

BELLE HAVEN Newsletter

Our Community News

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OCTOBER FIRST FRIDAY MONTHLY MINGLE AT THE CLUBHOUSE

The Clubhouse will be open from 6:00 – 8:00 PM the first Friday of each month for a Friday night get together. This month the mingle will be on October 6th. Bring your own snacks and drinks, and come and “mingle” with your neighbors.

BELL HAVEN BOARD MEMBER NEEDED

The Annual Meeting and Election of the Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, November 16th. You should have received a notice via the US Mail about this. The Board of Directors currently has a vacancy. If you have, or had, a background with financial, mechanical, building and grounds maintenance, or

organizational experiences, please consider giving some of your time to join the Belle Haven Board of Directors. You can contact Maria Armesto at Coastal (maria.armesto@coastalrealtyfl.com) for a candidate application to complete and be voted on by the community population during the Annual Meeting.

RIVER HOUSE CLASSES – OCTOBER

October has classes of interest at the Council on Aging’s River House. See listing on this website for many classes with a fee: <https://coasjc.coursetorm.com/browse/> They also have a number of classes in October that are free such as help with Medicare questions, Women Against Violent Encounters Self-Defense Class, and one on one tech help with electronic

Clubhouse Events

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

DATES FOR OCTOBER

Friday, October 6

First Friday Mingle

Monday, October 9

Columbus Day, and Native Americans’ Day

Tuesday, October 17

Book Club at the Clubhouse; 7PM

Tuesday, October 31

Halloween

“There is no season when such pleasant and sunny spots may be lighted on, and produce so pleasant an effect on the feelings, as now in October.”

Nathaniel Hawthorne

devices. Use this link to get to calendar by date for no charge classes:

<https://coasjc.coursetorm.com/freeclasses>

GREEK FESTIVAL;
SATURDAY – SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 7TH – 8TH

This annual celebration takes place at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 2940 County Road 214, St. Augustine. There is a craft show offering Greek wares and handcrafted items, Greek dancing and music performances, and plenty of Greek food. Order “family” pans of food online (on Friday, October 6th only; pickup 4-7 PM).

<https://www.staugustinegreekfestival.com/menu>

BAD BOYS OF OPERA;
SATURDAY, OCTOBER
28TH

Back by popular demand! EMMA Concert Assoc. hosts the Bad Boys of Opera at 7:30 PM on Saturday, October 28th at the Lewis Auditorium, Flagler College. The group features highly acclaimed vocalists. The performance will include excerpts from *Carmen*, *La Boheme*, *Traviata*, *Phantom of the Opera* and additional arias and ensembles from opera, musical theater, and

popular hits. Tickets include free parking at the St. Johns County Council on Aging, with a complimentary shuttle to and from the venue. To get tickets, or information:

[https://emmaconcerts.com/.](https://emmaconcerts.com/)

2023 CLAM JAM –
CHOWDER CHALLENGE,
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

Do you have a clam chowder recipe that you’d like to make and put in the 2023 Clam Jam Chowder Challenge? The event will take place from 11 AM – 4 PM on Sunday, October 29th at the St. Augustine Elks Lodge #829 on Anastasia Island. Sign up today and show some support for this local Veterans charity that the event supports. For more information, Call: 904-471-2829, or E-Mail: elks829secretary@gmail.com

HOLIDAY DECORATING
IN BELLE HAVEN

The Decorating Committee is thinking ahead to our holiday decorations in the complex. In mid-November, they will get together with volunteers at the clubhouse to “refresh” the wreaths. Please contact Pat Godfrey at 678-665-0640 patriciagodfrey06@gmail.com or Betty Battaglia at 904-615-1180, bcfdbatt@yahoo.com

for the date / time to help refresh the wreaths. We’ll put a notification in next month’s newsletter about the date / time to decorate the complex....volunteers needed!

ST JOHN’S BOTANICAL
GARDENS

The Grand Opening of St. Johns Botanical Gardens (SBJGNP), 8310 County Road 13, Hastings, FL will be on October 1st, from 9 AM – 5 PM. It is about a 25 minute drive, via Route 206, to the Gardens, and their regular hours will be Friday – Monday, 9 AM – 5 PM. The SBJGNP is dedicated to conservation of rare and endangered species of plants from around the world, as well as natural resources, and native plants and animals. SBJGNP will highlight different species on their website on a regular basis. <https://www.stjohnsbotanicalgarden.org/education/> Fee for admission is \$10 for seniors.

BOOK CLUB MEETINGS
RESUME

Book Club will meet Tuesday, October 17th at the Clubhouse at 7PM. Discussion will be on *The Covenant of Water* by *Abraham Verghese*