



BENT CREEK CHRONICLE

Bent Creek Preserve's Community Newsletter

Happy 4th Of July!



A Word From The Board

As I near the end of my term as president of the BCP HOA, I want to thank you, the residents of Bent Creek, for your support this past year. I thank my fellow board members, Jason Bryce, Rich Leff, Rob Capizzi and James Kosar for their support. You were always there when I needed you.

To all the homeowners (too many to name), who stepped up to join our various committees, I thank you for all your time, efforts and dedication which made our committees successful.

A big thank you goes out to Steve and Ruby for their support. They keep BCP running and getting projects accomplished.

Last but not least, I thank my wife for her support and understanding for the time I put in.

In closing, I want to say it was a pleasure and honor to serve as your HOA president. I look forward as Bent Creek continues on this positive trend.

Thank you,
Ciro Mastropaolo, *Board President*

HOA Board Members:

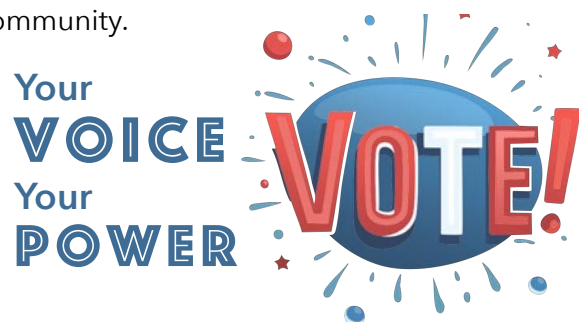
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A Word From Our CAM

Electronic Voting Consent: A Smart Choice for Bent Creek Preserve Owners



Switching to electronic voting consent offers Bent Creek owners a convenient, secure, and eco-friendly way to participate in community decisions. Research highlights that e-voting streamlines processes, saving time and reducing costs associated with paper ballots. It ensures faster vote tabulation, minimizes errors, and enhances accessibility for all owners, including those unable to attend meetings. Secure platforms protect voter privacy and maintain transparency. By signing up, owners contribute to sustainability efforts, cutting paper waste. Embrace e-voting to simplify participation, boost efficiency, and help Bent Creek thrive as a modern, engaged community.



Let's Get Social!

Bent Creek residents enjoyed the fun events sponsored by the Social Committee this past quarter!

The annual Easter Egg Hunt, Happy Hour, Food Trucks, a fantastic pool party complete with games and treats were all great events. What could top that? A Community BBQ! A fun time was had by all!

Here's a sample of what's happening this quarter!

Fri, July 18 Happy Hour
Sun, Sept 21 Twisted Bingo

Twisted Bingo welcomes all residents including kids to this fun event. The night will include traditional and music bingo, soft drinks, snacks and prizes!

If you have event ideas or requests, please let us know at bentcreeksocial@gmail.com or drop off in Suggestion Box outside main office.

All events are subject to change



Gardening With Succulents

On April 10th the Social Committee, together with Juniper Landscaping presented a class on "Gardening With Succulents". The event was arranged by resident Donna Lang who is on the Social Committee. We had a large group of women attend to learn about succulent plants. Juniper provided all the materials, including pots, soil and succulent plants. This class provided a fun way to become educated about plants. Each attendee went home with their own unique creation!



Celebrating Our Graduates!

Congratulations to the following graduates!



College Graduate

- ★ Amelia Stephenson (Granddaughter of resident Alan Denslow), graduated from Mary Washington University in Fredericksburg, VA On May 13th with a degree in nursing.

High School Graduates

- ★ Isajlla Halitaj graduate of Gulf Coast High School with College credit. She will be attending UCF to pursue a degree in Information Technology with a minor in Secure Computing and Operating Systems.
- ★ Taylor Suriano graduate of Stacy John Neumann High School. She has committed to Florida State University for this Fall.
- ★ David Velez graduated from Florida Virtual High School.
- ★ Adriana Stevens is a High School graduate. She will be attending FIU for college.

Charitable Sisters

The Rabold sisters have a heart for community service!



On a hot summer day in May, Maya, age 10 and her sister Zara, age 7 sold lemonade from their lemonade stand. They even had treats for any furry friends that might pass by. All proceeds were contributed to a Citywide campaign benefitting children in foster care. Foster Village-SWFL serves vulnerable children and families in foster care in our community through many resources and helping to meet their basic needs.

If you missed an opportunity to enjoy a refreshing glass of cold lemonade, you can still make a contribution to the campaign at <https://givebutter.com/lemons/lashellerabold>. To get more information about Foster Village-SWFL visit <https://www.fostervillageswfl.org/>

It is so nice to witness our young people in Bent Creek Preserve getting involved in volunteer activities serving the larger community of Naples. Thank you Maya and Zara!

Trendy Tours

The Communications Committee sponsored a representative from Trendy Tours who visited us on March 28th to tell us about all the different bus trips they offer. They offer single day tours as well as multi day tours with convenient pick-up locations or a private bus available for a group of 30. It was a fun and informative evening complete with flyers of upcoming tours such as flamingo gardens, a day in Miami, exploring the space coast and Ocala horse country to name a few! For more information or to sign up for their email mailing list visit <https://www.trendytoursflorida.com>



School's Out for SUMMER!

BCP Kiddos celebrated the beginning of summer break with a fun-filled SWIM PARTY! The kids had a blast with splashing, water games, frozen treats and a food truck!



All thanks to the Social Committee! A great start to this year's summer fun!



Extra, Extra Read all about it!!!

FLORIDA WEEKLY

In addition to our many residents' favorable reviews of the Bent Creek Chronicle we have also received accolades from Florida Weekly and another local association.

"The Bent Creek Chronicle is a very well written and designed community newsletter. You are all doing a fantastic job with it. It's way better than the many others I've seen over the years! Keep us in the loop for any cool things or stories from Bent Creek Preserve you hear about that might make a good story in the Florida Weekly!" – Jay S. Senior Editor, Florida Weekly

"We viewed the Bent Creek Chronicle from your website and are very impressed with the content of your newsletter and how the residents contribute to the community"

– LaMorada HOA Board Members



Things To Do Around Town: Mark Your Calendars!

Mercato Nights Music Series

Thursday, July 3rd 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Bring your lawn chairs for entertainment on the lawn featuring Pitbull of Blues. 9110 Strada Pl, Naples.

Naples Fourth of July Parade

Friday, July 4th 10am.
Find seating along 5th Avenue South and 8th Street South, Naples.

Naples Fourth of July Sunset Fireworks

July 4th at 9pm by The Pier.
25 12th Ave S, Naples.

The Naples Zoo

Saturday, July 5th, Aug 2nd and Sept 6th
Entry from 9am to 4:30pm.
Free admission with proof of Collier County residency. 1590 Goodlette Rd., Naples.

Evening on 5th Ave South

Thursday, July 10th, August 14th and September 11th 6:30pm to 9:30pm.
Walk around 5th Ave, listen to live musical performances, shop and dine. Naples.

Movies on the Lawn Featuring: Superman

Tuesday, July 15th 8:30pm – 10:30pm

Mercato

Bring your lawn chairs. 9110 Strada Pl, Naples.

Christmas in July

Saturday, July 19th noon to 5pm..
Christmas-themed décor, shopping, holiday themed music, activities and entertainment.
Ave Maria Town Center, Annunciation Circle, Ave Maria.

Cirque du Soleil OVO

Thursday, July 31st – Sunday, August 3rd
Various times.
Get tickets at Hertz Arena, 11000 Everblades Pkwy, Estero.

Mercato Nights Music Series

Thursday, August 7th 6:30pm to 8:30pm.
Bring your lawn chairs for entertainment on the lawn featuring Phenomenal Animal. 9110 Strada Pl, Naples.

Art After Hours at The Baker Museum –

Wednesday, July 30th, August 27th and Sept 24th 6pm to 9pm.
Enjoy live music and free admission to the museum. 5833 Pelican Bay Blvd., Naples.

A Night To Shine



In 2010, the Tim Tebow Foundation was established by the former quarterback with the core mission to bring "Faith, Hope and Love to those needing a brighter day in their darkest hour of need". This foundation is based on a Divine calling to love and serve the most vulnerable people in the world. This focus includes special needs ministries. In 2015, Tim Tebow launched A Night To Shine, a worldwide prom event for those with special needs. This past February at New Hopes Ministry in Naples, Bent Creek resident, Eric Graham, attended this unforgettable experience celebrating the worth and value of those with special needs. Prior to prom night, the

foundation sets up boutiques so that attendees can shop for dresses, suits, shoes, accessories and everything needed to look like a star. All at no cost. Hair and makeup included. Attendees are assigned a partner to help navigate the process. Prom night begins with limos picking up guests and their families and driving to the event's red-carpet arrival. Exit limo and walk thru a sword archway surrounded by a welcoming crowd and paparazzi. As they enter the venue they are announced by name in true royal fashion. The night is full of dining, dancing, prom favors and ends with a ceremony where every guest is crowned as King or Queen!

Eric is an amazing young man. The fourth son of BCP residents, Sue and Steve Graham, was considered a miracle child as they thought they were done having children. As he grew, his parents knew how special he really was. Eric, now 37, has been involved in the

Special Olympics since he was 8 years old. He is quite an accomplished athlete participating in golf, basketball and moved on to Bocce. He has now become a star athlete in the Special Olympics in the weight lifting category.

While Eric has enjoyed his background in athletics, he has many other accomplishments. He is currently employed at HomeGoods where he has been doing an excellent job assembling lamps and was acknowledged by management. With the support of Project Choice LLC, a provider that serves disabled adults and children, Eric is looking to gain employment at a local Publix. His Project Choice coach assists Eric with his resume and with transportation.

All work and no play, well that's not Eric! He enjoys his title as an Officer with the Knights of Columbus and is a star pancake maker at the monthly Sunday morning breakfast at the KOC hall. Eric is also involved with one of SW Florida's leading nonprofits, STARability. This foundation creates programs fostering a sense of purpose through teamwork, social engagement and community involvement. Eric also stays very busy with activities such as bowling, video games and movies. And, Eric loves babies so one of his favorite things to do is help out and play with his nieces and nephews! He loves to "enjoy life and have fun!"

When it comes to Eric Graham, whether it's Sports, Work, Recreation or A Night on the Town, he is always SHINING!

For more information, to volunteer or to contribute:

www.timtebowfoundation.org

www.projectchoicellc.com

www.starability.org

Ride Smart, Stay Safe: A Heartfelt Campaign for E-Bike and Bicycle Safety

On April 30, two deputies from the Collier County Sheriff's Department held an informational session for Bent Creek residents to provide us with knowledge of the evolving regulations and safety concerns regarding the use of E-bikes, electric scooters, and golf carts. They explained that there are 3 classes of E-bikes - Class 1 is for E-bikes that require constant pedal assistance to achieve maximum motor speeds of 20 MPH. Class 2 E-bikes are also equipped with pedals and motor driven, but the motor can propel the bike up to speeds of 20 MPH with unassisted pedaling. Class 3 E-bikes are pedal assisted motor bikes that cease to provide motor assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 28 MPH. Anyone under the age of 16 is not allowed to ride a Class 3 electric bicycle, and Class 3 bicycles are not allowed on sidewalks.

The regulations for E-bike and scooter usage are primarily defined by 2020 Florida Senate state statutes Title XXIII, Chapter 316, Sections 2065 and 20655, but local governments may also pass ordinances for their jurisdictions as they deem necessary. Collier County recently amended Section Four of Ordinance No. 2022-02 to adopt and document new provisions regarding bicycle usage within the unincorporated area of Collier County over which the county has traffic control jurisdiction. They have restricted speed on sidewalks to 15 MPH. HOA's can also draft their own rules and regulations. State statutes take priority over all other rules and regulations. Any enforcement or compliance with rules other than state statutes would require that the governing body, whether it be a city, town, village, county or HOA community to conform and abide by state laws before any sheriff department enforcement is allowed.



What this means to Bent Creek Preserve is that we can not request sheriff deputies to come into our private community and patrol for violators without a traffic agreement and bringing our roadways up to meet state traffic requirements. That would involve increasing the speed limits on our streets to 25 MPH, changing signage, painting lane dividers, providing safety stop lines, pedestrian crossings at intersections, and fog lines along the roadways. Obviously, this will have a negative effect on our HOA fees as we would need to cover the expenses to meet state standards.

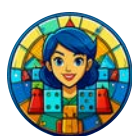
Safety concerns were also discussed at the presentation. Helmet use is required for any person under 16 years of age. Lights and reflectors are required for use between sunset and sunrise. All traffic laws must be followed. The sheriff deputies acknowledged that E-bikes have created a very complex situation, but stressed the ultimate responsibility for the rider's safety is with the parent. As an example, they asked if anyone would hand over their keys to the family car to a youngster, say 5-10 years old, with no experience driving a car or complying with traffic laws....yet purchase them an E-bike or E-scooter and allow them to interact with vehicles on the highway, or pedestrians on the sidewalks, without any education or training. These motorized bicycles, scooters, and golf carts are vehicles, not toys. Compliance, common sense, education, and communication are key to preventing serious injuries and parents need to have these very important discussions with their children. Thanks to all the families in Bent Creek that have recognized the need to address the E-bike issue and have taken steps to make our community safer for everyone.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Neighborhood children turned out to hunt for eggs, play games and see The Easter Bunny! (Tom Rosen donned the warm suit to entertain the group.) Tejal Patel did a marvelous job organizing this event. Many thanks to everyone who helped stuff eggs and did the hard work to bring this event together. As you can see by the photos, fun was had by all the participants!



Rummikub



Small group of fun loving ladies are looking for more Rummikub players. The game is simple to play and mastered easily. We will teach you!

We meet at the clubhouse on Mondays at 1:30 pm till 3:00 pm. If you have any questions or interest, please call Anneliese Urpin at (203) 980-3295.

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 bentcreekcommunications@gmail.com.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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Water & Sewer	239-252-2380
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Juniper Customer Care	239-561-5980

Kids Coloring Corner

