



# 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 Mastropaoalo, 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](mailto: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

### Corona

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 Pizzaria & 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](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](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!



**Baker  
Senior Center  
Naples**

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](http://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!

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### 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 [bcpcommunications01@gmail.com](mailto:bcpcommunications01@gmail.com). We look forward to hearing from you!

**Communication Committee Members**  
 Janice Amenta, Secretary  
 Michele DeLuca, Editor  
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## 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](mailto:bcpcommunications01@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 Sheriff (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).

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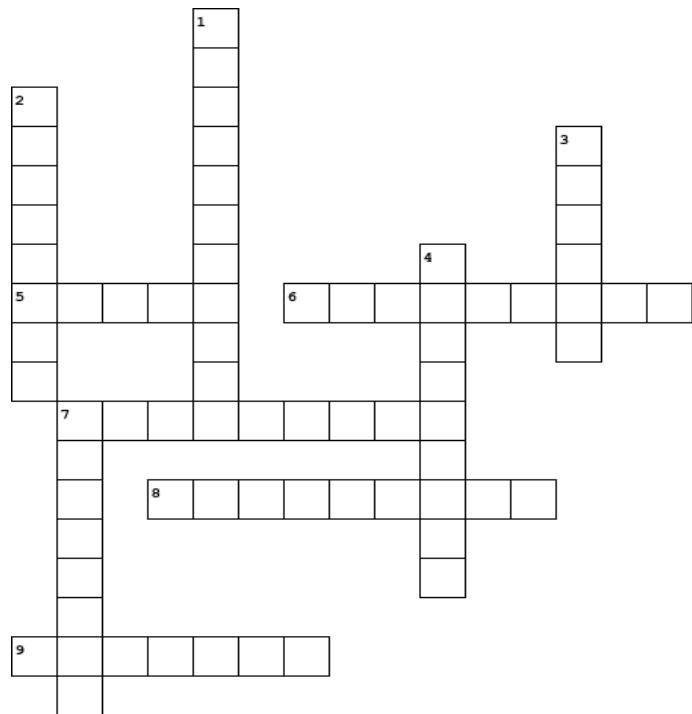
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### New Year Crossword Puzzle

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

### Find The Hidden Words

Circle the New Year themed words hidden in the grid.

F	R	E	S	H	C	L	O	C	K
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#### WORD LIST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> MIDNIGHT | <input type="checkbox"/> CLOCK   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CHEERS   | <input type="checkbox"/> JANUARY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FRESH    | <input type="checkbox"/> FUTURE  |

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

