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Welcome Home! We missed you!

While you were gone we had a busy but pleasant summer. The lack of hurricanes allowed us time to accomplish all of our scheduled summer projects plus a few extras.

From May through August contractors were busy making improvements to Bayport. They replaced six roofs, painted three buildings, removed trees and re-landscaped the entryway as well as completely renovated the pool. The interior of the clubhouse was painted and the exercise room was "stretched".

Our crew was busy improving the landscaping, building a new bridge on the nature trail and installing a new dishwasher and new tile in the clubhouse kitchen. We also installed new lighting on the center island and made improvement to our irrigations system.

Since the beginning of October all of our efforts have been directed towards getting everything ready for your arrival. Entryways and carports were pressure washed, gardens mulched and groomed and planting trimmed and fertilized. Our goal is to make this season most enjoyable for Bayport owners, residents and guests.

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By the Light of the Silvery Moon

November 9, 2011. A full moon. Pine branches silhouetted against a sky brilliant with stars. An eagle perched on a branch next to his nest, singing, "When I'm calling you-oo-oo, oo-oo."



Out of the nest jumps his mate. He jumps on her. Much violent wing flapping! Much squawking! In less than a minute it's all over. He flies to the next tree and she jumps back into the nest, like Peggy Lee, singing, "Is that all there is?")

Marylen Oberman and I were on my patio at 518, admiring the splendor of the night, when this high drama took place. The next morning there they were, standing guard at the nest, no doubt counting the days until the blessed event.

Eagle Stats: A mature male eagle averages 3 feet in length and has a wingspan of around 6.5 feet. A mature female can be up to 43 inches in length and can have a wingspan of 8 feet. For the first four years of its life, the American bald eagle is a dull mottled brown. It develops its majestic white cap and tail at age five.

Eagles' primary food is fish, but they will also eat rabbits, rodents, ducks, seagulls, and even snakes. They need an isolated habitat with old growth timbers and pristine waters.

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Music Lessons at Bayport

Carol Kaufman's informal pre-concert lectures at the Clubhouse prior to the **Sarasota Orchestra's** performances are a treat we all look forward to. Everyone at Bayport is welcome, as are guests. Discussions are structured for all music lovers, novices as well as the more musically sophisticated. Lectures are on **Sundays at 4 PM** at the Bayport Clubhouse.

The first program will be held on January 22, 2012 discussing Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto and Mahler's Symphony #1.



The second program will be held on February 12, 2012 featuring Wagner's Prelude to *Die Meistersinger*, Grieg's Piano Concerto, and Schumann's Symphony #2.

Carol will also be giving a lecture at Temple Beth Israel in Longboat Key Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 2:00 PM. The subject will be *The Life and Music of Irving Berlin*, the composer and lyricist of many of America's most popular songs. Again, everyone is welcome. Temple members are free. There is a \$10. charge for non-members. **Carol Kauffman 387-3151 rskaufman@prodigy.net**

The Social Committee

January 10- Welcome Back Snowbirds -

February 14- An Evening of Entertainment (TBA)

February 18/19- Arts & Crafts Show

March 10- Spring Lunch -

March 27th- BYOB on the Beach

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Book Discussion Group

All residents and staff are welcome to this group which is in its ninth year. Discussions take place at 1 PM on the 2nd Friday of the month at the clubhouse (except February which is on the 3rd Friday). The Bayport Book Police insist that you *must have read the entire book if you wish to participate*. If you would like to lead one of these books, please let us know.

Here is the book list:

Jan 13th- *South of Broad* by Pat Conroy This is Conroy's latest book (2004) It's a novel about Leopold Bloom King who has been raised in a family that is shattered—and shadowed—by tragedy. Lonely and adrift, he searches for something to sustain him and finds it among a tightly knit group of high school outsiders.

Feb 17th- *Room* by Emma Donoghue is a unique and amazing story about a boy's day-to-day experience living in a small, windowless room with his mother. The 11' x 11' space between the walls of the room are actually all the boy knows because he was born there and has never left. *Room* will horrify, surprise, sadden, and ultimately delight you.

March 9th- *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett (Led by Sharon Burde) A medical researcher journeys to the heart of the Amazon to discover what happened to her lab partner and also to uncover secrets of a primitive tribe that may have impact on our lives. You will be caught up in the drama, ideas and psychology!

April 13th- *Crossing to Safety* by Wallace Stegner is the story of a friendship between two couples, and their entwined journeys throughout life. Outstanding!! Guaranteed to resonate with all of us. **Questions?**

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The Knitting Circle

Bayport Yarnaholics and
Fiber Fanatics!

Come share your craft projects, knitting skills, ideas, patterns and “stash.”

All needle crafters at any skill level are welcome: crochet, embroidery, needlepoint, cross-stitch, quilting. There’s also an opportunity to knit/crochet for the charity of your choice.

We meet the second Monday of each month, beginning November 14, at 7:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse.



Here is Ellen Binder making *Care Squares* for an afghan which will go to women who have served time in prison. They spend time in a halfway house learning new skills and getting support for their difficult re-entry into society. Lee Rosenberg’s daughter-in-law Margie Rosenberg sponsors this project.

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Monday Night at the Movies

Feature films will be shown at Bayport’s Clubhouse at 7:30 p.m. from November 21st through April 16th on the first and third Monday of each month. We hope to select movies as a vehicle to share diverse opinions, to analyze some of the social, educational and political issues facing us today, and to reconsider our perspectives.

We start the season on November 21st with **Waste Land**, a remarkable documentary about the transformative power of art, and the alchemy of the human spirit. Renowned artist Vik Muniz journeys from his home base in Brooklyn, NY to his native Brazil, where he photographs an eclectic band of *catadores*, an impoverished population of garbage pickers working at the Jardim Gramacho landfill, the world’s largest dump located on the outskirts of Rio de Janeiro. His vision of turning garbage into art, reveals the dignity, despair and creativity of the *catadores*.

On December 5, we’ll show **De-Lovely**, the story of legendary 20th century songwriter Cole Porter. The movie weaves a history of his convoluted, dramatic, private life with a wealth of classic songs.

Monday, December 19: **Joyeux Noel** (**Merry Christmas**).

It’s Christmas Eve, 1914. Enscorced in the trenches on the front lines just yards away from each other, the French, Scottish and German soldiers prepare to open their gifts. A momentous event in “no man’s land” will change the destinies of four

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Monday Night at the Movies

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people: an Anglican priest, a French lieutenant, a world class tenor and his soprano lover. A powerful anti-war film based on a true story.

Please mark the following dates on your calendars: [January 9th](#), [January 23rd](#), [February 6th](#), [February 20th](#), [March 5th](#), [March 19th](#), [April 2nd](#), and [April 16th](#), and check the bulletin boards for bi-weekly listings.

Join us for spirited discussions in an informal setting. We welcome your suggestions!

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By the Light of the Silvery Moon

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Bald eagles choose a mate for life and may use a nest for years, continually adding and refurbishing the same nest each year. It is not uncommon for an eagle nest to reach 10 feet in diameter and weigh up to 1000 pounds. Eagles may travel great distances throughout the year, but usually return to nest within 100 miles of where they were born. After a 35 day gestation period, the female lays two to three eggs. Eagle chicks can fly within three months and are usually on their own within four months.

How lucky for us that Bayport has the only nesting pair of eagles on Longboat Key!

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Holiday Giving

Last year over 60% of Bayport Residents remembered the Bayport Staff at the holiday season with Christmas gifts/ Hanukah gelt. To facilitate this process we maintain a special Holiday bank account. Prior to the holidays we distribute the funds **equally** among all of the Bayport employees. If sufficient money is collected, we save a portion for Easter hams, summer picnics and even Thanksgiving turkeys.

If you would like to contribute please send a check to the Bayport Office payable to Bayport Employee Fund. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by those who care for your Bayport home. If you are accustomed to giving directly to your favorite employees, you may of course continue to do so. We thank you again for your generosity last year and hope that you and your family have a wonderful Holiday season.

Your loyal Bayport Crew

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Adopt Your Planter

Owners and renters are welcome to plant annuals in your entry way or by the steps. Flowers are plentiful and inexpensive here in paradise so no large expense is needed. Water is the issue! Annuals need water to flourish but this little bit of extra effort will reap great rewards in beautifying our home.

Add a splash of color today!
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What Bayporters Did Last Summer

(Email your photos to bobfleish@gmail.com)



Beth Smith's daughter Rachel earned a PH.D. in Astrobiology/ Cosmo-chemistry at UCLA.



And here is Steve Sills on his boat in Diamond Pt., NY on Lake George.



Marylen Oberman and her new friends in Morocco.



Unit 809 1600 sq ft, upstairs, End unit, garden view, \$359,900

Unit 737 2100 sq. ft. 3 Bedroom, downstairs, Gulf view \$622,500

Sale Pending

Unit 516 2100 sq. ft. 3 Bedroom downstairs, Partial Gulf view

Sold

Unit 725 1600 sq, ft, downstairs Gulf view \$395,000 6/30/2011

Unit 718 1400 sq. ft. upstairs Partial Gulf View \$250,000 8/17/2011

Unit 744 1600 sq. ft. upstairs garden view \$300,000 9/2/2011

MERMAID ALERT

Water aerobics class will begin on Wednesday, December 14 with Paula Schank, our instructor. We meet from 10 to 11 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. We need a minimum of eight people to sign on monthly. The cost is \$75 per month but for December [8 sessions] it will be \$46. If you wish to pay by the day it is \$10 per session. Please let me know if you are interested or have any questions.

Newcomers are welcome —the more the merrier. It's a great group for exercise, sociability, and fun.

For the first two weeks in December we will meet informally on the regular days at the regular time, and exercise together. Come one, come all. . .

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