



THE BRINY BUGLE

SEPTEMBER 2019

MONDAY		
Trash Pickup	Early Morning	
Paper & Aluminum Pickup	Early Morning	
Water Aerobics by Tape	9:30 a.m.	Pool
Open Sewing	1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Hobby Club
Labor Day 9/2 – BB Office Closed	--	--
TUESDAY		
Lawn Debris Pickup	Early Morning	
Sales & Rental Meeting	10:00 a.m.	Community Center
Tuesday Bridge	12:00 p.m.	Community Center
Penny Games	7:00 p.m.	West Clubroom
WEDNESDAY		
9/11 Memorial Service at the Fountain	8:40 a.m.	Fountain
Water Aerobics by Tape	9:30 a.m.	Pool
Happy Hour at the OCH/Beach Club Wednesdays	5:00 p.m.	Ocean Clubhouse
Board Games/Rummikub	7:00 p.m.	West Clubroom
THURSDAY		
Lawn Debris Pickup	Early Morning	
Town Council Meeting	4:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Open Games	7:00 p.m.	West Clubroom
FRIDAY		
Trash Pickup	Early Morning	
Water Aerobics by Tape	9:30 a.m.	Pool
Knitting	10:00 a.m.	Ocean Clubhouse
Bookmobile by the Pool (9/13 & 9/27)	1:30 p.m.	Pool
Friday Nights BBQ (9/6 & 9/20)	6:00 p.m.	Pool Cabana
Dominos	7:00 p.m.	West Clubroom
SATURDAY		
Ping Pong	7:00 p.m.	Community Center
SUNDAY		
Hand & Foot	7:00 p.m.	Ocean Clubhouse

*** ARTICLES FOR THE OCTOBER BUGLE DUE BY NOON ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH ***

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

The Briny Breezes Office will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2019 in observance of Labor Day.

As of the publishing of this Bugle, we want to make sure all of our residents that are presently in Briny are taking the proper precautions and preparing for the inclement weather. Take the time to look around your units, remove any loose lightweight objects as they can become projectiles in any amount of wind and secure your premises. Listen to the radio, watch TV or go online for all the latest updates and evacuation plans. Please govern yourself accordingly for your own safety. Remember to sign up for Emergency Alerts. Briny Breezes residents can sign up to receive emergency alerts specific to Briny Breezes by using the web [site www.readyabc.org](http://www.readyabc.org). Once on that web site, it will allow anyone to create an account and choose to be contacted by text message, mobile phone, home phone, or email. A user can also select which alerts to receive, for example; hurricane watch, hurricane warning, tornado watch, tornado warning, thunderstorms, and/or floods, etc. The Town encourages all residents to sign up so that they are notified immediately of any emergency or severe weather situations. Most important issue is your safety, DO NOT DELAY in making necessary plans. If you need any assistance, please drop by or contact the Office. We are praying for everyone's safety, please take care.

FROM THE DESK OF DONNA

For those Brinyites who are in Briny this time of year you have been witness to the HOT, HUMID, and WET season we are having. Feel like Temps in the triple digits many days and humidity 75% and higher. Can you say wet all the time? We have had record rainfall in August, the ground is saturated and there is no place for the water to go. EVERY street in Briny has experienced slow draining and standing water, but the pumps are working. Andy sees to this. We are moving into the intense peak of hurricane season. Our eyes are constantly on the tropics as we monitor to know when we need to make preparations. If you are away as most of you are from Briny, please check that whoever is charged with your home is making sure that everything is secure. Everyone who is not in residence should be properly buttoned up and shuttered. Also, Palm Beach County Waste Management has issued a request that when a storm is headed our way that all debris trimming should cease until after the passing of the storm.

On that note, I have personally inspected the park for violations, not only homes not closed properly (which most were) but overgrown plants and trees, abandoned golf carts, and all-around issues. I sent out 42 letters total in all 4 districts. Not my favorite job, but one I am tasked with. The majority of residents, have responded in a positive way, thanking me for my attention to these details, and letting me know their plans to tidy up. A few took it personal. I will be making my return inspections looking closer at all the homes going forward.

We have ordered new Parking Decals for everyone that will begin being distributed in October. They will be all different colors so to identify Shareholders, Renters, and Family Resident Guests. Maintenance has been doing many summer projects, including a temporary asphalt patch where the fountain and generator work was done. I have gone out to bid to have the area resurfaced but must wait for a Board Meeting to present it.

Wolfgang (Gabriel) Martinez has joined the Briny Staff as our Landscape person. He began last month and has been working tirelessly on many areas. The property is looking better every day. We are looking for one more person to work with him, but we are looking for the right fit. We will achieve this very soon I am confident. This will allow us to replace our contract Landscape Company with our own Briny Landscape team.

As many of you know by now the Contract with Boynton Police and the Town of Briny Breezes is up. The Town Council voted to hire Ocean Ridge Police Department and they begin to officially serve this community on October 1, 2019. I spent a good amount of time meeting with Chief Hal Hutchins from Ocean Ridge. You will begin seeing OR police department driving through Briny during the month of September. So please stop them and introduce yourselves.

A few Shareholders have made several document inspection requests. This has kept me off the grounds so much more than I am accustomed to being and has kept us VERY busy gathering the requested documents to meet the statute deadline. I apologize if we are taking longer than normal to help you out. We also have closed the office a couple hours early on occasion to be able to concentrate on these efforts.

Have a wonderful September and keep positive thoughts on the Tropics! We want NO windy visitors.

Donna Coates
General Manager

MESSAGE FROM THE BOD PRESIDENT

The Corporation has been experiencing many challenges this summer that puts both mental strain and financial stress on our day to day operations. It certainly has made a dent into the "legal" budget line item. When Shareholders who by all rights may request an inspection of documents ask for 1, 2, 5 or 10 items this places a huge burden on the corporation's office staff. Examples of some of the requests are for all club financials, their founding documents, their by-laws and operational procedures; voting documents, permits for boat docks for the past 7 years, audits, the General Manager's contract and job description, and voting records and e-mails of Board members. The list goes on and on. Each time a shareholder reviews documents, a staff member must sit with them as they review those documents which sometimes takes hours. Copies or photos are allowed. This is a time intensive event taking away from so many other responsibilities. In fact, we had to close the office for a couple of hours to accommodate. The other day a shareholder was there for 3 hours and still had not completed their review. And yet they have the right to request them and to review them. We are not always sure exactly what they are looking for or what they hope to find although strong innuendos are made along the way. Additionally, we have shareholders who come into the office to make demands, often in a less than polite manner or send letters with requests that demand a consequence. Stressful but I guess part of the job.

It has come to my attention that many are being asked to sign a petition. I suggest you read carefully any petition or other letter that is brought to you. Information may be skewed or even incorrect. Petitions are fine but the facts and the "small print" are important.

Please know that the current Board of Directors are volunteers who are your neighbors and have no "mal-intent" just like previous Boards were volunteers who to the best of my knowledge also had no "mal-intent." Perhaps they do not always do what you want but their reasons lie in what they think is best, is safest, most representative and most cost efficient for our community. It is why you elected them.

While all of this is going on and under the fine leadership of our GM Donna Coates the staff and the Board are trying to build a new website to allow easier access to our documents, learn how to garner more votes next February by adding an electronic vote option and determine what options could be available for the mail. Our current "old school system" is costly and problematic especially with more and more on-line sales and accompanying packages.

Sales and rentals are happening. You may have a new neighbor upon your return- welcome them. While tropical storms and a thought of a hurricane are creeping into the news, here in western NY our temperatures are dropping into fall like numbers. I am not complaining. Enjoy the remainder of your summer wherever that is. Contemplate what is happening at Briny and realize that the challenges I referred to place not only a financial burden on us but can change the fabric of our Briny Community.

Susan Brannen, President, Board of Directors

NEWS FROM THE TOWN

Be a Poll Worker

The Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections is looking for volunteers! Poll Workers are needed to serve the voters at the precincts in Palm Beach County. For more information please go to www.pbcelections.org. There are some brochures in the Briny Breezes Office for further information.

The Town of Briny Breezes Office has new hours. It is now open to the public from **9am-2pm** Tuesday, Thursday and Friday's. These new hours are on a trial basis for 90 days. Please express your thoughts on the new hours by phone 561-272-5495 or email Brinytownclerk@yahoo.com.

9/11 REMEMBERED

On this solemn day, Briny Breezes plans to commemorate those 2,996 souls who died 18 years ago. At the request of four Briny Families, who were directly affected by the Sept. 11, 2001 event, we will hold a brief memorial service starting at 8:40 AM around the fountain. Please stop by the Fountain Circle for a moment of silence and remembrance. A Special Thank You to the Marmann, Mc Garry, Middendorf and Sullivan Families for their donations of the new - 9-11 Paver, Flags and Marquee Displays.

JOIN US!

Every Wednesday Evenings at the OCH Porch 5-7:00 PM, bring your own beverage and grab a rocking chair.

Every-other Friday Night BBQ at Pool Cabana 6:30-9:00 PM every other Friday during Summer months. Sept 6th, & the 20th.

Grill will be fired up so bring your own item to grill, plates, drinks and a dish to share.

SUMMER RESIDENTS are INVITED

* New residents and family guest are always welcome - make sure to bring your badge.

COMMUNITY CARING CENTER FOOD COLLECTION

If you have any food, cans, unopened boxes or unopened toiletries that you wish to donate, please leave on my mother's (Ann Kimlicka) patio, G-11 Ruthmary in the box on the patio table. The center appreciates our donations which help supply groceries to local families. Also, kindly check the expiration dates before donating. Thank you very much, Barbara Molina

LIBRARY NEWS

Bookmobile Fridays 1:30-2:30 - parked by pool: September 13 & 27

New Book:

In memory of Ferne Braunreuther from Shirley Smith, the newest book by Louise Penny, **A Better Man**. (8/27)

In memory of Art LeBlanc from Stan & Carole Brunell, **Nickel Boys** by Colson Whitehead. American history through the story of two boys sentenced to a hellish reform school in Jim Crow-era Florida.

New Movies:

In memory of Art LeBlanc from Paul Ruopp, **A Dog's Journey**.

In memory of Pat Henderson from Paul Ruopp, **Free Solo**. The first person to ever free solo climb Yosemite's 3,000ft high El Capitan Wall.

A special memorial from Paul Ruopp, **Yesterday** (9/24). The only person on earth who remembers the Beatles!

A special memorial from Shirley Smith, **Rocketman**. Elton John's rise to fame.

Long Shot. Journalist becomes speechwriter for his first crush, a presidential candidate, and turns her on to a wild new world of parties and hilarious rule breaking.

A movie received earlier was not listed in the Bugle. **A Dog's Way Home**. This movie purchased by Paul Ruopp in memory of Maureen Sullivan.

New Large Print:

One Good Deed by Davis Baldacci

Far and Away by Fern Michaels

IN REMEMBRANCE

A note from Ruth LeBlanc: "My husband, Arthur N. LeBlanc, passed away on June 30, 2019. He loved Briny Breezes, spent 6 years as a Board of Director and 2 years as President of the Board. He also volunteered for other events when needed. Our family would like to thank everyone for the lovely cards, mass cards and special notes. Briny is such a special place and all of us are blessed to be here. Love, Ruth LeBlanc"

Mary Curtis also sent us a note, "It is with great sorrow that I announce the death of my mother Mary Lou Meunier, long time resident of Briny Breezes (L5). She passed very peacefully in her own home in Massachusetts on Wednesday Aug 21st, with her children by her side. Condolences may be sent to the family in care of Mary Curtis, PO Box 361, Templeton MA 01468"

FOUNTAIN LIGHTING

New illumination lighting of Briny Sailfish was installed recently in memory of Jane Fox.

Memorial gifts provided are being used to complete the Legacy Fountain and the surrounding landscape area.

Jane Fox - given by John & Barbara LeGrow

Jane Fox - given by Shirley Smith

CHRISTY GAUGER PAVER

Several residents have approached us with donations asking that we design and install a paver around the fountain in appreciation for her 13 years of service to Briny. If interested in helping, please forward donations to "Briny Landscape Club".

BRINY BREEZES MEMORIAL FUND aka the Chimes

Recent donations to maintain our chimes have been received in memory of:

Tom Clark donated by Carmen Lynch

Tom Clark donated by Georgia Joyce

Art LeBlanc donated by Georgia Joyce

Thank you for your continued support of our chimes. Nancy T Aceto, Trustee

To remember someone through the music of the chimes simply send a check made out to Briny Breezes Memorial Fund.

On the memo line write the name or names of the people you want remembered. A card will be sent to the family of the departed and notice will appear in our bugle. Please send contributions to Nancy Aceto.

BRINY GYM

Because physical exercise can be strenuous and subject to risk of serious injury, we urge you to obtain a physical examination from a doctor before using any exercise equipment or participating in any exercise activity. You agree that by participating in physical exercise or training activities, you do so **entirely at your own risk**.

Briny Exercise Gym Club does not provide supervision, instruction, or assistance for the use of the facilities and equipment.

Do not lend or pass "YOUR GYM KEY" to guests or non-members (including family members or friends). Your membership entitles you and you alone to use these facilities.

Please wear appropriate attire in the gym including shoes and shirts.

Thanks, Kathy Gross, Gym Manager

SOS-DUNES

Save Our Sand-Dunes

Our fragile sand dunes provide invaluable protection for: The Beach, Nesting Sea Turtles, Native Wildlife & Ecosystems, our Scenic Views as well as protection from Future Storms.

* Please **DO NOT** cross over the wall or trample dune plants. **ALWAYS** use one of the 5 paths. You can help by politely saying something if someone walks across the dunes.

BABY SEA TURTLE ADVENTURE

Opportunities are available to "Ride Along" with the sea turtle nest patrol. Jackie Kingston, our morning patrol coordinator (Sea Turtle Adventures), is offering Briny residents a chance to personally ride along on their new Side-by-Side ATV as they monitor and excavate struggling hatchlings from their sand nests. Several Briny residents have already accompanied the patrol and they glowed with smiles as they told of their experience. If interested call Jackie at **561-704-5911** who can schedule an outing. \$ 50.00 for up to 2 ppl (add \$25 for third) to spend an hour personally observing & learning from the experts.

Daily patrols will continue until October, Jackie has worked closely with Briny Breezes over the last few years in an ongoing effort to educate the public. She reminded me that there is no-charge to flag down the patrol with any questions as they daily pass our OCH.

NOTICE TO DISTRICT 4 BOAT OWNERS

As per Rules of Briny Breezes, Inc.:

- a) All watercraft must carry Boat Owners Insurance and the policy must name Briny Breezes Inc. as additional named insured. Proof of insurance and registration must be supplied to the Office on an annual basis.

If you have not submitted your information for 2019, please do so at your earliest convenience.

FORWARDING YOUR MAIL

We are trying to assist all residents into a seamless transition for receiving their mail while they are away from Briny. Whether you are going away for the summer and need to forward your mail up north or going on vacation for a short time and need to put your mail on hold, we encourage you to contact the **United States Postal Service** directly to make these arrangements. All regular mail will still be received and distributed as usual at the Briny Breezes Office. As always, please let us know if you have any questions.

How it works:

Contact USPS at <https://www.usps.com> or call **Customer Service: 1-800-275-8777**

- If you're making a permanent move, use this service to update your address.
- If your move is temporary, you can use this service for as short as 15 days or as long as 1 year. After the first 6 months, you can extend for another 6 months.
- Direct your mail to a new address with a few clicks and a \$1.05 charge to your credit card (the charge verifies your identity).
- Mail is sent piece by piece to the new address. You will receive a welcome kit with coupons as well.

IMPORTANT UPDATE – Mobile Home Tie Down Program

The implementation of the tie down program has begun. The assigned contractor, Storm Ready Services, has received the signed authorization from the state to begin work in Briny Breezes.

- Storm Ready Services began work this month and will be in Briny Breezes most of August. Work will start with homes on Mallard Drive and proceed south street by street on the intracoastal side, then continue on the ocean side from Cordova proceeding south to Briny Breezes Blvd.
- Storm Ready Services will be on each street approximately 3 days, depending on how many homes are signed up for the program. Residents should anticipate that streets may be blocked by equipment during the time work is being done on that street and relocate cars so that they will be accessible if needed. The contractor will work as quickly and efficiently as possible.
- **BE SURE ALL PERSONAL ITEMS AND EQUIPMENT UNDER YOUR HOME ARE PUSHED IN AT LEAST 4 FEET FROM THE EDGE OR ELSE REMOVED.** The contractor will remove and replace skirting, so that tie downs can be installed along the accessible sides of your home close to the outside edge. In order for the work to be done, your personal "stuff" MUST be out of the way.
- The contractor can install up to 12 tie down components, but there may be less than that. Installation may be affected if: a part of your unit is not accessible because of shrubs/hedges, cabana rooms, porches, etc.; your unit may be too low for the work to be done; the ground under your unit may be too rocky for the drills to penetrate; your unit was installed after 1999, etc.

Storm Ready Services will make their best effort to add tie downs to the units that are signed up.

If you have not signed up and would like to, forms are on the Briny Breezes web site (right-hand side of the home page). Please sign both forms and return them via email to sthaler@yahoo.com or to Briny Breezes, 5000 N. Ocean Blvd, Briny Breezes, FL 33435.

If you have questions about the program, you can call the office or call Sue Thaler at 703-201-8087 or write sthaler@yahoo.com.