

Bristol Lakes Bulletin

June 2019

PARKING

Bristol Lakes Documents has rules for Parking and they will be enforced. Please visit our Web-site www.bristolakes.com and review the rules in our documents. Go to the residents tab on the left, then to the Bristol Lakes Documents page, then to the second group "Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions, then item 6. Use Restrictions. Then scroll to article 6.5.1 Garages and to 6.24 Vehicles and Boats.

May we remind you that there is NO overnight parking on our streets and cul de sacs. NO Parking on the sidewalks. Federal and State laws require sidewalks to be clear and safe for handicapped persons.

We are considering allowing cars to be parked overnight with Board permission. If approved this would allow residents to apply for a permit, on our web site, that would be displayed on the vehicles dash board for a short period during their stay.

Your Board is starting to review the Documents during this year, and revising some as they were written in

TRASH

Please remind you and your family members that Bristol Lakes including the entrance way is NOT the place to dump your trash. Violators will be cited

FREE DOCUMENT SHREDDING

Friday, June 7, 2019 8:00AM to 11:00AM
West Boynton Community Center
6000 Northtree Blvd. Lake Worth

The Palm Beach Sherriff's Office, in partnership with SHRED-IT, will be hosting a FREE document shredding event. This event is open to the public for shredding of up to FIVE office storage boxes (15"L x 12"W x 10"W of personal documents. Combat identity theft and protect your personal information by shredding old documents, bills, statements or other correspondence containing personal information. Please remove all papers from 3 ring binder type folders. Staples and paperclips do not need to be remove

BOARD MEETINGS

There will be NO Board of Directors during June, July and August. Have a Great summer

HURRICANE SEASON IS UPON US

Hurricane season has begun. There's good news and bad news. The 2019 U.S. hurricane season officially began on Saturday. The good news: It's predicted to be a near-normal Atlantic season, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which means only two to four major hurricanes will be on the way. The bad news: Despite the small number, any hurricane threatens to be among the most powerful storms in U.S. history. More than 7.3 million homes along the coast are at risk for damage. Also, as the season begins, climate scientists fear man-made global warming will spawn stronger hurricanes, packing heavier rainfall, higher storm surge and greater winds.

TRAFFIC

We are in the process of getting PBSO to patrol our Community, (We are having the road markers) painted at the front entrance with stripes to conform with current regulations. After that we will have a required traffic survey done by a firm approved by Palm Beach County. When we pass this test we will be able to request the PBSO to include Bristol Lakes on there patrol, thus increasing our safety.

LANDSCAPING

Your Landscaping Committee has been busy with several major projects.

1. Our contract with Bugaway is over January 1, 2020, and we are preparing a contract with OUR requirements to keep Bristol Lakes neat. The bids will be sent out in August so we may study them for approval before January 1st.
2. We are looking at ways to improve the conditions along the canal. The Ficus are 18 years old and leggy, plus the root system extends into residents yards. The chain-link fence is in need of repair and needs work. We ask the residents along the canal to provide us with their comments and suggestions, which can be done through our web site.
3. Tree trimming is just about complete for hurricane season. Bugaway should be completing this project soon.



Bristol Lakes Residents Page

TELEPHONE SCAMS

Billions of annoying robocalls from telemarketers and scammers are being made yearly, but, you don't have to feel completely helpless about receiving them. You CAN do something about it, REPORT IT to a federal agency!

The very first thing to do with ANY suspicious call, is to go to your web browser, and type in that phone number, including the area code (but not the 1 used with long-distance calling). Many sites will appear in the search results. Ignore any sites that don't have all of the 10 digits and say something like "we know who called you from 123 -45xx". They DON'T. After you type in the entire number on their site, they will "create" a report and often try to charge you to obtain it.

If all of the 10 digits are in the search result, look for sites like 800notes.com or nomorobo.com. 800notes.com re-ports scam calls from other people who have also received them. They often give you information about what the caller said, if you did not answer that particular call yourself. If you did answer, you can report the call you got from that same number, right on their site, without giving out your personal information. There are other good sites, and you can investigate them too.

Nomorobo.com, will often have a live transcript from the caller to listen to, and will issue a Robocaller Warning, the amount of activity from that number, whether they Blocked it, and when. Sometimes, the transcript is hilarious, like bad close-captioned TV news streaming.

To report serious scam calls that are trying to obtain your personal information, send your complaint (although it is tedious to fill out their complaint form) to the FCC at the link: <https://consumercomplaints.fcc.gov> You can also send a complaint to the FTC. You can find more information

To report IRS Impersonation scams, You can go to the link for TIGTA - The US Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration: https://www.treasury.gov/tigta/contact_report_search.shtml

For Telemarketers, you can complain to the National Do Not Call Registry: complaints.donotcall.gov, but they usually can't really do much about it, except compile data. On rare occasions, a particularly larcenous Telemarketer will get caught, fined a huge sum of \$\$, and make the newspapers. Whether or not they ever pay up is another story.

Before you send in any complaints, make sure you have handy, the 10 digit phone number, the date and time of call, and CID. The FCC, FTC, TIGTA and NDNCR will all Want your name, address, phone number and email address. They are safe secure sites, and will send you an email confirmation that they received your complaint, and give it a Case #. Filling out "on-line" complaint forms are a better way to communicate with the agencies than writing letters. If you call, they will probably direct you to their "File-a-Complaint- sites" anyway. I have never reported anything to the FBI, but if you search for "FBI complaints" on your browser, you will likely find a legitimate site.

EMAIL SCAMS

There are many scammers who try to gain access to your computer by getting you to CLICK on fraudulent web sites embedded in emails. A word of warning: NEVER CLICK ON A LINK SENT TO YOU IN AN EMAIL, even if you think you know who sent it, unless you check it FIRST, with whatever Computer software you use for Security purposes, i.e. to see if it is malware, etc.

A short while ago, I got an email on my iPad (which doesn't have Security Software), saying they got my name from a friend (using her real name), and to CLICK on the link. I forwarded the email to my husband's computer, which does have Security Software, to check it out, and, not only was it bogus, the Security report said it was from a known scammer.

Most recently, I received an email from "Yahoo Mail" at "Att.net/YAHOO!", telling me that my Yahoo Mail Version was outdated, and failure to "CLICK here to Upgrade Yahoo Mail Basic Version" would result in permanent account closure. I THINK NOTE You can investigate these types of emails by checking for their legitimacy on your web browser. For example, Yahoo will tell you that a legitimate email from them will contain a specific purple square icon containing a white Y. If it doesn't, it is not from Yahoo. Your suspicions should always be high, especially you get these emails delivered to your JUNK folder. Do not allow criminals to victimize you, REMAIN VIGILANT.

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