



BAYNARD PARK

NEWSLETTER

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News From Your Boards & Committees

" A Note From Your Board President"

Hello Baynard Park residents, I hope everyone is having a great 2021.

First off I would like to welcome all of our new families, thank you for choosing Baynard Park. We have a great community and know you will enjoy it.



I want to take this time to announce an organizational change in our property management company. As you all know Judy Mason was replaced mid last year as our property manager by Kent Eddy. This was a temporary assignment until a new property manager could be found. I'm happy to announce that Carrie Murphy has been assigned to us by ASM. We have worked with Carrie in the past and the Board is excited about this change. Carrie happens to be the president of her own POA so she knows the types of challenges we face.

Going forward you may still see Judy and Kent in support roles, but Carrie is our property manager and all items should be addressed to her. She can be reached at:

Cmurphy@atlanticstatesmanagement.com

Thanks everyone, and as always you can reach out to the board at:

board@baynardpark.org

Jim Rogers

REC BOARD NEWS

Our pool resurfacing project is well underway and thanks to everyone for adhering to the restricted entry guidelines. For anyone who has been near the pool and pavilion you will definitely see a lot of trucks and equipment in the area.



Here is a quick rundown of completed/pending work activities:

Obtain South Carolina DHEC approval - **complete**
Drain and secure equipment for pools - **complete**

Saw, cut and remove plaster 1" below
existing tile and around all fittings - **pending**
Install new 2"x2" non-skid step and bench
tile to meet DHEC standards - **pending**

Prep interior surfaces to receive "Bond Kote" coating to bond the pool -

pending
Apply "Bond Kote" to interior surfaces - *pending*

Barring any unforeseen weather delays, Year Round Pool plans on completing all of the above work by February 5th. We will provide another update in March because obviously there is still additional work to be completed. The good news is that based on our current progress we are on target for April.

Architectural Review Committee

When the development of Baynard Park began and guiding Covenants were written, an "architectural control committee" (A.R.C.) was established and "charged with promoting and maintaining a high level of design, quality, harmony and conformity throughout the Project (community)..." Baynard Park Covenant, Article 10. Our Property Owners Association (POA) is fully committed to maintaining the visual character and standards of Baynard Park.



As warmer weather approaches, many of us have already begun planning projects to improve or spruce up the appearance of our homes and properties. Prior to starting any project and to ensure compliance, all residents/homeowners are advised to visit our community website Baynardpark.org and thoroughly review our original **Covenants** as well as our recently revised (August, 2020) **Rules, Regulations and Design Guidelines**.

In addition to specific Rules and Regulations regarding Exterior Maintenance of your home/property (roof cleaning, painting, gutters, driveways, sidewalks, mailboxes, landscape, etc.), owners are **REQUIRED TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE A.R.C. FOR ANY EXTERIOR CHANGES TO THEIR PROPERTY PRIOR TO BEGINNING THE ACTUAL MODIFICATION**. Refer to the Design Guidelines (under DOCUMENTS) for **FULL DETAILS** on the application process, overall design guidelines and prohibited modifications.

Thanks to all for taking the time to properly maintain your property. Each of us plays an important role in maintaining the beauty of Baynard Park and the increasing home values as a result. Stay safe and have a fantastic 2021.

Please direct any questions to our Property Manager, Carrie Murphy @ Atlantic States Management. 843-837-2520, cmurphy@atlanticstatesmanagement.com

WELCOME COMMITTEE

Your Baynard Park Welcome Committee has been very busy since our last update. We are formalizing our mission statement and goals but just as important, creating welcome bags for new homeowners. We are excited to share we have delivered our first "batch" of welcome bags! Plus, we have already received very positive feedback on both the welcome bags and our community outreach.



New families in our community are receiving an email introducing our Welcome Committee - who we are and what we do. As we meet new home owners we will inquire where they moved from (if they are comfortable sharing), as we may have people in our community from that area too. It is nice to remember, and talk about, where you came from with folks who have lived there too. This all makes moving to a new community that much easier, which is our main objective as the Welcome Committee.

Our committee is working hard to make our community the best it can be!

Liza Ryan, Mari Notley, Teresa Knoll, Kristine Aiello

SOCIAL COMMITTEE



Your Baynard Park Social Committee has planning underway for our first event of the new year.

As we have done previously, we will continue to support Bluffton Self Help. This agency has been in operation for 34 years providing a wellness food pantry, Education and Resource Center, a financial assistance program and dozens of other services. At the heart of everything they provide, "*Bluffton Self Help is neighbors helping neighbors*", and we are fortunate that we can reach out and help our Bluffton neighbors.

What: Annual Food Drive for Bluffton Self Help
When: Sunday, February 21st, pick up starts at 12:00pm (noon)
Where: Convenient curbside pickup from your mailbox

ITEMS DESPERATELY NEEDED:

whole grain cereals
hamburger helper
whole grain granola bars (nut free)
low sodium hearty soup
healthy snacks for kids jelly/jam
canned/crushed tomatoes
instant oatmeal
canned fruit (light syrup) applesauce
dry beans
pancake mix
pasta sauce
maple syrup
whole grain pasta/rice
olive oil
velveeta cheese

Please place all food donations by your mailbox before noon so we can begin pickup at that time. Parkside is having their food drive on the same day so our combined donations will have a huge impact. It is important to note that last year Bluffton Self Help provided food for over 1137 households, which is a 30% increase over 2019.

Thanks to everyone in advance for supporting this worthwhile cause to help Bluffton families.
Please call me with any questions at 330-506-4222

Pat Mulcahy, Social Chair

Around Baynard Park



CLUBS & GROUPS UPDATE

As you can imagine the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted many of the activities of our neighbors in Baynard Park. We thought it might be a good time to check in with our clubs and groups to see what they've been up to:

The Bunco Groups - there are three Bunco groups in the neighborhood. They normally meet monthly, rotating between members' homes (or some in the pool pavilion until the weather became too chilly to play outside). They have not been meeting due to COVID restrictions. Play will start up soon. Watch for updates for start-up dates. If you are interested in learning more about the game of Bunco, please contact Debbie Fejes at 770-769-8389, Rosalind Kelly at 313-729-9977, or Susan Bonner at susanbonner88@gmail.com

Ladies Luncheon Group usually meets monthly visiting area restaurants. They have not met recently. Once spring arrives and the weather is warmer for outside dining, they hope to get together again. Linda Wolff is the contact for this group. She can be reached at 630-667-1033.

Mah Jongg is a fun game enjoyed by players in our community on Thursday afternoons. Instruction is provided for new players to the game and play is organized so that it is enjoyed by those at all levels. Unfortunately, their meetings have been suspended due to COVID restrictions. Carolyn Adelman chairs this group and can be reached at 843-929-0700.

Men's Golf - this group has disbanded for various reasons. If anyone is interested in re-starting the group please let us know.

Pickleball - this group is led by neighbors Cindy Binkley and Kathleen Wilson. They would love to have more folks join them in learning the fun game of pickleball on our Baynard Park courts. Please contact Cindy by phone at 618-789-2015 or by e-mail at yobink@sbcglobal.net. Kathleen can be reached by phone at 516-857-8753 or by e-mail at kd72493@aol.com. Kathleen is able to play with those available during the day and Cindy is willing to start a couple of beginner classes once the time changes and there is more daylight available for play.

Men's Luncheon - this group is not currently meeting. Watch for information in the future about upcoming events.

Want to start a book club, bible study, gourmet group, fishing or card club once it is safe to meet in groups again? Any hobby you love is probably loved by others who might like to share it with you. Take a look at the **Community Recreation** tab on the Baynard Park website and you can click on the link for the Webmaster to get started.



FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS!!! (BP & PS)

We will start having Food Truck Fridays (usually twice a month beginning in March).

See the entry sign board or newsletter for information each month. We will have two food trucks and one dessert or sweets truck scheduled for each of the food truck nights and have reserved the pool pavilion for each night. Hoping for great turnouts, since (at this time in our pandemic) we don't know if we will be able to have actual "social events".

3/19/21 - 5-7:30 - Poolside

Thai Truck
Diced Pineapple (Jamaican)
Lowcountry Snowballs

PLEASE CONTINUE TO WEAR MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCE SO WE CAN CONTINUE OUR FOOD TRUCK NIGHTS.

EAGLE SIGHTING

How lucky are we here in Baynard Park to be afforded an opportunity most Americans never get to see, the great American symbol, the bald eagle sitting above their heads. The Bradtmullers snapped this great shot while taking an evening stroll with their pup, Abby.



Did you know that in 2017 it was estimated that there were a whopping 69 nesting pairs of bald eagles in Beaufort County...compared to only 5 in 1990. This number is growing according to the SCDNR (South Carolina Dept. of Natural Resources). Next time you're out and about in Baynard Park, don't forget to look up!

WE HAVE MASTER GARDENERS!!!



Exactly what is a Master Gardener? A Master Gardener is a trained volunteer who has horticultural knowledge and a willingness to share that knowledge with the county residents in which they were trained. South Carolina Master Gardeners receive their training through the Cooperative Extension of Clemson University. Their certification process includes a minimum of 40 hours of instruction and training in soil and plant nutrition, botany, entomology, plant pathology, vegetable and fruit gardening and basic landscape design.

Let's kick things off with some tips for February: Soil - Pruning - What to Plant

SOIL

Now is the time to get your soil prepared. Obviously, soil is where your plants get nutrients which means the quality of your soil does matter! This is a good time to add organic compost to soil.

PRUNING

February is prime time for light winter pruning of your trees and shrubs - except for azaleas that already have buds. Pruning azaleas now will prevent them from producing flowers in the spring. When pruning, concentrate on removing overcrowded growth, crossing stems and dead, damaged or drying branches. You can also lightly prune trees, shrubs, climbers and wall shrubs - but - if it blooms before June, don't prune!

We all love to chop off the top of our Crape Myrtles but some folks consider this "Crape Murder". Typically, they only need light pruning and there is an accepted method of only trimming any branch smaller than a #2 pencil so just be aware of different pruning philosophies for Crape Myrtles.

Lastly, this is also a good time to cut back ornamental grasses.

WHAT TO PLANT IN LATE FEBRUARY?

Now is the time to plant your new trees, shrubs and roses. Evergreen and conifers can be planted now too. An important point on timing, March is the end of planting for deciduous and bare-rooted trees and shrubs.

For more detailed information on low country gardening and the tips above, here is a great resource: www.hgic.Clemson.edu/factsheet

Stay tuned for more monthly tips and possibly creating a "Garden Gurus Group" within our community.

IDENTIFYING COPPERHEAD SNAKES

courtesy of www.hgic@Clemson.edu

The fear of being bitten by a snake worries many folks whether the snake is venomous or not. Out of the 38 species in South Carolina, only six are venomous. They are the coral snake, copperhead, cottonmouth, pigmy rattlesnake, eastern diamondback rattlesnake, and timber rattlesnake.

There always seems to be questions floating around Baynard Park regarding the identification of the Copperhead.

Identification:

The Head

The copperhead gets its name from the coppery-tan color found mainly on its head and throughout parts of its body down to the tail. An adult copperhead's average length ranges between 2 to 3 feet but can reach 4 feet.

The copperhead is a pit viper, so you'll notice a very distinctive triangular-shaped head.

Pattern and Camouflage

Parts of the pattern of the copperhead resemble an hourglass and is one



of the most diagnostic traits of all. The hourglass shape lays somewhat "sideways" on the copperhead's back; the wider portion of the shape starts on one side of the body, thins towards the middle-top edge of the back (closest to the spine), and then widens back out to the opposite side of the snake.

Eyes

Eye pupil shape is a very easy way of identifying copperheads. The Copperhead has a yellow eye with a black vertical and elliptical pupil, similar to that of a cat's eye.

Juvenile Yellow Tails

Juvenile copperheads are known for having a bright yellow tail that they use to lure their prey, such as frogs and small lizards. Be careful when you come across a yellow-tailed juvenile copperhead. From birth, they already have functional venom glands but can't control the amount of venom they inject. Therefore, you may find yourself in more trouble being bitten by a juvenile rather than an adult.

Finally

With all this being said, Copperheads are not aggressive, nor do they go out of their way to bite humans or other unsuspecting bystanders. When curled up, their camouflage resembles a pile of fallen leaves; this helps them remain hidden from potential predators - including you. A copperhead bite typically occurs when it's least expected, after several attempts to discourage any "predator" from coming close. When walking through potential copperhead habitat, the snake will likely spot you first and may try to move away. As you get closer, it will curl up into its camouflage pile, blending in with fallen leaf litter on the ground. As you get closer, the copperhead will start to shake, or "rattle," its tail to resemble a rattlesnake. Get even closer, and the copperhead will lift its head to show you it's ready to bite if you keep provoking. The last and final step is a strike. Even though you may have never noticed any of the prior warnings, all the snake knows is that he gave you all warnings to stay away and that you still persisted. The bite is last resort to defend itself from an animal much larger than itself and which it certainly doesn't see as a potential meal.

So, remember to steer clear. When working out and about it is a good idea to poke through pine straw and mulch first with a stick to determine the possible hiding place of a Copperhead.

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE BAYNARD PARK FAMILY

We would like to give a warm welcome to the following new residents who have moved in over the past month.



Chapman family at 104 Spring Meadow
Tucker family at 57 Bainbridge Way

Please help us in welcoming them all to the neighborhood.

Neighborhood Reminders

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.

REMINDER FROM WASTE MANAGEMENT

All waste and recycling trucks are equipped with a mechanical arm for efficient and safe pickup of waste/recycle carts. That said, all waste and recycling must be within the cart. Please do not pile additional contents on top of the carts as the additional contents will scatter when the mechanical arm picks up the cart. If you have more waste or recycling than fits in the cart, please take that content to the County drop off site or save for the next recycling or waste day.

If you need additional services or have further questions, please contact Waste Management at 888.964.9730.

PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET

It doesn't take much to remember that we have pets in our community. In fact, if you don't watch your step, you are liable to step in one such reminder!



We all enjoy walking throughout the community and we all need to be mindful of controlling and cleaning up after our pets, in addition to keeping them out of another neighbor's yard. When walking your dog, please remember that it should be leashed. Also, it is important to immediately clean up after your pet and dispose the waste properly, either at home or using one of the "waste stations" in the community.

By taking a few simple steps to clean up after your pet, you can contribute not only to the beautification of our community, but also towards the elimination of an irritating nuisance in our community. Thank you for your cooperation!

Neighborhood Happenings

Joint HOA and REC Board Meeting
Thursday, February 18 - 6 p.m. via Zoom

Annual Food Drive for Bluffton Self Help
Sunday, February 21 - pick-up starts at Noon

Food Truck Friday
Friday, March 19 - 5p.m. -7:30p.m. Poolside

Baynard Park and Parkside Garage Sale
Saturday, May 1, 2021 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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