

Bayshore Banner - October 2026

In our 69th year of serving the community

For the most up to date information please visit the District's official website: bayshoregardens.org

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 26th 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

Committee	Work Session	Board of Trustees
October 6 & 7	October 14	October 28
November 3 & 4	November 11	November 18
December 1 & 2	December 9	December 16

THANKSGIVING DINNER

through your Neighborhood Club (HOA)

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.

Our next **HOA Club Meeting** is Thursday October 1st at 7:00 in the Hall. All are welcome.

The next **Saturday Breakfast** will be Saturday, October 10th, 9-11am.

Ice Machine Located by the Marina

Machine Pricing:

\$4.00 - 10lbs Bag of Ice

\$2.00 - 5 gallons Drinking Water

The machine takes cash and cards and is accessible to everyone using the marina, park, pool, or at home.

Garden Club

Monday, OCT. 5th, 1:00 PM, in the Hall

'Live Foods – SPROUTS'

Growing greens indoors

Presentation by Julie Garner

Bayshore Gardens



ALL ARE WELCOME.



Refreshments provided.

BACK TO SCHOOL POOL HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY - 8:00AM - 12:00PM - NO POOL STAFF ON DUTY - FOR LAP SWIMMERS / SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK

MONDAY - FRIDAY - 12:00PM - 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.

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

Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

More classes can be scheduled with a minimum of 5 people.

\$10.00 per class. Everyone is welcome to join.

IT'S RENEWAL TIME!!!!

REMINDER: OCTOBER 1, 2026

All payments and paperwork for Boat and Trailer Spaces, Boat Ramp Access, Pool Access, and Small Boat Storage should be completed by the above date.

Contracts will not be completed without all of the required documents.

Bring with you the following updated documents:

All Marina Contracts:

- **A current Photo I.D.** (For resident rates, a Bayshore Gardens Park & Recreation District address must appear on the I.D. If the I.D. does not reflect a District address, a current lease or deed must be provided) - **No Exceptions**
- **Vessel Registration**
- **Vessel Certificate of Documentation (If Applicable)**
- **Vessel Insurance**
- **Trailer Registration**
- **Towing Vehicle(s) Registration**
- **Towing Vehicle(s) Insurance**

**** If you have a boat slip, the following are the required for the vessel insurance**

Vessel insurance with a \$100,000 liability minimum.

- Bayshore Gardens **MUST** be listed as an additional insured on the boat insurance policy and proof provided. (**Bayshore Gardens Park and Recreation District 6919 26th St. W. Bradenton, FL 34207**)

Pool Contracts:

- Valid photo ID (For residents your I.D. must indicate your Bayshore Gardens address. If not available a current deed or lease must be provided - **No Exceptions**)

Small Boat Storage Contracts:

- Valid photo ID (For residents your I.D. must indicate your Bayshore Gardens address. If not available a current deed or lease must be provided - **No Exceptions**)
- Colored picture of small boat

Woodchoppers Club, by Gwen Norris, Secretary:

Our next Meeting will be Saturday, October 10th at 10:00 in the Shop. Please plan to attend.

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.

Our Meeting is Saturday, October 10, 2026, at 10:00 am in the Shop. Have a safe and productive summer. See you then.

Woodchoppers Club 2026 Officers:

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



First Aid / CPR / AED Certification Training

Once we get 5 people signed up, we can schedule a class that will work for everyone.

Residents: \$50.00 Per Person / Non-Resident: \$60.00 Per Person

To sign up contact the District Office at 941-755-1912.

Garden Club - by Gwen Norris, Secretary:

On Monday, September 14th we had a meeting in the Hall with twelve attendees. We enjoyed refreshments and discussed our summer break. Gwen Norris provided refreshments.

Melanie Woodruff opened the meeting at 1:20. The Minutes from the February Meeting were supplied for review. Mary Ann Watson moved to accept the minutes. Judy Drake seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed. Melanie presented the Treasurer's Report we have 14 paid members at this time. Gwen Norris moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Suzanna Young seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed.

We went over the schedule for the remainder of the year (see below). Gwen suggested that we create a slate of officers in November for the 2027 year.

Melanie thanked the visitors at the meeting and Gwen for bringing snacks.

Gwen moved to adjourn. Julie seconded the motion. We adjourned at 1:30PM.

Groundcovers for Our Area

Susan Griffith, Master Gardener Volunteer, was introduced. With her other duties she teaches the Master Gardener Program.

Susan's presentation was on 'ground covers for our area', focusing on water conservation- to avoid wasting water after established. This topic was chosen by the members in search of this information. We had another drought this winter/spring and the watering restrictions made it hard to keep things green and growing. Other drought tolerant ground cover options needed to be considered. Susan stated that she will send the PowerPoint to Gwen for distribution as it had names for many drought-tolerant ground covers. Susan suggested that she could email links to the plants also (See below). We thanked her for the information and her patience with the projector that would not connect correctly.

Garden Club Upcoming Events:

October – Monday, October 5th we meet at the Hall at 1:00. Julie Garner will give a demonstration on growing edible sprouts. And a recipe or two. Refreshments will be provided.

November – Monday, November 2nd at 1:00 in the Hall. Marlene Durgin will have a presentation on 'making shell flowers.'. Refreshments will be provided.

December - Monday, December 7th, we will eat at our chosen restaurant for our "Christmas Lunch".

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 63rd Ave W, Bradenton).

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

2026 Garden Club Officers:

President:	Marlene Durgin
Vice President:	Melanie Woodruff
Treasurer:	Marie Young
Secretary:	Gwen Norris
Sunshine Committee:	TBD
Thought of the Day person:	Kathy Rowe
Roster:	Joyce Fisher
Calling members:	TBD

Garden Club - by Gwen Norris, Secretary Continues:

'Groundcovers for Our Area' ideas via the Master Gardener Volunteer, Susan Griffith

List of Groundcovers with Links to Info

NN = Non-native N = Native

Sun groundcovers that can be mowed once established:

NN Perennial peanut: <https://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/plants/ornamentals/perennial-peanut/>
N Frogfruit: <https://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/plants/ornamentals/frogfruit/>
N Sunshine mimosa: <https://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/plants/ornamentals/powderpuff-mimosa/>
N Creeping sage: <https://www.fnps.org/plant/salvia-misella#gsc.tab=0>
N Lakeside Twinflower: <https://www.fnps.org/plant/dyschoriste-humistrata#gsc.tab=0>
N Portulaca Pilosa: https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=POPI3

Groundcovers that cannot be mowed- for beds (full sun):

N Railroad vine: <https://www.fnps.org/plant/ipomoea-pes-caprae-subsp-brasiliensis#gsc.tab=0>
NN Blue Daze: <https://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/charlotteco/2023/11/27/blue-for-your-florida-friendly-landscape/>
N Greeneyes: <https://www.fnps.org/plant/berlandiera-subacaulis#gsc.tab=0>
Native Porterweed: <https://www.fnps.org/plant/stachytarpheta-jamaicensis#gsc.tab=0>
N Beach/ dune sunflower: <https://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/plants/ornamentals/beach-sunflower/>
N Golden/beach creeper: <https://ask.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/FP196>
NN Asiatic "Jasmine" minima: <https://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/plants/ornamentals/asiatic-jasmine/>
N White Seaside Heliotrope: <https://www.fnps.org/plant/heliotropium-curassavicum#gsc.tab=0>
N Elliotts / Purple Lovegrass: <https://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/plants/ornamentals/lovegrass/>
NN Purple Heart: <https://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/charlotteco/2018/09/13/a-truly-purple-evergreen/>
N Rockland Lantana: <https://www.fnps.org/plant/lantana-depressa-var-depressa#gsc.tab=0>
N Coontie (a tall groundcover): <https://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/plants/trees-and-shrubs/palms-and-cycads/coontie/>
NN Dwarf Carissa 'Emerald Blanket' <https://www.pslbg.org/emerald-blanket-carissa/>
N False Rosemary: <https://www.flawildflowers.org/flower-friday-conradina-canescens/>

Groundcovers that cannot be mowed- For SHADE:

N Ferns: <https://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/plants/ornamentals/southern-shield-fern/>
<https://ask.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/FP013> Note: Ferns also require moist environments
NN Cast Iron Plants (tall groundcover): <https://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/plants/ornamentals/cast-iron-plant/>
NN Tractor seat plant aka Leopard plant (tallish groundcover): <https://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/charlotteco/2021/02/16/the-leopard-plant-revisited/> (This plant also requires a moist environment and deep shade.)
NN Philodendron Xanadu: <https://ask.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/FP474>
NN Dwarf Mondo grass: <https://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/plants/ornamentals/border-grasses/>
N Peperomia: <https://www.fnps.org/plant/peperomia-obtusifolia#gsc.tab=0>
NN Bromeliads: <https://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/plants/ornamentals/bromeliads/> (note- some specific varieties CAN take some sun)

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 \$502. 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.

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

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.

Bayshore Gardens Neighborhood Club (HOA):

Date: 9/3/2026

Place: Bayshore Gardens Recreation Center

Time: 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Dan Rawlinson (P), Susan Donaldson (S), Joyce Fisher (T), Gwen Norris, and Julie Garner.

Marlene Durgin (VP) absent.

(P) Dan Rawlinson led the meeting.

Minutes were previously posted in the Banner after the May meeting. Acceptance of minutes with motion by Gwen second by Dan. Approved by all.

Treasurer's report by Joyce. Members: 66. Report approved by Dan, second by Susan. Approved by all.

New Business:

1. HOA sponsored a July 4th community event per request of Board of Trustees. Cost was about \$300 to cover costs of hot dogs, buns, condiments, waters, and popcorn. Several community members attended. Volunteers: Dan R., Gwen N., Don B., Melanie W., John W., Terry Z., Daryl L., and Dilbert R.
2. Save the Date: THANKSGIVING DINNER, November 26, 2026. The dinner will be held at 1 pm. Tickets are \$15 per person. We are looking for six to ten volunteers for this event. Please contact Dan Rawlinson at (941) 755-9388 to volunteer. Tickets may be purchased at the office or via President Dan Rawlinson. We will also sell tickets at the HOA breakfast events. Menu: Turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, cranberry, gravy, sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, rolls and desert.
3. Discussion about breakfast costs will be held at October Meeting, to see if adjustments need to be made due to food costs rising. Consider \$20 annual HOA fee. Or additional cost to HOA members for breakfasts. Or possibly first breakfast free with sign up for HOA, then small cost to members for additional breakfasts through the year.

Old Business:

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

***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, October 1, 2026, at 7 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Dan, second by Gwen. Approved by all.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Susan Donaldson

HOA/Neighborhood Club Secretary

Meetings: October 1st, November 5th, December 3rd.

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

Thanksgiving Dinner: November 26, 2026

Mls Status	Standard Status	Unparsed Address	Current Price	Bedrooms Total	Bathrooms Full	Bathrooms Half
Active	Active	6811 GEORGIA AVE	849900	4	3	0
Active	Active	6835 GEORGIA AVE	1150000	4	3	0
Active	Active	6328 GEORGIA AVE	409900	3	2	0
Active	Active	6511 GEORGIA AVE	427490	5	4	0
Active	Active	2406 FLORIDA BLVD	415000	3	2	0
Active	Active	1004 DARTMOUTH DR	345000	4	2	0
Active	Active	6211 CORNELL RD	399999	4	3	0
Active	Active	2003 PRINCETON AVE	414950	3	2	0
Active	Active	3103 BAYSHORE GARDENS PKWY	330250	3	2	0
Active	Active	3008 BOWDOIN PL	345000	3	2	0
Active	Active	1905 ROSLYN AVE	355900	4	3	0
Pending	Pending	302 BRYN MAWR IS	875000	3	2	0
Pending	Pending	3011 FLORIDA BLVD	225000	3	2	0
Pending	Pending	6116 DARTMOUTH DR	375000	3	2	0
Pending	Pending	2304 STANFORD AVE	295000	3	1	0
Pending	Pending	1306 DARTMOUTH DR	319900	3	1	0
Pending	Pending	1205 PRINCETON AVE	290000	2	2	0
Pending	Pending	3307 MIAMI PL	199900	3	2	0
Pending	Pending	2308 BAYSHORE GARDENS PKWY	270000	3	2	0
Sold	Closed	3303 FLORIDA BLVD	372500	3	3	0
Sold	Closed	2416 EMORY AVE	335000	3	1	1
Sold	Closed	1000 DARTMOUTH DR	200250	3	2	0
Sold	Closed	3007 FLORIDA BLVD	421250	4	2	0
Sold	Closed	6324 CASE AVE	375000	3	2	0
Sold	Closed	6111 ROLLINS ST	250000	3	2	0
Sold	Closed	6507 CLEMSON ST	335000	3	2	0

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October 2026

Event Calendar

OCTOBER 2026						
27 Hall - Private Party	28 Pool Aerobic Class 9 - 10am Line Dance Class 5 - 8pm	29	30	1 Neighborhood Club (HOA) Meeting - 7pm	2	3 Hall - Private Party
4	5 Pool Aerobic Class 9 - 10am Garden Club - 1pm Line Dance Class 5 - 8pm	6	7	8	9	10 Neighborhood Breakfast 9-11am Hall - Private Party Screen Room - Private Party Woodchoppers - 10am
11	12 Pool Aerobic Class 9 - 10am Line Dance Class 5 - 8pm	13	14 Trustee Special Meeting Trustee Work Session Meeting	15 Hall - Yacht Club 6:30pm	16	17 Hall - Private Party
18 Hall - Private Party	19 Pool Aerobic Class 9 - 10am Line Dance Class 5 - 8pm	20	21	22 District Office Closed	23 District Office Closed	24 Hall - Private Party
25 Hall - Private Party	26 Pool Aerobic Class 9 - 10am Line Dance Class 5 - 8pm	27	28 Trustee Meeting	29	30	31