

# Island Times

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## Bouchelle Island

### A Note from the CSA President

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It's hard to believe that another six months have passed since our last newsletter and so much has happened. We will try and bring you up to date on the status of the Island. First of all, I want to thank our staff for keeping things operational during this COVID-19 pandemic and unusually warm weather. The office administration, Deb K. and Lyndsey, are keeping on top of all the paperwork stuff that keeps things running. Our maintenance personnel, John C. and Steve B. along with Tommy are able to keep up with their duties

during this pandemic and the 90\*+ temperatures. Then we have the Sikorski landscape team that has not skipped a beat. They are non-stop and the Island continues to look pristine.



By: Walter Franek,  
CSA President

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### Budget & Finance Task Force

The Budget & Finance Task Force has been busy working on compiling the 2021 CSA Budget. The team met on August 25, 2020 to review and discuss any anticipated projects or expenses. Debbie Kreinest is preparing the proposed budget based on the results of the task force meeting. She will provide a copy of the proposed budget to the task force for review and final approval.

We have set two tentative target dates one for September 21, 2020 to provide a copy of the Proposed Budget to owners for review, and the second date to have the Q&A session for owners on Saturday, October 10, 2020 at 10 am.



By: Kathy Henderson  
Treasurer

# Hurricanes, Lightning and Tornadoes...Oh my!

We are in the middle of hurricane season and continue to monitor this record-breaking year, hopefully we will escape the season with no real threats. But, that is not our only worry living here in Florida. Please remember we have terrible storms that can build quickly. Always check the weather before heading out and take all precautions should a storm arise unexpectedly. Florida's unique location, surrounded by warm water, provide everything needed for thunderstorms to form. Take shelter and know we are living in the lightning capital of the world! Lightning does take lives every year in Florida. These storms can produce tornadoes as well.

Tornadoes can form quickly during these storms and have been known to cause tremendous damage, most recently in DeLand on August 18th. These unpredictable tornadoes are not commonly thought of to be problematic to Florida. After all, The Wizard of Oz wasn't based on location in Florida. We cannot eliminate the threat of tornadoes and lightning strikes when we think of weather here in Florida. Keep a weather radio plugged in, weather app on your phone and tune into the weather channel on TV daily to stay safe...and keep those fingers crossed no hurricanes head toward Bouchelle!



By: Carrie Stepp,  
Board Member

## State Approves Submerged Lands Lease

After an over 2 year effort, CSA has secured an approval from the State of Florida for a 5 year Submerged Lands Lease, term beginning June 9, 2020. This Lease replaces a previous authorization which expired in November 2018 for the operation of CSA's waterfront structures including the boardwalk and boat slip finger piers. As of this writing, CSA has signed the Lease, returned it to Tallahassee, and awaits final signatures and lease fee billing.

Once the final Lease Agreement is in hand, the project to repair the section of detached breakwater panels east of the fishing pier will again proceed. This project had been delayed for lack of an approved Lease agreement required by the New Smyrna Beach Building Department.

The other major waterfront project languishing for an approved Lease agreement is the plan to renovate/replace our Boardwalk and Finger Piers, some sections being over 30 years old. The final Lease agreement will enable us to proceed with bid requests to secure contractors.



By: Glen Molnar  
Board VP

## Office Corner

By: Debbie Kreinest,  
CSA Manager

I personally would like to thank all of the homeowner's as well as the staff at Bouchelle or all the help with getting some of the amenities open at least by 50%. Everyone's compliance to wearing a mask and social distancing has been better than we can imagine. We will continue to fight the spread of COVID-19 on the island.

The palms and oak trees have been cut and looking very good for hurricane season. The mangroves are being scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> cut for 2020. We have added a little more shade at the tennis courts, check out the new awnings! We will be adding new pool furniture at the small and large pools this fall.

We have added some additional guards during high visitation times

to the island and this has really been a big help, especially in the boatyard. The company that furnished the guards gave us some of their best.

There have been so many small improvements done by the maintenance and office staff it would take too long to list! Thank you to everyone!!

# Boating Safety

By: Walter Franek,  
President

For our residents who are active in water activities a reminder that our Loaner Life Jacket (PFD's) program continues thru a grant from the Sea Tow Foundation and the USCG. Please feel free to use a PFD and return it after a fun day on the water. The Bouchelle Loaner station, one of 20 in the area, is located right next to the Bouchelle boat ramp. In addition, we have members of the USCG Auxiliary who reside in our community and are available to perform Safety Inspections on your pleasure craft, canoe, kayak or paddle boards. You may call Walt @ (352) 348-3025 with any inquiries. For your convenience we also have boating regulations and safe boating information in the CSA library.

As a reminder for our boaters with access to the boat yard, PLEASE LOCK THE BOAT YARD GATE AS YOU COME AND GO IN THE YARD. We have \$1,000,000.00 worth of equipment in the yard and members frequently leave the gate wide open. So please LOCK as you come and go.

## Grounds & Mangroves

Our first scheduled Mangrove trim was completed as scheduled just before everything was shut down due to the Pandemic. We continue to monitor growth and can easily see areas that have grown 12 to 18 inches since March. Our plan is for a Late October cut and we are already working with our contractor to schedule assuming a "normal" work environment.

The grounds have benefited from nearly 40 inches of rain supplemented by our shallow water well system. Salt intrusion continues to be an issue both for plant tolerance and equipment maintenance. Any landscape

improvements have been limited to replacement of dead or aged plant material.

Looking forward to a time when we can enjoy our beautiful surrounding without limitation.



By: Mike Stubbs,  
Secretary & Beautification

## Voting Guide

Probably don't need to remind anyone that the big election is coming up shortly. Here are some important dates to remember:

- Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> – Deadline to register**
- Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> – Early in person voting begins**
- Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> – Deadline to apply for absentee ballot by mail**
- Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Election Day**

**"While we exercise our opinion, that others have also rights to their exercises of opinions, and that we should endeavor to allow these rights, and act in such a manner as to create no bad feelings."**

(Abraham Lincoln, 1861)

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## Security

You are reminded to lock your vehicles and leave nothing of value inside. For the benefit of new owners in Bouchelle we have had residents leave keys in their vehicles, firearms, computers etc. So far, our security has been quite affective but do not let your guard down. We also have an excellent relationship with the NSB Police Department who frequently drive thru the Island and provide us with safety brochures that are disseminated by our SO's. For NON-EMERGENCY security service call (386) 402-0923 or NSBPD at (386) 424-2220.



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## Boatyard

As everyone I'm sure is aware, we have many new owners on the island! With that being said, the waiting lists for the boatyard and wet slips are growing....daily. If you or someone you know is no longer in need of their slip because they no longer have a boat, please let me know ASAP so we can accommodate as many residents as we can.

Thank you to everyone who has gotten me their new registration and insurance policies. Those of you who have not, please bring me a copy of your current paperwork. Either in person or email at csabouchelle@gmail.com.



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