

BAYBERRY COVE BULLETIN

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MANAGER'S CORNER

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SPRING TIME !!

TIME TO SPRUCE UP YOUR YARDS AND CLEAN ALGAE FROM SIDING OF YOUR HOMES.....

Hello Bayberry Cove Residents,

As your association manager, the Board of Directors has requested that letters be sent to all homeowners that need to clean the algae on the siding of their homes. These letters will be sent during the month of April. Please comply as soon as possible in order to maintain the curb appeal and standards of your community.

A first notice will be sent, then a second notice if the non compliance has not been met by the deadline of the letter.

A final notice will be sent informing the homeowner of a tribunal hearing that will be held by the Board of Directors if the non compliance of cleaning the algae has not been done by the second notice deadline. If you have questions, please contact the association office 757-484-0706, Ext. 410.

Thank you all for your cooperation in maintaining your property and making Bayberry Cove a desirable place to call "home". Betsy Ellis, Association Manager

Wanted: New Board Members

Several changes have recently occurred with board members. Ron Hoover, the president, has moved and Ann Nurse-Davis has resigned. In addition, the term for two other positions have expired. Any resident of Bayberry Cove who is interested in serving on the board is requested to fill in an application to run for office. Please submit your application to Betsy Ellis at the UPA office. In order to make this a viable homeowners association, we need greater involvement. Your service will be greatly appreciated.

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THIS NEWSLETTER IS AN OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION FOR THE ASSOCIATION.

MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT

The spirit of Christmas was evident as some of the residents joined together to provide a variety of Christmas carols for their neighbors in Bayberry Cove. There were entire families (fathers, mothers and children or husbands and wives) who weathered the rather cold temperature to spread joy during the Christmas season. Even the fine rain that fell during the evening did not squelch the spirit of the singers. They lifted their voices high in the traditional songs of Christmas.

They had planned to have a wagon with hay slowly carrying the carolers from door-to-door. Obviously, that fell through, however pickup trucks, provided by Marcus Harmon and Larry Fleming, were loaded with hay and blankets to keep everyone warm. Matt Brown made his truck available, but there were not enough carolers to fill it. Perhaps more residents will join them next Christmas.

This was a first-time event for Bayberry Cove, and while it was not perfect, all of the courageous carolers had fun and many neighbors came out to listen and watch. After the caroling, everyone gathered at the home of Karlis and Michelle Brown and their new-born daughter to enjoy scrumptious cookies, delicious apple cider, and steaming hot chocolate. By then they were truly grateful for the warmth and friendship of their home. What a terrific time they had!

The Look to Avoid At Bayberry Cove

How do you know which way is north? Well, you simply have to look to see which side of your house algae grows on! Every vinyl-sided house has algae at some point in time. It looks bad, but it doesn't have to be difficult or expensive to remove. If algae is a problem for your house, help is on the way. The website *diynework.com* recommends using either pressure washing or manual scrubbing. Both use detergents, so please remember to wear proper eye protection and other protective gear.

Pressure washing

3000 psi) water and detergent. It's very effective, but you have to be careful to keep the nozzle level so you don't spray water up under the siding. Vigorous pressure washing may cause visual changes by removing the oxidized film off weathered siding. If the affected area isn't too large, it may be quicker and cheaper to scrub it with a soft bristle brush and mild detergent.

Another problem is small black spots of mold or mildew that reappear on the vinyl after washing. Detergent alone won't stop it.

Per the website *diynework.com* recommends using diluted bleach (one part bleach to nine parts water) and a soft bristle brush to clean the area. Make sure to soak down the area before and after cleaning to reduce the impact of the bleach on nearby vegetation.

The time, money, and effort you spend removing algae will give your home and the neighborhood a bright new look, which helps to keep up the appearance of Bayberry Cove and your investment in your home.



Progress at the Park

The Grounds Committee (GC) has been meeting monthly since June and continues to work for the neighborhood to bring suggestions to the Board for improvements to the park and common areas. The GC's top priority this year was the large park. The GC gathered bids and made recommendations for improvements, such as replacing the wooden borders with plastic, putting down a weed barrier with new sand thereby cleaning up the play areas so they will be safe again for our children. The Board made the decision to go with Riddick & Sons to complete the park project. The work was done the last week of December. When the GC met the first week of January to check the completed project, we found that the work had not been done to the specifications of the proposal. The Board adjusted the contract payment and will have additional work done as the weather warms.

The GC has also been working on establishing rules for the park to make it safe and fun for our residents. Signs will be added to remind residents of the leash law and to be courteous and pick up your pet's waste. For health reasons and to create a safe zone for the children, the sandboxes are off-limits to all pets. Littering has been a problem at the big park this past year. Please be respectful of your neighbors and use the garbage cans conveniently located in the park. Ours is a neighborhood with many little children and, with that in mind, we added an enclosed baby swing at the park.

The GC has also been aiding the Board in finding a new lawn maintenance contractor. We gathered some bids and compared our bids with those provided by our association manager. The bids were all so different and the pricing very high. There really was no way to compare and break down which was the best service for the money. As a result, the GC developed a bid sheet that details the work we would like to see done and breaks down the price item by item so we can better work within budget constraints and get the most bang for the buck. During the first week of January, our association manager sent out bid sheets to the companies that had previously submitted bids, giving them a deadline of the first week in February to resubmit their bids. The Board will review the contracts and make their decision by the March homeowners meeting.

Board member Bill Raetzke chairs the GC. Glen Harsh, Jennifer Neal, Rhonda Envoy, Chris Fry and Colleen Hamlin serve on this committee.

Stay In the Loop



If you want to say in the loop with what's happening at the Cove, it's easy and simple to do. Just go to <http://www.bayberrycove.org/eforms/bayberrycoveemaillist.html>, then follow the prompts to physically list your street address and e-mail address. This information will be sent to Todd Breeding, the web administrator, who usually responds to let you know that you're added to the distribution list. This information will **not** be given out or shared with anyone. It will only be used for Bayberry Cove business and to keep you informed as an important member of our community. Our dues pay for this website. Let's take full advantage of it, otherwise it's our money down the drain.

PLEASE SUBMIT ARTICLES...KIDS & TEENS

The Association would like to see more articles submitted by homeowners, kids and teens. This is YOUR community newsletter. As your association manager, I am sure you don't want a newsletter filled with Do's and Don't....(although some have to be inserted as reminders). The association is suggesting that a "Kids Korner" and "Teens Korner" be created in your newsletter so that Kids/Teens can be recognized for achievements in school or enter poetry, artwork, kid's/teens recipes, recommendations of Kid's/Teen Books to read.... This a suggestion that could involve the entire family as Bayberry Cove Residents.....

PLEASE TALK WITH YOUR KIDS/TEENS AND SEE IF THEY HAVE AN INTEREST IN SUBMITTING AN ARTICLE OF INTEREST TO APPEAR IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER....

PLEASE SUBMIT ARTICLES/ARTWORK BY EMAIL ATTACHMENTS

TO BETSYE@UNITEDPROPERTY.ORG. Thank you. Betsy Ellis

BCOA Budget for 2007

The Bayberry Cover operating budget for 2007 was reviewed and approved by the Association Board of Directors in December 2006. A copy of this budget was mailed to every homeowner on December 15, 2006.

Our quarterly homeowner dues will remain at \$75.00. Payment coupon books have been mailed and should be in everyone's "bill basket" by now. The letter sent with the booklet explains that we may also opt to have the quarterly dues auto-debited using the Debit Authorization Form sent with the budget. This form can be downloaded by going to the association website www.bayberrycove.org.

Our major obstacle to keeping dues at their present level appears to be the rising cost of common area maintenance. We are currently looking at landscape bids for the neighborhood.

Thanks to homeowners for being on time with dues. In the long run, being up-to-date on dues saves all homeowners money.

Carol Martins, Treasurer

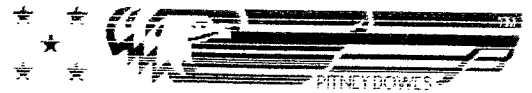
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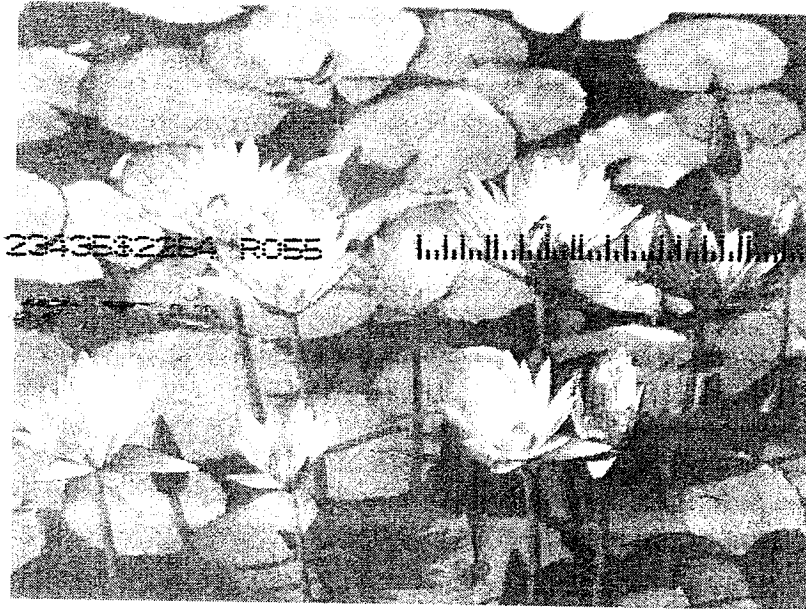
Drop by and see February's "Yard of the Month" at 200 Hackberry Court. Congratulations for helping to make Bayberry Cove a beautiful place to call "HOME."

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