



*Getting to know Buc Bay residents*

# Army vet keeps swinging away

**Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of occasional stories about veterans who live in Buc Bay. Our first subject is Ralph Altvater, who served two years in the Army.**

A cancer diagnosis this spring wasn't going to keep Ralph Altvater away from Bay Hills Golf Course, although he admits it has made his 9-hole rounds a bit more challenging. Even on days when he's a bit too tired to play, you'll find him shooting the breeze with his usual playing partner, Dean Novotny, and others hanging out in the clubhouse.

Ralph and his wife, Jackie, moved to Cypress Court in 2014. Like many veterans, he chose to retire in Nebraska after his working days ended. He's proud to be a third generation to serve his country, following his father and grandfather.

As a "military brat," Ralph's family moved quite often during his growing years.

"I graduated from high school in Spain at a military school," Ralph said in a recent interview. "Most of our service time was spent down south. We were stationed at Lowry Air Force Base in Denver. We were stationed at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama, and stationed in Lake Charles, Louisiana, for six years, which was our longest stay anywhere."

The family eventually landed at Offutt, and that's when Ralph met Jackie, who grew up in Bellevue. He earned his college degree at Omaha University in 1967 (a year before it became UNO), a year after the couple married. Soon after graduation, he received his draft notice from the Army.

"I didn't have to report until Labor Day weekend," Ralph said. "The only time Jackie spent with me was at Fort Benning (Georgia) as I was preparing to go to Vietnam. So by being in Vietnam, I was away from her for a year."

While in Vietnam, he worked as an air traffic controller.

"I was probably going to be a (helicopter) door gunner," Ralph said, reflecting on his advanced training before being shipped overseas. "It all depended on what the needs were in Vietnam, what your skill level was and things like that."

As Ralph explained it, he and his co-workers helped various aircraft take off and land. Their "control tower" was nothing like you would see at U.S. airports.



**Ralph Altvater keeps in his basement framed patches and awards from his two years of Army service.**

Planes would land 24 hours each day, which meant they had to find a way to light the runway at night.

"We used canisters along the runway," Ralph said. "and every day, we had to fill them with fuel. Then, just before dark, we would light pieces of toilet paper, drop them in the canister, and it would pretty much burn all night."

To be sure, there was danger close to the runways. He remembers the ongoing noise.

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# Altwater: After many years as a civilian came retirement

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“While in Qua Loi,” he said, “we were hit by rockets and mortars 100 times. Sometimes mortar fire happened while we were in the chow line.”

Even during those attacks, Ralph and the other air traffic controllers worked six-hour shifts.

“I preferred working early in the morning,” he said, “because guys who worked in the morning were within walking distance of the mess hall. One of us would stay in the tower while the other one would go eat.”

His Vietnam tour lasted right at one year, and he shipped out for a long-awaited reunion with his wife in San Francisco, which is where Ralph mustered out of the Army.

Now a veteran, it was time to return to civilian life.

“I didn’t know what I wanted to do,” he said. “I struggled a little bit finding a job.”

Ralph landed a position with Scott Paper Company, the world’s largest manufacturer and marketer of sanitary tissue products. He sold various items to area grocery store, and he had to compete against other vendors.

“The (store managers) always had buddies,” he said, “and they took care of their buddies. When I came along, I hardly got the time of day. If you built a display, you might get your stuff on the floor.”

The company transferred Ralph to the Des Moines area. After his first six months there, he received a review that he didn’t quite agree with and quit his job. He and Jackie moved in with his parents in Omaha.

Soon after, he was hired by UNO to help with purchasing as a buyer. He eventually was promoted as head of purchasing. He then moved to Metro Community College, where he spent 10 years as director of college services. He wore many hats there.

At the end of his time at Metro, a friend who worked at Boys Town let Ralph know about a purchasing position there. He spent the next 29 years in the purchasing department. Meanwhile, Ralph and Jackie lived in Bellevue. A couple more moves followed while he was at Boys Town.

In 2013, at age 70, Ralph retired from Boys Town. He and Jackie began thinking about another move. One of the homes they looked at was in Buccaneer Bay. The summer of 2014, they settled into Cypress Court. They reconnected with friends Dean and Jackie Novotny, who also lived in the neighborhood.

Ralph said he was always active when not working. He played slow-pitch softball until just before reaching 60. Then he took up golf. He and Dean Novotny are regular partners for weekday 9-hole rounds.

Recently came the news that Ralph had developed Non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma cancer. He’s beginning treatments every three weeks that he expects to run into December.



**A much-younger Ralph Altwater during his Army days. He spent 12 months in Vietnam.**

He’s got an upbeat attitude, one that he hopes will allow him to keep playing golf the rest of the summer and into fall.

Despite that setback, Ralph says life in Buccaneer Bay can’t be beat.

“We love Buccaneer Bay,” he said. “We love the wildlife we see. We like all the people we’ve become friends with, especially surrounding golf.

“And I love the index-finger wave from the steering wheel when you’re driving down the street. That is one of my favorite things about Nebraska. Most of the people out here are really great.”

# This month's unique message plates

**Editor's Note: Mike Buchman shares his story about the license plate attached to his Ford Mustang convertible:**

I chose the number 13 because that was the jersey number I wore throughout my playing days, which included basketball in high school, college, on Air Force teams in Germany and Washington, D.C., and in local leagues until I was 47 and had to give it up due to knee and back issues. I wore the same number playing baseball and football in high school, along with softball and volleyball on Air Force teams in Europe.

The CY stands for the Iowa State Cyclones. I spent part of my collegiate career at Iowa State before graduating from Southern Illinois. Having grown up in Okoboji, Iowa State has always been a big part of my family. My son and his wife are Iowa State grads along with many of my cousins who are farmers. My brother-in-law (Mike Williams) was a running back at Iowa State and scored the first touchdown at what is now Jack Trice Stadium.



**Mike Buchman's Ford Mustang can often be seen parked in the Bay Hills golf course lot.**



## Blood moon shines over Nebraska and Buccaneer Bay

**A rare total lunar eclipse took place last month over eastern Nebraska. Buc Bay residents got a stunning view of it. (Photo courtesy of Brad Williams.)**

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# Road construction can be a pain

I hope I'm not opening a can of worms here, but I do hope I'm preaching to the choir with this month's main topic: driving. So how's the Kennedy Freeway zipper merge working for you? So far, at least from this point of view, the Hwy. 370 interchange merging has gone OK. The Chandler Road bridge work, on the other hand, is a royal pain at times.

Wife Shirley made a good point: There's more traffic going north and south when you hit the Chandler exit/entrance compared to 370. And the concrete barrier protecting workers makes the one lane over Chandler more narrow than the 370 bridge. Let's just hope the next few months pass quickly and that the two projects wrap up, enabling both lanes to reopen.

One gripe on those projects: Why couldn't they fully concentrate on one bridge and then switch to the other? I'm sure there's a perfectly good reason for the way things are, but I believe I'm not the only driver who would like to know why.

Staying on the main topic, I continue to be amazed at how dangerous driving has become on both the Kennedy and I-80. Maybe it's just me, but it seems there are more vehicles zooming well past posted speed limits. I'm not talking 5 or 10 miles over but 15 to 20 over.

And don't get me started on distracted driving. Far too many times on my morning walks I notice drivers glancing between their legs or holding their phones in front of them.

A recent story in the World-Herald reported that traffic deaths in 2021 hit a 16-year high. The story attributed the increase to excessive speeding and lack of seat belt usage.

Nebraska reported a 31 percent increase in traffic fatalities from 2021 (71) to 2022 (93 as of May 18).

The Governors Highway Safety Association blamed the increase of national deaths to, among other things, distracted driving. That, in itself, is bad enough, but speeding just adds to the possibility of a crash.

The daughter of one of our Buc Bay residents was rear-ended last month by a driver who admitted he was looking at his phone when he plowed into her car. Need I say more?

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June marks the beginning of summer, and for many of us that means driving or jumping on planes for vacation trips. We're excited about the Christmas gift we got from our middle son, Derek: A trip to California's Napa Valley later this month.

I'm not a big wine-drinker, but I've always wanted to visit the San Francisco area. The bonus is that we have good friends who moved from the Twin Cities to Windsor, which is very close to where we'll be staying. We last saw them in 2010 when we visited for a Minnesota Twins game (the first year that Target Field opened).

I also remember the movie "Sideways" (directed by Omahan Alexander Payne). Those of you who have seen it know much of it takes place in Napa Valley.

During our 50 years of marriage, Shirley and I have made several trips — some by air, some by car. I prefer driving trips when we're not in a hurry — especially now with flights so hit and miss. Our trip to Baltimore last month is a perfect example.

Our Southwest flights out were smooth as silk, both arriving right on time. Then came the Saturday return flights. We discovered upon arriving at the gate that not only was the flight delayed 30

minutes, it was stopping in Cincinnati — and not going directly to Chicago Midway. The flight out of Baltimore was more than 90 minutes delayed, meaning our chances of making the connecting flight to Omaha were slim to none.

Sure enough, the last flight to Omaha had left, forcing us to spend the night near Midway (fortunately, at Southwest's expense). Amazingly, we had no issues getting home the next morning, although we had to fly through St. Louis to get to Omaha.

On the bright side, Southwest gave us each \$200 in vouchers for future travel. Looks like another trip to Las Vegas could be in our future!

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The first of the monthly "Coffee Club" gatherings drew about 15 or so to the clubhouse May 20. The idea came from Jill Bobenhouse Tesar, who supplied us with donuts.

The discussions became lively, and it appeared everyone had a good time. For some, it was a chance to meet new people, which is one of the reasons for holding the event.

So mark your June calendar for Friday, June 3, starting at 10 a.m. I'm hoping this might morph into sticking around for lunch and/or playing cards or other games. Hope to see you there!

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On a personal note, Shirley and I would like to thank all who wished us a happy 50th anniversary. We feel so blessed to have made new friends since moving to Buccaneer Bay.

**Do you have a story, a story idea, photo or joke to share? Contact John Fey at [jmfey1952@gmail.com](mailto:jmfey1952@gmail.com).**



# Buccaneer Bay 1st Friday Coffee Club!



**June 3, 2022**  
**10AM - 11AM**

**Who:** Buccaneer Bay Neighbors

**What:** Coffee & Conversation...

*Stop in & Say Hi!*

**When:** 1st Friday of Each Month

**Where:** Bay Hills Club House



***Hope to see you there!***

# Buc Bay once had a utilities board

**Editor's Note: Long-time Buc Bay resident Chuck Gorman shares his memory of our S.I.D. He recalls the early problems that were encountered after moving here in 1978.**

When Buccaneer Bay went into bankruptcy (in the 1980s) there was no way for the S.I.D. to pay its bills, especially to OPPD, the provider of our electricity for water and sewer services. Normally, the S.I.D. would issue a warrant, and the creditor would take it to the Cass county treasurer and pay the bill. However, since we went into bankruptcy, the treasurer would not issue funds, thus OPPD would not be paid. At one point we owed about \$25,000 to OPPD and they were threatening to shut off our power.

I got involved because I went to a board member to complain that a leak not far from my house was not being fixed. The board member informed me that the S.I.D. was planning to create a separate board to figure how to pay our bills. He then asked me if I wanted to be part of the board, and I agreed. Careful when you start to complain!

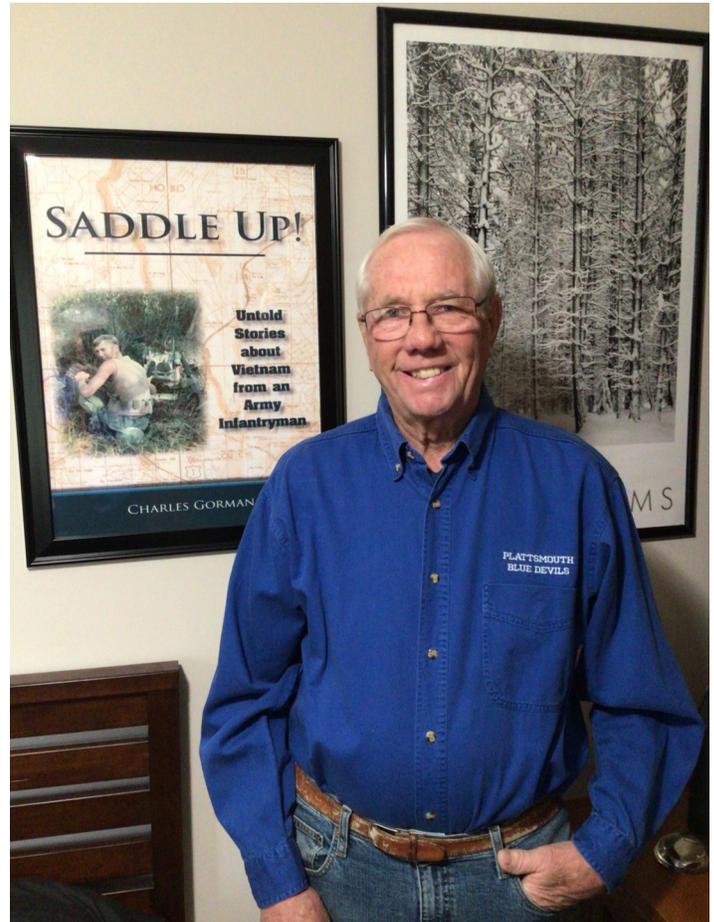
So that's how the B.U.D. (Bay Utilities District) came into existence. The board consisted of three members: myself, Tommy LeBlanc, Sr., and Dennis Moran. Our meetings took place at Tommy LeBlanc's home.

We came up with the plan to issue payment booklets to all homeowners, and they would pay \$25.00 a month to help with the electric payments and to pay off OPPD. We opened a checking account, payments were sent to a P.O. box and collected by a volunteer who paid the bills.

As time went on we collected enough money to pay Kerns Construction to fix leaks that appeared throughout the development. The B.U.D. board members also did the maintenance on the water well and waste water plant.

One person questioned where the money was going and said she was not going to pay until she knew. One of the B.U.D. members asked her when she got a drink of water if water came out and when she flushed the toilet if it worked. When she answered it did, he told her to pay her bill!

By the time NP Dodge came in and started the improvements, we needed the B.U.D. board to pay off OPPD and gave the S.I.D. \$30,000 from the checking account. The B.U.D. board was then dissolved.



**Chuck Gorman first got involved with the S.I.D. board after complaining about a leak that didn't get fixed close to his home.**

Also during that time we had "rock parties." Our roads would develop potholes, and we would order a load of rock. Volunteers would fill them with rock. Volunteers would also help clear the roads in the winter since we couldn't afford snow removal.

The clubhouse was improved from a small office and cart shed to a bar and dining area — all manned by volunteers.

In addition to being on the B.U.D. board I also served on the S.I.D. and golf course boards during that time. The golf course belonged to the S.I.D. at that time. I didn't run for the S.I.D. board, somebody wrote in my name on the ballot.

## Some noteworthy (or not-so-noteworthy) days in June

- » **June 1:** Flip a Coin Day (Heads I win, tails you lose)
- » **June 3:** Repeat Day (Think "Groundhog Day")
- » **June 7:** National Chocolate Ice Cream Day (Yummy)
- » **June 9:** Donald Duck Day (What, no Daffy?)
- » **June 14:** U.S. Army Birthday (Happy No. 257)

- » **June 21:** First day of summer (Crank up the a/c — again)
- » **June 26:** National Chocolate Pudding Day (Not vanilla)
- » **June 27:** National Onion Day (Not in this house)
- » **June 29:** Hug Holiday Day (Should be daily)
- » **June 30:** Meteor Day (Get out your telescope)



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# Wednesday golfers tee off early

It's dubbed the "Geezer Group." Each Wednesday morning, players meet for 18 holes at Bay Hills golf course. They check in at 7:45 and go off in groups soon after.

Organized by Jerry Williams, the gatherings began last season and picked up again in May. Participants contribute \$5 for the prize fund and an additional \$5 if they want to enter the skins contest.

By the way, you don't have to be a "geezer" to join the fun. And you don't need to be a Bay Hills member, either. Just show up for a good time.

## Damon Wagner joins Bay Hills team

Damon Wagner ended his career with Menards and quickly transitioned into a full-time worker at Bay Hills. He continues to serve as an instructor and leader of the various outings offered by the golf course.

He was featured in the last newsletter and is looking forward to serving golfers and others who stroll in for drinks. Please make Damon feel welcome.



Three of the 10 men who played in the May 18 "Geezer Group" outing are, from left, Mike Gabriel, Ed Murphy and Dick Mulligan.

## Monthly coffee chats off and running

Jill Bobenhouse Tesar proposed a monthly coffee meeting at the clubhouse, and the first one took place May 20. About 15 Buc Bay residents attended.

Starting June 3, the meetings will take place the first Friday of each month. If you're looking to meet new people and/or engage in lively conversation with other Buc Bay residents, this is the place to be.

## Callaway fitting set for June 6

Unhappy with your current golf clubs? Want to see what other options there are? Mark June 6 on your calendar for a visit from a Callaway representative who will conduct a complimentary custom fitting.

The event runs from 4 to 7 p.m. To reserve your spot, email [damonwbayhills@gmail.com](mailto:damonwbayhills@gmail.com). After June there are eight more outings to round out the 2022 season. You can get all the information by clicking on this link: [www.bayhillsgolfclub.com](http://www.bayhillsgolfclub.com).

## Adult Summer Reading

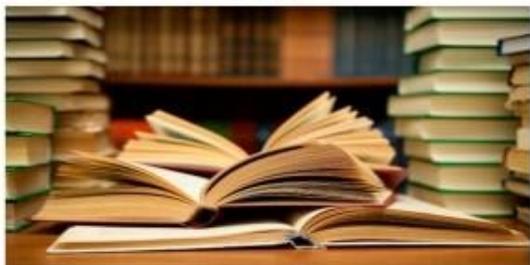
The program will run  
May 31st - August 2nd

Adults have 2 ways to earn entries into the raffle.

The first way is logging books you have read on the reading log sheets. Books read between May 31st and August 2nd count.

The second way is by completing and turning in challenges each week. Two new challenges will be available each Tuesday from May 31st through July 26th.

One log is one entry, same as one sheet is one entry. Names will be drawn for prizes at the end of the program.



## Fun fact: The history of dialing 911

Here's something you may not know: The first call to 911 was placed in 1968. Before that universal emergency-call number came to existence, you needed to dial local 10-digit phone numbers to reach police, fire or emergency services.

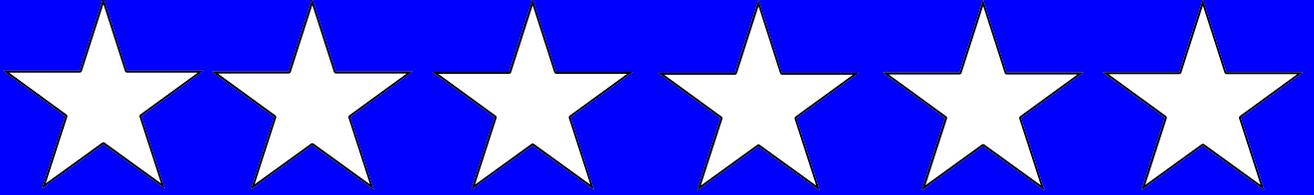


In 1966, a report by the National Academy of Sciences highlighting the rise in accidental death and injury urged policymakers to explore the "feasibility of designating a single, nationwide, telephone number to summon an ambulance.

Two years later, the first 911 call was placed in Haleyville, Ala.

If you're interested in more on the subject, click on this link:

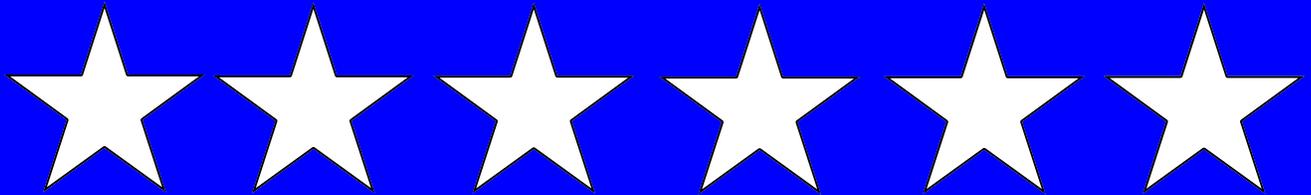
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# The history behind the water tower

**Are you curious about the history of the Buc Bay water tower? Well, your loyal newsletter editor was. Enlisting the help from S.I.D. board chair Kurt Meisinger, here's the answer:**

The water tower was installed in 1994 as part of the upgrades that were done after NP Dodge became involved in the District. Prior to the tower, the District had high-pressure tanks in the well house that stored water and distributed it to the district.

These tanks continued to be used for a number of years after the tower was installed and served the "lower zone" of the water system. The tanks were in need of significant maintenance, so it was decided to take them offline and they were subsequently disassembled and removed.

As of today, the entire development is served by the storage in the water tower. The District currently has three wells for its water system. These wells are identified by the year they were installed: 1974-1, 1993-1 and 2011-1. We currently are only using one of the wells, but the others are available for emergency use.

Water from the wells is pumped to the water tower via a main that runs from the well house up Buccaneer Blvd. There are booster pumps on the Blvd. near the speed bump on the hill that assist with pushing the water to the tower. The main that serves the tower also serves the houses on the Blvd. and is the feeder main for all the other streets.

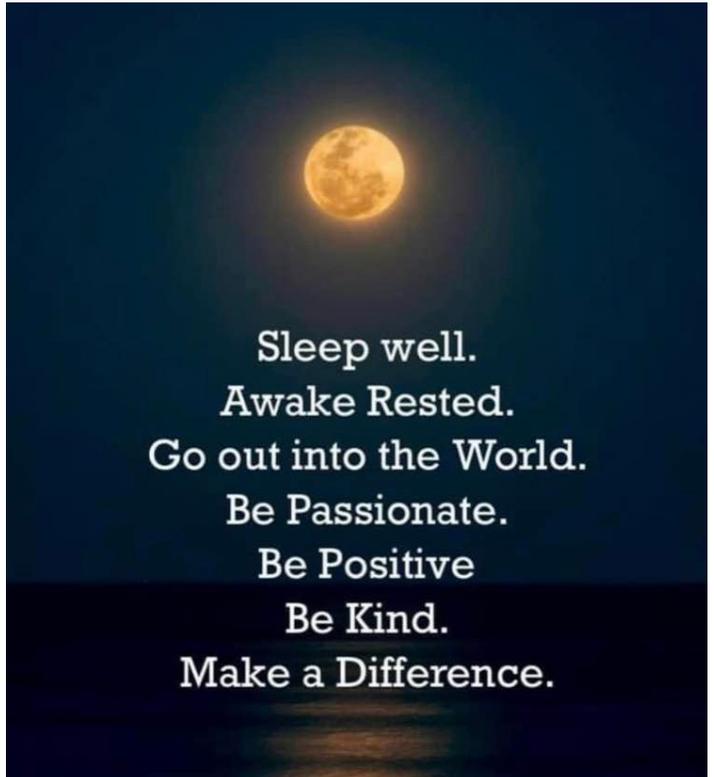


**The Buc Bay water tower was erected in 1994.**



## **Hummingbirds come back**

Bird watchers in Buc Bay were glad to see the return of hummingbirds. No doubt about it, they're glad to be supplied with drinking water. (Photo courtesy of Patti Hardbarger.)





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Sold/Pending	11	2	\$381,444

**Current Homes For Sale - May 2022**

<i>Address</i>	<i>List Price</i>
*3811 Buccaneer Blvd.	\$250,000



## Check out these Buccaneer Bay Activities!

June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Buccaneer Bay 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Coffee Club

June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> - Buccaneer Bay Garage Sales

## Happy Summer!



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## BUCCANEER BAY 2022 ANNUAL GARAGE SALES

**Friday, June 3**  
**Saturday, June 4**  
**8:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

Day	Addresses
Friday	2719 Bay Circle
Friday	3328 Fairway Drive
Friday	19225 Spyglass Court
Both	19706 Shoreline Circle
Both	19602 Lakeside Circle
Both	19519 Lakeside Circle
Both	2615 Cape Horn Circle
Both	2723 Bay Circle
Both	3215 Davy Jones Drive
Both	19216 Spyglass Court
Both	19318 Spyglass Court
Both	19607 Sterling Court
Both	3513 Buccaneer Blvd
Saturday	3603 Becker Court

### Dustin



# Buccaneer Bay Pet of the month

**Editor's Note: This month's featured pet is Dallas, who lives on Lakeside Drive. Joanne Swarbrick, who estimates his age around 10, provides the following story about him:**

Dallas was a rescue from Dallas, Texas. He was previously homed with an elderly lady who just couldn't keep up with this pup.

He's a Jack Russell Terrier mix who was fearful of people and had a whole lot of energy! He would take important things of ours like my wallet, shoes, etc., then take off running with them. It was a constant occurrence.

He was a stubborn little guy. But fast-forward, and he stole our hearts. He loves to be with us, and his favorite thing is greeting people who are out walking.

He has learned to go next door, tap on the door and get a treat, hang out for a bit and come back home. He's our constant companion and watches a lot of playoff hockey with us.

**Do you have a pet you'd like to share with our readers? Email: [jmfey1952@gmail.com](mailto:jmfey1952@gmail.com).**



Dallas chills out at his home on Lakeside Drive. He's a happy camper. (Photo courtesy of Joanne Swarbrick.)

## Sprucing up an area book box



**Kaelyn Williams, daughter of Brooke Williams, touches up the box housing books for swapping. It's on Fairway Drive.**



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**Tuesday:** Taco Tuesday, Special menu only 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Burger Special, regular menu also available 5 – 8 p.m.

**Thursday:** Broasted Chicken and Country Fried Steak special, regular menu also available 5 – 8 p.m.

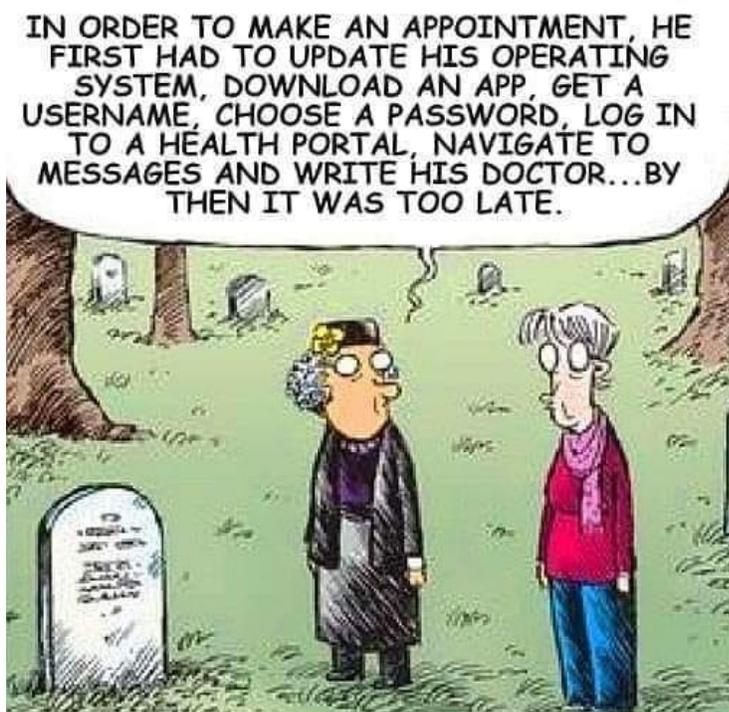
**Friday:** Prime Rib Special, regular menu also available 5 – 8 p.m.

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BLOCK CAPTAINS (Last Updated: 3-1-2022)

Captain #	Block Captain Name	Block Captain Territory
1	Helen Mooney – 402-570-6920 Chanel Hill – 402-208-6130	Treasure Island Rd. from Cape Horn Cir. to end of road., 27 homes
2	Mary Moneke – 402-298-8055	Cape Horn Cir. 26 homes
3	Chris Crisman – 402-699-8338	Captain Morgan Ct. 10 homes
5	Karen Deyke – 402-296-5832	Front half of Bucc. Blvd. up to Ewel Ct. 3501-3617 – 10 houses
6	Jeff Groshans – 720-644-7418	Buccaneer Blvd. 3811 – 3911, 11 houses
7	Jennifer Sommer – 402-296-3686	Buccaneer Blvd. 3706 – 3810, 12 Houses
8	Pam Petersen – 402-296-3022	Buccaneer Blvd. 3920 – 4016 – 15 houses
9	Terry Fleharty – 402-296-4544	Sterling Ct. – 23 houses
<b>10</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>Davy Jones Cir. &amp; Davy Jones Dr. – 25 houses</b>
11	Linda Goodman – 402-917-2914	Rainey Cir. – 11 houses
12	Patty Weirauch – 402-298-7325	Fairway Cir. – 10 houses
13	Cheryl Myers – 402-296-6924	Becker Ct. – 9 homes
14	Carol Kellison – 402-296-0282	19309 – 19413 Spyglass Ct. 22 houses
<b>15</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>Spyglass Ct. – 11 houses Cypress Ct., – 6 homes (17 total homes)</b>
16	Sheila Nelson – 402-297-4101	19201 – 19223 Spyglass Ct. – 16 houses
17	Rita Offutt	Ridgeway Rd. – 27 homes, Blk 15 Lots 7-35
<b>18</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>Ewel Ct. – 16 homes</b>
19	Jill Bobenhouse-Tesar – 402-298-7171	Townhomes on Sailboat Lake – 36 houses
20	Jill Bobenhouse-Tesar – 402-298-7171	Homes on Sailboat Lake, Blk 27, 32 houses
21	Renie Kula – 402-296-5239	Buccaneer Blvd. 4018-4109 – 16 houses
<b>22</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>Buccaneer Blvd. 4113 -4130 – 17 lots</b>
23	Agness Lenaugh – 531-205-7797	4320 – 4416 Windward Dr. 708 – 714 Windward Ct. – 14 houses
24	Barb Hamlin – 402-298-9911	3501-3618 Fairway Dr. – 17 lots
25	Lauri Deseck – 402-672-9866	4211 – 4319 Windward Dr – 20 homes
26	Jeanne Thompson – 402-216-4287	3224 – 3335 – Fairway Dr. 17 lots
27	John Fey -- 402-250-6574	Lakeside Dr. – 1 home, several townhomes
28	Rita Offutt	Ridgeway Rd. – 28 homes – Blk 14, Lot 10 Blk 15 1-6, 36-56
30	Lyle & Michelle Ostrander – 402-296-4654	4420-4432 Windward Dr. 819-841 Wedgwood Ct. – 20 homes
31	Judy Link – 402-298-8750	21034 Treasure Island Rd. – End 6 homes
<b>Lead Coordinators</b>	<b>Janet McCartney has stepped down and Jill Bobenhouse-Tesar, Jennifer Sommer and John Fey will take over. If any additional changes of Block Captains are made, please send to one of the <i>Lead Coordinators</i>.</b>	<b>- Jennifer will prepare the agenda and run The Block Captains Meetings. - Jill will work on the Welcome Packets to hand out to new neighbors. - John has taken over the Bucc Bay Newsletter</b>

# This month's supply of chuckles

**My high school was so small.... we had sex education and drivers education in the same car.**



**More funnies on Page 20.**

**This month's quiz:** What do you call the plastic tip of a shoelace? A) Dohicky. B) Aglet. C) Widget. D) Singlet. **Answer bottom of Page 20.**

## Cass County Historical Society information and news

**Cass County Historical Society Museum**  
646 Main Street, Plattsmouth, NE

**Winter Hours — November-March:**

Tuesday-Saturday — Noon-4 p.m.

**Summer Hours — April—October:**

Tuesday-Sunday — Noon—4 p.m.

Closed Sundays and Mondays

**Admission:** \$2.50 for adults, free for museum members and children under age 12.

Website: [casscountynemuseum.org](http://casscountynemuseum.org)

**Mission Statement:** The Cass County Historical Society shall collect, preserve, and study materials to document, interpret and present the history of Cass County Nebraska to the public.



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# Construction impacts Hwy. 75 drivers

**Editor's Note: We're running this notice again for those who didn't see it last month.**

As we near the end of the construction projects on the Kennedy Freeway (a.k.a. Hwy. 75), here's the explanation of the zipper merge from the Nebraska Department of Transportation:

When a lane is closed in a construction zone, a zipper merge occurs when motorists use both lanes of traffic until reaching the defined merge area, and then alternate in "zipper" fashion into the open lane. This is also referred to as a "late merge."

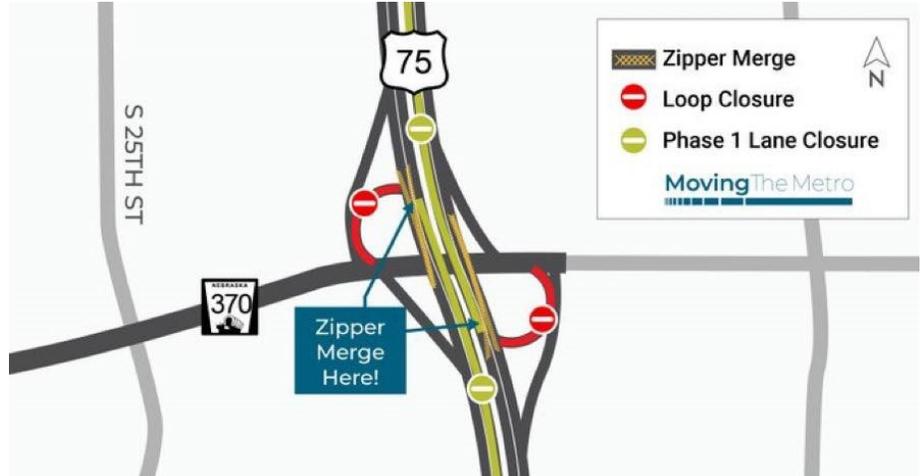
What are the benefits?

- Reduces differences in speeds between two lanes
- Reduces the overall length of traffic backup by as much as 40 percent
- Reduces congestion on freeway interchanges

Creates a sense of fairness and equity that all lanes are moving at the same rate.

## Zipper Merge vs Early Merge

Many drivers react to the first "lane closed ahead" sign by slowing down too quickly and moving to the traffic lane that will continue through the construction area. The driving behavior can lead to unexpected and dangerous lane switching, serious crashes and road rage.



Zipper merging, however, benefits individual drivers as well as the public at large. Research shows that these dangers decrease when motorists use both lanes until reaching the defined merge area and then alternate in "zipper" fashion into the open lane.

## So, I'm supposed to merge late?

Yes! As you see the "lane closed ahead" sign and traffic backing up, stay in your current lane up to the point of merge. Then take turns with other drivers to safely and smoothly ease into the remaining lane. When traffic is heavy and slow, it is much safer for motorists to remain in their current lane until the point where traffic can orderly take turns merging.

## When not to do the zipper merge

When traffic is moving at highway speeds and there are no backups, it makes sense to move sooner to the lane that will remain open through construction.



## This golfer plays slow

Spotted on the course recently was this large turtle. He was heard asking, "Mind if I play through?" (Photo courtesy of Jerry Williams.)

## It's still a bit dry here

Despite some much-needed rain in May, we're still experiencing below-normal precipitation. The ground still needs moisture. It puts pressure on our water supply.

The SID has addressed the issue by providing a guide for lawn and landscape watering during this dry period. It's important, the SID Board believes, that we conserve to avoid problems down the road.

Here's the link to the policy:

<https://buccaneerbay-ne.org/lawn-and-landscaping-watering-policy/>



**Orioles are back!**

The return of Orioles to Buc Bay means one thing: short supplies of grape jelly. (Photo courtesy of Shirley Fey.)

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# Contact information for SID No. 5 Board

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Committee – Primary</u>
Kurt Meisinger (Chair)	402-297-4365	kurt.meisinger@buccaneerbay-ne.org	Finance, Budget and Audit
Jim Grotrian	402-679-9158	jim.grotrian@buccaneerbay-ne.org	Grounds
Dan Brandt (Clerk)	402-669-0225	dan.brandt@buccaneerbay-ne.org	Development & Planning of Public Amenities
David Martin	402-578-7147	david.martin@buccaneerbay-ne.org	Water and Wastewater
Robert Karr	402-672-7300	robert.karr@buccaneerbay-ne.org	Street and Storm Water Management

## Board Meetings

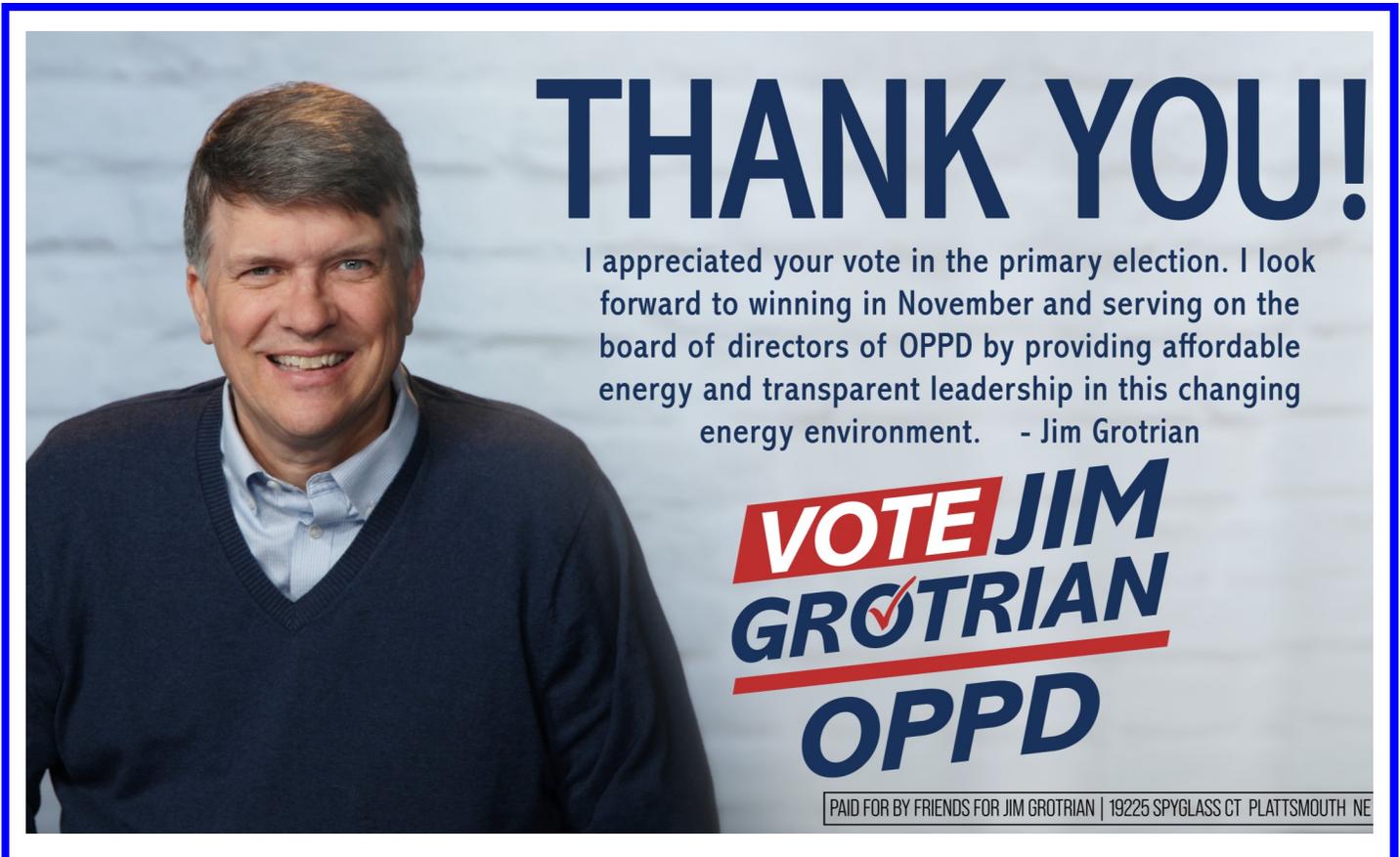
If you have an issue that you want to have put on the agenda for the next SID meeting; contact a board member at least 1 week prior to the next meeting. If needed, you will be asked to attend the next meeting to discuss your agenda item.

Please feel free to contact any board member with your problem using the contact information from above but please give board members at least 24 hours to respond. Most of the board members have full time jobs and are subject to business trips, meetings, etc. If your concern or problem is of an emergency nature you may try to contact one of the other board members.

You can also contact a board member via regular mail via the SID #5 address at:  
SID #5 Board of Trustees  
19457 Treasure Island Rd.  
Plattsmouth, NE 68048

**Text message alerts:** Would you like to receive alerts and notifications related to SID infrastructure such as a water main break, road closure or hydrant flushing via text message? Click this link to find out: [Alerts and Notifications via Text Message – Buccaneer Bay – SID #5 \(buccaneerbay-ne.org\)](#)

**To view the most-recent meeting minutes and find out future meeting dates, click on this link (it's under the tab at the top that says communication):**  
<https://buccaneerbay-ne.org/>



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# More monthly chuckles

**Earlier today, I saw a bumper sticker that said "I'm a veterinarian, therefore I can drive like an animal." Suddenly I realized how many proctologists are on the roads...**



Hunting dog for sale



Dustin



**This month's quiz answer: B.**

# Utilities

Utilities for the residents of Buccaneer Bay are provided by a combination of private companies and the SID 5 Water System.

Utility/Service	Contact Information
<b>Electricity</b>	Omaha Public Power District – <a href="https://www.oppd.com">https://www.oppd.com</a>
<b>Natural Gas</b>	Black Hills Energy – <a href="https://blackhillsenergy.com">https://blackhillsenergy.com</a>
<b>Water/Sewer</b>	SID 5 Water System – Call PeopleService, Inc at 402-932-8143 or 888-527-9853 to establish/shut off service or for general customer service. The PeopleService, Inc. 24-hour emergency response number is 888-861-1921. Information on the water and sewer fees can be found in the SID 5 Water and Sanitary Sewer Rules, Regulations, Fees and Rates Ordinance. SID 5 Backflow Preventers and Their Uses SID 5 2015 Annual Water Quality Report
<b>Garbage</b>	There are numerous garbage services available. Residents are strongly encouraged to contact the various providers to determine the service that best meets their needs. Some of the providers for our area are: Papillion Sanitation Waste Management Some of these providers offer a discount down to \$12.18 per month.
<b>Landline Telephone</b>	Windstream – <a href="https://windstream.com">https://windstream.com</a>
<b>Cox</b>	<a href="https://cox.com/chat">cox.com/chat</a> <a href="https://cox.com/mybill">cox.com/mybill</a> <a href="https://cox.com/residential/home.html">cox.com/residential/home.html</a> 402-933-3000
<b>Internet</b>	There are a few different options for internet service and those options are continually changing. The list below is a few of the providers that service Buccaneer Bay. Residents are urged to research the best solution for them. Windstream DSL NEXTLINK – <a href="https://nextlinkinternet.com">nextlinkinternet.com</a> COX- <a href="https://cox.com/residential/home.html">cox.com/residential/home.html</a>
<b>Cass County Recycling</b>	The Cass County Recycling Center provides a location for Cass County residents to drop off yard waste, metal, large appliances and used motor oil for free or a nominal charge. Please visit their web site for their location, fees and hours. <a href="http://www.cassne.org/Recyclecenter.html">http://www.cassne.org/Recyclecenter.html</a>

## SID#5 Covenants – Architectural Control

The Buccaneer Bay Architectural Control process of reviewing requests for changes on your property is now being managed by Agnes Lenagh. Her email address is [lenagh13@gmail.com](mailto:lenagh13@gmail.com). She will be working with Mike Jensen, Cass County Zoning Administrator.

There are 8 sets of Covenants for Buccaneer Bay. It seems like every time a new section of Buccaneer Bay opened up another set of covenants was made. I try to make sure that every resident in Buccaneer Bay gets a copy of the covenants that is for their section of the neighborhood. Some realtors will provide a copy of the covenants to the buyer, but I don't think all of them do. Most of the covenants have some sort of termination clause.

All sets of covenants are filed at the Register of Deeds office at the Court House. Not all of the covenants have the same number of years that the covenants are in force.

**HILLS COVENANTS** in the second section titled: “**AMENDED DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS**”, which covers the following: These covenants shall run with the land and be binding upon the current and future Owners of all Lots in Blocks One (1) through Six (6), inclusive; all Lots in Blocks Fifteen (15) through Twenty (20), inclusive; Lots one (1) through Five (5) in Block Seven (7), and; Lot Ten (10) in Block Fourteen (14), all in Buccaneer Bay, a subdivision as surveyed, platted and recorded in Cass County, Nebraska, until the year 2029, together with any Lots created by a replat of these Lots, and shall be continued for successive periods of twenty-five (25) years unless sooner modified or terminated in writing by seventy-five percent (75%) or more of the then record owners of the Properties, with one vote per Lot.

**BAY LAKE COVENANTS** in the second section titled: “**AMENDED DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS**”, which covers the following Blocks: Block 21, 22, 23, 24, and 26 until the year 2000, at which time the covenants shall be extended for **successive terms** of 25 years, which should make them good until 2025.

**Block 31 in Buccaneer Bay** includes Windward Dr. and all side streets in this section, approved in September 2008 for term of 25 years, which would then expire in 2033.

**Blk 28 Lots 8A/B, Lots 9A/B, and Lot 10** on Lakeside Dr. These first 2 townhomes and one house are under the original covenants for Lakeside Dr. approved May 18, 2005 for a term of 25 years, which should terminate in 2030.

**Blk 28, Lots 1A – 24B, minus Lots 8A/B, 9A/B and Lot 10** on Lakeside Dr. as described in the Covenants from Lone Tree Holdings. Approved May 18, 2017 for a term of 30 years, which would terminate in 2047.

**Bucc Bay 1<sup>st</sup> Edition – Lots 1R – 39R** – Davy Jones Dr. and Davy Jones Cir. Filed February 14, 1996 for a term of 25 years, which would expire in **February 2021, if not renewed.**

**Blk 29 Lots 1-26 Fairway Cir., Blk 30 Lots 1-6 – Fairway Dr.** – Covenants and restrictions shall run with and bind the land and for a term of twenty-five years. Filed May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005, which would expire in 2030.

**Blk 27 Lots 1A – 20B, and Lots 21 – 62 – Sailboat Lake** – The Covenants and restrictions shall run with and bind the land for a term of 25 years. Filed December 23, 1996, which would expire in **December 2021, if not renewed.**

**Residents under the covenants that will be expiring can be renewed by having residents who want to have the covenants continue review and update them. Each set of covenants has a specification of how many signatures are required to approve the revised covenants. It has been done, but it takes a lot of work. Once the covenants are out of date, that section of residents will no longer have to follow any restrictions for their section.**

**Note: The process below may be modified as the Newsletter and Welcome Packages are being updated.**

*Each time a new resident moves in they receive a Welcome Package that has a copy of the covenants for their location. The information on new residents come in an email from Peoples Service. Jill Bobenhouse-Teaser will take on putting the Welcome Packages together and provide the packages to the appropriate Block Captain so the new resident can fill out a Data Sheet to be sent to one of the members taking over for Janet. The changes will require the new information to be added to the Buccaneer Bay Phone Directory, if the new resident approves, and update the Block Captains list as residents move in and out.*