

Bristol Lakes Bulletin

August 2018

This Bulletin is to keep all our residents updated and informed of things that are happening in your community. Please try to attend a Board Meeting to understand our community and how it operates, and please be aware of our web site WWW.BRISTOLLAKES.COM for ways to contact our Board, send in work orders and obtain gate passes.

FRONT GATE(S) - TAILGATING

Our front gates are there for the security of residents in the Bristol Lakes community. We have experienced vehicles tailgating into the community and some result in damage to our gate arm(s) and/or swing gate(s).

If a resident allows a tailgater in and causes damage, the BLHOA will invoice the resident for the damage. Just to remind our residents, we do have surveillance cameras that are active 24 hours a day. As permitted by law, a no tailgating sign is posted at the front entrance and is strictly enforced.

If the gate does not work by phone, get to the gate and give the vendor your card to enter, then take your card back.

The BLHOA thanks those residents who have taken the time to move the gate arms out of the travel lanes. It is good to see that some of the residents are considerate of others.
The Bristol Lakes BOD

Canyon Lakes Library

The Coalition of Boynton West Residential Associations (COBWRA) has been lobbying the county to build a library to accommodate the growing number of families in the area.

And after close to 10 years of petitioning, county officials say that the library could be a reality as early as 2019. At a county Library Advisory Board meeting held last month, Douglas Crane, library director, said that he will begin the process of planning and building the "two-story state-of-the-art" Canyons Branch Library.

Welcome/Reference Book and e-mail checks

If you did not receive a Welcome/Reference Book or know of a neighbor who did not receive one, please let us know. There are important issues that come up and all residents should be kept informed. Bristol Lakes does this primarily by e-mail which is cost effective.

Welcome New Neighbors

7399 Brunswick Cir. Butler/Perkins Sheila/Mark
7476 Brunswick Cir, Nicholas & Miriam Menzione

Board Meetings

Our Board meetings will resume in September. During the summer months your Board has been active. We are following quotes on the street signs, got the dead plants replaced in the entrance way and are obtaining quotes from landscapers to maintain the entrance way and populate it with flowers for the winter and summer seasons.

School Starts



August 13, 2018, Please watch for our children and stop for school busses when lights are flashing

Have time on your hands

Would you like to volunteer to be a "Hospital Caring Clown". Anne Fennell, AKA Dr Figit a Bristol Lakes resident, is a trainer and active caring clown spending time with visitors and patients and staff at Delray Medical Center. She also has affiliations with other hospitals in the region. A Caring Clown is to visit people, usually one day a week, in hospitals to take their mind off the surroundings. A normal day is 3-4 hours. Training can be done here at Bristol Lakes before committing to the program. It is a very rewarding way to give back.

If interested please call Anne Fennell at 561-244-8522 for more information.

Landscaping Committee

We are actively working on the front entrance, and maintaining our community. We have almost completed the tree trimming for the hurricane season. Our irrigation timer for the front entrance has been repaired.

Boynton Beach & Hagen Ranch Rd. Marketplace

It has been announced that M & M Realty of NJ will be building a 50,000 sq. ft Marketplace occupied by stores and restaurants. They are hoping for a late 2018 or 2019 opening according to the press release.

Hurricane Guide Lines on following page

Hurricane Guide as prepared by Palm Beach County

Hurricane Forecasts

The National Hurricane Center has the most up-to-date information on tropical cyclone developments, forecasts and weather alerts, discussions analyzing the data and more. <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

Hurricane Kits

It is important to create a kit of supplies that you could take with you if you are forced to evacuate. This kit will also be useful if you are able to stay in your home, but are still affected by the storm, such as through the loss of power. One common trend seen when hurricanes are approaching is a wide-spread panic. When this happens, people rush in large numbers to get all the supplies they think they need. However, if you prepare your kit ahead of time, you can alleviate a lot of the potential stress of a very chaotic situation. You should create your kit in a bag that you can easily take with you. Some recommended items to include are:

- Non-perishable food (enough to last at least 3 days)
- Water (enough to last at least 3 days)
- First-aid kit (include any prescription medication you may need)
- Personal hygiene items and sanitation items
- Flashlights (have extra batteries on hand)
- Battery operated radio (again, have extra batteries)
- Waterproof container with cash and important documents
- Manual can opener
- Lighter or matches
- Books, magazines, games for recreation
- Special needs items: pet supplies and baby supplies if applicable
- Cooler and ice packs

A plan for evacuation and for if family members are separated

Securing Your Home

Know how to secure your home in the event of damaging winds, storm surge and flooding.

- Cover all of your windows, either with hurricane shutters or wood.
 - Although tape can prevent glass from shattering everywhere, be warned that tape does not prevent the window from breaking.
 - If possible, secure straps or clips to securely fasten your roof to the structure of your home.
 - Make sure all trees and shrubs are trimmed and clear rain gutters.
 - Reinforce your garage doors.
 - Bring in all outdoor furniture, garbage cans, decorations, and anything else that is not tied down.
- If winds become strong, stay away from windows and doors and close, secure and brace internal doors.

Power Outages

In the event a storm should leave you without power, there are a few things to consider and help you be ready and stay safe outside of your normal hurricane preparedness.

- **Gas:** Make sure your tank is full far in advance of an approaching storm. Most people wait until the last minute, rush to get extra gas for cars and generators, and subsequently gas stations can run out early.
- **ATMS:** Have extra cash on hand in the event no ATMS in your area are accessible or working.
- **Cell Phones:** Charge your cell phone and limit use after power is out.
- **A/C:** This can be the most uncomfortable side effect of losing power during a storm. Try to prevent as much light from entering and warming the house by covering up your windows on the inside. If you have back-up or battery operated fans, don't run them unless you are in the room. Fans create a difference in perceived temperature but do not cool the room; instead they create a cooling effect by dispersing the heat off your skin. It is said they can actually add heat to a room just by running.
- **Water:** Fill bathtub and large containers with water for washing and flushing only.

Food: Turn your fridge temperature down and/or freeze any food or drinking water that can be frozen if you expect a power outage. Here is a guide on freezing food: [Freezing and Food Safety](#). Have a cooler with ice packs prepared to cool your drinks and snacks after power has been out for more than 4 hours. And importantly, check out this food safety guide for when to discard your perishable food: http://www.foodsafety.gov/keep/charts/refridg_food.html

Health/Safety: The CDC has a great guide on how to stay safe in the event of a power outage: [Power Outages](#)

Remember, any severe storm can be deadly and destructive. If you've survived a landfalling cyclone, you know the inconvenience and distress it can cause. One of the best tips to be prepared is knowing the cycle of a cyclone - **Approach, Arrival & Aftermath**. Prepare ahead of time and listen to the directions of officials for the approach. Secure your home, or find a safe shelter for its arrival, and know how to proceed safely during the aftermath