

PLEASE...



## DON'T FEED THE WATERFOWL!!

Here we are AGAIN! This is the fourth time in my short one year tenure as Editor that this issue has to be addressed. Feeding the birds (and/or alligators, when they are here) is not an act of love, it is not cute, and you are not being a responsible caretaker of what nature has given us. In fact, when you feed the waterfowl, you are jeopardizing the lives of endangered, protected and threatened species which is punishable by law!

### Regular Hand Feeding Can Cause:

Poor Nutrition	Pollution
Spread of Disease	Over-Crowding
Unnatural Behavior	Delayed Migration

I'm aware that many people enjoy doing this and feel it is helpful and nurturing to the birds, but the effects of this seemingly generous act is extremely harmful. If you really care about the birds and ducks PLEASE STOP FEEDING THEM. . . Allow them to be in their natural habitat.

For more information on the dangers and penalties of feeding waterfowl, see my article on Page 3, which cites numerous environmental resources and the laws which protect these birds.

Furthermore, I suppose because I live on the lake, and that I am a member of the Condo Board, I have assumed the unofficial position of "Snug Harbor Lakes Waterfowl Monitor." Violations will be reported to the Board, you will receive a letter of warning and if not curtailed, it will then be reported to the proper government authorities.

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# ***THE SNUG HARBOR LAKES AND VILLAGE NEWSLETTER***

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### **MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE**

***There will be no newsletter during the summer months, the next one will be the October issue.***

#### ***Board Meetings:***

##### ***Village Board***

***No Further Meetings until fall***

##### ***Condo Board -***

***No Meetings until September 21<sup>st</sup>.***

##### ***Master Board -***

***No Meetings until September 28<sup>th</sup>***

**MASTER BOARD**

Please Note: The Master Board is still looking for someone to fill the position that was vacated due to the recent passing of Jerri Aldrich.

There will be no more meetings until September 28<sup>th</sup>.

The President, Dick Jones, is continuing to review the proposals for the upgrades to the building in the water tower location.



**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**



The official Hurricane Survival Guide provided by Brevard County and your Snug Harbor Emergency Management Committee team is the most comprehensive publication relating to emergencies. This booklet was provided to all attendees at the Snug Harbor Emergency Management Committee 2017 Annual Meeting. There are copies available to be picked up at the Snug Harbor office. If you wish a copy mailed to your home or another location you can contact Brevard County Emergency Management Office; the number is 321-637-6670. Please take time to review this booklet as it is an essential publication for your safety during emergencies.

The Snug Harbor Emergency Management Committee has once again asked that you update current information relating to contacting you or the individuals you have designated to be contacted in an emergency. Please provide this information to the Snug Harbor office. This has been emphasized not only at the Snug Harbor Emergency Management Committee meeting, but also at numerous meetings of the Snug Harbor Condo Association and Master Board Meetings. We thank you for your cooperation in this endeavor. The Snug Harbor Emergency Management Committee reminds you to Be Safe, Stay Informed & Be Prepared. The Snug Harbor Emergency Management Committee wishes you a safe and joyous summer.

Chair: Joseph Canale

**CONDO BOARD**

Meetings will be suspended for the months of June, July and August, resuming on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

**PROPERTY ON THE NORTH SIDE OF BISON**



This property is private property, and a restricted area. It is **NOT** an area for residents to drive their carts and ATV's. Recently someone removed the "No Trespassing" signs, entered the area in their recreational vehicle, had an accident and broke their arm. Neither the owner nor the Condo Board are liable for any damages. It is **REITERATED**; this is private property and anyone trespassing on it is in violation of the law!

**PLANT BARRIER:** The Condo Board appropriated \$2,370 for the planting of a natural barrier of palm trees and Bougainvillea. Bids are being sought to complete this project.



**Architectural Review Committee** – The ARC will be meeting weekly throughout the summer. Applications received by noon on Tuesday will be on Thursday's agenda.

**Good and Welfare** – The VNA visits will continue throughout the summer on the third Wednesday of every month from 9:00 – 10:30 AM. This is coordinated by Loretta Surface, and a sign- up sheet is in the hallway.

**Food Drive** – Jane Laggner stated that the recent community food drive produced 46,000 pounds of food brought to the Post Office. Publix gave a \$36,000 check for the food pantry.



**The new Snug Harbor Phone Directories are now available at the office. Only one copy per household**

## DO YOU WANT TO FEED THE WHITE IBIS AND OTHER ENDANGERED AND PROTECTED SPECIES?



**THINK TWICE!**

**Below is an excerpt from the University of Florida Extension Service, Bulletin No. WEC-48**

**Background:** Endangered species are not the only wildlife protected by the legal system. All of Florida's wildlife is more or less safeguarded by a variety of laws. Laws addressing wildlife can be found at the federal, state, regional, and local levels of government. However, state law standards often are stricter than federal law standards. For example, the federal Endangered Species Act (16 U. S. Code 1531-1544) prohibits the taking, possession, sale, and transport of species determined by the federal government to be in danger of extinction. Wildlife Rule 68A-27.003 of the Florida Administrative Code states that no person shall pursue, molest, harm, harass, capture, possess, or sell any endangered species or parts thereof or their nests or eggs except as authorized by specific permit. This rule also lists all the endangered species in the state. In Florida, there is also constitutional authority for the protection of wildlife.

**Legislative Summary - Federal Laws:** The United States Congress has enacted several public laws that are intended to control certain human activities that, if unregulated, could cause extinction of some species. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is the agency within the Department of the Interior that enforces most federal wildlife laws.

**Summary - Penalties and Effectiveness of Wildlife Laws:** Penalties for convictions for violations of these laws range from a maximum of **\$500 and/or 60 days imprisonment for first offenses of misdemeanor crimes—or up to \$50,000 and/or one year imprisonment for criminal violations against the federal Endangered Species Act.** The strongest laws are the federal and state endangered species acts.

**Some of Florida's endangered and protected species that visit Snug Harbor Lakes from time to time are:**

Brown Pelican, White Ibis, Roseate Spoonbill Crane, Roseate Tern, Snowy Egret, Sandhill Crane, Whooping Crane, Tri-Colored Heron, Wood Stork, Red Cockaded woodpecker, and various species of the sparrow family.

## Some of the Health Risks in Feeding Waterfowl:

In a recent study of the white ibis in Palm Beach County Florida, by The University of Georgia (UGA), veterinarians and biologist have found that hand feeding is changing the health, ecology and behavior of the white ibis.

This shift in behavior could have serious consequences, not just for the ibises, but also for people. It may allow pathogens transmitted through feces, like *salmonella*, to build up and pose risks for both birds and humans. Sonia Hernandez, a veterinarian and ecologist involved in the study found that "the strains of *salmonella bacteria* with which the ibises were infected are the same ones people get sick from, especially in Florida. Because white ibises fly from urban to natural environments fairly easily, they could move these strains across large distances." These findings will also apply to other wildlife species that live alongside humans, scientist say. The scientists are focusing on *salmonella* because it causes one of the most significant diarrheal diseases in people and results in mortality in young wading birds such as ibises. "Urban ibises have extremely high levels of stress hormones and weak immune systems compared with other birds. Ultimately, this could affect how pathogens, including *salmonella*, are transmitted among individual ibises and between the birds and humans." [https://www.nsf.gov/discoveries/disc\\_summ.jsp?cntn\\_id=137557](https://www.nsf.gov/discoveries/disc_summ.jsp?cntn_id=137557)

**Some other dangers:** A diet of white bread can be fatal to waterfowl. When birds feed on bread, they may stop eating natural food sources which are more nutritious. The birds may become malnourished and there have been cases of birds choking on wads of bread. (Source: Ducks Unlimited)

- Feeding areas carry germs and bacteria. Feeding waterfowl can cause **avian botulism**, which can result in waterfowl deaths:
- 1. A single outbreak of **Duck Virus Enteritis** (caused by artificial feeding) kills all of the ducks.
- 2. Uneaten food quickly forms a deadly mold called **Aspergillus**; fatal to birds.
- 3. **Avian Botulism** (Caused by artificial feeding) kills entire waterfowl populations and hospitalizes people.
- 4. Artificially fed ducks emit a parasite causing a condition in humans called Swimmers Itch.
- 5. Birds defecate at the site of scattered food or bread, bacteria in feces creates much higher risks for illness or disease.
- 6. Most waterfowl die-offs in the past 10 years have been attributed to artificial feeding.

**The biggest problem with offering bread and people food is that it does not offer proper nutrition to birds. Birds that fill up on these items feel full, but have not obtained the fats and proteins needed for survival.**

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The Social Seniors

Come and enjoy breakfast with your neighbors

Scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon, juice, and the bottomless cup of coffee

# THE BREAKFAST CLUB

Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 – 9:45 AM  
\$4.00, tickets at the door

NOTE: No Breakfasts in June or July

## SAVE THESE DATES

Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> 3:00 to 6:00 PM  
A Barbeque Pool Party

Featuring ½ Rotisserie Chicken  
Flyers to be delivered Mid-June



Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> 5:00 to 9:00 PM  
A Night at the Tropics Dinner

Featuring a special, award winning,  
Hawaiian Entrée by Chef Dick Jones and  
entertainment by “Remember When”  
with our own Jeannine Milligan  
Flyers will be delivered Mid-July



## The Party Planners

Any Profits from Future Events will be for the Benefit of



***Our Fourth Year!***

Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 2:00 to 4:00 PM

Saturday, October 14th,

A "Lunch in a Box"

An Ice Cream Social – Serving Banana Splits

Hamburgers from the grill with all the fixings



\$3.00 per Person

No need to hurry.  
Come and Go as  
you please.  
Flyers will be  
distributed the  
first week of June.



Flyers will be distributed In September

Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

2:00 in the afternoon

**THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DESSERT PARTY**

Please bring a dessert to share and a NEW TOY for the "Toys for Tots" Train  
Coffee and Tea will be supplied



***Last year over 100 toys were donated!***

***Come and socialize with your friends before the holidays***

<b>ACTIVITIES</b>
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Art Class	Thurs.	2:00 PM	
Billiards	???	???	
Bocce – Ladies	Friday	10:00 AM	
Bocce – Men’s	Mon., Wed. Fri.	9:00 AM	John Whitcomb
Bunco	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat.	7:15 PM	Carol Haight
Cards – Hand & Foot	Mon.	6:15 PM	
Emergency Management	Yearly Meeting March 21 <sup>st</sup> .	3:00 PM	Joe Canale
Euchre	Wed.	7:00 PM	August Kovacic
Exercise Group	Mon., Wed. Fri.	10 – 11:00 AM	
Horseshoes	Tue. & Thu	8:00 AM	Cliff Smith
Ladies Luncheon	Second Tues.		Sign-up Sheet in Lobby
Line dancing	Tuesday	9:00 AM	Rita Poiret
Nickles	Mon. & Fri	12:00- 3:00 PM	Joan Wuillamey
Party Planners			Rita Poiret
Pickle Ball	Tues.& Thurs.	10:00 AM	Bill LeBlanc
Pinochle	Periodically		Dollie Beller
Poker	Sun.	7-9:00 PM	Walter Weston
Shuffle Board – (Men’s)	Mon. & Sat.	8:30 AM	
Shuffle Board – (Women’s)	Mon. & Thurs.	9:00 AM	Peg Kelly
Social Seniors			Georgie Brynes
Stretchercize	Mon., Wed. Fri.	9-10 AM	
Tennis	Mon., Wed. Fri.	7:00 AM	Bill LeBlanc
Water Walkers	Every Week Day	8:00-9:30 AM	
Zumba - Water Exercise	Tues., Thurs., Sat.	10:00 AM	Joan Warnock

### Board Members – 2017

<b>Master Board</b>		
President	Richard (Dick) Jones	386-562-1018
Vice President	Vacant	
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Recording Secretary	Vacant	
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Director	Don Kadlac	

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Vice President	Joseph Canale	
Treasurer	Jacqueline (Jackie) Jones	386-871-3202
Recording Secretary	Valerie Bernazzani	772-663-9823
Director	Vince Hartmann	706-326-3535

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President	Bob LeMay	
Vice President	Harley Richardson	
Treasurer	Barbara Leah	772-664-1249
Recording Secretary	Fran Lamson	860-304-0607
Director	Arthur Bunting	

<b>Condominium ARC</b>		<b>Village ARC</b>		<b>To be changed</b>
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George Courter		Nicola Calineseu		
Barbara Smith		Arthur Bunting		
Bill Tulloch				
Jan Lawrence				

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**Please welcome the following  
new homeowners:**

**Mary Judith Beach  
7677 Longhorn Avenue  
615/390-4803**

**Geraldine (Geri) D'Andrea  
7649 Longhorn Avenue  
513/310-6594**

**Susan O'Grady Dougherty and Thomas  
Rowland  
7625 Longhorn Avenue**

**John (Jack) Fendall  
7672 Great Bear Lake Drive  
772/202-1111**

**We are sorry to see the following leave  
Snug Harbor:**

**David and Eileen Langmaid  
Royce and Emma Norris**