

# Bayshore Banner

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### Bayshore Gardens Children's Christmas Party

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## The Marina Project: Part 6 – It's Time to Vote

By Richard Nelson and Debbie Korell

The referendum vote will be on Tuesday, December 6, 2016. Voting will be at the Bayshore Gardens Rec center.

**When can I vote?** The polls will be open from 7 am to 7 pm.

**Are there any other ways to vote?** Yes. If you are registered to vote by mail, you should have already received the referendum ballot by mail. Simply mark your ballot and return to the Board of Election.

**Who can vote?** ALL registered voters of Precinct #421, Bayshore Gardens can vote.

**Can more one than person per household vote?** Yes. Every registered voter in each household can vote.

**I'm a renter, not a property owner. Can I vote on the referendum?** Yes. It doesn't matter if you are a renter or property owner, as long as you are a registered voter.

**What do I have to do to vote?** Come to the Rec Center on Dec 6th, show your ID, and receive a ballot.

**How do I vote on the referendum?** It's fast and easy. There is only one question. Simply receive your ballot and vote "Yes" or "No".

**What does it take for the referendum to pass or fail?** A simple majority of all votes cast.

**Am I voting for a tax?** No. You are simply voting to give the district approval to do the necessary work.

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**Official Ballot**  
**Bayshore Gardens Park and Recreation District**  
**December 6, 2016**  
**Manatee County, Florida**

BG421 BG421

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**Instructions:** To vote, fill in the oval (●) completely next to your choice. Use only the marking device provided or a black or blue pen.

**Do not make a mistake, ask for a new ballot. Do not cross out or your vote may not count.**

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**Bayshore Gardens Marina Resolution**

**Bayshore Gardens Park and Recreation District Board to make capital expenditures greater than \$25,000.**

Per Section 2(7)(g) of our by-laws, Bayshore Gardens Park and Recreation District Board needs to rebuild and make ADA compliant, the marina and ramp, and requires your approval for capital expenditures not to exceed Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000). Dredging and consulting fees of approximately Two Hundred Eighty Thousand (\$280,000) are not included. This is NOT a request for an additional assessment. Shall the Board make the required capital expenditures for the marina?

Yes to approve capital expenditure

No do not approve capital expenditure

## County Survey for Speed Calming in Bayshore Gardens will be in January Banner

A survey letter will be delivered to every Bayshore Gardens homeowner in the January Bayshore Banner and sent to absentee home-owners. The first week in January, residents are to mail or take the completed survey to the Bayshore Gardens Rec. Center office. Use the mail slot if the office is closed.

Do not send any surveys to Public Works, they want them sent to the Bayshore Gardens Rec. Center. There must be a survey returned for each property.

In response to increasing complaints of speeding traffic, the Infrastructure Task Group in cooperation with Manatee Neighborhood Services and Public Works, created this letter to see if home owners would, or would not favor installation of speed tables as a speed calming measure.

A 67% approval from the home owners will be needed to have this project go forward. No one will be assessed as this will be funded.

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**VOTE DECEMBER 6TH**

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# Progress from District

By Debbie Korell

At the annual meeting, it was requested the District keep the public informed about projects completed or in process by the District. This article will highlight some of the District's accomplishments over the past year.

- The pool slide has been repaired and reinstalled.
- The parking lot and beach access road has been repaved. New speed bumps have been installed. A new handicapped parking place at the beach was built. The parking lot has been restriped and the center parking stops have been removed. The parking lot now meets all ADA requirements.
- The porta potties have been replaced with ADA accessible units. This is another ADA requirement.
- The entire exterior of the Rec Center and breezeway have been repainted.
- Re-roofed the shower facility and the woodchoppers building.
- The water fountains in the breezeway have been replaced.
- The Pool Pump has been repaired.
- Improved signage at the pool.
- For the first time in many years, the District has offered private and group swim classes.
- A screen has been installed around the majority of the pool. While the initial purpose of the screen was to keep plant debris out of the pool, many people have been pleased with the privacy the screen provides.
- The playground has been re-mulched, creating a safe place for our children to play.
- The ball field infield has been re-clayed, and a storage area built to store the excess clay.
- A new picnic table has been built and installed

by the ball field.

- The leak in the roof over the office has been identified and repaired.
- The ADA bathroom to be built in the rec center is in progress. We have the plans and received multiple bids for the project. The project is scheduled to begin construction on January 8th.
- Another benefit of the ADA bathroom will be to provide a space in the hall for a large screen TV to be installed and available for use. The Yacht Club, BGNA, Crime Watch and the District are each paying 1/4 of the cost.
- The ceiling in the office will be repaired concurrently with the bathroom project. Construction is scheduled for January 8th, 2017.
- The mangroves by the beach have been trimmed back and invasive species removed from the area by the small boat storage area.
- Our District landscaping is looking better than ever for which we receive many compliments.
- After meeting and receiving bids from multiple Marine Engineering firms, Coastal Engineering was hired. Plans have been completed for replacing the boat launch, dredging the marina and new designs for the marina have all been completed. We have submitted the designs to permitting. A referendum for the project will be held on December 6th. We hope to receive voter approval to proceed on the project.

This is just a partial list of the accomplishments of the District. We hope that you feel your assessment dollars are being well spent. We know there is still much to do and are striving to accomplish the many projects that are needed to continue to have the Bayshore Park and Recreation District be a valuable and beautiful asset for you and your family.

## Referendum Options *by Kathy Lokos*

Our community decides whether to allow the District Board to tackle the marina by voting yes or no on Tuesday, December 6, 2016. At this point the District can save our marina, but we need your formal approval to take action.

We are in the enviable position of having many options concerning how we wish to handle our

money. Just a few ideas are:

- Start with the \$228,000 in our marina reserve fund, \$20,000 in the marina construction account, and \$150,000 from savings, and continue reconstruction as semi-annual marina funds become available.

- Borrow approximately 1/2 the funds needed to be added to those on hand for an immediate total reconstruction.

- Delay construction for several years until we have saved enough to pay for all the work.

There are several other ways to deal with the financial aspects of this project, and it is up to all of us to explore our options. If you have an idea, please bring it to the table so we can avoid missing an obvious solution. Should the referendum pass, discussions will begin on which path works best for Bayshore Gardens residents at the December 14<sup>th</sup> committee meeting. Committee meetings start at 5:30 pm; however, marina issues won't be addressed until sometime after 6 pm.

Please join these important discussions at committee meetings (5:30 pm - ?) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday and Board meetings (7 pm - ?) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month.



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# Legal Notices and District Business

**Minute with the Manager:** Another year is almost gone by. Did you accomplish everything you wanted to? I know I didn't. I kept telling myself you still have time. Wrong. We still have unpaid boat slips that have been given certified letters. If the fee is not paid by a certain date, it will be turned over to our attorney for collection. We will be having a referendum vote on December 6, 2016 to allow the district to make repairs to the marina which will cost over the \$25,000.00 limit that is set on district spending. Hope you all will have a wonderful Christmas and a great New Year.

## BAYSHORE GARDENS PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### **MINUTES OF MEETING: November 15, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bayshore Gardens Park and Recreation District was called to order by Chairman Maynard Boyce at 7:00 pm and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Notice of the meeting was posted in the November Bayshore Banner.

**Roll:** Dan Rawlinson, Kathy Lokos, Debbie Korell, Maynard Boyce, Terry Zimmerly and Vickie Ford.

A quorum was established.

**Present:** Joanne Manse, Don Gassie, Marie Young, Bill Mueller, David and MaryAnn Higgins and John Woodruff

Debbie made a motion to approve the October minutes. Kathy seconded. **Motion passed.**

Kathy answered questions Vickie Ford had from a few months back. Maynard stated if you want copies of anything, put it in writing and give the office at least a week to make the copies. Debbie made a motion to approve the October Financials. Kathy seconded. **Motion Passed** with 4 yes and 1 no.

Bill Mueller reported on the Kids Fishing Tournament. It wasn't as successful as in the past because of red tide.

Bill Mueller read a letter regarding the hall being double booked for the Yacht Club events. He stated the responsibility is on the manager.

### **BGNA: Dan Rawlinson**

Dan reported the Town Hall meeting was a success. They had several people from the county and from the library. Dan stated BGNA would like to do these Town Hall Meetings three times a year. BGNA will be having a Christmas Party December 11, 2016 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. **Next meeting will be December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**

### **CRIME WATCH: Steve Watkins**

Steve reported they have a new member of Crime Watch. Steve stated they had another successful attic sale. and they are now patrolling behind the recreation center. **Next meeting is December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

### **RESTORE BAYSHORE:**

#### **Maynard Boyce for Suzanna Young**

Maynard stated they had the letter and questionnaire from the county to be inserted in the Banner. This is for homeowners to fill out and return to the office. The sidewalks should begin in January. Debbie made a motion to insert the speed table survey letter into the Banner and to make sure there is enough room in the Banner to explain the letter in January. Kathy seconded. **Motion passed.**

### **MANAGER'S REPORT: Joanne Manse**

Joanne mentioned the discussion on hiring a company to scan and shred our documents. This will be taken back to committee for further evaluation. The auditors are done with the field work and are now working on the paperwork. Every Friday in Sarasota they have pool school so Randy and Austin will be going sometime in January. Joanne stated we still have 8 boat slips unpaid for. Certified letters will be going out. We received a refund check from the Property Appraisers office for excess fees in the amount of \$2,870.00. Our property tax bill decreased by \$2,430.00. We had to get a new chest freezer for the concession stand. The cost was \$150.00.

### **BUDGET & FINANCE: Kathy Lokos**

Kathy reported she doesn't have anything for budget other than the referendum. This will be discussed when the marina does their report. **Next meeting is December 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.**

### **WEB/BANNER: Dan Rawlinson**

Dan stated Suzanna was very helpful to him for the Banner. She gave Dan two pages of rules she would like to see implemented. Dan suggested having a meeting with Kim and his committee to go over some of the rules. **Next meeting is December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.**

### **MARINA:Debbie Korell for Richard Nelson**

Debbie stated there will be an article in the Banner called Marina Project part six. Debbie made a motion to approve the wording of the referendum by the election board. Kathy seconded. **Motion passed.** There is an accusation from a homeowner

that we violated the sunshine laws by asking for an approval on the word change of the referendum to the election board. This was done by email. Debbie made a motion that we send all emails and documentation to our attorney for him to research. Maynard added to the motion that someone is sending emails to trustees and he would like those emails included. Kathy seconded. **Motion passed.** Debbie stated she would like to spend up to \$250.00 for signs to vote yes on the referendum. Kathy seconded. No vote was taken. The office will check with the elections department to see if this type of signage is legal. **Next meeting will be Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.**

### **HOUSE & GROUNDS:**

#### **Debbie Korell for Holly Clouse**

Debbie stated they had a meeting with the bathroom construction firm. Debbie made a motion to pay for upgraded tile for the ADA bathroom. The cost is \$3.00 per foot and it is for porcelain instead of ceramic tile. Kathy seconded. **Motion passed.** The same company that is building the bathroom is going to repair the ceiling in the office. Debbie stated we are waiting for the bids to come in. **Next meeting will be December 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.**

### **PERSONNEL & SALARY: Dan Rawlinson**

Dan stated he feels the office needs to have a part time helper. Dan would like to put an ad in the Banner. Maynard would like to come in the office and discuss with Joanne to see what she needs. This will not take place until the first of the year. The goal is to have this in place by spring. **Next meeting will be December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.**

### **OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

### **NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

**Next meeting is December 20, 2016 at 7:00 pm.**

Maynard requested a motion to adjourn. Debbie made the motion and Kathy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

*Respectfully submitted*  
Joanne Manse  
Chairman, Maynard Boyce

## Garden Club

The December meeting will be Monday, December 12 at 1:00pm for a Christmas potluck luncheon at the home of a Garden Club member.

The November meeting was a business meeting with lovely refreshments by Catherine Boyd and Mary Spoutz. After the business meeting several attendees went over to Christmas Traditions in Sarasota to see the many decorated Christmas trees and decorations. They have a beautiful selection for the holiday season.

**See you on December 12th!**

## Woodchoppers Club

Our next scheduled meeting is December 10th at 10 am in the shop. Mark your calendars.

Since our last meeting:  
The ceiling gap on the south wall is closed off. One bird feeder was sold to a Member and one was donated to Crime Watch for sale and the last one is waiting for its owner.  
A large metal cabinet has been added to the Shop.  
Air supply parts were purchased.

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**See you at our December 10th meeting in the shop.**

**DOCKMASTER'S REPORT**  
 Dockmaster John Woodruff 941-720-3738

Now is the time for all good folks to come to the aid of their District, their Community, and specifically their Marina. Even with all of the exhaustive research, planning, and cost analysis, there is one last thing to accomplish prior to putting hammer to nail and getting the job done. You and I, the residents, must give permission to proceed. As a resident of over 30 years, and an observer of what has gone into this planning, it is an easy choice for me.

These are the questions that I feel most folks would want to know. (1) Is the rehab necessary? Absolutely, not just our opinion, but that of the professionals we hired to evaluate the marina. (2) Can the District afford it? Yes, and though we have the bulk of the cost on hand, we may secure a loan to make our financial position stronger. (3) Will this impact my budget as a home owner? No, there are no plans to increase the annual assess-

ment or other fees based on the cost of this project. There is more information in this and previous editions of the paper addressing in detail what is going on with the Marina Project and the upcoming required approval vote. The referendum vote will take place Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

To those of you in the community that enjoy boating, the convenience of having the marina or having the use of one of the only launch ramps in the south end of the county, you should support this. To those persons that enjoy the added benefit to their property value because of these features we need your support. *Note: Must be a registered voter in the Bayshore Gardens voting precinct.* I will leave it at that except to say that I do hope you will come out and support this much-needed project. Have a great Holiday Season and hopefully next month/year I will be talking about how the project is progressing.

ments as well as your parking decal information (vehicle registration and proof of insurance) up to date with the office. As a courtesy I or the office would appreciate a heads up when leaving a vehicle in the parking lot while on extended cruises.

**Improvements, Repairs and Projects Completed** –about 35 planks were reattached or replaced on the finger piers and fish dock. The rehab of the boat stands continues. Some repairs to the fishdock have been done others are in progress.

**Marina Occupation** as of 11/18/2016\* **Occupied** – slips - 102, **Vacant** – small to medium size slips - 23, large -0, Total – 125, **Trailer Spaces** – 1 available. **Waiting lists for slips and trailer spaces** – Large slips - 3, Small/Medium slips - 0, Trailer spaces–1 \*Renewals in progress figures are estimates.

If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions call me. Thanks to those that have already called.

**Reminders** – Please remember to keep your boat registration and insurance doc-

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*Around Bayshore Gardens*



(L to R) Selina, Riley, Nora and Alex. Awesome pumpkins gang!



**Halloween In Bayshore Gardens**

Mike and Jeannette Taylor's grandchildren went all out again this Halloween...

(L to R) Alex -7, Riley -9, Nora -10, Selina- 11... FUN, FUN, FUN! That's what it's all about. Looking good!

# Restore Bayshore Reports

DO YOU WANT A BETTER BOAT RAMP?  
VOTE DECEMBER 6 2016  
7:00 AM TO 7:00 PM IN THE HALL

## FINALIZING PLANS For the Up Coming Speed Calming Survey (See article in this issue)

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm, Monday, November 14. Ogden Clark, from Neighborhood Services was present as our "County Consultant". We had eleven in all which included two (new) couples. David and Mary Ann Higginbotham and Jim and Sally Couey were welcomed.

Suzanna briefed the newcomers on what Infrastructure Task Group has been working on and that at this meeting we were reviewing the survey letter, and plan on when and how the letter will be delivered and collected.

Ogden then explained that while the County would print the letters—questionnaire on one side and proposed map on the other—we would have to facilitate the delivery and collection of surveys. Public Works preferred we collect the survey because we would have to see that all would get accounted for.

A plan was outlined: 1) a team from the Task Group will help stuff Banners before delivery. During the first week of January, residents are to mail or take the surveys to the Rec. Center. An accompanying notice will be in the January Banner with instructions and sources for additional information. A "Prep" article will run in the December issue also outlining the procedures.

2) The Follow Up: Teams will be needed to canvass streets where surveys are missing because a

67% home owner response will be needed to determine a unified Yes, or No. Volunteers will be needed to help in the two phases.

Discussion on additions or corrections to the survey followed. Debbie Korell said the reference "to the Board" had to be clarified as the County Commissioner Board. Small revisions to each questionnaire helped clarify how the home owner was to respond. Absentee owners will have to be contacted in person or by mail.

Roundabouts were briefly discussed as safe traffic flow methods at some of our busiest intersections but Ogden said the cost is much higher than speed tables. This will be taken up at later date.

Jim Couey related how out of control vehicles rearranged his large landscape rocks. Twice!

David and Maryann, who live on Florida Blvd., witness how frequently a stop sign near their home is ignored, as do the Coueys and Don Gassie. Suzanna says residents near the Fla. Blvd. and 26<sup>th</sup> St. intersection witness continual disregard of the stop signs. All agreed, they're critical safety issues. Ogden agreed with the group this is something that will still have to be addressed.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm. Next Meeting will be Monday, December 12, at 6:30 pm.

Submitted by,  
Suzanna Young, President  
Restore Bayshore

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## County Survey for Speed Calming in Bayshore Gardens will be in the January Banner

If you need to review the process started a year ago, please go on-line and access past Banners at bayshorebanner.com . It's all there. Also, October Banner ran (a draft of) the survey letter. November Banner featured a map showing (proposed) speed table locations.

Because of State and County highway regulations, Bayshore Gardens Parkway, Florida Blvd. and 26th Street West, will not be included. There will be more research later!

Traffic has increased because our community has become a "cut-through" and drivers appear to be impatient if excessive speed is any indication. Adding to that is the growth at Manatee Jr College-come-SCF, and IMG. Residents report Stop signs are routinely ignored. This can be dangerous and raises question of safety.

You cannot "run" a speed table. They are unobtrusive, and they are only uncomfortable when you exceed the speed!

Dangerous as it is, our residents are outdoors: walking, pushing strollers, exercising on foot or bikes; children walk to school, they bike and walk to their recreation center, or just like to ride their bikes. It is even dangerous for residents getting their mail or trimming their front yards or backing out of driveways!

We are a community, not a highway right-of-way.

Suzanna Young, President  
Restore Bayshore, a Community Improvement Organization

And don't forget Taylor and Taylor are coming to Bayshore Garden on April 8 for our anniversary party, more to come on that event.

Commodore Bill Mueller

## BGYC: Scuttlebutt from the Bridge December 2016

The speaker at our October meeting was Mike Elgwick, he talked about the park and recreation facilities in Manatee County with regards to boating and recreational water sports. He updated us on the improvements they're making to the parks including Fort Hammer where they're building the new bridge.

On October 29 we had the kids fishing tournament, see the Bayshore Banner for details.

The Halloween bonfire on October 31 at the marina was a lot of fun, the weather was perfect and we had a record number of people, some of the local kids came down and had candy and something to eat.

November 12 we had our regatta / dinner, the race started at 3 o'clock and the raft up follow at 5 o'clock just outside the Bayshore channel. The wind picked up just as the race started and we had 8 to 10 knot for the whole race. Six boats loaded with crew show up at the end of our channel for the raft up and dinner. The yacht club supplied some hot food and everybody brought stuff to share.

The next day Robin had the memorial service for John Candrea, she had 12 boats show up and it was a very nice ceremony. At 5 o'clock everyone gathered in the Rec Center for the memorial and to remembered our good friend John, we will miss him dearly.

December starts off with the toys for tots at the Ringling museum on December 1. The group plans to meet at 5:00 at Ringling gate, with dinner following at the Bearded Clam.

Our last regatta of the season is on December 4, skippers meeting will be at 11 o'clock in the screen room behind the Rec Center, anyone interested in crewing, come on down. The race will start at 1 o'clock and the race party will be at Bill and Terry's , 6720 26 th street W at 4 o'clock . All Yacht Club members are welcome.

The parade of lights is on December 10 and we will raft up somewhere around the squadron.

On December 17 our Christmas gathering will be at the Rec. Center and Rob McNeil has agreed to be our master of ceremonies and supply music.

January 7 we will have our change of watch at Bayshore Gardens Recreation Center.

### Race Results

Date: 11.12.16	Start Time: 14:30		Course Length: 5.2	BGYC-17 x 2
Skipper	Rating	Finish Time	Corrected Time	Order
Kim Nichols	240	15:59:05	1:08:16	1
Larry Melat	273	16:03:10	1:09:29	2
Gene Exley	276	16:08:54	1:14:58	3
Tim & Debbie Haskett	244	16:23:30	1:32:20	4
Adam Hange	259	16:25:08	1:32:40	5
Rick Jackerson	255	16:26:27	1:34:20	6
Tung Nygen	-6	15:49:14	1:19:44	3.5
Marie Horn	329	16:10:52	Retired	

# Bayshore Gardens Neighborhood Association Minutes

**Date:** November 10, 2016

**Time:** 7 pm

**Place:** Bayshore Gardens Recreation Center

**Attendance:** Dan Rawlinson, Rose Marie Woodruff, Susan Donaldson, Suzanna Young, Frank Young, Marie Young, Judith Drake, Delton Haynes, Mary Ann Higginbotham, David Higginbotham, Velerie Guillooy, Dan Strother, Remonia Lewis, Mike Taylor, Vicki Waters, Kathy Lokos, Jon Bruce, Eric Morgan, David White, Sherrie Zila, Bev Hew, Don Gassie, Steve Watkins, Larry Rawlinson, Carol and Harvey Vengroff, David Gustafson, Gayle Bradford, Ed Pinto, Patti Preves, David Preves.

**Membership:** We have 62 members of BGNA with the addition of 3 families at the Town Hall. If members have mailed their membership to the

Recreation Center office, cards will arrive to you in the mail soon. **Thank you to all those who have joined our membership this year.**

In place of a business meeting, President Dan Rawlinson hosted a **Town Hall** meeting with our **County Commissioner Robin DiSabatino** and several members of the County staff. This was set up by Suzanne Young and her Restore Bayshore group. The meeting was excellent, and very informative to all those in attendance.

Unfortunately, the BGNA did not have time to have a business meeting due to preparing for the Town Hall setups. Our thanks go out to Rose Woodruff who prepared coffee, water, and home-made cookies for the event.

BGNA would like to also thank Rose Woodruff and

Joyce Fisher for once again hosting the Friday Morning Dances, which will begin on November 11, 2016. BGNA sponsors these dances, and any net profits go back to BGNA at the end of the season.

BGNA does plan to have a Membership Drive Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, December 3, 2016. This breakfast is FREE for members of BGNA, and \$3 per person for other patrons. Please come and join BGNA, and meet some members of our community.

BGNA will also be once again hosting the BGNA Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 11, 2016 from 2 to 4 pm. There will be balloon decorating, crafts, snacks, face painting and Santa will make a visit. Please plan to join us. This event will be FREE to BGNA members, and \$3 per person for non-members. Remember, it is just \$10 per year to join the Bayshore Gardens Neighborhood Association.

**Next Meeting** will be on **December 8, 2016** at **7 pm.**

## Announcements:

Friday Morning Dances are held at the Recreation Center with live music from 10 am to 12 pm.

December 3, 9 am to 11 am Pancake Breakfast.

December 8, 7 pm BGNA meeting

December 11, 1 pm to 3 pm Children's Christmas Party.

**Adjourn:** 8:30 pm  
*Respectfully submitted,*  
Susan Donaldson  
BGNA/HOA Secretary/Treasurer

## 2016 Bayshore Gardens Homeowners Association DBA (Doing Business As) Bayshore Gardens Neighborhood Association Dues - \$10.00 Annually Per Household

To: Bayshore Gardens @ 6919 26th Street W., Bradenton, 34207

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phones \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names/Ages \_\_\_\_\_

Will you volunteer for any BGNA functions? Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_

Suggestions for BGNA projects / activities:

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**DO YOU WANT A BETTER BOAT RAMP?  
VOTE DECEMBER 6 2016  
7:00 AM TO 7:00 PM IN THE HALL**

## The Marina Project: Part 6 – It's Time to Vote

**Why does it matter?** The Enabling Act which was created by the Florida State Legislature states that all capital improvement projects over \$25,000 must be approved by the voters in the District.

**Why does the District want to complete this project?** There are many reasons. The American Disability Act (ADA) states that all areas of the District be accessible to everyone, including those with disabilities. Our boat launch and marina are not compliant, and need to be brought up to current standards. Our boat launch and marina were built around 1960. The boat launch has serious problems and needs to be replaced. The finger piers in the marina are quite old and need to be replaced and the safety of the marina needs to be improved.

The District has no plans to ask for a special assessment to pay for this project. The District has no plans to increase the slip fees in the marina. The District has been saving money for this project for many years.

**If the referendum passes, what happens next?** The first project to be worked on will be to rebuild the boat launch.

**What happens if the referendum does not pass?** The boat launch and marina will stay as it is. There will be no repairs on the boat launch. The problems will only continue to get worse.

**Will the District be taking out a million dollar loan to pay for this project?** Absolutely Not! A loan of about 500,000 would be necessary if the District decides to replace the center pier along with the finger piers. The decision of when to replace the center pier has not yet been made.

**What will this project look like?** There are posters available in the office for you to see details on the project.

**How will this affect my property taxes?** There will be no impact at all on your annual assessments or property tax.

**How can I find out more about the project?** There have been 5 articles published in the Bayshore Banner detailing the project. You can read previous months' articles online at [www.bayshorebanner.com](http://www.bayshorebanner.com) under Archives.

We have worked very hard to prepare for a quality project that will improve the District. The problems, including the slope of the boat launch, the broken off piece of the boat launch, the collapsing sea wall and access to the launching pier will all be accomplished.

We will have a safe marina, with slips for many size boats, including (when the center pier is completed) 2 catamaran slips. We will have met all the ADA requirements for the Boat Launch and Marina.

**We ask you to come out and vote. We hope to receive your approval to proceed.**

## Will Our Marina Ever Get Finished?

The Bayshore Gardens Board of Trustees Marina Committee has been working diligently to get the last phase of the marina renovations done with quality engineering and construction.

What no one seems to understand is that our Board is under a state mandate given in the Enabling Act of 1979 to keep this Park and Recreation District in "... good and working order". Neglect is not an option.

At a Sept. 2010 Board meeting, I tried to get the marina slip fee changed to \$2 a foot and presented several rough estimates (from reputable marine companies) on rebuilding the finger piers, drilling in new mooring poles, plus dredging. Unless we could co-op dredging with, say, Trailer Estates, the bill could've reached a little over \$500,000. While the boat ramp needed work, the condition of the center pier was not addressed.

No one wanted to go forward. Fast forward to today. The condition of the docks and boat ramp are worsening. Here we are again. However, now, the boat ramp and center pier have been assessed and all things considered, all the new estimates may not be that far out of line!

If you have doubts we have a class marina, compare it to others on our bay and river waters in terms of location, capacity, security and quality! Our marina does not face open water nor exposed to constant boat traffic but is protected by a jetty. Marinas are few and far between today and especially one in a middle class community!! It is a gem we can ill afford to lose.

Attach your home to a star ....with nothing coming out of your pocket.

Please think about this when you go to vote on the Marina Referendum, Dec. 6, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

*Your neighbor, Suzanna Young*

*A homeowner and slip holder who wishes to remain anonymous submitted the following piece:*

## VOTE YES TO APPROVE CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

FOR  
Marina Referendum to replace dangerous old docks, ramp & to dredge the marina on  
TUESDAY DECEMBER 6th  
at the REC CENTER

- \*NO COST TO HOME OWNERS
- \*NO INCREASED COST TO BOATERS
- \*NO ASSESSMENT
- \*NO INCREASED REAL ESTATE TAX
- \*INCREASES HOME VALUE  
(homes more desirable & more marketable)
- \*ADDS HANCICAP ACCESS TO DOCKS & RAMPS
- \*REDUCES COMMUNITY LIABILITY FROM INJURIES DUE TO DETERIATED DOCKS

all of this paid for by  
future revenue from marina dock fees

## 2016 BAYSHORE GARDENS KIDS FISHING TOURNAMENT

This year's tournament was a great success. We had a new record for the longest fish and the weather was much cooler, remember last year.

The whole thing would not be possible without the generous support from your local business community. Our two main supports, Fishermen's Headquarters and Discount Tackle. Jim and Scott at Discount Tackle with great tackle and complete line of fishing kayaks, John Guy at Fishermen's Headquarters has a wonderful line of tackle and a full line of sailboat hardware.

Sunshine bank, Cafe Amalfi and the Bayshore Gardens Rec. Center were all very generous with cash donations. Breezy's car wash, Anna Maria Oyster Bar, The Banana Factory, Papa Ron's Place, Perkins, A Cut Above and Oneco Meats donated gift certificates which we raffled off so the adults could win something nice too, which brought in

over one hundred dollars which will get us started next year. Karen Bell of A T Bells Fish House supplied us with a very high quality supply of fishing bait which seem to do the trick for our fishermen and Exxon Market gave us a discount on bait.

### SCORES FOR THE KID'S FISHING TOURNAMENT

6 and 7 year olds: 1st Aaron Hadden, tied 2nd Dylan Sky, and Gloria Ferrer , 3rd Austin Kemp

8-11 years old 1st Dayton Hadden, 2nd Gavin Hadden, tied for 3rd Cooper Korniluk, Anthony Sky and Michael Wilson.

12 to 15 year olds: 1st with the largest fish caught and the most fish caught, Adam Bartuff, 2nd Max Walter, 3rd Shan



Wilson, 4th Sam Zapata, and tied for 5th Chelsea Terry, Kim Terry, and Taylor Currier

Our boat captains deserve a standing ovation for their wonderful performance giving our fishermen a safe and rewarding day on Sarasota Bay. This is a day the kids will long remember, thank you for your generosity, Lyle Place, Morris Raymer, Mike LePage, Mark Bertenthal, Robert Hindle and myself. Hope everyone had as much fun as I did.

The grill was handled by Dan Rawlinson and his helper Sarah, great job, keeping us going with food for several very long hours, everyone loved the burgers and dogs. The side dishes brought in by the families were also the best ever, thanks to all for sharing with us.

Behind the scenes making the whole thing work was John Woodruff and Melanie getting bait, setting up the porch and helping with food, Rose Woodruff, Connie Huston, Bob Gargiulo, Winnie Denny-Smith, and many others helping to bring it all together. Vic Kasparian, our resident

photographer, did it again.

Rob, great job as our Master of Ceremony. You really seem to be having such a good time working with the kids, You keep the party moving and the music was wonderful.

Terry and I enjoyed working with the crew and all the great kids that make up this tournament, It's one of the highlights of our year and we want to thank you for letting us be a part of it.

*Bill Mueller & Terry Zimmerly*



# Local Events

## Gamble Plantation Historic State Park

### "Plantation Christmas"

The United Daughters of the Confederacy, Florida Division, and the Florida Park Service proudly announce that the Plantation Christmas Open House will be held this year on Sunday, December 11, 2016 from 10 am to 3 pm at Gamble Plantation Historic State Park in Ellenton, Florida.

Once again you can travel back to the Old South during the day through the many lifestyle demonstrations of that time period. Gamble Mansion will be lavishly decorated in the Christmas spirit, allowing you a special look at a 19th century Christmas. The Ladies of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will be wearing costumes reminiscent of the era of the 1840s through 1870's to add that special touch of authenticity to the day.

The 4th Florida Volunteer Infantry will be dressed in military uniforms re-enacting a Confederate encampment. There will be music, crafts and fun for everyone. Admission is free.

We extend a most cordial invitation for everyone to join us for the Christmas Open House. Gamble Plantation Historic State Park is located on U.S. 301 in Ellenton, one mile west of I-75 off exit #224. Florida State Parks are in various stages of accessibility. We are working to improve access to services and facilities. Should you need assistance to enable your full participation, please contact Gamble Plantation.

For further info please call (941) 723-4536.

## Bradenton Christian Women's Connection invites you to their Christmas Extravaganza Luncheon

Men are Invited!

Thursday, December 15th.  
11 am to 1 pm - \$20 inclusive  
Renaissance on 9th: 1816 9th Street W.

Christmas Celebration & Fare  
Music by the lovely Liliana Smith  
Our Annual Christmas Cake Auction  
Deedy Tripp Presents: "From too Tired to Care to Walking on Air"!

Reservations by December 8 - Cancel by December 14 or please honor with payment.  
Contact Linda Cilles 750-8786 or Jenny 941-744-0337

## Manatee County Agriculture and Extension Service Offers Workshops and Classes 941-722-4524

### Invasive Plants

Sat., Dec. 3 10-11:30am, Free

Beware! Many common yard plants are actually alien invaders. Non-native, invasive species have thrived throughout Florida, threatening native vegetation and the wildlife on which it depends. In this workshop, participants will learn how to identify key invasive species, the threats they pose to native vegetation and wildlife, and how they can be prevented throughout the landscape. Register online or call the Extension Master Gardeners.

### Get the Buzz on Beekeeping

Sat., Dec. 10 10 am-Noon, Free

Interested in keeping bees? This is a two-hour workshop on the history of beekeeping, what you need to get started, where you can keep bees, and what the rewards are of beekeeping besides the delicious honey! Pat and Rich Yacso, local beekeepers for five years, participants of the University of Florida Master Beekeeping Program, and members of the Suncoast Beekeeping Association will present this program. Register online or call the Ext Master Gardeners.

### Stormwater Ponds

Fri., Dec. 16 10-11:30 am, Free

Learn why stormwater ponds are an important component of Florida's unique ecosystems and their relationship to Florida-Friendly Landscaping™. Register online or call the Extension Master Gardeners.

Find more classes offered by the Manatee County Extension office on their website at <http://manatee.ifas.ufl.edu/>

## South Manatee Library Calendar of Events for the Month of November 2016: 941-755-3892

### Thursday December 1

Coloring Therapy 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Blues in the Library: RJ Howson 4 pm - 5:30 pm

### Friday, December 2

Forty Carrots 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Enjoy special play time with your child with friendly and experienced Parenting Educators and Early Literacy Specialist. For mobile babies to age 5. Space limited to first 12 families. Please check monthly events brochure for locations, dates and times.

### Thursday, December 8

Jou Jou & Friends: A Canine Christmas Performance 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

### Friday, December 9

Forty Carrots 12pm-1pm

### Saturday, December 3

Crochet Club 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

### Tuesday, December 6

Blood Pressure Checks 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Hour of Code: Star Wars 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

### Saturday, December 10

Master Gardener 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

### Friday, December 16

Book Club 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Forty Carrots 12pm-1pm

Living With Alzheimer's 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

### Friday, December 30

Forty Carrots 12 pm-1 pm

## SCF Schedule - Music, Theatre, Art Gallery

Box Office Info: 941-752-5252

Email: [boxoffice@scf.edu](mailto:boxoffice@scf.edu)

### Hear Them Ring!

SCF music students will present a holiday chamber music concert at 7:30 pm Thursday, December 8, at SCF's Neel Performing Arts Center, 5840 26th St. W.

Several of SCF's Music Ensembles, including the Guitar Ensemble, Presidential String Quartet, Presidential Jazz Quartet and Brass Quartet, will present a variety of holiday and seasonal music.

General admission is \$8; students and

SCF employees \$4. For information or tickets, contact SCF's Neel box office, 941-752-5252 or [boxoffice@SCF.edu](mailto:boxoffice@SCF.edu). Tickets also can be purchased online at [SCFtickets.com](http://SCFtickets.com).

During the construction, parking for Neel Performing Arts Center will be west of Building 11, in Parking Lot I. Entrance to the auditorium remains on the east side of the building, with a drop-off area directly to the south of the front doors. Signs along 60th Avenue West and the drive lanes on campus guide patrons to the drop-off area and parking.



Pictures with Santa Claus

Paw Prints by Patti

## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

SATURDAY DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> 1:00-3:00PM

1511 Florida Blvd

Bradenton, FL 34207 941-756-5544

[bayshoreanimalhospital.biz](http://bayshoreanimalhospital.biz)



# Cultivating the Growth of Children

By Jim Haupt, Master Gardener 2015

*"Everything is made out of magic, leaves and trees, flowers and birds, badgers and foxes, and squirrels and people. So it must be all around us. In this garden - in all the places."* (Francis Hodgson Burnett, The Secret Garden)

The latest research shows what many of us have known all along: getting our kids outdoors is good for them, improving concentration, self-discipline, and increasing self-esteem.

Research from the University of Illinois has shown that "children who spend time in 'green settings' have decreased Attention Deficit Disorder as well as Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder symptoms." In addition, those findings reveal "ADD symptoms decrease when children are in nature and when they interact in a green setting. The greener the setting, the greater the relief."

Gwenn Fried, Manager of Rusk Horticultural Therapy Services at NYU Langone Medical Center, in New York, asserts:

Gardens engage the senses without overstimulation by exploring colors, textures, smells, and sounds in a calm natural setting.

Garden activities sharpen gross and fine motor skills.

These experiences allow repetitive activities while offering constant change to challenge.

Gardening helps kids to establish routine and systematic skills by gathering tools, checking on plants (scouting), pulling weeds, and watering.

Noticing subtle changes like ripening tomatoes, new insects, the opening of flower buds, and the changing color in leaves will help in teaching reading and writing skills such as comparison and contrast, and cause and effect relationships. Gardening also can become a shared activity by providing many opportunities for positive social interaction and teamwork.

Creating a "sensory garden" by providing specific plants that stimulate and appeal to sight, sound, smell, taste and touch can become magical and rewarding for children.

Chirping crickets, wiggling worms, fuzzy leaves, colorful scented roses, the taste of mint, and the sound of a rippling fountain attract kids to gardening and make it their personal place.

Other thematic gardens such as salsa gardens, pizza gardens, dinosaur gardens, and herb gardens, that include specific plants aligned to a particular theme can both capture their interest and cultivate their growth.

The Children's Garden at the Manatee County Extension Office, Palmetto, offers children the opportunity to explore a sensory garden, wetlands, a goldfish pond, a large garden sundial, and a garden maze, all in a "green setting." Call us today to schedule an activity with your youth program.

*"...and the secret garden bloomed and bloomed and every morning revealed new miracles."* (The Secret Garden by Francis Hodgson Burnett)



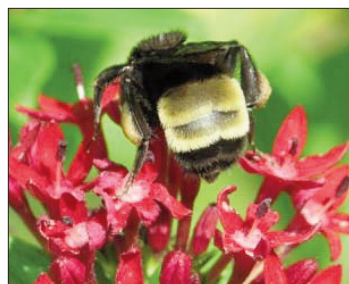
## Natural Pesticides – Choosing Your Product

By Norma Kisida, Master Gardener 2012

As homeowners become more concerned about the health and environmental effects of synthetic pesticides, they are turning to natural products.

While both synthetic and natural pesticides are very powerful tools, they can have unintended consequences and should be used very selectively and only when necessary. An integrated pest management (IPM) program advocates using the least toxic method to control pests.

After regularly scouting your plants for pests, the first step is to identify the insect. Many insects are beneficial, preying on the "bad insects." If there is a good balance of beneficials in the garden, these predators may move in and take care of any pest problem.



The next decision is whether treatment is indicated; how much damage is the pest insect doing? The damage may be minimal or simply cosmetic.

If you have determined elimination of bad insects is necessary, non-pesticide options include hand picking or pruning off pests, or spraying with a sharp stream of water. Some natural plant derived pesticides that had been used for many years but were displaced starting in the 1950s by synthetics are now resurging in popularity.

There are traits of these natural pesticides that make them a good choice. Most natural products

have a fast breakdown, as they degrade rapidly in the environment. They have fast action, as they paralyze or stop the feeding of the targeted pest. Most have low toxicity to mammals if used correctly at the prescribed rate and directions on the label. Most, if used correctly, have low phytotoxicity or leaf burn.

A disadvantage is the cost and availability, as some may be more expensive or difficult to find. Some may not be registered by the EPA for sale in every state. Some products have a substance added as a synergist to make the product more effective. Also, certain of these pesticides, whether "natural" or not, are not selective in their elimination of insects, meaning they will wipe out any insect, good or bad.

Six classifications of common natural pesticides are:

1. Oils (plant and petroleum derived) such as citrus oils, neem, and horticultural oils are most effective against immobile or slow moving insects. The pests need to be covered with the product that does not have residual activity so often need to be reapplied. This method is non-selective.

2. Plant extracts include concentrated plant compounds such as pyrethrums/pyrethrins that are derived from the flower of chrysanthemums. These compounds cause insect paralysis on contact effective. Other products in this class include hot peppers that contain capsaicin that is combined with paraffin and used as a repellent. Other products in this class such as Rotenone, Ryania,

and Sabadilla pose significant health risks and are not currently registered or recommended.

3. Insecticidal soaps are made from the salts of fatty acids from animals and plants. These act only on contact and are useful on soft-bodied insects. Check the product label for the insects they are effective against. This method is non-selective.

4. Mineral insecticides include such products as diatomaceous earth, sulfur, and snail and slug baits.

5. Microbial insecticides are living microorganisms (or their toxins) and include viruses, bacteria, fungi, protozoa, or nematodes. Examples include *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) and Spinosad (highly toxic to bees when wet). These products target a specific category such as caterpillars so there is a low risk to humans and unintended organisms. They are available in a variety of application methods.

6. Natural products for disease management are not as numerous as those for pests but include



products such as copper, sodium bicarbonate, and potassium bicarbonate.

Read and follow all label directions carefully as natural does not mean "safe" if used incorrectly.

Information for this article was taken from the University of Florida publication "Natural Products for Managing Landscape and Garden Pests in Florida" <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/in197>.

# BGNA Hosts 2nd Round For School Board Candidates

Wednesday night, October 19, The Bayshore Gardens Neighborhood Association sponsored a final round between School Board contenders: Gina Messenger vs Ed Viltz in District 1; Misty Servia vs Dave Miner in District 3. Of the contenders for the County Commissioner at Large seat, Jack Richardson was challenging incumbent, Betsy Benac who got here from a previous presentation in time to participate as well. As before, questions were collected prior to the event and time allowed a few to be taken from the floor.

Moderators were Holly Clouse and Debbie Korell with Maynard Boyce timing the candidate's answers. Rose Woodruff and Susan Donaldson greeted our guests. Rose Woodruff, again, served great coffee and killer cookies.

Again, this 'team' did a great job which was recognized again, at this forum. The rest is history!

(Not mentioned previously, our photographer at the July forum was Brian Tipton a new resident in Bayshore Gardens.)



Photo by John Rehill.

## This Month in History - December

**December 1, 1955** - The birth of the modern American civil rights movement occurred as Rosa Parks was arrested in Montgomery, Alabama, for refusing to give up her seat to a white man and move to the back section of a municipal bus.

**December 2, 1982** - The first permanent artificial heart was implanted in 61-year-old Barney C. Clark, who survived 112 days afterwards.

**December 3, 1967** - The first successful heart transplant was performed on Louis Washkansky, who lived for 18 days.

**December 4, 1791** - The Observer, now the oldest Sunday newspaper in the world, was first published in Britain.

**December 5, 1492** - Haiti was discovered by Christopher Columbus.

**December 6, 1865** - The 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, abolishing slavery.

**December 7, 1941** - The U.S. Naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, was attacked by nearly 200 Japanese aircraft in a raid that lasted just over one hour and left nearly 3,000 Americans dead.

**December 8, 1980** - Former Beatle musician John Lennon was assassinated in New York City.

**December 9, 1992** - Buckingham Palace announced the separation of Prince Charles and Princess of Wales, Dianna.

**December 10, 1989** - The first non-Communist government since 1948 assumed power in Czechoslovakia.

**December 11, 1936** - King Edward VIII abdicated the throne of England to marry "the woman I love," a twice-divorced American named Wallis Warfield Simpson. They were married in France on June 3, 1937, and then lived in Paris.

**December 12, 1870** - Joseph Hayne Rainey of Georgetown, South Carolina, became the first African American to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives. He filled a seat which had been declared vacant by the House and served until 1879.

**December 13, 1642** - New Zealand was discovered by Dutch navigator Abel Tasman of the Dutch East India Company.

**December 14, 1799** - George Washington died at Mount Vernon.

**December 15, 1791** - The Bill of Rights (first 10

amendments to the U.S. Constitution) became effective following ratification by Virginia.

**December 16, 1773** - The Boston Tea Party occurred as colonial activists disguised as Mohawk Indians boarded British ships anchored in Boston Harbor and dumped 342 containers of expensive tea into the water.

**December 17, 1903** - After three years of experimentation, Orville and Wilbur Wright achieved the first powered, controlled airplane flights. They made four flights near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, the longest lasting about a minute.

**December 18, 1865** - The 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified abolishing slavery, stating, "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, save as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction."

**December 19, 1998** - The House of Representatives impeached President Bill Clinton, approving two out of four Articles of Impeachment, charging Clinton with lying under oath to a federal grand jury and obstructing justice.

**December 20, 1699** - Czar Peter the Great changed the Russian New Year from September 1 to January 1 as part of his reorganization of the Russian calendar.

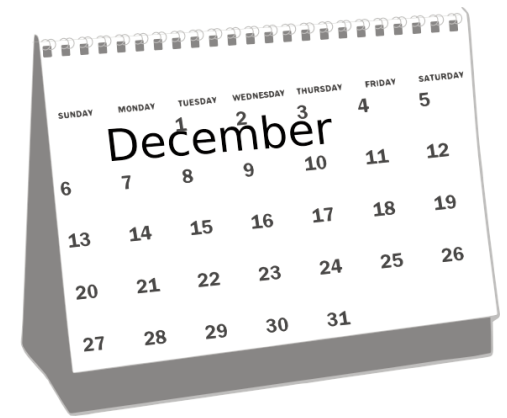
**December 21, 1846** - Anesthesia was used for the first time in Britain during an operation at University College Hospital in London performed by Robert Liston who amputated the leg of a servant.

**December 22, 1783** - Following a triumphant journey from New York to Annapolis, Maryland, George Washington, victorious Commander-in-Chief of the American Revolutionary Army, appeared before Congress and voluntarily resigned his commission.

**December 23, 1888** - Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh cut off his left ear during a fit of depression.

**December 24, 1814** - The Treaty of Ghent between America and Britain was signed, officially ending the War of 1812.

**December 24, 1990** - On Christmas Eve, the bells of St. Basil's Cathedral in Moscow rang for the



first time since the death of Lenin.

**December 25, 1868** - President Andrew Johnson granted general amnesty to all those involved in the Civil War.

**December 26, 2004** - An estimated 230,000 persons were killed and 1.5 million left homeless when a magnitude 9.3 earthquake on the seafloor of the Indian Ocean set off a series of giant tsunami waves that smashed into the shorelines of a dozen countries including Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, India and Somalia.

**December 27, 1831** - Charles Darwin set out from Plymouth, England, aboard the ship HMS Beagle on his five-year global scientific expedition. Darwin collected fossils and studied plants and animals, gradually beginning to doubt that many diverse species of living things had sprung into existence at one moment (creationism). In 1859, he published *On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection*.

**December 28, 1832** - John C. Calhoun became the first American ever to resign the office of vice president. He served under Presidents John Quincy Adams and Andrew Jackson and resigned after a series of political disagreements with President Jackson. He went on to become a U.S. Senator from South Carolina.

**December 29, 1170** - Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, was murdered by four knights acting on orders from England's King Henry II.

**December 30, 1803** - The Stars and Stripes flag was raised over New Orleans as the United States took formal possession of the territory of Louisiana, an area of 885,000 square miles, nearly doubling the size of the U.S.

**December 31, 1879** - Thomas Edison provided the first public demonstration of his electric incandescent lamp at his laboratory in Menlo Park, New Jersey.

# December 2016

## Reflections

### Astrology:

Sagittarius/Capricorn

### Birthstone:

Opal

### Flower:

Narcissus

## Special Day Observances in December

Eat a Red Apple Day	1st
Bathtub Party Day	5th
National Brownie Day	8th
Bill of Rights Day	15th
National Maple Syrup Day	17th
Look for an Evergreen Day	19th
Festivus	23rd
Card Playing Day	28th
Pepper Pot Day	29th

## TIDE CHART

		TIDE TABLES - 2016 EASTERN STANDARD TIME			
		HIGH A.M.	HIGH P.M.	LOW A.M.	LOW P.M.
First Qtr.	1 Thu	-----	2:41	8:18	6:53
	2 Fri	12:21	3:18	8:55	7:33
	3 Sat	1:00	4:00	9:37	8:24
	4 Sun	1:46	4:47	10:22	9:32
	5 Mon	2:40	5:35	11:11	10:58
7th	6 Tue	3:47	6:21	-----	12:03
	7 Wed	5:14	7:03	12:32	12:57
	8 Thu	6:55	7:42	1:58	1:50
	9 Fri	8:33	8:20	3:10	2:40
	10 Sat	9:57	8:58	4:10	3:26
Full Moon	11 Sun	11:10	9:37	5:04	4:09
	12 Mon	12:13p	10:16	5:55*	4:48
	13 Tue	1:11p	10:58	6:44*	5:26
	14 Wed	2:03p	11:41	7:32*	6:05
	15 Thu	-----	2:52	8:18*	6:48
Last Qtr.	16 Fri	12:26	3:37	9:04*	7:40
	17 Sat	1:13	4:19	9:49	8:44
	18 Sun	2:05	5:01	10:33	10:03
	19 Mon	3:04	5:42	11:18	11:36
	20 Tue	4:18	6:23	-----	12:03
21st	21 Wed	5:57	7:03	1:11	12:50
	22 Thu	7:45	7:41	2:32	1:38
	23 Fri	9:18	8:17	3:35	2:25
	24 Sat	10:32	8:51	4:26	3:10
	25 Sun	11:31	9:23	5:10	3:51
New Moon	26 Mon	12:20p	9:55	5:49	4:28
	27 Tue	1:00p	10:26	6:26	5:01
	28 Wed	1:32p	11:00	7:00*	5:33
	29 Thu	1:59p	11:35	7:32*	6:07
	30 Fri	-----	2:23	8:05*	6:47
31 Sat	12:13	2:49	8:39*	7:33	

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## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

1 High point  
5 Dance syllable  
8 Flabbergast  
12 Fly high  
13 Fond du —  
14 Sea eagle  
15 Multi-Grammy-winning gospel singer  
17 Helps  
18 Faux —  
19 Inquire  
20 Snob  
21 With it  
22 "Unh-unh"  
23 Threw a party for  
26 Kingston's island  
30 Prayer ending  
31 Space  
32 Thy  
33 Commemorative coin, maybe  
35 Doctrine  
36 Thanksgiving veggie  
37 Two, in Tijuana  
38 Capital letter key  
41 Zodiac cat  
42 Ernesto Guevara  
45 Novice  
46 "Lord of the Rings" cast member  
48 Smell

**DOWN**

1 Now, on a memo  
2 Prolonged sleep  
3 Baseball's "Say Hey" Kid  
4 Work unit  
5 Necklace fastener  
6 Yarn bundle

49 Blackbird  
50 Franc replacement  
51 Hang in the balance  
52 Solidify  
53 Marries

7 Performance  
8 "Will & Grace" actor  
9 Small combo  
10 Loosen  
11 Egg container?  
16 Incursion  
20 Muppet eagle  
21 Founder of a major auto company  
22 Siesta  
23 Online help page  
24 Ostrich's cousin  
25 Afternoon social  
26 Cookie holder

27 Charged bit  
28 Pool stick  
29 Illustrations  
31 Jewel  
34 Tit for —  
35 Hit the horn  
37 Beelzebub  
38 Put an end to  
39 Stevenson villain  
40 Decrease?  
41 Queue  
42 Hint  
43 Group of cattle  
44 Cupid's alias  
46 Trail the pack  
47 Evergreen type

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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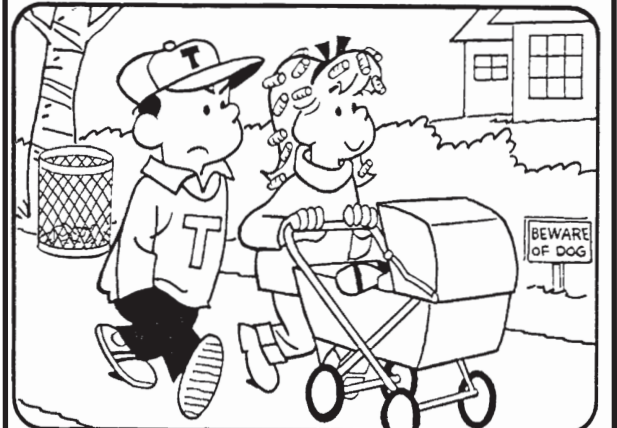
This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: Q equals F

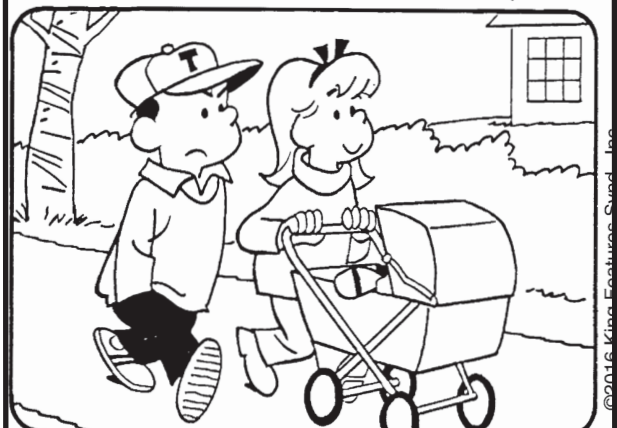
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## GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

	+		x		22
x		+		+	
	-		x		24
-		x		x	
	+		+		16
27		25		24	

DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult  
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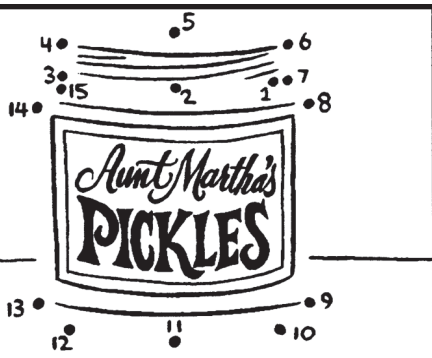
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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

	6		8				4	
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		3		7		6		
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		4	5		9	3		
7					2			1
	5			1				8
8					3	9		4
		6	2					3

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.



WHEN IS A DOOR NOT A DOOR? Connect the dots and find out.

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FIG. 1

FIG. 2

FIND THE SEVEN WORDS PUZZLE! In the word square at the right, we've removed six of the letters to spell out the word "PLANET." Can you replace these letters in the squares so that you will have four 3-letter words across and three 4-letter words down? Time limit: 60 seconds.

Answers: (Across): Pat, ale, see, ten. (Down): Past, alee, teen.

		A		
			E	
S			E	
T			E	

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## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

THE CAT'S "MEOW" PUZZLE!

1	C	A	T				
2	C	A	T				
3	C	A	T				
4	C	A	T				
5	C	A	T				
6	C	A	T				
7	C	A	T				
8	C	A	T				

You'll be sitting in the "catbird's seat" if you finish this one. To the left is a stack of eight words, each of which begins with the word "cat." Using the following hints, see if you can catch them in less than five minutes

1. An easily remembered tune.
2. A short rest.
3. A tomato favorite. (Var.)
4. A disapproving whistle.
5. Found at big parties.
6. Found in swamps.
7. Great for moving heavy objects.
8. A well-known slogan.

Answers: 1. Catchy. 2. Catnap. 3. Catchup. 4. Catcall. 5. Caterer. 6. Cattails. 7. Catapult. 8. Catchword.

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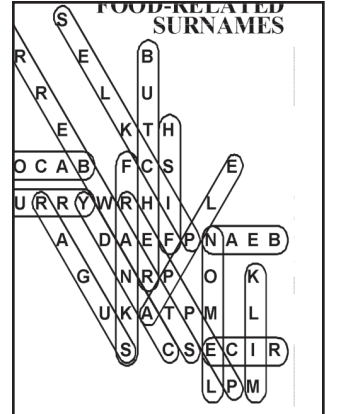
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Answer								
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Go Figure!					
answers					
7	+	4	×	2	22
×		+		+	
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-		×		×	
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## CryptoQuip

answer

Don't try to rob a fast-food restaurant. You might immediately set off the burger alarm.

## King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

A	C	M	E	C	H	A	S	T	U	N	
S	O	A	R	L	A	C	E	R	N	E	
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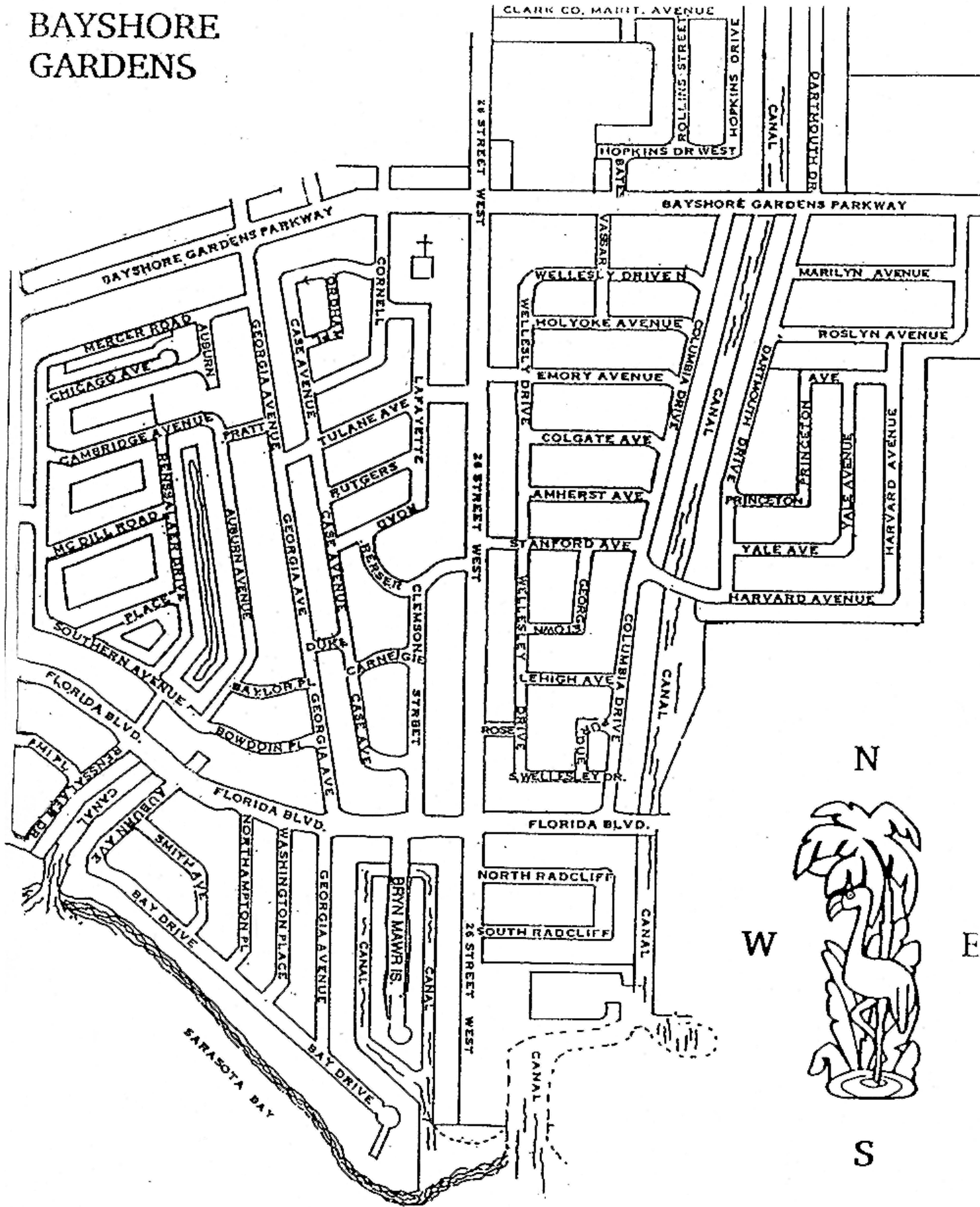
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				Jazzercise 5:30 pm	Ballroom Dancing 10-12	
4	5	6 VOTE for Marina Referendum 7 am - 7 pm	7	8 BGNA 7 pm	9	10 Woodchoppers 10 am
	Jazzercise 5:30 pm			Jazzercise 5:30 pm	Ballroom Dancing 10-12	Private Party
11 BGNA's Children's Christmas Party 2-4 pm	12 Garden Club 1 pm Off site Restore Bayshore 6:30 pm Jazzercise 5:30 pm	13 Crime Watch 7 pm Personnel & Salaries Web/Banner Marina 6 pm	14 Bunco 7 pm House & Grounds Budget & Finance 5:30 pm	15	16	17 BGYC Christmas
				Jazzercise 5:30 pm	Ballroom Dancing 10-12	
18	19	20 Board of Trustees 7 pm	21	22	23 Office Closes at noon	24
	Jazzercise 5:30 pm			Jazzercise 5:30 pm	Ballroom Dancing 10-12	
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# Easy Christmas Cookie Recipes

## Peppermint Sugar Cookie Bark

1 pouch sugar cookie mix  
1/3 cup butter, softened  
1 egg  
2 cups white vanilla baking chips  
1/3 cup coarsely crushed peppermint candy  
Heat oven to 375°. Line large cookie sheet with foil. In medium bowl, stir cookie mix, butter and egg until soft dough forms. Press dough into 12-inch square on cookie sheet. Bake 10 to 14 minutes or until light golden brown; cool. In microwavable bowl, microwave white vanilla baking chips uncovered on High 30 to 60 seconds, stirring every 30 seconds, until chips can be stirred smooth. Pour and spread over cooled cookie base. Immediately sprinkle with candy. Let stand until set, about 30 minutes. Gently break up cookie bark. Store tightly covered.

## Best-Ever Chewy Gingerbread Cookies

1 cup plus 2 tbsp unsalted butter, softened  
1 cup packed brown sugar ; 1 egg  
1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons molasses  
2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
2 1/4 tsp baking soda; 2 tsp ground cloves  
1/2 tsp kosher (coarse) salt  
1 tbsp ground ginger  
1/2 tsp ground allspice  
1 tbsp ground cinnamon  
1 1/2 tsp ground nutmeg  
2/3 cup granulated or coarse sugar  
In large bowl, beat butter and brown sugar with electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy, about 5 minutes. Beat in egg and molasses. Stir in remaining ingredients except granulated sugar. Cover; refrigerate at least 2 hours. Heat oven to 350. Line cookie sheets with cooking parchment paper or silicone baking mat. In small bowl, place granulated sugar. Shape dough into 1-inch balls; roll in sugar. On cookie sheets, place balls 2 inches apart. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or just until set and soft in center. Cool 2 minutes; remove from cookie sheets to cooling racks. Store tightly covered up to 1 week.

## Raspberry Poinsetta Blossoms

3/4 cup butter or margarine, softened  
1/2 cup sugar; 1 egg  
1 tsp vanilla  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 box raspberry-flavored gelatin  
2 tbsp yellow candy sprinkles  
In large bowl, beat butter, sugar, vanilla, gelatin and egg with electric mixer on medium speed, or mix with spoon. On low speed, beat in flour. Shape dough into 1 1/4-inch balls. Cover, refrigerate 1 hour. Heat oven to 375°. On ungreased cookie sheets, place balls about 2" apart. With sharp knife, make 6 cuts in top of each ball about 3/4 of the way through to make 6 wedges. Spread wedges apart slightly to form flower petals (cookies will separate and flatten as they bake). Sprinkle about 1/8 tsp yellow candy sprinkles into center of each cookie. Bake 9-11 minutes or until edges begin to brown. Cool 2-3 minutes. Place on cooling rack and cool completely, about 15 minutes.

## No-Bake Christmas Wreath Cookies

1/2 cup butter  
56 red cinnamon candies  
10 oz package miniature marshmallows  
20 drops green liquid food color  
3/4 cup white vanilla baking chips  
5 cups Whole Grain Total™ cereal  
In large microwavable bowl, microwave butter uncovered on high until melted. Add marshmallows; toss to coat. Microwave uncovered on high, stirring every 30 seconds, until marshmallows are completely melted and mixture is well blended. Stir in green food color to desired shade of green. Add white vanilla baking chips to mixture, and stir until melted. Stir in cereal until evenly coated. Drop 1/3 cup of mixture on waxed paper-lined cookie sheet. Use greased hands to form into wreath shape. Place 4 red cinnamon candies on wreath to decorate. Repeat with the rest of the mixture. Refrigerate 15 minutes.

## Chocolate-Cherry Snowballs

1 cup butter, softened ; 1/4 tsp salt  
1/2 cup powdered sugar  
2 cups AP flour; 1/2 tsp almond extract  
1 cup candied cherries, finely chopped  
1/2 cup dark chocolate chips  
Heat oven to 400. In large bowl, beat butter with electric mixer on med speed until fluffy. Gradually beat in 1/2 cup powdered sugar until light and fluffy. Stir in almond extract. In medium bowl, mix flour and salt. On low speed, beat flour mixture into butter mixture until well blended. Stir in cherries. Shape dough into 1-inch balls. On ungreased cookie sheet, place balls 2 inches apart. Bake 9-11 minutes or until edges just begin to brown. Cool slightly. Measure 1/2 cup powdered sugar into small bowl. Roll each cookie in powdered sugar. Place on cooling rack to cool completely. Place chocolate chips in small resealable freezer plastic bag. Microwave on high 45 to 60 seconds, turning bag over every 20 seconds. Squeeze bag until chips are melted and smooth. Cut small tip off one corner of bag, and drizzle over cooled cookies. Let stand at room temperature at least 30 minutes until chocolate hardens before storing.

## Christmas Candy Cane Cookies

1 pouch (1 lb 1.5 oz) sugar cookie mix  
1/3 cup butter or margarine, softened  
1 egg  
2 to 3 drops red or green gel food color  
Heat oven to 375°F. In large bowl, stir cookie mix, butter and egg until dough forms. Divide dough in half. Stir food color into 1 half; mix well. For each candy cane, shape 1 teaspoon dough from each half into 4-inch rope. Place 1 red and white rope side by side on ungreased cookie sheet; press together lightly and twist. Curve top of cookie down to form handle of cane. Bake 7 to 8 minutes or until set. Cool 1 minute; remove from cookie sheet to wire rack.



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