

Island Times

Bouchelle Island

A Note from the CSA President

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This semi-annual Bouchelle Island Newsletter is something the staff has agreed to publish to keep our residents informed regarding the status of the Island and make everyone aware of the various projects that make this community such a pleasant place to live. You will see comments from members of the CSA Board, Manager, Administrative Assistant, Maintenance, Security and Landscaping. We welcome any feedback and encourage comments regarding this publication. Direct any inquiries to Lyndsey in

the CSA Office. My first comment concerns the CSA Office. We want to welcome our Administrative Assistant Lyndsey and many thanks for applying her organizational skills. Just one example, over a short period of time that she's been with us there's a remarkable upgrade in the boat files and a coordinated effort with the boat committee and our dock master. The boaters and kayak people can appreciate the effort. I could go on and on but I think Lyndsey may have some comments of her own.

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By: Walter Franek,
CSA President

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Mangrove Information

We are indeed fortunate to live in such a beautiful and well-maintained community. Maintenance of this property can be challenging.

As part of the Mangrove task force, our goal is to preserve residents view & access to the Indian

River Lagoon Estuary while adhering to the Mangrove Trimming and Preservation Act of 1996.

The island is approximately 60 acres of mixed use property and a complex ecosystem. Three species of mangroves: red black and white

grow here.

Mangroves are critically important to the health of our lagoon, act as a nursery for marine life and stabilize our shoreline to reduce erosion.



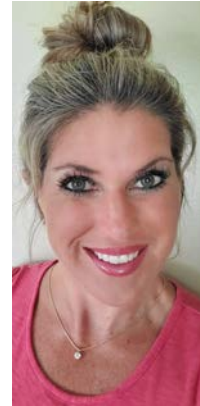
By: Mike Stubbs,
Board Member

Hurricane Preparedness 2019

The 2019 Hurricane season is upon us. The Bouchelle Island CSA Board has our Hurricane Plan together here on the island and so should you! Our hurricane plan is copied on the back of the calendar each month during hurricane season and posted to our website. The plan includes suggested tips for how to prepare for hurricanes and web links to our City webpage, County and National Weather service. It is also important for you to create a plan and let others know of your plan. If you are living out of state during hurricane

season, it is equally as important for you to create a plan for how to secure your property before, during and after the storm! We have worked with local officials on our hurricane plan which was assigned into action in 2018. Each spring we offer our presentation of our Hurricane Plan with our county representative who specializes in Hurricane Preparedness.

"There's no harm in hoping for the best, as long as you are prepared for the worst!" – Stephen King



By: Carrie Stepp,
Board Member

Do you know these names? Do you have a plan in the event one of these storms heads our way?

2019 STORM NAMES		ATLANTIC
Andrea	Humberto	Olga
Barry	Imelda	Pablo
Chantal	Jerry	Rebekah
Dorian	Karen	Sebastien
Erin	Lorenzo	Tanya
Fernand	Melissa	Van
Gabrielle	Nestor	Wendy

Office Corner

In the last few months the office has been busy! We have had the mangroves cut for the 1st time this year. The palms have all been cut. The irrigation is being monitored very closely due to the use of domestic water at a much higher cost. We have 2 irrigation wells that were installed and we will be testing areas to monitor coverage and quantity before we advance to other areas on the island.

We have almost finished the concrete walkway project to avoid the possibility of trip & fall injuries.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make calls for the new 2019 directory, you have made a huge difference in the improvement of the directory!



By: Debbie Kreinest,
CSA Manager

Waterfront Structure Status

Because our waterfront structures border Florida waters, state law requires that we renew our permissions with the Florida Departments of Environmental Protection (FDEP) every 10 years. As our permit was to expire last December, CSA began the renewal application process fall 2018. Direction from FDEP on how to proceed with the application process was not available until April 2019. As a first step in the process, CSA has contracted an engineering company to complete a survey of our waterfront calendar

structures according to FDEP guidelines. That survey has been initiated and we are awaiting completion.

To assure an efficient State Lands Lease approval process, CSA has also contracted a company experiences in dealing with FDEP in these matters. Our application for approval will begin upon completion of the required survey.

When CSA has successfully secured a State Land Lease approval from FDEP, we will pursue a plan to update our

boardwalk and finger pier structures. Some portion will require good communication from your management team and cooperation from our residents. Stay tuned for more updates!



By: Glen Molnar,
Board Member

WELCOME ABOARD

Did you know that Bouchelle Island has the largest private marina in New Smyrna? With wet slips, dry slips and canoe racks there are over 250 boats on the island. The dry storage area has a fish cleaning station, picnic facilities, and a life jacket loaner program. These life jackets are provided free of charge by the Sea Tow Foundation. Please return them at the end of your day, so others can use them. Nearly ¾ of fatal boating

accident victims drown each year and most of them were not wearing a life jacket. Don't be a statistic!

In addition, our wet slip area has a pump out station available to all boaters. After a review of our facilities, the state has given Bouchelle the designation of "Clean Marina." A flag flies over our pump out dock displaying this award.

The boat launch ramp may only be

By: Dave Grunderman,
Chairman Boating Task Force
& John Clapp, Dock Master

used by boats owned by Bouchelle residents and qualified tenants. All boats and trailers must have a numbered Bouchelle decal displayed adjacent to state registration and on the fork of the trailer. Check with the CSA if you need a new decal



By: Walter Franek,
CSA President

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Over the years we often heard residents complain about speeders on the island. Through the cooperative effort of the New Smyrna Beach Police Department we had an electronic Metro Count traffic study conducted April 11th thru 18, 2019. In short, over that period of time a total of 3,117 vehicles passed through our survey zone. I am pleased to say that 95%

of those vehicles were travelling at an acceptable speed of 26.4 MPH. A complete copy of the survey is available in the office.

While I'm on traffic, I occasionally get a question concerning installation of a traffic light at the entrance to Bouchelle Island. Our Security and Safety Committee in touch with FDOT and as of a year ago a state study was

conducted and indicated that we do NOT qualify for a traffic light. Our committee will maintain communications with FDOT. In the meantime, our Sheriff Mike Chitwood said it best, "...the answer ultimately lies with drivers recognizing the need to focus on what they're doing and staying alert..." Traffic does get heavy at times. Just be patient when pulling out of or entering our community.

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Life's short, buy the beach house!

The Island is a great place to work with so many nice folks. I especially like meeting your four legged friends which always love to jump on my cart with me. With that being said please feel free to call us anytime you need help, and don't forget to lock your vehicles. Like they say- if you see something, say something. Our Phone # is 386-402-0923.



By: Mel Durham,
Security

We're on the Web!
Bouchelle.org

A Thank you to the Community

I personally want to thank everyone for the warm welcome to the Island and look forward to continuing the efforts being made to help reorganize and build a better network of communication from the CSA to the residents regarding any and all issues and happy findings.

I also want to thank everyone for their cooperation in getting the boatyard and kayak storage area cleaned up and organized! Having that area is such a great privilege for all owners and its time we allow for everyone to have the same opportunities of utilization.

If you have any questions

regarding the boatyard and/or the waiting list please feel free to reach out at any time!

Now, I want to bring attention to the Bouchelle Island Directory. I am aware that it was supposed to be out last year, but due to some change of hands the directory will be coming out this fall. Because of all of the great volunteers I had through the process, I firmly believe that this may be the most accurate one to date! If you or someone you know would like to place an ad in the directory please have them give me a call or email me and I would love to talk further!



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