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Message from the President

Progress! Until one becomes involved in the administration of a homeowner's association it is easy to overlook the complexity of the task. I welcome new board members Diane Schmidt and Dave Porreca and appreciate how they've stepped-up to become involved in the affairs of Bermuda Cays. The Board of Directors intends to hold monthly ZOOM meetings so we can keep everyone informed as we continue to move forward.

As the winter season winds down, look for the completion of the car port pavers, pressure washing the old car ports and tree trimming. Committees continue their work on landscape planning and investigation of Vanderbilt Dr hedge options. The Board of Directors will be focusing our attention on the Reserve Fund to assure there are adequate funds available to properly maintain our maturing property in the future.

Updated Wind Mitigation forms that reflect upgrades to the roofs are available and when submitted with your insurance renewal, should reduce the premium on your personal insurance each year. Send me an email for a copy of the Wind Mitigation form for your building.

Thanks for taking the time to stay informed of the affairs of our community. We appreciate the encouraging words from our members who recognize the hard work performed by the Board of Directors and committees.

**Ken Allen, President
Bermuda Cays Condominium Association**



Recycling



Congratulations, BC neighbors, we are great recyclers!

However, it's that pesky time of the year again, "The Season", when our recycling bins runneth over. While our trash is picked up on Tuesdays and Fridays, our recycling bins are emptied only on Fridays. So here are a few reminders for you:

1. Flatten as much as possible - cardboard, milk containers, aluminum cans, plastics, etc.
2. Do NOT put PLASTIC BAGS in the recycling bins. If you collect your recyclables in plastic bags, remove them before you put in the bins.
3. Styrofoam containers cannot be recycled. Best to take them to Publix, where there are separate containers outside the front entrance for plastic bags and Styrofoam.
4. Do not leave large cardboard items that are too large to fit alongside the bins (hoping they will magically find their way in). After flattening them put them in the large trash bin.
5. If the containers are full before Friday - and they usually are - either save your recyclables until the bins are once again empty, OR put them in the large trash bins (where they will eventually be separated by Advanced Disposal). We have angel volunteers who set the bins out for pick-up; they shouldn't have to sort through the bins for unwanted or overflowing items.
6. If you are unsure if an item is recyclable, it probably isn't, so put it in the trash bin.
7. Large trash items: Things that are too large for the trash container (mattresses, furniture, etc.) may be set outside the doors. Call Advanced Disposal at 239 -334-1224 and they will pick them up.

Last word: If you are an owner who rents your condo, please share this information with your renters. It will help all of us. Thanks.

Water Usage



Here at the Cays no individual receives a monthly water bill. That's good news! But in fact, the cost of water is the 4th largest single expenditure in the Cays budget, and each of us pays an equal portion in our quarterly fees. That should incentivize us to pay attention to water use.

DO YOU KNOW; That by percent, daily water usage in the U.S. breaks down like this;

toilets=24%, showers=20%, faucets=20%, wash loads=16%, leaks=13%, while baths, dishwashers, and 'other'=3% each.

To Cut Indoor Water Use!

- * Turn faucet off when washing hands.
- * Take shorter showers
- * Check toilets for leaks or continuing running....this can be a sneaky problem
- * Replace old inefficient appliances with new efficient
- * Change buying habits. Everything we buy, use, and throw away took water to process and transport. Make thoughtful purchases, Reuse and Recycle.

AND

- * Save Energy.....heating and cooling are water and energy hogs.

Virtual Closet

Do you have a storage room or spare closet full of “stuff” that is only used once in a while, like when you have company, or there is a need to loan out to someone in the community?

We would like to see if there is an interest in our Bermuda Cays community in starting up a “Virtual Closet”. This would be a list of items that homeowners would be willing to loan to other homeowners, such as crutches, wheelchair, baby pool, folding chairs, tables, air mattress, ladder, hose, beach items, etc. We would create a list that includes the items and provide the lending owner’s name, phone number and email. It would be the borrowers’ responsibility to arrange with the lender to pick up and return the item(s).

The Newsletter Committee would gather the information on any items you would be willing to loan out and include them in the next newsletter.

If you have an item(s) that you are willing to lend out to other homeowners, please call Gloria Smith at 440-781-4987 or email at gloriasmith949@gmail.com to arrange adding your item to the Virtual Closet



Flora & Fauna



Enjoying the beauty of our plants and animals around the Cays



Owner Spotlight

David and Kathie Porreca
Building O 201

David and Kathie Porreca have owned their unit on Windward Passage Circle since April of 2016. Vanderbilt Lakes was the perfect choice for their Florida home since Kathie has a sister just a few miles away and Dave loves to run at Wiggins Pass in his free time. Being part of a community was extremely important in their real estate choice and they love the Vanderbilt Lakes neighborhood. Dave didn't waste much time becoming active in our community as he is currently Vice President for the Bermuda Cays Board of Directors. We appreciate the sacrifices made by your family as you fulfill this duty.

From Wexford Pennsylvania, which is about 15 miles north of Pittsburgh, Kathie and Dave raised their 2 sons. Both boys settled with their families in the Pittsburgh area and as a result, they feel fortunate to be able to enjoy their 3 granddaughters year round.

Dave is a graduate of West Point and spent 7 1/2 years in the army on active duty. He was Airborne and Ranger qualified and left the service with the rank of Captain. He had a twenty plus year career in mining machinery, and has spent the past 23 years working for the Society of Automotive Engineers. Kathie worked as a commercial artist in New York City before she and Dave married and she enjoyed a 22 year career in the medical field.

In their spare time Dave has been a distance runner for 37 years having run 22 marathons including the prestigious Boston Marathon. Kathie also enjoyed running and crew but now enjoys walking, playing cards, and socializing with friends. When asked to share a recipe that they like to share with friends, Kathie thought of her favorite Cosmopolitan. As we wait patiently for the day when it is safe to get together in the carports with our neighbors, and share food and beverage, maybe this Cosmopolitan will rival Lori's Whiskey Slush at our next gathering!



Cheers!

Kathie's Cosmos:

2.5 oz. Citron Vodka

1.0 oz. Cointreau

1.0 oz. Cranberry Juice

.5 oz. Fresh Lime Juice

Mix together and serve with some crushed ice. Cheers!



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