

BELLE HAVEN Newsletter

Our Community News

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING – THURSDAY, JANUARY 12TH, 5:00 PM

The Social Committee has been in existence since the beginning of the Belle Haven community. Events held have been from simple coffee hours to complex catered dinners. We've had cookouts, pizza parties, Kentucky Derby parties, wine tastings, and Iron Chefs. Celebrations of Valentine's Day, Halloween, St. Patrick's Day, Tax Relief Parties, as well as Friday Night Mingles once a month. And, of course, the annual holiday Chili Party. For the past dozen years or more, the Social Committee's events have rested on a few shoulders. It is time to re-organize. It isn't difficult or taxing if all members are involved in the work of planning and

implementing an event. We'd like to distribute the activities for an event to various members of the Committee such as flyers and e-mails, buying what's needed for an event, setting up for the event, supervising during the event, and finally disassembling everything in the clubhouse and making sure it, and the dishes, are cleaned up and everything is put away. The last few events have been very popular and we've had to turn people away due to the legal limitations for the number of people in the Clubhouse – so obviously you all want to have these events. Please join us (whether currently on the Social Committee or would like to become a member) at a meeting in the Clubhouse on Thursday, January 12th, at 5:00 PM.

Clubhouse Events

**(CLUBHOUSE IS OPEN
FOLLOWING CDC
GUIDELINES AND LAWS
RELATED TO COVID-19)**

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Monday – Bingo 7 p.m.

Wednesday–Cards 7 p.m.

DATES FOR JANUARY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1



SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

Take down BH Holiday Decorations, 10:30 AM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

Social Committee Meeting, Clubhouse, 5:00 PM

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

Martin Luther King Day

“Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man (or woman).”

Benjamin Franklin

TAKING DOWN BH
HOLIDAY
DECORATIONS:
SATURDAY, JANUARY
7TH, 10:30 AM

The Decorating Committee needs volunteers to help in taking down and storing away the BH holiday decorations in the clubhouse and throughout the complex. Please join us on Saturday, January 7th, starting at 10:30 AM! We need a few vehicles as well to transport the decorations to the storage locations. Call Pat Godfrey at 678-665-0640 if you have questions, or just be there on the 7th!

PAINTINGS BY DR.
MEHROTRA AT ST.
JOHN'S COUNTY
LIBRARY

The main branch of the St. John's County Library at 160 Ponce DeLeon Blvd. will be displaying the paintings of Dr. Badri Nath Mehrotra, a former doctor from Flagler Hospital. They will be on display from January 9th to February 3rd, with a reception with the artist on Saturday, January 21st at 3:30 PM.

TAKING CARE OF YOUR
GARBAGE DISPOSAL

As with many of the things in our condominiums, our garbage disposals are

aging. Here are some recommendations from Roto-Rooter to help keep yours running smoothly and perhaps give it a longer life.

5 Easy Tips for Maintaining the Garbage Disposal

1. Use plenty of water. Start the water even before you turn on your disposal; keep it running all the time while the food is being chopped up.

2. Use cold water. Hot water will liquefy greases and fats and they will adhere to the blades.

3. Avoid hard or fibrous foods. Avoid things with pits, hard seeds, or bones as well as onion skins, egg shells, celery stalks, corn husks.

4. Clean the inside by putting baking soda down the disposal drain and pouring vinegar on top of it. Another easy method is to combine the sharpening with the cleaning by putting about a cup of rock salt down the drain when you grind up your ice cubes.

5. Obviously – don't put your hands in the disposal.

GTM HIKES DURING
JANUARY

Various hikes are available with GTM during January. Explore the Guana Peninsula's natural biodiversity, expansive cultural history, vital estuarine resources, and current efforts to protect these resources. Do a Matanzas Inlet Hike, a Marineland River to Sea Preserve Walk, or a Beach Exploration with a GTM Guide. See the website for further information:

<https://gtmnerr.org/visit/events/>

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HOA FEES

Revised HOA fees as of January 1, 2023, consist of: \$450.00 monthly association fee; add \$14.00 monthly if you have a garage, and add \$69.00 monthly if you are on the second floor of an elevator building. You can set up on-line payments through the Belle Haven Condos website:

<https://bellehavencondos.com> or you can pay by check by bringing it to Linda Skinner at the clubhouse office on Thursdays (1-5 PM), or directly to the Coastal office at 3942 A1A S, St.

Augustine 32080; they are open until 5:00 PM, Monday – Friday.