



### Baytree Community Association Mission Statement

“To preserve and enhance owner’s property values and quality of life in concert with all partners as advocates for general well-being, welfare, safety, security and prosperity of all in the Baytree community in full cooperation with the Baytree CDD and the Baytree National Golf Course.”

### From The President’s Desk ~Jackie Curley, BCA President

In March, after serving as your HOA Vice President for 2 years, I took over the role of HOA President from Bob Eksten. Thank you, Bob, for your many years of service and dedication to the Baytree community.

To share a little information about my background, I was born and raised in the area. In 1974, I moved up north and in 2021 returned to my old stomping grounds here in Brevard. My husband Jim and I have 2 grown children and 4 grandchildren. Our son and his family live in Orlando and our daughter and her family live in Connecticut. I am retired and have had a career in both the private and government sectors. Over the years I have served as a volunteer on many boards in many different positions. For over 30 years I have also volunteered with both Hospice and Elder Care which is truly a passion of mine.



Along with the entire HOA Board, I look forward to continuing to serve the Baytree community as the liaison between the HOA, CDD, Fairway Management, the community and other outside community and government entities. My goal is to continue to follow our Mission Statement: “To preserve and enhance owner’s property values...for general well-being, welfare, safety, security and prosperity of all of Baytree”.

### Upcoming Events & Meetings

6/10	11:30am	Women’s Lunch (Urban Prime)
7/8	11:30am	Women’s Lunch (Ford’s Garage)
7/9	10:00am	CDD Workshop (Clubhouse)
7/1	1:00pm	BCA Board Meeting (Clubhouse)
8/7	1:30pm	CDD Meeting (Clubhouse)
8/12	11:30am	Women’s Lunch (Tuscany Grill))
9/9	11:30am	Women’s Lunch (Long Horn)

### Your Volunteer BCA Directors:

- President - Jackie Curley
- Vice-President - Tom Harrison
- Secretary - Chas White
- Treasurer - Art Hudson
- Director - Nick Williams

### A message from Mel Mills, CDD Chairman



The CDD Board of Supervisors would like to welcome all of our new residents to our Baytree family. Our community being older is in transition of having younger families with children which is a great thing to have happen. That being said, there is an issue that I must address, and that is the issue of not obeying the posted speed limit, and stop signs.

Even though there are those residents that do obey the laws, there are those that do not. The posted speed limit within Baytree is 25 MPH with exception of Kingswood and it is 20 MPH due to a narrow street and houses closer together. My wife and I have personally experienced situations where we have been passed or attempted to be passed on Baytree Drive when we were doing the posted speed limit. This action is certainly an accident waiting to happen. Should a child happen to dart out onto the street the chance of survival is greatly reduced. Let's not make that happen.

The CDD has spent lots of your assessment in trying to make Baytree, your community, a safe place to live and play. We have installed Speed Humps and hired off duty Police officers to help control the issue to no avail. The roads in Baytree are public even though they are owned by the CDD and are subject to the same laws that are outside our community.

WHAT IS IT GOING TO TAKE to get those OFFENDERS to SLOW DOWN and OBEY THE LAW? Is it going to take a resident or child to get hurt or even killed to SLOW you down? I AM PLEADING TO THOSE OFFENDERS TO PLEASE OBEY THE LAW AND BE RESPECTFUL OF YOUR FELLOW RESIDENTS.

It is time to grow up and set the example for others, especially our young drivers and be an adult!!!  
PLEASE DRIVE SAFE TO SAVE A LIFE !!!!



# What's Happening?

## **Brevard Fireworks ~Maureen Ksiez, Editor**

### **Check Out These Local Events!**

The **City of Melbourne** is planning a "blast" of an event this year at Front Street Park (2210 Front Street). July 4th 9 p.m.: Fireworks start (weather permitting) with Food Trucks.  
<https://www.melbourneflorida.org/departments/parks-recreation/fireworks>

### **July 4th Celebration with the Brevard Symphony Orchestra**

Come out to beautiful Riverfront Park to enjoy a FREE concert from the Brevard Symphony Orchestra as they play along with fantastic fireworks display over the Indian River. Welcome begins at 7:30, concert starts at 8pm & fireworks at 9:15pm. Remember to bring your lawn chairs or blankets and get here early to find a spot. Food and beverages will be available for sale at the park and admission is FREE! Location: View Facility, Cocoa Riverfront Park 401 Riveredge Blvd. Cocoa, FL 32922  
<https://www.cocoafl.gov/Calendar.aspx?EID=5482&month=3&year=2024&day=1&calType=0>

**The Great American Celebration:** Space Coast Stadium. Plan for fireworks in Viera on Monday, July 4th promptly at 9:00 pm (weather permitting) look for the vibrant display of lights filling the nights sky just east of USSSA Space Coast Complex, 6091 Stadium Pkwy, Melbourne, FL, 32940 <https://www.facebook.com/events/280210241498071/>

**Thunder Over the Indian River** Enjoy an evening including Inflatables, DJ, Demonstrations, BBQ Contest, Food/Dessert Trucks, Raffles and the best fireworks show in Brevard county! The gate to the event is on Kings Highway, directly across from Capron Road. July 6, 2024, 4-10pm FREE



## **Social Committee Update**

Hi Friends and Neighbors,

Have a great summer and we'll see you at the pavilion in the Fall! Hopefully, it will be cooler by then!

We're having another Reptile Event in October and maybe a music event in November!

Save the date for our Holiday Event on Sunday, 12/8/2024! It's going to be amazing!

Thank you for all your support!

Sue Frontera  
Social Committee Chairperson



<b>Check This Out!</b>	Facebook: Baytree Neighbors of Melbourne FL
	BCA <a href="http://www.baytreeca.org">www.baytreeca.org</a>
	CDD <a href="http://www.baytreecdd.org">www.baytreecdd.org</a>



## **Greetings from Neighbors of Suntree Organization!**

We at Neighbors of Suntree (NOS) extend a warm invitation to join our friendly and active women's organization. Established in 1984, NOS provides a welcoming space for newcomers to connect with their community and build lasting friendships.

### **Here's what NOS offers:**

- **Social and Charitable Activities:** We host a variety of programs, clubs, and social events throughout the year. There is something for everyone, from informative luncheons to engaging clubs and exciting activities.
- **Fundraising for local charities:** Giving back to the community is at the heart of NOS. After expenses, all dues and activity proceeds are donated to worthy local charities.
- **Celebrating 40 Years of Friendliness:** This season marks our 40th anniversary! Join us as we celebrate four decades of fostering connections and making a positive impact.

### **Membership Benefits:**

- Membership is open for the 2024/25 season. Join online at [NeighborsofSuntree.org](http://NeighborsofSuntree.org). Annual dues are only \$30.
- Enjoy four major events featuring luncheons and informative programs at the beautiful Suntree Country Club. These include a Welcome Coffee in September, a Holiday Event in December, a Fashion Show in February, and a year-end celebration in April.
- Participate in numerous monthly clubs and activities for fun, friendship, and shared interests.
- Be part of a supportive community of over 300 women and receive a member directory to connect with fellow NOS members.

Join Us! Whether new to the area or a longtime resident, NOS offers a beautiful opportunity to connect, learn, give back, and have fun. We warmly welcome you to join us!

Sincerely,  
Patti Coggins  
NOS President



## **Baytree Water Aerobics!**

### **Hydro burn with Jeanette Hackler!!!**

We have a new water aerobics instructor, Jeanette Hackler! Come and enjoy a real pool party with this exciting workout that combines cardiovascular training with muscle toning techniques in the heated Baytree pool! Feel yourself supported, not only by the buoyancy of the water, but also by the excitement, enthusiasm, and encouragement with the energy of the class!!

Jeanette is a certified aqua instructor with more than 12 years of experience. Jeanette engages with each of her students to motivate them to their personal best.



Classes are held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9am. The cost is \$5 per class and is perfect for all skill levels. For more information, please contact Jeanette at 615-456-5105, [jehackler495@gmail.com](mailto:jehackler495@gmail.com).

**Make new friends, get some exercise, and enjoy our beautiful Baytree amenities!**

# Community Information

## Welcome Back Jerry Darby, CDD Board Member!



They're Back.....After a hiatus of approximately two years living on Florida's west coast, Jerry and Anne Darby have moved back to Baytree. A combination of missing family and friends as well as being subjected to the wrath of Hurricane Ian prompted their decision to move back to Melbourne. They formerly lived on Balmoral Way before moving. They now reside on Baytree Drive. Jerry had been the Voting Member for Balmoral/Southpointe and Vice Chairman for the Baytree CDD. Upon returning, Jerry was appointed to serve again on the Baytree CDD replacing April Simmons who recently resigned. Anne, who is a Nurse Practitioner, is in the process of becoming a certified Pilates instructor. Jerry and Anne both enjoy golf and travel. They have been overwhelmed by the positive reaction friends and neighbors have had to their return to Baytree. For them, Baytree has truly become their "forever home."

## Please Do The Right Thing!

Residents are reminded to pick-up after their pets and keep your dogs on leashes while not on your property. Please be considerate of your neighbors



## ARC Update ~Rick Brown, ARC Mgr

**Want to cut a tree down?**  
**Read this first!**

Recently we have received a number of requests to cut down hardwood trees. Many of these requests don't contain a diagram showing the property, location of other hardwoods (note: we do not need or require location of palm trees). The reason we need the diagram is to verify which hardwood you want to remove and the number of other hardwoods that will remain on the property AFTER the tree is removed. This also tells us if the property contains the required (Brevard County requirements) number of hardwoods after the tree is removed. If not, we have to advise the homeowner that another hardwood(s) is required. If we have the diagram, we can advise the homeowner where they might put such a hardwood (not necessarily in the front yard). So help us so we can help you. If you need to take down a hardwood, PLEASE attach the above mentioned diagram to your application.



## HURRICANE SEASON:

Its that time of year again....unfortunately. Please take the time to review the following:  
Hurricane Panels:  
B-PARCS 2.11  
Bylaws (Covenants):  
Article 13.21.11 Hurricane and Storm Protection

These 2 requirements are strictly enforced. So your familiarity with them is important. Now is also the time to look at your landscape for possible limbs or other items that may come loose and become projectiles. Trim them as soon as you can. Please keep the road gutter in front of your home free on debris to allow rainwater to flow freely to the storm water drains. If one of those drains is in front of your home, be neighborly and try to keep it clear of debris. Again, so rain water can drain freely. The CDD does an annual check to make sure all the drains are functioning properly prior to hurricane season. Finally, if you have outside play equipment such as basketball hoops, be aware that such equipment must be put in your garage if a named storm is pending (B-PARCS 2.10E).



Everyone complying with these tips enhances the safety of protecting our properties during a storm.

## Meet Chas White! New BCA Board Secretary!

Chas and his family were among the first residents of the Baytree Arundel community, building in 2001. At the time they were living in West Virginia where his wife, Connie, was an Accounting professor and their three children were attending school. Having visited the area as a young couple since their college days, it was a natural location to establish a summer home and eventual retirement destination.



Chas' professional career in technology, security and consulting provided opportunities for working around the globe, over sixty countries, with extended stays in Europe, Asia, India and the Middle East. He has served on multiple corporate, as well as public sector, boards and been active in public service as a US military veteran, school board member, county commissioner, and youth sports coach.

"I look forward to working with BCA Board and community residents to insure Baytree remains one of the premier Brevard County destinations. It will be a pleasure to have the opportunity to do something meaningful for the community in return for the hospitality and friendship my family has experienced here over the last 20+ years."

## Viera's Borrows West...a quick update!



This new area located at the intersection of I-95 and Viera Boulevard will be the home of these new businesses - Ford's Garage, Tiki Docks, Olive Tree Greek Grill, Hilton Garden Inn, Homewood Suites Hotel, and Island Animal Hospital. This is in addition to the existing businesses already open, including Chick-fil-A, Wawa, the Sundance Family Dentistry, Ace Hardware, and the Venecia Wine Veranda.

# Community Information

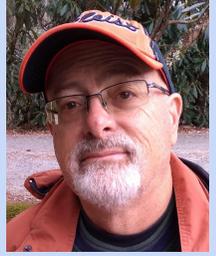
## Hello Jeff Finn! New Saddleworth Alternate Voting Member

As Saddleworth's new AVM, I am proud to represent our beautiful community with my wife Carolyn, Saddleworth's VM. Recently retired after 44 years as a Software Engineer in the Aerospace industry, I am adjusting to this new phase in life which I hope will include lots of tennis and card playing. If anyone is interested in playing Euchre, Hearts or Spades on a regular basis, please contact me at AVMSaddleworth@Baytreeca.org. I'm also hoping to find other 3.5 rated players for doubles tennis. I am looking forward to spending more time enjoying our wonderful community!



## Meet David Nowak! New Turnberry Voting Member (VM)

Dave started his career as a high school teacher and then a Director of Religious Education in a Catholic church. He then earned a B.S./M.B.A. in Accounting and Business Systems and worked for 36 years in financial accounting for aerospace firms. Dave and his wife Kay have been married 48 years and have volunteered 40 years to preparing engaged couples for marriage in the Catholic church. Now retired, he volunteers with Kay at Daily Bread where they support the homeless with meals, hygiene, and other services. Dave and Kay spend much of their time traveling from Melbourne to Orlando, Jacksonville and Tampa to spend time with their 3 adult children, 7 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.



## Landscaping Best Practices - Part I

Baytree has a new landscaping company, U.S. Lawns. U.S. Lawns recently held an informative session about landscaping best practices. For those of you that were unable to attend, I will be sharing some of those best practices with you in the next few newsletters. **Today's topic is mulching.**



**Over Mulching** - This is likely the most common mistake we see. Piling mulch too high and covering a tree's trunk, also known as "volcano mulching," can cause damage to your trees. To be clear, mulch is *great* for trees. Mulch reduces weeds, conserves moisture and improves the soil, which helps your tree stay healthy! But when it comes to mulch, it's possible to have too much of a good thing. When mulch is too high and sits too close to a tree's trunk, it causes two issues that slowly damage your tree over time

**Problem:** Too much mulch smothers the tree's roots.

**Consequence:** Roots might grow up through the mulch in search of air. That can cause them to "girdle" or wrap around the trunk, which chokes the tree by cutting off its water supply.

**Problem:** Moisture builds up.

**Consequence:** That excess moisture between the trunk and mulch volcano creates perfect conditions for wood decay diseases, like fungi. Plus, deteriorating bark at the tree's base can lead to an unstable foundation.

**Correct Mulching** - Mulch out, not up! No deeper than the heel of your hand, generally 2-4 inches. Back off from the trunk! Keep all mulch away from the trunk of the tree, allowing the root flare to show just above ground level. Be careful when removing built up mulch. The tree's roots are likely close to the surface and care should be taken to not damage the roots. Mulch to the tree's drip line, if possible! Keep the trunk dry and the roots moist! Use nature as a reference. Look at any tree that grew the grew naturally and you will always see the tree's root flare.



## From The Editor ~ Maureen Ksiez

*What is your favorite place to buy produce? I will be including responses in September's newsletter.*



Also, I would love to hear your suggestions for our newsletter. Please email me directly at [maureen.ksiez@gmail.com](mailto:maureen.ksiez@gmail.com). Thanks.

## Join The Women's Lunch Group!



Open to women who live in Baytree. The goals of the lunches are to enjoy various local restaurants and provide a means for people to meet their neighbors. The only costs involved are the cost of your lunch.

If you are interested, please contact Henrietta Shuminsky, host, to be added to the group email list. **Our next lunch will be on 6/10 at Urban Prime in Viera.** Advance reservations are required and can be made by contacting Henrietta, at 407-234-8773 or [tshuminsky@spectrum.net](mailto:tshuminsky@spectrum.net).

