

BELLE HAVEN Newsletter

Our Community News

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NEED CARETAKER FOR CLUBHOUSE LIBRARY

We have quite a library at the Clubhouse. You can leave a book or other materials for someone else to enjoy, or take a book for your enjoyment. The library is really in disarray and is in need of someone to watch over it, keep it organized, and maybe even expand it! We are looking for a volunteer to take on this job. Let one of the Board members know if you are willing to take this on and get our library back in shape!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

“Spring ahead” on Sunday, March 12 when we move to daylight saving time. Move your clocks forward an hour, and lose an hour of sleep! Benjamin Franklin was likely one of the first to

talk about implementing daylight saving time in the 1780s, presumably to save money on candles....LOL. However, the plan was not formally adopted in the U.S. until 1918. 'An Act to preserve daylight and provide standard time for the United States' was enacted on March 19, 1918 with the Standard Time Act, to help conserve energy during World War I. It was repealed the following year and resurfaced again during World War II but with varying policies from city to city and state to state until Congress passed the Uniform Time Act in 1966 with amendments to it in 1972, 1986, 1987, 2005, and 2007. We are currently still waiting for Congress to vote on the Sunshine Protection Act to make

Clubhouse Events

(CLUBHOUSE IS OPEN FOLLOWING CDC GUIDELINES AND LAWS RELATED TO COVID-19)

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Monday – Bingo 7 p.m.
Wednesday–Cards 7 p.m.
3rd Tuesday Monthly –
Book Club 7 p.m.

DATES FOR MARCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

Daylight Saving Time

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

Saint Patrick's Day

MONDAY, MARCH 20

Spring Equinox

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

Book Club

“March bustles in on windy feet and sweeps my
doorstep and my street.”

Susan Reiner

daylight saving time permanent...we'll see.

BELLE HAVEN GARAGE SALE TO BE HELD IN MID-APRIL

Start getting your things together for a community-wide garage sale to be held sometime mid-April (after Easter). Stay tuned for more information about the sale. Remember, what you want to get rid of is just what someone else is looking for!

CELTIC MUSIC & HERITAGE FESTIVAL BEGINS SATURDAY, MARCH 11TH

Festival begins at 10:00 AM with the only St. Patrick Day Parade in Northeast Florida here in St. Augustine! It will end at the festival site at Francis Field in downtown St. Augustine. According to historian, Dr. J. Michael Francis, documents were uncovered in 2017 indicating that St. Augustine held spring festivities that included a feast day for St. Patrick in 1600, and the first St. Patrick's Day Parade in the world in 1601! Here, not Ireland, Boston, or New York! Here's the website for more information about the festival:

<https://www.celticstaugustine.com/events/>

LIGHTNER MUSEUM – CONTINUES CELEBRATING 75 YEARS

Continuing throughout 2023, the Lightner Museum is celebrating their 75th Anniversary by presenting 75 items from their permanent collection. Visit: <https://lightnermuseum.org/lightner75/> for more information of ongoing exhibits.

AZALEAS – RAVINE GARDENS STATE PARK, PALATKA

As you can see, the beautiful azaleas are blooming here in St. Augustine. Normally, there would be an Azalea Festival in Palatka in early March, but it has been cancelled for 2023, apparently due to construction. However, you can enjoy seeing many beautiful azaleas by taking a ride to Ravine Gardens State Park in Palatka, a 59-acre Florida State Park. It has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1999. The park was constructed by the Works Progress Administration, with cypress buildings, rock gardens, and fieldstone terraces. Go sooner, rather

than later in the month of March! Visit:

<https://www.floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/ravine-gardens-state-park>

DAYTONA BIKE WEEK

Daytona Beach will be hosting bike week from Friday, March 3rd through Sunday, March 12th. Lots of bike enthusiasts will be coming up from Daytona to visit our ancient city bringing extra traffic!

PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP, MARCH 7-12TH

The Players Championship will be held March 7 – 12th at TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra. Here's the link to get more information, schedules, and tickets.

<https://www.theplayers.com>