The Baywood Buzz

March 2022



Upcoming BCVA Events:

March Town Halls: Every Wednesday, 11:30am



March 25: Pool Party, 3pm
March 29: Bingo Night, 6pm
March 31: Mexican Taco Night, 5pm
April 7, 14, 21 & 28: Thirsty Thursday, 5pm
Baywood Colony Villas Calendar

Note from the Baywood Board by Sue McConnell, President

As the Baywood Colony Villas Association (BCVA) Board President, I welcome you to the inaugural edition of The Baywood Buzz. With the help of the board and our wonderful volunteers, we want to share more information about Baywood and our activities.

One of the issues I have heard from multiple owners is the desire to have more frequent and beneficial communication with the Board and our management company, Casey Management. To that end, we are taking several steps, including re-launching a BCVA newsletter.

We also started to include committee reports with the board meeting agendas for your review prior to the board meeting. These committee updates include valuable information on the work and research that has already been completed. We hope that sharing this information prior to the meeting will allow us to focus our meeting time on items that require further discussion and decisions.

In addition, we are updating the <u>BCVA website</u> (take a look if you haven't been there in a while) and posting materials more timely. If you do not have access to the owners information, you can request registration via the link on the website.

In an effort to make the weekly Town Hall meeting with Casey Management accessible to more owners, we have moved the meeting to Wednesdays from 11:30am-12:30pm at the Clubhouse. Although Casey is unable to accommodate a routine meeting after 5pm, it is hoped including some lunch hour time will allow our working owners better access in person to Casey. Remember, this meeting is primarily dedicated for BCVA Owners/residents to directly connect with the Casey Management team. Casey is your first line of action when you have an issue that needs to be addressed. Issues or concerns can be expressed in person during the meeting or by contacting Casey Management directly.

We have initiated several ad hoc committees the first half of the year, to help us gain insight and creative ideas on how to address some of our more complex issues such as seawall maintenance, clubhouse and pool renovation and more. Keep an eye on the newsletter and board meetings for more info as these important committees share their findings.

So, thank you for taking time to read this newsletter. You will soon receive a survey via email asking for your input to make "The Baywood Buzz" meaningful to you. Please take the time to complete the survey and share your opinion.

Other Things To Do Around Town

We live in our hidden gem neighborhood with much to do, yet steps away from so much more!

Phillippi Farmers Market Wednesdays through May, 9am–2pm:



Perry's BBQ is a *must* have! Live music and the park is dog friendly. March 23 & 30th will feature Steel Drums. Click <u>here</u> for more information.



Phillippi Creek Free Brown Bag Concert Series Thursdays through March 31. Take a chair for live music every Thursday at 12:00pm at the gazebo. March 24: Jimmy Mazz & March 31: Sophisticated Swing Band.



Beyond Van Gogh at the Starry Night Pavillion, University Town Center (UTC) now through April 24, 2022. See over 300 Van Gogh artworks in the largest immersive experience in the country. <u>https://vangoghsarasota.com/</u>

Siesta Key's Crescent Club - Famous Free Hot Dog Saturday 12-4pm. Take a walk over



the Stickney Point bridge to one of the oldest bars on the Key. Pop through Public Access 12 across the street for a walk on Crescent Beach.



The Ringling Museum - Free Mondays 10am to 5pm

The Museum of Art and Bayfront Gardens are free to the public on Mondays. Click <u>here</u> for more information.

The Beach University series returns to the Siesta Beach main

pavilion. Free educational series about coastal environments in one-hour sessions. Beach University sessions are from 9:30am - 10:30am, every Thursday in March at the main pavilion on Siesta Beach. Bring a chair as seating is limited. No registration is required.

March 27, 2022: Venice AACA's 32nd Annual Antique Collector Car Show.

Take a look at over 250 cool old and vintage rides from many eras. Free admission. 8am. -3pm. Centennial Park, downtown Venice, FL. Click <u>here</u> for more info



Board Approvals and Committee Updates

In order to keep you informed, we are providing *highlights* from the most recent committee reports and Board meeting. Please see the March 2022 Board Packet for the full reports. So much time and effort is done by our neighbors who volunteer on these committees. Please take time to read the full reports that are now made available to everyone.

The 2022 BCVA Priorities were approved. Check them out on the BCVA website.

Finance Committee



The Board approved the Finance Committee's request to obtain 3 quotes to perform an updated reserve study. Goal is completion in time for the 2023 budget process this fall. A reserve study predicts an asset's remaining life and estimated replacement cost of the asset and is required by the State of Florida every three years. The last study was done in 2020. The committee is also working hard to find savings with our insurance.



Architectural Committee

The Patio Rules and Regulations were approved by the Board. Please note that until we get the county stamp of approval on our submitted documents changes these are not in effect. We will let you know when you can start applying for patios per these requirements.

Grounds & Gardens Committee (G & G)



The board approved G & G recommendation to remove the tree behind 5806\5810 Driftwood Place as the arborist said it was in danger of falling in a storm and leaf cleanup which is a budgeted item. Stay tuned for dates. The committee requested BrightView institute a 3 month moratorium on the use of RoundUp

based on concerns associated with long term use of the product. After the 3 months the committee would reassess to see if any problems have developed. G & G recommends Mark Spreen Lawn Service if anyone needs help with their 3 foot area. Mark can be reached at (941) 724-5530.

Operations Committee



The Board approved a bid from Top to Bottom Pressure washing to pressure wash the sloping roofs (mansards) of the villas, carports, and clubhouse. We will notify you of the date once we know it. Please move out any furniture/items close to the mansards and take whatever plant protection steps you desire.

We NEED your help!

• The pool committee members need assistance with the daily required Sarasota County Public Pool water guality checks and the log book. Please reach out to Sue McConnell if you are willing to pitch in.



• We need some volunteers to change the clubhouse filters every 3 months. Note it requires climbing a ladder. Contact a



Clubhouse committee member or a board member to volunteer.

After months of discussion, the Board voted to temporarily shut down the fountain. It is in need of repair and at this time, we do not have the financial or volunteer resources to properly care for it. Once we confirm ownership of the park(Sarasota County vs. BCVA), we will explore our options.

Clubhouse and Hospitality Committees

A big *thank you* to all who volunteered to complete the Clubhouse deep clean on Saturday, March 19.



The Board approved the Clubhouse Committee request to paint and do some renovation on the 2 locker room areas, total cost of \$500. Thanks to the volunteers who will make this happen.

Based on the input Bernie Birch received from the donors of the exercise equipment in the clubhouse, it was agreed it would be sold and the space used for other clubhouse activities.

The hospitality committee has recommended the Board consider a fee for private use of the clubhouse to offset costs such as

electricity, cleaning, etc. The suggested fee is \$50. After discussion, this topic was tabled to a future date in order to obtain more owner input. Please contact a board member with your thoughts.

Contact Information - Casey Management

Casey Management should be the first line of contact for inquiries, maintenance needs and concerns.

Our primary Casey Management contact is Lou Espinoza, LCAM and he can be reached at <u>lespinosa@caseymangement.com</u>.

Casey Management 4370 S. Tamiami Trail, Suite 102, Sarasota, FL 34231 Phone: (941) 922-3391

In an emergency maintenance situation such as plumbing issues we try to use <u>Daniel's Plumbing</u> - (941) 926-7272 or Cy Blue Plumbing -(941-923-1153) as they know BVCA pipe layout. Owners should contact the plumber directly as well as Casey Management and a Board member to help coordinate efforts.

Contact Information - Baywood Board

Sue McConnell, President, <u>baywoodMcConnell@gmail.com</u> Mark Sappol, Vice-President, <u>baywoodSappol@gmail.com</u> Jerry Williams, Treasurer, <u>baywoodWilliams@gmail.com</u> Martha McKlveen, Secretary, <u>baywoodMcKleveen@gmail.com</u> Bernie Birch, <u>baywoodBirch@gmail.com</u> Jeff Dix, <u>baywoodDix@gmail.com</u> Scott Labat, <u>baywoodLabat@gmail.com</u> **The Baywood Colony Villas Website** Houses many useful resources for our community.



The <u>Owners Page</u> will allow you to access important Board Meeting Minutes, Packets, Financials along with historical Reserve Studies. Owners do need to register for access.

BCVA Rules and Regulations are available here.

All <u>Forms</u> can be found on the <u>Baywood Colony Villas site</u>. Everything you might need from Selling, Leasing, Architectural changes, Landscaping, Clubhouse Use, other owner forms and information.

<u>Calendar</u> of Events with all the fun social gatherings and meetings is updated regularly. Check back often as Bernie Birch and the social committee are always adding opportunities to gather and socialize!

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