

# Bayshore Banner - January 2026

*In our 69<sup>th</sup> year of serving the community*

**For the most up to date information please visit the District's official website: [bayshoregardens.org](http://bayshoregardens.org)**

## **NOTICE OF MEETINGS FOR 2026**

2026 Meeting Dates for Bayshore Gardens Park & Recreation District

All meetings are held in the Bayshore Gardens Recreation Hall located at 6919 26<sup>th</sup> Street W., Bradenton, FL 34207 at 6 p.m.

besides the Organizational Meeting which will be held at 2 p.m.

Any individuals needing more information or special accommodations to attend a meeting, may call the District Office at (941) 755-1912

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Work Session</u>	<u>Board of Trustees</u>
		January 2 (Annual Organizational Meeting)
	January 14	January 28
February 3 & 4	February 11	February 25
March 3 & 4 & 31	March 11	March 25
April 1	April 8	April 22
May 5 & 6	May 13	May 27
June 2 & 3 & 30	June 10	June 24
July 1	July 8	July 22
August 4 & 5	August 12	August 26
September 1 & 2	September 9	September 23
October 6 & 7	October 14	October 28
November 3 & 4	November 11	November 18
December 1 & 2	December 9	December 16

**PICK UP YOUR FREE MANATEE COUNTY 2026  
CALENDARS IN THE OFFICE.**



## **Woodchoppers Club, by Gwen Norris, Secretary:**

Our next meeting is our 'Annual Meeting', Saturday January 10th. Please mark your calendars. The door combination will be changed prior to the Meeting. 2026 Memberships will be accepted immediately after the Meeting.

The 2026 Officers will be elected in the end of the meeting. We have four Officer positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary. We meet 5 times a year – second Saturday of January, March, May, October, and December.

A 'Teaching Workshop' or 'Equipment Orientation' will be scheduled at our March meeting. It will be an 'orientation' of the tools.

2026 Memberships will be available for adult Bayshore Gardens District Residents after the January 10th at the Recreation Center Office during normal business hours. Annual Memberships for 2026 are \$30 (cash), expiring January 2027.

Equipment problems? If there is any problem with a tool, please notify an officer and leave a note/tag on the tool. Tags are on top of the metal cabinet along the north wall. All damaged tools are Not to be used and tagged stating the same.

2025 Club Officers' phone numbers are listed on the front window. 2026 Officer will be listed after January 2026 Meeting. Use safety equipment when using any power tool. Shop users are required to Sign-in at the door and clean up after using the Shop.

Our next scheduled Meeting is Saturday, January 10, 2026, at 10:00 am in the Shop. See you there. Please plan to attend.

### **Woodchoppers Club 2025 Officers:**

President: Harold Donaldson  
Vice President: Jim Couey  
Treasurer: John Woodruff  
Secretary: Gwen Norris

# TREE REMOVAL

It is with great sadness that the Board announces the removal of our iconic Ficus tree in Bayshore Gardens Park. After the last two major hurricanes, the tree suffered extensive saltwater damage. Multiple arborists were consulted, and despite our best efforts, the tree was declared dead and had become a safety hazard due to the risk of falling branches and large sheets of bark.

Our Long-Term Planning Committee is now seeking your input on how best to reimagine and honor the space the tree once occupied. The Committee's initial recommendation is to replace the gathering space where many weddings and special events are held with a community pavilion or gazebo. Before moving forward, we want to be sure this reflects the wishes of our residents.

We invite you to review several proposed design styles [here](#) and vote for your preferred option in [our community survey](#). Thank you! (Click on "here" and "community survey" or go to our website and view the different options and take the community survey that can be found on the home page)



ANNUAL EVENT

# COMMUNITY YARD SALE

# BAYSHORE GARDENS

GET RID OF ALL THE THINGS YOU DON'T WANT ANYMORE AT OUR  
ANNUAL COMMUNITY YARD SALE !



JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>  
8AM-1PM

BAYSHORE GARDENS RECREATION  
CENTER - IN THE OPEN FIELD AREA

**\*come find awesome treasures and trinkets\***

\$5 breakfast served courtesy of  
Bayshore gardens recreation center

PERSON OF CONTACT

BELINDA 941-565-2596

**INFO:**

- \$10 to reserve a spot
- must rsvp by Jan 8<sup>th</sup>
- bring own tables, tents & chairs for setup

YARD  
SALE

## **Garden Club Minutes – December 8<sup>th</sup>, by Gwen Norris, Secretary:**

We enjoyed our Christmas Lunch at Mean Dean's on December 8<sup>th</sup>. It was a good gathering and great conversations.

### **Events:**

**January 8<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) 1:00** – Sarasota Succulent Society (est. 1950), (1310 38 St, Sarasota, off Myrtle Ave.) at 1:00 for a tour. Gwen has coordinated the visit/tour. IF 'weather' requires a change, they will accommodate. Marlene will bring refreshments. Some may be willing to carpool.

**February** - Monday, February 2, 1:00 in the Hall. We will exchange gifts in celebration of Valentines Day. Melanie Woodruff will bring refreshments. Vanessa Renovalez offers a presentation on flower pressing.

**March** - Friday, March 6, we will meet at Palmers Orchids (22700 Taylor Drive, Bradenton, FL 34211- off CR 675). (Their Annual Sale is usually on that weekend). Prepare to walk a bit. Winnie Denny-Smith will bring refreshments. Stay tuned on any updates.

**April** – Monday, April 6, 1:00 (if available) we will meet at Paradise Found (3570 Tallevast Rd, Sarasota, FL 34243). Refreshments will be provided by Laurie Boyce.

**May** - Monday, May 4, we meet at Joyce Fisher's Condo (Sarasota Sands, 2150 Benjamin Franklin Dr, Sarasota, FL 34236 – just before South Lido Beach). Pizza, Salad, drinks, beach, and more will be provided. Don't forget the wonderful nature trail we can walk to. Carpooling is recommended.

**June** - Monday, June 1, at 1:00, we will meet at the Hall for a meeting and/or presentation. Stay tuned for the January Succulent Society visit date change if weather is bad.

We miss the Park's Cuban Laurel tree. The Trustees are entertaining ideas and usage for that area.

Our Club had discussions to donate Florida plants to the park. We will coordinate with the House and Grounds Committee.

### **Upcoming events:**

**January 8<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)** – Sarasota Succulent Society (est. 1950) tour. Gwen has coordinated the visit/tour. If 'weather' requires a change, they will accommodate. Marlene will bring refreshments.

### **Master Gardener Events:**

Master Gardener Volunteer Plant Clinics are held on the first and third Thursdays at St. George Episcopal Church 9am-12pm (912 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave W, Bradenton).

And second Saturdays at the South Manatee Branch Library 10:00 am to 1:00 pm (6081 26<sup>th</sup> St W, Bradenton).

### **2025 Garden Club Officers:**

President:	Marlene Durgin
Vice President:	Melanie Woodruff
Treasurer:	Marie Young
Secretary:	Gwen Norris
Sunshine Committee:	Jeanne Corbin
Thought of the Day person:	Kathy Rowe
Roster:	Joyce Fisher
Calling members:	Matilda Renovalez

# The Bayshore Gardens District Welcomes You

Bayshore Gardens is a community of approximately 1406 single family homes located in southern portion of Manatee County along Sarasota Bay. In 1979, the Florida Legislature established Bayshore Gardens as an independent special taxing district. Special taxing Districts are special purpose governmental units that exist separately from local governments and are formed to perform a single function. Each resident of the District pays an annual assessment within their real estate taxes which funds the operational needs of the District. This annual fee is currently \$427. We are not an HOA, although we have a voluntary Club called the HOA which a resident may join for an annual fee of \$10.

## JAN. 1ST - DEC. 31ST

### CLUBS

Bayshore Gardens offers several clubs that a resident may join for a nominal annual fee or no fee.

<b>HOA</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>YACHT CLUB</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>WOODCHOPPERS</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>BUNCO</b>	<b>\$3.25</b>
<b>GARDEN CLUB</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<b>NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>GAME NIGHT</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>LINE DANCING</b>	<b>\$4.00</b>

## OCT. 1ST - SEPT. 30TH

### AMENITIES

- \* **Marina Boat Slips**
- \* **Boat Launch Ramp FOBs**
- \* **Recreation Hall Rentals**
- \* **Screen Porch Rentals - RESIDENTS ONLY**
- \* **Sarasota Bayfront Park with Playground & Concrete Pavilions**
- \* **Baseball Field / Basketball & Pickleball Courts**
- \* **JR. Olympic Size Pool - RESIDENTS ONLY**
- \* **Small Boat Storage (Canoe/Kayak)**

Marina Slips, Ramp Access, Hall/Screen Room Rentals are Available to Residents at Reduced Rates.

The on-site Bayshore District office is located on the southeast corner of the recreation hall and is open **Tuesday thru. Friday** 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The office number is (941) 755-1912.

Mailing address is: 6919 26th Street W., Bradenton, FL 34207.

## **Bayshore Gardens Neighborhood Club:**

Date: 11/6/2025

Place: Bayshore Gardens Recreation Center

Time: 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Dan Rawlinson (P), Susan Donaldson (Secretary), Joyce Fisher (Treasurer), Gwen Norris, Marie Young and Jane King.

Secretary report by Susan. The minutes were previously posted in the Banner after the October meeting. Motion to approve minutes by Gwen, second by Dan. Approve by all.

Treasurer's report by Joyce. All funds match the bank balance after deposits and expenses. Motion to approve treasurer's report by Susan, second by Marie. Approve by all.

Membership for 2025: 61

### New Business:

Jane King introduced a Post Office plan to make post cards to send out to the neighborhood for minimal cost to advertise our events.

Discussion on name of club: Neighborhood Club.

Donation for Adopt a Family for Bayshore Gardens area by Terry Zimmerly. Dan made a motion to donate \$300 to the fund, Susan seconded, approved by all.

### Old Business:

November 8 HOA Pancake breakfast: we had 35 members, 3 children, 11 guests and 2 new HOA memberships at this event.

December 13 HOA Pancake breakfast with Santa. Gifts from Santa will include coloring books, crayons and puzzles. We may need to wrap the gifts that Santa will give out. Marie will try to get some packs of Christmas cookies to make for the party. Dan will purchase candy canes.

Gwen will be available for the first half of the breakfast. Susan and Dan will assist with breakfast. Dan will purchase the food. Dan will ask Don Brand to see if he can assist with the breakfast. We have Santa ready and a rocking chair. Dan has contacted the Fire House to see if they can bring Santa. The Christmas tree will be assembled prior to this party. Much discussion on why there was not a Christmas tree in the Rec Center already and why HOA has to put it up. Gwen will decorate packages to place under the tree. We have found the old Santa suit so Santa will wear that. We plan to return the Santa and Mrs. Claus outfits due to poor quality.

New Year's Eve Party to be held by Yacht Club.

\*\*\*Volunteers wanted for any or all events.

We thank all those in attendance tonight.

Neighborhood Club welcomes anyone to join their meetings. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm, at our Recreation Center Hall.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at 7 pm since January 1st is the first Thursday and a holiday. We will plan to create a calendar for planning activities for the year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Susan Donaldson

Neighborhood Club Secretary

**Active as of 12/21/25**

Address	Current Price	Beds	Full Baths
3307 MIAMI PL	\$229,000	3	2
2011 HARVARD AVE	\$299,900	2	1 1/2
1907 HARVARD AVE	\$320,000	3	1 1/2
3108 SMITH AVE	\$329,000	3	2
6124 DARTMOUTH DR	\$335,000	2	2
6320 CASE AVE	\$345,000	3	2
6319 LAFAYETTE RD	\$347,500	4	2
6411 26TH ST W	\$349,900	3	2
3120 MERCER RD	\$359,000	3	2
1811 MARILYN AVE	\$375,000	3	2
2307 EMORY AVE	\$390,000	3	2
1801 MARILYN AVE	\$399,900	4	2
3303 FLORIDA BLVD	\$425,000	3	3
6319 GEORGIA AVE	\$429,900	3	2
6328 GEORGIA AVE	\$439,900	3	2
2307 N WELLESLEY DR	\$449,900	3	2
6511 GEORGIA AVE	\$477,900	5	4
6520 CLEMSON ST	\$520,000	5	3
6715 GEORGIA AVE	\$589,000	3	2
409 BRYN MAWR IS	\$795,000	3	2
6835 GEORGIA AVE	\$1,150,000	4	3
310 BRYN MAWR IS	\$1,449,000	5	3

**Pending as of 12/21/25**

Address	Current Price	Beds	Full Baths
2815 FLORIDA BLVD	\$248,800	2	1
2307 COLGATE AVE	\$289,900	3	1
1804 BAYSHORE GARDENS PKWY	\$299,800	3	1
6036 HOPKINS DR N	\$349,000	3	2
1505 ROSLYN AVE	\$359,000	3	2

**Sold last 30days 11/21/25-12/21/25**

Address	List Price	Sold Price	Beds	Full Baths
6020 BROWN AVE	\$299,900	\$295,000	3	2
6731 NORTHAMPTON PL	\$379,000	\$369,000	3	2
6311 FORDHAM PL	\$400,000	\$400,000	2	2



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# January 2026

## Event Calendar

<span>&lt;</span> <span style="margin-left: 100px;">JANUARY 2026</span> <span style="float: right;">&gt;</span>						
28	29 <a href="#">Line Dance Class 5 - 8pm</a>	30	31 <a href="#">Yacht Club New Year's Eve Dance</a>	1 <a href="#">District Closed</a>	2 <a href="#">Trustee Organizational Meeting</a>	3 <a href="#">Hall - Private Party</a>
4 <a href="#">Hall - Private Party</a>	5 <a href="#">Garden Club - 1pm</a> <a href="#">Line Dance Class 5 - 8pm</a>	6	7 <a href="#">Neighborhood Club (HOA) Meeting - 7pm</a>	8 <a href="#">Line Dance Party 6:30 - 9:30pm</a>	9	10 <a href="#">Neighborhood Breakfast 9-11am</a> <a href="#">Yacht Club Outdoor Flea Market 8a - 1p</a> <a href="#">Hall - Private Party</a> <a href="#">Woodchoppers - 10am</a>
11	12 <a href="#">Line Dance Class 5 - 8pm</a>	13	14 <a href="#">Trustee Work Session Meeting</a>	15	16	17 <a href="#">Hall - Private Party</a> <a href="#">Screen Room - Private Party</a>
18 <a href="#">Hall - Private Party</a>	19 <a href="#">Line Dance Class 5 - 8pm</a>	20	21	22	23	24 <a href="#">Hall - Private Party</a>
25 <a href="#">Hall - Private Party</a>	26 <a href="#">Line Dance Class 5 - 8pm</a>	27	28 <a href="#">Trustee Meeting</a>	29	30	31 <a href="#">Hall - Private Party</a>