



# BENT CREEK CHRONICLE

## Bent Creek Preserve's Bi-Monthly Newsletter

### Happy New Year!

Welcome to your newsletter, the **Bent Creek Chronicle**. The goal of this newsletter is to spread good cheer throughout our community and keep residents up to date on events happening in and around town. We hope you'll find it to be interactive, fun and informative.

Here's to brighter and healthier days ahead in the new year and remember...

what happened  
in 2020,  
stays in  
2020!



### Updates from the Bent Creek Preserve Manager and Board of Directors

We are happy to announce that the BCP committees below have been established.

- ACC (Architectural Control Committee)
- Communications
- Fining
- Finance/Budget
- Landscape
- Legal
- Rules/Regulations
- Security
- Social

At this time all committee post assignments have been approved by the Board. All residents who were contacted and responded have been assigned to committees base on their level of interest and availability. As always, all residents are encouraged to contact the BCP Cam with their interest in serving on future committee vacancies. Thank you to all our current committee members for their time and effort.

#### Mailboxes

With the final homes almost complete, the USPS has brought it to our attention that we do not have enough mailboxes or parcels. During the next 30 days you will

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## Our Children Are Our Future



And that is why we want to help encourage excellence by showering our Bent Creek kids with praise for their scholastic, athletic and charitable achievements in every issue of the Bent Creek Chronicle.

If your child has earned extra praise and you would like to see him or her featured here, please email your submittal, including a photo (optional) to [bentcreekchronicle@gmail.com](mailto:bentcreekchronicle@gmail.com) and each month we'll choose one or two kids to feature in the upcoming issues.

We trust that over time, this will become one of the most anticipated sections of the Bent Creek Chronicle. ■



## Let's Go Team Bent Creek!

### Upcoming Board Meeting Schedule

- Feb 10                      • August 25
- May 19                     • November 17

All meetings are held at 6:00 PM. Agendas and format will be posted in advanced.

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notice work being done on the Mailbox pavilion. The installer will try to keep the disruption to a minimum. Your mailbox location should not change. However, if a box does have to change, the resident will be immediately notified.

### Atrium Fountain Repair

If you have visited the pool in the last 2 weeks, you may have noticed that the wall fountain in the atrium is not on. The fountain is leaking and has caused water damage in the ladies' bathroom that is opposite that wall. The damaged dry wall has been removed, but it cannot be replaced until the area inside the wall is waterproofed and the fountain leak is repaired. COVID has caused a delay on the repair but the fountain should be back to normal within the next 2-3 weeks.

### Pool & Pool Deck Hours

Recently there have been many inquiries regarding the pool and pool deck hours. The pool deck is open until 10pm HOWEVER the pool and spa are only open dusk to dawn.

Most pools and spas in Florida, are considered "public pools" and are governed by Chapter 514, Florida Statutes and Chapter 64E-9, Florida Code Applicable law prohibits "night swimming" unless the lighting requirements of Section 64E-9.006(2)(c), FAC are met.

*\*A community that does not meet those requirements must ban pool or spa use from a half-hour before sunset until a half-hour after sunrise.*

### Please Be A Good Neighbor And Remember To:

- Obey the speed limits and stop signs
- Pick up your pet's waste and do not leave the bag behind
- Store toys, tools, etc., in closed garage when not in use

### ACC Process And Meeting Dates

The ACC committee meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month beginning at 10:00 AM. All modification applications must be submitted no later than the Thursday prior to the meeting (which is 3 business days before the meeting). A completed application includes all required certificates of insurance, vendor business licenses, survey or drawings of the work requested and a list of plants to be installed. The next meeting is February 17, 2021.

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## An Update From Dave Caple Of Caple Landscaping

*This letter from Dave Caple is an update on the landscaping activities that will be occurring in and around Bent Creek Preserve and the reasons behind them. He also offers a little wisdom on dealing with your newly planted flowers. This is the first in a series of updates that will be coming to you from the BCP vendors.*

All turf is being fertilized this week and is our first application of four for the year. By weeks end we will have spread approximately 10 tons of turf fertilizer. We will let that fertilizer activate for a couple of weeks before we return for weed control. Herbicides work best when weed growth is healthy as they uptake chemicals much faster. We will experience some weed growth not only in turf but landscape beds as well due to fertilization, it is unavoidable. Winter annual weeds such as dollar weed and chickweed will pop up after fertilization just to name a few.

All Palms were fertilized in January using an 8-2-12 Palm formulation fertilizer. Many of the newer palms in the villa section of the development are chlorotic as they are newly planted and we have been experiencing extreme cool temps, which causes stress and color problems. This fertilizer application should improve color within a month or two. We will apply palm fertilizer again in May.

All plant materials were fertilized in December and will also be fertilized again in late April or May. We use a fertilizer that releases over 180 days and therefore only requires two applications per year. We normally feed plant materials in late October but had trouble obtaining the fertilizer due to Covid-19. This product is a 75% slow release so the overlap in coverage will not harm plant materials.

All cordgrass were cut back on lake banks in January, this is an activity that will take place 2-3 times per year only to keep fresh growth.

Tree stakes were removed in December for all qualifying trees. That is trees that have been staked for a minimum of 6 months

to a year. Please keep in mind that removal is necessary as the straps, wire, or two by four stakes will girdle the tree if left too long causing damage. We do not remove stakes for appearance sake only, they are removed to prevent damage. Some varieties of smaller trees will require staking from time to time due to high winds.

Our irrigation contractor was on site this week to perform the monthly irrigation wet check which should have been completed by end of week. However, Sunnygrove Landscaping is on site this week installing the irrigation for the new section of privacy wall on Immokalee Road as well as the last couple of Villas. They had to tap into the main line for connection to our system and the pumps have been off during the days for said connections. Jukins Irrigation will return early next week to complete the January irrigation wet check. A scheduling conflict is preventing them from returning to complete the wet checks this week.

Would like to take the opportunity to inform residents that annual flower color planted at individual homes may require hand watering. Our goal is to deliver just enough water for established lawns and landscaping.

Overwatering is a cardinal sin for any grower or landscaper and causes way more harm. Especially in cold weather like we have been experiencing recently, overwatering during cold temps like this will cause root rot. Be assured that we are on site daily and tour the property to inspect for water conditions. I personally tour the property at least 4 days per week and the Jukins team is on site daily for

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## What's Happening Around Town?

This editorial was extracted on Jan 11, 2021 from the Facebook group page [Tim's In the Know](#)



Future Site of  
Volcano Mountain  
Adventure Golf

Don't be surprised to see a volcano rising from the ground soon off Immokalee Road. That will be the site of Volcano Mountain Adventure Golf, an 18-hole miniature golf project planned to open

this summer between The Warehouse restaurant and Goodwill store and behind the Taco Bell drive-thru and Brickyard car wash in the Cameron Commons retail center on the northeastern corner of Immokalee Road and Collier Boulevard. The proposed Volcano Mountain will include an 18,000 square foot miniature golf course with lush tropical landscaping and waterfalls, a shade structure and an associated 514-square-foot building for offices and restrooms.

Volcano Mountain is expected to break ground this month, said Kevin Forgèt, general manager of The Warehouse. The new business will have two access drives off Sage Avenue, one connected with The Warehouse entrance on Sage, site development plans show. Before the Forgèts launched The Warehouse four years ago, a three-story, indoor self-storage building previously was proposed for that adjacent property. ■

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service calls and work orders. We monitor irrigation needs daily and reduce or add time when necessary. Right now we have our irrigation timers set at 70% of water delivery due to the cool conditions. As our temperatures heat up we will increase water delivery. As your provider I would tell you that I would prefer to see our turf begin to show signs of stress on the day water is to be delivered. That is an optimum goal for healthy turf, less water is more. The Bent Creek site has an abundance of rock in the substrate which causes the site to hold extreme amounts of water during rainy season. We also have to juggle middle yards that get very little sunlight to open rear and front yards with direct sunlight, which makes it that much more difficult to deliver the appropriate amount of irrigation water. Again our goal is to deliver just enough water for the site as a whole.

The cold temps are also limiting turf mowing. Until our temps heat up and require weekly mowing we will be on a biweekly mowing schedule. This is absolutely the correct practice for our variety of turf grass. These non mow weeks allow us time for some of the items listed above such as stake removal, palm cleaning, and cordgrass trimming around lakes as well as our regular duties.

Hope this is a helpful explanation of recent events and we will continue to update you with landscape happenings! ■

## Resident Business Directory

Many Bent Creek residents own their own companies and we're happy to help our neighbors achieve success. We're compiling a list that will be provided to all existing and future residents as a business reference. If you'd like to list your business, please email your submittals to [bentcreekchronicle@gmail.com](mailto:bentcreekchronicle@gmail.com) and we'll include you on the list. Please only submit the following information: Your name, your company name, your co's specialty, address and contact numbers. ■

## Local Charity Highlight



St. Matthew's House began in 1987 when a group of Naples parishioners followed a calling to bring food to a

homeless population living in a nearby wooded area. The "Task Force for the Homeless" began gathering contributions of both food and clothing, establishing the mission's food pantry.

Throughout the years, community support has helped grow the small mission into a multi-faceted organization focused on spiritual change. Because of the success of its various businesses (which includes 6 thrift stores, 2 catering companies, a full service restaurant and hotel & conference center) St. Matthew's House is able pay for all its administrative expenses so that 100% of all charitable donations are directed toward life-changing programs.

Today, St. Matthew's House continues to run the original Emergency/Transitional Housing and Feeding Ministry along with its Justin's Place Recovery Program, Collier and Hendry County jail

chaplain services. The organization has around 250 employees of whom nearly half are current or former residents of the shelter and/or transitional housing programs.

"St. Matthew's House was founded by a small group of folks who had a heart to help their neediest neighbors," says Peter Johnson, who is a Bent Creek resident and the VP of Development at St. Matthew's House. "Still today it is a great place to go if you want to make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate. We couldn't help so many people in Collier County were it not for the thousands of volunteers and donors who support our work every year."

"Some volunteer opportunities are no longer available due to COVID restrictions," says Johnson. "But we have expanded volunteer opportunities in the food services area. We can use all the help we can get!"

In the news:

[Fox4 coverage on January food distributions](#)

[NBC2 coverage about new food distribution sites](#)

[Learn how to become a volunteer at St. Matthew's House](#) ■

## Social Committee Announcement



We're back Bent Creek! And our Welcome Back BYOB and appetizer event is Feb, 25, 2021, from 7 pm - 9 pm in the Bent Creek Event Room. Bring your favorite drink and app and join us for our first HOA Social Committee event! Please rsvp the number attending to [BentCreekSocial@gmail.com](mailto:BentCreekSocial@gmail.com) by February 23, 2021, so we can be certain to follow all Covid-19 guidelines. ■

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### Security

A few weeks ago the board sent out an email asking for your views on the rover security service. Thank you for your comments and suggestions. The Security Committee will be working with the Board to create a security plan that better suits the needs of Bent Creek Preserve. ■

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