

Bern Creek Spring 2012

Not much news this month

If you have an article or something of interest you would like to share with your neighbors, send it to Afs2831@aol.com.

Space allowing, we will include it in the next newsletter.

Maybe you have a favorite recipe or a restaurant review.

Clean up Day 2012

Seeking volunteers for the **summer** *Sall* 2012 clean up day.

Contact _____

Day _____

Date _____

Time _____

ASSESSMENT COLLECTIONS

The Bern Creek Board has been actively pursuing the collection of 2012 annual maintenance fees.

We currently have 8 lots that are not paid for 2012, of those 3 owe for prior years.

We have 2 foreclosures at this time.

Many thanks to all the owners for their timely payments.

HOMEOWNERS E-MAILS

We are still trying to set up an e-mail file for the Bern Creek Newsletter and notices.

Anyone wishing to have the newsletter e-mailed please forward your e-mail address to allflorida@aol.com.

Please put Bern Creek Newsletter in the subject line or we will not open it.

? We currently have 72 out of 95.

We will only use your e-mail address for Bern Creek announcements and newsletters.

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941-356-4327

Your neighbor

Joanne Gillick

Summer is here.

It's time to do look at
your fence line
replace boards as
necessary.

Clean up the brush
and vegetation
growing into the
fences.

Trim back any large
tree branches,

Let's keep it easy for
the mowers.

My name is Noel Fayette.

I live at 1501 Bern Creek Loop.

I would like to get the word out on some
registered miniature horses for sale.

They are show minis with wonderful lineage.

My number is 378-4743.

BONA APPEITTE

I want to suggest a neighborhood restaurant for
everyone to enjoy and support.

I don't know if you are familiar with Amici's on Main
Street, which is fabulous, they have purchased
Filippo's in the shopping center at University &
Lockwood Ridge.

I have enjoyed the restaurant twice, and look forward
to going again. I don't know about you, but I judge an
Italian restaurant by their meatballs. WOW – they
were moist and sooooo favorable – just perfect.

One of my friends had a calzone and enjoyed it again
the next day – it was so big. I have to say my
husband had an antipasto and did not enjoy it that
much – way too many pickled vegetables, not enough
fresh vegetables or cheese.

The second visit there were four of us and enjoyed
two pizzas, and we all really enjoyed them, actually
we all agreed we would have it again.

So if going out for lunch or dinner please try the NEW
Filippo's.

Free Firewood

Split and un-split.

Call Mike

371-0725

587-6276

**Sarasota Mosquito
Management**

Contact Information
Phone:

941-861-5000

Bern Creek Zone is
either R7 or R8

Breakfast Casserole

Prepared the night before, breakfast is a snap on a busy morning.

Time needed; 20 minutes preparation + 35 minutes cooking

Ingredients

- * 1 roll sausage, your choice of brand
- * 6-8 eggs, beaten
- * salt and pepper to taste

- * 6 slices bread, cubed
- * 2 C. milk
- * 16 oz. cheese, shredded or Velveeta

Directions

Brown sausage in skillet, drain well, and spray a 9 x 13-inch baking dish.

Place sausage in baking dish and top with cubed bread. Mix eggs, milk, salt, and pepper.

Pour over bread and sausage mixture and top with cheese.

Bake in a preheated 375-degree oven until brown and set in the middle.

How to Attract Hummingbirds to Your Yard

First a few interesting facts about Hummingbirds.

1. Hummingbirds flap their wings from 50 to 72 times per second!
2. The Rubythroat Hummingbird can fly in any direction and can even fly backwards.
3. At rest the Rubythroat Hummingbird has heart rate of 600 beats per minute.
4. You and I take about 11 or 12 breaths per minute, while the hummingbird will take almost 250.

I guess those are just some the reasons we find them so interesting and why we like to attract them to our yards.

Many people believe that the hummingbird has a diet that is exclusively nectar, but that's not true. Hummingbirds consume thousands and thousands of insects as part of their diet. That why you often see them around meadows and other areas that have a high insect population.

Hummingbirds are attracted to plants and flowers that are vivid in color, especially orange, yellow and red. They prefer flowers that are odorless. Single blooms make it easier for them to feed than double blooms.

Use a combination of flowering shrubs, annuals and perennials so you always have something in bloom for the hummingbirds to feed on. The more flowers in your yard the better.

Plant Fushsia, Petunia, Sage, Hollyhock, Delphinium, Foxglove, Gladiolus, Daylily, Coral Bells, Hosta Bee balm, Phlox, Trumpet Vine, Honeysuckle, Weigela, Geranium, Mexican Sunflower, Portulac, Iris, Snap Dragon.

You can also place artificial nectar feeders in your yard, but keep them clean on a regular basis. The artificial nectar can go bad in as little as two days and actually be harmful to the hummingbirds. Change the nectar and clean the feeder at least 3 times a week.

County Ordinance Chapter 14

contains several new regulations concerning pets and other animals. These regulations contribute to the well-being of the pets and animals in our community and, therefore, to the well-being of us all. If you own or care for a pet or any other animal, you will want to be aware of these important regulations.

Your dog or cat may not run at large on any public property or the property of another unless it is under direct control of a responsible person. Direct Control MEANS: no person shall cause, permit, or allow a dog or cat to stray or in any manner, to run at large, in or upon, any public street, sidewalk, or other public property, or the property of another unless the dog or cat is leashed.

The Sarasota Sheriff's Office Animal Service Section is empowered to pick up and impound any animal in violation of these regulations.

Animal Control at 861-9500

Bern Creek has private roads and the owners own out to the middle of the road. When a person calls in a complaint, they need give their name, address, phone and be willing to meet with the officer to file a formal complaint because the officer is coming onto private property. If a few people get together and meet the officer, that's even better. The office will then issue a citation to the owners of the animal causing problems. The Sheriff's Dept. said they will also patrol, if a formal complaint, as stated above, is requested. They have been out there numerous times for barking dogs and they do respond if the caller gives them their name and meets with them to follow up.

Residential Garbage, Recycling and Yard Waste

What to do for your garbage, yard waste and recycling pickup?

- Garbage, yard waste and recycling are picked up on the same day.
- Containers and bundles must be set out at your curb for collection by 6 a.m. on your scheduled pickup day.
- Place trash within three feet of curb for pickup.
- Cans must not exceed 40 pounds; must be leak proof and waterproof; trash should not protrude more than one foot above the edge.
- Bags must be closed and unbroken.
- Cans, bags, and tied bundles must not exceed four feet in length and must weigh 40 pounds or less.
- Loose trash will not be picked up.
- Do not mix garbage, yard waste or recycling in the same container.
- For recycling information, click [here](#).
- Place yard waste separately at the curb in a garbage can (do not mix yard waste with garbage) or kraft bag that does not exceed 40 pounds and does not protrude more than one foot above the edge of the container.
 - The use of plastic bags for yard waste is discouraged, but allowed.
 - Consider **composting** your yard waste!
- Branches, limbs and bulky yard waste should be bundled and tied together with string.
 - Bundles must not exceed 40 pounds or four feet in length.
 - Bundles should be stacked as neatly as possible at the curb.
- Items weighing more than 40 pounds require a special pickup. Call 941-493-4100 for further information.

How- to Guide for Residential Solid Waste

<http://www.scgov.net/EnvironmentalServices/SolidWaste/documents/RSWguide.pdf>

WM Collection Schedule Map

<http://www.scgov.net/EnvironmentalServices/SolidWaste/documents/CollectionMap.pdf>

Collection Tips

- Containers weighing more than 40 pounds will not be picked up.
- All items must fit in the container with the lid closed.
- Auto parts are not accepted. Contact a **scrap metal dealer** or junkyard for disposal.
- Construction material such as drywall, lumber and tile is limited to four, 32-gallon containers.
- Do not place household **hazardous waste**, motor oil, recyclables, needles or yard waste in garbage containers or bags.

Need something for this