Bayshore Banner - November 2026

In our 69th year of serving the community

For the most up to date information please visit the District's official website: 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 26th Street W., Bradenton, FL 34207 at 6 p.m.
Any individuals needing more information or special accommodations
to attend a meeting, may call the District Office at (941) 755-1912

Committee	Work Session	Board of Trustees
November 3 & 4	November 11	November 18
December 1 & 2	December 9	December 16

THANKSGIVING DINNER

through your Neighborhood Social Club (HOA)

Volunteers needed for November - Thanksgiving Dinner -
A Thanksgiving tradition for Bayshore Gardens is coming back!
To Volunteer:
Call the Recreation Office at (941) 755-1912
President of HOA, Dan Rawlinson at (941)755-9388.
We need about 10 volunteers
to bake turkey, ham and sides, etc. and to maintain the buffet
before and during dinner and clean-up after the Thanksgiving Dinner.

Dinner Tickets are now on sale in the District Office ($15 each).
Payment by cash or check: Payable to Bayshore HOA

Our next **HOA Club Meeting** is Thursday November 5th at 7:00 in the Hall. All are welcome.

The next **Saturday Breakfast** will be Saturday, November 14th, 9-11am.

Garden Club - by Gwen Norris, Secretary:

On Monday, October 5th we had a meeting in the Hall with eight attendees. We enjoyed refreshments. Julie Garner provided sprout themed refreshments and Gwen Norris provided some snacks.

Marlene Durgin opened the meeting at 1:10 pm. The Minutes from the September Meeting were supplied for review. Marie Young moved to accept the minutes. Melanie Woodruff seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed. Marie Young presented the Treasurer's Report. We discussed a gift from the Club to 'rescue dog' fund or to a 'home pet euthanasia' foundation as in "In-Home Pet Euthanasia. "We are looking for a donation opportunity with 'matching funds.'

We went over the schedule for the remainder of the year (see below). Gwen suggested that we create a slate of officers for 2027 in November.

Gwen moved to adjourn. Melanie seconded the motion. We adjourned at 1:20PM.

We enjoyed refreshments. Most were provided by Julie Garner.

'Growing Edible Sprouts'

Julie Garner was introduced. She has been growing sprouts for good food and nutrition for a long time. Julie provided informational handouts for attendees that list nutrition of common sprouts. Also, she provided a sprout timing (sprouts in days), and instructions, of several sprouts.

A sample of references:

Sproutman's Kitchen Garden Cookbook; https://sproutman.com
Ann Wigmore's Recipes for Longer Life
The Sprouting Book, by Ann Wigmore (Ann has several books)

Julie led the group through a hands-on sprouting lesson. She supplied participants with ball jars and seeds and other material. Each of us took home selected seeds, jar, and instructions.

We thanked Julie for the information, demonstration and snacks.

Garden Club Upcoming Events:

November – Monday, November 2nd at 1:00 in the Hall. Marlene Durgin will have a presentation on 'making shell flowers.'

December - Monday, December 7, we will eat at a restaurant chosen in our November Meeting - for our "Christmas Lunch'.

Master Gardener Events:

Master Gardener Volunteer Plant Clinics are held on the first and third Thursdays at St. George Episcopal Church 8:30am-11:30pm (912 63rd Ave W, Bradenton).
And second Saturdays at the South Manatee Branch Library 10:00 am to 1:00 pm (6081 26th St W, Bradenton.

2026 Garden Club Officers:

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

Woodchoppers Club, by Gwen Norris, Secretary:

Our next Meeting will be Saturday, December 12 at 10:00 in the Shop. Please mark your calendars.

We had a meeting October 10th in the Shop.
The following are some topics discussed:

- A 'thank you' goes out to those who worked on the Shop tools throughout the summer.
- The belt sander's belt has a directional arrow for mounting it on the tools, otherwise the seam will be rough and get tattered.
- The 'Storm Plan' will be initiate (prior to pending storm arrival) with calling members to help lift tools off the floor and mounting storm shutters over windows.
- Trailer Estates Wood Shop is having at Toy Drive and the Woodchoppers are invited to participate by making or buying toys.
- The band saw needs a new motor. A small band saw is on loan until the big bandsaw is fixed.
- PVC Wood storage below the rafters will be improved. Thank you, Richard Etheridge.
- Safety equipment is important. Use it!

2026 Memberships are available for adult Bayshore Gardens District Residents 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 need tagged 'Do Not Use'.

2026 Club Officers' phone numbers are listed on the front window. 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 Meeting is Saturday, December12, 2026, at 10:00 am in the Shop. Please mark your calendars and we will see you then.

Woodchoppers Club 2026 Officers:

President:	Harold Donaldson
Vice President:	Vincent Tricarico
Treasurer:	John Woodruff
Secretary:	Gwen Norris

MEMORIAL GARDEN TO COMMERORATE THE LIFE OF TRUSTEE BARBARA SUSDORF WHO WAS SUDDENTLY TAKEN FROM US LAST MONTH

Residents of Bayshore Gardens wish to recognize the difference that Barbara Susdorf contributed to our beautiful facilities. Her passion was taking care of the grounds and pulling weeds. She took time to seek out new plantings for the park and better ways to preserve the beauty.
We want to create a Memorial Garden for the Park, and we know that some of you will want to contribute to her memory.
Please forward your check or go to the office and pay cash to contribute.
Make sure you earmark your donation to the Barbara Susdorf Memorial Park.

Board of Trustee Vacancies

There are two vacancies for a Board Trustee position. If you are motivated and want to make a difference in your community, please forward a letter of intent and a resume to office@bayshoregardens.org or feel free to stop in the office with your documents and introduce yourself. To be a Board of Trustee you must be a Bayshore Gardens Park and Recreation District resident and a Manatee County registered voter.

Ice Machine Located by the Marina

Machine Pricing:

$4.00 - 10lbs Bag of Ice
$2.00 - 5 gallons Drinking Water

The machine takes cash and cards and is accessible to everyone.



FALL POOL HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY - 8:00AM - 3:30PM - NO POOL STAFF ON DUTY - FOR LAP SWIMMERS / SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK
MONDAY - FRIDAY – 3:30PM - 6:00PM - WITH POOL STAFF ON DUTY
SATURDAY & SUNDAY - 9:00AM - 6:00PM - WITH POOL STAFF ON DUTY

***Please note pool hours are subject to change. The staff may close the pool at their discretion based on the weather and number of people who attend.**

POOL AEROBICS

Pool Aerobic classes will be held every
Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
More classes can be scheduled with a minimum of 5 people.
$10.00 per class. Everyone is welcome to join.



First Aid / CPR / AED Certification Training

Once we get 5 people signed up, we can schedule a class that will work for everyone.
Residents: $50.00 Per Person / Non-Resident: $60.00 Per Person
To sign up contact the District Office at 941-755-1912

Bayshore Gardens Neighborhood Social Club (HOA):

Date: 10/1/2026
Place: Bayshore Gardens Recreation Center
Time: 7:00 pm
Pledge of Allegiance.
Attendance: Dan Rawlinson (P), Marlene Durgin (VP), Susan Donaldson (S), Joyce Fisher (T), Gwen Norris and Marie Young.
(P) Dan Rawlinson led the meeting.

Minutes were previously posted in the Banner after the September meeting. Acceptance of minutes with motion by Gwen second by Dan. Approved by all.

Treasurer's report by Joyce. Bank statement reviewed. Members: 66.

New Business:

1. Consider making "real signs" for the breakfasts. Marlene will look into costs of this.
2. Dan would like to donate money to the Bayshore Gardens Elementary School for needs they may have. Motion by Dan for $200 for supplies needed at the school. Second by Marie. Approved by all, and Marlene will bring the check over to the school and find a contact person.
3. **Save the Date**: THANKSGIVING DINNER, November 26, 2026. The dinner will be held 1 to 3 pm. Tickets are $15 per person. We are still looking for volunteers for this event. Please contact Dan Rawlinson at (941) 755-9388 to volunteer or purchase tickets. We will also sell tickets at the HOA breakfast events. Menu: Turkey, ham, dressing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, cranberry, gravy, green bean casserole, rolls and desert.
4. Discussion about breakfast costs continued to see if adjustments need to be made due to food costs rising. Consider $15 annual HOA fee. Or additional cost to HOA members for breakfasts. Or possibly first breakfast free with sign up for HOA, then small cost to members for additional breakfasts through the year. Alternative: $5 for each person in the family for HOA, then $3 per person for each breakfast. If a visitor wants to eat and not be a member, that cost is $5 for the meal. Or offer the breakfasts at $5 per person with no membership requirement. Will table discussion until next month.

Old Business:

1. Breakfast---Garth can cook. Marlene will not be here but will shop for the food. Gwen can help. Other helpers: John and Melanie Woodruff, Daryl Lamb, Rick and Dee Dee Jackerson, and Dan Rawlinson. Plan to sell Thanksgiving tickets at event. Dan will place signs before the breakfast.
2. Line Dancing class on Mondays, 5 pm to 8 pm. Cost is $6 per person. Change will begin on October 5, 2026. Crime Watch will be handling the Line Dancing so they can build their membership.

***Volunteers wanted for any or all events.

We thank all those in attendance tonight.

Homeowners Association 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 Thursday, November 5, 2026, at 7 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Dan, second by Marie. Approved by all.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Susan Donaldson

HOA/Neighborhood Club Secretary

Meetings: November 5th, December 3rd
Breakfasts: November 14th, December 12th
Thanksgiving Dinner: November 26th

DON'T FEED THE SHARKS



Protect Yourself from Predatory VA Claim Companies

WARNING SIGNS

- Charges fees to file or increase a VA claim
- Promises a specific rating or increase
- Requests your VA.gov or eBenefits login
- Uses contracts with hidden fees
- Claims faster decisions they cannot deliver
- Tells you to skip VA exams or use their doctors
- Encourages veterans to files their own VA claims

PROTECT YOURSELF

- Work only with VA-accredited representatives
- Attend all VA-scheduled exams
- Never share VA.gov or eBenefits credentials
- Never agree to fees from future benefits
- Read contracts carefully before signing
- Contact MCVS before signing anything
- Work only with VA-accredited representatives

Florida Law
(CS/CS/HB 277, 2025)
Paid providers must disclose:

- They are not affiliated with the VA or FDVA
- Similar services may be available free of charge
- Their services are not VA-endorsed
- Veterans may qualify for additional benefits

FREE HELP IS AVAILABLE

- ✓ Manatee County Veterans Services
- ✓ VA-accredited VSOs
- ✓ VA-accredited claims agents/attorneys
- ✓ FDVA-accredited VSOs

REPORT FRAUD

VA OIG: 1-800-488-8244
FL AG: 1-866-9-NO-SCAM

Find Accredited Representatives

Search VA-accredited attorneys, agents, and representatives at:
www.va.gov/ogc/accreditation/

Manatee County Veterans Services
(941) 745-3795
1401 3rd Ave. W.
Bradenton, FL 34206

Manatee County Florida



Address	Price	Beds	Baths
ACTIVE - as of 10/12/26			
3215 FLORIDA BLVD	$269,900	2	1
6235 COLUMBIA DR	$338,000	3	2
3019 FLORIDA BLVD	$340,000	3	2
3008 BOWDOIN PL	$345,000	3	2
1905 ROSLYN AVE	$345,900	4	3
2315 AMHERST AVE	$365,000	3	1
6328 GEORGIA AVE	$399,900	3	2
2003 PRINCETON AVE	$399,950	3	2
6211 CORNELL RD	$399,999	4	3
2406 FLORIDA BLVD	$410,000	3	2
6815 GEORGIA AVE	$425,000	2	1
6811 GEORGIA AVE	$849,900	4	3
310 BRYN MAWR IS	$1,349,000	5	3
PENDING - as of 10/12/26			
3011 FLORIDA BLVD	$225,000	3	2
1205 PRINCETON AVE	$290,000	2	2
3103 BAYSHORE GARDENS PKWY	$330,250	3	2
1004 DARTMOUTH DR	$345,000	4	2
6511 GEORGIA AVE	$427,490	5	4
409 BRYN MAWR IS	$749,900	3	2
6835 GEORGIA AVE	$1,150,000	4	3
SOLD - as of 10/12/26			
3307 MIAMI PL	$195,000	3	2
2308 BAYSHORE GARDENS PKWY	$270,000	3	2
2304 STANFORD AVE	$307,000	3	1
1306 DARTMOUTH DR	$320,000	3	1
6116 DARTMOUTH DR	$350,000	3	2

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Bayshore Gardens Neighborhood Office

November 2026

Event Calendar

NOVEMBER 2026						
1	2 Garden Club - 1pm Line Dance Class 5 - 8pm	3 General Election 7am - 7pm	4	5 Neighborhood Club (HOA) Meeting - 7pm	6	7 Hall - Private Party
8 Hall - Private Party	9 Line Dance Class 5 - 8pm	10	11 Trustee Work Session Meeting	12	13	14 Neighboorhood Breakfast 9-11am Hall - Private Party Screen Room - Private Party
15 Screen Room - Private Party	16 Line Dance Class 5 - 8pm	17	18 Trustee Meeting	19 Hall - Yacht Club 6:30pm	20	21 Hall - Private Party
22	23 Line Dance Class 5 - 8pm	24	25 Neighborhood Dinner Set Up	26 Neighborhood Dinner	27 Hall - Private Party	28 Hall - Private Party
29	30 Line Dance Class 5 - 8pm	1	2	3 Neighborhood Club (HOA) Meeting - 7pm	4	5 Hall - Private Party