify language, improve enforcement, and better reflect the lifestyle and priorities of Bent Creek today. Your participation in this process is vital to keeping our neighborhood strong, fair, and future-ready.

Your Manager, Steve Dorozenski



What To Do Around Town: Mark Your Calendars For January - March!

Seafood and Music Festival

Friday, April 10, 4pm to 10pm
 Saturday, April 11, 11am to 10pm
 Sunday, April 12, 11am to 6pm
 Centennial Park, 2000 West First St, Fort Myers.

Earth Day Festival

Saturday, April 18th, 10am to 3pm
 What to expect go to www.conservancy.org/events/earth-day
 Conservancy of Southwest Florida, 1495 Smith Preserve Way, Naples.

Country Jam

Saturday April 18, 3pm to 10pm
 Gabby Barrett, Sara Evans, Casey Bishop +++
 For tickets go to www.CountryJamNaples.com
 Paradise Coast Sports Complex, 3865 City Gate Blvd, Naples.

Cars & Coffee 239

Third Sundays, 9am to 11am
 Mercato, Strada Pl, Naples.

Films Al Fresco

Third Tuesdays at dusk. Times vary.
 Bring your lawn chairs.
 Mercato Strada Pl, Naples.

Art After Hours

Last Wednesdays, 6pm to 9pm.
 Enjoy live music and free admission to the museum.
 The Baker Museum, 5833 Pelican Bay Blvd, Naples.

Nights Music Series

First Thursday's, 6:30pm to 8:30pm.
 Bring your lawn chairs for entertainment at the piazza.
 Mercato, Strada Pl, Naples.

The Naples Zoo

First Saturday's, 9am to 3pm.
 Free admission with proof of Collier County residency.
 1590 Goodlette Rd, Naples.

Cruise-In

Every Saturday night weather permitting, 5pm to 9pm.
 Car enthusiasts gather and showcase their vehicles
 Founder's Square, 8856 Founders Street, Naples.





Cheers Around Town! Happy Hour Hotspots In South Naples

Please check with restaurants for latest happy hour information as specials are subject to change. Restaurant websites may be accessed by clicking on the name of the establishment.

[Barbatella](#)

3-6 PM Daily

\$4 Beers | \$6 Wines | \$8+ Cocktails \$9+ Small Plates
1290 Third Street South, Naples

[Bar Tulia](#)

4 – 7 PM Daily

\$5 Beers | \$6.50 Wines | \$10 Cocktails | \$5+ Happy Bites
462 5th Ave S, Naples

[The Bevy](#)

3-4:45 PM

\$5 Wines & Draft Beers | 1/2 Price Food Menu
360 12th Ave S. Naples

[BiCE](#)

3-4:45 PM Sun-Fri

50% off Cocktails & Food Menu | \$6 Beers | \$5 Wines
300 5th Avenue South, Naples

[The Claw Bar](#)

3-6 PM Daily

\$4 Domestic Bottles | \$5 Drafts | \$7 Mixed Drinks &
Wines | \$10 House Martinis | \$10+ Small Plates
221 9th Street South, Naples

[Caffé Milano](#)

3-4:45 PM Weekdays

\$5 Selected Drinks | 1/2 Off Food Menu
800 5th Ave S, Naples

[Celebration Park](#)

3-5 PM Weekdays

\$6 Wells, Draft Beers, and House Wines
2880 Becca Ave, Naples

[Del Mar](#)

4 – 6 PM Weekdays

\$5 Off Selected Cocktails & Wines | \$5 Beers | 1/2 Off
Dips, Spreads & Flatbreads
494 5th Ave S, Naples

[The Dock At Crayton Cove](#)

3 - 6 PM Daily — at the bar

\$5 House Beers | \$10 Select Cocktails | \$8 House Wine
\$9 Select Margaritas | \$8 - \$10 Bar Bites
845 12th Ave S, Naples

[Grappino](#)

3-6 PM Daily

\$5 Beers | \$7 Wines | \$9 Cocktails | \$7 Pizza Slices
90 9th St. N, Naples

[Lola 41](#)

4-6 PM Daily

\$10 Cocktails & Wines
560 9th Street S, Naples

[Midnight Tavern](#)

3 – 6 PM Daily

\$4 Wells | \$2.50 Drafts | \$5 House Wines | \$6 Apps
2800 Davis Blvd, Naples

[Nosh on Naples Bay](#)

2-6 PM Daily

\$5 Drafts | \$6 Bottles | \$8 Wines | \$12 Signature Cocktails
| \$11+ Small Plates
1490 5th Ave S Unit 101, Naples

[Syren Oyster & Cocktail Bar](#)

2-5 PM Weekdays

\$5 Drafts | \$5 Off Draft Wine | \$10 Off Draft Wine Liters |
\$5 Off Craft Cocktails | \$10 & \$15 Appetizers
909 10th St S, Naples

[Seventh South](#)

4:30 – 6 PM Daily

\$5 Beers | \$7 Wells, Wine & Cocktails | \$8+ Apps
849 7th Ave S, Ste 101 Naples

[Tommy Bahama](#)

3-5 PM Daily

\$6 Draft Beers | \$8 Mixed Drinks | \$9+ Wines | \$9+
Cocktails | \$5+ Small Plates
1220 3rd St. South, Naples

[Warren](#)

3-5 PM Weekdays

\$5 Beer | \$10 Wine & Cocktails
111 10th ST #104, Naples



Let's Get Social!

Spring is here! Start looking forward to some awesome events the Social Committee has planned for this quarter!

- Annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 4
- Margaritaville Happy Hour Friday, April 17
- Memorial Day Flag Placement Saturday, May 23
- Kids Pool Party & Food Truck Thursday, May 28



Just like the Flamingo Bingo party that took place on March 13th, the rest of the year will be filled with many great events as shown on the Calendar of Events*. So **SAVE THE DATES!**

Our committee works very hard to put together these memorable events for families. If you'd like to give a helpful hand for any one of the parties taking place, please contact the committee at bentcreeksocial@gmail.com

Note: Events and dates are subject to change.

FRIDAY 03/13	Flamingo Musical Bingo
SATURDAY 04/04	Easter Egg Hunt
FRIDAY 04/17	Margaritaville Happy Hour
THURSDAY 05/28	Children's Pool Party
SATURDAY 07/11	Community Cowboy Picnic
FRIDAY 08/28	Pizza Happy Hour
FRIDAY 10/09	Octoberfest with DJ
SUNDAY 10/25	Children's Halloween Event
SATURDAY 12/05	Storytime with Santa
SATURDAY 12/12	Adult Holiday Party with DJ

An Author In Our Midst

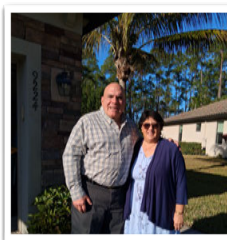
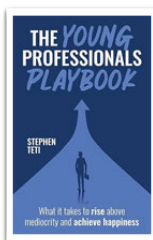
Stephen and Jackie Teti built their winter, 3-month get away in Bent Creek Preserve back in 2020, They have been coming to Naples since 1986 to visit family and fell in love with the area.

When not in Naples they are in upstate NY in a rural town called Vernon. They live on a horse farm their daughter, Brianna established 10 years ago called Liberation Farms, where they do English and Western riding for special needs children and give carriage driving lessons.

Stephen spent 35 years in banking retiring from the Bank of New York. His staff spanned the North East Coast and Chenni India. He was a witness to the erosion of human relationships and work ethic during his career which progressed and became more evident as companies entertained remote working. As he witnessed children turning into young adults using technology as their primary interaction and social media replacing face-to-face relationships, he thought the need to engage

them to use technology to augment relationships not replace human interaction. Stephen speaks to the young adults who are preparing to enter the work force regarding the importance of human relationships, work ethic, skill sets and disciplines required to rise in the workforce and also achieve happiness. During his presentation he follows the outline of his recently published book which is an Amazon #1 best seller by the way! The Young Professional Playbook - what it takes to rise above mediocrity and achieve happiness.

If there is interest in having Stephen give a presentation of his playbook to the young professionals of Bent Creek Preserve as they prepare to enter the workforce, please contact the Communications Committee at bcpcommunications01@gmail.com. We would be happy to schedule a time in the event room seasonally anytime between the months of January and April.



From Movie Magic to Community Life: The Creative Journey of Chris Kelly



When Chris Kelly and his wife Jena moved into the community last May with their daughter Abby and their spirited little dog, Kiki, neighbors may not have realized they were welcoming a veteran of movies and theatre. For more than two decades, Chris built a career behind the scenes, crafting the prosthetic effects that transform actors into unforgettable characters.

Chris describes his work simply: he created prosthetics for film, theater, music videos, and television—anything that required altering a face or body. But the simplicity of that description belies the complexity of the craft. In the early days, long before online tutorials, Chris taught himself through experimentation, using everyday materials like latex and rubber cement. He and his collaborators would sculpt molds, cast faces, and bake foam appliances in ovens—painstaking processes that could take hours for a single piece.

His path into the industry was gradual. What began as creative experimentation with friends turned into small, low-budget projects. Word spread, and before long, Chris found himself working on increasingly high-profile productions. “You can’t just jump into it,” he says. “You have to build up to it.”

Among the many projects he worked on, two stand out as particularly meaningful. The first is the film **Black Swan**, where Chris helped bring the movie’s haunting physical transformations to life. From subtle bruising to dramatic sequences involving expanding limbs and feathered effects, his work contributed to the film’s unsettling realism. He also had creative input in developing Natalie Portman’s iconic look, suggesting design

elements that ultimately appeared on the film’s promotional imagery.

The second milestone was the Broadway production of **Shrek the Musical**, where Chris and his team won a Tony Award for their work. Creating the character of Shrek was an immense undertaking. Each performance required hours of prosthetic application, and because the show ran for years, new pieces had to be created constantly. “To make one Shrek face was about three hours,” he recalls. Multiply that by multiple shows each week, and the workload was staggering.

Throughout his career, Chris worked alongside many well-known actors. He describes most as down-to-earth, recalling memorable moments with performers like Christopher Walken, who he found especially approachable, as well as Ryan Gosling, who would occasionally stop by just to observe the creative process. He mentions actors such as Winona Ryder, Natalie Portman and Scarlett Johanson as being particularly friendly.

Despite the demands of the profession, Chris takes pride in having helped create the illusion that audiences experience on screen and stage. He has also witnessed the evolution of the industry, where traditional prosthetics are now often combined with digital effects. While he appreciates the artistry of modern technology, he remains deeply connected to the hands-on craft that defined his career.

Today, Chris is enjoying a quieter chapter of life. He appreciates the welcoming atmosphere of the community and the chance to step back and simply enjoy movies as a viewer. Still, his advice for aspiring artists remains rooted in the same passion that guided his journey: “Do it every day. Be creative. Think outside the box. Post everything you’re proud of on social media.”

For Chris Kelly, the magic may have started behind the scenes—but its impact continues to leave a lasting impression on the industry.



Serving Up On Our New Courts!

BEFORE



AFTER



It's time to celebrate the successful completion of our tennis court conversion project!

Our old clay courts have been transformed into beautiful new hard court surfaces creating a consistent, durable and much more enjoyable playing experience for our residents!

Here's a photo journey that captures this major undertaking from start to finish!

Many thanks go to the Board, the CAM, our neighbor Ed Davis and the Maintenance Committee!

Sorting Out the Mail - Guidelines for Cluster Mailbox Delivery



Bent Creek Preserve uses cluster box mail delivery, with 424 mailboxes—one for each residence and one for the community office—and 56 shared parcel lockers.

Because parcel lockers are limited, resident cooperation is essential to ensure timely and efficient mail delivery for everyone.

Mail and Package Pickup

- Pick up mail and packages promptly, especially items placed in parcel lockers.
- Parcel lockers are shared; leaving packages in them for extended periods prevents others from receiving deliveries.
- When parcel lockers are full, USPS may delay delivery or hold packages at the post office.

Vacation Mail Holds

- If you are away temporarily, place your mail on vacation hold with USPS.
- USPS allows mail holds for up to 30 days.
- This helps prevent overflowing mailboxes and potential mail return or mis-delivery.
- Holds can be requested online or at your local post office.

Seasonal Absences

- Residents leaving for the season should forward their mail to a temporary address.
- Mail forwarding prevents mail buildup and ensures important items are received on time.
- Forwarding can be arranged through USPS before departure.

USPS Informed Delivery

- Residents are encouraged to enroll in USPS Informed Delivery, a free service that allows you to preview incoming mail and track packages electronically.
- This service is especially helpful when traveling or away from home.
- Sign up at: <https://www.usps.com/manage/informed-delivery.htm>

By following these guidelines, residents help maintain secure, efficient, and courteous mail service for the entire Bent Creek Preserve community. Thank you for your cooperation.

Any questions or comments, email bcpcommunications01@gmail.com



D.I.Y. Corner: Flushing Out Your Hot Water Tank



The water here in SW Florida contains a lot of sediment and sand. This debris forms at the bottom of hot water tanks and over time erodes the bottom of the tank and causes deposits to clog up faucets in your house. This can lead to premature failure or leaking of your tank. Replacing a hot water tank today is a costly fix. It can easily run upwards of \$2,000 however a little continuous maintenance can prolong the life of your tank. This is a fairly easy DIY project that only takes about 15-20 minutes to do. It's great if you can flush your tank at least twice a year. If you feel uncomfortable flushing your tank, look into having a plumber come by and do it for you.

There are only 3 things you need to flush your tank. A large flathead screwdriver, a short (3 ft.) hose and a bucket. Here are the steps:

- a) Attach one end of the hose to the bottom valve on your hot water tank.
- b) Place the opposite end of the hose into a bucket.
- c) Take the flathead screwdriver and carefully open the valve at the bottom of the tank by slowly rotating it about $\frac{1}{4}$ turn counterclockwise. Be sure to keep your hand on the hose as water flows into the bucket. Remember this is hot water coming out so be careful!
- d) Fill the bucket about $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way. Then close the valve by rotating the screwdriver clockwise while keeping one hand on the screwdriver and the other hand on the hose going to the bucket. This is so you could shut it off quickly if/when necessary. You will see rusty sediment in the bucket. Empty the bucket and repeat this step until the water coming out is clear. Be patient as it may take 6 or more times flushing to have reasonably clear water coming out of the tank. Also, keep in mind that there really is no need to shut the water coming into your tank or to turn off the electric since water is constantly flowing into the tank as you go through this process. There isn't any danger to the heating elements getting too hot since water is always in the tank.

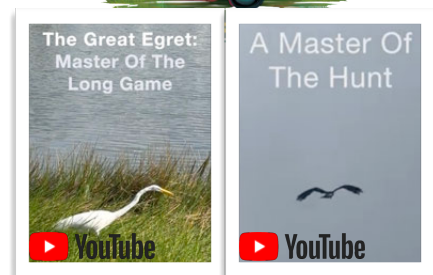
That's pretty much all you have to do to flush your hot water tank and hopefully prolong its life. Once again if you feel uncomfortable performing this job, by all means, have a plumber do it. It may cost a few dollars but it will save you from having to prematurely replace your hot water tank.

If you have any questions or comments, email bcpcommunications01@gmail.com

BCP Wildlife YouTube Channel For Sharing Videos Of Our Encounters Around Bent Creek Preserve

If you'd like to share your videos on our channel, which will be accessible exclusively to Bent Creek residents via links that will be posted in the newsletter – we'd love to see them!

All submissions must be reviewed and approved by the Bent Creek Preserve Communications Committee. Please allow 2-4 weeks for approval and posting. Videos will not be displayed in YouTube's public search results. To submit your video, please email it to bcpcommunications01@gmail.com.



Click an image above to watch that video

Got A Question?

There are numerous ways to get an answer if you have a question or concern. You can email or call the CAM or submit it through the Suggestion Box located outside the front office. Another way you can get a quick answer is to email the Communications Committee. Sending issues directly to us ensures they reach the right people, get your questions accurately answered and not get lost or misunderstood.

Too often, if a question is posed on Facebook, the information may be incomplete or inaccurate and can unintentionally spread misinformation.

We welcome your feedback and appreciate you reaching out and working with us so we can keep our community properly informed. You can reach us at

bcpcommunications01@gmail.com



We Hope You Enjoyed This Issue



The Communication Committee is happy to serve our community with news, information and lighthearted content in the Bent Creek Chronicle. We'd like to hear from you! Would you like to contribute a story for the next newsletter? Do you have an interesting or unique hobby? Want to share any upcoming kids events? Please feel free to contact us with any comments or suggestions at our new email address bcpcommunications01@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

Communication Committee Members

- Janice Amenta, Secretary
- Michele DeLuca, Editor
- Jeanne Arsenault, Graphic Design



Help Wanted!

There's a lot going on in our neighborhood and we'd love your input. BCP committees are looking for new members to get involved, share ideas and keep our community thriving. Whether you've got an hour a month or a little more, your contribution matters.

Committees Include: Social | Communications | Finance | ACC | Beautification Landscaping | Rules & Governing Documents | Bulk Internet/Technology

If interested, visit the CAM office or contact us at our new email bcpcommunications01@gmail.com



Important Numbers To Keep Handy

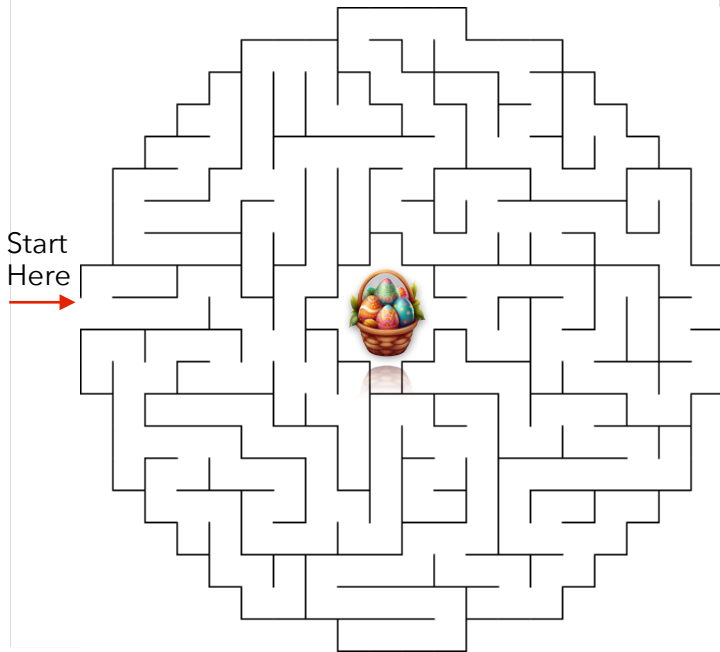
Steve & Ruby/CAM Office	239-659-0048	Water & Sewer	239-252-2380
Seacrest Southwest (After Hours)	239-261-3440	Collier County Sherriff	239-252-9400
Florida Power & Light	800-468-8243	(Non Emergency)	
Waste Management	239-252-2380	Greenscapes Customer Service	239-643-4471



Easter Activity Corner

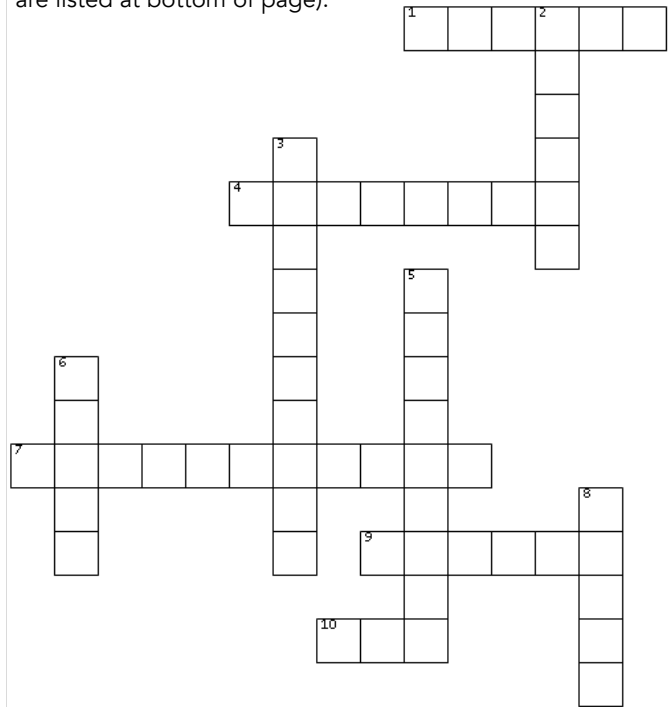
Easter Maze

See if you can reach the basket of Easter Eggs.



Easter Criss-Cross Puzzle

Fill in the boxes using the clues below (Note: answers are listed at bottom of page).



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| 1. BUNNY | 6. TURF |
| 2. HAT | 7. FLUFFY |
| 3. CANDY | 8. CHICKS |
| 4. ADORN | 9. PROCESSION |
| 5. COCOA | 10. COLOR |

Find The Hidden Words

Circle the Easter themed words hidden in the grid.

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WORD LIST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> BUNNY | <input type="checkbox"/> FLOWERS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CANDY | <input type="checkbox"/> HUNT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CHICK | <input type="checkbox"/> PASTEL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EASTER | <input type="checkbox"/> SPRING |

Easter Coloring Corner



1. Rabbit | 2. Bonnet | 3. Jellybeans | 4. Decorate | 5. Chocolate | 6. Grass | 7. Marshmallow | 8. Peeps | 9. Parade | 10. Dye

Criss-Cross Puzzle Answer Key