

THE BRINY BUGLE



Happy Valentine's Day

FEBRUARY 12, 2021

The Bugle Calendar

MONDAY

OFFICE CLOSED

Water Aerobics by tape	9:15 & 10:15 a.m.	Pool
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TUESDAY

RECYCLING	Early Morning	
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Trash Pickup	Early Morning	
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Lawn Debris Pickup	Early Morning	
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Deadline to submit "Sales" paperwork	Feb 9th	
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Sales & Rental Meeting (2/23)	10:00 a.m.	Via Zoom
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WEDNESDAY

Water Aerobics by tape	9:15 & 10:15 a.m.	Pool
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THURSDAY

Lawn Debris	Early Morning	
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FRIDAY

Trash Pickup	Early Morning	
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Water Aerobics by tape	9:15 & 10:15 a.m.	Pool
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The upcoming 2020-2021 season calendar of events has been cancelled due to the ongoing COVID conditions in Palm Beach County and beyond. We ask that everyone be responsible, please maintain social distancing and wear your masks. The Board is constantly keeping an eye on the situation and will advise our Community.

The Briny office will be closed in observance of President's Day, 2/15/21. Mail will be distributed on Tuesday. Trash and Debris will be picked up on Tuesday.

News from the Editor

If you have anything that needs to go in the Bugle, please type all submissions, 225 words or less and email to Mary in the office at brinybugle@gmail.com. Thanks!

A personal note on behalf of Paul Ruopp

Unfortunately, Paul will not be able to do taxes this year for the residents of Briny. He has asked us to mention that you should seek an alternate preparer for this tax season, possibly tax preparation companies such as H&R Block or Jackson Hewitt. There is also the Palm Beach County/United Way sponsored program "2-1-1". They can be reached at My Free Taxes helpline at 1-855-698-9435.

NEWS FROM MICHAEL GALLACHER

Hopefully, you all have received your annual meeting packages.

Once again, the entire Annual Meeting will be held online via ZOOM. We strongly encourage everyone to do their part by voting. Remember we must have a quorum to conduct business at our annual meeting. Voting counts, you as part of our quorum. Electronic voting It is very easy. If you have not done so already, please consent to electronic voting and you will receive an email with set up instructions. You also received the instructions with your annual package. It is simple and takes about 5 minutes.

All of our card reader systems have been changed over and are working properly. Remember to hold your card up to the reader until it beeps, you cannot swipe your card past it as it will not work.

If you have not replaced your parking sticker with a 2021 sticker, please do not be surprised when you receive a ticket from police or a violation/fining letter from the corporation. We have been giving these out for over 2 months now.

Appearance violations will commence shortly. All units need to be kept clean and in well maintained condition. Rust stains, dirty awnings and siding, driveways and stairs need to be kept clean and/or freshly painted. Landscaping should be kept in order, trimmed and weeds maintained. Trees need to be trimmed properly as well. If your unit is not in A+ condition, this should be done ASAP to avoid violations and fining. Shareholders, you are welcome to report issues that may not be easily seen from the street side of units and any other concerns. Reminder – shareholders should not be doing landscape projects that involve digging without submitting plans to the landscape committee for sign off. The staff needs to locate utility lines. Remember when a water line or utility line is cut, it likely will affect the entire row, not just your unit.

Having vendors do work on Sundays is against town ordinance unless it is an emergency. Emergency and after-hours repairs are very costly. If you damage corporate utility or water lines while doing unapproved work, you will receive a bill for the repairs, including overtime/emergency charges when it happens on the weekend. Please everyone be considerate and follow the rules.

Our maintenance staff is hard at work painting and cleaning and repairing all around. I am very pleased with the progress we are making around the park and I hope you are noticing this as well.

ONCE AGAIN please get your ballots for the annual meeting turned in ASAP. If you do not wish to vote by proxy or online which we strongly encourage, please drop your ballots the morning of the election and before the 930am meeting start. Again, we strongly encourage you to vote by proxy by mailing in or dropping your ballot/proxy ASAP or voting electronically to avoid delay.

Have a great week.

ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION

Your vote is important!

If the corporation does not receive at least 51% of the voting interests (8009 shares) the Annual Meeting cannot convene. If any item on the ballot does not receive at least 8009 affirmative (yes) votes, it will not pass. We need to know what direction you want the corporation to move forward. So please VOTE! It is easy, especially since we have only 2 items on the ballot. Three ways to do this:

1. Vote electronically. Once you have notified the corporation that you wanted to vote electronically, you will receive an email invite then you can sign on to the portal. This information was provided you in the annual packet on green paper. Takes minutes if you have the access.
2. Vote via proxy. This is the ballot on the blue paper, single page. Be sure you check (a) indicating that Michael Weir, 1st VP of the Board, may move your vote as YOU indicated on the ballot. Simple- he moves what you ask him to. If you are here at Briny put into the Blue Ballot Box in office lobby or mail it in if you are not here. Mail has been slow, so mail as soon as you can, we want your vote to count.
3. Vote in person. Come to the Auditorium/Fountain area after 8 a.m. on Wednesday February 24, 2021 and cast your vote in person. We will be utilizing outdoor space, under tents to facilitate social distancing. You MUST have your Briny ID and you MUST wear a mask.

District 3 Shareholders Only:

Sandra Wagner has been removed from the Ballot for District 3 Director/ Please disregard the name on your Ballot. There are still two (2) nominees that remain on the Ballot to choose from: Barbara Harris or Holly Reitnauer.

ELECTRONIC VOTING WILL END AT 10 pm THE NIGHT BEFORE. Walk up voting will close right around 9:30 am so do not be late! Once the meeting has started no additional ballots will be accepted.

The Annual meeting will be via Zoom ONLY, there will be no physical attendance.

Once you have cast your vote, you can head home to join via ZOOM.

It will be on BBC-8 as well.

There will be a computer set up in the Community Center if you need access to a microphone for questions. ALL COVID RESTRICTIONS WILL APPLY.

Vote- electronically if possible, proxy if possible or in person. We want to hear from you!

NEWS FROM BRINY OFFICE

For any Briny assistance, call the office (561) 276-7405 or email:

brinyassistant@gmail.com (Sharon)

brinybookkeeper@gmail.com (Cindy)

brinybugle@gmail.com (Mary)

brinybreezesgm@gmail.com (Michael)

NEW ACCESS BADGES

Did you pick up your new badge yet? If not, you will not be able to get into any Corporate Buildings especially the Mail Room. Stop by the office as soon as possible.

ALL Residents, Resident Guests or Renters, are required to notify the office when you arrive. Let us know when you are in Briny! We will make sure you get your Seasonal Parking Pass and any other Briny information you may need. See Briny Rules, Pg 1.

The mailroom is open for your mail and package pick up as usual. Please observe social distancing; one person at a time in the mailroom, you MUST wear a face mask. For your convenience, we have placed some Briny forms you may need in the mailroom and they are available on www.brinybreezes.us in "Public Documents" in the MENU. If you need anything else, please contact the office.

Since the new procedures were implemented in the Mailroom, some of you have opted to have us install locks on your boxes. You must close and lock your mailbox after each use whether you have a combo or lock. **Do not leave your mailbox propped open under any circumstances!** Mail will only put in locked mailboxes.

Bazaar Update

Good news! We are starting to collect things for the 2022 Bazaar again on the bench. (until further notice) Please note – No large furniture, no TVs and no computers. We would love to have your gently used items to sell. No broken, dirty or damaged items please.

BBC-8

If you are not able to see BBC-8 channel on your TV, please contact our ATT Representative Matthew Provan by phone 407-634-9746 or via email to: mp1166@att.com

Church News

The service is on each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. on BBC-8. We are hoping to continue the services for the duration of the season. "God is Good" ~ Betty Foland (315) 676-7413 Please send contributions to Paul Ruopp N-210.

GYM NEWS

The Briny Gym has installed a new card reader allowing members to enter the gym. You will need to SIGN the new waiver and send it to me at F25 Ruthmary, along with the yearly (January - December) membership fee of \$30. Pick up the waiver at the Briny Office or I can email you the waiver. The signed waiver will remain in effect until you terminate your membership. The cost of the yearly membership (January - December) is \$30. Please return your old gym keys to F25. If you chose not to fill out the new waiver, enclose a check for \$30 and return the old gym key, you will no longer have access to the gym after February 14, 2021. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at mom1moretime@yahoo.com. Thank you, Kathy Gross, Gym Manager

Landscape and Beautification Committee

We are looking for Volunteers to help maintain the Briny Blue Pots that are located throughout the park and around the bathhouses. If you could participate in the "Adapt-A-Pot" Program, it would help our community look its best with a little effort from many hands. A signup sheet for specific locations will be posted in the mailroom and you can "share your care" with a friend or two to make the plants feel wanted! Contact Barbara @ S208.

Also, we have several "Planting Projects" for Perennials around the Park or PPPP for short. If interested, please send a note to Barbara @ S208.

Library News

Remember that all our hardcover books and DVDs have a circulation card inside. When you borrow one of these items, put your name & unit number on the card and put the card in the black plastic basket on the counter by the door.

To **reserve a book**, you can complete the small form attached to the above mentioned black basket. We will call you when the book you want is in. We do not reserve DVDs.

New Books:

The Summer House. Lauren K. Denton has a special gift for writing evocative Southern fiction. This is a story of love and loss. A story of Lily and Rose, from different generations who share similar ways of dealing with hidden secrets over their broken hearts.

The Midnight Library by Matt Haig. Between life and death there is a library, and the shelves go on forever. Every book provides a chance to try another life you could have lived. To see how things would be if you had made other choices . . . Would you have done anything different, if you had the chance to undo your regrets?

Bookmobile February 24, 1:00-1:45

The Library has been added to the card reader system. There is a sign on the door stating library hours and to call for access. THIS IS NOT FOR BRINY RESIDENTS WITH A SCAN CARD. Residents can still access the library 9:30am to 6:30pm, 7 days a week. The sign for library access and hours is to keep us in compliance with public funding/public access. Although outsiders do not use our library, technically, because we receive public funding, they have to have an access option.

Briny Breezes Memorial Fund aka The Chimes

Recent donations to maintain our chimes have been made in honor of:

Len Larson donated by Ray Sullivan

Bobbie Decke donated by Rowland and Ann Leedy

Bill McGee donated by Rowland and Ann Leedy

Thank you for your support of our Memorial Fund. To donate simply write the name or names of the people you want remembered on your check's memo line. A card will be sent to the family of the departed and notice will appear in the bugle. Please send your check made out to the Briny Breezes Memorial Fund to: Nancy Aceto, 110 Underwood Rd, Falmouth, ME 04105.

Briny Recycling

HELP! Those of us who are on the VOLUNTEER Cardboard Collection Committee of Old Men (VCCCOM for short) **Would Greatly Appreciate** that you would break down boxes so they are **FLAT!!** We understand it requires some extra effort. Oh, by the way, Styrofoam and Plastic is not collected by the VCCCOM.

Thanks for your continued support and cheers as we pass by!

Sales & Rentals Committee

The next Meeting will be on February 23rd. Deadline to submit paperwork was Feb 9th.

~ *Classes & Clubs* ~

Art League News

Classes have started, if you are interested please check with the instructor and discuss materials and fees. Schedules in the Mailroom on the bulletin board. Call Grant with any questions 315-224-4288

A Note for Chiselers Members

Returning to Briny? Remember the old Chiseler's access cards that have been in use for the past several years will no longer be functional and require that you use your **New Briny ID** badge to enter the Chiselers Workshop. The Briny Office will be using our Paid Membership List to allow access to the Chiselers building, therefore Members with dues and/or locker fees outstanding will be unable to activate the keyless entry system with their Briny ID Badges. To ensure access please remit your \$10 Dues and \$10/Locker/Bin Fee payment via check or cash using the interoffice mail C/O:

Alan Saxton S-208 P 313-304-1234.

Checks should be made payable to "The Chiselers Club". Chiselers who reach the age of 80 years are exempt from Chiseler Club Dues, however locker fees are due each year. As per our By-Laws, if you are not coming to Briny this year, your dues for this season can be paid upon your return next season.

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Shuffleboard Update:

On Wednesday evening, February 10th, a beautiful night to shuffle, there were six of the allowable seven courts in action. There were severable absentees for various reasons necessitating using a couple of supernumeraries. However, it was evident that a good time was held by all. Two game winners were Charlie Hatfield & Deb Tagliareni, Char DeYoung, & Lanny Farr, Gary & Linda Keeler.

At our February meeting we proposed a change to the constitution regarding the terms of officers. We need a quorum at the March 2nd meeting to be able to do that. Hopefully, it will be warm enough to be outside. 9:00 am. Please attend!

Zumba Class

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6227639253?pwd=dTAzUXl2SHE0Y1RHcTBydWFSaStUZz09>

Meeting ID: 622 763 9253 Passcode: Nancy

Nancy Greenblatt, 207-838-3317, Nanseegee@gmail.com

NEWS FROM THE TOWN

The Town Council Meetings are scheduled as follows:

February 25, 2021 4:00 PM in the Briny Breezes Community Center
March 25, 2021 4:00 PM in the Briny Breezes Community Center

TOWN ELECTION DAY

March 9, 2021 ALL DAY in the Briny Breezes Community Center

COVID Updates

Palm Beach County has vaccinated 10% of the county's population as of Feb. 3rd. There are two ways to sign up for a covid-19 vaccine:

1. Publix – publix.com/covid-vaccine/florida Sign up online for an appointment at a Publix pharmacy of your choice. Publix announced that the start time is changing to 7:00 a.m. starting Friday 2/5/21. It's hard to get on because of high demand and limited vaccine supply, but Publix does almost 20,000 vaccines each week so keep trying. The site generally opens more availability on Wednesdays and Fridays. If you do not have a computer to sign up on the web-based system, ask a relative, friend, or neighbor to help you sign up.
2. State of Florida – myvaccine.fl.gov Sign up online to pre-register on a waiting list in the county of your choice; you will then be notified when vaccines are available. The state cautions that if you register for more than 1 county, only the last county you selected will be selected (all previous selections would be overwritten).

IF YOU CANNOT REGISTER BY COMPUTER, YOU CAN CALL 866-201-6754.

Virus mutations are spreading very quickly. We all need to continue to act safely to protect ourselves and those around us, even after getting a vaccine shot:

1. wear a mask (especially when inside corporate facilities, even if you're alone)
2. watch your distance – stay AT LEAST 6 feet apart, inside and outside
3. wash your hands, again and again and again

If you have questions about this information, please call Sue Thaler at 703-201-8087.

VACCINE INFORMATION

Vaccinations have begun in Palm Beach County, pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 20-315, for long term care facility staff, persons 65 years of age and older and healthcare personnel with direct patient contact.

Florida Health [Vaccine Information Page](#)

Florida Health - Palm Beach County [Vaccine Information Page](#)

Palm Beach County Health Care District [Vaccine Information Page](#)

Publix Pharmacy [Vaccine Information Page](#)

Senior Hotline: 866-201-6754

PALM BEACH COUNTY COVID-19 VACCINATION PLANNING

Pursuant to direction from Governor Ron DeSantis, the Florida Department of Health and local health departments are responsible for receipt and distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine on behalf of the State. Initial priorities for distribution were redefined in the Governor's Executive Order 20-315: health care personnel; individuals 65 years of age and older; and long-term care facility residents and staff.

County staff are working closely with the Department of Health Palm Beach County and the Health Care District of Palm Beach County to distribute the vaccine in accordance with the Governor's priorities. Our local efforts will be in addition to the direct rollouts of the vaccine by the State of Florida or direct deliveries by federal agencies or contractors. Our strategies will include designated PODs (points of dispensing) at both fixed and mobile locations that will be accessible by walk-up and/or drive-up.

Local distribution plans do not include nursing home and long-term care facilities which are being handled at the federal and state level. Additional announcements specific to public distribution within the County will be forthcoming from the County Health Department and the Palm Beach County Division of Emergency Management.



The Town of Ocean Ridge will be hosting FREE document shredding event.

WHERE: REAR PARKING LOT AREA OF TOWN HALL

WHEN: SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2021

TIME: 9:00AM – 12:00PM

WHO: Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes residents only — photo identification required.

HOW MUCH: Residents are limited to shredding of up to three office storage boxes of personal documents.

PLEASE: Remove all papers from three ring binder type folders. File folders, staples, and paper clips do not need to be removed.

KEEP IN MIND: The event is on a first-come, first-served basis and no pre-registration is required.

If you have any questions, please call Town Hall at 561-732-2635.

Town of Briny Breezes Existing and Proposed Charter Highlights

What is a municipal charter? It is the basic document that defines the organization, powers, functions and essential procedures of the government. This is, therefore, the most important legal document of any city, town or government.

What does the existing Briny Charter provide?

- Minutes of incorporation, 1963
- Corporate boundary limits & Town Seal
- Elected Officers and selecting Hugh David, Mayor
- Certification of minutes by Town Clerk Pro Tem Rita Taylor

What does the proposed Briny Charter Amendment provide?

- Restatement of the Corporate boundary limits and Town Seal
- Governing body of 5 elected at-large Aldermen, 1 elected at-large Mayor
- Elected officials and Mayor to serve two-year, Aldermen have staggered terms
- Setting eligibility requirements to serve
- The Town Clerk position to be appointed and employed rather than elected
- Elected officials to serve without compensation
- Establishes the Date of Elections, 2nd Tuesday of March
- Town Council procedures
- Establishes the Town administration to include the Town Manager, Town Clerk and Town Attorney
- Recognize the Town's Planning and Zoning Board

Timeline in the development of the proposed Briny Charter Amendment?

- **1/20/20 Town Council (T/C) authorized Town Attorney to review existing Charter**
- 2/27/20 T/C voted to form Charter Committee and for the Committee to prepare proposed Charter Amendment language.
- 4/23/20 T/C appointed Susan Atlee, Suzanne Snyder-Carroll, Robert Jurovaty, Jerry Lower, Jim Phillippi and Karen Wiggins to the Charter Committee
- 5/15/20 Charter Committee held its organizational meeting selecting Robert Jurovaty as Chair
- 6/12/20 Committee had discussion and action votes
- 6/23/20 Committee had discussion and action votes
- 7/14/20 Committee had discussion
- 7/28/20 Committee had discussion
- 8/11/20 Committee had discussion
- 8/18/20 Committee unanimously votes to approved Charter Amendment language to be sent to the T/C for their review and approval.
- 8/27/20 T/C accepts report from Charter Committee
- 9/10/20 T/C unanimously votes to approve Charter amendment language and authorizes the Town Attorney to prepare Ordinance language.
- **March 9, 2021 Referendum Ballot for vote, YES or NO**

**Notice of Referendum To be held Tuesday, March 9, 2021
Regarding Town of Briny Breezes, Florida
Proposed Restated Charter / Charter Amendments**

The Town of Briny Breezes, Florida, hereby gives notice, pursuant to Section 100.342, *Florida Statutes*, that a referendum election shall be held on March 9, 2021:

The form of the ballot question regarding the proposed Restated Charter / Charter Amendments in this referendum election shall be as follows:

CHARTER RESTATEMENT AND AMENDMENT FOR REVISIONS TO MAYOR TERM,
CLERK POSITION, ADMINISTRATION, AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.

SHALL THE CHARTER OF BRINY BREEZES BE FULLY RESTATED TO GENERALLY
CONFORM TO CURRENT TOWN GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS,
RECOGNIZING CURRENT JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES AND THE CURRENT
TOWN SEAL, AND ALSO TO PROVIDE TWO YEAR TERMS FOR ALL ELECTED
OFFICES INCLUDING THE MAYOR, MAKE THE TOWN CLERK AN APPOINTED
EMPLOYED POSITION, PROVIDE FOR TOWN ADMINISTRATION TO INCLUDE A
MANAGER, CLERK AND ATTORNEY, RECOGNIZE THE PLANNING AND ZONING
BOARD, AND PROVIDE A TRANSITION SCHEDULE:

YES _____

NO _____

All qualified electors of the Town of Briny Breezes, Florida, shall be qualified to vote in the referendum election.

For a copy of the entire Charter Amendment please email Brinytownclerk@yahoo.com or call 561-272-5495.

Sandi DuBose, Deputy Town Clerk
Town of Briny Breezes, Florida