

BELLE HAVEN Newsletter

Our Community News

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WATER HEATERS

Recently, one of Belle Haven's units on the second floor had a water heater failure, causing damage not only to their unit, but to the first floor unit below them. Along with our aging complex, comes aging water heaters. Experts indicate that the life expectancy of a water heater is about 8-12 years. Our buildings were built between 2006-2007. If you still have an original water heater, it is past its life expectancy and time to be replaced!

The pan under your water heater is very important. It should be solid (no cracks so it won't leak) as if your water heater does fail and is leaking, this pan allows the water to go into a drain in that pan and not flood your condo or, if you are on the second floor, your neighbor below you. Everyone should know where their main water shutoff valve is located (normally located in the laundry room). If your

water heater starts to leak, shut off the water! If you go away for any period of time (even a weekend), you should shut off your water heater at the electrical panel (it should be marked "water heater"), and you should also shut off the water. These are simple safeguards while you are away from home. Remember, you are required to leave a key to your unit with Coastal (whether you or a tenant are living there) so that, in an emergency, the appropriate people can gain entry into your unit. If there is no key, emergency people may have to get into your unit by forced entry (for instance, to shut off the water). Please look into replacing your water heater. If your failed water heater damages another unit, you or your insurance could be liable for damages.

Clubhouse Events

**(CLUBHOUSE IS CLOSED
AND EVENTS CANCELLED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE)**

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Monday – Bingo 7 p.m.
Tuesday – Cards 6 p.m.
Wednesday – Crafts 7 p.m.
Friday - Book Club (monthly) 7 p.m.

DATES FOR OCTOBER

Thursday, October 1st
World Vegetarian Day – Eat some extra veggies!

Monday, October 12th
Columbus Day, Indigenous People Day, and Thanksgiving Day in Canada

Saturday, October 31st
Halloween

**"Listen! The wind is rising, and the air is wild with leaves,
We have had our summer evenings, now for October eves!"**
Humbert Wolfe

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING – OCTOBER
22ND

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held, via Zoom, on Thursday, October 22nd at 3 PM. Coastal will send out information on how to connect to the meeting. Apologies for some of you not being able to join the September meeting via Zoom; the BOD did not know that Comcast working on-site that day would disrupt internet service.

NATIONAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER
3RD

Make sure to exercise your constitutional right to vote in the upcoming election!

Go to www.votesjc.com for complete information. Early voting is from October 19th -31st, 8 AM – 8 PM, at your polling place. You will need a photo ID and signature verification. Our closest polling location is the Southeast Branch Library. Are you registered? Last date to register to vote is Monday, October 5th.

Do you want to vote by mail? The last date to request a mail-in ballot is by 5 PM ten days before the election and your ballot must be postmarked by 8 PM on election day, or put in an official drop box no later than election day (you get one vote; you cannot vote both by mail and in person, this would be a felony. Also you

cannot vote on-line; this is a phishing scam going around). Here is a link to request a mail-in ballot

<https://www.votesjc.com/Election-Information/Vote-By-Mail>

If you don't want to send the ballot back via the mail, you can deposit it in the official drop box at the Office of the Supervisor of Elections at 4455 Avenue A, Suite 101

St. Augustine, Florida 32095, or at a drop box in an official polling place during early voting dates / times, or on election day.

You must have your mail-in ballot delivered to a drop box or postmarked by 8 PM on election day to be counted. Make sure you sign and date the mail-in ballot envelope (as your signature appears on drivers' license or voter registration – don't just scribble your signature). No signature and date means your vote won't be counted!

ORIONID METEOR
SHOWERS

Monday and Tuesday, October 21st-22nd. Watch the Orionid meteor shower which is expected to peak early on these mornings in a moonless sky. Past displays have yielded 10 to 20 meteors per hour under similar conditions, especially during the early pre-dawn hours when the constellation Orion dominates the south-southeast sky; these meteors tend to have dusty trains to give a nice show. Perhaps an early morning visit to Crescent Beach!

2020 ANNUAL GREEK
FESTIVAL – “TO GO”
FRIDAY & SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 9TH & 10TH

The 23rd Annual Greek Festival will be a little different in 2020, due to the coronavirus pandemic. This year, the Festival will offer favorite Greek dishes for online ordering and contactless pickup at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. A menu (moussaka, dolmades, souvlaki, spanakopita, pastitsio, and baklava) with combination platters, à la carte dishes, full dinners, grilled favorites, and, of course, desserts is available at this link, under menu:

<https://www.staugustinegreekfestival.com/>

You can specify the time of your pickup on Saturday or Sunday, October 9th or 10th when you place your order. You can then host your own Greek Festival in your own safe environment. Enjoy!

OTHER THINGS TO DO:
VISIT ST. AUGUSTINE
EVENTS CALENDAR

<https://www.visitstaugustine.com/events/featured-events>

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