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# FROM THE PRESIDENT

Steve Rollison – 941-375-8110

Major progress was made the week of June 10th on two long, drawn-out park projects.

The gate along Portia Street was installed, completing the fence project that was executed as a multiple-year program. That delayed implementation approach ensured corporate approval for an entire set of capital projects pursued by the Nokomis park.

The second week in June also saw delivery of the materials

for replacement of the clubhouse roof. Just a couple of days before the delivery a significant storm shredded some edges of the tarp protecting the old roof. Fortunately, the tarp held out against the storm and no additional water damage was incurred.



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# WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

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# **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

by Susan Rollison (941) 375-8110

#### JULY BIRTHDAYS

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# **JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

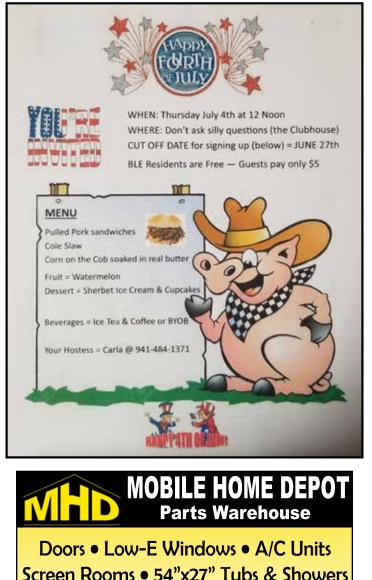
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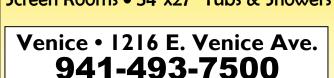
We do not have everyone's birth and/or anniversary month and day. If you had a birthday and/or anniversary in July and we missed it or listed it in the wrong month, please send a correction to ble@SusanR. com. That's also the e-mail address to use to send your info if you are a new resident or have a phone book change.

# **4TH JULY LUNCH CELEBRATION**

Hopefully you have already signed up for the July 4th celebration lunch to be held in the clubhouse at noon on the 4th. The cut-off date for signing up was June 27. Unfortunately this did not make the June newsletter.

The Menu: Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Corn-On-The-Cob, Coleslaw, Watermelon, Iced Tea & Coffee and Dessert. BYOB This event is chaired by Carla Hannay.





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# DOES AMERICA HAVE THE WORLD'S WORST FOOD QUALITY AND SAFETY?

Michael M Kloian - 912-547-2416

America is a great country. But when it comes to the foods we eat every day, the U.S. is arguably at the bottom of the pile in terms of food quality and safety. The unfortunate truth is that our increasingly tainted food supply is taking a major toll on public health.

We face constant exposure to unlabeled genetically-modified organisms (GMOs), pesticide and herbicide residues, and perhaps the biggest threat of all that you've probably never even heard of – mycotoxins. Mycotoxins form from yeast and fungi that develop on foods grown in microbedeficient soils, which are more the norm than the exception these days. Mycotoxins can lead to nervous system damage, hormone imbalances, and cancer. Processed, nonorganic foods in general tend to be prone to mycotoxin formation.

Not only is American food a mycotoxic nightmare, but it's also a chemical nightmare. This is because of all the additives, preservatives, and colorful food dyes used in much of what you'll find on grocery store shelves today. There are a number of common food chemicals used in the U.S. that are banned elsewhere due to their questionable safety profile. These include: rBHG/rBST artificial growth hormones added to milk; Antibiotics in meat, poultry, and fish; Propylene glycol in food and alcohol; Arsenic in chicken.

Popular food brands often use completely different ingredients in the United Kingdom and elsewhere than they do here in the U.S. to make similar, but vastly different, products.

The American regulatory system has been whittled away by special interests that have convinced our legislators that all these toxic food chemicals are safe. Europe tends to take a much more precautionary approach with food additives, approving only those shown to be safe. The U.S. takes a more reactionary approach – unless you can prove a chemical is unsafe, then it's fair game.

To avoid genetically-modified foods, looking for a certified organic label is your safest bet, as the National Organic Program prohibits the use of GMOs in any organic product. Kroger, Publix and WalMart offer organic food items in order to secure their corner of the market away from Whole Foods. Pricing is much better.

# **BLE BOOK CLUB**

Even though the Book Club will not be meeting again until November, here is a list of books that will be read and discussed when the Book Club meets again. If you haven't cracked the cover of a novel yet during these hot days, you may want to get a head start and choose one of these books. Then you can join in the discussion with the Book Club when season rolls around.

Necessary Lies by Diane Chamberlain The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society by Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows

Educated by Tara Westover

The House at Riverton by Kate Morton

A Change in Altitude by Anita Shreve

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

# KNOW YOUR PARK RULES

by Steve Rollison, 941-375-8110

The Park Rules are found in the prospectus. The rules lay out what is required of both residents and the park owner. Everyone is given a copy when they move in, and agrees in writing to abide by the rules. Unfortunately, few people read the rules thoroughly. Fewer still review them regularly. As a consequence, the question of "what's allowed" comes up frequently. Providing clarity is the purpose of this monthly article.

Question: Under what conditions or during which hours is it permissible to park on the grass?

Which <u>one</u> of the four following answers is correct?

A. For a few minutes at a time only, such as dropping off or picking up a passenger.

B. Only delivery vehicles are permitted to park on the grass.

C. Parking on the grass is prohibited at all times.

D. The rule about parking on the grass is a myth! Parking on the grass is not even mentioned in the official park rules.

Check your knowledge at <u>PARK RULES</u> <u>QUIZ ANSWER</u> on page 8.



# **GAME NIGHTS**

Wednesday and Saturday nights are Game Nights at the clubhouse for the summer. There are many different types of games played. Come join in the fun on Wednesday and Saturday nights at 7:00 p.m.

# **JULIETS LUNCH BUNCH**

Joan Goering – 941-485-7154

The Juliet's Lunch Bunch will be dining at Millie's in Sarasota on July 18th at 1:00 p.m. Please sign up in the clubhouse.

# JULIET'S BREAKFAST

Sylvia Richardson – 941-480-0208

YES. YES. We are going for breakfast in July. Please watch the counter in the clubhouse and news alerts to find out where. We know the time is always 9:30 a.m. and the date is Monday, July 15th.

**ROMEOS** *Peter Morrissey – 941-488-7284* 

All men are welcome to join the Romeos for breakfast every other Monday. See the sign up sheet in the clubhouse, listing the date, time and destination.



# 2017 Small Business of the Year



#### Blair Post, HAS, BC-HIS, ACA Board Certified Hearing Instrument Sciences American Conference of Audioprosthology



I have a business owner who works in a noisy environment, and he uses his cell phone often. Whether calling clients or following up with his staff, he is on his phone frequently. I recently introduced him to a streamer for his hearing aids. A streamer enables his phone to connect to his hearing aids wirelessly. His phone call sounds are in his hearing aids. He told me he loved his streamer since the sound clarity is amazing.

A couple days later another one of my clients came in complaining about his phone. I asked if he was using his streamer, he hemmed and hawed, and finally admitted he had gotten a new phone and couldn't figure out how to pair the two technologies. We set an appointment so I could show him how to use it.

When he came in we got his streamer and phone connected. I reviewed with him how they work together so he could use the streamer with ease. During this appointment I showed him how to connect his smart phone to the streamer and how to stream music from the phone directly into his hearing aids. Now he was hearing music clearly for the first time in guite a while. He had avoided listening to music since he said he couldn't hear distinctly enough, it was too distorted and too cluttered of a sound for him. Now with the streamer he hears it so clearly and has been able to enjoy music as he did in years past.

If you are interested in trying the hearing aids that stream into smart phones or TV s, or want to see if your current hearing aids are compatible with streamers, call me, 941-244-9300.



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# FOOD PANTRY

Sandy Richardson – 941-480-0208

We continue to collect food at the clubhouse to donate to the Salvation Army. Please check the expiration dates before donating.

Donations tips: Donate unexpired canned goods and boxed prepared foods.

Do not bring bread or baked products to the clubhouse because they tend to get stale before they are brought to the Salvation Army. You may drop off breads, baked goods and fresh food items directly to the Salvation Army at 1051 Albee Farm Road. They

are always happy to receive your food donations.



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# **NOTES FROM THE EDITOR**

Donna Pfeiffer – 941-586-2812 Editor@BayLakeEstates.org

I would be happy to include your event photos in the Bay Laker. You may email or text them to me at my contact info above. Be sure to include your name with any photos sent for publication.

# *Reminder: Strict Newsletter Deadline: 12th of the previous month*

All articles and information must be received by the 12th of each month to be included in the newsletter for the following month. Please email all newsletter submissions to: Editor@BayLakeEstates.org. Thank you.

The monthly Bay Laker newsletter will be available in the clubhouse shortly after the first of each month through October. There are no home deliveries until November.



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# **PARK RULES OUIZ ANSWER** by Steve Rollison – 941-375-8110

# Rule 21 ("Vehicles"), paragraph B, states in part "Parking on the grass is prohibited at all times," so the answer to the quiz is "C."

# "Why should I keep reading this article?"

You took the quiz. You got the right answer or not, but in either case you're now definitely aware of the fact that nobody is supposed to be parking on the grass-ever. So why would it be worth your time to keep reading?

Because it's very likely that ELS is still planning to invoke a wholesale change of our park rules in the not-too-distant future; because Florida statutes require that we have input on rules changes; and because we're more likely to come out ahead if we can get ourselves to start thinking strategically about rules before we're caught up in major negotiations about them.

# Who does this rule *benefit*?

For example, the first question we should ask ourselves about this parking rule is, "Who cares about achieving compliance - the park owners or residents?" With just a little thought it's easy to conclude that both ELS and residents have vested interests in keeping people from parking on the grass.

# What are the benefits of achieving compliance?

The main benefit of keeping people from parking on the grass is clear; it's avoiding all the negative things that happen when people do park on the grass.

From a resident's perspective, when they see someone park on the grass it could be said the main negative is that "The place starts to look like a trailer park instead of a charming

mobile home community."

Even a single habitual rule breaker, if allowed to continue without correcting his behavior, can have a rapid, negative effect on the entire community. If "Zeke" starts parking on the grass routinely, and no one stops him, before long Bob, Jeff, Tony and five others in the park will start doing the same. "Sometimes I'd rather park on the grass, too, and if Zeke's allowed to do it then I'm going to do it." Now there are multiple rule breakers and community spirit is deteriorating.

What negative effects does ELS incur if people begin to habitually park on the grass? Probably mostly only long term effects. If left unchecked, that probably would be just one of several tumbles toward becoming a "trailer park," in which current rent levels could not be maintained and vacancy rates would presumably climb.

The negative effects are emotional for residents. ("You're turning our home into a rotten trailer park.") They're highly motivated for compliance. Negative effects are merely financial for ELS. ("Park profits are down this year. That's not good.") Other issues may take a higher priority than parking compliance.

# So what's the bottom line?

Based on the arguments presented here, I would make the following case about the noparking-on-the-grass rule. If you disagree I would be happy to sit with you and give you the opportunity to change my perspective. If enough people are interested, I would be happy to schedule a forum when the snowbirds return for everyone to share their insights.

It seems to me that... the no-parking-on-thegrass rule is there primarily for the benefit of residents – as one of many rules intended to keep BLE from becoming a trailer park. ELS is responsible for enforcing the rule, but it's a relatively low priority. Mostly they'll respond to complaints.

Ideally neighbors would be able to cordially and respectfully say to one another, "Hey, I just wanted to let you know because maybe you aren't aware, but there's a park rule that says there's no parking allowed on the grass."

If that doesn't work, then the habitual violation needs to be reported to the office. It might take more than one or two neighbors to complain in order for the park manager to have confidence that it's not just a case of personality conflict but actual park rules violation.

# Are you planning to do this every month???

No! The purpose of this monthly article is to clarify rules about which confusion sometimes exists. For this first-of-the-series article I tried to provide you a perspective in evaluating all the rules that are reviewed here in the future. I intend to leave that review up to you instead of writing a multi-page article on each rule.

# Next month's Rules Quiz

Adam (age 60), his wife Evalyn (40), Evalyn's mother Mona (59), and Evalyn's daughter Dani (19) recently moved into a 2-bedroom BLE home. All residents are listed on the application, with no special permissions requested or applied for.

What park rules, if any, are they violating?





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# **COMCAST NEWS**

Brenda Radford

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# Authorized Users on your Account

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# **Adding Authorized Users**

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# **Account Change Request Process**

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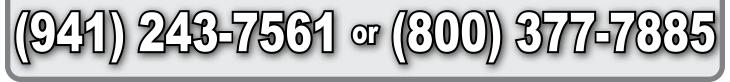
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