



BAYNARD PARK

NEWSLETTER

March 15, 2023

News From Your Boards & Committees



News from the Board

Many of you have noticed that the fountain in the front pond is off. IMC and the board are currently working with two companies to see if repair is possible. Both of the front pond fountains are very old and are hitting the time where vendors can no longer find parts. We are hopeful repairs are still possible before purchasing new ones.

Thanks to the Rec Board for improving the playground with new swings, chains and extra mulch. Neighbors have already made comments about how their children have enjoyed the new swings. Thanks also for the additional equipment in the Fitness Center.

Also, the board is looking into replacing the dying pine outside of the guardhouse window. We are currently getting quotes on the removal, stump grinding, new tree and planting.

Now that we have certified the community with the proper speed limit and stop signs the BPD will be randomly driving through. A resident was recently stopped for rolling through a stop sign. Thank you to our Safety and Security Committee for all their hard work in making the patrols possible.

Calendar Reminder;

The season for warm weather birthday parties and graduation parties etc. is just about upon us. Please remember to reach out to Quen at IMC as soon as you know dates for your upcoming events at both pavilions. It is important to secure your dates officially with her.

SECURITY & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Safety Reminders



**STOP means
Complete Stop**



**Speed Enforced by
Bluffton Police
Department**

Random Enforcement by Bluffton Police Department

Golf Carts - Licensed Drivers Only

If you are experiencing any issues with your RFID tag not being read, please contact IMC (843-785-4775 Ext. 201) to obtain a new tag.

POND COMMITTEE UPDATE

Please be sure to share this information about Pond Maintenance with your Landscaping companies. Thanks!



Baynard Park Pond Guidelines For Home Owners & Landscapers (Reprinted for your information)

Scope

This guideline is being written to assist Baynard Park residents and their landscapers with what their responsibilities are concerning our ponds. Note that this document also applies to residents that do not live on a pond and should be reviewed by all home owners, renters and landscapers. The home owner is responsible to distribute this document to renters, landscapers and yard maintenance crews.

Water Edge Maintenance

- For residents on a pond, it is your responsibility to maintain your property to the water's edge. For residents that have buffer plants installed, it is your responsibility to maintain up to the buffer plants and they shall not be cut, trimmed or removed.
- Grass clippings, leaves, yard waste, or cuttings that may fall into the pond during maintenance shall be raked/skimmed out of the water as soon as possible.
- Any foreign objects found at the water's edge during maintenance shall be removed and discarded.
- It is recommended to keep the water's edge trimmed to the grass cut height but growth shall not be more than 24 inches tall and not extend from the edge more than 12 inches.
- No chemicals of any kind are permitted to be used at the water's edge.

Common Property

- Residents are not to plant, cultivate, remove, build on, install any devices or otherwise modify common areas or plantings on common grounds.
- Aquatic plantings are not to be chemically treated nor physically removed from the water's edge of ponds as this is the responsibility of the pond maintenance company.
- Swimming and/or boating is prohibited in all ponds.
- Golf carts are not permitted to be driven around or near ponds.
- For those properties on a pond, residents are prohibited from changing easement grades.
- There is a minimum sod buffer of 10 feet from the water's edge. Landscape accessories are not permitted in the sod buffer.
- Lawn maintenance chemical granules (Fertilizer, Herbicide, etc.) that fall on the street, driveways and sidewalks during application must be blown into the turf after application. This prevents chemicals from being washed into the pond drains.

Wildlife

- The ponds, streams and other bodies of water within Baynard Park are provided for storm water protection and aesthetic purposes and are intended for limited use as a recreational facility for "catch and release" fishing, pursuant to the rules and regulations established by State and Local Government and by the Board of Directors. Certain areas are designated as wetlands or migration and preservation areas and are restricted as to use by covenants approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
- Residents are not permitted to introduce any fish, plants or items into the pond system.
- Residents are prohibited from capturing, trapping or killing wildlife. Residents may feed birds in approved bird feeders.
- Alligators are native to South Carolina and are present in Baynard Park ponds. Feeding, caring, taunting or playing with any alligator in Baynard Park is prohibited. Alligators are strictly protected by South Carolina law and when residents are found to have been feeding them, they must be removed and destroyed and residents will be fined.

Fishing

- Fishing is permitted on a "catch and release" basis only.
- Residents and their guests are permitted to fish in all pond common areas and easements.
- Baynard Park is a private community and therefore fishing licenses are not required and it is not necessary to comply with state, local, or federal fishing regulations.
- Residents should be aware that alligators are often attracted to fish as they are being caught.



St.Patty's Pot Luck Dinner

Thank you all for making the
Corned Beef and Cabbage Pot Luck dinner a huge success!

Over 40 community members participated in the first St Patty's Day dinner at the pool pavilion. Food was all provided by attendees and was delicious. Some treats included were corned beef and cabbage, Sheppards pie, chili, nachos, mini hotdogs for the kiddos, Irish soda bread, and a wide assortment of sweets for dessert. Yummo!



St Patty's Pot Luck Dinner



food



fun & games

THE BAYNARD PARK WEBSITE...

BAYNARD PARK NEIGHBORS DIRECTORY



You can now find a directory of the names and addresses of your neighbors in Baynard Park on our community website.

Just go to baynardpark.org and look on the home screen. You will see a box under an arrow that says "BP Directory." Names are listed next to the owners' address.

Check it out!



Baynard Park **Ladies of** **Baynard Park** **Luncheon**

Our Kick Off Luncheon is being hosted by: Carolyn Adelman.
Carolyn has chosen the venue of:

USCB Hospitality Campus
1 Sand Shark Drive
Hilton Head
April 5 at 12:00 Noon

There is a Pre-Set price of the luncheon *due in advance* to Carolyn of \$25.00.

You will be enjoying a gourmet salad which will feature your choice of: Strawberry Salad or Arugula Salad complimented by your choice either: Herb Marinated Chicken OR Asian Marinated Salmon OR Vegan Chicken Strips, all with a variety of mixed greens and other compliments. A luscious dessert and beverage are included. After the luncheon, we are welcome to tour the fantastic facility!

The afternoon promises to be a culinary treat from beginning to end!!

Luncheon Reservations are to be made directly through Carolyn Adelman on or before Friday, March 24. So please respond EARLY. Carolyn will have the information in more detail as to the menu. Please reach out to Carolyn by text or phone call at: [843-290-4138](tel:843-290-4138), or email her at: carolyn_adelman@msn.com And, remember to respond as soon as possible!

We still have many months available for you to host a luncheon, brunch, tea or breakfast...so please feel free to contact me so we may set a future date!!
[847-287-1589](tel:847-287-1589) or robinbissch@att.net.

Thanking you again for your continued support of our luncheons!!
Carol Bisschop

LADIES LUNCHEON GROUP
at: robinbissch@att.net or by phone: [847-287-1589](tel:847-287-1589)
Carol Bischoff

Around Baynard Park

**WELCOME
TO OUR
NEIGHBORHOOD**



70 Bainbridge Way
David & Jaime Dulaney
12 Greatwood Drive
John McLean & Heather Lane
3 Meadowlawn Ln
Stephen & Janice Ann Lopuck

**Please join us in welcoming
our new neighbors to Baynard Park!**

IN MEMORY

Our community recently lost one of its' members. Chris Dawson made the new flag at our entrance gate possible and many may remember the ceremony that went along with flying our new flag.



Donations in Chris' name are appreciated to the below as we think of his family with thanks and prayer.

Donations may be made to:

Folds of Honor

Department 13

Tulsa, Ok 74182

Donation Forms are found at

[Foldsofhonor.org](https://foldsofhonor.org)

Folds of Honor is an educational scholarship for veterans children.

GATOR SAFETY



BE GATOR SAFE:

Do Not Approach, Feed or Harrass Alligators

Warning: It is UNLAWFUL to feed alligators!

A fed alligator loses its natural fear of humans. This can pose a danger to the public, and ultimately results in the alligator's death.

REMEMBER
A FED GATOR IS A DEAD GATOR!

With temperatures rising and Spring just around the corner, alligators will soon be out basking in the sun on lagoon banks all over the Lowcountry. Alligators are exothermic, meaning they rely on external heat sources to maintain their body temperature, so they are most active during warm weather (82 to 92F), stop feeding when the ambient temperature drops below 70F, and become dormant below 55F.

Alligators are protected under South Carolina Regulation 123-151, and *it is against the law to feed or harass alligators*. Alligators can move very quickly, so do not approach them. Do not throw rocks or other objects into the water, because to an alligator, a "splash" means food. **Do not feed any wildlife** such as fish, turtles, or birds, because to an alligator, food is food, no matter who it was intended for. Alligators are considered apex predators and feed mainly on fish, turtles, snakes, and small mammals. However, they are opportunists, and a hungry gator will eat just about anything, including pets.

Be extremely cautious around any waterways. **Do not allow pets or children within 15 feet of a lagoon bank.** Alligators have sharp claws and powerful tails to help them push their bodies up. Young alligators are agile climbers and adults have been known to climb fences to get to water or escape captivity. It is rare for an alligator to pursue a human because we are too big to be prey. However, they may become aggressive, especially if you are near their nest, and charge a human. ***Run fast and straight away from the gator. Running in a zig zag is a misconception.***

You should never approach, antagonize, feed or interact in any way with an alligator, but they could be especially dangerous during mating season. Gators will typically court throughout April and May before breeding at the end of May or the beginning of June, according to the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources. The female will lay 30 to 50 eggs in June and July, which will hatch usually in late August or early September.

SPRING GARDENING TIP



When planting in our SC zone 8b and 9a it is important to remember, whenever possible to use plants that are native to our area. Here is a listing of native plants for our zone from Clemson Cooperative Extension. Clemson has a wealth of information for all of your gardening needs. They can be found at <https://www.clemson.edu/extension/>

Gator Watch



This one is about 4 feet and was in Pond 1 on March 5th. Look at the edge of the pond near the end of the tree shadow.



Annual Food Drive for Bluffton Self Help



**Thank you for all your generous donations for the
annual Food Drive!**

**Bluffton Self Help expressed their sincere thanks for all
the items and thanked everyone in Baynard Park.**

**I would like to thank Pat Mulcahy, Judy Lake, Victor &
Evelina Simoes, and my family for all their help with
pick-up and drop off of the bags.**

Neighbors Helping Neighbors - That's what it's all about!

- Nancy Bergmann

Neighborhood Reminders

**PICKLEBALL
MONDAYS**

NOTICE TO ALL BAYNARD PARK PICKLEBALL PLAYERS

TIME CHANGES FOR PICKLEBALL

Since the time change will occur on March 12th, we can start up Monday night pickleball at 5 pm on the 13th of March. All are welcome.



IT'S ABOUT YOU!!

We would love to share and celebrate **YOUR** important events across the community. There are always a lot of good things going on related to birthdays, anniversaries, youth sports awards or even graduation events. We plan on starting a "community chatter" section featuring **YOUR** stories so please reach out to the Board at board@baynardpark.org if you have something for a future newsletter.

We are having great success with our new found committees, but need more volunteers. Have you been looking for a way to be more involved in the community? The Communications Committee is looking for interested residents to come onboard. Please reach out to the Board at board@baynardpark.org if this sounds like something you would like to hear more about.

Neighborhood Happenings

Food Truck Friday
([Click Here](#)) for dates and participants

Ladies Luncheon
watch for information and dates

Pickleball Mondays
see announcement in current issue

Check out "Upcoming Events" page in Newsletter for more information.

These updates, and **additional items of interest**, can be found on our website - www.baynardpark.org

Baynard Park Property Owners Association | Bainbridge Way, Bluffton, SC 29910

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