

# Bayshore Banner - June 2026

*In our 69<sup>th</sup> year of serving the community*

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## **NOTICE OF MEETINGS FOR 2026**

2026 Meeting Dates for Bayshore Gardens Park & Recreation District

All meetings are held in the Bayshore Gardens Recreation Hall located at 6919 26<sup>th</sup> Street W., Bradenton, FL 34207 at 6 p.m.

Any individuals needing more information or special accommodations to attend a meeting, may call the District Office at (941) 755-1912

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Work Session</u>	<u>Board of Trustees</u>
June 2 & 3 & 30	June 10	June 24
July 1	July 8	July 22
August 4 & 5	August 12	August 26
September 1 & 2	September 9	September 23
October 6 & 7	October 14	October 28
November 3 & 4	November 11	November 18
December 1 & 2	December 9	December 16

### **4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY EVENT AT THE PARK.**

Volunteers needed for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Hotdog event.

Please sign-up to volunteer at the District Office (941) 755-1912.

or call HOA President,

Dan Rawlinson at (941) 755-9388.

We would like 10 volunteers.

Greet visitors, Heat/cook hotdogs, maintain condiments, sides, etc.

It'll be fun.

Deadline to volunteer will be set at May Meeting.

# The Bayshore Gardens District Welcomes You

Bayshore Gardens is a community of approximately 1406 single family homes located in southern portion of Manatee County along Sarasota Bay. In 1979, the Florida Legislature established Bayshore Gardens as an independent special taxing district. Special taxing Districts are special purpose governmental units that exist separately from local governments and are formed to perform a single function. Each resident of the District pays an annual assessment within their real estate taxes which funds the operational needs of the District. This annual fee is currently \$427. We are not an HOA, although we have a voluntary Club called the HOA which a resident may join for an annual fee of \$10.

## JAN. 1ST - DEC. 31ST

### CLUBS

Bayshore Gardens offers several clubs that a resident may join for a nominal annual fee or no fee.

<b>HOA</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>YACHT CLUB</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>WOODCHOPPERS</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>BUNCO</b>	<b>\$3.25</b>
<b>GARDEN CLUB</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<b>NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>GAME NIGHT</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>LINE DANCING</b>	<b>\$4.00</b>

## OCT. 1ST - SEPT. 30TH

### AMENITIES

- \* **Marina Boat Slips**
- \* **Boat Launch Ramp FOBs**
- \* **Recreation Hall Rentals**
- \* **Screen Porch Rentals - RESIDENTS ONLY**
- \* **Sarasota Bayfront Park with Playground & Concrete Pavilions**
- \* **Baseball Field / Basketball & Pickleball Courts**
- \* **JR. Olympic Size Pool - RESIDENTS ONLY**
- \* **Small Boat Storage (Canoe/Kayak)**

Marina Slips, Ramp Access, Hall/Screen Room Rentals are Available to Residents at Reduced Rates.

The on-site Bayshore District office is located on the southeast corner of the recreation hall and is open **Tuesday thru. Friday** 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The office number is (941) 755-1912.

Mailing address is: 6919 26th Street W., Bradenton, FL 34207.

# **SUMMER POOL HOURS**

**Effective: 6/1/2026**

**MONDAY - FRIDAY - 8:00AM - 9:00AM** - NO POOL STAFF ON DUTY - FOR MORNING LAP SWIMMERS ONLY

**MONDAY - FRIDAY - 9:00AM - 7:00PM** - WITH POOL STAFF ON DUTY

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY - 9:00AM - 7:00PM** - WITH POOL STAFF ON DUTY

**\*Please note pool hours are subject to change. The staff may close the pool at their discretion based on the weather and number of people who attend.**

## **SWIM LESSONS SIGN UP**

Bayshore Gardens Park and Recreation District is now offering swim lessons. Please contact the District Office at 941-755-1912 to sign up.

<b>Lesson Type</b>	<b>Class Size</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Residents</b>	<b>Non-Residents</b>
<b>Group</b>	Max 5 students	30 min.	\$15 (per Student)	\$20 (per Student)
		8-Class	\$96 (\$12/session)	\$144 (\$18/session)
<b>Semi-Private</b>	2-3 students	30 min.	\$25 (per Student)	\$38 (per student)
		8-Class	\$176 (\$22/session)	\$272 (\$34/session)
<b>Private</b>	1 student	30 min.	\$48 (per Student)	\$65 (per Student)
		8-Class	\$344 (\$43/session)	\$472 (\$59/session)

## **POOL AEROBICS**

Pool Aerobic classes will be held every Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. starting June 2, 2026. More classes can be scheduled with a minimum of 5 people.  
**Residents** - \$10 per class / **Non-Residents** - \$15 per class

## **Woodchoppers Club, by Gwen Norris, Secretary:**

We had a Meeting May 9<sup>th</sup> in the Shop.

Items discussed at the meeting include:

- Richard Etheridge volunteered to install a guard for the belt/disc sander pulley. Harold will supply the materials.
- Harold summarized the demonstrations at the April 'Tool Orientation. Most of the tools were in need of adjustment. Harold said everyone should check and adjust the tools before using them.
- Harold purchased new lathe tools, a magnetic angle tool and drill bit stops for the shop.
- We will coordinate a pre-storm Shop preparation when a storm is identified. Any tool with a low motor needs to be raised. A list of these tools needs to be made. We will need three or volunteers for this work at that time.
- The air compressor needs to be bolted to the floor, so it doesn't float and turn over.
- Harold and Richard Etheridge demonstrated how to clean the table saw. The saw dust needs to be cleaned out, as it does become hard over time.
- The stored wood will be reduced.
- The red squirrel fan will be removed, and outside access closed.

We thank Harold Donaldson for sharing his knowledge and Richard Etheridge for his knowledge and volunteering.

2026 Memberships are available for adult Bayshore Gardens District Residents at the Recreation Center Office during normal business hours. Annual Memberships for 2026 are \$30 (cash), expiring January 2027. Equipment problems? If there is any problem with a tool, please notify an officer and leave a note/tag on the tool. Tags are on top of the metal cabinet along the north wall. All damaged tools need tagged 'Do Not Use'. 2026 Club Officers' phone numbers are listed on the front window. Use safety equipment when using any power tool. Shop users are required to Sign-in at the door and clean up after using the Shop. Next scheduled Meeting is Saturday, October 10, 2026, at 10:00 am in the Shop. Have a safe and productive summer.

### **Woodchoppers Club 2026 Officers:**

President: Harold Donaldson  
Vice President: Vincent Tricarico  
Treasurer: John Woodruff  
Secretary: Gwen Norris

## **THANKSGIVING DINNER**

Volunteers needed for November - Thanksgiving Dinner - -

A Thanksgiving tradition for  
Bayshore Gardens is coming back!

To Volunteer:

Call the Recreation Office at (941) 755-1912  
President of HOA, Dan Rawlinson at (941)755-9388.

We need about 10 volunteers  
to bake turkey, ham and sides, etc. and to maintain the buffet  
before and during dinner and clean-up after the Thanksgiving Dinner.  
We will start selling Tickets for Dinner (\$15 each) in September.

## NOTICE

**Dear Bayshore Gardens Property Owner,  
Re: Annual Assessment**

This Notice is provided pursuant to section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, and provides you with information about the Bayshore Gardens Park & Recreation District (“District”), its assessments and upcoming annual meeting. The District is an independent special taxing district of local government located in Manatee County, Florida, which provides park and recreational amenities within its District boundaries.

### **Upcoming Public Hearing**

The District will hold a public hearing for residents to vote on the proposed Budget on Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 7 p.m. in the Recreation Hall located at 6919 26<sup>th</sup> Street West, Manatee County, Florida. The purpose of the annual meeting will be to consider the adoption of the District’s budgets and levy of annual assessments. All owners who reside within the District and whose names are recorded on the deed are eligible to vote in person. **(Please bring photo I.D.)**

The District imposes a special assessment (“Assessment”) on your property on an annual basis, the purpose of which is to fund the District’s general operating budget. Each improved residential parcel within the District constitutes a unit for purposes of the Assessment, and each unit is assigned an equal share of the total Assessment. The District is required by Florida law to notify each owner by mail of an intended increase in the Assessment amount over prior years. The District has proposed a per unit increase of \$150.00 over prior year assessments, for a total proposed Assessment of \$577.00 per unit. The increase has become necessary due to expenses associated with obligations needed to fund the operation of the District and contribute to reserve accounts of the District infrastructure. The District’s budget is adopted each year after consideration by the Board and after a public hearing. The District collects the Assessment on the Manatee County Tax Bill. All benefited lands within the District pay the Assessment.

By operation of law, the District’s assessments each year constitute a lien against your property located within the District just as do each year’s property taxes. It is important to pay your assessments since failure to do so will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in loss of title.

You have the right to appear at this public hearing and express any objections, suggestions, or comments you may have. You may also file written objections within twenty days of the date of this Notice at the office of the District, 6919 26<sup>th</sup> Street West, Bradenton, Florida 34207, Attention: Board of Trustees. If anyone chooses to appeal any decision of the Board with respect to any matter considered at the public hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and should accordingly ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which includes the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is based.

In accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations at this hearing because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Manager at least five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the District Office at 941-755-1912. We look forward to your continued support of the District.

Sincerely,  
Board of Trustees

# PROPOSED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2026 - 2027

## REFLECTING \$150 INCREASE

Meeting to vote on Budget; Thursday, June 25, 2026 at 7:00pm

### BAYSHORE GARDENS PROPOSED BUDGET 2026/2027

REVISED: 5/27/2026

#### INCOME

Projected Assessment Income	\$724,423.00
Rental Rental Income	\$347,780.00
Interest Income	\$1,000.00

<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$1,073,203.00</b>
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#### EXPENSE

Wages	\$325,300.00
Security	\$15,000.00
Utilities	\$66,300.00
Buliding & Grounds	\$198,200.00
Other Admin	\$57,900.00
Insurance	\$59,000.00
Taxes	\$3,600.00
Recreation	\$5,000.00

<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$730,300.00</b>
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#### CAPITAL OUTLAY / PROJECTS

Beach Restoration / Fitness Trail	\$30,000.00
Marina Bathroom	\$26,902.00

<b>TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	<b>\$56,902.00</b>
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<b>TO RESERVES</b>	<b>\$286,001.00</b>
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<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,073,203.00</b>
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The primary responsibility of your elected Board is to properly maintain and preserve the District's valuable community facilities that all residents enjoy. These facilities include:

- Marina & Boat Ramp / Fishing Pier & Kayak Launch
- Jr. Olympic Pool, Park, Playground & Ball Field
- Recreation Hall, Office & Screen Room
- Courts & Beach Access / Small Boat Storage

The proposed \$150 annual increase (not monthly) will bring the assessment to a sustainable level so the District can maintain these assets responsibly without depending on inconsistent revenue sources.

**\$150.00 INCREASE** **\$577.00**

#### SUMMARY

RESERVE FORWARD	\$250,000.00
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#### RESERVE FUNDS

Marina	\$430,000.00
Roofing	\$0.00
Security Systems	\$3,000.00
Fitness Trail	\$4,000.00
Playground Equipment	\$0.00
Hall Floors	\$12,000.00
Pool Heating/Cooling	\$39,000.00
Pool Slide	\$48,001.00

<b>RESERVE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$536,001.00</b>
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The majority of Board decided that the increase of a \$150 is needed due to the fact the Projected Assessment Income (the funds the District receives from property taxes from each home) should at least cover our Total Operating Expenses (the day to day operations before any projects, repairs, or reserve funds). With our zero or minimal increases over the years we have not kept up with the cost of inflation or rising maintenance costs. Which has created a significant shortfall. We have relied heavily on facility rental income, which is unreliable due to fluctuating usage between residents (who receive exuberant discounts) and non-residents.

## **Garden Club Minutes - May 4<sup>th</sup>, by Gwen Norris, Secretary:**

On Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> eight of us met at Sarasota Sands at the invitation of Joyce Fisher. In the top floor 'game room' Joyce and Mary Ann Watkins offered us pizza, combined with Jeanne Corbin's Caesar's Salad. It was great location with views of the beach and complex. Mary Ann brought some small tomato and pepper plants to share with the members. After eating we cleaned up and headed to the condo then the beach where Mary Ann had a beach canopy. The gulf water was cool, but wade-worthy - which we did. Later the group were found on the veranda/walkway in front of the second-floor condo. So much to talk about and a beautiful view of the Gulf.

Thank you, Joyce, for the invitation and hospitality. Thank you to Mary Ann for the tomatoes and peppers and Jeanne for the salad. What a wonderful way to enjoy Florida's greatest asset, the beach, breeze and sun.

### **Garden Club Upcoming events:**

**June** - Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> - We are meeting at 1:00 to eat at Anna maria Oyster Bar - Landside (6906 14 St W).

**Our summer break includes July and August.**

**September** - Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. To be announced.

**October** - Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> we meet at the Hall at 1:00. Jeanne Corbin (and Marlene Durgin) will be giving a demonstration of making 'shell' flowers. Refreshment to be provided.

**November** - Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> Julie Garner will give a demonstration on growing edible sprouts. Refreshments will be provided.

### **Master Gardener Events:**

**Master Gardener Volunteer Plant Clinics** are held on the first and third Thursdays at St. George Episcopal Church 8:30am-11:30pm (912 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave W, Bradenton).

And second Saturdays at the South Manatee Branch Library 10:00 am to 1:00 pm (6081 26<sup>th</sup> St W, Bradenton).

### **2026 Garden Club Officers:**

<b>President:</b>	Marlene Durgin
<b>Vice President:</b>	Melanie Woodruff
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Marie Young
<b>Secretary:</b>	Gwen Norris
<b>Sunshine Committee:</b>	Jeanne Corbin
<b>Thought of the Day person:</b>	Kathy Rowe
<b>Roster:</b>	Joyce Fisher
<b>Calling members:</b>	Matilda Renovalez

## **Bayshore Gardens Neighborhood Club (HOA):**

Date: 5/6/2026

Place: Bayshore Gardens Recreation Center

Time: 6:00 pm – early start time

Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Dan Rawlinson (P), Susan Donaldson (S), Marie Young, Gwen Norris. Joyce Fisher (Treasurer) is on vacation. Marlene Durgin (VP) absent.

P Dan Rawlinson led the meeting.

Minutes were previously posted in the Banner after the April meeting. Discussion and acceptance of minutes.

Treasurer's deferred r/t absence of Treasurer, Joyce.

New Business:

1. Sponsor July 4<sup>th</sup> community event per request of Board of Trustees. Discussion on whether to offer hotdogs with condiments and water bottles, or ice cream cones or bowls. Volunteer request has been posted for past month, only one person has offered to assist. Total of 3 persons to assist (Dan, Gwen and volunteer). Unsure if we have manpower to offer community event. Also, costs involved with offer of any event. Additionally, offer treats "until gone" as we would not know how many people would attend. Could call it "4th of July Social". Hours about 11 am to 1 pm.
2. Save the Date: THANKSGIVING DINNER, November 26, 2026. The dinner will be held at 1 pm. Tickets will be \$15 per person. Tickets will be available soon. Further details upcoming. We are looking for six to ten volunteers for this event. Please contact Dan Rawlinson at (941) 755-9388 to volunteer. So far, there are no volunteers to assist.
3. March breakfast we noted that the south oven did not keep a temperature. The office has purchased 2 new ovens.
4. Discussion about breakfast costs will be held at October Meeting, to see if adjustments need to be made due to food costs rising.

Old Business:

1. Solar lights will be highlighting our entrance signs soon.
2. High attendance at Line Dance classes and parties have helped to support our breakfast events due to the rising costs of food.

Line Dancing class on Mondays, 5 pm to 8 pm. Cost is \$4 per person.

3. We thank the residents that allow us to put our 'Saturday Breakfast' sign on their property (so the County does not remove them).

\*\*\*Volunteers wanted for any or all events.

We thank all those in attendance tonight.

Homeowners Association welcomes anyone to join their meetings. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm, at our Recreation Center Hall.

Next meeting will be on Thursday, September 3, 2026, at 7 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Susan, second by Marie. Approved by all.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Susan Donaldson

HOA/Neighborhood Club Secretary

**Meetings:** September 3, October 1, November 5, December 3.

**Breakfasts:** October 10, November 14, December 12.

**Thanksgiving Dinner:** November 26.

## **Rates Effective Immediately**

- **Resident Screen Room Rental** - \$100.00 for the day with \$100.00 deposit
- **Non-Resident Screen Room Rental** - (in conjunction with Hall ONLY) \$150.00
- **Resident Hall Rental** - \$600.00 for 6 hours, \$75.00 for each additional hour with \$250.00 Deposit
- **Non-Resident Hall Rental** - \$1,500.00 for 6 hours, \$125.00 for each additional hour with \$500.00 Deposit
- **Non-Resident Pickleball Courts** - \$50.00 a month 10:00am - 4:00pm

## **Rates Effective October 1, 2026**

- **Resident Boat Slip Rental** - \$5.00 a foot
- **Non-Resident Boat Slip Rental** - \$14.00 a foot
- **Resident Ramp** - \$120.00 per year
- **Non-Resident Ramp** - \$700.00 per year
- **Resident Trailer Space Rental** - \$250.00 per year
- **Non-Resident Trailer Space Rental** - \$500.00 per year
- **Resident Small Boat Area Rental** - \$120.00 per year
- **Non-Resident Small Boat Area Rental** - \$200.00 per year

Residents,

As we continually strive to improve communication and foster greater involvement within our community, the Bayshore Gardens Park and Recreation District Board of Trustees has decided to temporarily suspend all committee meetings due to low attendance, lack of meetings taking place, and recent challenges in communication flow.

We understand how important it is for every resident to have a voice in the decisions that shape our district, and we want to ensure that all of you have the opportunity to contribute. As such, we are extending an open invitation for you to join us at our regularly scheduled Trustee and Work Session meetings. These meetings are a valuable platform for discussing the wide range of issues that impact our district and its future. Your input matters, and we welcome your participation.

Over the next several months, the Board will closely assess the participation levels and communication flow, which will help us determine whether we should reinstate our previous committee structure. In the meantime, we encourage each resident to consider attending our monthly meetings, that are held Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., where all topics are open for discussion and feedback.

You can find more details about these meetings, including dates and agenda topics, at the following link:

<https://www.bayshoregardens.org/trustee-meetings>

We truly value your engagement and look forward to hearing from you at these sessions. Together, we can continue building a strong and vibrant community.

Sincerely,  
The Bayshore Gardens Park and Recreation Board of Trustees

Status	Address	Price	Close Date	Beds	Baths
Active	2211 EMORY AVE	\$275,000		3	1
Active	6227 COLUMBIA DR	\$340,000		3	2
Active	3008 BOWDOIN PL	\$360,000		3	2
Active	3303 FLORIDA BLVD	\$374,900		3	3
Active	6328 GEORGIA AVE	\$419,900		3	2
Active	2307 N WELLESLEY DR	\$429,900		3	2
Active	6511 GEORGIA AVE	\$449,990		5	4
Active	3007 FLORIDA BLVD	\$499,900		4	2
Active	409 BRYN MAWR IS	\$749,900		3	2
Active	6811 GEORGIA AVE	\$869,000		4	3
Pending	6631 RENSSALAER DR	\$239,900		2	1
Pending	6439 GEORGIA AVE	\$249,900		2	1
Pending	2120 BAYSHORE GARDENS PKWY	\$289,900		3	1
Pending	6607 GEORGIA AVE	\$290,000		3	1.5
Pending	1907 HARVARD AVE	\$295,000		3	1.5
Pending	2307 EMORY AVE	\$338,888		3	2
Pending	6320 CASE AVE	\$339,000		3	2
Pending	2416 EMORY AVE	\$350,000		3	1.5
Sold	6723 WASHINGTON PL	\$310,000	4/16/2026	3	2
Sold	2112 HOPKINS DR W	\$325,000	4/24/2026	3	1.5
Sold	6124 DARTMOUTH DR	\$329,000	4/21/2026	2	2
Sold	3015 FLORIDA BLVD	\$330,000	4/21/2026	3	2
Sold	1811 MARILYN AVE	\$355,000	4/23/2026	3	2
Sold	6319 GEORGIA AVE	\$385,000	5/1/2026	3	2
Sold	6111 DARTMOUTH DR	\$440,000	5/6/2026	3	2
Sold	3108 SMITH AVE	\$285,000	5/8/2026	3	2
Sold	2303 GEORGETOWN RD	\$289,000	5/8/2026	3	1.5
Sold	1801 MARILYN AVE	\$363,000	5/15/2026	4	2



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# June 2026

## Event Calendar

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <span>&lt;</span> <span><b>JUNE 2026</b></span> <span>&gt;</span> </div>						
31	<b>1</b> <a href="#">Garden Club Outing - 1pm</a>  <a href="#">Line Dance Class 5 - 8pm</a>	<b>2</b> <a href="#">Pool Aerobic Class 9 - 10am</a>	3	4	5	<b>6</b> <a href="#">Hall - Private Party</a>
7	<b>8</b> <a href="#">Line Dance Class 5 - 8pm</a>	<b>9</b> <a href="#">Pool Aerobic Class 9 - 10am</a>	<b>10</b> <a href="#">Trustee Work Session Meeting</a>	11	12	<b>13</b> <a href="#">Hall - Private Party</a>
14	<b>15</b> <a href="#">Line Dance Class 5 - 8pm</a>	<b>16</b> <a href="#">Pool Aerobic Class 9 - 10am</a>	17	18	19	<b>20</b> <a href="#">Hall - Private Party</a>
21	<b>22</b> <a href="#">Line Dance Class 5 - 8pm</a>	<b>23</b> <a href="#">Pool Aerobic Class 9 - 10am</a>	<b>24</b> <a href="#">Trustee Meeting</a>	<b>25</b> <a href="#">Trustee Budget Hearing</a>	26	<b>27</b> <a href="#">Hall - Private Party</a>
28	<b>29</b> <a href="#">Line Dance Class 5 - 8pm</a>	<b>30</b> <a href="#">Pool Aerobic Class 9 - 10am</a>	1	2	3	4