

Spring 2020



Bel Mare at Riviera Dunes

April 2020

Message from our President...



Greetings –

Committees are up and running and working to improve our home.

Event Planning has started weekly Saturday morning pickleball games, and has more activities planned. Its mission is to “Promote and facilitate community spirit and involvement through fun social activities and to facilitate residents to plan and host events of their liking. Assisting residents in the planning and advertising of the events that they would like to have.”

Strategic Planning continues to monitor uses of our North Property. It is looking into implementing digital voting at Bel Mare to make participation in elections easier and more inclusive. We recently learned that the City of Palmetto and the developer of hotels near the Convention Center would like to acquire part of the North Property for use in the construction of a roundabout on Haben Boulevard. One of the venues to monitor those developments is the Strategic Planning Committee.

Design and Aesthetics is evaluating ways to update our common areas including guest suites, lobbies, workrooms, social rooms; and establishment of a library made up of a “take one/leave one” bookcase.

Security, Policies, and Conduct is drafting a letter to be sent to residents notifying about the imposition of fines for violations of Bel Mare’s Declaration of Condominium, and will be advising the Board on the purchase and placement of new and additional security cameras.

The Fining Committee, required by statute, will hear appeals in connection with imposition of fines.

The Finance Committee will meet each month to review the financial statements.

The Maintenance Department gets input from the Maintenance Committee.

The Landscape Committee regularly monitors our grounds.

Please look for eblasts of meetings, which are also posted in elevators and the mailroom. Come and join the conversation about how to improve our home.

Best,

Valerie Biebuyck

Board President



Association Office

Monday–Friday
8:00 a.m-4:30 p.m.
941-729-5891

Toni Giliberti
Property Manager

Marie Sargeant
Administrative Assistant

Maintenance Office

Monday-Friday
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
941-722-4084

Peter Fehr
Maintenance Supervisor

Leon Mullet
Maintenance Technician

Emergency Phone number for
after hours is 1-800-337-5850

Guard House

Monday-Thursday
1:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Friday –Sunday
8:00 a.m. –10:00 p.m.

Residents, **WE NEED YOUR INPUT.....**

New committees have been started this year and we need your help. Plan on attending a meeting and hear what is being suggested for the place you call home.

2020 Committees

Design and Aesthetics

Event Planning

Finance

Landscape

Maintenance

Security, Policies and Conduct

Strategic Planning

Studies show that over half of Americans don't know their neighbors.

Serving on a committee allows you to socialize and network with other people. If you live in a particularly large development, getting to know everyone can be a tough task to accomplish. By becoming a member of a committee, you widen your reach and meet new people.

There are many ways for you to contribute, organize a social event, research items to be purchased, or, locate new maintenance services (landscaping services, pool cleaning services, etc.).



Welcome New Residents

David Dickson	1- 302
Gloria & Terry Cartwright	1- 403
Lorene Miller	1- 406
Andrew Semple	1- 504
William & Thea Tokajer	1- 704

In our newsletter last quarter, we introduced you to Quinn who is a service dog living in Building Two. The last name of Quinn and his owners Mac & Roma was spelled incorrectly. Their last name is McDonough. Your kindness towards this error was appreciated.

**Welcome
The McDonough
Family**



When you do nothing you feel overwhelmed and powerless. But when you get involved you feel the sense of hope and accomplishment that comes from knowing you are working to make things better.

Maya Angelou



CORONA VIRUS UPDATE

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World Health Organization advice for avoiding spread of COVID-19

Hygiene advice

Clean hands frequently with soap and water, or alcohol-based hand rub.

Wash hands after coughing or sneezing;

When caring for the sick; before; during and after food preparation; before eating; after using the toilet; when hands are visibly dirty; and after handling animals or waste.

Maintain at least 6 feet distance from anyone who is coughing or sneezing.

Avoid touching your hands, nose and mouth. Do not spit in public.

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or bent elbow when coughing or sneezing.

Discard the tissue immediately and clean your hands.

Medical advice

If you feel unwell seek medical care early and call local health authorities in advance.

Stay up to date on COVID-19 developments issued by health authorities, follow guidance.

Mask usage

Healthy individuals only need to wear a mask if taking care of a sick person.

Wear a mask if you are coughing or sneezing.

Masks are effective when used in combination with frequent hand cleaning.

Do not touch the mask while wearing it. Clean hands if you touch the mask.

Learn how to properly put on, remove and dispose of masks.

Clean hands after disposing of mask, do not reuse single-use masks.

Manatee County Government buildings to close to the public for walk-in services for 15 days beginning March 18 at 8 a.m.

**Corona virus update
continued**

Here's a quick update to let everyone know what precautions we are taking to keep the property sanitized. The janitorial staff (on property from 8-12 pm) has been asked to take extra measures to sanitize all high touch areas: door handles, push bars on doors, elevator buttons, fitness center equipment, etc. From the hours of 12-4 pm, Toni and Marie will be sanitizing the elevator buttons and door handles in Building 1 and Peter and Leon will take care of the elevators and door handles in Building 2.

In addition, the pool furniture has been sanitized and stored away as the pool is closed at this time. Also closed is the fitness center which has been sanitized. All amenities have been closed down until further notice.

Lastly, pay attention to the guidelines/recommendations that you see and hear from the CDC on a daily basis and follow those guidelines for everyone's benefit.

Hopefully we will get through this quickly and without incident. Everyone's cooperation to date is very much appreciated.

Management Office

TO ALL OWNERS/RESIDENTS:

If you have been exposed to or have contracted the Coronavirus, it is mandatory that you immediately inform the Management Office for the safety of all. There is protocol that we need to follow should this happen.

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Yoga and Health Expo Bradenton Convention Center

Sun, August 9, 2020
10:00 AM – 7:00 PM



Featuring everything health and wellness related, yoga classes, health education, holistic practices, medical centers, local yoga studios and Health food samples.

Did you that Manatee County has the following dog parks for your fur babies to play.....

Creekwood Dog Park

7025 44th Avenue E. Bradenton, FL 34203

Happy Tails Dog Park

51ST St W 29th W, Bradenton, FL 34208

Palma Sola Causeway Park

9000 Manatee Avenue, Bradenton, FL 34209



Fav's Italian Cucina celebrates

Twenty years in Downtown Bradenton. Brother-and-sister team of Michael and Maria Favasuli were one of the first to open a business on Old Main Street.

Fav's has built a following with its hand made pizza baked in the 575 degree brick oven.

Call 941-708-3287 for more information.



MANATEE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Atlantic City Boys
April 25th 2020
8:00 PM-10:00 PM

The Atlantic City boys have wowed audiences from Las Vegas, New York, Cruise Ships, and of course, Atlantic City. They are four dynamic lead singers who lend their world-class vocals to the harmonies of the 60's singing the hits of The Drifters, The Beach Boys, and Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. Inspired by the hit musical, Jersey Boys, the Atlantic City boys combine smooth dance moves, fun audience participation, and show-stopping numbers to get audiences on their feet show after show!

Manatee Art Center



The premier center for art, art education and unique gifts in Manatee County. 209 9th St West Bradenton, FL 34205 ArtCenter Hours. Monday, Friday, Saturday 9am-5pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am-6pm Closed Sundays.

Founded in 1937, ArtCenter Manatee is located in downtown Bradenton at the intersection of arts and culture. ArtCenter Manatee is the premier center for art, art education and unique gifts in Manatee County. The nearly 10,000 sq. ft. building in downtown Bradenton features three galleries with exhibits that change monthly, five classrooms that hold over 3,000 students every year, an Artists' Market gift shop and an art library featuring over 3,000 art volumes.

Important things to remember as a resident of Bel Mare

- ◆ If you are gone for the summer, remember our Florida storms can be severe. Please secure everything on your patio, bring items inside if necessary.
- ◆ Meet someone new, join us for Happy Hour once a month.
- ◆ Remember glass of any kind is not allowed in the pool area, only plastic cups, dishes etc. are allowed.
- ◆ Clean grills after each use, instructions are listed on wall.

- ◆ All vehicles parked in the garage must have a Bel Mare Sticker placed in their window
- ◆ All visitors staying overnight must have a pass shown in the dash board of their car. Go to the Bel Mare website to request this.
- ◆ Stop by the office and make sure your pets are registered and up to date with their vaccinations.
- ◆ Pool and Spa hours are from dawn to dusk.
- ◆ Do not leave shopping carts in the elevator.

The following are guidelines taken directly from our **Declaration of Condominium of Bel Mare, a Condominium**. It is very important as owners that we maintain our units properly, especially during the hot and humid summer months.

ARTICLE XXI

Miscellaneous

21.1 Mold and Mildew Awareness Preventions. As part of the Association's and the Board's responsibility for maintenance and repair of the Condominium Property as set forth in this Declaration and the Units Owner's responsibility to maintain his Unit, there are many ways that the Association and Board and Unit Owners can help to control moisture and mold located on, under, within or adjacent to the Condominium Property, including, but not limited to, the Units, the Common Elements and Limited Common Elements. **The following is a list of suggestions, which is not meant to be allinclusive.**

21.1.1. Owners and other Occupants should keep indoor humidity levels as low as possible by running the air conditioning unit at a comfortable level. Remember, the cooler the air is, the less humidity it will hold, thereby limiting the growth of mold and mildew.

21.1.2 Use of a dehumidifier by Owners and Occupants is a great way to keep the humidity levels lower than normal when needed.

Declaration of Condominium of Bel Mare, a Condominium **continued...**

21.1.3 Owners can install a humidistat to existing air conditioning control systems, and this is also an excellent way to keep the humidity levels lower when any indoor space is left unoccupied for extended periods of time.

21.1.4 There are numerous brands of moisture absorbent chemicals available to Owners and Occupants, which can help keep the humidity inside the Unit at a proper level while indoor space is unoccupied for short periods of time.

21.1.5 Owners and other Occupants **should not run air conditioners with windows open**. The air conditioning system is not designed to keep up with the moisture and heat load this condition will generate. When windows are left open, there is a risk of saturating everything inside the indoor space (walls, furniture, carpeting, etc.) with more moisture than the air conditioning system is designed to remove. Remember, mold needs moisture to survive. The drier the indoor space, the better off the indoor space will be.

21.1.6 Owners, tenants and other Occupants must fix leaking plumbing and any other source of unwanted water immediately. If the source of the leak is not within the Unit or not the responsibility of the Owner, then **the leak must be reported in writing immediately to the Association**.

21.1.7 Owners, tenants and other Occupants must maintain proper humidity levels in Units. Equipment that conditions the air, such as air conditioners, dehumidifiers and ventilation systems, should be operated year round.

21.1.8 Owners must have major appliances and equipment, such as heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems **inspected, cleaned and serviced regularly by a qualified professional**.

21.1.9 Owners, tenants and other Occupants must clean and dry refrigerator, air conditioning and dehumidifier drip pans and filters regularly.

For additional guidelines, go to the Bel Mare Website, click on Bel Mare Governing Documents for the complete Declaration.



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Birds of Bel Mare

By
Valerie Biebuyck

Blackburnian Warbler



Spring Migration

The month of April means spring migration as billions of birds head north to their summer breeding grounds from their southern wintering grounds.

The trip is staggering. The Bar-tailed Godwit holds the long-distance record, traveling almost 7,000 miles non-stop between breeding areas in Alaska and its non-breeding home in New Zealand. Just before this monumental trip, 55 percent of its body weight is stored as fat to fuel the journey.

Birds migrate to move from areas of low or decreasing resources to areas of high or increasing resources. The two most important resources? Food and prime nesting locations.

The mechanisms that prompt what is known as “migratory restlessness” are not completely understood, but appear to involve a combination of factors such as changes in day length, temperatures, food supplies, and genetic predisposition. For centuries, people who kept caged birds as pets noticed that each spring and fall, otherwise docile birds would become restless, repeatedly fluttering toward one side of their cage presumably in an attempt to get out and start the long journey to the north or south.

Another migration mystery? How the birds actually know where to go! Each year, many birds travel thousands of miles along the same route with little deviation. First-year birds often make their first migration to their winter home on their own, without ever having seen it or traveled to it before. We know that birds get compass information that helps them know where to fly in part based on information they receive from the sun, the stars, the earth’s magnetic field, landmarks seen during the day, perhaps even the sense of smell for some species. But a full explanation may forever remain a mystery.

The journey is arduous, testing a bird’s physical and mental capabilities. Stress and sheer exhaustion, lack of food, bad weather, exposure, and increased vulnerability to predators all take their toll. Recently, long-distance migrants have faced a growing threat from communication towers and tall buildings as many species are attracted to their lights and have fatal collisions with them.

Each spring, birders engage in a migration of their own as they head to “migrant traps” to see firsthand the birds traveling to or arriving at their northern breeding grounds in their beautiful, freshly-grown, bright mating plumage designed to attract the attention of potential mates. Migrant traps tend to attract migrating birds in larger than normal numbers because of local weather conditions, geographic location, topography, and sources for food and water. Small songbirds such as tanagers, orioles, and warblers (known as “eye candy” or the “jewels” of the spring avian world because of their delightful and bright breeding feathers) leave land at an area such as Mexico’s Yucatan Peninsula and fly nonstop, sometimes for days, across the Gulf of Mexico. When a storm or cold front brings a north wind that beats against these tiny creatures struggling to make their way north, they literally fall to the ground as soon as they see land – called a “fallout.” All of the land along the Gulf of Mexico can be the site of a fallout, or at least a steady stream of migrants lucky enough to travel with a stiff breeze from the south to push them along. A few years ago, JC and I experienced our first fallout at Fort DeSoto in Tierra Verde. Birders had to tread carefully to avoid stepping on birds that had dropped to the ground in exhaustion after a storm-ridden journey across the Gulf. After resting and recovering, so many others were flying about that at times they seemed to be swarms of large insects.

Our region is blessed with many potential migrant traps and routine stops for travelling birds within minutes or a short drive from Bel Mare, such as:

Felts Audubon Preserve in Palmetto

Emerson Point Preserve in Palmetto

Robinson Preserve in Bradenton

Leffis Key Preserve on Anna Maria Island

The Celery Fields in Sarasota

Fort DeSoto Park in Tierra Verde

Keep an eye out, and you might even see some of these beautiful and remarkable travellers near Lake Bel Mare.

LET'S GET SOCIAL!



Game Night

“ Why limit happy to an hour? ”
-W.C. FIELDS





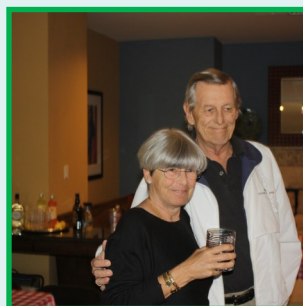
Attention Residents

For your enjoyment, the Tennis court has been re-surfaced, and a new Pickle Ball court was added. Stop by and see one of the GREAT amenities here at Bel Mare.





**The 2nd Annual
Vitori
Italian Dinner**





Brain Teasers are questions, puzzles, riddles etc. that make us challenge our mind. It requires us to think outside the box and use our brain in ways that make it stronger. Research has shown that a **dexterous brain** makes for happier, healthier people in general.

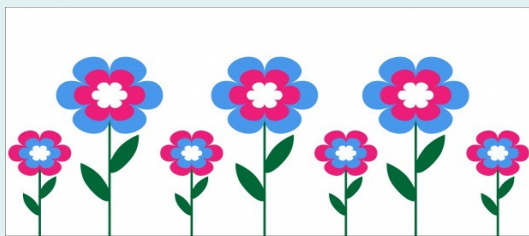


Spring is here! All the gardens on Hilldale Avenue are ablaze with color from flowering bulbs. The five gardens are each filled with different flowers. Alice and her neighbors, including Taylor, planted their bulbs at different times last summer and fall. From the following clues, can you determine each neighbor's first and last name, type of bulbs in each garden, each neighbor's address and when their bulbs were planted?

First names: Alice, Bob, Carl, Denise, Evelyn
 Last names: Stewart, Taylor, Upland, Vickers, Wilson
 Addresses: 23, 24, 25, 26, 27
 Bulbs: Tulips, Daffodils, Crocus, Snowdrops, Hyacinths
 Planting Dates: Aug.30, Sept.10, Sept.26, Oct.2, Oct.31



1. The 5 neighbors are Carl, the daffodil lady, Stewart, the neighbor who always plants last, and the one who resides at number 24.
2. Ms. Wilson returned from her vacation on the last day of September, just in time to plant her bulbs at number 23 Hilldale Avenue.
3. Vickers planted her bulbs after number 27 but long before the crocus went into the ground.
4. Denise always plants her bulbs, which have an initial letter that is the same as the initial of her last name, on the date that corresponds with her address.
5. Mr. Taylor gave out Halloween goodies for "Trick or Treat" on the same day that he planted his crocus bulbs.
6. Alice Vickers dislikes the smell of hyacinths.



Answer

Alice Vickers, Tulips, Sept.10, No. 24
 Bob Taylor, Crocus, Oct.31, No.25
 Carl Upland, Hyacinths, Aug.30, No.27
 Denise Stewart, Snowdrops, Sept.26, No. 26
 Evelyn Wilson, Daffodils, Oct.2, No.23

Stop by the Maintenance Office and meet **Leon Mullet**. Leon is our new Maintenance Technician.



Welcome

Please note that this newsletter was put together prior to current circumstances of the pandemic.