



Emerald Bay Lamplight



Emerald Bay Homeowners' Association
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Dear Neighbors,

Summer is at an end and we want to do several things as we wind up the season and close the pool.

As previously sent in an email, the board has scheduled a Fall HOA meeting on September 30, 2017 at 10:00am. In addition to regular reports of financial standing and committee reports, we have several agenda items to discuss related to several topics that impact the beauty and value of our neighborhood.

- 1) Pool & Clubhouse usage policies
- 2) Pool repairs to coping
- 3) Possible pool (gunite) resurfacing
- 4) Pool furniture replacement
- 5) Street signs and street lights cleaning and repainting

The pool will be closed on 10/02/17. We've outlined a number of projects above we may be undertaking once the pool is closed. The board is aware of the condition of the pool and recent discussions about it and the furniture. The board has taken steps for each of the topics above. The board has acted on #1 and estimates are being gathered for #2 and #3. We will update the residents in attendance as well as posting the minutes at ebhoa.org. The board is also ready to act on #4, but due to the scope of this capital project we will need to act in accordance with the neighborhood direction and will therefore ask for a vote at the Fall Meeting.

Regarding #5, many of the street light posts desperately need cleaning and repainting. This work really falls under needed repairs, but the approach and timing of this work will be considered along with the other work above.

So, mark your calendars and please attend the upcoming meeting to discuss these issues.

In the previous newsletter, I mentioned that everyone in the neighborhood has agreed to and are bound to the covenants of their neighborhood. We are committed to abide by them to maintain neighborhood safety, peacefulness, beauty and value. Please review your neighborhood covenants at ebhoa.org to see how you contribute to these aspects of life in Emerald Bay.

Lastly, we're fortunate that we've avoided the brunt of the recent storms. Our thoughts and prayers are with those that have lost so much in the wake of hurricanes Harvey and Irma. I know some in our neighborhood have sheltered some that have evacuated these areas. If you want to help, charitynavigator.org has compiled a list of legitimate charitable organizations, including the Red Cross and Save the Children, that are providing assistance to those in need.

Thank you,

Mitch Mead, EBHOA President

EBHOA FALL MEETING 10 a.m.
Saturday, September 30 at the Clubhouse

Neighborhood Watch ~ Steve Wortham ~ Brooke Stone

Last week I received an alumni newsletter and read a listing of “safety tips” for new and returning students. Some were excellent, but most applied to daily life as well. They are well worth passing on.

- Roll up windows and lock your car every time you leave – regardless of duration. This applies to your home, room or office as well.
- When you approach your car, always have your keys in your hand.
- Use caution when out after dark. Always carry some type flashlight.
- Avoid walking alone at night. Never walk at night with headphones or having a conversation on your cellphone. It distracts you from being observant to your safety.
- When walking or shopping, keep your hands free. Do not carry cellphone, purse, packages, keys, etc. You, in essence, become defenseless.
- In a dorm, hotel room or isolated room, put tissue in the peephole. It defeats the ability of specialty camera lenses to view inside your room without your knowledge.
- If you are able to park your car outside your room, your key fob can serve as a panic alarm in case of an emergency by using it to trigger your car’s alarm.
- If you frequently use a GPS device or have a GPS programmed into your cellphone, do not enter your home address in the unit. Instead, enter a nearby address for your home such as supermarket, police station, fire station, etc. It prevents someone from finding your home if they steal your device.
- Lock up or conceal medications that are candidates for abuse. Friends, classmates, etc. may be abusers without your knowledge. This is particularly important if you are selling your house and plan for an open house. Many addicts attend open houses to search for narcotics in medicine cabinets or other likely areas.
- Keep cameras covered when not using them (laptops, tablets, smart TV’s, smartphones, etc.) Left uncovered, they can observe/record you without your knowledge through malware. The same applies to microphones.
- NEVER reveal sensitive or private information to inbound callers. If a call appears legitimate, but is inbound, tell the caller you will call their general business number and supply the information at that time. Generally, it is safe to give out information on outbound calls.
- NEVER, NEVER, trust a phone call placed to or from your room in a hotel, dorm, or other public areas. You never know the true origin of the call and it is extremely easy to intercept and/or record from in-place wireline phones. Trust me on this – it was a mainstay in my earlier profession.
- Never have conversations with “wrong number” callers. It is a common ruse to elicit your conversation and potentially damaging information.
- Learn the best routes you normally walk (residence hall to class, office to restaurants, office to parking lot, etc.) Take the safest route, not the fastest.
- Always share your schedule with a relative or friend. This applies to short walks, vacations, shopping, etc. Tell them when you plan to leave and when you plan to return.
- Never take drinks from other people and do not leave drinks unattended.



Update from Landscaping and Lighting ~ Connie Giles

Well, here we are again. Its Fall, crisp mornings and Tennessee football. Life is good except for the weeds in my lawn and rain waking up my shrubs from their summer nap. The hydrangeas have certainly put on a show this year. I guess the combination of sun and rain is what they needed. The drought last year has taken a toll on the Leyland Cypress. Looking around, I see several that have died or are dying.

We lost several trees at the front of the community due to drought from last year. Poison ivy killed one tree. The mowing is continuing as scheduled. Brandon's crew has done a wonderful job. They are "johnnies on the spot" when we ask for help. We had a solenoid go bad on the sprinklers for Patton Place. Thanks to your attention, that has been repaired.

Sam, the electrician has kept the street lights on. He reset the lights on the entrance trees due to growth and expansion. There is a light out at one of the cul-de-sacs. Sam knows about it and is working to repair it. Some additional work is needed on that light.

You will be happy to know we are within budget for this year's Landscaping and Lighting on my end. I don't see any big problems. If you have any suggestions or concerns, let me know.

I wanted to point out how much this Board and committee members do for our home community. I am so proud to live where the people from the top down look out for my best interest. Decisions are made every day from saving us money on maintenance to providing the best information on security. All of the work done from this group is so this neighborhood can stand up and stand out to everyone looking for a new beginning.

Remember, Halloween is coming up. Be mindful of the little people and drive slow. We always have such a good crowd, some on trailers. If you have time, say hi to a new neighbor. Make an impression! Danish proverb: No one is rich enough to do without a neighbor.



Welcome New Neighbors

**Mark & Dawn Huber have purchased the
lot at 1965 Emerald Pointe Drive**

**Dexter & Tammy Judd
1426 Leighton Drive**



Congratulations on these family additions!



Kyle & Brittney Neisen on the birth of
Lillyann Renea Neisen, August 13
Matt & Dani Neisen and big sister Leila,
Colin Robert born September 3
Nicholas & Alexandra Bowman birth of
Parker Luke Bowman, September 6



Emerald Bay Ladies Book Club ~ Patti Smith

When: Tuesday, Oct., 10 @7pm

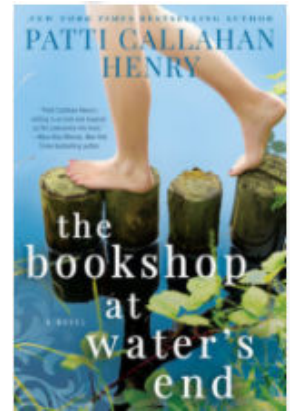
Where: Anne Stone's 1267 Emerald Pointe Drive

RSVP: to Anne annemstone@msn.com

What to Bring: a sweet or savory snack and/or a beverage to share

What Book: *The Bookshop at Water's End* by Patti Callahan Henry (a New York Times Best Selling Author)

Discussion Leader: Cindy Reisz



The women who spent their childhood summers in a small southern town discover it harbors secrets as lush as the marshes that surround it...

Bonny Blankenship's most treasured memories are of idyllic summers spent in Watersend, South Carolina, with her best friend, Lainey McKay. Amid the sand dunes and oak trees draped with Spanish moss, they swam and wished for happy-ever-afters, then escaped to the local bookshop to read and whisper in the glorious cool silence. Until the night that changed everything, the night that Lainey's mother disappeared.

Now, in her early fifties, Bonny is desperate to clear her head after a tragic mistake threatens her career as an emergency room doctor, and her marriage crumbles around her. With her troubled teenage daughter, Piper, in tow, she goes back to the beloved river house, where she is soon joined by Lainey and her two young children. During lazy summer days and magical nights, they reunite with bookshop owner Mimi, who is tangled with the past and its mysteries. As the three women cling to a fragile peace, buried secrets and long ago loves return like the tide.



When: Thursday, Jan., 9 @7pm

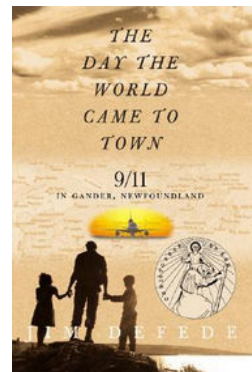
Where: Eileen Barnes, 13319 Emerald Bay Drive

RSVP: to Eileen, mheabarnes@comcast.net or 332-8681

What to Bring: a sweet or savory snack and/or a beverage to share

What Book: *The Day the World Came to Town 9-11* by Jim DeFede

Discussion Leader: Patti Smith



When 38 jetliners bound for the United States were forced to land at Gander International Airport in Canada by the closing of U.S. airspace on September 11, the population of this small town on Newfoundland Island swelled from 10,300 to nearly 17,000. The citizens of Gander met the stranded passengers with an overwhelming display of friendship and goodwill. As the passengers stepped from the airplanes, exhausted, hungry and distraught after being held on board for nearly 24 hours while security checked all of the baggage, they were greeted with a feast prepared by the townspeople. Local bus drivers who had been on strike came off the picket lines to transport the passengers to the various shelters set up in local schools and churches. Linens and toiletries were bought and donated. A middle school provided showers, as well as access to computers, email, and televisions, allowing the passengers to stay in touch with family and follow the news.

Over the course of those four days, many of the passengers developed friendships with Gander residents that they expect to last a lifetime. As a show of thanks, scholarship funds for the children of Gander have been formed and donations have been made to provide new computers for the schools. This book recounts the inspiring story of the residents of Gander, Canada, whose acts of kindness have touched the lives of thousands of people and been an example of humanity and goodwill.

For questions regarding the book club please call Patti at 332-6368 or email her at Patti@epbfi.com

Animal House ~ by Mike Nabors

Marilynn and I were sitting in the Great Room of our home a few weeks ago, watching TV, when I heard a noise. “Did you hear that?” I asked her. “No,” she said.

“There it is again. Did you hear it that time?” I said. Again, “No.” I turned the TV volume down low and sure enough, I heard it again. This time she did too. “Sounds like something alive in the wall scratching around, near the front door.”

I walked over to the door. It stopped. Must have heard me. I went back to the easy chair. A few minutes later it started again. It was in the wall near the dining room, just inside the door. I’ve heard something like it before, years ago.... Like early 80’s, in one of our other homes. Long story, but it turned out to be flying squirrels. In that house, they had come in through a vent in the gable in the end of the house, where workers had peeled away a screen to run in cable TV and telephone lines. There were three of them, emphasis on the word “WERE.” Enough said.

I did not want to deal with nesting animals inside my home again so this time I called for help. I used Donnie’s Wildlife Control. Donnie and another guy named Jim own the business and are close friends. Jim came out and helped us. They are very good and very experienced, from squirrels to skunks and even snakes in people’s homes.

Now we had been noticing chipmunks around our front porch, so we figured it was chipmunks, and figured they were coming in through the basement, as there is room around the garage door for the little critters to get in. They can squeeze through the smallest of spaces.

Jim explained to us how chipmunks can be a problem, and walked me around our house showing me a few little holes that were created in the ground by the chipmunks. He said it was possible that some had come inside to nest in the wall. He sealed off possible entrances around the floor joists with metal screening. We never heard the sounds in the wall while he was here.

That night though, we heard it again. Called him again. We were concerned because we were going to be away for about a week on vacation. This time, we allowed him to cut a hole in the wall where we heard the scratching (which he later repaired), and he set a trap. We placed a security camera aimed at the trap which we could access from our I-Phone during our trip, and we were to call if we saw an animal in it. My son would come over to let him in if that occurred, as we didn’t want an animal to die in there while we were away and begin to smell. Nothing happened. Peering into the wall through the hole did not reveal any nest building going on.... Strange!

I was talking with Jim and said maybe we ought to look in the attic, as maybe the animal was coming in that way. Since chipmunks are also called ground squirrels we were pretty much ruling out them. Maybe regular tree squirrel or flying squirrels (again!). There we found the entrance to the wall space, and an animal had come in and dug away the insulation. There is a round vent over the front porch and the screen was loose there. He fixed that, and place more metal screens over the opening that the framer had left open (it was triangular, since the wall below was at an angle.

No more scratching noises. Problem solved. I share this with you in case you experience any animal issues in your home, as I would highly recommend Donnie’s Wildlife Control if you need someone to help. They can be reached at 706-508-8727, or 706-222-0229. We need to add them to the neighborhood blog. I loved the way they talked us through what they were going to do, showed us how animals can get in, and especially pointed out the dogwood tree at the corner of our house as a spot that squirrels can get to the roof. You need at least four feet of clearance to prevent. You’ll note if you drive by my house that my dogwood has since been trimmed significantly. They repaired my wall, poured Sakrete into the chipmunk holes in the yard, and were at our house on three occasions, including on a Saturday since we were about to go on vacation. Told us several stories of getting snakes, raccoons and skunks out of houses. Very nice and very personable. Reasonably priced as we paid a total of \$300 considering they were out here three times and for several hours, and had to drive from North Georgia.

Just a reminder, boats are not supposed to be stored where they can be seen and cars are not supposed to be parked on the street. Please adhere to our covenants!

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