

# Bristol Lakes January Bulletin

## JANUARY BOARD MEETING

Our January Board Meeting will be Wednesday January 13 at 6:30 via ZOOM. Details will be sent in an E-mail Blast prior to the meeting.

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Let's all hope for a better, more normal New Year. Our Community seems to have survived this rough year and we appreciate everyone's perseverance in these unique times. We have many small projects and one major the re-landscaping along the canal) project completed. Our Reserves are in great shape and this was done with a small increase in our dues, half being Comcast. We are still working to get the Palm Beach Sheriff's to patrol our streets. We only have one more requirement (striping our roadway up to code with PBC.) I speak for the full Board of Directors in wishing everyone a Happy, Safe and Healthy New Year.

## IGUANA TRAPPING

During our cold weather Iguanas do not travel as much as in warmer weather. We have postponed our trapping until the weather is more consistently in the 80's. Please keep using the sightings form on our web page to report them.

## GENERATORS

Many homeowners have installed generators over the past year. Please remember that all outside equipment must not be visible from the street. A fence or shrubbery can be used to conceal it. Thank you for your cooperation.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

It is impossible to sneeze with your eyes open. (Go ahead and try it!)

## LANDSCAPING REPORT

In December all areas were mulched. We missed trimming 50 trees in December because of Holiday decorations, but we will make it up in January. The landscaping schedule for January is on our web site [www.bristollakes.com](http://www.bristollakes.com). Our front entrance tree lights will be taken down January 4, 2021

## CELL PHONE GATE PROBLEMS

Some cell phones are having problems opening the gate. We have been told that some android phone calls cannot open the gate. If yours is one there is a fix listed below.

1. Turn on the home WI-FI on.
2. Connect the phone to the WI-FI.
3. Move to a strong WI-FI zone, tap phone. Tap the key pad if necessary.
4. Type ##CLEAR# (##25327#) Tap call.
5. Tap OK at the resetting Subscriber setting prompt.
6. Allow the phone to reset

## 2021 DUES

As a reminder your dues for the year 2021 are \$377.00 with Comcast triple play and \$311.00 without.

You may also sign up for an automatic withdrawal from your bank. This way you will never be late and never get a letter saying you have been fined for late payment.

The form is on our website [WWW.BRISTOLLAKES.COM](http://WWW.BRISTOLLAKES.COM) look on the menu on the left side of the home page and scroll to near the bottom and click the tab "ACH EFT FUNDS TRANSFER" that will give you the form to fill out and send or e-mail to Campbell Mgt. in Deerfield Beach.

## HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

When you entered Bristol Lakes you were reminded of joyful times. When you drove on our roads, you were impressed with the many well decorated homes. Thanks to ALL who put a little joy to our holidays

## **LEARN TO LIVE IN THE PRESENT MOMENT**

To a large degree, the measure of our peace of mind is determined by how much we are able to live in the present moment. Irrespective of what happened yesterday or last year, and what may or may not happen tomorrow, the present moment is where you are - always!

Without question, many of us have mastered the neurotic art of spending much of our lives worrying about a variety of things - all at once. We allow past problems and future concerns to dominate our present moments, so much so that we end up anxious, frustrated, depressed, and hopeless. On the flip side, we also postpone our gratification, our stated priorities, and our happiness, often convincing ourselves that "someday" will be better than today. Unfortunately, the same mental dynamics that tell us to look toward the future will only repeat themselves so that "someday" never actually arrives. John Lennon once said, "Life is what's happening while we're busy making other plans," our children are busy growing up, the people we love are moving away and dying, our bodies are getting out of shape, and our dreams are slipping away. In short, we miss out on life.

Many people live as if life were a dress rehearsal for some later date. It isn't. In fact, no one has a guarantee that he or she will be here tomorrow. Now is the only time we have, and the only time that we have any control over. When our attention is in the present moment, we push fear from our minds. Fear is the concern over events that might happen in the future - we don't have enough money, our children will get into trouble, we will get old and die, whatever.

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To combat fear, the best strategy is to learn to bring your attention back to the present. Mark Twain said, "I have been through some terrible things in my life, some of which actually happened." I don't think I can say it any better. Practice keeping your attention on the here and now. Your efforts will pay great dividends.

*Compliments of HOA Newsletters*

## **DID YOU KNOW**

Why do men's clothes have buttons on the right while women's clothes have buttons on the left?

When buttons were invented, they were expensive and worn primarily by the rich. Since most people are righthanded, it is easier to push buttons on the right through holes on the left. Because wealthy women were dressed by maids, dressmakers put the buttons on the maid's right! And that's where women's buttons have remained since.

## **CONGRATULIONS TO CLARENCE OUR MAILMAN**

Clarence Smith, our mailman, who has been with the Post Office for 30 years is retiring on the 30th of January. We wish him well. When you see him give him a wave.

## **GET ACTIVE IN 2021**

The new year is starting and our community is running smoothly. Before you know it we will be asking for candidates to run for the board at our Annual Meeting in March. A Community takes residents to administer its daily running and management. It also takes Committee Members to volunteer for our working Committees and our Board.

