

Bristol Lakes Bulletin

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Weed Control

The weeds are back again, and this year's crop is a little worse than in past years. Weather conditions were perfect for growing weeds. Your landscape committee and your landscape company, Bugaway, is aware of the problem.

We are spraying lawns with a weed killer to eliminate the weeds. This spraying is not an overnight solution. The initial spraying was ineffective because heavy rains washed away the chemicals. We decided not re-spray until weather conditions improved. We need cooler dry conditions. Now that conditions have improved, Bugaway is again spraying for weeds. The backyards of homes with gated fences will not be sprayed unless the homeowner requests it. This policy is to protect small children and pets who may be playing in the yard.

The air temperature needs to be below 75° F without heavy rains. We rely on moisture from the irrigation system to activate the chemicals. It takes about 15 days for the weed killer to begin working.

Please be patient, we are working on the problem. Above all do not spray a weed killer on your lawn, Bugaway will spray everyone's lawn. Additional weed killers could kill your grass.

Iguanas

We seemed to have cut down on the invasion of Iguanas in our Community. We are not done yet. We will be having the Red Line Iguana Busters back again on a monthly basis to keep the critters under control. If you spot one please fill out the form on our web site so we can inform the trappers where to look. Thanks to all who participated in our original trapping.

New FYA Signals

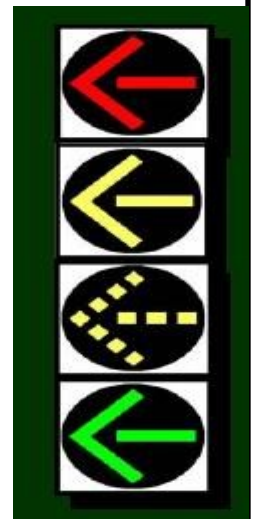
Palm Beach County will be activating Flashing Yellow Arrow turn signals at a few roads in Boynton Beach. This type signal has been used nationwide for over 10 years, including many in Florida. The FYA signal is new to Palm beach County.

Solid RED = Stop

Solid Yellow = Prepare to stop or complete your turn

Yellow Flashing = Turn, provided there is a safe gap in vehicle and pedestrian traffic

Solid Green Turn = using caution



ARC Approval

Your Board is seeing a lot of projects being completed without Board approval. We have rules and regulations regarding your property and these are for the good of the Community. We love residents who keep their home in manicured shape and it adds to the salability of our homes and the re-sale value. Most quick jobs can be approved by our Bristol Lakes Board, while larger contracts need both the Bristol Lakes and Aberdeen Approval. You can find all the information needed on our web site or in the Bristol Lakes Residents and Reference Guide.. Thank you for conforming to our guidelines.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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FAKE EMAILS - BE WARY

In the June and July issues of the Bulletin there were articles about email scams and fraud. It is time to reinforce the warnings concerning fraudulent emails, because they are definitely on the rise.

In the past, scammers have sent our residents emails, supposedly from other residents asking them to send money or "gift cards" to unknown addresses embedded in the emails.

Now, other scammers are sending fraudulent emails to residents seeking to obtain their personal information by impersonating legitimate companies. These crooks want recipients to click on the links provided in their emails, in order to STEAL personal information, and to STEAL YOUR IDENTITY. You should NEVER RESPOND, or click on a link that requests you to "CLICK HERE" to access your account".

If the email appears to be from a well-known company like Amazon, or a bank like Chase, who have 24/7 Customer Service phone numbers, the BEST WAY to verify the email's legitimacy is to CALL the company DIRECTLY. They can easily determine if they sent it to you, which they most likely haven't. Banks, in particular, will tell you they never ask for personal information by email. If you receive a fake email, and verify by phone with a company agent, that it was not sent by them, report it to them by forwarding the email to that company's "Abuse" email address. Many companies have such abuse and fraud email addresses. They will appreciate that you reported a suspicious message, and will send you an acknowledgement if you give them your email address.

You should continue to look out for suspicious emails that raise "Red Flags", such as those that:

-Ask you to provide your credit or debit card number, any personal information, such as your Social Security number, or your "sign in" information.

-Tell you that unauthorized charges are on your account and ask you to enter or confirm your account information, or

-Threaten to close your account if you don't send your personal information immediately.

As the old Latin proverb says, "being forewarned is being forearmed".

If you know beforehand that something is most likely a scam, you can be prepared to deal with it and not get scammed!

Submitted by Sunny Teller

Holiday Season

The Holiday season is near and the homes in Bristol Lakes are starting to sparkle. Now is the time to show your friends what a great community Bristol Lakes is.

HAPPY KWANZAA!
Merry Christmas
Happy Hanukkah
Happy Holidays

Please Do Not BLOCK the Fire Hydrants

