

# Island Times

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## Bouchelle Island

### Welcome to Bouchelle

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Hello Everyone!

We at the CSA would like to welcome all the new owners that have recently moved into our wonderful community! For those of you who are new here, this is a semi-annual newsletter we create mainly to bring everyone up to speed on all the projects going on and the ones that have already been recently completed. We also include some other topics of conversation that feel necessary to bring to all owners' attention.

If you have any questions or concerns never hesitate to reach out to the CSA Office or any of the Board members, which you can find all contact information at [bouchelle.org](http://bouchelle.org).

Thank you everyone for your time and we hope you find the following articles helpful in any questions you may have!

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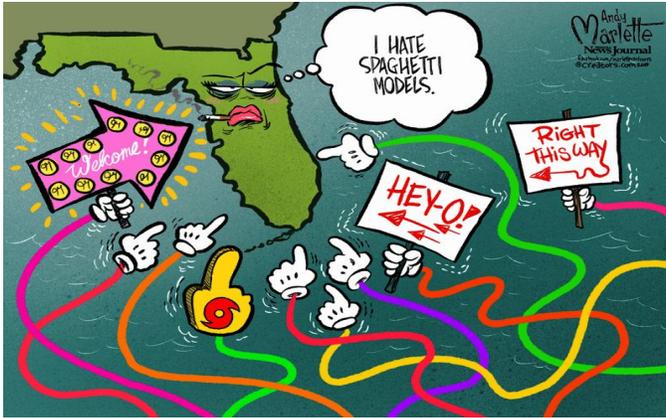
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# Get Ahead of the Storms



*Is your name on this list?*

Ana	Henri	Odette
Bill	Ida	Peter
Claudette	Julian	Rose
Danny	Kate	Sam
Elsa	Larry	Teresa
Fred	Mindy	Victor
Grace	Nicholas	Wanda

By: Carrie Stepp,  
Board Member

If your name is on here, please don't destroy Bouchelle this year!

These are the 2021 Hurricane names and hopefully we won't see too many of them used. The 2020 Hurricane Season was record breaking with the number of storms, 30 in total, passing the previous record in 2005 with 27. If you are a snowbird and here right now, this is a great time to take inventory of your unit and update your contact lists. Take photos of the belongings in your unit, as that may be beneficial for insurance claims. Be sure the president of your building has your contact information while you are away.

For those who call Bouchelle home 365 days a year, this is the time to locate your emergency kit and throw away anything that has passed its expiration date (food items and medication). Replenish your emergency kit. Popular hurricane items such as flashlights and batteries may be on sale this time of year.

This is also a great time to inventory your home and check on the items you place near windows or on balconies. You may want to move some furnishings or décor around so that they don't get damaged by the storms or become projectiles! Also, update your contact lists and be sure you know the evacuation routes. Have a plan A, B & C should a storm head this way in 2021!

## A Note from the President

Another six months have passed since our last newsletter and so much has happened during 2020. Some good, some not so good. Either way Bouchelle is doing just fine. Thanks to the Bouchelle team our office remains operational, along with maintenance, security, landscaping, and the various vendors who help keep our island the beautiful place that it is.

Most importantly, I want to take this opportunity to thank our Community Volunteers who did so much this past year. First off, our CSA Board of Directors spent countless hours on various projects. Each Committee has

taken a great deal of time to accomplish all the goals that they had set for themselves this past year. With so many people involved in the hard work, it is hard to pick just a few to name, so thank you to everyone!

Special thanks to the residents of Bouchelle for assisting the USCG with their local "Fill the Boat Food Drive" for the needy in NSB area. With your help, we donated THREE truck loads of food items that helped to fill two boats. Bouchelle residents have a good heart!



By: Walter Franek,  
CSA President

Lastly, we're always looking for volunteers to serve on our committees to help make a difference. Let us know if you have a specific interest and we will put you to work, have some fun.

# State Approves Submerged Lands Lease

CSA's Boardwalk Renovation Committee has entered the next phase of the project to rebuild our aging boardwalk. To better understand the limitations and capabilities of contractors, our committee has begun a series of meetings with potential contractors.

These meetings are intended to present an opportunity for the contractors to learn about potential construction processes, design features and materials, as well as scheduling and timing constraints.

Based on the information gathered in these meetings, the committee will develop a Request for Quote to enable final contractor selection for coordination the demolition and construction phases of the boardwalk project.



By: Glen Molnar,  
Board Vice President

## Grounds, Beautification & Mangroves

We are fortunate enough to live alongside the Indian River Lagoon which is part of the most biologically diverse estuary in the country. It is habitat for over 4,000 species of plants and animals, measures 156 miles through 5 counties and is a nursery for the ocean. Economically, the lagoon creates jobs and income from recreational activities, commercial fishing and over \$800 million in real estate sales.

Our goal is responsible landscape management by reducing water usage, appropriate plant selection, and the minimal use of fertilizer or chemicals. The grounds, including surrounding mangroves, have a

significant impact on Bouchelle and the adjacent waterways. Managing our mangroves includes trimming for the second time this season as we continue to balance the healthy border of mangrove trees providing a view for waterfront property owners. The mangroves provide a natural protection from wind, erosion and help filter pollutants.

We benefit from being good neighbors and protecting the environment!



By: Mike Stubbs,  
Secretary & Beautification

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## 2020 Finance Report in Review

The Financial Report is being prepared by our accounting firm, Charles L. Belote & Associates, for year ending December 31, 2020. The financial report is to be completed within 90 days after the end of the preceding fiscal year.

Once the report is completed and reviewed by the Budget & Finance Task Force a copy will be provided to the association members no later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year.



By: Kathy Henderson,  
Treasurer

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beach (noun):  
a place of relaxation,  
rest and tranquility

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## CAM Corner

As you may know one of the biggest complaints on the island is pets! Mainly the fact that people are seeing large dogs. The rule is 1 pet less than 20 pounds. We are currently reviewing every file for those who have registered their pet. IF YOU HAVE NOT registered your pet with the office you need to do so as soon as possible. Security will be checking for a Bouchelle Island pet ID tag. We also need all owners to either bring in or email a copy of their veterinarian's shot record to update your file.

We are also renewing the contracts for the wet and dry slips. According to the Rules & Regulations of the slips; the lease shall be for a period of one (1) YEAR MAXIMUM. We will be requesting that all who have a slip/storage at this time to renew their lease by the end of February. Along with the lease agreement, we ask that you attach an up-to-date registration and proof of insurance.

By: Debbie Kreinest,  
CAM

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## Safety Tip for Bouchelle Drivers

Drivers leaving Bouchelle property recognize there is a line-of-sight issue at both of our exits, until you proceed into or beyond the crosswalk. The problem is that so many drivers automatically proceed into the crosswalk before stopping at the stop sign and white line. This creates a very dangerous situation for approaching walkers, runners, bicyclists.

Fla. Stat. 316.123(2)(a) requires a driver to stop at the stop line if one is marked, before proceeding into the crosswalk. Why? This allows drivers to look both ways for approaching walkers, runners, and bicyclists.

The danger is even worse for pedestrians when drivers are attempting to turn right on red. It is a way too common mistake to forget to also look to your right as you are waiting for a break in traffic.

**Please stop and look before you enter the crosswalk.**

By: Marybeth Alte  
Bouchelle Resident