

Bayberry Cove Bulletin

The newsletter is back! Keep checking www.bayberrycove.org for more issues.



April/May 2011

HOA Meetings

April 12th 7:00pm at the UPA Office

June 14th 7:00pm at the UPA Office

Manager's Corner

SPRING LAWN CARE

With the winter months behind us and the arrival of spring, there are many things that you as homeowners can do to get your lawn ready for the season. Exterior maintenance such as planting bushes and trees, painting shutters, posts and doors, cleaning algae from siding, fences and roofs, are a few things you can do. Also, yard maintenance, trimming hedges, edging sidewalks and curbing, along with pruning or removing of dead trees on your property are some other things that can make your lawn have a well-groomed appearance.

Getting ahead of the game by maintaining your lawns in early spring, can lead to a successful summer in lawn care, as well as, earn the appreciation of your neighbors for keeping up the outside appearance of your home. So please take a moment out of your day to inspect your property for the above items that may need attention and make sure that you have one of the nicest lawns in Bayberry Cove. - *Qiana Solomon*



President's Corner

A message from the HOA President

It's 2011 and again, it is springtime in Bayberry Cove. Hi, I'm Todd Breeding, HOA President, again this year. At our last meeting it was decided (among other things) to start up the newsletter again and to firm up the Social Committee. I thought this was great since we lost our last committee folks to moving and deployments. We should be hearing good stuff from them soon.

So, here we are, in a new year, facing new issues around the cove. Most of my time these days is

coordinating our response and actions regarding the storm water pond inspections done last year by the city. Our neighborhood has two of them, which are regulated by the city and ultimately the federal government. But we are caretakers since they are on HOA land. The last inspection revealed some natural erosion and some homeowner erosion that needs to be addressed. We are in full swing at resolving those issues.

The other major concern is the budget. We look hard at

our budget. In fact, according to UPA, we are the only ones who have done a line-by-line audit in years. We were able to get realistic budget numbers and trim quite a bit off the budget last year. Also, this year, our contract is up with UPA. We will be addressing that issue as well.

Speeding is an issue in Bayberry Cove, we have raised this to the Suffolk Police and our main roads are being monitored periodically.

By the time you read this, all of the minutes should be

Take interest by attending HOA meetings

posted for the past three meetings. Please read them from the web site at www.bayberrycove.org so you know what is going on in your neighborhood.

Lastly, please come to the meetings. This board really cares for the neighborhood and we welcome all

homeowners to the meetings.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please email me at boardpresident@bayberrycove.org

Todd Breeding

Architectural Review Board



Hello neighbors! Springtime is quickly approaching and so is the project bug. If you are anything like me I have had all winter to plan the projects that will increase the value and help me better enjoy my home. While the economy is recovering and supply costs are still low it is a great time to get your projects under way. Below are just a few points to remember:

1. Home and construction projects, large or small, help boost the economy while increasing the value of your home.
2. Storage sheds are a wonderful way to add valuable space to help clear out your garage and free up space elsewhere in your home.
3. Spring is a great time to remove any distressed trees that may not have survived the cold dry

- winter season well.
4. For your protection, make sure your contractors are qualified and carry the proper amount of liability insurance.
5. The majority of your construction projects will require at least a zoning permit from the city; ensure your contractors have obtained these documents.
6. If your project requires any digging, have your contractor contact "Miss Utility" to mark any underground utilities that may be present.

The Bayberry Cove Home Owner's Association has a full team on its Architectural Review Board (ARB) and is always available to review applications. Please submit your ARB forms with a fair amount of advanced notice

and prior to signing a contract. We will process your application as quickly as possible. The ARB form can be found on the Bayberry Cove web site under Documents.

Social Committee



It's time to party!

The newly re-formed Social Committee had their first meeting of the year March 9th. We discussed plans for upcoming events for the year, so be sure to check the website calendar for dates.

We will also be sending out flyers for our first few events, just in case some homeowners haven't found their way to the website yet!

Events we are planning for 2011:

Re-release of the Bayberry Cove Newsletter (to be posted on the website)

Saturday, April 9th Book Drive for charity/non-profit organizations

Saturday, April 16th (rain date April 23rd) Easter Egg hunt at the community playground

Saturday, May 14th Our Annual Community Yard Sale

We are also planning other fun events like an ice cream social, halloween party and even some thing for the adults! Look for things like the Yard of the Month to be up and running again in time for summer, as well as a Christmas decoration contest near the holidays.

We encourage everyone to join in and help out! If you're interested in being involved with the planning, or even have some ideas, please send an e-mail to socialcommittee@bayberrycove.org.

The purpose of the Social Committee is to plan community events to foster good relations between neighbors, as well as to give everyone in the neighborhood the opportunity to meet and become better acquainted with one another. These events really help foster a community atmosphere, as well as allow us to welcome (and get to know) newcomers to the community!



Book Drive Details

Gather all of your gently used books for our Annual Bayberry Cove Book Drive!! All books will be donated to Charity and/or Non-Profit Organizations.

When: Saturday, April 9th

Where: 109 Rabey Farm Road (a box will be in the driveway)

If you will be unavailable for drop off on that date, please contact a member of the Social Committee, and we will make sure the books get there!

Local Community Events

Suffolk Chili Fest
 Saturday, April 2nd (noon-5pm)
 Bennett's Creek Park
 Contact Info:
www.suffolkchilifest.com/index.html

Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus
 April 7 – April 11
 Hampton Coliseum
 Contact Info:
www.ringling.com

Earth Day Celebration at the Virginia Living Museum
 Saturday, April 16th (9am - 5pm)
 Newport News
 Contact Info:
www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?attrid=42222

5th Annual Dismal Swamp Stomp Half Marathon:
 3rd Annual Children's Half-Mile Cub Run
 Saturday, April 16th (Begins at 8am)
 Chesapeake
 Contact Info:
<http://www.dismalswampstomp.kalerunning.com/>

Art After 5
 Peninsula Fine Arts Center
 April 21st (5:30-7:30pm)
 Newport News
 Contact Info: www.pfac-va.org

11th Annual America Indian Pow Wow:
 A Celebration of Life for All People
 Saturday, April 23rd (11am-6pm)
 Mount Trashmore Park
 Virginia Beach

3rd Annual Cause for Paws 5K, Dog Walk & Festival
 Saturday, April 30th (11am-4pm)
 North Landing #1 Crawford Parkway, Portsmouth
 Contact Info:
www.portsmouthhumanesociety.org/causeforpaws.html

Virginia Regional Festival of Flight
 April 30 – May 1
 Suffolk Executive Airport
 Contact info: www.suffolk-fun.com

27th Annual Stockley Gardens Spring Arts Festival
 May 21 & 22
 Norfolk

Bunny Cake Recipe

Ingredients:

1 (18.25 ounce) package yellow cake mix	30 small jelly beans
3 3/4 cups flaked coconut	4 red licorice
1 (16 ounce) package vanilla frosting	

Directions:

1. Heat oven and prepare two 9-inch round baking pans as directed on cake box. Prepare cake batter as directed on package adding in 1/2 cup of coconut. Divide batter evenly between the prepared pans. Bake and cool cake as directed on package.
2. When cooled, place one whole 9-inch cake layer on serving tray, forming the bunny's head. Cut 2 convex shaped ears from each side of the second layer, place on each side of head to form ears. Use concave shaped piece for the bowtie, place about 1/2 inch below head.
3. Frost entire bunny covering top and sides. Pat remaining 3 1/4 cup coconut evenly over top and sides. Decorate the bunny face and bowtie with jelly beans and use the licorice to make whiskers.



Thunderstorm Safety

Tips for staying safe from the American Red Cross

1. Stay informed and be ready to act if a severe thunderstorm warning is issued.
2. Learn about your local community's emergency warning system for severe thunderstorms.
3. Discuss thunderstorm safety with all members of your household.
4. Pick a safe place in your home for household members to gather during a thunderstorm. This should be away from windows, skylights and glass doors that could be broken by strong winds or hail.
5. Make a list of items to bring inside in the event of a severe thunderstorm.
6. Make trees and shrubbery more wind resistant by keeping them trimmed and removing damaged branches.
7. Protect your animals by ensuring that any outside buildings that house them are protected in the same way as your home.
8. Consult your local fire department if you are considering installing lightning rods.
9. Get trained in first aid and learn how to respond to emergencies.
10. Put together an emergency kit.

For more information access the Wavy-TV 10 web site.

www.wavy.com/generic/weather/Thunderstorm-Safety-Tips

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