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## President's Message

"It was the best of times it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness." Much like our times today, Dickens would have likely said.

How quickly our lives changed from the best to the worst in such a short time. In this unsettled world, we are thrown into a viral pandemic of epic proportion, lives at risk with just a cough or a sneeze. Who would have thought people would be walking about if they or the person next to them could jeopardize your own health and those of your loved ones.

This is not a time for distrust but rather a time to open our hearts to give and share whatever we might have with the people in our community. It is up to you as a caring individual to do just that. I know a lot of you feel this is up to The Board. Sadly, it is NOT as it opens us up to numerous liability issues.

Please know that many difficult decisions were made this week by a vote of the Board of Directors. These decisions were made in the best interest of the community.

I know some would strongly disagree. As it was taken into consideration the special powers granted to us thru Emergency Powers, we had the MA-JORITY Board Vote to close all the facilities & activities without a meeting. A meeting could have put our residents at risk for COVID 19 virus and would have violated CDC, FED & State laws of no more than 10 person congregating and individuals staying at least 6 ft apart. Please know that we are continuing to work in your best interests as everything has come to a standstill and hope you will continue to put your trust in us.

Please know that my decisions are ALWAYS made based on what is in the best interest of the people and the community.

My prayers are with you and your families at this most difficult time, God bless you All.

Joanne Slocum, President , Jc371@comcast.net

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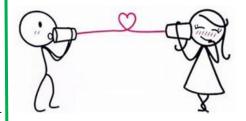
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#### Don't Mark Your Calendars

As you are all aware, the CG Board of Directors made the hard decision, to suspend all activities and close the pool, pool area and clubhouse. It is hoped that our community will be back to normal quickly and none of us, our family or friends are touched by this terrible pandemic.

Please stay safe and remember to keep others safe as well with social distancing.



# QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

## Florida Department of Health

COVID-19 Call Center Available 24/7 1 (866) 779-6121 or email: COVID-19@flhealth.gov

#### **Bookkeeping at Campbell:**

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## \*\*\*COMMUNITY REMINDERS\*\*\*

# Visit Our Country Greens Website

www.mycountrygreens.com Login: enter@mycountrygreens.com Password: shady12467

#### and Facebook Page



Country Greens at Westchester, Boynton Beach, FL

FOR THE LATEST
COUNTRY GREENS NEWS

Trash must be placed in a

closed container while awaiting pickup. Garbage cans and recycle bins should be stored in an area out of sight.

TRASH goes out Mondays and

Thursdays late afternoon for next day pickup.



#### **COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL**

can be contacted by individual home owners to come out and to spray around their residence when there is a problem. 561-967-6480



Parking Resident and guest parking

is allowed on the streets from 6:00 am until 1:00 am. Commercial vehicles from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm



Overnight parking is permitted in designated parking areas between 10:00 pm and 8:00 am, Please NOTIFY a board member of the license plate number in case of an emergency.

### HURRICANE SEASON IS



OVER!!
STILL BE
PREPARED!

Dog poop carries millions of bacte-

YOUR DOG

IS NOT JUST

BBING

POLITE



ria, parasites, pathogens and viruses that can be transmitted to both other animals & people. How would you like it if you or your dog tracked it into your home or car? NO? Then pick it up!! We are so fortunate that our community allows our beloved pets to live here. Please do not ruin it for the rest of us.

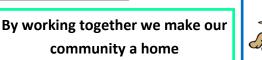
PICKING UP AFTER

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Please respect the speed limit

Inspect your home regularly.

Does your fence or driveway need to be repaired, pressure cleaned or painted? Are your gutters clean? Are your screens torn and is the roof look like it's in good repair. All issues need to be addressed prior to hurricane season and at the end of the rainy season.





Dogs must be on leash at all times

NO EXCEPTIONS!

#### Homeowners are responsible for pest control inside



**their homes.** This is why garage doors should be closed when not in use. This will help keep out unwanted pests and unwanted "guests".





Violators will be brought before the Grievance Committee

IT'S THE FLORIDA STATE LAW!

#### COUNTRY GREENS @WESTCHESTER HOA, INC. ANNUAL/BOARD MEETING MARCH 17, 2020 (TUESDAY)

**CANCELLED** 

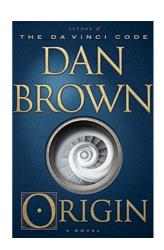


#### **BOOK CLUB**

Mon, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm

**ORIGIN** By

**Dan Brown** 



#### PLEASE REMEMBER OUR DEAR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS



# MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE COUNTRY GREENS SOCIAL CLUB MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24,2020

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FOLLOWING EVENTS HAVE BEEN EITHER CANCELLED OR POSTPONED

IT IS THOUGHT THAT THE COMMUNITY WOULD ENJOY READING THE FOLLOWING MINUTES AND HAVE SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO WHEN THE PANDEMIC IS OVER

Attending: Jeanne Grimaldi, President; Lillian Baumann, Dolores Crupi; Jeffrey Giocondo; Lorraine Jaklitsch; Hedy Jurow; Nancy Rochon; Maryann Rana; Margie Schlein

- 1. Jeanne welcomed Jeffrey Giocondo as a new member of the Social Club Executive Committee. Jeff has been a member of social events' committees at other communities; Board Members are anticipating that his contributions will bring new ideas to CGSC Events.
- 2. Our Annual Breakfast will be held on Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at 9:30 in the Clubhouse. As stated in our announcements, David Allen will be making his legendary French Toast, and Barbara Mac Farland will be whipping up her creamy scrambled eggs and perfectly baked bacon. As usual, fruit and bagels and bialys will be offered. This year CGSC will be provide each attendee with one free Mimosa.

The charge as usual is \$6.00 for members and \$8.00 for nonmembers, paid beforehand. No walk-ins permitted.

Hedy will pick up two (2) dozen bagels and bialys; this year Lorraine will pick up four (4) dozen mini cupcakes, in place of donuts. Jeff will arrange for the Fruit Bowl and Margie will pick up the butter, cream cheese and jams.

It was decided that Executive Committee members will serve the eggs and bacon, so that we do not run out before all attendees have been served.

Committee members are asked to arrive at Clubhouse at 8AM on Saturday.

- 3. It was decided to switch our Annual Pot Luck from March 6<sup>th</sup> to March 20<sup>th</sup>,2020. Friday March 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM, will become a regular Hot Dogs & Hamburgers/Happy Hour with Fish available.
- 4. Our Annual Potluck will be held on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM. We will place the Sign-Up List on the Bulletin Board in the Clubhouse. Dishes for 8 will be required for one of the listed different dinner courses as the Entry Fee for the Pot Luck Dinner. (cancelled on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020)
- 5. Jeff shared his experiences with social club events with the Executive Committee members. He suggested a Casino Night, which has always been a very enjoyable event for the community. He volunteered to investigate the legal requirements for such an event at Country Greens.

Jeff suggested that we might vary the menus to be served at different Friday night Happy Hours. He presented the following as examples:

varied appetizers; take out fried calamari; nachos; wings.

6. The next Executive Committee meeting is on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 4:00PM in the Clubhouse (*cancelled March 13<sup>th</sup>,2020*)



**DELEGATES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS • MARCH 18, 2020** 

DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THE MEETING WAS CONDUCTED VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL SUPPORTED BY A VISUAL PRESENTATION DISTRIBUTED VIA E-MAIL.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT - BETH RAPPAPORT

- There are to be NO in person COBWRA Delegates or Committee meetings until further notice. Health and Safety are our top priorities.
- Since the February 19 Delegates Meeting and up until about a week ago, COBWRA was busy as always with various committee meetings and special events that included:
  - -Health & Wellness Symposium March 5 at Jamaica Bay. Thank you Dr. Henry Bartos, the Health and Wellness Committee, and Jamaica Bay!
  - -Board Certification at Coral Lakes March 11 with Campbell Property Management. Thank you to Campbell and Coral Lakes!
- The TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE has a NEW CHAIR, ERIC MALKIN.
- The WATER AND WETLANDS COMMITTEE is seeking a NEW CHAIR.
- The GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE Legislative Update set for March 25 at Delray Dunes is regrettably canceled due to the current pandemic.

#### SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE



Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, our scheduled speaker, Superintendent of Schools **DONALD E. FENNOY II. ED.D.,** was unable to participate in the meeting. However, he provided us with a School District Update:

#### Coronavirus/COVID-19 Precautionary Measures

- · We are committed to keeping students and staff safe
- · Collaboration with Palm Beach County officials is ongoing
- All District schools are closed through April 15, 2020
- Please visit <u>palmbeachschools.org/coronavirus</u> for the latest information.

#### Penny Sales Tax Updates: The Work Continues

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## The APRIL 22, 2020 DELEGATES MEETING/INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

will be a tele-conference meeting with an accompanying presentation that will be distributed via e-mail prior to the meeting.

#### FIRST RESPONDERS REPORTS

## PBSO DISTRICT 6 CAPTAIN AND COMMANDER SHAWN EASTMAN

- Reported that PBSO recently apprehended nine vehicle burglars.
- Advised that it is the Town of Palm Beach, not Palm Beach County, that is currently under curfew in response to COVID-19.
- Sheriff Bradshaw has secured protective equipment, (hazmat suits, ventilators, etc.) for officers who have the potential of being exposed to COVID-19.
- If anyone needs accident reports or other documents from PBSO, contact PBSO Central Records and the reports will be emailed to you. Phone 561-688-3140 or go to the website:

https://www.pbso.org/inside-pbso/general/central-records/ to make a request.

#### PBC FIRE RESCUE BATTALLION CHIEF TONY TOZZI

- PBC Fire Rescue has been preparing for the possibility of COVID-19 reaching our county since January.
- The Department has been closely researching, following and developing best practices based on recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and FDOH (Florida Department of Health.)
- First Responders are taking extra precautions to protect themselves and the public by using additional PPE (Personal Protective Equipment, including gown, goggles, gloves, mask, booties and a cap.
- Working collaboratively with the hospitals, the firefighter-paramedics will also notify the hospital staff that a suspected COVID-19 patient is being transported to the facility.
- It is important to note that none of this will delay response time.

#### **ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REPORT**

#### KAREN BRILL, PBC SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT 3

- By the Governor's mandate, no School Board meetings will be held until the end of June.
- Parents of school-age children will be able to opt to have their student repeat the school year in the same grade.

Highlights by Bruce Brodsky and Sharon Reuben

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Barbara,

Spoke to Joanne Slocum earlier about the pool uproar. So sad to hear about this discord in our peaceful Country Greens neighborhood!

I was also disappointed about the pool closure but completely understood the reasoning.

I also found out that all city pools are closed: Wellington, Boynton Beach, Delray Beach, etc. along with libraries, parks, beaches, Farmers markets, tennis centers, museums & my favorite, Mounts Botanical Gardens! Other neighborhood clubhouses & pools are closed as well.

I am now very happy with the decision for our community pool closure! Thank you, Joanne, for this strong decision! I for one want the spread of this virus to end as soon as possible! Isolation is the only way that this will happen!

As of today, there are 658 cases in Fl. 45 of those are in Palm Beach County with 12 deaths! I am very concerned and hoping that my fellow community members will also be thoughtful & respectful of others.

Thank you for everything you do to make Country Greens the peaceful place that it is!

I just love it here!

Sandy Budner





Dear Country Greens Neighbors,

I have been having problems with squirrels when I park my car in my driveway for the summer. Somehow, they get under the hood and chew the wires. There are two huge trees in my driveway. I would like to find a CG owner/snowbird who has a garage that I may rent. Ideally, from the end of April until next Thanksgiving.

I can be reached at 339-987-9798

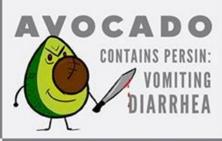
I am willing to negotiate a fair price for this convenience.

Thank You Jerry Katz 12173 Country Greens Blvd.

#### FOR THE OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR FAMILY'S

Be aware of the foods that are toxic & dangerous to our pets!



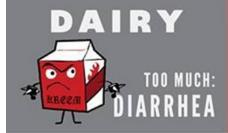














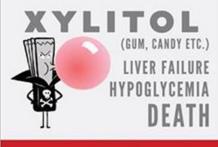
















ULCERS

If you think your dog ate something dangerous, CALL YOUR VET or: ASPCA POISON CONTROL HOTLINE (888) 426-4435 NATIONAL PET POISON HELPLINE (800) 213-6680

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#### IN THE GARDEN ~ BLACK-EYED SUSAN

Easy to grow and tough as nails, black-eyed Susan is a sunny-colored wildflower that is salt- and drought-tolerant, making it an excellent choice for coastal landscapes.

One of the nine *Rudbeckia* species native to Florida, black-eyed Susan is the most commonly grown of the species in landscapes and is perfect for butterfly gardens. The plant forms a mound of foliage topped with a bright display of flowers characterized by brown centers surrounded by red, orange, yellow, or golden petals.



Black-eyed Susan seeds can be planted directly in the garden or you can buy small plants. Choose a sunny, well-drained location in the spring. The flowers will develop ten to fourteen weeks after the seed is planted, and should persist throughout the summer while other plants wilt.

Deadhead, or remove, faded blossoms to prompt more profuse blooming. Black-eyed Susans also make great cut flowers.



**Publications** 



This is the time to be slow, Lie low to the wall Until the bitter weather passes.

Try, as best you can, not to let The wire brush of doubt Scrape from your heart All sense of yourself And your hesitant light.

If you remain generous,
Time will come good;
And you will find your feet
Again on fresh pastures of promise,
Where the air will be kind
And blushed with beginning.

JOHN O'DONOHUE

#### **HAPPIER TIMES!**



















THANK YOU FOR SHARING LISA SCRIVANO!

# I SEE A LOT OF PEOPLE BEING LIKE "I WOULD SURVIVE THE CORONAVIRUS. I'M TAKING MY CHANCES."

THE WAY I SEE IT, YEAH.
I'D SURVIVE IT. BUT I MIGHT CARRY
IT TO SOMEONE WHO WOULDN'T.
AND THAT, FOLKS,
IS THE PROBLEM.









Compromised Immune Systems

#### From the Editor

I am looking for community involvement with **OUR** monthly newsletter, The Gazette. Please send me your photos, recipes, go to hotspots, pet info....ANYTHING!

Barbara Coulter Puchalski, barbaracountrygreens@gmail.com Submissions needed by the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!