

BELLE HAVEN Newsletter

Our Community News

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BOARD GAME NIGHT AT THE CLUBHOUSE; TUESDAY AT 7:00 PM

Have an interest in getting a board game group going at the clubhouse on Tuesday nights? How about Mahjong, Scrabble, Monopoly, Rummy-O, Tri-Ominos - whatever you like to play. Bring your board game and see if you can get a group together for your favorite game! For instance, you would need a group of 3-4 players to play Mahjong, a strategy-based tile game developed in China in the 1800's that has spread around the world. See this quick YouTube video on how to play basic Mahjong: <https://www.wikihow.com/Play-Mahjong>
If you would like to play a board game, come to the clubhouse on Tuesday,

April 4th, or Tuesday, April 11th, at 7 PM to discuss with Maggie Borst how to get the group started!

CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION BY NEW BUYERS

The Board is considering, proposing a Capital Contribution amendment to the Belle Haven Documents. A Capital Contribution is an additional revenue stream of approximately 2 HOA payments that would be paid by a new buyer of a condominium in Belle Haven. When selling your unit, you would still receive your negotiated selling price; this Capital Contribution would be an additional amount the buyer would pay at closing. These monies would go directly to our Reserve Account to support our

Clubhouse Events

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Monday – Bingo 7 p.m.
Tuesday – Games 7 p.m.
Wednesday–Cards 7 p.m.
3rd Tuesday Monthly – Book Club 7 p.m.

DATES FOR APRIL

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

April Fools' Day

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

Palm Sunday

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5 –

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

Passover

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

Good Friday

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

Easter

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

Earth Day

IMPORTANT DATES:

Linda Skinner at the Clubhouse Office:

Tuesday, April 25th instead of Thursday, April 27th

Tuesday, May 2nd instead of Thursday, May 4th

Please mark these in your calendar!

In honor of Great Poetry Reading Day on April 28th, part of Sonnet 98 by William Shakespeare:

From you have I been absent in the spring,
When proud-pied April, dressed in all his trim,
Hath put a spirit of youth in everything,
That heavy Saturn laughed and leaped with him.

capital improvement expenditures in our complex. This Capital Contribution would need an affirmative vote at the annual meeting in the fall to amend our documents. Watch for more information on this important vote.

APRIL FOOLS' DAY

This long-standing custom of playing pranks and practical jokes on one another on April 1st has an unknown origin. Some think it may have started with The Canterbury Tales in 1392. However, the date doesn't seem to coincide with April 1st. Others think that France in 1508 seems to have the first reference to such a celebration. At the time New Years Day was being celebrated March 25 – April 1. Those who celebrated New Year's on January 1 began making fun of those who celebrated on other days with the invention of April Fool's Day. But there are issues with this theory too. Other countries have all kinds of things they do in regard to April Fool's Day. In some English-speaking countries there is a custom to say "pinch and a punch for the first of the month". The person might respond by saying "a flick and a kick

for being so quick", and then the original attacker might reply with "a punch in the eye for being so sly"!

ST. JOHN'S COUNTY OCEAN & FISHING PIER

The pier at St. Augustine Beach (named recently as one of 25 best beaches in the U.S. by Trip Advisor) is open for exploration and fishing. The Pier Shop is open Monday – Sunday, 7 AM – 7PM, with beach items and refreshments. There is also a visitor center within the Pier Shop. Every Wednesday from 8 AM – 12 PM there is a Pier Farmers Market at the Pier Park. See the website: <http://www.co.st-johns.fl.us/Recreation/FishingPier.aspx> for fees; SJC residents over 60 are free!

ST. AUGUSTINE EASTER PARADE & BLESSING OF THE FLEET

St. Augustine's Easter Parade is the nation's second oldest Easter Parade. The Parada de los Caballos y Coches (Parade of Horses and Carriages) has commemorated the Easter holiday every year since 1956. The Parade will be held on Saturday, April 8th, beginning at 9 AM. The parade will start at the Old Jail Museum, going south on San Marco Avenue and

along the bayfront on Avenida Menendez, finishing at the Plaza de la Constitución.

The Blessing of the Fleet by the Bishop of the Diocese of St. Augustine will take place beginning at noon on Sunday, April 2nd with a procession from the Cathedral Basilica along the Plaza de la Constitución to the St. Augustine Municipal Marina.

VENDOR LISTING

If you've had a good experience with a vendor doing work in your condominium, send an e-mail to Maria with information about that vendor with the type of work, name, contact e-mail, and phone. She will keep a listing of vendors and will have it available to share with the community. Coastal and the BOD do not recommend vendors, but are glad to keep a listing of vendors that owners might want to use.

RIVERVIEW CLUB CALENDAR

Check out the website <https://www.staugshores.org/partial-activities-calendar> for April's activities. Yoga, TaiChi, Exercise or Dance Class, Barre Workout, and more!