



President’s Comments

By Craig Holcomb, Sec. 22 HOA

This Holiday Season is the time that we should slow down and be thankful for all that we have and are able to enjoy in our Burnt Store Marina community. Being with our good friends and neighbors makes this a great place to live, and our good fortune to have been born and living in this great country of ours.

So, this month, as you celebrate your family, friends and religious beliefs, say a prayer for how truly blessed we are to be able to live in our community, and our country, with such great people surrounding us each day.



We, the Board and Committee Volunteer members for Section 22, BSMCC, Platinum Point Yacht Club, Fitness, Racquet and Pool Club, Safe Harbor Marina, and all the businesses within our community, wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukah and a Happy New Year, with good health and safe travels throughout the holidays!



Section 22 HOA Committee Reports

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:

- Jonathan Ralph, 23961 Vincent Ave., roof and gutter replacement.
 - John Loomis, 3071 Big Pass Ln., roof replacement.
 - Ovila & Eileen Case, 1107 Islamorada Blvd., roof replacement.
 - Earl Kahn, 2090 Matecumbe Key Rd. #1704, hurricane screen.
 - James & Donna Geisler, 1407 Islamorada Blvd., roof replacement.
 - Stephan & Susan Flagstad, 1403 Islamorada Blvd., roof replacement.
 - Thomas & Carol Kusek, 802 Islamorada Blvd., roof replacement.
 - Leonard & Beth Contreras, 5021 King Tarpon Dr., exterior paint.
 - Pete & Diane Bernd, 3368 Sunset Key Cir. Unit D, window replacement.
 - Ted & Doris Havens, 4040 Key Largo Ln., roof replacement.
 - Glen Boyd, 2071 King Tarpon Dr., roof replacement.
 - James & Linda Ayres, 1200 Romano Key Cir., roof replacement.
 - John & Debra Dunker, 24117 Redfish Cove Dr., roof replacement.
- 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

Happy Holidays!

The Community Access Committee would like to remind our residents of a few things for the holiday, and the start of our 2022 Season.

Please remember that during the holidays, “crimes of opportunity” occur more frequently. Please secure your items in your golf carts and vehicles. Keep items out of plain view, including wallets, purses and cell phones. Items left in carts should be physically secured or removed when not in use. Also, please REMOVE your golf cart key when parked!

As we move towards our busy season, we will have more pedestrians on the roadways within the community. Monitoring speed and adhering to posted stop signs will help ensure that we have a fun and safe season.

Bicyclists and golf carts should be traveling in the same direction as vehicle traffic, and also are required to obey posted signage.

Children under the age of 14 years should not be driving golf carts within the community. Individuals who are of age to drive the golf cart on the roadway should understand the posted signage, and also be able to signal their intentions to turn, if the golf cart is not equipped with turn signals.

During Season, the associations are inundated with calls regarding parking issues. Please be mindful of your association’s rules and regulations involving parking. If you are renting your unit, please advise your guests.

The Access Control Gate also receives a high volume of noise complaints during season. It is important to remember that Lee County restricts the noise levels between the hours of 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.

We would like to thank all of you for continued support to make our community a safe place to be during the holidays and our busy season.

Reminder:

**Next Section 22 HOA Board Meeting –
Tuesday, December 14, 9 a.m.,
Linkside Café Patio**

An ARC did you know, moment...

By Barry Groesch,
Architectural Review
Committee Chair

Did you know...If you want to build a house here, an ARC application is required. Go to **BSM22.org** to get your application.





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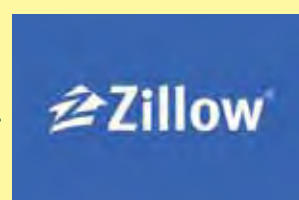
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Mark Your Calendar – Out And About

Inside the Gates Dates

- **Wednesday December 1:** Deadline for the January *Beacon*. Article and picture submissions are welcomed. Become part of the *Beacon* family.
- **Tuesday, December 14:** 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.
- **Every Friday:** Burnt Store Marina Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Cass Cay Parking Lot.

Outside the Gates Dates

- **Thursday, December 2:** A Heritage Holiday Family Friendly Evening. Good food, drink and entertainments. Military Heritage Museum, 900 W. Marion, Punta Gorda, 6 to 9 p.m. \$30 per person. Go to <http://militaryheritagemuseum.org/upcomingevents> for details.
- **Friday, December 3:** Fort Myers River District Art Walk, 1 to 5 p.m. Visit many galleries, exhibitions and performances.
- **Saturday, December 4:** Cape Coral Holiday Festival of Lights 2021, Cape Coral Parkway, 1/3 mile of holiday attractions, performers, food vendors and the official lighting of the Cape Coral Christmas Tree. 4 to 10 p.m.
- **Friday, December 17:** Fort Myers River District Music Walk, 5 to 9 p.m. Local and regional musicians line the street with music from jazz to blues to rock and roll.
- **December 1 through December 31:** King Fisher Fleet-Lighted Canal Cruise. 3 tours nightly starting at 6 p.m. Fishermen’s Village, 1200 W Retta Esplanade. Go to www.kingfisherfleet.com for full pricing details.
- **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 1 to 6 p.m., Veterans Parkway and Surfside Boulevard, opposite end of Belks Dept. Store.
- **Every Wednesday:** Long Lunch Sightseeing & Culinary Walking Tour. Explore culinary treasures of Punta Gorda and visit historic sites. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$39 per person. Go to <https://swfloridawalkingtours.com/tours-2/long-lunch-tour>.
- **Every Saturday:** Haunts & History of Punta Gorda Walking Tour. 1-1/2 mile tour of historic and haunted sites of downtown. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Adults \$29, youth \$19. Go to <https://swfloridawalkingtours.com/tours-2/haunts-and-history-tour>.
- **Every Thursday:** Fort Myers River District Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Every Saturday:** Punta Gorda Farmers Market, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., downtown. Lots of vendors with fresh fruits and vegetables, live music, crafts and other great buys. Visit nearby murals and enjoy some of the great downtown restaurants.
- **Every Saturday:** Cape Coral Farmers Market, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., SE 14th Ter. and SE 10th Pl., Cape Coral.
- **Every Sunday:** Punta Gorda Historical Society’s Farmers Market, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at History Park, 501 Shreve Street. Shop for veggies, meats, plants and gifts. Most Sundays you will be treated to live music by Dave Heveron. When the market closes at 1 p.m., take a guided tour of the gardens at the park. Walk the grounds with Florida native gardener, Starr Zachritz, and learn about Florida’s flora. A \$5 suggested donation gets you a plant to take home. Call 941-380-6814.

Bocce - That’s The Way We Roll!

By Kathy Darrell,
Tarpon Pass

BURNT STORE MARINA COUNTRY CLUB – BOCCE – Our goal is to introduce the joy and competition of bocce to more people.

Not even hot temperatures can keep our hardy players from enjoying the game! With the most games played, Lou Paolillo and Tom Darrell are tied for first place. The women leaders are Marge Currao and Leanne King.

First brought to the United States by Italian immigrants, bocce is one of the oldest games in the world, with some claiming evidence of its origins in Egyptian cave paintings. The ancient game is still popular today, and can be found everywhere from the beach to brunch at many restaurants.

Are you a bocce beginner? Learn how to play the classic game with the help of these tips.

Bocce is played competitively around the world, but it’s also easy for anyone to pick up and play for fun. Before you begin to play, it’s important to understand the basics. Let us start with equipment.

Bocce features limited equipment, and BSMCC provides this. All you need to play is a bocce set, which consists of two different types of balls:

Bocce Balls – A bocce set consists of eight larger balls known as “bocce balls.” They may come in different sizes



depending on skill level and age, but a regulation-size ball has a diameter of about 4.2 inches. The balls come four to a set, in two different colors, to easily represent each team. They will often be red or green, but other colors may be available as well.

Pallino – The pallino, which is sometimes referred to as a “jack,” is a smaller ball that is used to represent the target for the bocce balls during game play.

Have your interest? More to follow next month.

If you are new to bocce and wonder what all the excitement is about – join us on Tuesday afternoons at

3 p.m. No training or special equipment needed. Bring yourself, a lawn chair and eagerness to play. Great friends, good conversation and lots of smiles.

If you wish to practice before joining our lively group, check out a bocce set from the cart barn and have a go.

For more information or to be put on our email list, call Tom & Kathy Darrell at 330-806-9182.

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Fit Happens... Restorative and Natural Healing

By Sandra Tillett, Natural Wellness Practitioner
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Restorative healing or health from the inside out, has become a trending topic across the country, and the benefits of meditation, hypnotherapy and nutrition, in particular, focuses on alleviating stress, calming the mind, relaxing and improving the workings of the body.

Sheriff's Report – October

16 Warnings:
2 – Speeding: 1 visitor,
1 resident
4 – Failure to stop at a stop
sign: 2 visitors, 1 resident, 1 worker
2 Tickets:
2 – Speeding: 1 resident, 1 worker



Writers Wanted

Do you have a story about your experiences in Burnt Store Marina to share with our residents? Did you find something in your back yard that you find fascinating? Are you participating in a fundraising event? Do you have an unusual hobby? We have many new residents in the Marina – we would love to hear their stories.

The editors of *The Beacon* are seeking new, informative and entertaining articles for upcoming issues. If you are interested in volunteering your talents, contact any one of the editors listed in the Directory on Page 2 of this issue.



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Gurus everywhere are preaching and teaching that many health concerns can be addressed proactively, by first alleviating stress, second by connecting the mind and body, and third through meditation and nutrition, getting to a place of balance from the inside out.

However, if you are one of many people who believe they cannot meditate, or if eating right is difficult for you, or perhaps you believe mental health support is “not for you,” then you need to forget everything you thought you knew about these topics.

Imagine for a moment that your body has been trying to get your attention and you haven’t been listening. Don’t worry, the body will be heard. You know that little voice is there, but if you’ve ignored it, intentionally or unintentionally, it begins to show up in undesirable ways.

As the body communicates through the cells and neurons, there is an impact that takes place. Unprocessed emotions, and physical conditions show up as illness or disease. They impact your life, your relationships and your body, affecting your health.

Identifying the root cause is what natural and restorative care is about. It’s about finally listening and paying attention to that inner voice — that silent cry that arises as emotional or physical pain, or discomfort becomes apparent. Treating the root cause will make you feel better, but if you want to really improve your life, becoming proactive is the better alternative.

I like to refer to this as an awakening to the “Present Moment,” a moment when you become connected and activated, so your true needs and ultimately your sovereignty and total well-being can be addressed and honored.

While difficult to explain, many people experience this moment of awakening through a physical response, emotional shift or a sudden event or realization. This then is where true healing can begin. So, what can you do to get to that place of natural and proactive health, a place of the “Present Moment?”

1. Connect to your physical body and commune with nature. Walk on the beach, the grass, or literally stand barefoot under a banyan tree. Naturally discover more about yourself and ground your energy and thoughts, and clear your mind.
2. Pay attention to what you put into your body. Fresh foods high in antioxidants and greens are perfect. Check your supplements, and ensure they are natural and safe, when combined with medication. It’s true that moderation is a simple but powerful way to address your nutritional needs.
3. Meditation and mindfulness can help you connect with your thoughts and body. One thing that can be done by anyone is to be in the moment (Mindfulness). Don’t live in the past or future, be in the now. Fishing, golfing, working out, or even sitting and watching a sunset, can bring you to a place where you can pay attention to you.

As a result, a few things begin to emerge, allowing you to achieve a higher state of consciousness and deepen your ability to hear that little voice. Better than recovering from an illness, changing a few simple things in your life will allow you to access a restorative and natural balance to your health.



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Gardener’s Wheelbarrow

By Maggie Hart,
Mariners Pass

At last! Everyone can move outside and enjoy their garden. Cooler days and nights have finally arrived. Now is the time to get out and appraise your landscaping, decide what needs to go, and plan for new additions. The month of December will generally be dry, with only two inches of rain - if we’re lucky. Last December we had less than three inches of rain, and daytime temps were cooler, with highs ranging from 59 to 82, and lows from 42 to 67. This is a month when frost **can also** occur. Be prepared for anything and watch for plants drying out



if there is heat combined with wind. Keep soil moist, but don’t water if frost is expected.

Blooming trees this month include fall orchid trees, kapok trees and white shaving brush trees. Most flowering tropical plants will continue to bloom, unless challenged by frosty temperatures.

This month’s garden checklist: keep plants and turf adequately hydrated and guard tender tropicals (including orchids) from low temperatures.

- Tropical plants – this is not their favorite season. No need to call in the paramedics if you see some yellowing and loss of foliage due to cooler temperatures. When it turns chilly and

there’s rain, brown spot can appear on the leaves of ixora and croton.

- Frost predicted? Cover your plants (no plastic!), and remember to remove the covering by 10 a.m. so daytime temperatures don’t cook your plants. And, to be on the safe side, orchids should be brought in or protected if temperatures are predicted to drop below 50 degrees.
- Potted poinsettias need to be watered, but should not be allowed to get too wet. They do best with at least 14 hours of natural or artificial light per day.
- Christmas cacti and kalanchoes are best watered every two to three weeks. Once they bloom, they require lots of light, but very little water – and no fertilizer.
- Cages, pools, proximity to a wall, a rotating ceiling fan... all will moderate temperatures. The coldest temperature will occur around 6 – 6:30 a.m. It only takes a few minutes of cold, not freezing temperatures, to substantially harm or kill tropical plants.
- Pruning – forget it, especially if it’s a frost-sensitive plant. Pruning encourages tender new growth. You can safely prune again in March.
- Annuals – remove dead flowers to encourage continued flowering.
- Now is the time to move crowded plants to a better location. Be sure to get a good-sized root ball. Keep the soil moist!
- At this time of year, established plants have definitely slowed down their growth rate and consequently require less of everything... water, fertilizer and pruning. Water less frequently, but deeply, to encourage deep healthy roots.

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.

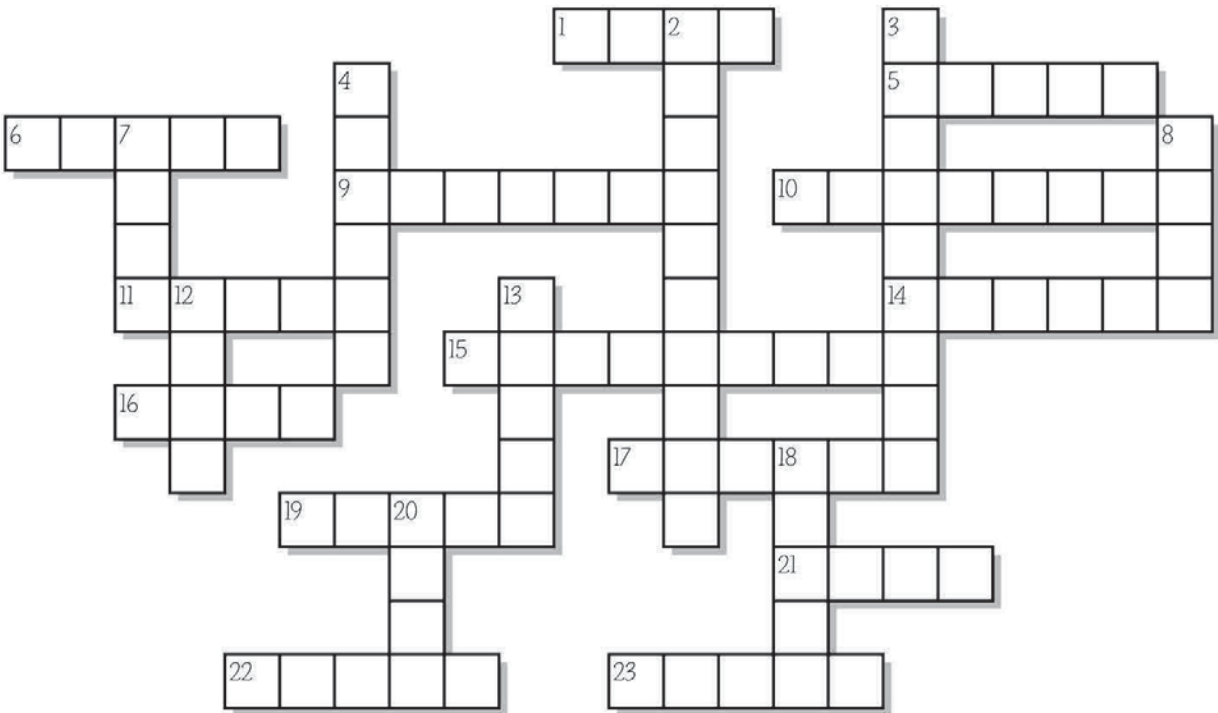
- Islamorada Entrance Gate to Cape Cole Blvd. – 0.82 mile
- Cape Cole Blvd., golf clubhouse gate arm to Islamorada Blvd. – 0.60 mile
- Cape Cole Blvd., golf club gate arm to Matecumbe Key entry – 0.72 mile
- Matecumbe Key Blvd., construction entrance to Cape Cole Blvd., 0.72 mile

- 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

Wonderful resources for walkers abound on the Internet. These sites offer a wide selection of audio music apps for beginners to advanced walkers, exercise videos, gear (including shoes), accessories and resource information.



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- 1 Santa Claus is coming to
- 5 Deck the halls
- 6 The baby lord
- 9 Felix
- 10 Oh come all ye
- 11 Dreaming of a ... Christmas

14 ...days of

- Christmas
- 15 Oh little town of
- 16 Santa
- 17 ... We have heard on high
- 19 We three
- 21 Jingle bell
- 22 Joy to the
- 23 Oh holy

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- 4 Away in a
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Golf News and Tips

By Bill Connelly,
Head Golf Professional

Heron is expected to open sometime this month. Pelican and Osprey remain open for play. Thank you to all of our members and residents for your continued support.



Be sure to sign up for the Holiday Duffer Golf Scramble on Thursday, December 9 at 3 p.m. The Holiday Backwards Scramble is Saturday, December 11 at 8:30 a.m. And remember, there is a 9 Hole Scramble every Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

Results of the Mystery Scramble held on October 9:

1st Flight Winners

1. Bill Morgan, Lesley Rose, Gordon Fogg, Sandy Howard

2. Alan Huffman, Roy Howard, Steve Hunt, Greg Jordan

2nd Flight Winners

1. Bob Honcharski, Doris Havens, Mark Van De Kerkhove, Betty Hallowell

Results of the Halloween Scramble Held October 30:

1st Flight Winners

1. Gary and Karen Crandall, Jeff and Kathy Crandall

2. Maryanne and Bob San Juan, Stan and Loriann Rogers.

2nd Flight Winners

1. Shirley and George Peterson, Lee and Cherie Hanmer

2. Bill Morgan, Mike Mazzioti, Helen Kendall

3rd Flight Winners

1. Jim Pursley, Paula Allton, Pat and George Folio

2. Melody Groh, Barb Honcharski, Connie Gambill, Kathi McKay

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Osprey 4

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Pelican 5

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✱ **Thursday, December 2 - Lighting Xmas Tree**
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✱ **Thursday, December 9 – Holiday Duffers 9 - Hole Golf Scramble**
3 p.m. Open to all, even non-golfers!
Register at BSMCC at proshop@bsgac.org or call 941-637-1577

✱ **December 10 - Friday - Golf Cart Decorating Contest & Parade**
Enjoy the Vintage cars leading the Parade, starts at sunset (5:15-5:30 p.m.)
Prizes for best decorated carts and cars! Register at lyndamac55@aol.com

✱ **December 11 - Saturday - Boat Decorating Contest at Cass Cay - 5:30 p.m.**
Register Your Boat at - BSM@SHMARINAS.COM

✱ **December 12 - Sunday – Lights of the Season Golf Cart Tour!**
Registration not required. Starts at BSMCC, with awards presentation at 5:30 p.m.; Tour of Lights starts at 6:30 p.m., and ends at PPYC

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Allison James Estates & Homes, 25000 Harborside Blvd., Punta Gorda, FL 33955
(Corner of Burnt Store Rd & Harborside Blvd)

Burnt Store Marina CC News

By John Abbott,
General Manager, BSMCC

“It’s the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!” Those lyrics from a famous song ring true, now as much as they ever did. The holiday season is fast approaching, and our calendar of events is getting busier every day.

Here at Burnt Store Marina Country Club, we are gearing up for what promises to be the most exciting year ever! Home for the Holidays has become an exciting time with many activities open for everyone. The tree lighting event kicks things off in December.

Our first ever “Holiday Duffer Golf Scramble” is scheduled for December 9. This outing is open to everyone in the community, both golfers and non-golfers. If you’ve ever thought you may want to give golf a try, this event is for you. We will have games, prizes and special challenges for everyone. The party continues with a golf cart parade, boat parade and tour of lights. If you missed “Home for the Holidays” last year, you are in for a treat.

The always popular “Backwards Scramble” is set for December 11, for those that are looking for a challenge, as well as a great day. We only have a limited number of spaces available for the golf events, so watch for the sign ups.

Throughout the entire festive season, Linkside is open with a new menu that is sure to excite everyone. In addition, several dinner specials will kick off the season in a great way. Tuesday nights will continue to be a great night and a great value. Wednesday, December 22, features Prime Rib night, which will become a regular event. Italian Night on December 29, provides Chef Renzo with a chance to show off his culinary talent. Food truck Thursdays will showcase a revolving list of specialty foods, which will temp everyone’s pallet, with dessert trucks making frequent visits to satisfy any sweet tooth. “Friday Fish Fry” makes a return to our community in December after a brief hiatus. This has always been a well-attended dinner and reservations will be important.

All events are open to “Everyone” in the community.



Members can make reservations up to 30 days in advance of certain special events. Regularly scheduled dinners can be reserved 7 days in advance for members and 3 days in advance for non-members. Watch for the flyers, and reference the calendar to make sure you don’t miss out.

Outdoor live music is just one more reason to live in paradise, and we will be providing it this season. As Covid still remains a concern for everyone, our outside venue will provide a comfortable space to visit with friends, and listen to great music. Our new stage and outside food service is a great option for everyone. During inclement weather, we will be able to move things into the lanai so your night of fun isn’t interrupted. Most Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings Linkside will play host to a variety of musical acts. Food, drink and good times await everyone in the community, with members receiving 15% discount on all their Linkside purchases.

For all club events, including music, golf and parties, it is prohibited for anyone to bring alcohol on the premises. Lee County and Florida regulations make it illegal, with significant liability for the club. In addition, bringing outside alcohol threatens our liquor license, which is a significant problem. We are working hard to provide inside and outside service, drink specials and coolers for you to purchase, to enjoy your experience at a reasonable price. Watch for more specials coming soon.

It all adds up to a great start to the year for everyone in the community. If you already enjoy the club, thank you for your support. If you are new, welcome to paradise. For everyone else, come and give us a try! You will be happy you did!



BSMCC December 2021 Schedule of Events						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m.-3 p.m.* Republican Dinner 5 p.m.*****	2 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m.-3 p.m.* Food Truck/Music 5 - 8 p.m.	3 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m.-3 p.m.* Fish Fry-Music 5 - 8 p.m.*	4 Breakfast 8 a.m.-11 a.m. Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m.-3 p.m.* Music 5 - 8 p.m.
5 Breakfast 8 - 11 a.m. Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m.-3 p.m.*	6 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m.-3 p.m.* Trivia 5 - 7 p.m.*** Bar Food Menu Available	7 9 Hole Scramble 3:30 p.m.*** Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m.-3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.*	8 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m.-3 p.m.*	9 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m.-3 p.m.* Holiday Duffer Golf 3 p.m.**	10 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m.-3 p.m.* Cart Parade 5 p.m.	11 Breakfast 8 a.m.-11 a.m. Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m.-3 p.m.* Holiday Backwards Scramble 8:30 a.m.*** Music
12 Breakfast 8 - 11 a.m. Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Tour of Lights 5:30 p.m.	13 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m.-3 p.m.* Trivia 5 - 7 p.m.*** Bar Food Menu Available	14 9 Hole Scramble 3:30 p.m.*** Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.*	15 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m.-3 p.m.* Ladies League Holiday Brunch 10:30 a.m.*	16 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m.-3 p.m.* Food Truck/Music 5 - 8 p.m.	17 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m.-3 p.m.* Fish Fry/Music 5 - 8 p.m.*	18 Breakfast 8 - 11 a.m. Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m.-3 p.m.* Music
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By The Pickleball Committee

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indoors or outside. The goal, like many racquet sports, is to get the ball over the net and prevent your opponent from hitting it back.

According to the Sport and Fitness Industry Association (SFIA), there were 4.2 million players in the United States last year, a 21 percent increase from 2019. Quite an impressive growth trend for a game, that started in someone’s backyard, that aspires to become an Olympic sport. This

exponential growth can be attributed partly to the fact that it easy to learn and fun for mixed groups, no matter the age, gender or skill of the players.

If you are a member of the BSM Fitness Center, and want to learn how to play, you are in luck. Through the end of March 2022, you can sign up for a FREE one-hour “Intro to Pickleball Class” that takes place Tuesdays and Fridays at 10 a.m. These classes are taught by advanced pickleball members, and are designed for someone who has never played pickleball, and is curious to try it. Advanced registration is required and there is a limit of eight participants who can enroll for two sessions.

Non-members are welcome and can participate by purchasing a \$10 One-Day Pass which also includes access to all Fitness Center amenities on the same day. Stop by the Fitness Center to sign up or call 941-575-3260.

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Advanced registration and payment are required at the front desk in the BSM Fitness Center. NOT READY YET? All are welcome to come down to the courts during the clinics to observe Ricky teaching, and you can talk with him afterwards to ask questions or to get to know him better. BSM is lucky to have a Pro like Ricky, who is very approachable and generous with his time. Or you can text him at 941-623-6623.

Pickleball Halloween Party: Sadly, the party was cancelled due to inclement weather, BUT it will be resurrected as a BBQ, so keep your eyes open for the info.



Holiday Golf Cart Decorating Tips



We invite all Burnt Store residents and neighbors to participate in our 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’s tips were:

- 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.

September’s tips were:

- Use a spare battery to run lights. This way, you are not running your cart’s battery down.
- If you are not using battery-operated lights, buy an inverter, and use it to run your lights. Walmart carries them. Check to see if your cart is 36 or 48 volts. They are inexpensive and last a long time.

October’s tips were:

- Go online and Google “how to decorate golf carts for Christmas,” or “golf carts decorated for Christmas,” to get ideas.

- Use multi-color “under body glow lights.” You can purchase them online.

- Use Command Strips, they will stick to metal and glass and can be removed easily.

November tips were:

- Use Poinsettia plants to decorate your cart. Then you can enjoy them around your house.

- Use rubbing alcohol to remove any tape residue, it will not damage the paint on your cart.

- You can use a single fitted sheet to cover the roof of your golf cart to make it look like snow, add lights under the sheet to enhance it.

- The most important TIP is to HAVE FUN, meet new people, and enjoy the evening.

Decembers tips are:

Come out and support our community by entering your golf cart in the Christmas Parade December 10. The more carts we have, the better the parade becomes. I hope our tips over the last couple of months have inspired you to decorate your cart.

If you have any questions, please email Bob Paul at sargentesh@hotmail.com.

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2021 Veterans Day Events at BSM

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The 2021 Veterans Week fundraising events, to benefit the *Wish for Our Heroes Foundation* and honor veterans, were held November 5 - 11. As of this writing, the numbers aren't final due to some donations still coming in, but so far, we have raised **\$128, 603** for our November, 2021 Veterans Week events.

Watch for the January *Beacon* for a more detailed report on our final results and thanks to all that made it a great success. It will also include pictures from all events held.

Thank you to everyone involved in this year's events – Cass Cay Restaurant & Bar, Burnt Store Marina CC and Linkside Café, entertainers and volunteers. To the companies & individuals who sponsored holes for the golf tournament, donated items for the auctions and goodie



bags, purchased tickets to the events, donated cash, played in the golf tournament, worked on the committee - THANK YOU.

For those not in attendance, the winners of the 300 Club Raffle were: 1st Place - \$1500 – Richard & Nancy Hefright, 2nd Place - \$750 – Mary Ann Sarno, 3rd Place - \$500 -Maxine Crimi, 4th place - \$250 - Gary Knudsen, and 5th Place \$100 - Chris Cubbage. Congratulations to all the winners.

This year's events would not have been possible without the amazing support of countless volunteers who keep coming back year to year, to help the events

run smoothly. A very special thank you to the 2021 committee: Dick & Joyce Brown, Debbie Burns, Gordon & Cheryl Fogg, Michele Goldman, Jerry Jerome and Cassandra Kelley. This crew was amazing at every level of pulling the events together. We hope you enjoyed the 2021 events, and will look forward to supporting us in the future. It is because of all of you that we were such a success.

Thank you to all of you for your continued support, and most importantly, THANK YOU to all the active-duty military and veterans. You are the HEROES. Thank you for your service.

Grammar Tips... New Words And Phrases

By the editors of *The Beacon*

English is a living language, adding new words and phrases as time goes by. The Merriam-Webster Dictionary adds new words every year to its data base/dictionary only after they've reached a certain level of usage. Sometimes words circulate for years before they earn a spot in Merriam-Webster's pages.

2020 brought about many new words and phrases, including the following two:

COVID-19 is a new name for a new disease, coined as an abbreviated form of coronavirus disease 2019.

Physically/socially distancing is a newly formed phrase that means to cause (oneself) to maintain physical separation (such as 6 feet) from other people, or avoid unnecessary contact with others during the outbreak of a contagious disease, in order to minimize exposure and reduce the transmission of infection.

2021 produced more COVID-19-inspired words:

Wet market: defined as “a market that sells perishable items (such as fresh meat and produce), and sometimes live animals which are often slaughtered on-site.” It picked up steam early last year when scientists were researching the start of the coronavirus and found a group of infected people who all had a connection to a Wuhan wet market, where live bats were sold as food.

Pod: usually small group of people (such as family members, friends, coworkers, or classmates) who regularly interact closely with one another, but with few or no others in order to minimize exposure and reduce the transmission of infection during an outbreak of a contagious disease.

Bubble: also gained an additional meaning: an area within which sports teams stay isolated from the general public during a series of scheduled games so as to prevent exposure to disease, and that includes accommodations, amenities, and the location at which the games are held.

What are some other words that we often use, but that weren't recognized until recent times? Randomly looking back, if you were born in these years, these new words and phrases were introduced to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary:

1930	atom smasher, double take, landing strip, moxie
1934	burrito, courtesy call, dim-witted, louse up
1940	acronym, counterintelligence, dunk shot, magic bullet
1945	cold war, antifungal, hard sell, mom-and-pop
1950	alphanumeric, ballistic missile, bioengineering, mug shot
1957	Asian flu, bitchin', computerize, disco, informed consent
1960	a-go-go, arcade game, coin-op, doofus, golden oldie
1966	acidhead, bullet train, cold call, druggie, last hurrah
1970	Agent Orange, China Syndrome, dirt bike, control freak
1978	ditz, face time, off-grid, Tinseltown
1980	401(K), chill out, air guitar, gridlock



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C.A.R.E. Wish List

The Center for Abuse and Rape Emergencies is a certified rape crisis and domestic violence shelter. They provide legal counsel, advocacy and support groups, a 24-hour emergency hotline, and so much more to Charlotte County residents.

- Socks, slippers & pajamas (Infant to adult)
- Baby wipes and diapers (Newborn to 3)
- Laundry soap
- Bath and body products
- Stuffed animals
- Coloring and activity books
- Crayons and colored pencils
- Childs reading books
- Books and board games (kids and adults)
- Gift cards (Food, clothes, movies, hair/ nails, etc.)
- Totes and handbags
- New comforters/ pillows (Twin size)
- Kitchen utensils/ items

Crossroads Hope Academy Wish List

Crossroads Hope Academy is a local non-profit home for foster boys ages 12-18 who have had multiple failed placements in the Florida foster care system. This program provides education, treatment and behavioral services, providing a stable environment to impact the boys futures in a positive way.

- The following is needed for boys age 12-18:
- Hygiene products
 - Towels
 - Sheets for twin beds
 - Bed pillows
 - T-shirts, shorts, socks, underwear
 - Duffle bags (military style)
 - Candy bars
 - Video games for PS4 or Xbox One

Charlotte County Homeless Coalition Wish List

Charlotte County Homeless Coalition is asking for donations of the following pantry and shelter items. The food goods will be used in the shelter's kitchen to feed shelter residents, Charlotte County homeless in camps, and at risk families.

- Gift cards for holiday meals (Publix, Walmart, Winn Dixie)
- Holiday Hams
- Canned goods
- Cereal/ Oatmeal
- Coffee
- Laundry detergent
- 1 Gallon Ziploc bags
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- Make a Christmas budget.
- Use gift bags, instead of gift wrap.
- Shop early (you can even do it throughout the year if you see something that you think would make a good gift for someone).
- Shop online.
- Don't let your social calendar get overbooked.
- Save some "down time" for yourself.
- Avoid overindulging, in both food and drink.
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Plant of the Month...Christmas Cactus

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass
Some good friend or relative gave you a beautiful, colorful potted plant to enjoy this season...wow...look at all those flowers! It's probably a Christmas cactus, but it may be one of two similar plants:

Thanksgiving cacti (*Schlumbergera truncata*) bloom from late fall to mid-winter and are often mislabeled as Christmas cacti. They were once commonly called the "crab claw cactus" or "crab cactus." You can identify it by the pointy "teeth" on the sides of each stem segment. These teeth are soft, not sharp, and can vary in size, but are almost always visible on the plant to some degree.

Christmas cacti (*S. x buckleyi*) bloom from early winter to mid-winter. Its stem segments lack pointed teeth, with more scalloped or rounded edges.

Unlike other cacti, the Christmas cactus (*schlumbergera x buckleyi*) and its relatives don't live in hot, arid environments such as deserts or plains. In fact, these succulents are native to the tropical rainforests of southern Brazil, where they grow on tree branches and soak up the high humidity, filtered sunlight, and warm temperatures. So, don't treat a Christmas cactus like it's a run-of-the-mill cactus or succulent. They can't take the same sort of sunny, dry conditions that other cacti can.

A daytime temperature of 70°F and an evening temperature of 60 - 65°F is preferred. This plant is perfect to keep inside, rather than outside your home in Florida summers. Christmas cacti prefer a more humid environment, which makes a bright bathroom or kitchen a good spot to keep them. Plants should be kept in bright, indirect light. An east-facing window or a bright bathroom is ideal. Too much direct sunlight can bleach the sensitive leaves.



Plan to water every 2 - 3 weeks, but only water when the top one third of soil feels dry to the touch. When the soil is dry, soak the soil until water runs through the pot's drainage holes. Place a tray underneath the pot to catch the water. After 10 - 15 minutes, discard any excess water in the tray so that the pot doesn't sit in water. It's especially important to water well while the plant is flowering.

Prune plants in late spring to encourage branching and more flowers. Cut off a few sections of each stem; the plant will branch from the wound. And, you can place the cut pieces in a lightly moist potting soil - they root easily after a few weeks and make for excellent Christmas presents!

If your cactus is not blooming, it may be receiving too much light or too-high temperatures. To get Christmas cactus to bloom in the years after purchase, it comes down to two things: light and temperature. Christmas cacti produce

flowers in a cool, environment with a short day-cycle. To begin the production of flower buds, there needs to be at least eight days of 16 hours of dark, and eight hours of light each day. Wherever the plant is placed, do not turn on the lights at night, even for a short period of time. That breaks the dark cycle required. Also, avoid placing the plant where it receives either cold or hot air drafts.



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

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Tight Lines...Fishing for Sharks

By Jay Lev, Burnt Store Anglers

If you like to fish for sharks, build your own terminal tackle for inshore harbor shark fishing. While fishing in warm tropical waters you will, at some point, tangle with one of the many species of Florida sharks. Having the correct tackle for these great fighters is a must. Fishing for sharks, for at least the last 50 years, from the Gulf of Maine to the waters off Mexico, I have come to understand that large sharks can inhabit very shallow waters, and small sharks can be caught in waters as deep as a 1000 ft. Here in Florida, many species of sharks spend at least some time in the waters of Charlotte Harbor. A good friend of mine invited me on a shark fishing trip, and to my amazement, just 3 miles from the entrance to our marina we settled in for a day of shark fishing.

Having fished for many years in the waters off Montauk, Long Island, New York a shark fishing trip usually meant a trip out 30 or 40 miles into the Atlantic in water to well over 150 ft. deep. In many trips, 400 to 500 ft. of water was the norm. So, you could imagine my shock when we started fishing in the harbor for shark in just 14 ft. of water.

I brought my usual shark rig along on that trip that was a 6 ft. heavy graphite fishing rod, a Penn International 50 reel loaded with 80 lb. monofilament fishing line, a fighting vest

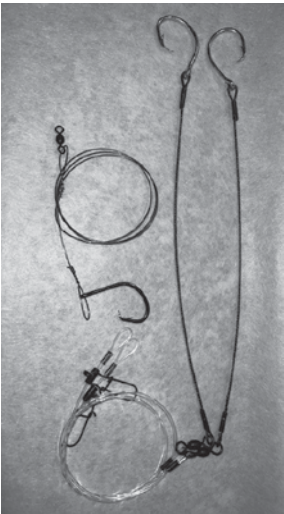
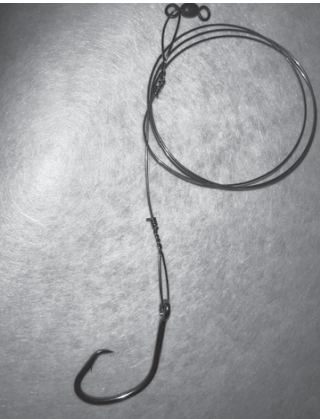


that attached to my reel, and 10 shark rigs made up of 12 ft. of hard wire line rated at 500 lbs., as well as a 16/0 “J” hook. My friend looked at me as if I just landed at Charlotte Harbor from some far-off planet. Thus, my lessons began about the wonderful Charlotte Harbor Shark Fishery.

There are at least 6 species of sharks that frequent the harbor. Some are bottom feeders, while many more inhabit the middle water column. In 14 ft. of water, that translates to about a habitat of feeding 7 to 8 ft. down. While on this first harbor shark trip I was prepared for that 500 to 600 lb. shark. Make no mistake, these big boys are, in fact, in the harbor. The more common shark is between 40 lbs. and 300 lbs. The rule breaker was the world record Hammerhead of 1268 lbs., which was caught in the pass several years ago. She was feeding on the big run of spring tarpon. It is not uncommon to see during the Tarpon Run, which occurs in Boca Grande Pass close to the mouth of the Gulf 500 and 600 lb. bull and hammerhead sharks attacking the tarpon. These big guys frequent the offshore waters of the Gulf, chasing the schools of tarpon on their migration. Rarely will you see one of these huge sharks in the shallows of the harbor. However, as a foot note, many anglers will see big, big sharks in water 3 to 5 ft. deep, from time to time, as they follow the big schools of redfish.

After that first trip to fish the shallow waters of the harbor for shark, I abandoned my offshore fishing rod and reel as well as my giant hooks. As I paid a visit to a number of local tackle shops to buy some locally designed shark rigs, I saw two things. First, the hooks and leader were very expensive. They cost from \$3.50 to \$12 each. Second, it was almost impossible to find a shark rig with a circle hook attached. Almost all pre-rigged hooks were the old “J” hooks. Since I like to release all my sharks, it is more difficult to release a shark that may have deep swallowed a “J” hook, as compared to a lip hooked shark, who took a bait on a circle hook. As a result, I decided to build my own version of a shallow water Charlotte Harbor shark rig. Since you cut off your shark hook from the shark’s mouth, if you can’t make an easy dehook without losing a finger or getting a bad shark bite, it can get to be expensive. You might want to try making your own shark hook rigs.

Here is what I tried, and the materials I used. I decide to build two different designs for my shark hook rigs. One design was for fishing well into the harbor for the smaller sharks that inhabit that water, and a much different shark hook rig for fishing the sharks closer to the Pass (not in the Pass). For the shallow water sharks, I used a Marlin Brand Hard Wire Stainless Steel wire leader of 150 lb. test. I cut the wire into 6 ft. lengths. At the hook end of the shark rig, I selected a 10/0, non-stainless circle hook, manufactured by Mustad. I attached the hook directly to the line by wrapping the wire line in a twist about 10 times. This non-sliding method held the hook well. I made sure there was no wire end sticking out away from the hook. I clipped the metal tag



end close to the hook. At the end of the 6 ft. wire leader that would attach to the line running off my reel, I attached a Bill Fisher size 2/0 -600 lb. test stainless steel Barrel Swivel using the same twisting method I used to attach the hook to the wire leader. It was that simple to make my inshore shark hook rig. My cost was approximately 50 cents each.

If in a moment of craziness, I decided on one trip to fish for tiger sharks closer to the pass, I designed a much heavier hook rig. First, I selected a heavy-duty Mustad Circle hook measured at a 10/0 with a silver finished hook. This is a rather small hook for this heavy-duty rig, but I felt I could always catch a big shark on a smaller hook, but not a real small shark on too large a hook. I purchased a package of 7-strand coffee-colored wire leader material. This wire material had a breaking strength of 600 lb. test. Instead of attaching the hook to this seven-strand wire leader material with the use of the twist method which I used for the much lighter rig, I purchased dark-colored lock-sleeves made by Momoi, which required you to use a crimping pliers to attach the hook to the wire line. I cut a 14-inch length of wire line which would serve as the “BITE AREA” just after the attached hook. I attached a 500 lb. Bill Fisher stainless steel swivel to that end of the wire line, which will eventually serve to connect a 300 lb. 6 ft. piece of standard monofilament line. I ran the monofilament line through the sleeve, and proceeded to crimp the line in a circle, from which I could attach the line running off my reel to this shark rig. Attached you will find two photos that show you my finished product. By the way, I estimated the cost for this heavier shark hook rig at \$1.25 each. What seems difficult to make, gets easier after making the first try rig.

On a subsequent shark fishing trip, using my home-made shark fishing rigs, I caught a nice 175 lb. hammerhead shark on the lighter shark hook rig, and an estimated 300 lb. bull shark caught just inside the pass. After that trip, I made a bunch of the lighter version shark rigs and decided that my trips to fish for the big guys in the pass is over. A little too much for an “Old Guy.” Be careful and Tight Lines!

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Make the BSM Fitness Center Part of Your New Year’s Resolution!

By Jennifer Steuber

New Year’s resolutions have been around for quite some time. In fact, according to an article on **cnet.com**, the origin of making New Year’s resolutions can be linked to the Babylonians, who, around 4000 years ago, reportedly made promises to the gods in hopes they’d earn good favor in the coming year. Fast forward to the 21st century, and New Year’s resolutions are still part of society, albeit they are more secular and individualized. While specific goals may have changed over four millennia, the human desire to live a better life has not.

According to the website Statista, in 2021 half of Americans resolved to start the New Year by exercising more or getting in shape, followed closely by losing weight coming in second at 48%. Expectations are for those percentages to stay the same, or grow going into 2022. If you live in and around Burnt Store Marina, and your New Year’s resolution is focused on increasing health and physical fitness, fulfilling that commitment is easy!

Burnt Store Marina Fitness Center, Racquet and Pool Club offers several options for members, including gym facilities, racquet sports and relaxing by a beautiful free-form shaped pool with a spa. The Fitness Center membership includes the use of exercise and strengthening machines, along with free weights, and a range of group classes led by professional instructors. These activities can be tailored to help you achieve your specific goals within your abilities, such as strengthening, stretching, endurance, balance and cardiac health. Classes are free,



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included with a fitness membership (excluding Yoga offered by external contractors).

There are “full” memberships that include the Fitness Center, Tennis, Pickleball and Pool/Spa privileges, or you can choose to invest in one of those as a single option. Not only do members improve their fitness and health, they can also meet new people, and hang out with pals at member social activities and community initiatives, hence our motto “Fitness, Friends and Fun!”

December highlights for happenings at the BSM Fitness Center:

- New Saturday Classes - Aqua Aerobics and Buddy Stretch
- New Outdoor Classes - Not simulcast on Zoom
- Holiday Party

Call or stop by for details or check out the bi-weekly E-Newsletter.

After New Year’s Day, participate in a 5K!
On Sunday, January 2, join us for a 5K event sponsored by the Pickleball Club that is open to the public. The \$25 registration fee will be used to help fund the pickleball patio project. Participants will be provided with a delicious, homemade brunch afterwards, along with raffle prizes and, of course, the opportunity to play some pickleball.

The goal is to use the funds to purchase additional furniture, umbrellas and grilling equipment for the patio just east of the pickleball courts. Fun fact: The pickleball patio facilities, including the grilling equipment, is available for use for all BSM Fitness Center memberships, free of charge! Register at the BSM Fitness Center or call 941-575-3260.

December Off-Beat Holidays

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass

December got its name from the Latin word decem (meaning ten) because it was originally the tenth month of the year in the Roman calendar, which began in March.

If you were born in December, you have a choice of three birth gemstones: blue topaz, turquoise and tanzanite. The December birth flowers are narcissus (paperwhite) and holly.

December birth signs of the zodiac are Sagittarius (December 1-21) and Capricorn (December 22-31). Strengths of Sagittarius include generosity, idealism, and a great sense of humor. Weaknesses are that they can be very impatient, and will say anything no matter how undiplomatic. Capricorns’ strengths include disciplined self-control and good manners. Weaknesses can include being a know-it-all, unforgiving, condescending and expecting the worst.

The December holidays can bring on many, many extra pounds. In addition to the most well-known religious days celebrated with food in December, there is National Fritters Day (December 1), National Brownie Day (December 8), National Pastry Day (December 9), National Ice Cream Day (December 13), and National Chocolate Day (December 24) and National Bacon Day (December 30).

Here are some historic days to remember:

December 1, 1990: England was connected to mainland Europe for the first time since the Ice Age as engineers digging a railway tunnel under the English Channel broke through the last rock layer to create the English Chunnel.

December 3, 1967: The first successful heart transplant was performed by Dr. Christiaan Barnard at Cape Town, South Africa, on Louis Washkansky, who lived for 18 days.

December 5, 1933: The 18th Amendment (Prohibition Amendment) to the U.S. Constitution was repealed. For nearly 14 years, since January 29, 1920, it had outlawed the manufacture, transportation, and sale of alcoholic beverages in the U.S.

December 6: Chanukah ends. The eight-day Jewish festival, beginning November 28, is also known as the Festival of Lights. On each day a Menorah (an eight branched candelabra) is lit with an ascending number of candles to match the day. The reason for Chanukah

is based on the story of the Maccabees battle with the Greeks. It is told that one pure bottle of olive oil lasted for eight days in the Holy Temple. It should have lasted only for the first day.

December 6, 1917: Two ships collided at Halifax, Nova Scotia, resulting in an explosion that killed more than 1,500 persons and injured 8,000. The Norwegian ship *Imo* collided with the French munitions ship *Mont Blanc* which was loaded with supplies for the war in Europe, including 5,000 tons of TNT. A tidal wave caused by the explosion destroyed much of the city.

December 6, 1877: At his laboratory in West Orange, New Jersey, Thomas Edison spoke the children’s verse “Mary had a Little Lamb,” while demonstrating his newly invented phonograph which utilized a revolving cylinder wrapped in tinfoil to record sounds.

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

December 11, 1998: The House Judiciary Committee approved three articles of impeachment charging President Bill Clinton with perjury and obstruction of justice.

December 14, 1918: British women voted for the first time in a general election and were allowed to run for office.

December 15, 1964: Canada adopted a new national flag featuring a red maple leaf on a white background.

December 21: Winter begins in the Northern Hemisphere. In the Southern Hemisphere today is the beginning of summer.

December 25: Christmas Day, commemorating the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. Although the exact date of his birth is not known, it has been celebrated on December 25 by the Western (Roman Catholic) Church since 336 A.D.

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

December 26: Boxing Day in the United Kingdom and many other countries, a day of gift giving when boxes of

food, clothing and other gifts are traditionally given to employees, tradespeople and other service providers.

December 26 - January 1: Kwanzaa, an African American family observance established in 1966 celebrating traditional African harvest festivals, focusing on family unity, with a community harvest feast on the seventh day. Kwanzaa means “first fruit” in Swahili.

December 29, 1890: Members of the U.S. 7th Cavalry massacred more than 200 Native American (Sioux) men, women and children at Wounded Knee Creek, South Dakota.

December 31, 1781: The first bank in the U.S., the Bank of North America, received its charter from the Confederation Congress. It opened on January 7, 1782, in Philadelphia.

December 31: New Year’s Eve, the final evening of the Gregorian calendar year, traditionally a night for merry-making to welcome in the new year.



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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.

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The Recipe Box

By Candace VanDenBerghe, Marlin Run

I remember helping my Mom make these for the holidays, back in the 50s!

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8 Tbsp. (1 stick) butter, softened
8 oz. (2 c.) grated extra-sharp cheddar cheese
1 1/2 c. flour
1/8 tsp. salt (omit if using salted butter)
1/4 tsp. ground cayenne
Dash of Worcestershire sauce
1 large egg
approx. 50 small pimento-stuffed cocktail olives, drained and patted dry



Heat the oven to 350°F degrees. Beat the butter until creamy, in a large mixing bowl; add the cheese and mix well. Stir in the flour, salt, cayenne, and Worcestershire sauce and mix until smooth. Beat the egg with 2 Tbsp. cold water. Add to the dough and mix just until incorporated. Refrigerate for 30 minutes.

Remove the chilled dough, and flatten out a piece, about the size of a walnut, into a thin round. Place an olive on top and shape it around the olive, pinching to repair any breaks. Place it on an ungreased cookie sheet. Repeat with the remaining dough and olives. Bake until the dough sets, about 15 minutes. Serve hot. (Makes about 4 doz.)


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.

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Consumer Alert

Amazon Impersonators: What You Need To Know

By Maria Mayo, Acting Associate Director, Division of Consumer Response and Operations

Has Amazon contacted you to confirm a recent purchase you didn't make or to tell you that your account has been hacked? According to the FTC's new *Data Spotlight*, since July 2020, about one in three people who have reported a business impersonator scam say the scammer pretended to be Amazon.

These scams can look a few different ways. In one version, scammers offer to "refund" you for an unauthorized purchase but "accidentally transfer" more than promised. They then ask you to send back the difference. What really happens? The scammer moves your own money from one of your bank accounts to the other (like your savings to checking account, or vice versa) to make it look like you were refunded. Any money you send back to "Amazon" is your money (not an overpayment) – and as soon as you send it out of your account, it becomes theirs. In another version of the scam, you're told that hackers have gotten access to your account – and the only way to supposedly protect it is to buy gift cards and share the gift card number and PIN on the back. Once that information is theirs, the money is, too.

Here are some ways to avoid an Amazon impersonator scam: Never call back an unknown number. Use the information on Amazon's website and not a number listed in an unexpected email or text.

Don't pay for anything with a gift card. Gift cards are for gifts. If anyone asks you to pay with a gift card – or buy gift cards for anything other than a gift, it's a scam.



Don't give remote access to someone who contacts you unexpectedly. This gives scammers easy access to your personal and financial information – like access to your bank accounts. Have you spotted this scam? Report it at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

If you think someone has gotten access to your accounts or personal information, visit IdentityTheft.gov. There, you'll find steps to take to see if your identity has been misused, and how to report and recover from identity theft.



CART PARADE ROUTE

DECEMBER 10TH, 5:30



The exquisite white pelicans have returned to Florida. It is amusing to watch the hunting rituals of these beautiful birds. Instead of diving for fish like the brown pelicans, they work as a team and collectively herd their prey.

Photo by Karen Sanderson



2 Eagles in tree – Jon & Roseann Oemig – Our New neighbors

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Platinum Point Yacht Club

By Sue Smith, Director

“Let the Good Times Roll” was the theme of Platinum Point Yacht Club’s community shrimp boil in mid-November, and that sentiment reflected enthusiasm by our members, for once again resuming our many on and off-water activities. Prior to the shrimp boil, a welcome-back cheer-your-team-on Tailgate Party, a Sunset Social, Happy Hours, and a Grill Night made early November an active one as more residents returned from the north. “Let the Good Times Roll” went another step farther. In addition to delicious food, live music, craft and bake sales and more, this was an invitation to all of us, members as well as non-members in this community and nearby ones, to see the opportunities that Platinum Point Yacht Club offers. With a newly redecorated clubhouse, a vibrant membership of boaters and non-boaters, a full schedule of activities reflective of a wide range of interests, PPYC is indeed poised for finding ways to promote “letting the good times roll.”

In addition to our social activities, another important November event on our PPYC schedule was our Annual Meeting, a time for a review, reflection, and in this case, celebration of completion of clubhouse renovations. With a ribbon-cutting reception followed by the meeting

and a lovely cocktail hour and luncheon, the new year was launched with optimism for ongoing growth and membership involvement.

Boaters enthusiastically headed for the water for overnight cruises, lunch cruises, sailboat races and fishing. The overnight cruise group once again enjoyed three nights at the Pink Shell Resort at Fort Myers Beach, and lunch cruisers were happy to resume the monthly jaunts to nearby waterside restaurants. This time, the destination was the Lazy Flamingo in Bokeelia.

As PPYC members, we continue to enjoy a wide variety of ongoing activities. The calendar is filled with 80+ selections, including exercise classes, golf scrambles, book club, bridge, mahjongg, bunico, and informal social opportunities like happy hours, sunset socials, and grill nights. If you are interested in joining our group, new member information can be obtained at the club house. Dorothy Saviste, Club Administrator, is on-site Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays and can be reached at 941-639-0733. You will also find many members pleased to explain why Platinum Point Yacht Club has been a good choice for them, and why you would enjoy it as well. Please call to find out information about new member open houses.



Sunrise by Jack Orr

39th Golden Conch Regatta – January 15 & 16

By Vince Core, Regatta Chair

Platinum Point Yacht Club will be hosting the 39th Golden Conch Regatta as a two-day event with racing on Saturday January 15 and Sunday January 16.

The GCR is the signature sailing event hosted by PPYC each year, one of several Boat of the Year sailing events hosted on Charlotte Harbor. After a modified format for the 2021 GCR because of Covid restrictions, PPYC is reverting back to its customary format of a 2-day regatta with a big social event late Saturday afternoon following racing.

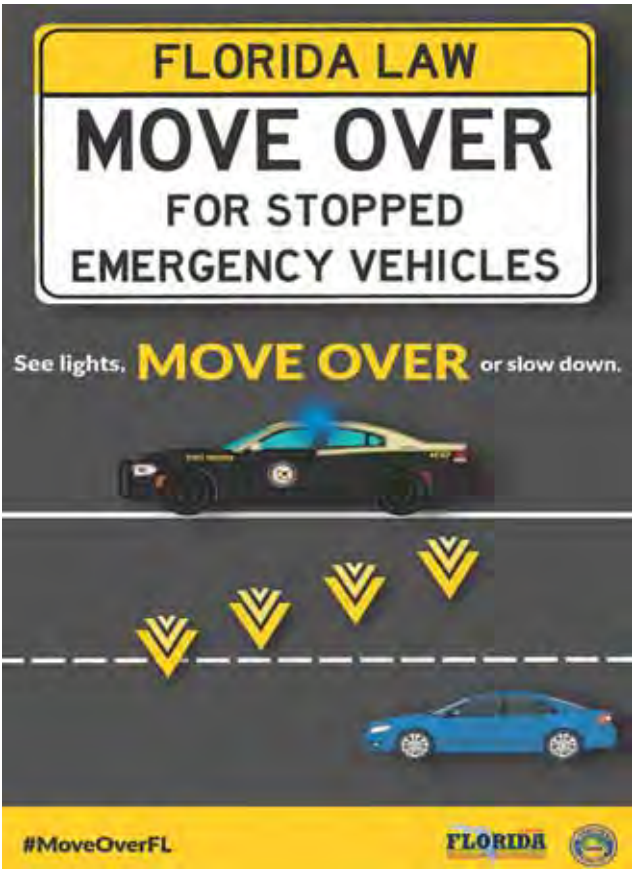
Racing will take place approximately one nautical mile outside the entrance of Burnt Store Marina.

Spectator boats are welcome to watch the racing. The start of the first of two races on Saturday is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

The regatta is open to all sailboats in Burnt Store Marina. Registration forms, due by January 8, are available at PPYC or by email from Vince Core at vincentcore229@gmail.com.

PPYC members planning to race, should return their registration forms to the club prior to the cutoff date of January 8.

The Race Committee would like to thank everyone for their great support in the past and we look forward to your on-going support in the future.



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