



THE BRINY BUGLE
JUNE 2017



FRIDAY		
Trash Pickup	Early Morning	
Community BBQ (6/2, 6/16, 6/30)	6:00 p.m.	Pool Cabana
Dominos	7:00 p.m.	West Clubroom
SATURDAY		
Beach Dune Restoration Day (6/10)	8:00 a.m.	Briny Beach
Ping Pong	7:00 p.m.	Community Center
SUNDAY		
Hand & Foot	7:00 p.m.	Ocean Clubhouse
MONDAY		
Paper & Aluminum Pickup	Early Morning	
Lawn Debris Pickup	Early Morning	
Hope and Help Sewing	1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Hobby Club
TUESDAY		
Trash Pickup	Early Morning	
Bridge	12:30 p.m.	Community Center
Pinochle	6:45 p.m.	Community Center
Penny Games	7:00 p.m.	West Clubroom
WEDNESDAY		
Beach Club Happy Hour	5:00 p.m.	Ocean Clubhouse
Board Games/Rummikub	7:00 p.m.	West Clubroom
THURSDAY		
Lawn Debris Pickup	Early Morning Only	
Pinochle	1:00 p.m.	Community Center
Town Council Meeting (6/22)	4:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Open Games	7:00 p.m.	West Clubroom
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Trash Pickup	Early Morning	
Dominos	7:00 p.m.	West Clubroom

*** ARTICLES FOR THE JULY BUGLE DUE BY NOON ON FRIDAY, JUNE 23rd ***

PHONE NUMBER CHANGE Marge Leverage northern (616)402-7513 and cell (561)707-3789.

COMMUNITY CARING CENTER Thank you all for your generous food donations to the CCC. They have sent "thank you" notes which are posted in the mail room. When I deliver the food, I see and hear from the men, women, children, and staff their personal appreciation of your caring. ~ Ann Kimlicka

Community-wide FRIDAY NIGHTS BBQ June 2, 16, 30th - Join fellow Summer Residents at the Pool Cabana around 6:00 PM. Bring side dish to share with everyone, your own meat/main dish to cook on the grill, drinks, utensils and plates. Casual or Swim wear appropriate as many choose to swim during evening. Feel free to stop by anytime even if not eating for great socializing. New residents and family guest always welcome. Hope to see you there - Ted or Kathy Gross F-25

Continuing all Summer : Wednesday evening HAPPY HOUR Enjoy the cool summer breezes on the OCH Porch every Wednesday evening. Pull up a 'rocker' and relax with fellow Summer Residents as we watch the eastern sunsets. Bring your own Beverage and a snack. New residents and family guest always welcome. Hope to see you Wed. 5-7:00 PM

BEACH DUNE RESTORATION DAY Saturday - June 10th 2017 8:00 AM join us as we cleanup our Sand Dune. We intend to remove Invasive plants, & trim underbrush along North property line. Bring hand Clippers, spades, gloves, shovels, rakes if you have them or just come as you are.

LIBRARY NEWS

New Book:

Golden Prey by John Sandford.

Filled with his trademark razor-sharp plotting and some of the best characters in suspense fiction, *Golden Prey* is further reason why “Sandford has always been at the top of any list of great mystery writers” (*The Huffington Post*).

Thanks to our Briny Bazaar, we were able to purchase a large new, heavy duty, adjustable shelving unit. We are using it to expand our large print section of the library. In order to make room for this addition, we cleared out some of the paperback fiction. Anything not checked out in the last 2 years was donated to either our Give-Away rolling cart, the Briny Bazaar, Boynton Public Library Bookstore, the Veteran’s Hospital, or PBC Sheriff’s office (jail). Some books are also traded at the Boca Raton Used Bookstore, Bookwise. Donations continue to come in and as always, we look for books we can use in the library and others are recycled or donated to one of the above sources.

Our librarians keep a flexible schedule through the summer; if you need something, put a note on the desk and someone will get back to you.

TOWN NEWS: RUMOR HAS IT and THE FACTS ARE

Prior to and at the April Town Council meeting, there was a lot of inaccurate and mis-information being spread. This article will hopefully correct many of those inaccuracies and dispel the anxiety that has been expressed.

- Rumor has it that the Town is hiring a full-time magistrate at a cost to taxpayers of \$35,000. **The fact is**, there’s no truth to that rumor.
- A resident stated at the meeting that [the Town is] hiring someone to impose fines on us, to threaten us, and to oppose us. **The fact is**, the issue up for discussion was appointing a code enforcement board or a special magistrate. Their purpose would not be to threaten or oppose anyone but to enforce the building code against violators whose acts threaten the lives and property of all residents. Both options would have some authority to impose fines for serious violations. At the April meeting, at the request of a number of town residents, the Town Council voted to table discussion on the topic and refer it to a joint workshop between Town Council, Planning and Zoning Board, and Briny Breezes Inc. Board.
- A resident claims that asking residents to “rat” on one other is changing the culture of Briny Breezes. **The fact is**, Briny Breezes’ culture IS changing. It has historically been that you could rely on people to do the right thing and follow the law. But now some people are saying they don’t care, they know better, and they are going to do what they want. The result is a threat to the safety of our community. **The fact is**, the building code violations detailed by the building code inspector include work performed by unlicensed individuals and work done without permits. Licenses and permits are required by every jurisdiction in Florida and the failure to comply with the building code risks the life and property of not only the particular unit owner where the work is being done, but also their neighbors who live just a few feet away in structures prone to severe damage by heat and flames. **The fact is**, there were at least two very serious events this season alone involving fires that could have been catastrophic, and fire is a very serious risk in a mobile home community as closely built and densely packed as Briny Breezes. **The fact is**, the vast majority of people want to live in a safe place. As a community, we depend on each homeowner to follow building code to keep our property safe, but if your neighbor has improvements done incorrectly, like an improperly installed water heater that could explode or unsafe electric wiring that could cause a fire, it puts all of us at risk. Look, building permits aren’t required because it’s fun. But imagine what could happen if just one job was done with faulty wiring that led to a fire that burned up surrounding homes. As was stated at the meeting, if only 1% of the population use unsafe building practices in violation of building code, it could cause a 10-home catastrophe. Isn’t our safety worth the relatively small cost of building code permits and inspections?

In addition to building code issues, a number of other items came up that are factually inaccurate –

- Several residents alleged there was a meeting with building inspectors that was required to be an open meeting but that was not posted. They asked what was discussed and what was the outcome. It’s probable that the meeting in question was with regulators from the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) in Palm Beach County. They may have been alerted by a call from a resident who complained that building inspectors are operating illegally in Briny Breezes.

The fact is, there was nothing improper about the meeting with DBPR. As explained by Town Attorney, John Skrandel, this was not a Town Council meeting requiring notice and that it be open to the public.

The fact is, the building inspection company is acting entirely within the law in the performance of their duties in Briny Breezes. CAP Government was selected unanimously by Town Council from among multiple proposals received and was appointed to provide building department services by Res. 2016-16.

The fact is, DBPR regulators advised how Briny Breezes should be dealing with contractors who do work without the proper licenses. DBPR is the state agency that issues licenses to building contractors and other professionals needing licenses.

- A resident stated that the town wants permits for putting a nail in wall to hang a picture and for pulling weeds.
The fact is, of course the Town does not require a permit to put a nail in the wall or to pull weeds and never has.
- A resident stated that he talked to four authorities outside of Briny Breezes who said he didn't need building permit to do renovation on his home.
The fact is, a building permit is required to replace the shower pan as he did, per FL Statutes 417.5.2 and 312.9.
- A resident stated that an illegal stop work order was issued, because he said that state law says that one cannot be issued unless there's a code violation or a safety issue.
The fact is, the stop work order in question was issued because this resident, an unlicensed contractor, claimed that he was doing mold remediation (a code violation) and put up a "Poison" sign (a safety issue).
- A resident asked which statute is being used to appoint [Council members] because he has never heard of anyone anywhere pulling a name out of a hat.
The fact is, Briny Breezes follows Florida Statutes as well as Town Ordinances. Ordinance paragraph 32.15(B) specifies the procedure to be used in the event of a tie. That is, a tie vote is decided by lot, i.e., drawing names out of a hat.
- A resident stated Town Council meetings were improper because the agenda needs to be posted 72 hours in advance.
The fact is, there is no requirement for 72 hour notice; only "reasonable notice" must be provided, according to FL Statute 286.011 (part of the Sunshine Law). The Town Council has always posted agendas on corporate and town bulletin boards at least 48 hours in advance, the same notice as the Corporation is required to give. In addition, the meeting dates are announced 2-3 months in advance and printed weekly in the Palm Beach Post.
- A resident stated that the Corporation owns the Town.
The fact is, while certain land is owned by the Corporation, the Town isn't "owned" by anyone. The Town was established by residents in 1963 and the Corporation was established by residents in 1958. The Town is controlled by voters who run for and elect a Town Council, as specified in FL Statutes and in Town Ordinances, just like the Corporation is controlled by stockholders who run for and elect a Board of Directors.
The fact is, the Town must follow Florida Statutes, including all provisions of the building code. This includes enforcing the building code as the governing entity.

As many attendees at April's meeting said, we need to work together to make Briny Breezes the best it can be. Hopefully, these facts will dispel some of the rumors that have spread and grown, so that we can come together to be our best.

Update on Sober Homes Dave Aronberg, State Attorney in Palm Beach County, recently reported to the PBC League of Cities on the activities of the task force to investigate and prosecute illegal activity in sober homes/rehab businesses. So far, they have been able to prosecute 21 cases. He encouraged everyone to make note of the **Sober Homes Hotline 1-844-324-5463** to report any known or suspected cases of abuse or illegal activity in sober homes.

Solid Waste Authority Hurricane season starts June 1, and many of our Palm Beach County neighbors are making sure they are prepared. As you replace your old hurricane supplies, keep in mind that some items may not be placed in the garbage, but instead, should be brought to one of the SWA's Home Chemical and Recycling Centers. (continued on next page)

Supplies requiring special disposal include:

- gasoline and used oil from generators
- old propane tanks
- rechargeable batteries from electronics or flashlights

These items (and other home hazards) can be dropped off for free by Palm Beach County residents to any of the centers listed below, where they will be recycled or disposed of properly.

Lantana Central County Transfer Station
1810 Lantana Road in Lantana
Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday: 7 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Delray Beach – West Southwest County Transfer Station
13400 S. State Road 7 in Delray Beach
Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Delray Beach – East South County Transfer Station
1901 SW 4th Ave. in Delray Beach
Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Connect with the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County - www.SWA.org

MANAGER NEWS

CLOSING YOUR UNIT: If you are out of the local area, your Briny home MUST be closed up completely, the month of June 2017 and NO LATER than July 1st. It is not enough to have someone on standby to do this when a storm is approaching – it must be completely done in the time frame stated.

All miscellaneous items, including barbeque charcoal grills, must be removed and placed within the unit or other storage facilities. LP gas containers for grills must be removed. Large LP gas containers must be securely attached to the mobile home. ALL loose items under 40 pounds MUST be removed. This includes (but is not limited to) unsecured storage sheds, planters, pots, loose concrete blocks, grills, hoses, etc.

JUNE UPDATES This month we are working on painting the Town Hall, digging behind the seawalls in District 4, and re-roofing the Bathhouse in District 2.

AT&T Vacation mode suspension is \$5.00 per month per service item. It is all or nothing – suspend all or suspend nothing. If you choose this option, you will be charged \$5 per month for the cable, which will be credited back to you on your account. (You will not be credited for internet, etc. only basic cable). Once you set up vacation mode, you will need to call Teresa Jackson at 561-312-1990. Leave a message with first/last name, 9 digit account number, months and dates you will be gone (example: leaving June 10, returning October 10).

BULLPEN/RV INCREASE

At our last board meeting, April 12, 2017, it was decided to increase the rates of the Bullpen, effective immediately. \$30 per day (+ tax) for stockholders and \$60 per day (+ tax) for non-residents. A 3 day deposit will be required in advance, when you reserve. This deposit will be NON-REFUNDABLE. Thank you for your cooperation.

MARINA INCREASE It was also decided at 4/12/17 meeting to increase Marina slip rentals, effective 10/1/2017, 5% for non stockholders.

GOLF CART INSURANCE: Please make sure that you have a current decal and that we have current insurance in the office, on your golf cart. Thank you.

EVERYONE should have their unit number visible on their mobile home. It should be reflective so that it can be seen at night, in case of emergencies.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS: We are putting together a 'phone blast' for emergencies. If you have a new cell number that we don't have, please let the office know. Thank you. Theresa will occasionally send a 'test' text out, so PLEASE give us your cell number!

CLUB INFO REMINDER All clubs, please forward copies of your monthly bank statements and receipts to Cindy at the office

