



**Bethune Beach Property Owners Association**  
**February 14, 2022**  
**President's Letter**

Dear Bethune Beach Residents,

It has been an unusual time for socializing. After skipping our 2021 membership drive and most social events and in person meetings over the past two years, we are holding our 2022 membership drive this month. We plan to hold all our social events and eventually get back to in person meetings.

As a community, we've dealt with the Pandemic and divisive issues around short-term rentals. But it wasn't all negative. We also had an opportunity to get to know our new District 3 Council Representative Danny Robins who has devoted much more time and energy in understanding the needs of our community than other representatives in the past. Councilman Robins is also a champion of the Lagoon, taking action to improve the water and vegetation quality.

We can feel good that we supported 3 charities during the pandemic. God's Bath House, The New Smyrna Historical Society and CUDAS Unhooked all received donations to help them when many people were unable to give due to lockdowns and layoffs. These donations were in addition to what members donated to CUDAS Unhooked, which is our ongoing charity to help students in need.

Our November 2021 combination Picnic, Fish Fry and year-end party was a fun time. It was great to see so many members come out and socialize after so long. Wendy and Frank Rowan working with Pete and Donna Houghton coordinated the event and together with the volunteers, kept the food flowing. There were many delicious contributions from those who brought side dishes and I'm sure recipes were shared. The weather mostly cooperated and of course Mary McCloud Bethune Park is a great location. We live in an exceptional place, and we have so much to be thankful for.

So far this year, we completed the Slate of Officers for the BBPOA board to be voted on in February. We are preparing our annual filings with state and federal agencies to maintain our 501c tax status. Kathy Marshall is identifying potential student Achievement Award candidates. We finalized dates and made pavilion reservations for this year's events.

As you complete the Membership Registration Form this year, I encourage you to donate an extra something for CUDAS Unhooked. There is an entry on the membership form to allow members to donate. They help at risk students needing housing and financial assistance. Think about the change you can make in someone's life right here in our area.

I want to thank our Board Members for their time and effort to keep our community association running smoothly. They are Mary Lynn Gray, Vice President; Betty Story, Registrar; Ellen McLatchey, Secretary; and Kenneth Nelson, Treasurer. I also want to thank you as members for providing the funding to keep us running and volunteering to keep this community a great place to live. I ask you to reflect on the benefits received from a \$25.00 annual membership fee.

Sincerely,  
Maurice Moore  
BBPOA President