

President's Quips

June 2019

Hope you are enjoying a typical Florida summer, but unfortunately with a lot fewer trees.

Our summer concert and movies series has had a hit and miss start due to weather. Anne Cline was terrific. More than fifty people stayed through the impending rain to hear a very good performance. She is coming back in August. Thanks Tracy for all of the work you put into this community activity!!

On the development side of the news, the St Joe Company has completed its plans for revitalization of the marina. They will present that plan to a stakeholders meeting to be held soon, and then hopefully to the full community in August. Bay Town is actively involved in discussions on its future. The golf course and Sheraton owners are finalizing their plans but will not be ready to present them at that stakeholders meeting. We are standing by our statement to all of them that it will be a consolidated view of development and repair that we will approve, not four one-off events. It's the full picture we want to see, not individual projects. And for those of you who have noticed, the Holiday Inn vacation club will begin repairs in July and be completed in about eight months.

I mentioned at our last board meeting that I would like to convene a semi-annual owners meeting toward the end of August. Typically we have only one each year, at elections time. I think it's a good idea to have a mid-course discussion this year - more on that to come.

There comes a point when we need to get Bay Point back to being Bay Point, the beautiful community on the water. We are considering October 1 as the date to begin that process, to coincide with the county efforts. As in all things, there may need to be an exception, but that will have to be approved in advance. Broken trees, abandoned yards, etc will all be subject to increased scrutiny and penalty. Campers, RV's, boats are all subject to the covenants of the association, unless there is a pre-approved waiver. We are essentially providing three months of notice. So lets spend that time getting it all put back together.

Some will call and tell me that they will clean their property when the golf course cleans theirs. Nice, but we are making every effort, and will enjoin the county code enforcement if necessary, to keep the 'Meadows' cut. They are cooperating so far, and we expect they will continue. The two efforts (your yard and the 'Meadows') are truly separate events. Neither is reliant on the other. The golf course management knows their responsibilities. We all know ours. Don't wait for your neighbor, do your part now.

There are always lots of moving parts within this community: security, infrastructure, beautification, reconstruction, new construction, community events, for example. Then add all of the drama around the golf courses, Bay Town, landscaping etc., and we have a very lively environment. I firmly believe Bay Point will be a beautiful, vibrant community once again. It may still be vibrant, but it is not totally what it once was. We are all working very diligently to make it better than it **ever** was. I am confident we have the support of this entire community towards that effort. It's that support that will ensure complete success in our efforts to make Bay Point the **premier** place to live.

Bill Wanner, President
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