

President's Comments

By Craig Holcomb, Sec. 22 HOA

Well, now that was an interesting year we just had! Most of us are very happy that it is behind us, and we can sort of move forward with 2021. For those who have made it down for the winter, welcome back! For those who have not been able to travel down here yet, we hope you can get here soon.

The most significant change going into the new year is the transformation of the golf course grounds. The two courses that were closed and renovated, Pelican and Osprey, are back in full swing, no pun intended! The Pelican course opened at the beginning of November, and the Osprey course opened at the beginning of December.



Pelican #1



Osprev #1

The revised driving range opened late summer and will give you a chance to just hit some balls into the water (which for non-golfers makes no sense at all), enjoy the sun and the exercise of swinging and moving your body, while you talk with others around you.



The big change is that we have lots of grass back. Now the grass will turn somewhat brown as we progress through the winter, but it should be back to its luscious green hue by spring. What we have learned is that a golf course is a living, breathing, and growing being. Although the courses have been brought back to a very respectable standard, it will still take another year or two for them to fully grow to maturity. We have to respect the fact that time, water, fertilization and mowing will provide us with a great community asset for years to come.

The courses are meant to be used by everyone, whether you are a new beginner, a seasoned golfer or just someone who wants to hit a ball to get rid of some frustration. One thing we have learned through this virus time is that you can come out, hit some balls or putt, and enjoy the views from the driving range or putting green. Or, play nine holes and enjoy all the nature that surrounds each hole. There are lots of different kinds of birds all around the waterways. And we all enjoy seeing the alligators, of course from a nice distance!



Even if you don't want to golf, you can still come to the course and see the transformation from the old to the new. Enjoy the way the grass fairways interact with the adjoining waterways that flow throughout the course along the backyards of the houses and the landscaping that goes with it all. It is really a walk in the park and provides our entire community with spectacular views, a nature preserve and sustaining land values for everyone to enjoy and take advantage of while here.

If you have never been to a golf course and think the game is stupid, hitting that little ball around to go into a gopher hole and then do it again for 9 or 18 times, then you can come down and sit in the lanai of the clubhouse and have lunch, since we all like to eat. You can eat and enjoy the view, watch the birds, maybe see that alligator. But most of all, listen to the sound of people talking, laughing, kidding, saying hello. Even watch those on the driving range hit some really bad shots and think, "Hey, I can be that bad!" It is all about being with other folks and connecting with the right human spirit that we all need in our daily lives. Please come out and enjoy this great amenity of our community.

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:

- Carla Y. Nell, 17911 Courtside Landings Cir., roof replacement.
- Thomas & Christine Mills, 225 Islamorada Blvd., roof replacement.
- Leonard & Joyce Dersa, 2010 King Tarpon Dr., roof replacement.
- Halyard Club, 5050 Marianne Key Rd., flagpole installation.

- Thomas Eschmann, 1300 Marathon Way, pool screen & pool deck replacement.
- Jim & Carol Hinch, 5051 Key Largo Cir., roof replacement.
- Jeff & Kara Miles, 5001 Sable Key Cir., roof replacement.
- BSM Fitness & Racquet Club, 3085 Matecumbe Key Rd., retention wall installation.

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

Important Bicycling Safety Tips

Burnt Store Marina has a large group of bicycle riders that enjoy the roadways with regular vehicle traffic. We would like to stress the importance of bicycle safety and sharing the roadways within the community.

Here are a few tips that may help in preventing accidents on our streets:

- Make it a habit! Six-point safety check your bike every time.
 - Protect your head. Wear a helmet.
 - See and be seen. Be visible.Stay alert. Listen and look.
 - Obey the rules of the road.
 - Use your hand signals.
- Remember that some drivers just don't see you. Drivers should be alert and recognize the bicyclists and pedestrians on the roadways and paths.
 - Don't ride in traffic until you can safely negotiate it.
 - Avoid riding at night, but if you do, be visible.
 - Be predictable. Don't surprise anyone else on the road.

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Reminder:

Section 22 HOA Annual Board Meeting – Tuesday, January 26, 10 a.m., Charlotte Harbor Events Center

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Inside the Gates Dates

- Friday, January 1: Deadline for the February Beacon. Article and picture submissions are welcomed. Become part of the Beacon family.
- Tuesday, January 19: Outdoor Social Knitting group at 1 p.m. (new time). An outdoor gathering for anyone who would like to knit or crochet while social distancing with fellow yarn lovers and fiber artists. To R.S.V.P. and get location information, email Elle Flaherty at meflaherty518@gmail.com.
- Tuesday, January 26: Section 22 HOA Annual Board Meeting, 10 a.m. at the Charlotte County Events Center, 75 Taylor Street, Punta Gorda, located off 41 South, at the Peace River Bridge.
- 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. Keel Club parking lot.

Outside the Gates Dates

- Tuesday, January 5: Cardiac Nutrition Class, Bayfront Health, Wellness and Rehab Center, 733 E. Olympia, Punta Gorda. Call 941-637-2497 to reserve a space.
- Saturday, January 9: Punta Gorda City-Wide Garage Sale, 8 a.m. to noon. Bal Harbor Shopping Plaza, Bal Harbor & Aqui Esta. Call 941-639-3720 to reserve a space to exhibit.
- Saturday, January 15: Classic Car Show, Muscle Car City. 3rd Saturday of every month, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free to show car owners and free to the public. Top 6 trophies awarded, with music by Tom's Traveling Tunes. There is no admission fee to enter the Memorabilia Store or indoor "For Sale" Car Corral. The admission rate to the Muscle Car Collection is \$12.50 + tax for a daily pass. Children 12 and under are \$6 + tax for a daily pass, children under 2 are free. Please, please no coolers. Muscle Car City reserved the right to charge for booth spaces at any and all events. 10175 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda.
- Every Tuesday: Walking Tour of Punta Gorda Murals, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Learn local history as depicted at each mural. Starts and stops at Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce, 252 W. Marion St. \$25. To register call 941-639-3720.
- 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 Thursday: Classic Movie Drive-In. Classic movies on a big screen with sound on your FM radio. 7 to 9 p.m. 1133 Bal Harbor Plaza, Punta Gorda. Call 941-639-3720 to reserve a space.
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- 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.

Fitness, Friends & Fun... Happiest of New Years!

By Dorothy Saviste, BSM Fitness, Racquet and Pool Club Manager

Oh boy, it's over...or is it? To remind you, 2020 was a year for the record books, but not in a good way, yet



but not in a good way, yet *Fitness, Friends, & Fun* here we are. Cheers to 2021 and the hope that there will be a vaccine soon. Good health has never been as important as it is now. Exercise is extremely important to remaining healthy, not just during a pandemic but every day. Exercise prevents health problems, builds strength, boosts energy and helps you reduce stress. Yes, please!

Just to remind you, the Fitness Center has taken great precautions to be sure our members are safe. We continue to limit the number of members who are working out in the gym at any given time. We clean equipment every hour, fog weekly and have the UV Light on our HVAC.

We ask that anyone in the Fitness Center wear a mask when entering and exiting. While we continue to welcome guests, we have steps in place to ensure our members have first dibs on the Fitness Center and Aqua Classes.

As of the writing of this article, we plan to add some live classes to our schedule with a limited number of participants this month. This will allow members to choose what is best for them, whether it is live classes in the Fitness Center, live classes at the pool or ZOOM classes.

Outdoor activities continue to be popular as our courts and pool again are open with some restrictions. Outdoor activities have continued to be touted as one of the safer exercises during COVID-19. Not only that, but the courts and pool are also good for keeping us socializing as we wait for that vaccine.

Stop by our Open House on January 9 from 9 a.m. -12 p.m. The address is 3085 Matecumbe Key Rd. You will

receive a Day Pass just for taking a tour and learning about our facility. I hope this year you are dedicated more than ever to your good health and wellbeing. May this year prove to be the happiest and healthiest...both depend on the decisions you make.



Annual Iowa Potluck 2021 is Cancelled Due to COVID-19

The annual Iowa Potluck will not be held this year due to COVID-19. We will plan to resume this wonderful gathering in January 2022. Watch for updates next year!

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Plant of the Month...Norfolk Island Pine

By Maggie Hart

So, you bought a new holiday decoration that you thought might substitute for a Christmas tree? Garden centers all over our area supply pre-decorated potted trees every holiday season, and you got one this year.



Isn't it cute! Now, what are you going to do with it?

Norfolk Island Pine (Araucaria heterophylla) is a popular houseplant/gift during the holidays. Often used as a small Christmas tree, these pretty little trees can brighten your home long after the holidays end. While they can grow quite large outside, Norfolk Island Pine is slow growing as a house plant. After about a decade, it may eventually reach 5 to 8 feet tall, as long as you keep it in a pot.

Indoors, these plants need bright light and humidity. If your find that your plant is not thriving, in all likelihood it is probably not receiving sufficient light or humidity.

In Florida we know all about humidity, but we want to keep it out of our homes - so how do you make it humid enough for your new houseplant? Don't overwater it. Norfolk Island Pines don't do well in too moist soil. Instead, fill a saucer with water and rocks or gravel, then place the potted plant on top, making sure the pot is not sitting directly in water. By doing this, you

will create your own little high-humidity micro-climate. When you find the spot in your house with the right light for it, don't forget to turn the plant every week or so to keep it growing straight and upright. If you keep it in one position, it will grow towards the light. You should also note that Norfolk Island Pines are toxic to cats and dogs if consumed. The best practice is to keep them out of reach of small children and pets.

As with so many other holiday plants, Florida gardeners may be able to plant their Norfolk Island Pine in their landscape after they are done enjoying them indoors.

Norfolk Island Pines are not true pines; they are members of a pre-historic family of conifers araucariaceae, an incredibly



diverse and widespread plant family during the Jurassic and Cretaceous time periods. The end of the Cretaceous period saw not only the

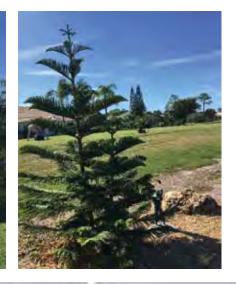
extinction of the dinosaurs, but the extinction of members of this family in the northern hemisphere. However, in the southern hemisphere, they continued to thrive.

Norfolk Island, where this tree originated, is located in the south Pacific between Australia, New Zealand, and New Caledonia. The flag of its Australian territory actually features the Norfolk Island Pine.

While sold here in the U.S. as tabletop Christmas trees, in the ground these plants can reach 200 feet tall and have trunks that swell to 10 feet in diameter! In Florida these trees usually grow to only 60 to 80 feet.

Norfolk Island Pines have a single upright trunk and occasionally develop a graceful lean (towards light). These trees are tropical plants that thrive on humidity and can't tolerate temperatures below 35°. And, since naturally found in coastal areas, they have a high salt tolerance.

If you are planning to give your Norfolk Island Pine a spot in your landscape, remember that these trees get quite large, and do not hold up to high winds. Be sure you have the room for a 60 to 80-foot mature tree. If not, consider simply



enjoying this lovely little tropical tree potted in your home or patio.

Even in Florida, these trees are subject to frost damage and often produce multiple stems with weakly attached trunks. In the 2004 hurricane season, many collapsed under 160 km/h winds. As a result, some coastal communities (e.g. Vero Beach) and many homeowners associations prohibit their use as a tree in landscape plans because of the danger posed by falling trunks.

Norfolk Island Pines are quite beautiful and easy to grow outside. However, as our esteemed former resident gardener (and Beacon editor), Jan McLaughlin, always retorted: "they are lightning rods!"

Burnt Store Marina 2021 Wisconsin Party

Thursday, March 4, 4 to 7 p.m. Tiki Hut at the Marina

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By Barry Groesch,

Architectural Review Committee Chair
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Tight Lines... Fishing with a Float

By Jay Lev, Burnt Store Anglers

There is evidence that early man, as we know them, may have used a carved stick to float a bait into a stream to help get a bait into a hard-to-reach spot. Fossilized evidence has found small fish embedded in mud



and limestone with carved bone hooks and hemp-like string attached to the fish's mouth. So, when we go into a tackle store to buy a float to fish with, we are looking at a ton of fishing history

While cleaning out a fishing file of mine, I found a catalogue that dates back to the 1930s. With only a few pages intact, I found a remarkably interesting piece of advertising showing the latest in hand-carved fishing floats. The floats were not round but long, about 5 inches or so, with a bulge located in the center for flotation and two twin points sticking out of the top and bottom of the float. One of the points had a small hole drilled into the point to attach a line. The floats seemed to be varnished with a painted ring or two on the float body to help locate the float in the water. The floats were carved in many similar shapes with a variety of colored rings painted on the body. I guess that was the early attempt to attract the fisherman and not necessarily the fish. The cost was 15 cents. These floats were widely used in freshwater streams and ponds as they appeared in the freshwater section of the catalogue.

It seems just about every parent who took their children fishing bought a small fishing pole with a float attached. This made it easy for their kids to see if they had a bite when the float went underwater being pulled by the fish eating the bait. Today, float fishing has become an art. If you look at the guide boats leaving the marina with their fishing charters for the day, sitting in well placed rod holders are fishing rods already rigged with the ever-present Styrofoam float. No, we do not use wood floats today, nor for the most part, do we use the clip-on round red and white round floats. The reason is that they break easily, and the slightest crack invites water to seep in and they sink. As for the carved wood floats, hardly a fishing shop carries them. Today, tackle shops and catalogues carry a variety of foam floats painted in dayglo colors of high visibility. The cost for the floats range from 69 cents to \$5, depending on the floats' design and attached

Attached to this article are many of the most common floats used today by the modern fisherman. Depending on wind and tide conditions most anglers will select the float they want to use for the day. Do you always need a float when fishing the shallows of the sand bars and drop offs of the harbor? The answer is absolutely not, but that is for another discussion. Fishing with floats in order to be successful is more than attaching the float to your fishing line, adding a piece of leader with a hook and casting out the rig as it is called. I want to present you with a few techniques that many guides over the years have taught me to use with some level of success

First: The correct way to rig the float for fishing. Most Styrofoam floats are precut with a straight slit down the top to bottom of the float. That is made so you can easily place the running line thru the float and attach the float to your fishing line at any specified distance away from your hook and bait. Usually there will be two black pegs that you insert into either end of the float to lock the line in place and keep the float from moving up and down on your line. There are some floats that require you to insert the fishing line straight thru the middle of the float and then insert the pegs as descried above. The problem with this design is once the line is run thru the center of the float, you have to cut the hook or lure off to remove the float. As for the distance to locate the float up the line away from the bait there are many conditions affecting that distance. As a rule of thumb, anglers like the baited hook to be about 24 to 30 inches below the float. Many anglers use the 36 to 48-inch length. You can however, fish the float as high away from the bait as you like. As a rule of thumb, if the current is fast moving, I locate the float up to 5 feet above the bait so there is room for the bait to drift with the float into the middle or lower water columns, generally a good place to find feeding fish. The tighter the float is to the baited hook, the bait tends to float just below the surface and generally out of the strike zone for many fish who do not break the surface to feed. Experience will tell you which distance from the hook you are most comfortable rigging as to the float to hook distance. If the current is really moving and you want the bait to stay well below the float, you can attach a small rubber core sinker or a small lead split shot weight. 1/16 of an ounce will usually be fine. Today, because of the bad affect lead has on water quality, most small sinkers are made of zinc.

Second: Once the float is attached to your line, what fishing technique should I use? Anglers have debated that question forever. Here are a few techniques our local guides have demonstrated, which have been highly successful for me. Casting and letting the float drift with the current or keeping the float dragging against the current works. That method generally keeps the float in one location, and you hope the fish will get attracted to the scent of your bait. Using that technique, but adding a slow retrieve toward your location every few minutes with a short stop, helps your bait cover more ground. Some fish may keep an eye on your bait and move into feeding mode when they see the bait moving in the current. All anglers look for the float to sink below the surface, which generally indicates a fish is taking your bait. Now is the time for a little patience. Count to three letting the fish move the bait from a grab to a bite before striking the fish and getting a hook-up. If you strike the fish taking the bait and you feel no resistance, that signals a fish hook-up. Be patient and let the float sit for a few seconds. The fish may return for a second try to grab the bait again. You can repeat the strike motion you use and get the hook-up. Snook are noted for that type of action. Many fish like a redfish or ladyfish will take the bait on the run and you can set the hook soon after the float is zooming across the surface or just under the surface of the water. Frequently, a fish will strike at the bait and you will see the water disturbed around the float, but the float seems not to be moving. In that situation, slowly slide the float about a foot from its location pausing for the follow-up strike, or try another slow- surface slide to get the fish really interested. There are tons of good techniques that you can try. Some floats are constructed with a concave top surface like the D.O.A. floats designed to have their artificial shrimp lures trail behind the float. Using that type of float design requires a hard-rapid jerk of the float that pushes a lot of water and creates a disturbance on the surface that imitates a school or even a single fish going after your bait. That is a very proven technique.

Finally: Many anglers have asked, does the shape or color of the float matter? The answer is yes and no. I like to try several colors on a trip to see if the color of the float plays any part in getting more bites. I change the float color every hour or so to see what works. The water color sometimes plays a part in your float color selection. I like the day-go orange the best. As for the shape, larger rounder type floats tend to work best with live bait as there is a little more float area to support the swimming bait attached to your hook. The oblong floats tend to work better when using smaller baits with little current and wind resistance. They usually do not cast as far as other shapes but there are many circumstances where a long cast is not necessary. Most importantly, be patient and check your float and bait frequently, as weeds tend to bunch up on the rig and most fish have no interest in a grass covered bait or float. If early man found the float technique very successful...we should too. After all, it is really great fun to see your float go off under water. It really means you rigged the float the right way, used a good bait and are about to have a real fishing thrill.

Tight Lines!



January Off-Beat Holidays & Adventures

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass

As the first month of the year, January should initiate the changes we are all looking for, and a new beginning. Please, please tell me that's true!

January is National Bath Safety Month, National Blood Donor Month, National Braille Literacy Month, National Hobby Month, Hot Tea Month, National Oatmeal Month and National Soup Month. Most of these you can celebrate all by yourself. But for true isolation – try these special days of celebration:

January 3 is *Festival of Sleep Day*. It is an opportunity to sleep in, snooze, doze, nap, and catch 40 winks. This is the perfect date for Festival of Sleep Day - the holidays are over...Wow, did they happen? It's cold and snowy up North... time to hibernate. And, why not re-charge the batteries as a new year begins?

January 7 is *Old Rock Day*, and an opportunity to enjoy and appreciate old rocks and fossils. You can start a rock collection. You can go out in search of old fossils (the rock kind). Or, you can just play with old rocks. Fossils are old rocks. Gem stones are old rocks. Coal is also an old rock. You can celebrate any, or all of these old rocks today.

January 10 is *Peculiar People Day*, in honor of all those different people you may know. Extraordinary, unusual, strange, odd, uncommon, intriguing, abnormal, and quirky - these are all things that we think of to describe the word peculiar. And, most of these characteristics can be viewed as good, or not very good. Today is a day to look for the good in your peculiar acquaintances.

January 16 is *National Nothing Day*, a day for nothing. This day is a non-event. In other words, you do nothing.

January 25, the last Monday in January, is *Bubble Wrap* Appreciation Day. Feeling a little stressed lately? Then, this special day is made for you! Anyone who has ever come in contact with it knows that bubble wrap is not just a protective wrapping for things. It is also a wonderful stress reliever!

Just squeeze the bubbles in the bubble wrap, and feel the stress disappear with each pop. So, grab a piece of bubble wrap today, and have at it.

Okay, okay, so I kind of overdid the depressing days of the current COVID situation. So, try these instead, but remember, both of these events are subject to cancellation:

January 16-17: It's back! The 34th Annual Crystal River Manatee Festival, Crystal River

Manatee boat tours, music and food. Festival hours: Saturday, January 16, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sunday, January, 17, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Adults \$5, children under 12 are free. Free parking and shuttle service to the Festival will be available at the Crystal River Mall, 1801 US 19, Crystal River, FL 34428.

January 16-17: 8th Annual Scottish Highland Festival, Mount Dora

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And...just remember, we really did used to have things happen in January:

January 1, 1975: Because of the Watergate scandal, former aides to President Nixon, including former Attorney General John Mitchell, Domestic Affairs Advisor John Ehrlichman and Chief of Staff H.R. Haldeman, were found guilty of obstruction of justice.

January 3, 1924: British Egyptologist, Howard Carter, found the sarcophagus of Tutankhamen in the Valley of the Kings near Luxor, after several years of searching.

January 4, 1954: Elvis Presley recorded his first demo record. January 6, 1920: The Yankees bought Babe Ruth from the Boston Red Sox.

January 7, 1714: A patent was issued for the first typewriter designed by British inventor Henry Mill "for the impressing or transcribing of letters singly or progressively one after another, as in writing."

January 9, 1958: Toyota and Datsun made their first appearances in the United States.

January 10, 1912: The flying boat airplane, invented by Glenn Curtiss, made its first flight at Hammondsport, New

January 15, 1870: The first use of a donkey to symbolize the Democratic Party in America appeared in a cartoon in Harper's Weekly, criticizing former Secretary of War Edwin Stanton, with the caption "A Live Jackass Kicking a Dead Lion."

January 20, 1945: Franklin Delano Roosevelt was inaugurated to an unprecedented fourth term as president of the United States. He had served since 1933.

January 24, 1935: The first canned beer was sold.

January 29, 1886: A patent was given to Karl Benz for a motorized wagon with an internal combustion engine.

January 30, 1969: The Beatles made their last public performance, giving an impromptu concert on the roof of their London recording studio.

Grammar Tips... **Farther or Further?**

By the Editors of The Burnt Store Marina Beacon

You didn't listen, did you? You are still saying further, when you really mean farther. Is it because it's easier to say further than with farther?

Farther and further both mean "at a greater distance." They often are used interchangeably in this sense -- but they are not quite the same:

Farther refers to *physical* length or distance. It is the comparative form of the word "far" when referring to distance. Further refers to a non-physical distance, such as

amount and time. It can also mean "to a greater degree," or "additional." Correct: London is *farther* north than Juneau. (Refers

to *physical* distance) Correct: This plan requires further study. (Meaning

"additional," refers to amount) Correct: According to my timetable, we should be *further* along. (Refers to time)

Use farther for physical distance and further for nonphysical distance. Farther has FAR in it, and "far" relates to physical distance.

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Fit Happens...Improve Your Tennis and Golf Game with Strength Training in 2021

By Cheri Frank, Certified Fitness Trainer

Happy New Year! We are all so happy to say goodbye to 2020, and move forward into the new year,



with anticipation of better things to come. Those who play tennis and golf have been lucky to be able to continue playing their favorite sports, even during the pandemic. Many people are just starting to enjoy these sports, since they are the perfect activity to easily maintain social distance and living in BSM makes these activities readily available.

But did you know a proper strength training routine can help you improve your performance, both on the courts and the course? With both these sports, technique development is easier if you are fit. You should train all major muscle groups to ensure overall strength. This will enhance performance power, and more importantly, reduce the risk of injuries.

Playing tennis and golf involves musculoskeletal activity in the legs, midsection, upper-body and arms. In tennis, it all starts from the ground when your feet push off the court to move toward the ball. The energy goes from your lower body muscles to your core, then to the upper body muscles. In golf, weight transfer and hip thrust are critical components of a powerful golf swing. The calves, hamstrings and quadriceps are

the most critical muscles used when moving around the court or the course. Leg strength not only improves speed, but you also generate a lot of your swinging power from your legs. Stronger leg muscles can lead to more powerful strokes. The leg press machine is an excellent tool to target all of these muscles along with the no less important gluteus muscles. These muscles aid in hip rotation and extension. Squats and lunges performed with dumbbells are also an excellent choice. Your core muscles are in the center of your body and connect your upper and lower body. These include your abdominals, obliques and back muscles. These can be strengthened with planks, side planks, twisting trunk curls, crunches, dumbbell rows and the back-extension machine. Upper body muscles used in both sports include muscles of the chest, upper back and shoulders.

It is important to maintain balanced strength in order to reduce the risk of shoulder joint injuries. Performing pushing exercises, such as the chest press or bench press, will target the chest and triceps. Performing pulling exercises, such as the lat pull-down or bent back row, target the latissimus dorsi and biceps. Front and lateral raises will target the shoulder muscles, along with shoulder presses.

Rotator cuff injuries occur frequently in tennis and golf, and typically require a long recovery period. The good news is that these muscles respond well to strength training and keeping them

strong can prevent injury. A couple of exercises that target the rotator cuff muscles are side lying external rotation exercises and a resistance band attached to a door at waist level, keeping your elbow against your side and pulling the band out to the side across your midsection. To strengthen your upper back and neck muscles, a barbell or dumbbell shrug is an excellent choice. Strong neck muscles help to keep your head stable when making contact with the ball in golf. Bicep curls and triceps extensions will strengthen the muscles of your arms.

At the BSM Fitness, Racquet and Pool Club, we have machines that target all the major muscle groups along with free weights, resistance tubes and cardio equipment. We have trained instructors available to give you an orientation on the machines, if you are not familiar or it has been a while since you've used the equipment. Our classes are also an excellent resource for getting in a well-rounded workout. Start the New Year off right with a workout to improve your game and your overall health.

Reminder to all: Our January Weight Loss/Wellness Challenge kicks off on January 7 with our Wellness Series Session, *Get It Done in 2021*, via ZOOM. The official start date is Monday January 11. If you are interested in participating email me at cheri.bsm22@gmail.com or contact the club front desk as soon as possible. I will contact you with preliminary information. Happy Healthy New Year!

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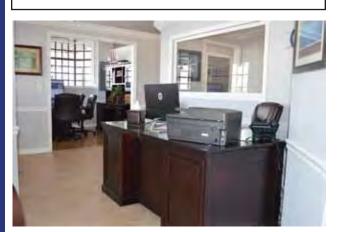
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Once a champion, always a champion



By Pat Cataldo, Topaz Cove

Debbie Burns, a former Burnt Store Marina CC Women's Club Champion, was focused on a different goal this past Sunday. She has participated in the St. Jude Memphis Marathon fundraiser since 2017 in honor of her nephew, "Lil Eddie," from Springfield,



Louisiana. He was diagnosed with cancer when he was just 4 years old and treated at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. He has been cancer-free now for 3 ½ years and the family owes it all to the doctors, nurses, and administration at St. Jude's. "While I'm disappointed that I can't go to Memphis this year, I am excited about participating virtually. I mapped out a 5K route and have many followers and supporters cheering me on along the way. I am most appreciative to those who donated to my cause for "Lil Eddie" for fighting kid's cancer with a gift to St. Jude's in his name."

Donations are still being accepted, so if you'd like to help Debbie exceed her St. Jude fundraising goal, the website is: http://heroes.stjude.org/DebbieBurns

Start of the 5K



Support from Family, Friends, and Golf Partners





St. Jude Research Hospital Funding

This has been the largest single-day event for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in the past. Runners or walkers who participate are using their strength to make a difference in the lives of children with cancer and other life-threatening diseases. Each year, thousands of family members, friends and survivors have gathered in Memphis to celebrate their accomplishments and participate in the St. Jude Memphis Marathon Weekend. However, this year provided a real challenge to continue the funding effort.



Change in Venue

Due to the pandemic, no one will participate in person as in the past. Instead, a virtual experience has been designed to rally supporters wherever they call home to run, walk and fundraise for the kids of St. Jude. While nothing in the past has beat having supporters gather in one place, a virtual event in 2020 is the next best thing.

Therefore, the 19th annual St. Jude Memphis Marathon®, presented by Juice Plus+®, has transitioned to an interactive, unparalleled, virtual experience that took place from Sunday, November 29, 2020, to Saturday, December 5, 2020. New for 2020, participants could choose between three options for their virtual experience:

- 1. One-Race Challenge: complete 1 race a 5K, 10K, half, or marathon on your race day
 - 2. Two-Race Challenge: complete any 2 races
 - 3. Four-Race Challenge: complete all 4 races

The work St. Jude Children's Research Hospital® is doing today is only possible because of the community's support. More than \$90 million has been raised throughout the history of the St. Jude Memphis Marathon® to support its lifesaving mission: Finding cures. Saving children.®

What Do You Know About St. Jude Children's Research Hospital?



St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, founded in 1962, is a pediatric treatment and research facility focused on children's catastrophic diseases, particularly leukemia

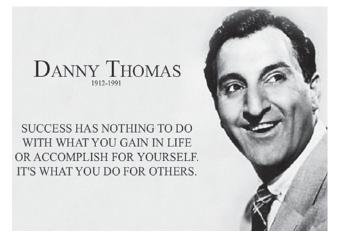
and other cancers. The hospital costs about \$2.8 million a day to run, but patients are not charged for their care. It is located in Memphis, Tennessee, and is a nonprofit medical corporation. St. Jude treats infants, children, teens, and young adults up to age 21 and for some conditions, age 25. Although it was named after St. Jude, it is a secular institution not affiliated with any religious organization.

The Founding of the Hospital

As a young man with a showbusiness desire, **Danny Thomas** had a simple goal: to entertain people and be successful enough at it to provide for his wife and family. But work wasn't easy to come by.

As he and his family struggled, his despair grew. He wondered if he should give up on his dreams of acting or find a steady job. He turned to St. Jude, the patron saint of hopeless causes.

"Show me my way in life," he vowed to the saint one night in a Detroit church, "and I will build you a shrine." That prayer to St. Jude marked a pivotal moment in his life. Soon after, he began finding work, eventually becoming one of the biggest stars of radio, film and television in his day. And as one of the world's biggest celebrities, Danny used his fame to fulfill his vow to St. Jude and to change the lives of thousands of children and families.



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Unique Research Institution

Danny's shrine to St. Jude was originally to be a general children's hospital located somewhere in the south. Danny's mentor, Cardinal Samuel Stritch, recommended he look at Memphis, Tennessee. By 1955, Danny and a group of Memphis businessmen rallied to build the hospital and decided it should be more than a general children's hospital. At the time, the survival rate for childhood cancers was 20%, and for those with acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) — the most common form of childhood cancer — only 4% of children would live. The group believed that St. Jude could help these families with nowhere else to turn. St. Jude would be where the world's best doctors and scientists would work together to cure childhood cancer, sickle cell and other deadly diseases. And for families with children battling these diseases, Danny wanted to remove the burden of treatment costs, so they were free to focus on their child. As a result, he and his supporters focused on raising funds to not only build but maintain the hospital. And still today, as when it first opened its doors, families never receive a bill from St. Jude for treatment, travel, housing or food – because all they should worry about is helping their child live.

Danny began raising money for his vision in the

early 1950s. Frequently, he and his wife Rose Marie, crisscrossed the United States, speaking about the dream to build St. Jude Children's Research Hospital to any group for their support. Their pace was intense and at one point, Danny and Rose Marie visited 28 cities in just 32 days.

"No Child Should Die in the Dawn of Life."

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital opened its doors on February 4, 1962, based on Danny's dream that "no child should die in the dawn of life." Since then, it's made incredible strides in childhood cancer research. The disease was a virtual death sentence in 1962 but now has a survival rate of 94 percent.

Danny Thomas passed away in 1991, but he and his family left an enduring legacy and commitment to saving the lives of children everywhere. His dream will not stop until no child dies from cancer.

A Lasting Legacy

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital today leads the way the world understands, treats, and defeats childhood cancer and other life-threatening diseases. Its purpose is clear: *Finding cures. Saving children.*® It is the only National

Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center devoted solely to children. Treatments invented at St. Jude have helped push the overall childhood cancer survival rate from 20 percent to more than 80 percent since the hospital opened more than 50 years ago. St. Jude's goal is that no child dies from cancer. St. Jude freely shares the discoveries it makes, and every child saved at St. Jude means doctors and scientists worldwide can use that knowledge to save thousands of more children.





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By Candace VanDenBerghe, Marlin Run

This is a versatile recipe for brunch, lunch or dinner. I've added diced ham or smoked sausage; chopped broccoli, kale or asparagus also work for the greens. I like the heat of pepper jack cheese but cheddar, Swiss and mozzarella also work. Pick your favorites or combinations!

Crustless Spinach Quiche (serves 6)

- 1 Tbsp. oil
- 1 small onion, diced
- 4 oz. sliced fresh mushrooms (or use canned)
- 1 10-oz. package frozen chopped spinach, thawed
- 6 oz. shredded cheese (about $1 \frac{1}{2} c.$
- 1 c. milk
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 c. Bisquick baking mix
- 1/4 tsp. each salt & pepper to taste (I use seasoning salt for extra flavor)

Preheat oven to 400°F. Spray 9 in. pie pan with cooking spray. Sauté onion and mushrooms in oil until softened. Squeeze spinach in a paper towel to remove excess moisture.

Mix milk, eggs, baking mix and seasonings until smooth. Combine with other ingredients including cheese; pour into prepared pan. Bake for 35-45 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean.

Cool a few minutes before serving. Garnish with tomato if desired. Reheats nicely in microwave.



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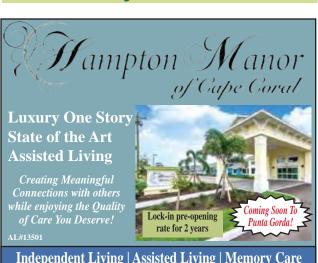


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Dine in or Take out	
					Lunch	
					11 a.m 3 p.m.*	
					Hangover Scramble	
					9 Holes	
					10:15 a.m***	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Trivia	9 Hole Scramble	Dine in or Take out	Dine in or Take out	Dine in or Take out	
	5 p.m 7 p.m.***	3 p.m.***	Lunch	Lunch 11 a.m 3 p.m.*	Lunch	
	Bar Food Menu	Dine in or Take out	11 a.m 3 p.m.*	Party on the Patio	11 a.m 3 p.m.*	
	Available	Lunch 11 a.m 3 p.m.*	Republican Club	5 p.m. ***		
		Dinner	Dinner****			
		4 p.m 7 p.m.*	5 p.m.			
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	5 p.m 7 p.m.***	3 p.m.***	Lunch	Lunch 11 a.m 3 p.m.*	Lunch	18 Holes
	Bar Food Menu	Dine in or Take out	11 a.m 3 p.m.*	Party on the Patio	11 a.m 3 p.m.*	8:15 a.m.***
	Available	Lunch 11 a.m 3 p.m.*		5 p.m. ***		
		Dinner				
		4 p.m 7 p.m.*				
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	Trivia	9 Hole Scramble	Dine in or Take out	Dine in or Take out	Dine in or Take out	
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Platinum Point Yacht Club

By Sue Smith, Director

Happy New Year from all of us at PPYC! At Platinum Point Yacht Club, we are scheduled to have many opportunities for enjoyable (and warm!) winter activities on and off the water. December plans included a cruise to South Seas Plantation, an outdoor holiday party, and our project to provide toys for children. January is also going to offer a wide variety of opportunities for entertainment. In addition to weekly events like the Friday Happy Hour on the lanai, bridge club, and sailing races, we have many other activities that will bring us together.

January Events

Book Club

Welcome Back Party

Jam Session

1/14 Kavak Paddle

1/16 Golden Conch Regatta

1/17 Music on the Lawn

1/21-24 Overnight Cruise to Venice

Thirsty Thursday Bridge Useppa Sailboat Race

1/28 Golf Scramble

Platinum Point Yacht Club continues to move forward, planning safe ways for us to get together with our friends, and to enjoy the resources that make Burnt Store Marina unique. If you are interested in PPYC, information can be obtained at the club house or by calling 941-639-0733. We look forward to hearing from you.

Platinum Point Yacht Club Offers Free Dues

By Vanessa Jordan, Membership Chair

Platinum Point Yacht Club is offering a great promotion...free dues for the 2020-2021 season, if you join PPYC before March 31. We also offer an interest-free payment plan for the initiation fee.

As a member, you will enjoy many on-water and on-land activities with new friends. PPYC is not just for boat owners; it offers a variety of activities, mainly outside, following COVID guidelines. Recently, PPYC had a music festival on the lawn and will have several more special outdoor events. Ongoing events are: Jam sessions Sunday evenings, happy hours Tuesday and Friday, games, special interest activities, and more. If you are considering joining PPYC, don't miss the opportunity for free dues your first season.

If you would like to visit the club, PPYC has

a Prospective Member Invitational Sunday, January 10, or Sunday, March 7. (Masks will be required; no food or drink will be served.) A current member can reserve you a time slot, or if don't know a member, call me, to be matched with a host for the event. If you prefer a different date, contact me and I will be glad to arrange a time for you to visit PPYC: Vanessa Jordan, Membership Chair, vlwjordan@ gmail.com or 817-235-7361.

Any member would be glad to talk to you and provide you with more information about PPYC. Don't miss this extraordinary promotion. When membership reaches the limit, this offer will end.

You may also contact the office for more information. Platinum Point Yacht Club is at 3601 Cape Cole Boulevard in Burnt Store Marina. Please call 941-639-0733 or contact@ppycbsm.org.

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Bocce Ball – That's The Way We Roll

By Kathy Darrell, Tarpon Pass II

BOCCE BALL ZONE

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

A thank you to all who purchased raffle tickets for our Home for the Holidays Gift Basket. We were able to raise funds to help update and repair the bocce court.

Hope to see everyone on Tuesday, January 5, at 3 p.m. Fingers crossed, 2021 will see us all well and enjoying each other's company and bocce.

For everyone's safety, we will take a couple of extra measures to assure smart play. Because balls and pallinos are shared during play, there will be hand sanitizer at both ends of the court for all players and referees to use. We will honor social distancing and recommend wearing masks.

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.

BSMCC would love to have a Thursday bocce group year-round. Give us a call if this is something you are interested in and willing to do. Our Tuesday group has grown quite large, and we would enjoy having another group for the Thursday Party on the Patio.

Please remember, you must be a member of BSMCC to play; just one more great reason to join.

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Aquatic Preserves... In Your Backyard!

By Melynda Brown,

Florida Department of Environmental Protection

DEP-Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Preserves

Residents of Burnt Store Marina community are fortunate to live on the waters of Charlotte Harbor. This estuary is influenced by salty water coming in from the Gulf of Mexico through Boca Grande Pass, as well as freshwater from the Peace and Myakka rivers.

Boaters, paddlers, sailors and fishermen have access to both the deep and shallow estuarine waters that are teaming with prized recreational and commercial fish, as well as other charismatic creatures such as manatees, sea turtles and dolphin. Estuaries contain different habitats such as mangroves, seagrass beds and oyster reefs that serve as vital nursery areas for many fish species and provide a place for wildlife to live, feed and reproduce. The Charlotte Harbor estuary also benefits people by providing seafood; jobs through tourism or commercial fishing; and recreational opportunities such as boating, fishing and wildlife viewing. The mangrove shoreline protects communities and infrastructure by providing a buffer against waves and winds from storm events.

Charlotte Harbor is not only an estuary teeming with life, it is also one of Florida's 42 aquatic preserves, managed by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. DEP's aquatic preserve system includes nearly 2 million acres of submerged lands - there are 38 coastal and four inland aquatic preserves. An aquatic preserve is a waterbody set aside to be preserved in its "essentially natural condition for future generations to enjoy." It has protections for water



BSM Christmas boat lights (Photo by Daryl Ann Lemon)

quality and other natural resources such as seagrass beds, as well as stricter regulations for proposed activities, like new marinas or dredging projects.

Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Preserves (CHAP) encompasses five aquatic preserves, covering almost 180,000 acres, and are managed locally in Punta Gorda through the CHAP office.

Designated in 1979, covering 84,501 acres and located in Charlotte and Lee counties, Gasparilla Sound-Charlotte Harbor is one of the five aquatic preserves. Charlotte Harbor is unique because it has a variety of habitats, stemming from the freshwater rivers to the lush seagrass beds that are mixed with the saltwater from the gulf. The shoreline is mostly composed of mangroves that have been preserved by the state and managed by the Charlotte Harbor Preserve State Park. The extensive natural mangrove shoreline is beneficial to the aquatic preserves because it filters pollutants from

the adjacent land use before it reaches the estuary. The mangroves also provide numerous opportunities for wildlife to find shelter and food.

CHAP staff conduct education/outreach and various monitoring programs including water quality, seagrass and colonial wading and diving bird nesting, to keep an eye on the health of the estuary. These datasets are provided to regulatory entities, stakeholders and the general public, and analyzed to aid in the management of the aquatic preserves.

How can you help? There are many ways to help our aquatic preserves, including picking up marine debris, removing and recycling fishing line, avoiding running aground in shallow seagrass beds, conserving water and limiting fertilizer use. To further support the CHAP office, become a volunteer with some of the monitoring programs or join the citizen support organization, Friends of Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Preserves.

Marina Beat

By Jaret Rogers, General Manager -Safe Harbor Burnt Store Happy New Year!! I hope



you all had a great holiday SAFE HARBOR

season. Cheers to a new year! BURNT STORE Let's make this one even better than the last. So, weigh your anchor and hoist your sails it's time for 2021.

Thank you to everyone who decorated their boats, golf carts and homes for the holidays and special thanks to Kay and John Ackerson for helping to organize the event. The whole community looked very festive this year. Congratulations to all of the prize winners. 2020 Home for the Holidays was the best turnout yet.

The dry storage expansion project is getting closer to completion. The racks are in final production and should be shipping to Burnt Store this month. All of the difficult projects are wrapping up. Now onto the fun stuff. We have prepared three areas for new buildings. These buildings are currently undergoing plan review.

They will consist of a boater amenities building, a maintenance building and a security locker building. There are two more large upland projects in plan review as well. I will discuss these projects when I have more information. As far as wet slips, more floating docks have been ordered and are in production. We should be able to get at least two more fixed docks replaced with floating docks this year. The rebuilding process is going better and faster than expected.

The 2021 boat ramp and car passes are available at the Marina office. Remember boat ramp parking is limited this year due to all the construction.

I must address this issue every year, TRASH! The trash cans around the marina, the cardboard dumpster, trash compactor and the wood/debris dumpsters are for marina use only. This causes many headaches for the staff and the contractors. Every association has their own trash pick-up or dumpsters for their use.

As we transition into 2021 let us all band together to make it a great year!



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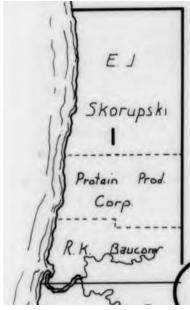
Jennifer has become a leader in the Punta Gorda Real Estate Market with nearly \$350,000,000 in sales since 2000.

After 20 years of specializing in Punta Gorda real estate, Jen thought it was time to start her own brokerage with her team of professionals dedicated to providing the highest level of customer service.

Burnt Store Marina Prior to PGI Section 22: The Protein Products Corporation

By Graham Segger, Independent Homeowner

Readers of my book about the history and geography of Burnt Store Road may recall a reference to a business operating on the property, prior to the development of the harbor and the residential Burnt Store Marina community. That company was the Protein Products Corporation, which that used large nets



owned the land Yucca Pen Creek and the Burnt now occupied by Store Marina coastal area property the harbor. They ownership map of 1969 - Section 1, operated trawlers Township 43S, Range 22E

to haul in tons of mullet and other fish for processing into fish meal in a smelly plant.

In early 2020 I discovered, in the archives of the Punta Gorda History Center, several aerial photos dating from the late 1960s that provide wonderful new detail of what the harbor looked like while this business was operating. The photos appear to originate from two different periods, reflecting slightly different configurations of this business enterprise. The caption on one of the photos describes the operation as a "fish meal place for pet food." I've been told, by old time residents, that the company would store

the fish in shallow dredged ponds prior to processing. The first two photos reflect dredging operations in progress, in both the channel and on shore.



View from the east



View from the harbor

The next photo shows a more mature business operation, with several large buildings for processing the fish and a trawler at the dock.



Protein Products Corporation fish meal processing plant

A recurring story which I have heard, is that the plant was closed after an employee tragically died in an industrial accident. The Protein Products Corporation was incorporated in Tampa on November 2, 1965 and was dissolved on July 11, 1972. The dissolution corresponds with the time period when Punta Gorda Isles, Inc. purchased the land and then registered the Section 22 subdivision development plat with Lee County.

The three aerial photos above are courtesy of the Vernon Peeples Collection, Punta Gorda History Center. Graham's book about Burnt Store Road titled Where Do We Live? contains many more early aerial photos of the marina and is available at the Trading Post.

Golf Tips

By Bill Connelly, Manager of Golf Operations

Welcome back everyone! I hope everyone enjoyed their

holidays. Here at BMSCC, we are quite busy with our golf and social events showcasing our newly renovated golf course.

This month we have the 9-hole Hangover scramble on New Year's Day at 10:15 a.m., we have our Shirts vs. Skirts match play event on January 16 at 8:15 a.m. and our first Member-Guest Tournament on January 29 & 30 – time to be announced later.

We also will have our weekly 9-hole scramble on Tuesday afternoons that starts at 3 p.m.

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

And...have fun learning to enjoy your game.



Consumer Alert

Debt Collectors: Mind The "No Parking" Signs On Credit Reports

By Seena Gressin, Attorney,

Division of Consumer and Business Education, FTC

There's a virtual "no parking" sign planted smack in the middle of your credit report. It means that debt collectors can't report your debt – or your supposed debt – to credit reporting agencies without first trying to check with you.

That's a key takeaway from the FTC's case against Midwest Recovery Systems, LLC. The FTC says Midwest used "debt parking" to collect fake or questionable debts. Debt parking is an illegal practice where collectors post debts to people's credit reports without first trying to contact them. Many people don't learn about the debts until they apply for loans, jobs, or housing, and someone pulls their credit report. Some people pay the debts to clear their credit even if they don't owe them. Others never discover the debts but lose job offers or other opportunities because of the information.

The FTC says Midwest parked more than \$98 million in fake or unverified debts on credit reports, including certain medical debts and debts for fake or unauthorized payday loans, sometimes called phantom debts. The FTC says Midwest continued collecting the supposed debts even after finding that 80 to 97 percent of the debts that people disputed each month were inaccurate or invalid.

Under a settlement, Midwest and its owners must stop all unlawful collection practices, ask credit agencies to delete any debts they previously reported, and take other steps to assure they only report and collect valid debts.

How can you protect yourself against debt parking? Check your credit reports regularly. Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion each must give you a free copy of your credit report every 12 months. And, all three are offering free weekly online reports through April 2021 due to the pandemic. Dispute any errors or inaccurate information you find.

If you plan to apply for a job or financing, check your credit reports at all three agencies before you apply, even if you have to pay for a report. That will let you clear inaccurate information from your report before it causes problems.

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Gardener's Wheelbarrow

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass

Growing zones are U.S

Department of Agriculture's designations to indicate average minimum temperatures. We are located in subtropical zone 9b/10a, a variable area. A true tropical plant shows distress when temperatures fall below

50 degrees. We can have lows that will kill a tropical plant to the ground. All it takes is two consecutive mornings of 32 degrees, for just 15 minutes each, to severely damage tropical foliage. Because we are in a transitional area we can, and do, experience extreme swings in temperatures, sometimes as much as 60 degrees within a month's time.

The most cold-sensitive areas of BSM are the far eastern (along Burnt Store Road) and northern (Vincent Avenue) sections. Areas closer to the harbor experience the modifying effects of Charlotte Harbor. January 2020 had a low of 37 degrees and daily highs between 62 - 83. There were 5 days below 50 degrees. Those chilly mornings, especially with dampness, will create fungus on plant leaves, yellowing and some leaves falling.

In 2016, during our typically dry month of January, we had a record 11 inches of rain, whereas in 2020, it was an inch and a quarter. So, you can never really predict much about our weather. As of November 22, 2020, we had a little more than 40 inches.

At this point in time, we should be well into the dry season and reliant on irrigation water. Less rain means the impact of TDS (Total Dissolved Solids) in the irrigation water will increase, as will its damaging effects to leaves and the tiny root hairs. Some plants have adapted to living with dissolved salts (seagrape); some will slowly be negatively affected (ixora), and some will just curl up and die (camellia). Try to use watering systems with misters or drip methods, which are far less harmful to plants.

Life expectancy for our local shrubs varies from 3-7years. Our growing period is almost year-round.

The maturity of a 5-year-old plant here is equal to about a 10 – 15-year-old-plant grown in zones 4a-5b (Michigan) or 6b-7b (Mid-Atlantic) because their growing period is approximately a third or half the length of ours.

Pruning also takes its toll on our plants. Because of our long growing season, pruning occurs several times a year. It may temporarily reduce the size of the plant, but it also sends a message to grow! Producing leaves, flowers and seeds requires large amounts of energy. Our plants are constantly trying to grow, month after month.

As plants age-out, they become stressed, diseased and die. Replace them with plants that can better handle the salt and are better suited site-wise for the location (sun, partial sun or shade?) thereby requiring less pruning. For a list of plants meeting your requirements, go to BSM22.org, and click on Landscape Committee documents and forms. January's to do list:

- Ornamentals -If you're going to plant, you must also commit to watering with your hose every other day for a couple weeks (then slackening off to a couple times a week, then once a week, etc.) Tropical palms will do better when planted during the summer months.
- Annuals Plant, but take the time to prep the soil well. Mound the soil with a substantial amount of annual mix (contains vermiculite, sand and ground mulch), sprinkle with Osmocote (fertilizer) and a fungicide. Then plant your annuals. If you mound the soil, it will elevate the plants so they are more easily seen, keep them from getting wet "feet" and provide adequate good soil to settle their roots into.
- Pruning Don't! If you have any plants showing signs of cold damage, do nothing! Brown leaves and branches serve to protect emerging green parts from further cold spells. Even if a plant looks dead, wait until March before deciding what and where to prune.

• Fertilizing – Hold off fertilizing lawns and other cold sensitive plants. Fertilizing them now will encourage new growth, which is easily damaged by low temperatures.

Sheriff's Report – November

25 Warnings:

15 – Failure to stop at stop sign

(7 residents, 6 visitors, 2 workers)

- 7 Speeding (1 resident, 6 visitors)
- 1 Obstructed tag (resident)
- 1 Parking in handicap spot (visitor)
- 1 Violation of Florida registration (visitor)

1 Ticket:

1 – Not having a driver's license (visitor)

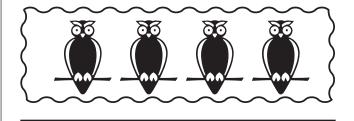
Enjoying Your Walk

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. –
- 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
- 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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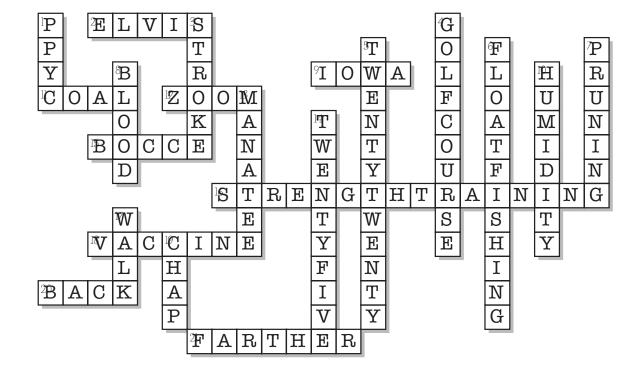


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- 2 Recorded his fist demo record in January
- 9 Cancelled potluck gathering
- ll An old rock
- 12 A socially distanced option for exercising
- 15 That's the way we roll
- 16 Helps improve your game
- 18 Hoping for this soon
- 20 Welcome...

21 Relates to physical distance

DOWN

- l Acronym for Platinum Point Yacht Club
- 3 You may be less likely to experience this if vou donate blood
- 4 A living, breathing and growing being (2 wds.) 5 Goodbye... (2 wds.)

- 6 Has become an art (2 wds.)
- 7 Takes it's toll on plants 8 A safe thing to donate
- 10 In Florida we know all about
- 13 A charismatic creature
- 14 No. of Sheriff warnings in November (2 wds.)
- 17 Enjoying your ...
- 19 Acronym for Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Preserves



Amazing eagle picture from British Columbia



Great shot of Barn Owl



100 year old rhododendron and the woman who planted it. Photo by Jim Foster.

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Blood Donation News

By Ann Singer, Admiral's Point

Dont Miss The Bus In 2021 Make Blood Donation A Habit!

The BSM Blood Drive Schedule For 2021 Always on Monday 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. January 11 March 15

Burnt Store Marina welcomed back the BIG RED BUS on Monday, November 16 after summer break. Twenty eight (28) volunteers donated 20 units of blood. Each donation can save up to three lives, which means 60 patients could benefit from our Burnt Store Marina blood drive. Thanks to all!

The FDA has reiterated that there have been no reported or suspected cases of transfusion-transmitted coronavirus, and the virus poses no known risk to patients receiving blood transfusions. All precautions are being taken to PROTECT YOU, THE DONOR! DON'T BE AFRAID TO DONATE!

Donating Blood Is Safe

Our next blood donation day is Monday, January 11, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Make your appointment online or plan to walk in. During peak season I recommend making an appointment, especially for morning time slots. Be sure to eat before you donate and drink lots of fluids before and after. We need to stay hydrated in Florida, no matter the activity or time of year.

Gifts to donors: \$10 egift card, OneBlood long sleeve T shirt, Chick-fil-A card and a Carrabbas coupon.

The bus is located in the Cass Cay/Tiki Hut/Trading Post parking lot. If you would like to schedule an appointment or have questions, contact Ann Singer 319-290-5955 or Jo Bucci 941-445-8260. Appointments may also be scheduled by logging on to oneblood.org. Establish a user name and password and you are ready to go. Walk-ins are always welcome. Remember to bring a photo ID.

Health benefits of donating blood*

We'll give you a free wellness checkup. Each time you donate you'll receive a free wellness checkup that includes blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening. These wellness checks have saved the lives of some of those who volunteer to give blood.

You may be less likely to have a heart attack. Donating regularly may help your blood flow and result in fewer arterial blockages. In fact, some studies have shown that men who donate at least three times a year can drastically reduce their risk of having a heart attack or stroke.

Donating can keep your iron level balanced. Having too much iron in your blood can contribute to hardening of the arteries. When you donate blood, the amount of iron in your blood is reduced. The iron will be replenished by the food you eat after donating, but regular donations can balance your iron level.

Fast Blood Facts*

- 1. Since blood cannot be synthetically made, there is no substitute.
 - 2. Every two seconds someone needs blood.
 - 3. About 1 in 7 people entering a hospital will need blood.
- 4. Approximately 41,000 units of blood are used each day in the U.S.
- 5. The rarest blood type is the one not on the shelf when it's needed by the patient.
- 6. Shortages of blood often occur during the summer and winter holidays.
- 7. Patients with anemia need blood transfusions to increase their oxygen carrying capacity.
- 8. Red blood cells can be stored under normal conditions for up to 42 days.
 - 9. Platelets must be used within 5 days.
 - 10. An average adult has about 10 to 12 pints of blood.

11. Premature infants and children undergoing heart surgery or treatment for cancer require blood from donors of all types, especially type O.

- 12.More than 70,000 people in the U.S. live with severe sickle cell disease, 98 percent of whom are African American; many receive blood transfusions regularly.
- 13. Severe burn victims can need the platelets from about 20 units of blood during their treatment.
- 14. People who have been in car accidents and suffered massive blood loss can need transfusions of 50 units or more of red blood cells.
- 15. The average bone marrow transplant requires the platelets from about 120 donations, and the red blood cells from about 20 units of blood.

*OneBlood, Inc.--The Big Red Bus

Thanks to the 28 volunteers and a special welcome to all the new donors!

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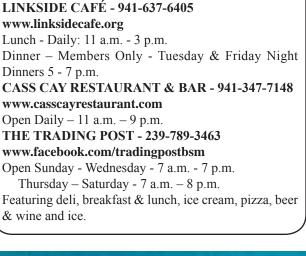


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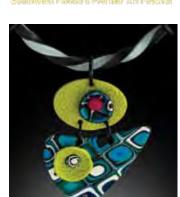




ArtFest Fort Myers 2021

Let Art Elevate Your Every Day!

ArtFest Fort Myers, the annual art festival Feb. 6 and 7, is excited to announce the stars of the 2021 art festival – the artists! These incredibly creative folks travel from across the country to share their artwork with our community. Amazing ceramics, gorgeous jewelry, remarkable glass, unique paintings, wearable art and so much more await you at ArtFest Fort Myers. This familyfriendly, safety-protocolfilled festival connects art and artists with our community in a way that is so much fun. This is an



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art experience that delights every sense!

Want to see all the artists? Do a little pre-shopping? You can visit the online gallery at ArtFestFortMyers.com and the artists will all be there with their artwork and links to their websites. And beginning Jan. 29 you can visit and shop the artists on ArtFest@Home – right from the art festival's main website.

You may be asking how ArtFest Fort Myers is stepping up to meet the challenge of being a "safe" event in this challenging COVID-19 time. The art festival staff has attended too many best-practices trainings to count (virtually, of course). Following best-practices, ArtFest Fort Myers is limiting crowd size by fencing the entire festival site and designating five entrance and exit gates; instituting timed ticket access - with advance online ticket sales to avoid the queue; installing 120-plus hand sanitizer stations; requiring masks at all times; hiring professional cleaning crews for all touch points; reducing food vendors; creating tables and chair relax locations for two or four only and so much



Kathleen Muphy Willer, 2021 poster artist, Dandelion Fan Flowers (available framed and unframed)

more. ArtFest Fort Myers values the safety and enjoyment of everyone participating – attendees, artists and volunteers.

The entire family will enjoy Southwest Florida's premier art festival. Take time to enjoy the talented high school artists' work at the Art Under 20 Exhibit and Competition and prepare to be astonished as the students create large street paintings in the Chalk Block. Check out the We Are Overflowing sculptural exhibit, featuring the recycling, reuse and upcycling message through art. Food and beverage areas provide a relaxing break.

Join ArtFest's VIP Club and take advantage of reserved weekend parking; relaxing on the VIP Club Terrace with morning treats and coffee; a delightful lunch and beverages all weekend long. The VIP Club packages start at \$45 per person and quantities are limited – visit ArtFestFortMyers. com for all the options. Your support helps ArtFest Fort Myers through this challenging time when all arts organizations are focused on getting to the other side financially intact.

Not quite ready to venture to a large gathering – even outdoors? ArtFest Fort Myers hears you and has launched an all-new online virtual art festival – ArtFest@Home – as close as your computer, phone or iPad. You will find:

• a super easy shopping experience featuring all the artists who are at the art festival in person. One shopping cart with

one click checkout. Shop from all the artists; talk to them via Zoom video chat; watch their demo videos; listen to their round-table discussions; see how to use their artwork in decorating your home.

• all the fun activities from ArtFest Fort Myers: Art Under 20, high school art show; Chalk Block street painting; Publix Art Yard with art projects and entertainment; We Are Overflowing art installation based on recycled items; food and entertainment for all to enjoy.

• VIP Club experiences in a virtual art gallery and more.

• Festival posters and T-shirts to order shipped directly to you.

Where do you find ArtFest@Home? Just go to ArtFestFortMyers.com and click on the big ArtFest@ Home logo and we will see you there beginning Jan. 29.

Attendees often ask, "How do the 150 festival artists get chosen?" These artists are the best-of-thebest as a jury panel of five professional artists spent an entire Zoom day selecting them from the 700 artists who applied.

For more information visit ArtFestFortMyers.com. Like us on Facebook. Follow us on Carla Bank, Waterfall, 2021



Matthew Hatala, Best of Show 2019, wood



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