



BENT CREEK CHRONICLE

Bent Creek Preserve's Community Newsletter

HAPPY
NEW YEAR



A Word From The Board

This January, the Board of Directors wishes all Bent Creek Preserve residents a very Happy New Year and heartfelt thanks for making our community shine brighter than ever. From the beautiful holiday light displays that turned our streets and cul-de-sacs into a festive winter wonderland, to the First Annual Santa Paws on December 7th, neighbors came together on the clubhouse lawn with their leashed dogs and cats to enjoy coffee, donuts, a whimsical sleigh-and-train photo setup, and generous donations of food, blankets, supplies, and funds to support the Humane Society. Just days later, families filled the clubhouse again for Cookies & Storytime with Santa on December 13th, where children enjoyed holiday treats,

crafts, photos, and the excitement of receiving wrapped presents from Santa himself, creating memories that will carry well into the new year.

In addition to all of the festivities, the Board is continuing to invest in our amenities, with refreshed surfacing and improved maintenance on the tennis courts to support growing interest in both tennis and pickleball and to ensure these popular courts remain safe, attractive, and ready for friendly matches, league play, and future community clinics throughout the season.

HOA Board Members:

Ciro Mastropaolo, President
Jason Bryce, Vice President
Chirag Patel, Treasurer
Denise Dennison, Secretary
Luke Stuker, Director at Large

A Word From Our CAM

Dear Residents,

As we enter the new year, we are launching two major projects: converting our tennis courts from clay to hard court for better durability and significantly lower maintenance, and updating our HOA governing documents. Modernizing these documents is critical—they ensure clear rules, protect property values, resolve ambiguities that lead to disputes, and align with current laws. This strengthens our community's foundation for the future. Your input is not only welcome but encouraged, as it's up to the residents to make the governing documents their own. To update the document, 75% of

the membership is required to vote in person or via proxy.

When you see emails to sign up for electronic voting and consent, please do so if you have not already. It's critical you take part in your community's future governance.

Your Manager,
Steve Dorozenski



12.3 Amendments After the Turnover Date: After the Turnover Date, but subject to the general restrictions on amendments set forth above, these By-Laws may be amended with the approval of (i) sixty six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the Board and (ii) seventy-five percent (75%) of the votes present (in person or by proxy) at a duly noticed meeting of the Members at which there is a quorum. Notwithstanding the foregoing, these By-Laws may be amended after the Turnover Date by sixty six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3 %) of the Board acting alone to change the number of directors on the Board. Such change shall not require the approval of the Members. Any change in the number of directors shall not take effect until the next Annual Members Meeting.

Let's Get Social!

Another fun-filled year of adult & kids events run by the BCP Social Committee!

This year's Halloween event brought out the best of our community – amazing costumes from kids and adults! A night filled with laughter, imagination and nonstop fun!

Our holiday parties are always a favorite – Cookies & Storytime with Santa and the Adult Holiday events were a huge hit!

This year was the First Annual Santa Paws event sponsored by Juniper Cares. Photos & treats added to the fun while donations and support for the Human Society poured in.

Our Social Committee is now working hard on upcoming events. Stay tuned! If you have any ideas or suggestions, you can email the committee at bentcreeksocial@gmail.com





Cheers Around Town: Happy Hour Hotspots In North 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.

The 239

2:39–6pm Daily \$6–\$8

9108 Strada Pl, Naples

Aqua North Naples

3–6pm Daily

\$5–\$9 Beer, Wine & Cocktails | \$9+ Small Plates

2348 Immokalee Rd, Naples

Bar Tulia

2:30–5:30pm Daily

\$5 Off Cocktails/Wine | 1/2 Off Beers | \$5+ Apps

9118 Strada Pl, Naples

Blue Martini

4–8pm Daily

Discounted Food & Drinks

9114 Strada Pl #12105, Naples

Boston Beer Garden

3–7pm Daily

\$1 Off Beers & Liquor | \$3 Off Wine | \$8 Tito's,

Espresso-Tinis & Aperol Spritz

2396 Immokalee Rd, Naples

Cavo Lounge

4–7pm Daily

\$5 Drafts | \$5 Wells | \$6 Calls | \$10 Apps

9108 Strada Pl #14120, Naples

Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant

Monday–Friday | 3–5:30pm

\$10–\$12 Apps | \$8 Wine | \$8 Cocktails

11905 Tamiami Trail N, Naples

Dorona

3–6pm: \$11+ Small Plates

3–4pm: \$3 House Wine, Beer & Cocktails

4–5pm: \$4 House Wine, Beer & Cocktails

5–6pm: \$5 House Wine, Beer & Cocktails

2110 Tamiami Trail, N. Naples

The Hampton Social

3–6pm Weekdays

\$6–\$12 Wine, Beer, Cocktails | \$8.95+ Sm. Bites

9114 Strada Pl, Naples

Havana Libre

3–6:30pm M–F

\$9 Cocktails & Beer, \$9 House Wine, \$8 Bar Bites

8850 Founders Square Drive, Unit 215, Naples

Oak & Stone

2–6pm Weekdays

25% Off Beer, Wine, Whiskey | \$6 Titos | \$7 Apps

2270 Logan Boulevard, Naples

Oar & Iron

2–5pm Weekdays

\$7+ Shareables | \$5 Draft Beers | \$6 Wines | \$10

Mai Tides | \$16 Whiskey Flights

8850 Founders Square Drive, Naples

Old Vines

3–5pm & 10pm – 12am Daily

\$10 Cocktails, Wines & Small Plates

9105 Strada Pl. #3125, Naples

The Pub

3–6pm Daily

\$2 Off Drafts | \$5 Shots | \$5 Wells | \$6 House Wine

Glasses | \$20 Bottles | \$7 Cocktails | \$7 Apps

9118 Strada Place, Naples

Rocco's Tacos

4–7pm Daily

\$5 Tacos/Apps | \$5 Beer, Wine, Liquor &

Margaritas

9123 Strada Pl #7135, Naples

Rusty's North Naples

Drink Specials, 11am–7pm Daily

\$3.50 Drafts | \$11 Pitchers

Food Specials, 3–7pm

75 Cent Boneless Wings & Peel & Eat Shrimp

\$1 Bone-in Wings | \$3 Sliders

2700 Immokalee Rd, Naples

Sonny's Pizzeria & Sports Bar

11am–5pm Daily

\$3–\$5 Select Wine, Beer & Cocktails | \$3 Mini-burgers

7740 Preserve, Naples

Taberna Burntwood

3–6pm Weekdays

\$5–10 Select Wine, Beer & Cocktails | \$8+ Apps

9110 Strada Pl. Naples

Tap 42 Craft Kitchen & Bar

Daily 4–7pm

\$7–10 Wine, Beer & Cocktails \$8.85 Appetizers

9118 Strada Pl. #8155. Naples



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

Cars & Coffee 239

Third Sundays, 9am-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.

Evening on 5th Ave South

Second Thursday's, 6:30pm to 9:30pm.
Walk around 5th Ave, listen to live musical performances, shop and dine.
5th Ave, Naples.

The Naples Zoo

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

Naples Pets On Third Parade And PetFest

Sunday, January 18th, 9am to 11am
Enter your pets into the parade and costume contests. All well-behaved pets are welcome including dogs, cats, horses, snakes, etc!
Visit <https://www.naplesgov.com/parksrec/page/pet-parade-pet-fest> for more info.

Spend the Most Romantic Day of the Year Saying "I Do" Annual Valentine's Wedding and Vow Renewal Ceremony

Saturday, Feb 14th, 10am to 12pm
North Collier Regional Park Exhibit Hall
Register early and find more information at <https://www.collierclerk.com/marriage-licenses/valentinesday>

St. Patrick's Day Parade Saturday
March 14th, Parade begins at 11AM
5th Ave S, Naples



Discover Your Community Senior Center!



Hey, BCP seniors! Are you looking for a place to connect, learn, and stay active?

Look no further than the Baker Senior Center, located at 6200 Autumn Oaks Lane, Naples.

Stop in Monday through Friday, from 9 AM to 5 PM. Registration is required to become a member, for an annual membership fee of \$100, you'll unlock a world of opportunities designed to enrich your life, such as:

Social Gatherings: Connect with friends and make new ones in a welcoming environment.

Engaging Programs: From computer instruction to arts and culture events, there's always something new to learn and experience.

Health & Wellness: Stay active with exercise programs and take advantage of various wellness services.

Educational Seminars: Expand your knowledge with insightful talks and workshops.

Fun & Games: Enjoy card games, delicious lunches, and refreshing snacks.

To learn more, visit their website at www.bakerseniorcenternaples.org.



Cooking Together: Simple Recipes Build Speech, Language, and Feeding Skills

By: Taylor Rowe, MS/CCC-SLP, Pediatric Speech-Language Pathologist & Feeding Therapist; @SLPMama_



Cooking together isn't just about making a meal. It's a wonderful opportunity for connection with your child, building communication skills, and encouraging sensory exploration. As a speech-language pathologist, I love encouraging families to bring their little ones into the kitchen because it supports both language development and feeding skills in fun, natural ways.

Even the simplest recipe can be full of learning. When you cook together, narrate what you're doing ("stirring, pouring, cutting") and describe textures, colors, tastes, and temperatures ("cold milk," "sweet banana," "crunchy granola"). These language models help your child connect words to real experiences while expanding their vocabulary.

Cooking also gives children meaningful chances to make choices and request ("Do you want strawberries or blueberries?"), which strengthens early expressive language.

From a feeding therapy perspective, time in the kitchen promotes positive food experiences without pressure. Let your child explore new foods through touching, smelling, or helping prepare them, even if they don't eat them right away. Exposure through play and participation builds comfort around new foods and increases sensory acceptance. Below is a family-friendly recipe to get your little one involved in the kitchen!

Build-Your-Own Yogurt Parfait

A fun, healthy recipe that encourages participation, sensory exploration, and communication!

Ingredients:

- Plain or vanilla yogurt
- Fresh fruit (berries and/or bananas work well)
- Crunchy toppings (granola, crushed graham crackers, or cereal)
- Optional: drizzle of honey or nut butter

Steps:

- Gather ingredients together. Let your child help you take items out of the fridge or pantry. Label what you find ("This is yogurt," "Look, blueberries!").
- Layer the ingredients. Use a clear cup or bowl and take turns adding a scoop of yogurt, then fruit, then a crunchy topping. Model sequencing words like "first," "next," "last."
- Encourage choices and requests. Ask, "Do you want more banana or more granola?" or "Whose turn is it to scoop?"
- Explore sensory elements. Talk about how things feel, smell, sound ("cold," "sticky," "crunchy").
- Enjoy together! Comment on what you see and taste ("So sweet!" "You made this!").

So next time you're making breakfast or a snack, invite your child to join you. Cooking together not only builds connection, but helps build language skills and positive food experiences, one spoonful at a time.



Gratitude & Best Wishes!

At this time, the Communication Committee would like to thank our members who are moving on to other adventures. Chair, Dessie Leff, for taking the lead for the past two years. Your efforts have kept us informed, connected and inspired. Editors, Alan Denslow, Chirag and Tejal Patel for all your contributions.

Beat of luck to everyone. You will be missed!



A Coffee Resolution: New Year, New Brew

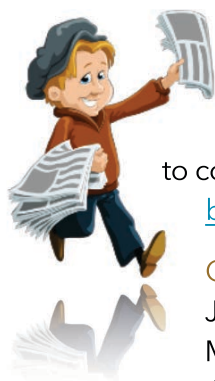
Did you know that, in the United States, coffee is the most consumed daily beverage with 66% of American adults drinking it every day! Some drink it for an energy boost, weight loss, antioxidants and health benefits. But most drink it because they LOVE it! The smell and taste of that first cup every day is a hug in a mug! If you're a coffee lover, consider these resolutions:

- Try a new roast
- Start a Coffee Club
- Drink as much water as you do coffee
- Make coffee at home
- Stop using disposable cups
- Give instant coffee a chance

Life is short, drink good coffee!



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

bcpccommunications01@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 bcpccommunications01@gmail.com



Important Numbers To Keep Handy

Steve & Ruby/CAM Office	239-659-0048
Seacrest Southwest (After Hours)	239-261-3440
Florida Power & Light	800-468-8243
Waste Management	239-252-2380

Water & Sewer	239-252-2380
Collier County Sherriff (Non Emergency)	239-252-9400
Juniper Customer Care	239-561-5980



New Year Activity Corner

Word Scramble Puzzle

Unscramble the letters below to reveal New Year themed words (Note: answers are listed at bottom of page).

☐ EWN AREY

☐ NOTIOULSRE

☐ TGIMNDIH

☐ STRFI

☐ ETITCOFN

☐ KCOLC

☐ ELABRCEET

☐ GNGINNIBE

Find The Hidden Words

Circle the New Year themed words hidden in the grid.

F	R	E	S	H	C	L	O	C	K
U	M	I	D	N	I	G	H	T	G
T	O	P	E	T	N	A	O	E	O
U	A	N	I	C	O	P	P	E	A
R	L	Y	F	P	H	D	E	T	L
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WORD LIST

☐ PARTY

☐ MIDNIGHT

☐ CHEERS

☐ FRESH

☐ GOALS

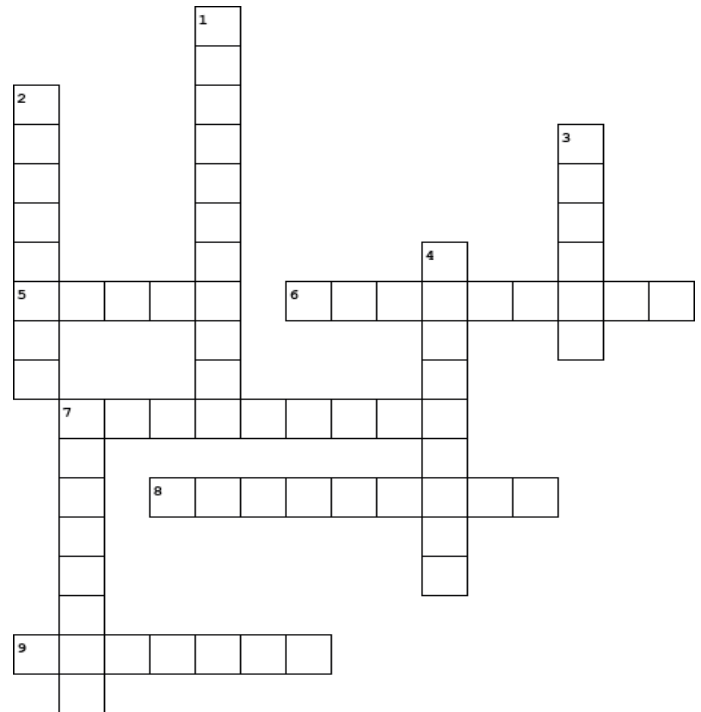
☐ CLOCK

☐ JANUARY

☐ FUTURE

New Year Crossword Puzzle

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



DOWN

- PARTY
- PROPS
- NEXT YEAR
- 12:01 AM
- DAY 1

ACROSS

- SALUTE!
- BURSTING
- ANTICIPATION
- BALL DROP
- BEGINNING



Word Scramble: New Year | Resolution | Midnight | First | Confetti | Clock | Celebrate | Beginning
 Crossword Puzzle: 1. Celebration | 2. Confetti | 3. Future | 4. Beginning | 5. Toast | 6. Fireworks | 7. Countdown | 8. Tradition | 9. January

Puzzle Answer Keys