

THE BUGLE ~ OCTOBER 2020



Fall is here!!

~ Daylight Savings Time is on November 1st ~
~ Remember to set your clocks back ~

THE BUGLE CALENDAR

MONDAY		
Trash Pickup	Early Morning	
Water Aerobics	9:15 a.m.	Pool
TUESDAY		
RECYCLING	Early Morning	
Lawn Debris Pickup	Early Morning	
Deadline to submit "Sales" paperwork to office	Oct 13 th	
Sales & Rental Meeting (10/27)	10:00 a.m.	Via Zoom Meeting
WEDNESDAY		
Water Aerobics	9:15 a.m.	Pool
THURSDAY		
Lawn Debris Pickup	Early Morning	
FRIDAY		
Trash Pickup	Early Morning	
Water Aerobics	9:15 a.m.	Pool

~ ALL SOCIAL GATHERINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED IN BRINY BREEZES ~
Please maintain social distancing and wear your mask!

Please note: The November BOD Meeting date has changed from Nov 11 to Nov 18 in Honor of Veterans Day. (It will be posted in November)

NEWS FROM BRINY OFFICE

Just a reminder that the Office is still CLOSED to visitors. If you need assistance, all inquiries can be made to the office by phone (561) 276-7405 or by email:
brinyassistant@gmail.com (Sharon) brinybookkeeper@gmail.com (Cindy)
or brinybugle@gmail.com (Mary) or brinybreezesgm@gmail.com (Michael).

*Look! We have our very own
Briny Breezes Face Masks!
 They're awesome!
 We're selling them for only \$5 each!
 Come to the mailroom to get yours today!*



From the Desk of Michael

Hello Briny, Happy October!

Here's hoping for some fall breezes in South Florida, a calm last few months of storm season and a healthy transition back toward our winter season in Briny!

What has happened since the last bugle? A lot!

With all the flooding that the park just experienced, Andy and his crew are working to raise all electrical to our drainage pumps, although they were raised a few years ago, the tides flooded many of them. We are going MUCH higher to avoid this in the future. We purchased 3 back-up gas powered pumps and hose sets to assist major flooding in the future. We also purchased traffic cones and are working on other plans to help make the best of these situations and be prepared to get the water out of Briny as fast as possible as the tides subside. We have worked quickly to tackle some emergency seawall repairs and I am happy to report we are about halfway thru the initial phase of filling/sealing many of the MAJOR cracks/breaches in the seawalls that experienced wash outs during the recent tides/storms. The crew will begin to backfill these areas with drainage fabric and gravel/fill as time permits. As I mentioned in the email that went out last week, if you are in D3 or D4, please have your caretaker check your unit as soon as possible to be sure there is no water damage from the recent storms/king tides. You don't want to return to Briny to find out that your unit cannot be occupied because moisture/water was not dealt with. Please see the king tide schedule listed in the bugle and be sure to make arrangements to move cars, golf carts etc. PRIOR to the next flooding.

Lots of other projects going on, lots of fixing, painting, replacing and overall improvements in many areas. The men have been working hard on the shuffleboard roofs/light poles to clean up and paint these areas. Roofs along Banyan have been cleaned, repairs made to the front of the hobby building. We have been making the Bazaar committee approved purchases with the Bazaar proceeds for many items for all of us to enjoy; new A/C for card room, fridge for the auditorium, clock for the OCH, chairs for the pool cabana & pelican/sunset points, lights for trees, marquis for the mail room and other great stuff. Thank you to everyone who makes the Bazaar happen as these funds go to so many great things. Assessments have gone out for 1st quarter as has all the billing for storage, parking etc. Seasonal Parking placards are ready and are being distributed. 2021 parking decals have been ordered and will be available before the end of the year. Remember all shareholder decals will need to be replaced with 2021 decals. The new Briny Breezes website is ready! It is both beautiful and functional. (See more information later in this Bugle)

COVID-19 restrictions remain in place but have been changing fast at the state and local levels. Right now, we have not made any changes to our procedures, masks and social distancing are still strongly encouraged. The CDC guidelines for advanced cleaning and sanitizing are still in play. I am sure there will be Board decisions as we move forward as to activities, gatherings and events for the upcoming season. We look forward to having many of you back in the park in the coming months.

All the best,

Michael Gallacher

General Manager, Briny Breezes, Inc.

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. If you need anything else, please contact the office.

Remember to go to www.usps to forward your mail, there are instructions in the mailroom, or you can call 800-275-8777.

We need a copy of current Golf Cart insurance for All Residents with Golf Carts!! If you do not have a current copy, please have your insurance company fax, or email a copy to the office; our fax# is 561-274-2270 or Sharon’s email is brinyassistant@gmail.com. As a suggestion, contact your insurance company and have them add “Briny Breezes Inc.” as an “additional insured”. This way, your insurance company will send the office a copy of your renewal every year. We appreciate your cooperation.

The “NEW” Briny Breezes website is READY!

Check it out! You can access it through the same web address as before: www.brinybreezes.us, (you will be redirected to the new website) It is new and improved! If you returned a “Consent to Publish” form to the office, you will be receiving an email invitation with a unique link in order to login as a “Member”. *Directions when you receive the invite: you will be asked to register, you’ll enter your email, pick a password (be sure to write it down!)* This will enable to have member access to the new site. If you don’t log in as a member, that’s ok too, you will still be able to see all public information on the site. The site is still “evolving” and it is new to us too, so we are still adding to and editing it. Please be patient.

Sales & Rentals Committee

The Sales and Rental Committee meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month.

For Rentals: 2020-2021 Rental Applications must be received at least 30 days prior to occupancy so there is adequate time to review and approve applications.

For Sales: For the Application to be considered by the Committee, paperwork must be received no later than 2 weeks prior to the S&R meeting. Schedules for the rest of the year are as follows:

Deadline for Paperwork:

*October 13
November 10
December 15*

Meeting Date:

*October 27
November 24
December 29*

If you have any questions, please call Sharon in the office (561) 276-7405 or email to: brinyassistant@gmail.com. Thank you.

NEWS FROM THE TOWN

Town Council Regular Meeting: October 22, 2020 @ 4:00 P.M. Town Hall

Town Council Regular Meeting: November 19, 2020 @ 4:00 P.M. Town Hall

Hand Sanitizer Stands

The Town has obtained 9 hand sanitizer stands and a supply of sanitizer at no cost from Palm Beach County, which will be placed in locations throughout town. The sanitizer can be dispensed by foot pump so that no hand contact is needed. This was done in cooperation with the corporation who picked up and assembled the stands. Just one more example of joint efforts to make Briny a safer community for our residents!

NEWS FROM MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

During Hurricane Season and especially when a storm is bearing down on us, the crew gets last minute special requests from our residents to put cars, carts, etc. into the Quonsets until the storm passes. This takes time away and adds additional strain to the Maintenance Crew when they are preparing the park for a storm. Requests will be honored only as space permits and there will be a special separate charge. The minimum charge will be a \$50.

Golf Cart Storage

As per normal procedures this time of year, golf carts will start to be taken out of the Quonsets in October. They will be moved to your unit, unless you gave us a specific date on your storage agreement, or you notify us by calling the office or email to brinyassistant@gmail.com

Friendly Reminder for Garbage Pick up:

Please place your garbage outside of your home in front of your own unit in secure waste bags on the correct designated days. We're sure you don't want any uninvited "guests" checking out your garbage for a late night snack!

Trash pick up is on Mondays & Fridays **Recycle** pick up is on Tuesdays

Debris pick up is on Tuesday and Thursdays

Large items are picked up by request on a Work Order submitted to the Office, charges may apply and will be billed by the Office.

The next King Tides are:

October 15 thru October 20 and November 14 thru November 17

If you are not in Briny, please notify your designated caretaker to check on and possibly prepare your unit in the event of flooding.

Library News

New Books:

In memory of *Ron Levesque* from Shirley Smith, **Thick as Thieves** by Sandra Brown. In this tantalizing thriller, a woman uncovers lifelong secrets as she searches for the truth behind her father's involvement in a heist gone wrong.

Royal by Danielle Steel. In this spellbinding tale from Danielle Steel, a princess is sent away to safety during World War II, where she falls in love, and is lost forever.

All the Devils Are Here (Chief Inspector Gamache Novel, 16) by Louise Penny.

Anxious People by Fredrik Backman. An ingeniously constructed story about the enduring power of friendship, forgiveness, and hope—the things that save us, even in the most anxious times.

New Movies:

In memory of *Sunshine Miller* from Paul Ruopp: **On The Basis of Sex**. Ruth Bader Ginsburg is a struggling attorney and new mother who faces adversity and numerous obstacles in her fight for equal rights.

In memory of *Juliene Garcia* from Sandy Dietzel, **The Crown Seasons I & 2**. The inside story of Buckingham Palace & 10 Downing Street - the intrigues, love lives and machinations behind the great events that shaped the second half of the 20th century.

In memory of *Ron Levesque* from Paul Ruopp: **Woman Walks Ahead**. A headstrong New York painter embarks on a dangerous journey to meet Sitting Bull but must face off with an Army officer intent on war with the Native Americans.

In memory of *Ron Levesque* from Veronica Middendorf: **Jumanji: The Next Level**. Everything the friends know about Jumanji is about to change, as they soon discover there's more obstacles and more danger to overcome.

In memory of *Jan Hoffman* from Shirley Smith: **Maiden**. The first all-female crew in a grueling yachting competition that covers 33,000 miles and lasts nine months. Enthralling viewing even for audiences with little to no knowledge of or interest in sailing, Maiden pays powerful tribute to a true pioneer.

Bad Education. A true-life lesson in corruption. A smooth, charismatic Superintendent whose leadership guided Roslyn High School to the highest levels. He also happened to be part of an \$11 million embezzling scheme that rocked the upscale Long Island town.

The **Bookmobile** is coming every Wednesday, 1:00 - 2:15.

Starting October, the Bookmobile will be coming every other week, it will be here **10/7 & 10/21** and they will only be here from **1 to 1:45 p.m.**

Briny Breezes Memorial Fund

This month donations to maintain our chimes have been made in memory of:

Joe Sperazza donated by Chick and Anne Billings

Joe Sperazza donated by Veronica Middendorf & Bill Wahne

Ethel Murphy donated by Almeda Grill

Tom Byrne donated by Almeda Grill

Barbara and Len D'Errico made donations in memory of:

Joe Sperazza Ron Jannino Sunshine Miller

Jan Hoffman Ron Levesque Louise Duncan

Jane Fox Frank Coppola Tom Byrne

Peter Bialowas Jim Yokum Julia & Russ Snyder

To donate simply send a check made out to the Briny Breezes Memorial Fund. On the memo line write the name/names of the people you want remembered. A card will be sent to the family of the departed informing them of your kindness and notice will appear in the Bugle. Please send your check to: Nancy Aceto, 110 Underwood Rd, Falmouth, ME 04105. Thank you for your continued support. Nancy Aceto, Trustee

In Memorium

Ron Levesque (H-210) July 17, 1959 – August 23, 2020, was a loving husband, son, brother, uncle and friend. Raised in Houlton, Maine, Ron studied horticulture and equestrian care. After training for the Jr Olympics Equestrian team, he went on to study at George Washington University and he later earned his Master in Floral Design from FTD. Ron founded one of the most successful Equine Rescue operations in the country. Ron loved to travel and had fond memories of trips with great friends to South Africa, Alaska and many other parts of the United States. Ron's compassion for animals or any living being in despair was always evident. In 2009, Ron was diagnosed with severe bi-polar depression and acute anxiety. This threw his world into a tailspin and forced him to reevaluate his goals and limit his daily activities. His wish is to make people aware of mental health issues and to bring these issues into the mainstream conversation. The past few years Ron slowed down his equine training and spent winters in Briny Breezes, Florida where he was President of the garden club and was involved in many other activities. Ron leaves behind his loving husband and life partner of 32 years Michael Coppola of Portsmouth, NH, his parents Rose (Nadeau) Levesque and Yvon Levesque of Houlton, Maine, sisters Judy Levesque, Juliette Cottle and brother Rudy Levesque along with many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers Ron would like any donations to be made to Seacoast Mental Health Center in Exeter NH where the staff and doctors cared for him over the years. They can be reached on their web site at smhc-nh.org or at 603-957-5743."

~ Other Notes ~

A Personal Note from Michael Coppola, "I want to thank everyone who has reached out to me in this time of grief and all of those who prayed for Ron and me. Ron loved Briny and everyone there and the place won't be the same without him. Whether it will be in the garden, at Pelican Point or just walking around, tears will come and memories will flood my heart. Again, thank you all."

BBC-8

BBC8 is looking for you! We realize it is still summer, but it is not too early to start preparing for an exciting new season. Not sure about you, but 2020 cannot leave soon enough. During this pandemic we are sure you have mastered all of your home technology and become experts in appearing on all types of cameras....Zoom meetings, MedEx doctor appointments, and FaceTime. With those new skills, BBC-8 would like to recruit you for some fun opportunities. We could use your help with on air personalities, camera persons, control room operators and the list goes on. You need no previous training as current members will be going thru refresher training this fall. Please help us keep the treasure of BBC-8 continuing. We will certainly have challenges, but with the help of the Briny spirit we will do just fine. Please contact Michael Coppola 603-365-6040.

Briny Baubles

While we are in the middle of the coronavirus pandemic I have thought of a terrific activity to help prevent boredom. It is the perfect time to check your jewelry drawer and set aside ALL your unwanted jewelry to take (or mail) to Briny for the Briny Baubles 2021 Bazaar. Drop them off as well as scarfs, hair items and unused cosmetics to L-201. I am optimistic it will be possible to hold the bazaar. if not in 2021, definitely in 2022. I will return mid-October and hope to see many of you this season. Wear masks, practice social distancing and stay well. ~ Joanne Long