



BENT CREEK CHRONICLE

Bent Creek Preserve's Community Newsletter

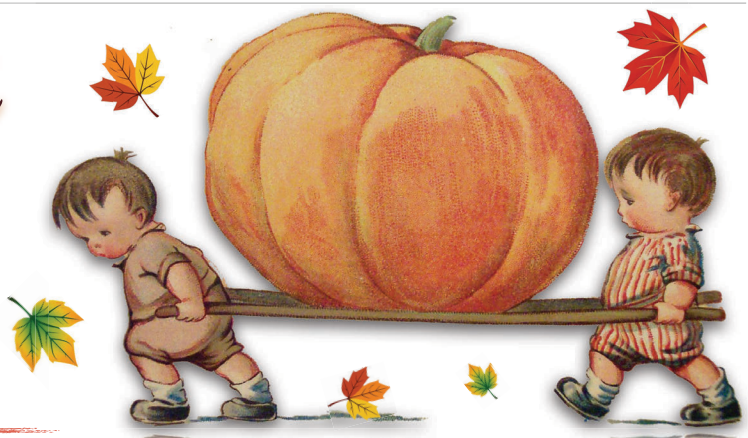
Happy Fall
To All!



A Word From The Board

Happy Fall! I'm sure everyone is looking forward to the cooler weather and the coming holidays the season brings. I'm pleased to serve as your board president for another term and I look forward to working with the board and the homeowners to continue the success we had last year.

One main focus this year will be to update our governing documents and we are interested in forming a committee of homeowners to assist us with this important endeavor. If you are interested in joining this new committee, please contact Steve or Ruby at bcmanager@swpropmgt.com.



Going forward, a top priority is to refurbish the tennis courts. Our goal is to continue to preserve the beauty and amenities of this lovely community we call home, and the board thanks you for your support and encouragement throughout the year.

With humble appreciation, I remain
Ciro Mastropaolo, *Board President*

HOA Board Members:

Ciro Mastropaolo, President
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Luke Stuker, Director at Large 🍁

A Word From Our CAM



Dear Residents,

Over the following months the community will be focusing on changing our current covenants from developer to homeowner focus. Your participation is crucial. Please see "Benefits of E-Voting" section.

A heartfelt thank you to our maintenance committee for their outstanding efforts, saving owners tens of thousands during my tenure as manager.

We're seeking volunteers for Social, Communications, Rules, and Architectural Control Committees. Contact the manager's office to join.

Wishing you a joyful holiday season!

Steve 🍁

Seacrest Southwest Honors Ruby Ortiz As Employee Of The Quarter



Seacrest Southwest, our community property management company, has recognized our Community Administrator Ruby Ortiz with the Employee of the Quarter award for the second quarter of 2025. This quarterly award acknowledges employees for their outstanding achievements and

contributions. Ms. Ortiz is a valued member of the Seacrest Southwest team, and her dedication and professionalism significantly benefits our Bent Creek Preserve community.

Please join us in congratulating Ruby Ortiz on this well-deserved recognition for her exceptional work. 🍁

Let's Get Social!



Sun, Oct 26 Children's Halloween Event

Sun, Oct 26 Halloween Pet Parade

Sat, Dec 6 Adult Holiday Party

Sun, Dec 7 Santa Paws

Sat, Dec 13 Children's Story Time With Santa

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 🍁

Benefits Of E-Voting



Your HOA needs higher voter turnout to make critical decisions, like updating governing documents, which requires two-thirds of owners to vote. With only 161 electronic votes recently at our annual meeting—an improvement, however more participation is crucial to save money and streamline processes. Electronic voting (via GetQuorum) offers a modern solution to boost engagement and ensure your voice shapes our community's future.

Higher Participation: E-voting removes barriers like scheduling conflicts and increasing turnout, this helps meet quorums for major decisions.

Cost Savings: Digital voting cuts expenses from printing, mailing, and venues, redirecting funds to community needs.

Convenience and Accessibility: Vote anytime, anywhere via a secure platform, benefiting busy or out-of-state owners.

Efficiency: Automated tallies deliver instant, error-free results.

Security: Encryption and verification ensure trust and transparency.

Contact the managers office to make sure you are signed up for e-voting. 🍁



Saluting Our Veterans On Veteran's Day, November 11th

The following is a list of some of our residents and family members of residents who have served in the military. It is with deepest appreciation that we honor them and thank them for their service to our Nation!

★ **Resident Tim Guerette** served as a Sergeant in the United States Air Force from 1986 to 1990. He was stationed at Hahn Air Base in Germany from 1986 to 1988. Additionally, He was stationed at Homestead Air Force Base in Florida from 1988 to 1990. Tim was a munitions specialist responsible for building, storing and transporting nuclear and conventional weapons.

★ **Departed husband of resident Donna Lang, Jim Lang** served in Vietnam in the Army's 101st Airborne Screaming Eagles from 1964 to 1968. Jim fought in some of the fiercest battles of the early days of the Vietnam conflict. He served with valor and honor resulting in Jim being awarded a Bronze Star and Purple Heart among many other medals.

★ **Son of residents Dessie and Rich Leff, Jason Bradt, MD** served as a Flight Surgeon in the 393rd Bomb Squadron at Whiteman Air Force Base. He served from 1997 to 2003. He was a graduate of Top Knife (Air Force Flight Surgeon Top Gun School). In addition, he was an aircraft mishap investigator and a B-2 continuation survival school instructor. He was part of Operation Noble Anvil (First use of the B-2 Airplane in war) to bomb Serbian forces in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. Jason also served in Operation Infinite Justice/Enduring Freedom air war over Afghanistan in response to the attacks on 9-11 on the U.S. mainland.

★ **Resident Leala Martinez recognizes the service of her husband Calixtro Martinez** He served in the United States Marine Corps for 20 years with 5 of those in active duty combat overseas. Calixtro is currently using the GI bill to attend college with the goal of attending Medical School. Leala and their 5 children are beyond proud of Calixtro.

★ **Resident Ben Pelton** served in the Army from 1993 to 1997. He went in with a Ranger contract, but was recruited to Ft. Myer in VA to work with the Old Guard. The Old Guard is the ceremonial unit to the President of The United States. They also serve in burial ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery (which is their primary function). Ben was part of the Caisson Platoon which performs the horse drawn burial ceremonies in Arlington National Cemetery. He was promoted to Sergeant and was the Training NCO in charge of training new Caisson riders during the latter part of his service.

★ **Resident John Rabold** served in the United States Air Force for more than ten years. John served as an Acquisitions Officer/ Program Manager for weapons systems including aircraft and green door projects (high level classified projects). John transitioned to a Medical Services Corps Officer in charge of managing medical professionals. He had a deployment to Afghanistan and was awarded a Bronze Star. During his service John was stationed at Elgin Air Force Base, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, and Lackland Airforce Base.

★ **Resident Raymond Schrader** served in the United States Marine Corps as a Sergeant E-5 Active Duty from 1963 to 1966. 🍁

** Please note free admission in appreciation of our veterans to Naples Botanical Garden listed in the "Things To Do Around Town" section of our newsletter.*

Things To Do Around Town: Mark Your Calendars!

Stone Crab Festival

Fri, Oct 24th - Sun, Oct 26th. Food, Fun and Live Music! Check www.stonecrabfestival.com for specific times. **Tin City** 1200 5th Ave S., Naples

5th Avenue South Halloween Spooktakular

Sat, Oct 25th 3pm - 5pm. Safe and fun festivities for the family and children.

Cambier Park 755 8th Ave S, Naples

Día de los Muertos Celebration

Sat, Nov 1st 10am - 7pm and Sun, Nov 2nd 10am - 4pm. In the Garden, a colorful holiday celebration to share memories of loved ones and celebrate families and friends. Special displays, tours, and arts and crafts stations.

Naples Botanical Garden

4820 Bayshore Drive, Naples

Naples Botanical Garden Veterans Day Appreciation Weekend

Sat, Nov 8 through Tue, Nov 11 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. All servicemen and women, military personnel (active or retired) will receive free admission to the Garden. **Naples Botanical Garden** 4820 Bayshore Drive, Naples

Festival of Trees and Christmas Market

Sat, Nov 15th 2pm - 8pm. Halls of trees, auction, crafts, treats, musicians and carolers. Free event. **Salvation Army Campus** 3180 Estey Ave, Naples

Christmas Around the World

Sat, Nov 22nd at 4pm. Magical evening of holiday joy. **Ave Maria Town Center** 504 Annunciation Circle, Ave Maria

Naples Christmas Boat Parade

Sat, Dec 13th 6:15pm 8:30pm. Parade can be viewed from Pinchers Tin City, Riverwalk Restaurant, Naples Landing, Kelly's Fish

House, The Boat House on Naples Bay, and Bayview. More details at MIACC.ORG

The Naples Zoo

Sat, Oct 4th, Nov 1st and Dec 6th entry from 9am to 4:30pm. Free admission with proof of Collier County residency. 1590 Goodlette Rd., Naples.

Evening on 5th Ave South

Thur, Oct 9th, Nov 13th and Dec 11th 6:30pm to 9:30pm. Walk around 5th Ave, listen to live musical performances, shop and dine. Naples.

Art After Hours

Wed, Oct 29th, Nov 26th and Dec 17th 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, Oct 2nd, Nov 6th and Dec 14th 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Bring your lawn chairs for entertainment on the lawn featuring Unlimited Devotion celebrating the music of the Grateful Dead. **Mercato** 9110 Strada Pl, Naples.

Movies on the Lawn

Third Tuesdays, times vary. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets.

Hotel Transylvania Oct 21st

8:30pm to 10:30pm

A Christmas Story Nov 18th

5:45pm to 7:30pm

Elf Dec 16th:

5:45pm to 8:15pm

Mercato 9110 Strada Pl, Naples.

Cars & Coffee 3rd Sun

Oct 19th, Nov 16th and Dec 21st 9am - 11:am

Mercato 9110 Strada Pl, Naples. 🍁

Holiday Crafting With Rose Pelton



Naples artisan and BCP resident, Rose Pelton, has taken "sweet" creativity to a whole new level—literally!

Rose's journey in becoming an artisan began with a visit to Hobby Lobby. She came across a whimsical plaque that read "Bake Me a Cake As Fast As You Can!". The saying brought back memories of playing patty cake with her daughters and grandchildren. It also lit an interest for creating an artificial cake that would complement the plaque. Purchasing it led Rose to begin researching and experimenting on how to create what she envisioned. Subsequently, Rose crafted a cake to go with the plaque. This perfect display still sits on her kitchen counter.

What started as a kitchen display quickly turned into a full-fledged passion. Completely self-taught, she now creates everything from cupcakes, cookies, and rock candy to hot cocoa mugs, cotton candy, and even full-size

cakes. Using professional foam bases for the shapes and creating finishing touches with materials like spackle, puff paint, clay and any idea she has that fits the bill, Rose's faux treats are all unique, synthetic and inedible. Her displays are perfect for gifting, holiday ornaments, indoor décor, home staging, store displays and even photo shoots.

Rose has become a favorite at local craft shows in Ft. Myers and Marbella Isles Country Club. Her realistic and whimsical works bring joy and conversation wherever they're displayed. As Rose says, "I make a lot of sweets—and the fake creations are all calorie-free!"

Stay tuned for details on her upcoming hands-on class at the clubhouse, where a limited number of participants can learn directly from the artist herself. If you'd like to be a participant, please email bentcreekcommunications@gmail.com. SPACE IS LIMITED. 🍂



Join The Voice Of Our Community!

The Communications Committee is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help create our quarterly newsletter. No experience necessary - just an interest in staying involved with our community and making a positive impact. If you enjoy writing, sharing new ideas, connecting with neighbors and friends, we'd love to have you on board!

To join, visit the CAM office or email bentcreekcommunications@gmail.com



Homemade Marshmallow Recipe

There's something magical about homemade marshmallows. Forget the rubbery bagged ones from the grocery store. Although they are convenient, these homemade light, pillowy sweet confections will just melt in your mouth! They're great for gifting, holiday decorating, adding to hot chocolate and elevating the flavor of s'mores. Plus, they're easy and kids love to help make them!

Ingredients:

- 3 packages unflavored gelatin
- 1 ½ cups granulated sugar
- cup light corn syrup
- ¼ tsp kosher salt
- 1 Tbsp pure vanilla extract
- Confectioners' sugar, for dusting

Combine the gelatin and ½ cup of cold water in a large bowl. Affix the whisk attachment to an electric mixer and then let it sit while you make the syrup.



In a small pan, combine sugar, corn syrup, salt and ½ cup water. Cook over medium heat until the sugar melts. Raise the heat to high and cook until the syrup reaches 240 degrees on a candy thermometer. Remove from the heat.

With the mixer on low speed, slowly pour the sugar syrup into the dissolved gelatin. Put the mixer on high speed and whip until the mixture is very thick (about 15 minutes). Add the vanilla and mix thoroughly.

Using a fine strainer, generously dust an 8 x 12 inch nonmetal baking dish (like Pyrex) with confectioners' sugar. Pour the marshmallow mixture into the dish, smooth the top and dust with more confectioners' sugar. Allow to stand uncovered overnight until it dries out.

Turn the marshmallows onto a board and cut them into desired shapes, Dust with confectioners' sugar & ENJOY! 🍂

What's Been Happening Around Bent Creek

As reported in the last issue of the Bent Creek Chronicle on July 1st, the Social Committee has been very active this year. This past quarter was no exception. There were three major events, not counting food truck visits, that were enjoyed by our neighbors and friends.

One of the most well attended gatherings of Bent Creek residents was the community BBQ catering to over 60 residents on June 22. With a small supplement from the Social Committee budget, chairperson Denise Bolduc managed to hold expenses to a prepaid admission of \$5.00 which included hamburgers,

cheeseburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, salads, chips,

watermelon, cookies, soft drinks, and bottled water. McDonald's can't even compete with that price!! Grilling was done to perfection by Tom Rosen and our HOA Board President, Ciro Mastropaolo.

On July 18, residents had an opportunity to meet and mingle at a Happy Hour. Attendees brought appetizers to be shared with the group, along with their favorite beverages.



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On September 21, the Social Committee provided an entertaining night of Twisted Bingo. This fun event was open to all residents and had traditional and music bingo games. Soft drinks, snacks and prizes were included in the admission price.

Activities scheduled in the last quarter of 2025 will include a children's Halloween event and Pet Parade on October 26th, an Adult Holiday Party on December 6th, Santa Paws on December 7th, and a storytime visit with

Santa for children on December 13th. Watch for posted notices on our bulletin boards and email reminders from the social committee so that you don't miss any of these wonderful activities.

If you have event ideas or requests for the next or subsequent quarters, please let us know at bentcreeksocial@gmail.com or drop off your idea in the Suggestion Box outside main office. 🍂



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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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	Juniper Customer Care	239-561-5980