

# Bristol Lakes Bulletin

MAY 2022

## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thank you to all that "attended" the last HOA meeting on Zoom April 19th! The board really appreciates your taking the time to listen in and participate. As discussed in the meeting, we are working with Bug Away to complete the annual trimming of the Hardwood trees. We also stressed the importance of all landscaping requests/issues being submitted on the Bristol Lakes website, so requests can be kept in one location and organized.

It was nice to hear some interest in social activities being organized for the community. The board welcomes anyone who would like to volunteer their time to organize and serve as a social chair for the community, as we do not have anyone serving in that role.

In the compliance report it was noted we went from 22 violations down to 10! Great Job! We also would like to thank Maryann Cyr for volunteering to serve on our grievance committee.

Summer is almost here! Our last meeting before summer break will be May 17 at 6:30pm and we will resume meetings starting back in September. Wishing all a wonderful summer ahead!!



**FOR ALL PALM BEACH STUDENTS  
SCHOOL IS OUT ON MAY 22, 2022.  
REMEMBER ALWAYS WATCH OUT FOR  
CHILDREN**

## CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS

"Special assessments" are words homeowners don't want to hear. It means all homeowners of a community must pay an amount of money, often a significant amount, because the HOA does not have sufficient funds to pay for a needed repair or improvement. An example may be the repaving of the communities roads. Sometimes the deficiency is because of poor planning, that is, not providing for a reserve account or not assessing its members enough monthly to fund the account properly. Sometimes it may be if something totally unexpected happened, or maybe just inflation has effectively diminished the purchasing power of the fund.



In any case all of the homeowners will bear the burden of contributing to the deficiency. We can help prevent this from happening by the use of capital contributions. A capital contribution is a one time payment made by a buyer of a home to the community reserves. It is a way to increase funding without harming existing homeowners. Is it legal? Will it have a chilling effect on home buyers? Will it eventually come out of my (the seller) pocket? Good questions which we will consider in the next month's bulletin **CAPITOL GAINS FOR NEW BUYERS**

## BOARD MEETING May 17 @ 6:30PM

Our next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday May 17 starting at 6:30PM. Attendance has been growing for our ZOOM Meetings. Last month we almost doubled the previous meeting. Learn about YOUR community and where your dues go. All ZOOM meetings are announced on our web site [www.bristollakes.com](http://www.bristollakes.com) and you will receive an e-mail the day before the meeting with complete instructions.

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## HIDE YOUR GARBAGE CAN

Our documents state that garbage containers must be kept out of sight. You are allowed to put them at the curb after 5:00PM on the day before collection. You must bring your can into a non-noticeable place by 5:00PM on the day of the collection. You can keep it in your garage or by the side of your house, as long as it can not be seen from the street.



## OUR SPEED LIMIT IS 20 MPH

### BATTERIES CAN CAUSE FIRES

SWA's April Household Hazardous Waste Tip: Rechargeable Batteries Can Cause Fires if Put in Recycling Bins or Trash

Throwing rechargeable batteries into a recycling bin or the garbage can put property and people's lives at risk. In fact, fires traced to lithium-ion batteries have been reported at recycling facilities nationwide, and fires have started in the garbage trucks that go to your home.

Rechargeable batteries power our cell phones, laptops, cordless power tools and even hover boards. These batteries have components that are flammable. If the battery is shorted or damaged, it heats up and produces oxygen, which facilitates combustion.

Fortunately, Palm Beach County residents can dispose of rechargeable (non-alkaline) batteries for free at any of the SWA's seven Home Chemical and Recycling Centers.

Regular alkaline batteries (AA, AAA, C, D and 9 volt) can be placed in your garbage. But any other type of battery (rechargeable, nickel-cadmium, automotive, lithium-ion, cell phone, lead-acid) should be dropped at one of the SWA's Home Chemical and Recycling Centers.

**PLEASE  
PICK-UP  
AFTER  
YOUR  
DOG**



### KEEP BRISTOL LAKES CLEAN

Bristol Lakes spends thousands of your dollars every year to keep our neighborhood beautiful, yet on most days you will find Landscaping debris at the curb. Our documents state that no trash or landscaping debris shall be left at the curb except on the day of the pick-up. That means your palm fronds and other debris must be stored in a place not noticeable from the street. It may be stored at the side of the house.



### RUMMAGE SALE AND FLEA MARKET

Park Vista High School Band has scheduled a rummage sale on May 7, 2022 at the high school's parking lot. You may reserve a table for \$25.00. It will be held 9AM to 12PM. If you are interested in a table, e-mail to the this address below: [FUNDRAISING@PARKVISTABAND.COM](mailto:FUNDRAISING@PARKVISTABAND.COM).

