



# Newsletter

## January

### 2017

#### From the President

Yes, this newsletter is out early for a couple of reasons. First, it is with a sad heart that I must report (as you all know) that Joan Wenz, the Bermuda Park representative to Villages of Bonita Master Board, has tendered her resignation, Joan was President. Joan did an outstanding job and was faced with many controversies, many that have been heated over the years. Thank you Joan for all you have done as a volunteer in this community.

I think it was deplorable the way Joan Wenz was treated in holding the position as president and volunteering her time. There were very few people who would get behind her and support her. I can speak first hand that when you serve as a board member, the community thinks that you, personally, owe them something. I have personally been in the position where I have been threatened on the phone and in person by residents of this community, threatening to sue me and the board.

I think it is time that the owners of this community take a close look as to what they are doing as it relates to their actions when dealing with the board members. We are just volunteers that are trying to make and keep this a better community. Most of the time, it is over issues that are very clearly spelled out in the documents that you received, and signed that you received and read them. I think it is time you go to your drawer and pull out the documents or go online and read the Declaration of your community. When you bought your property, you signed a contract that you would live under these documents and I think many have forgotten what the documents say. They are very clear and they should be followed as to what you can do and what is your ownership in this community.

Quoting John Kennedy, "It's not what your country can do for you, it's what you can do for your country."

This quote applies to your community, it's not what your community can do for you, it's what you do for your community. I will give some examples: there are committees that are not filled and finding board members is difficult; instead of complaining that the dumpster by the mailboxes are full, walk to one of the other two dumpsters instead of placing trash in the recycle containers or on the ground. You can walk this property on any given day and find paper laying all around, stop and pick it up. This helps your community look better. It should not be the responsibility of the board members to pick these things up. It should be your responsibility to report anything that you see that is not right and also follow the rules and not try to get around them. These rules are there for you so the community will look great and be a desirable place to live.

Another reason for doing this newsletter now is I'm selfish, I don't want to spend the time I will have with my family over Christmas doing a newsletter.



President's report continued:

Please consider running for a board member for Bermuda Park or the Master Board representative, or volunteer to serve on a committee.

I think these things had to be said for the betterment of this community. It now seems that the Grinch took away Christmas from Bermuda Park.

On behalf of the board and myself, I would like to wish all the Bermuda Park community a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

From the President,  
Larry Neidig, Jr.

### Animals

The documents are very clear that you must have your dog on a leash at all times and you must pick up after them. This is not happening, there are dogs running on the grounds without leashes and the owners are not picking up after them, especially behind buildings 5 and 6 near the lake.

There are cats wandering the neighborhood, especially at night. There was one outside a unit at 4:00 am wining. They are to be on a leash or held in your arms, never to run loose.

### Pool Area

The new umbrellas have been placed at the pool area and they look very nice. Don't forget, when you leave, put your umbrella down and if you see one that is up and no one is there, please put it down. Again, this is a reminder to keep the pool doors and gate locked for safety reasons. We do have a number of children in our community..

### Landscaping

I can't say enough about the landscaping, the palm trees have been trimmed along with all the oak trees. The property is starting to look very good. There are areas that the Board continues to look at where the grass and shrubs are not doing well. This is one of the items that there is only so much money in the budget to do this work. The Board continues to look at each area that needs attention. There has been some new planting at buildings 6, 7, 11, and 13. There has been some planting in the common areas in front of the pool and in the entrance beyond the mailboxes. By the time you receive this newsletter, I hope the front of the cabana has been done..

Finances

I want to remind everyone that the assessments for Bermuda Park did not go up but the Village of Bonita assessments had an increase of \$50.00 per quarter, totalling \$200 a year. The new assessment for the year of 2017 is \$1,234.00 per quarter.

Again I want to thank Mike Tedesco for the fine job he has done working with Townes in preparing the budget for this year for Bermuda Park. Also, we must thank Mike for investing the community's money. There has been close to \$5,000 interest earned on the investment.

Mike continues to watch the CD's, of which one is due in January of next year.

Insurance

Flood insurance, due December 2016, was renewed with an increase in the premium. You are covered very well with flood insurance. The general insurance (fire, theft, liability, and workmen's comp, etc.) was coming due in March. However, it is very difficult to project what the cost is going to be for the budget. The general insurance was cancelled and renegotiated to be effective in December, the same time as the flood insurance. There was a savings of 5% from what we paid last year. Now, all the insurances will come due at the same time and will be able to be placed in the budget with the exact figures.

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*Merry Christmas*

*Happy New Year*

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