



President’s Comments

By Craig Holcomb, Sec. 22 HOA

Over the past 5 years, our King Tarpon neighborhood has had at least 14 new owners, or about 37% of our neighborhood has turned over since 2016. I bring this point up because with the recent uptick of home sales since the pandemic, we have a lot of new owners in Burnt Store Marina. They were not here back in 2016 when we began the process to buy the remaining land and buildings from the owner/developer. We also are seeing younger new homeowners, many who can now work from home and have been able to move south.

So, I thought we should do a quick review of the history of how we came to purchase the remaining land and amenities, the way we bought it, and the need to update everything to bring all of our land and amenities up to a decent standard to use and operate. Our community is about 35 to 40 years old. We have had several developers/owners throughout our history that were here to develop and sell real estate only, and who did not put any funds or effort into the infrastructure of the community unless it was totally broken.

In May of 2015, the owner/developer of Burnt Store Marina was Real Mark, Inc. Real Mark was in financial distress and was bought out by Castle Lake Investments. Castle Lake Investments is a company that purchases distressed properties, turns them around, and sells them in 2 to 3 years. They were going to resell everything to anyone they could, most likely a new developer/owner type of business, for a quick profit. The amenities included the marina, the golf course, two irrigation systems, fitness center, racquet courts, pool, maintenance garage, two empty 10-acre parcels, retention ponds, part of Matecumbe Key Road and sidewalks.

In 2016, our community established a vision to purchase these land and amenities as common areas in order to be able to control and use them for the benefit of the community, without any interference of ownership by an outside developer/owner. Our residents have the greatest interest in maintaining and owning these amenities that are an integral part of our community life and property values.

Castle Lake contacted us in January of 2016 to see if PGI Section 22 HOA had any interest in purchasing everything but the marina. We began negotiations through 2016, and at the same time consulted with legal counsel as to all the things that needed to be accomplished in order for us to consider this offer to buy these land and amenities. On January 23, 2017 we bought all the amenities and properties, except the marina. The marina was sold to its current owner, Safe Harbor.

In order to buy the property, we had to go through 3 votes by the members of PGI Section 22 HOA. The 1st vote in August of 2016, approved to expand the definition of

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Architectural Review Committee

By Barry Groesch, Chair

House need painting? All changes to the exterior of homes in BSM must have ARC approval. This applies to independent homes as well as homes in a condo association. If you do not get ARC approval and your changes do not meet Section 22 HOA Restrictions, you may be asked to change or remove them. You can get this approval if your changes meet Section 22 HOA Restrictions by filling out and submitting an application to ARC.

The following applications were approved last month by the Section 22 HOA ARC:

- Denise Redon, 3316 C Sunset Key Cir., hurricane shutter installation.
- Charles Lynch, 3255 Sugarloaf Key Rd., Unit 34C, hurricane shutter installation.
- Tom L. & Cheryl Shaw, 3329 Sunset Key Cir., Unit 701, hurricane shutter installation.
- John Hannah, 808 Islamorada Blvd., roof replacement.
- Robert & Linda Dutcher, 215 Big Pine Ln., roof replacement.
- Joseph & Marianne Baker, 24037 Redfish Cove Dr., hurricane shutter installation.
- Sharon Feindel, 1400 Islamorada Blvd., roof replacement.
- Don H. & Tona J. James, 2060 Matecumbe Key Rd., Unit 2604, hurricane shutter installation.
- Jean Levine, 454 Gasper Key Ln., gutter installation.
- Jim & Ann Butler, 1311 Marathon Way, exterior paint.
- James Rosenblum, 17825 Hibiscus Cove Ct., exterior lanai update.
- George & Patricia Folio, 4021 Big Pass Ln., window replacement.
- Bethanne & James Lee, 413 Islamorada Blvd., roof replacement.
- Philip Rispoli & Jennifer Taberski, 5020 Sable Key Cir., roof replacement.



Sunrise over Heron 4 – By Becky Ormsby

- Verlin & Mary Jo Custer, 3985 Cape Cole Blvd., exterior paint.

Section 22 restrictions and applications are available for download at **BSM22.org**. Submit your ARC applications to your condo association, if applicable, then to Alliant Association Management, 13831 Vector Ave, Fort Myers, FL 33919.

Community Access Committee

By Pat O’Neill, Chair

Community Security Tips

- Do not “hide” a key on the exterior of your house.
- Keep cash and other valuables in a safe or bank deposit box.
- Make a list of the serial numbers of your valuable property—like TVs, VCRs, watches, cameras, computers, cell phones, etc., and include descriptions and photographs if possible.
- Use deadbolt locks on all outside doors.

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Reminder:
Next Section 22 HOA Board Meeting
– Tuesday, August 24, 9 a.m.,
Linkside Café Patio

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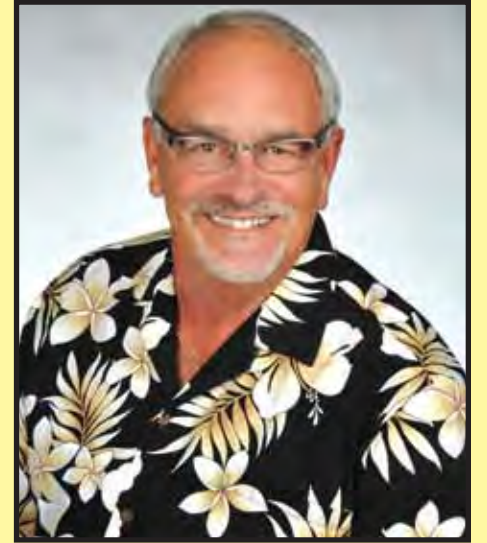
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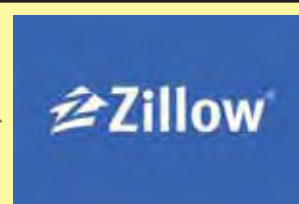
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Inside the Gates Dates

- **Sunday, August 1:** Deadline for the September *Beacon*. Article and picture submissions are welcomed. Become part of the *Beacon* family.
- **Tuesday, August 24:** Section 22 HOA Board Meeting, Linkside patio, 9 a.m.
- **Every Tuesday:** Bar code installation, front gate, 1 to 3 p.m.
- **Every Thursday:** Bar code installation, front gate, 9 to 11 a.m.

Outside the Gates Dates

- **Every Tuesday and Friday:** Dance Fusion Class. 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association, 2001 Shreve St. Call Cara Peralta for information, 941-276-1887. \$10 per class.
- **Every Tuesday:** Cape Coral Surfside Sunset Market, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Veterans Parkway and Surfside Boulevard, opposite end of Belks Dept. Store.
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Bocce Ball – That’s The Way We Roll

By Kathy Darrell, Tarpon Pass I

Our goal is to introduce the joy and competition of bocce to more people.

Our “official” bocce season has ended, but the court remains open for play at any time. Pick up balls in the cart barn and enjoy!

Golf News and Tips

By Bill Connelly, Manager of Golf Operations

As a reminder, Heron is closed for renovation. We plan on having it ready for next season. Pelican and Osprey remain open for play. Thank you to all of our members and residents for your continued support.

Fathers’ Day 3 Clubs and a Putter Scramble Results A Flight

1st - Brent and Heidi Chorneyko, Doug and Karen Bingler

2nd - Jim and Jeanne Brown, Greg Jordan, and Woody Woodall

3rd - Bob Paul, Millie Hierro, Gary and Kathy Knudsen

B Flight

1st - Cinda Brown and Dan Pierce, Jim and Charlotte Gridley

2nd - Rich Tolson and Barb Berman, Barb and Don McKerrick

3rd - Dave Fitzgerald, Wendy Whelan, Bruce Smith and Mark Thornton

Closest to the Flag

Osprey 2: Jim and Mary Welch, Fred and Maggie Hart


Pelican 5: Sam and Becky Iaquina, Jim and Joan Rooney

Congratulations to all!

On Saturday, August 14, we will be having a Goofy Golf Scramble that starts at 8:30 a.m. This event is open to members and the public.

Please follow us @burntstoregolf on Instagram for course updates.

Please stop in for lunch and some shopping, we would love to say hello.



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There are 3 basic shots used on standard courts and an infinite number of ways to play them in a game. Experience, ability, strategy and personal preference will determine the choice of the shot to use. All 3 shots require practice, and mastering them assures a player rewarding results.

The Pointing Shot: This shot is the most used bocce shot. The player delivers the bocce ball in a crouched position so that the ball is released underhanded in a smooth, slow rolling motion. The objective of this shot is to try to roll the bocce ball as close to the pallino as possible with a minimum of force. The pointing shot is best used when there are no other balls blocking the path to the target. Pointing-type shots are also used to block an opponent from hitting your point balls or to set up a ball that can be hit later by you or a team mate to move it into a scoring position.

The Hitting Shot: This shot is basically a “smash” shot and is often referred to as a “spock” or “raffa” shot. Hitting is a strong shot executed close to the ground and intended to dislodge an opponent’s ball, move the pallino, or disrupt an undesirable formation of balls on the court.



This shot is an underhand shot and can be delivered in any manner the player chooses except as a “volo” type shot. Typically, a player starts far back on the court, takes a few running steps, and releases the bocce ball prior to crossing the hitting foul line.

The Bank Shot: A standard bocce court provides the ability to bank a shot off the sideboards. This shot is very advantageous to use when other bocce balls on the court are blocking a direct shot to the pallino or to another ball you want to hit. On a good banking court, the ball will come off the sideboard at the same angle used to hit the sideboard. Often a player uses the bank shot to place the pallino and then follows by banking the first bocce ball at the same point.

If you are interested in playing bocce, please call Tom or Kathy Darrell at 330-806-9182. We will gladly add your name to our email list and send you bocce updates.

Again, please feel free to play bocce at your leisure. Balls for general use are in the cart barn, in an unlocked plastic container. Be sure to return everything.

Remember, you must be a member of BSMCC to play. Just one more great reason to join.

Happy Summer!
Stai al sicuro e Dio benedica
(Stay Safe and God Bless)

Enjoying Your Walk

By Jan McLaughlin, Former Beacon Editor

One morning a fellow walker stopped me and asked what the distance was around Prosperity Point, and how far was it from there to the front entry gate. With lots of residents returning and enjoying our pedestrian paths, I offer the following. All distances were measured with a GPS while riding in a golf cart.

- Islamorada Entrance Gate to Cape Cole Blvd. – 0.82 mile
- Cape Cole Blvd., golf clubhouse gate arm to Islamorada Blvd. – 0.60 mile
- Cape Cole Blvd., golf club gate arm to Matecumbe Key entry – 0.72 mile
- Matecumbe Key Blvd., construction entrance to Cape Cole Blvd., 0.72 mile

- Matecumbe Key Blvd., Cape Cole Blvd., to South Shore – 0.55 mile
- Courtside Landings’ Loop, start/stop at entrance – 0.48 mile
- Prosperity Point sidewalk loop, start/stop at Matcumbe Key Blvd, 1.26 mile
- Admiral’s Point loop (includes Key Largo Lane Circle, Sable Key Circle and Key Largo Circle) start/stop at Marathon & Cape Cole Blvd., 1.06 mile
- Tarpon Pass loop, start/stop at Islamorada Blvd., 0.76 mile

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- Use chain locks, heavy bolts, or some similar secure device that can only be operated from the inside on doors without cylinder locks. Make sure none of your locks can be opened by someone breaking out glass or a panel of light wood to reach them.
- Keep locks in good repair.
- Know who has a key to your house, or have the locks changed.
- Lock up your ladder after use to make it difficult for a burglar to use.
- Avoid placing trellises or other climbing aids near windows.
- Lock your windows. Use locks which allow you to lock a partially opened window.

- Keep these locks in good repair and make sure they’re securely fastened.
- Focus on second-floor windows as well.
- Know your neighbors and exchange home and work numbers.
- Watch each other’s residences, inform each other when you’ll be away, and leave contact information.
- Consider leaving a key with a neighbor.
- Give neighbors or home watch alarm system information in the event of a false alarm.
- Be aware of activities throughout the neighborhood.
- Report suspicious activities to the Lee County Sheriff’s Office and to Site Security.
- Make sure your skylight (and any rooftop access door) is secured.

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common area in our Declarations of Restrictions, and established voting thresholds. This vote was approved by 90% of the PGI Section 22 members. The 2nd vote in December of 2016 approved the changes to our Declarations and By-Laws to allow the membership to be able to consider this type of acquisition. This vote was approved by 86% of the members. The 3rd vote on January 23, 2017 was to approve the acquisition, the financing, and the ability to operate and maintain the land and amenities being bought. This vote was approved by 85% of the PGI Section 22 Membership. The purchase price was \$4 Million, and an additional \$1 Million was added to the financing to begin to upgrade the land and amenities, to begin to establish reserves, and to cover closing costs. The total cost to the PGI Section 22 Members was \$5 million to be paid over 10 years at the current rate of \$380 per resident per year. Since January of 2017, there have been many capital improvement projects to bring these amenities

up to a decent standard to protect our investment as a community. We knew we had an uphill road to take in order to maintain, repair and replace all these older assets for the betterment of the community. We have and will continue to do the best we can. The short-term goal, 3 to 5 years, was to bring these amenities back to a decent standard, to provide for a productive current and future use, and maintain and improve the aesthetics, operations and value to our community. We are getting there one step at a time, for the betterment of us and our community. It is not easy, and it is not inexpensive, but well worth it. At the same time, we all have had the opportunity to use some or all our amenities as part of our daily living. The journey will always continue to upgrade our community for the betterment of our lifestyle and our property values. We are very fortunate to live in Burnt Store Marina and to have the variety of the marina, golf course, fitness and racquet sports, the different venues and the vistas to look at and enjoy on a daily basis!

- Keep outside lights on throughout the night—front, back, and lower landings. It reduces the atmosphere for crime by providing a lot more light on the street. If everyone participates, the illumination provided by all the additional lights will really make a difference. It also helps the police identify the right house because sometimes front house numbers are hard to find at night in the dark.
- Use timers to make your house look lived in while you’re away.
- While away, ask neighbors to collect your flyers, newspapers, mail, etc. Delay the delivery of mail and newspapers when possible.
- Call the Lee County Sheriff’s Department and Site Security if you’re going away on vacation.
- Trim bushes to avoid hiding places. Cut back and prune shrubs which provide hiding places for robbers and thieves, and install lights where possible.
- Report non-functioning street lights to your property management.
- If you are the victim of a crime, contact the Lee County Sheriff’s Office immediately.
- Stay alert when walking the streets. Police often see people walking with their heads down reading a book or the newspaper, oblivious to their surroundings.
- Provide police with good descriptions of suspects by focusing on pants, shoes and any unique attributes, such as hair style. Coats and hats can be quickly shed by suspects.
- Don’t leave your car running with the keys in it, even for a moment.
- Keep everything either out of your car or out of plain site.

An ARC did you know, moment...

By Barry Groesch, Architectural Review Committee Chair

Did you know... as long as you use the identical color of your house when repainting, an ARC application is not needed. You guessed it, if you change the color an application is required. Go to **BSM22.org** to get your application.



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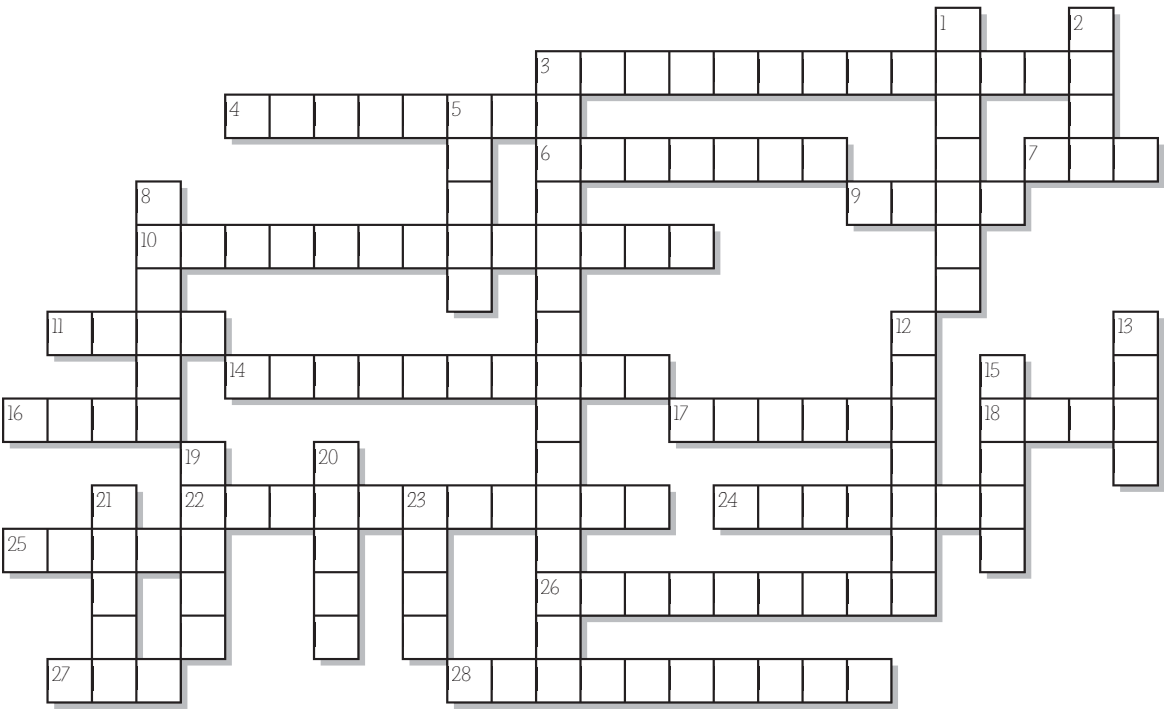
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- 2 Sonny and

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Grammar Tips... Idioms

By the Editors of The Beacon

The English word “idiom” was first used in 1575, and was derived from Latin word *idioma*, meaning individual peculiarity of language. An idiom is a phrase, saying, or a group of words with a metaphorical (not literal) meaning, and has become commonly accepted by a group of people. It is an expression that is not understood from the meaning of its separate words, but has a separate meaning of its own.

There are a large number of idioms, and they are used very commonly in all languages. Here are some common English idioms that you may use all the time:

- Under the weather. Do you need an umbrella?
- The ball is in your court. Are you playing tennis?
- Spill the beans. Did you make a mess?
- Pull someone’s leg. Does that mean you’re a chiropractor?
- Go down on flames. Were you in a terrible accident?
- Hit the nail on the head. Are you a carpenter?
- The elephant in the room. Are you at the zoo?
- Clouds on the horizon. Are you a meteorologist?
- We’re on the same page. Are you at the library?
- Up in the air. Are you in an airplane?

You probably know a lot more idioms, and, now you know what to call them.

Sheriff’s Report – June

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Fit Happens... Have You Had Your Dose of Vitamin N (Nature) Today?

By Cheri Frank,
Certified Fitness Trainer

Most of our vitamins and nutrients come from eating a healthy diet, full of colorful fruits and vegetables and less processed animal foods, which are important for a healthy lifestyle. But, did you know it is also important to get a daily dose of Vitamin N, better known as NATURE?



Vitamin N was a term originally coined by author Richard Louv, who writes about the importance of time spent in nature, for both adults and children. Research shows that fresh air, sunlight and time outdoors all have medicinal power. Scientific studies have found that people experienced positive improvements in immune functions, just by spending time in natural surroundings, with plenty of trees and natural flora. Scientists have found that the phytoncides, which are airborne chemicals that plants emit to protect themselves from insects, also benefit humans.

Spending time in nature also increases levels of Vitamin D, which we get from sunshine. It helps improve sleep, promotes mental well-being, can help lower levels of inflammation in the body and helps get our creative juices flowing. A 2019 study published in *Scientific Reports* found that people who experienced at least 120 minutes of contact with nature per week had consistently higher levels of both health and well-being. That is only 17 minutes of nature time per day. Living in SWFL should make it an easily achievable goal to meet year-round.

Numerous researches indicate that exposure to nature does a body good. It helps boost your immune system, and has a calming effect on your blood pressure and heart rate. The sights, sounds and smells of nature decrease stress hormones like cortisol. If you’ve ever sat on a beach watching the sunset, listening to the waves roll in, you know the powerful calming effect of nature. A University of Pittsburgh study showed that people exposed to natural sunlight after surgery reported less pain, felt less stress and required less pain medications.

Nature can also help you age well. A *Journal of Aging and Health* study found that people in their 70s, who spent time outdoors each day, had fewer complaints of aging concerns than those who didn’t get outdoors daily. Being out in nature can make things, like exercise, more enjoyable also.

Covid definitely got more people outdoors biking, walking, jogging and enjoying the fresh air while they exercised. At the beginning of Covid, one of our instructors did impromptu classes at the Tiki Hut so friends could still enjoy the camaraderie of an exercise class, in a safe outdoor environment. Three of our instructors brought some classes outdoors this spring. We found that everyone really enjoyed exercising outdoors, even doing activities that are traditionally done indoors. It was fun hearing the birds chirp, breathing fresh air, and being in the sunshine during our workouts.

And, of course, we are lucky to have many outdoor activities available to us here at BSM, such as pickleball, tennis and golf, which let us enjoy being out in nature while we exercise. There’s no question that exercise is the best anti-aging medicine, so combining it with doses of Vitamin N is a powerful combination of good stuff, for both your body and your soul.

Marina Beat

By Jaret Rogers,
General Manager
Safe Harbor Burnt Store

As we welcome August, it brings us into the peak of Hurricane Season. Please remember to stay advised of any pending storms. There are many storms that come through that are not hurricanes, but can still negatively impact our marina, with high winds and torrential rain. Please make sure that any object that can fly away is secured or stowed away, and if you have a vessel in the marina, that it is prepared for bad weather.

The marina has come a long way in the past four years. We have replaced thousands of feet of boardwalk and seawall, along with the replacement of numerous fixed

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I have great optimism that this will be the number one marina on the Gulf Coast of Florida in the very near future. I would like to thank all of the residents and Members who have shared their kind words regarding the upgrades to our facility.



Wildlife Caution Notice

Owners are asked to use caution and be aware of local wildlife such as coyotes, bobcats, and alligators. Coyotes sightings have increased as it is their mating season, and they are more aggressive and vocal right now. Recently a Burnt Store Lakes resident witnessed a coyote chase a rabbit into their rain gutter downspout and then pull the downspout into the yard trying to get the rabbit out.

Please watch your pets carefully and keep them on a leash when outside, particularly at dusk, nighttime, and dawn.

Smaller pets are especially at risk. Letting them out in a fenced area may not deter a coyote. Make sure pet food, fruit, or other items are stored inside or in tightly shut garbage cans. Ensure your home is not luring small rodents or animals that coyotes like to prey on.

One of the best attributes of living in Burnt Store Marina & The Lakes is the abundant wildlife. However, residents need to be aware of our wildlife and be cautious to ensure their own safety and the safety of their pets.

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Tight Lines...The Language of Rod Buying and Building

By Jay Lev, Burnt Store Anglers

Have you ever been to a tackle shop to buy a fishing rod and were asked what kind of ACTION do you want? I always wanted to say one that catches fish! That response usually gets you a strange stare from the salesperson. Let's see if we can simplify some of the many components of ACTION. The most important term used is the term MODULUS. Rod making companies determine the modulus by selecting a fiber that will determine how much a rod resists bending when a fish is hooked. In today's market, rod blanks exceed over 70 million pounds per square inch. The lighter the blank, the more efficient it might be in controlling and releasing the energy an angler applies to hold a fish. The early graphite composition rods were much lighter than the traditional fiberglass rods. They possessed more stiffness, and the angler was able to have a lighter rod that could cast farther. As graphite rods were improved upon, carbon fiber was introduced to rod building. These rod blanks were much more expensive to manufacture, but offered lightness, strength and cast ability. While many blanks that make excellent fishing rods are inexpensive, others of high-quality carbon fiber can cost hundreds of dollars, just for the blank on which the rod is built.

Another important component of a well-made fishing rod is the GRIP. The grip is that part of the fishing rod that an angler holds just above the fishing reel, and the longer section that fits on the rod blank just before the fishing reel. Today, thanks to many innovations in synthetic foam materials, grips are made in Hypalon, plastics, wood and select cork, to name a few. They are manufactured in many colors and textures. Most important to the rod's balance, a grip should be comfortable. While cork can be worked and made in many innovative sizes and color designs, it is also a material that chips easily. It can be repaired but usually costs a good deal to have it done. Other grips, like the Hypalon-style, are made in many sizes and designs to look great, fit your hand and add balance to the rod. They also hold up for many fishing trips and years.

REEL SEATS are another major component of the construction of the fishing rod. Reel seats, depending on



1 – fishing rod; 2 – cork grip; 3 – Hypalon grip; 4 – stainless reel seat; 5 – graphite reel seat; 6 – large guide; 7 – mounted reel seat and cork grip on a sample graphite rod blank; 8 – size A silk guide wrap material.

the heaviness of the rod, are made from stainless steel, brass, aluminum, graphite, or handmade carved wood and brass styles. Most common are reel seats that are made of a graphite body, with aluminum shoes to hold the reel centered on the rod itself. More expensive rods are fitted with custom designed reel seats that may have exotic wood interfaced into the graphite or stainless material. This type of reel seat usually adds a good deal of cost to the fishing rod but looks very special.

GUIDES are by far the most important component of the fishing rod other than the blank itself. The most important function of the guide is to control the line from the reel when casting and when fighting a fish. Guides are manufactured in many different FRAME TYPES. You want to be sure that the rod you select has the lightest frame that can control the line you have selected. Guides are manufactured as large ring openings for spinning applications, and conventional rods generally have much stronger frames and smaller rings. Guides have RINGS that may have ceramic liners, stainless liners, ceramic composite and metal matrix types. This latter guide can cost as much as \$100. per guide. A top of the line set of seven guides can cost between \$90 to \$150.

WRAPPING THREAD is used to support the guides to the fishing rod and decorate the rod blank. There are two sizes of thread used to wrap a fishing rod. Sizes A and D are the most common threads used. A is very fine and usually is made of silk. The D size wrapping thread is larger and stronger and usually made of regular nylon or a specialty NCP thread, which does not require color preserver to retain its color. This thread usually is used to hold heavier guides and on larger and heavier applications.

Your observation skill will first draw you to a rod that looks like a well-made fishing rod. Many rods are made overseas and are mass produced. You cannot expect these rods to last and perform as well as a semi-custom-made rod of excellent top-grade materials that are made totally by hand in local fishing tackle shops, or by craftsman specializing in fishing rod construction. Have fun selecting a fishing rod with great components, and if you can, treat yourself to a very well-made fishing rod.

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Burnt Store Marina CC News

By Mike McFeeley, BSMCC
Liaison, Sect 22 BOD

All systems are go at the Club!
The makeover to the Burnt Store Marina Country Club is in full swing as we enter the “Dog Days” of summer. The first order of business is to finish the work on the Heron Course and have it ready for the “fall” migration. We’ve finally begun the normal rainfall pattern which is helping with irrigation and providing much needed relief to our ponds. It is a huge effort to re-do an entire nine hole course, but thanks to a great staff and a solid plan, we are already seeing great results. The course should be open by December 1, provided the weather cooperates.

The Troon/Honours management team is off and running, with a nationwide search for a full time General Manager who will take the reins as we evolve. This is a critical position for the club. In addition to recruiting, they have been busy evaluating all of our systems and processes. Additionally, they have begun implementing service standards, improving efficiencies and changing purchasing practices, which will save money. Staffing continues to be a major challenge facing businesses throughout the country. We have already seen a number of new faces in the restaurant, as well as at the golf club.

- The next steps will be critical as we move forward:
- * Golf course renovation will move into the planting phase.
 - * Hiring and on-boarding of a new General Manager will take place.
 - * Continued staff hiring and training.
 - * Discussions with targeted community input groups will be finalized.
 - * Social calendars for the upcoming season will be finalized.
 - * Plans for future development at the club will be socialized and scheduled.
 - * Final decisions concerning restaurant/bar schedule, special dinner nights and entertainment will be made.

As you can see, our challenge is that we are trying to run a



valuable business that is owned by the community, and has a number of moving parts. You can’t lose sight of the fact that we are a volunteer-driven organization that needs leaders who want to be a part of the Solution! It’s easy to sit on the sidelines and criticize change, complain about amenities and protest new ideas. The recent real estate explosion has shown everyone that what we have is special, and people are interested in buying into it. Our golf course, restaurant, fitness facility, pickleball and tennis courts, together with an improving marina provide us with the most comprehensive offering in Southwest Florida. Add to that the sense of community that exists in BSM, and you have a little slice of paradise!

2021 started out as a difficult year for everyone. COVID changed the world. Our opportunity is to turn “Lemons into Lemonade” by creating a place for everyone in the community to enjoy, whether you are a golfer, a diner or someone looking

for entertainment. Our vision is to become the “Social Hub” that will enhance relationships, provide recreational opportunities, and add to the lifestyle that most people are looking for.

Discussions are underway concerning many new ideas for the club. The sky is the limit when it comes to our opportunities to transform the Burnt Store Marina Country Club. Bill Connelly and the gang at the golf course have been busy with special golf events all summer. The amount of golf played is slowing down but the pace has still increased over prior years. Chef Renzo and the team have begun a series of special dinner events that have been very well received. The plan is to evaluate different food events so we can plan an entire schedule, beginning in the fall.

Over the next few months, we will be communicating many great new things going on at the Club. The 2021-2022 season will be the best ever. We don’t want to wish away the summer, but the excitement is building here in Paradise.

BSMCC August 2021 Schedule of Events						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.*	2 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m.-3 p.m.* Trivia 5-7 p.m.*** Bar Food Menu Available	3 9 Hole Scramble 3:30 p.m.*** Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m.-3 p.m.* Dinner 5-7 p.m.***	4 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m.-3 p.m.* Republican Dinner 5 p.m.*****	5 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m.-3 p.m.* Party on the Patio 3 p.m.***	6 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m.-3 p.m.*	7 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m.-3 p.m.*
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WHOS NEXT?

Fitness, Friends & Fun... Meet the new Manager at the BSM Fitness, Racquet and Pool Club

By Jennifer Steuber,
Committee Member

It's hard to believe that 2021 is halfway over, and the Snowbird season will soon be upon us. There have been many changes over the past six months at Burnt Store Marina, including road and sidewalk improvements, Safe Harbor Marina dry storage remodeling and a change in management at the BSM Fitness, Racquet and Pool Club.

Meet Jen Tait, a retired speech pathologist from New York, who moved to Burnt Store Marina full time two years ago after being a seasonal resident eight years prior to that. Jen and her husband, Marty Pickup, who works for the March of Dimes, were familiar with the BSM Fitness Center amenities as seasonal residents, but didn't participate in any activities at that time. "The condos we lived in had a membership built into the fees, but we didn't utilize it because we were on week-long vacations, and we had other priorities, as opposed to working out," she said. "But, when we moved here full time, and bought a house, we enrolled as full-time members and immediately began using the gym," she added.

Not only did Jen and her husband start working out regularly, they were introduced to pickleball, and became very involved. "Pickleball was a great addition to our regimen to stay fit, but it was the social aspect of the group



Fitness, Friends, & Fun



Jen Tait

that really appealed to us, and we became actively engaged in the extracurricular events," she stated.

Because of Jen's consistent presence at the Fitness Center, and her outgoing personality, she quickly made friends with the staff, and was asked to work part time at the front desk. Even though the request was during the height of Coronavirus, and there were many challenges due to CDC guidelines, Tait quickly agreed.

Fast forward to January 2021, when the former Fitness Center Manager was leaving for another position within the community, and Tait was approached by the Board of Directors to become the new Manager. It was not an easy decision for her because she wasn't looking for a full-time position, but her passion for the people at the Club, and her desire to make a positive impact on her community sealed the deal.

One of the most difficult parts of the COVID-19 restrictions was limiting the number of people who could work out at the Fitness Center at the same time, as well as having to "sign up" for a maximum of 50 minutes via Court Reserve. Also, relegating all fitness classes to virtual events via Zoom was quite the adjustment for instructors and members who both had to exercise from home. Luckily, the outdoor Aqua Exercise classes continued, albeit with a much smaller student capacity due to CDC regulations.

Thankfully, as of now, all Coronavirus regulations have been lifted, however, there are some continuing operational activities that have been maintained. "Once Court Reserve expanded from just holding tennis courts to saving space in the Fitness Center, AND signing up for Aqua Exercise classes, we came to realize the benefits," Tait said. "I really like the app, and we are continuing to use it for all in-person Group Fitness classes, because it is a great way to see the attendance and helps us gauge the popularity of classes, and whether or not we should expand or switch to another offering," she further explained.

The Covid-19 restrictions also proved a desire of members for instructors to continue to teach virtually via Zoom, while they are in person at the Fitness Center. With the installation of a new TV and computer in the aerobics room, this has been a huge success for both full-time and part-time BSM

residents. In fact, it was the genesis of a NEW six month Zoom-only membership for current seasonal members. It is also great for full-time residents because they can take the classes when they are out of town. Also, the outdoor classes that began during the Coronavirus restrictions continue to stay scheduled, but they are not able to be part of the virtual Zoom schedule.

Other new additions to the Fitness Center during Tait's first few months include a treadmill, upright bike to complement the current two recumbent bikes, Roman sit up chair, balance disks and balls to help with core strength, along with new exercise DVD's that members can use on their own in the aerobics room when classes aren't scheduled.

One of the most important things for Tait was to purchase two more AEDs, automated external defibrillators, used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. "We already had one in the Fitness Center, but we needed to provide this safety measure at the pool location and the tennis/pickleball courts," Tait said. "The Operations Committee has been very supportive and open in providing me the opportunity to make the changes I believe are necessary in providing our members a more enjoyable and safer environment," she continued.


Jen Tait has certainly been busy in her new role, not only where equipment is concerned, but also with hiring and training a whole new staff including CPR/First Aid, scheduling instructors, creating bi-weekly newsletters and monthly handouts, maintaining the Fitness Center Facebook Page, updating the interior design of the gym and much more. However, the most impactful part of Tait's leadership is making herself "available 24/7" to the members of her team. Quite the testament to her passion for people, and her desire to have a positive impact on the staff and members of the club!

Stop by the Fitness Center and introduce yourself to Jen and her team to learn more about becoming a member. In addition to the new Zoom-Only membership for current seasonal members, there as been the addition of a One-Month-Only-Full Membership for Singles and Couples. And don't forget about our One-Day Passes.


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Full moon Pine Island – by Kathleen Colligan

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Florida Exotic Invasive Species in Burnt Store Marina

By Maggie Hart, with Jan McLaughlin's list posted on BSM22.org

Why have some plants been labelled pest plants or invasive species? The goal of the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council is to draw attention to:

- The adverse effects of exotic pest plants to Florida's biodiversity and ecosystems
- The native plant habitat losses from exotic pest plant infestations
- The impacts on endangered species, via habitat loss and alteration
- The socio-economic impacts of these plants (increased wildfires in Melaleuca areas)

The following are considered Category 1 Invasive Plants, and should be removed, if possible, from your landscape. Several on this list are thriving within Burnt Store Marina, and you may even have one or two in your own yard. Invasive exotics alter plant communities by displacing native species, changing community structures or ecological functions, or hybridizing with natives. This definition does not rely on the economic severity of geographic range of the problem, but on the documented ecological damage caused.

If you find one of these plants in your landscape, you are encouraged to remove it. For additional information on plants included in this list, visit the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council at www.fleppc.org.

Common Name	Botanical Name
Air Potato	<i>Dioscorea bulbifera</i>
Asian Sword Fern	<i>Nephrolepis multiflora</i>
*Asparagus Fern	<i>Asparagus densiflorus</i>
Australian Pine	<i>Casuarina equisetifolia</i>
Beach Naupaka	<i>Scaevola sericea</i>
Bischofia	<i>Bischofia javanica</i>
Brazilian Jasmine	<i>Jasminum fluminense</i>
*Brazilian Pepper	<i>Schinus terebinthifolius</i>
Burma Reed; Cane Grass	<i>Neyraudia reynaudiana</i>
Camphor Tree	<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i>
*Carrotwood Tree	<i>Cupaniopsis anacardioides</i>
Cat's Claw Vine	<i>Macfadyena unguis-cati</i>
Catclaw Mimosa	<i>Mimosa pigra</i>
Chinaberry	<i>Melia azedarach</i>
Chinese Tallow Tree	<i>Sapium sebiferum</i>
Climbing Cassia, Christmas Cassia	<i>Senna pendula</i>



Carrotwood Tree fruit

Cogon Grass
Downy Rose-myrtle
Earleaf Acacia
Glossy Privet
Gold Coast Jasmine
Green Hygro
Guava
Hedge Privet
Hydrilla
Incised Halberd Fern
Japanese Climbing Fern
Japanese Honeysuckle
Java Plum
Kudzu
Lather Leaf
*Melaleuca
*Mexican Petunia
Napier Grass
Old World Climbing Fern
*Oyster Plant
Para Grass
Roseary Pea
Santa Maria
Sapodilla
*Schefflera, Queensland
Umbrella Tree
Seaside Mahoe
Sewer Vine; Onion Vine
Shoebutton Ardisia
Shrub Verbena
Skunk Vine
Strawberry Guava
Suckering Australian Pine
Surinam Cherry
Sword Fern
Torpedo Grass
Tropical Soda Apple



Schefflera Umbrella Tree

Imperata cylindrical
Rhodomyrtus tomentosa
Acacia auriculiformis
Ligustrum lucidum
Jasminum dichotomum
Hygrophilia polysperma
Psidium guajava
Ligustrum sinense
Hydrilla verticillata
Tectaria incisa
Lygodium japonicum
Lonicera japonica
Syzygium cumini
Pueraria Montana
Colubrina asiatica
Melaleuca quinquenervia
Ruellia brittoniana
Pennisetum purpureum
Lygodium microphyllum
Tradescantia spathacea
Urochloa mutica
Abrus precatorius
Calophyllum antillanum
Manikara zapota

Schefflera actinophylla
Thespesia populnea
Paederia cruddasiana
Ardisia elliptica
Lantana camara
Paederia foetida
Psidium cattleianum
Casuarina glauca
Eugenia uniflora
Nephrolepis cordifolia
Panicum repens
Solanum viarum



Melaleuca Tree

Variegated Orchid Tree
*Water-hyacinth
Waterlettuce
West Indian Marsh Grass
Wetland Night Shade
White Flowered Wandering Jew
Wild Taro
Winged Yam
Woman's Tongue
*Many sighted within BSM.

Bauhinia variegata
Eichhornia crassipes
Pistia stratiotes
Hymenachne amplexicaulis
Solanum tampicense
Tradescantia fluminensis
Colocasia esculenta
Dioscorea alata
Albizia lebbek

A Note to Our Many Associations

The Beacon editors would like to hear from the many different associations in Burnt Store Marina. How many homes do you represent? What's special about your group? Do you have or sponsor special activities for your members? Tell us about your association.

We would like to highlight one association each month, not only about your great personalities, but also your treasured furry or feathered friends.

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The Recipe Box

By Candace VanDenBerghe, Marlin Run

For this recipe I used the fried onions that you buy in a tub as a topping instead of the cracker crumbs! Lazy...?



Ham, Broccoli and Rice Casserole

2 Tbsp. unsalted butter
½ c. yellow onion, finely diced
2 c. chicken broth, low sodium
1 ¼ c. white long grain rice, uncooked
2 ½ c. cooked ham, diced
2 c. broccoli florets
10.75 oz. cream of chicken soup
½ c. sour cream
¾ c. milk
2 c. shredded cheddar cheese, separated
Salt/Pepper to taste

Ritz Cracker Topping

1 cup Ritz Crackers, crushed into crumbs
2 Tbsp. butter, melted

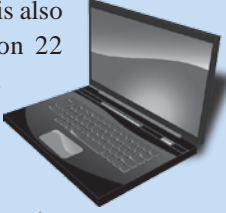
Preheat oven to 350 °F. Melt 2 Tbsp. butter in a large saucepan, add onions and cook until softened. Add chicken broth and rice and bring to a boil, reduce and simmer, covered, for 7 minutes.

Add the broccoli, replace cover and cook 8 more minutes without stirring. Turn off heat, leave cover on - don't stir! - let rice stand for 10 minutes. Add ham, soup, sour cream, milk, 1 c. of cheddar and seasoning. Stir and spread into greased 9x13 inch casserole. Top with remaining 1 c. cheddar. Cover and bake 15 min.

Mix Ritz crackers with 2 Tbsp. melted butter; spread over top of casserole and bake, uncovered, for 10 more minutes. Let sit for 5 minutes prior to serving.

Read The Beacon Online!

This edition of *The Beacon* is also available online at the Section 22 HOA web site...www.bsm22.org. This option is available in addition to the hard copy delivered to your door.



As a reminder; if you have not registered on our website, we strongly encourage you to do so! In addition to reading this and past issues of *The Beacon*, it is a wonderful resource for much more information about the Burnt Store Marina community.



Holiday Golf Cart Decorating Tips



We are inviting all Burnt Store residents and neighbors to participate in the annual Christmas Golf Cart Parade on December 10, at BSMCC.

Beginning in July, we began posting monthly tips and suggestions for decorating your golf cart. July's tips were:

- Pick a theme or name for your cart. (optional)
- Make sure your golf cart is fully charged on parade day.
- When decorating your golf cart use LED Lights as they use less power.

August tips are:

- Use tinsel to cover your cart before adding your lights.
- Stay away from strong tapes like strapping tape and clear duct tape. Use zip ties or scotch tape when attaching items to your cart.
- If you use tape to attach your decorations it should be removed within 24 hours.

If you have any questions, please e-mail sargentess@hotmail.com.



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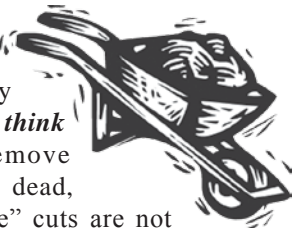
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Gardener’s Wheelbarrow

By Maggie Hart,
Mariners Pass

The daily heat and humidity will continue with the arrival of August. We can expect rain and thunderstorms for about two thirds of the month. Everything is growing rampantly...ornamental plants, weeds, fungus and critters. Now is when you must do frequent checks to see how your landscape is faring. It’s amazing what can happen seemingly overnight.

We’re in the middle of hurricane season and if you are feeling anxious about nearby palms, trees and large shrubs - *think* before you prune! Only remove branches and fronds that are dead, weak or diseased. “Hurricane” cuts are not beneficial and can actually compromise a palm. Radical pruning in palms weakens them by exposing the growing



bud to the elements, and reducing their ability to photosynthesize. Palms with the **most** fronds survive high winds best. Trees and large shrubs that are severely pruned produce weak, clustered growth that is easily broken.

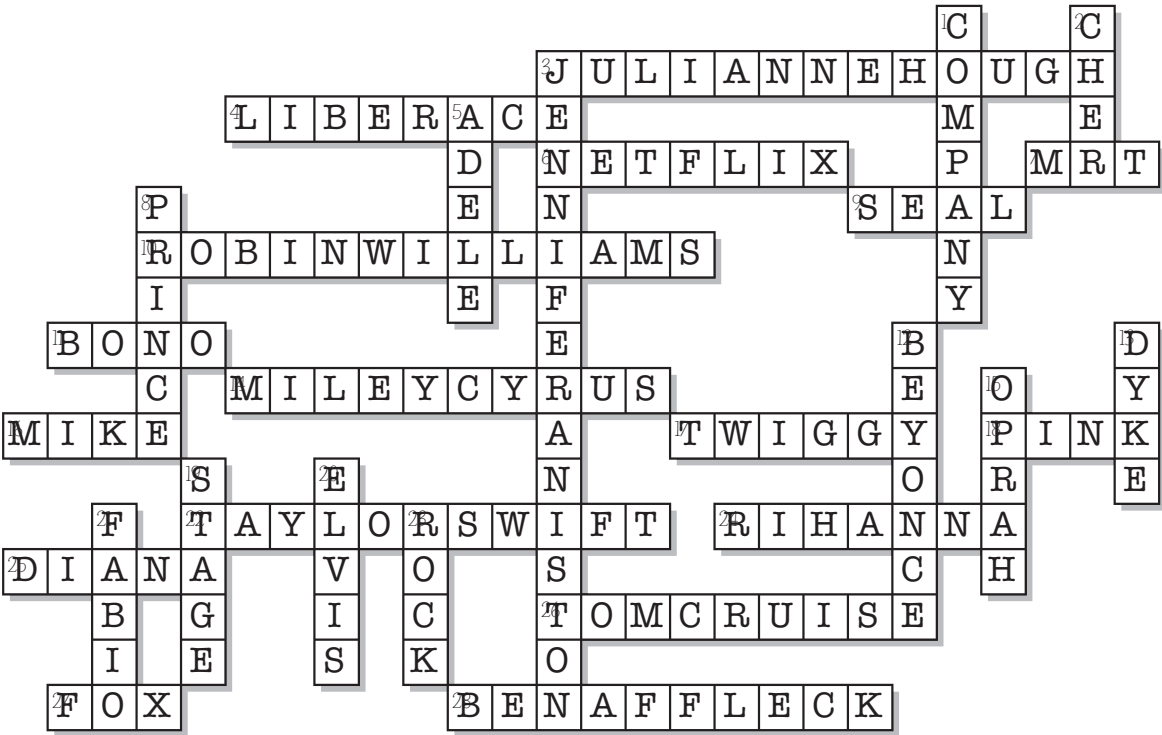
- August Checklist:
- Do your ornamental plants look a little pale? Lots of rainfall leaches the soil’s nutrients. Feed the soil with a high quality, slow-release fertilizer with micronutrients. However, no nitrogen or phosphorous should be applied during the rainy season by Florida law.
 - Pruning – You may have noticed your tropical plants have doubled in size since you looked at them yesterday. This is *their* time of the year. It’s OK to do some pruning now and not wait until the usual fall pruning, but be judicious. Do not prune out more than one third of the growth.
 - Turf – Be watchful for damage caused by both chinch bugs and white grubs. Apply an approved insecticide for our high summer temperatures.
 - This is the last month to put in new plants and still be able to take advantage of the rains. Native plants are best because of their adaptability. Remember to put in plants with their crown just above the ground level and then mulch. But keep mulch away from the stem or trunk – it will cause rotting.
 - Even tried and true plants will struggle with pests and diseases. Know when a plant is in trouble, identify the culprit, determine the amount of possible damage and the possible solutions. **Chemicals aren’t always needed.** For example, if you see small black grasshoppers chewing on your crinums...knock them off and stomp on them. This is quick and effective. If you wait until they mature into the very large and colorful adult lubber grasshopper, there isn’t a chemical that will work...and they’re tougher to catch and messier to squash. A few aphids on new growth? Prune out the eating zone, or go back to squashing with your gloved hand. The birds are also quite effective at eliminating insects.

Plants that like the heat, like ginger, bird of paradise and ixora are thriving now, looking their best and adding color to your landscape. Heat-loving greenery include natal plum, philodendron and sea grape. These are the ones you want to plant to keep your landscape attractive all year.

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August Off-Beat Holidays

By Maggie Hart, *Mariners Pass*

Originally, in the Roman calendar, the month of August was called Sextilis. This was because it was the sixth month of the year. When January and February were added to the calendar, it became the eighth month of the year. At that time, the month had 29 days. When Julius Caesar created the Julian calendar in 45 BC, two days were added giving the month 31 days. The month was renamed Augustus in honor of the first emperor of Rome, Caesar Augustus.

August in Florida is usually pretty hot and humid – fine makings for hurricanes in Florida. As such, even though we seem to have gotten past the COVID lockdown, not many outdoor activities are scheduled this month. There are some historic events occurring in August that you can celebrate, indoors and with air conditioning:

August 1, 1962: Stan Lee and Steve Ditko introduced Spider-Man as a new Marvel Comics superhero.

August 2, 1790: The first U.S. Census was completed. There were just under four million people counted in the U.S. on this date.

August 2, 1876: Wild Bill Hickok was shot and died during a poker game in Deadwood, Dakota Territory (now South Dakota). He was holding a “Dead Man’s Hand,” composed of two pair; aces and 8s. He was 39 years old.

August 4, 1693: Champagne was invented by Dom Perignon.

August 4: *U.S. Coast Guard Day* honors the military branch that protects our waters and shorelines.

August 5, 1924: Little Orphan Annie comic strip debuted.

August 5, 1957: American Bandstand, hosted by Dick Clark, premiered.

August 8, 1890: The organization, Daughters of the American Revolution, was created.

August 9, 1974: President Richard M. Nixon became the first and only president to resign while in office.

August 10, 1833: The village of Chicago was incorporated.

August 11: *Presidential Joke Day* – presidents can have a sense of humor, too. Many people believe this is a day to make jokes *about* the president. But this day is for presidents to make a joke. On this day in 1984, President Ronald Reagan made a doozie of a joke: just before his regular Saturday radio address, President Ronald Reagan was doing a voice test with the microphone. He thought the microphone and the feed was not live. He joked into the microphone: “My fellow Americans, I am pleased to tell you I just signed legislation which outlaws Russia forever. The bombing begins in five minutes.” To his surprise, he was speaking into a live mic.

August 12, 1850: The sewing machine was patented by Isaac Singer.

August 12, 1898: The U.S. annexed the Hawaii Islands.

August 13, 2021: *Friday the 13th* occurs from one to three times a year, this year, just once. Bad luck is associated with this day: Friday the 13th – 8/13/2004 – brought *Hurricane Charley* to Punta Gorda’s doors. So, if you are superstitious, you had better hide someplace safe.

August 15, 1914: The Panama Canal was opened.

August 16, 1896: Gold was discovered in the Klondike.

August 19, 1909: The Indianapolis Speedway held its first auto race.

August 20, 1897: British doctor Sir Ronald Ross discovered the link between mosquitos and the transmission of malaria. This day is also celebrated (WHAT!??) as *World Mosquito Day*.

August 21, 1959: Hawaii became the 50th state.

August 24, 1869: The Waffle Iron was patented by Cornelius Swarthout of Troy, New York.

August 25, 1904: The Banana Split was invented by David Strickler at a soda fountain in Latrobe, Pa.

August 28, 1957: Senator Strom Thurmond began a 24-hour filibuster against the Civil Rights Bill.

August 28, 1963: Martin Luther King Jr. made his “I Have a Dream” speech.

Tire Dry Rot In Florida

What Is Tire Dry Rot?

True dry rot normally occurs in wood and wood products. It generally doesn’t happen in rubber. However, a type of deterioration like dry rot does occur in rubber products and is also referred to by some as dry rot. Tire dry rot is sometimes called sidewall weathering or cracking because it primarily occurs on the tires’ sidewalls. In more advanced cases of dry rot, cracks may begin to appear on the tires’ treads. These cracks typically run perpendicular to the direction of the treads. The cracks allow the fungi responsible for dry rot in wood to attack the rubber and cause the tire to be unstable and lose strength.

Usually, tires are smooth and crack-free. The sidewalls of a dry rotted tire resemble cracked leather or elephant skin. A tire with dry rot feels dry and brittle. Touching the affected areas can cause pieces of rubber to flake off. The color of a dry rotted tire may also tend to fade and instead of being black is a gray color.

Very severe dry rot in front tires can cause a wobbling in the steering wheel even at low speeds. If it is in the rear tires, it can cause the whole vehicle to wobble. Tires with dry rot are not safe to drive on.

What Causes Tire Dry Rot?

There are five basic causes of tire dry rot as follows:

- Excessive exposure to the ultraviolet (UV) rays in sunlight. The natural and synthetic rubbers in tires are susceptible to UV damage. Thus, parking a vehicle for long periods of time in sunlight can cause tire degradation. This is particularly true in Florida, “The Sunshine State,” where sunshine is plentiful.
- Not using tires for prolonged periods of time. Tire manufacturers incorporate special waxes and other additives into tires. These waxes and additives migrate



to the tires’ rubber surfaces during regular use and form a protective layer against dry rot. When tires are inactive for a long time, this phenomenon doesn’t occur, and dry rot can occur. This is probably the most common cause of dry rot.

- Tires being underinflated. Underinflation can cause poor distribution of the vehicle’s weight to the tires and stress the tires’ sidewalls, resulting in sidewall cracks that allow dry rot fungi to enter the tire.

- Long periods of exposure to extremely high temperatures, such as 100 degrees and higher. However, this is somewhat rare.

- Being near ozone emitting sources such as electric motors, battery chargers, and electricity generators for long periods of time. This is also somewhat rare.

Mitigation/Prevention

The following activities can mitigate or prevent tire dry rot:

- Frequently inspect tires for sidewall or tread cracking and other signs of decay such as discoloration. It is best to deal with tire dry rot in its early stages.

- Maintain the inflation pressure recommended for your tires.

- If possible, park the vehicle in the shade, a garage, or a carport to minimize UV exposure. If this is not possible, place coverings over the tires. Also, park the vehicle away from ozone-emitting devices.

- Increase or balance vehicle use to promote the migration to the tire surfaces of the protective waxes and additives incorporated into the tires during the manufacturing process. This may mean that you run more frequent errands. Or, if you have more than one vehicle, that you balance the use of them.

- There are tire protection products that might or might not be effective in sealing small cracks in the very early stages of dry rot. However, selecting the right product is somewhat tricky, and the wrong one can damage the tires. Water-based products are preferred. Products containing petrochemicals or silicone should be avoided. They can be detrimental to the tires. It is best to get a recommendation from an experienced automotive professional. However, auto mechanics typically prefer not to try curing dry rot. They just recommend replacing the tires.

Humane Society of Pulaski County - Beware of Hot Asphalt!

Dog lovers know the basics of keeping dog’s safe in summer: Bring lots of water with you on walks, watch for the signs of your dog overheating and never, ever, ever leave a dog in the car — even on days that don’t seem that warm. But it might come as a surprise that the very pavement beneath your dog’s paws could be sizzling hot. And hot pavement can have gruesome and painful

consequences. Asphalt gets very hot and can burn your pet’s paws, so walk your dog on the grass if possible. Look for the signs of burned pads: limping or refusing to walk, licking or chewing at the feet, pads darker in color, missing part of pad, or blisters/redness. If you see the signs of burned pads, flush the paws with cool water and get your dog to your vet as soon as possible.

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2021 Veterans Day Events at BSM Salute to our Military “Past and Present”

By Joyce Brown, Chair
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We are very excited to announce plans for the Veterans fundraising events this November to benefit the *Wish For Our Heroes Foundation*.

We have great events lined up including granting a live wish, and having special guests join us for the events. MARK YOUR CALENDARS now to save these dates. With the events canceled in 2020 due to covid, we are looking forward to making this the best year ever. This will be our 11th year of holding these events. The *Wish For Our Heroes Foundation* is a national 501C3 charity that grants wishes, that provides support for active duty military and veterans in need. In the 12 years the charity has been in existence, they have raised over \$16 million dollars, and helped over 37,000 individuals and families in need. Burnt Store has the longest running event for the foundation as we have held events every year since their beginning. We have raised over \$300,000 to date and 100% of ALL funds raised have gone to help veterans and active duty military families in need. We rely on the generous donations and sponsorships and money raised at the events.

300 Club Tickets: ON SALE NOW from any committee member. We are selling 300 Tickets for \$25 each for a chance to win up to 5 – CASH prizes. 1st Prize - \$1500, 2nd Prize - \$750, 3rd Prize - \$500, 4th Prize - \$250 and 5th Prize - \$100. Drawing will be held at Cass Cay on Saturday, November 6.

Cass Cay Event: Saturday, November 6 – Tickets will go on sale September 30. Pulling out all the stops this year, we will have the *Wish For Our Heroes* “BIG TRUCK” and crew to help us have an amazing evening of fun and fundraising. We will have great entertainment from Single Shot Steve Flagg and Captain Rick, great food, 50/50, auctions and more. Watch for the September *Beacon* with all details and ticket prices. This event will be limited to 275 people and



will go on sale September 30. Thanks to Cass Cay and Safe Harbor Marina, we will have the entire restaurant - inside and out - as well as the Tiki Hut this year to maximize space.

Golf Tournament – Burnt Store Marina CC: Sunday, November 7 – to be held at Burnt Store Marina CC. See the September *Beacon* for full details. Plan on a great day of golf, food, games on the course, 50/50, auction and more.

Golf Hole Sponsorships: Hole sponsorships are available for \$100 – Tees & Greens; \$200 – Practice Greens (Heron & Clubhouse), Cart Barn & Driving Range; \$500 – Clubhouse Front & Back. Contact Cheryl Fogg for more information.

Veterans Breakfast – Linkside Café at Burnt Store Marina CC: Thursday, November 11. This event is held every year on Veterans Day to honor our veterans who served our country. Even if you are not a veteran, please join us in honoring and remembering those who have given so much for our freedom. More details in the September *Beacon*.

Auction/Raffle Items: We are looking for great items for our auctions and raffles for the Cass Cay and golf events. If you have something to donate, contact any committee member.

Sponsorships: WE NEED SPONSORS! If you are interested, or know someone or a company who would want to become one of our sponsors, please contact Joyce Brown or any committee member for more details.

If you are interested in getting more involved as a volunteer, serving on the committee, becoming a sponsor or donor, please send your name, email and phone number to Joyce Brown at djbrown697@gmail.com, or call her at 614-329-9996, or contact any of the committee members: Joyce & Dick Brown, Debbie Burns, Gordon & Cheryl Fogg, Jerry Jerome, Cassandra Kelley, Michele Goldman, Sandy Howard.

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This year Banned Books Week will be celebrated from Sept. 26 to Oct. 2. This year’s theme is “Books Unite Us. Censorship Divides Us.”

From the American Library Association, here are the top 10 most challenged books of 2020, along with the reasons that they were challenged.

1. Title: *George*, **Children’s fiction, grades 3 to 7**
Author: Alex Gino
Reasons: Challenged, banned, and restricted for LGBTQIA+ content, conflicting with a religious viewpoint, and not reflecting “the values of our community”

2. Title: *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You*, **Teen nonfiction, ages 12 and up**
Author: Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds
Reasons: Banned and challenged because of author’s public statements, and because of claims that the book contains “selective storytelling incidents” and does not encompass racism against all people.

3. Title: *All American Boys*, **Teen fiction**
Author: Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely
Reasons: Banned and challenged for profanity, drug use, and alcoholism, and because it was thought to promote anti-police views, contain divisive topics, and be “too much of a sensitive matter right now”



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5. Title: *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, **Teen fiction**
Author: Sherman Alexie
Reasons: Banned and challenged for profanity, sexual references, and allegations of sexual misconduct by the author

6. Title: *Something Happened in Our Town: A Child’s Story About Racial Injustice*, **Children’s picture book**
Author: Marianne Celano, Marietta Collins, and Ann Hazzard, illustrated by Jennifer Zivoin
Reasons: Challenged for “divisive language” and because it was thought to promote anti-police views

7. Title: *To Kill a Mockingbird*, **Teen fiction and Adult fiction**
Author: Harper Lee
Reasons: Banned and challenged for racial slurs and their negative effect on students, featuring a “white savior” character, and its perception of the Black experience

8. Title: *Of Mice and Men*, **Teen fiction and Adult fiction**
Author: John Steinbeck
Reasons: Banned and challenged for racial slurs and racist stereotypes, and their negative effect on students



9. Title: *The Bluest Eye*, **Adult fiction**
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Reasons: Banned and challenged because it was considered sexually explicit and depicts child sexual abuse

10. Title: *The Hate U Give*, **Teen fiction**
Author: Angie Thomas
Reasons: Challenged for profanity, and it was thought to promote an anti-police message

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