

BAYNARD PARK NEWSLETTER April 15, 2023

News From Your Boards & Committees



News from the Board

HELP NEEDED

The Baynard Park Board of Directors is looking to create a 4-person committee to assist with landscape suggestions. The committee will develop a plan to be carried out over the next several years and will report to the board liaison who will bring all suggestions to the board who will then interact with the contracted landscaping firm to carry out the plan.

If you are interested in being a part of this committee you should be wellversed in SC gardening needs and have knowledges in native, drought resistant and deer resistant plants and shrubs.







REMINDERS FROM YOUR BOARD

Rules and Regulations Reminder:

- Political flags of any kind are not allowed to be placed anywhere in Baynard Park.
- Baynard Park POA dues were due on April 1st with an April 15th deadline as a grace period. Next dues will be due as follows: July 1st and October 1st
- We've had several alligator sightings in various ponds. Please have your kids who fish be careful!
- The next board meeting will be held at the pool pavilion on August 2nd at 6:00 PM
- All home modifications including projects "returning back to original" require an application. All checks must be made out to The Baynard Park POA. If you have done any work which required ARC approval please let Quen at IMC know the project has been completed. All projects need to be closed out in the system and there are many that are open. The property modification form can be found on the home page on the Baynard Park website at baynardpark.org. Quen at IMC Resort Services can be reached at 843-785-4775 ext. 212 or by email at Quen@IMCHHI.com

SECURITY & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Safety Reminders



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.

Diaper Drive

My company is conducting a diapers & hygiene drive thru May for Bluffton Self Help if anyone has the desire to donate. Did you know BSH will take open packages of diapers? If you have any diapers (adult & child sizes) or other (new) hygiene items that you'd like to donate, please drop them off at 77 Bainbridge Way. I'll put a tote on my front porch that you can place donations in. Thank you! Ashley Lindblad





Ladies of Baynard Park Luncheon Group

Hi Baynard Park Ladies.

We enjoyed a beautiful afternoon luncheon at USCB Hospitality Campus hosted by Carolyn Adelman, including guided tour of the college! The luncheon was very well attended. Kicking our Ladies Luncheon season off to a Great Start!! Thank you again Carolyn!!

So on to May we go!! Patty Goodman will be hosting a May get together! We will be sending out follow up emails announcing a venue, time, date. We are grateful to Patty for graciously hosting in May!! So ladies..choose a month and we will work together! We look forward to

having at least one luncheon per month!! Get out your calendar and call, text or email me!! Enjoy our beautiful S C weather!!

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

> at: <u>robinbissch@att.net</u> or by phone: <u>847-287-1589</u> Carol Bischopp

Around Baynard Park

Baynard Park POA

All residents are encouraged to participate in the Annual Spring Community Yard sale Saturday, April 29th (rain or shine) from 8am-12pm!

Please remember to be courteous of your neighbors during this event. Not all residents will be participating. Be sure to direct your visiting "yard-salers" to park so as not to block driveways, alleyways, mailboxes or general traffic. Your neighbors will thank you! If you have any questions, please either email Tina at <u>TinaAlexanderJohnson@gmail.com</u> or send a message via the Baynard Park FB Group.





GATOR SAFETY



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 having arrived, 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 TIPS

From our resident Master Gardener -Here is a link to a great power point for the South Carolina garden. It shows great flowers for a year of color and blooming.



<u>https://www.clemson.edu/cafls/research</u> <u>/</u> coastal/documents/yearofbloomrevised.pdf

Neighborhood Reminders

PICKLEBALL MONDAYS

NOTICE TO ALL BAYNARD PARK PICKLEBALL PLAYERS



There is a change in the pickleball time on Monday nights to 5:30p-7:30p. All are welcome any time Monday night.

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 <u>board@baynardpark.org</u> 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 <u>board@baynardpark.org</u> 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 - <u>www.baynardpark.org</u>

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