



President’s Comments

By Craig Holcomb, Section 22 HOA

Our fall is here. Much different than up North. No trees changing colors, no fresh fruit and veggies from the farm fields of the North. But we do have great weather to enjoy, and the time has begun for our seasonal friends to begin to fill all those highways and byways as they make their journey back home to good old Burnt Store Marina.

For you early birds, there are a lot of activities to choose from all over our community. Just read all the information from all the different clubs and amenities that are in *The Beacon* this month, and you can fill your time very quickly. Lots of fun, some rest, and great people to spend time with. (Wait, I just ended a sentence with a preposition, “with,” I think I hear my middle school English teacher sending me to the principal’s office for another round of “why did you end that sentence with a preposition, haven’t you learned anything this year?!”)

We always talk and write about all the things one can do in our lovely community, and it’s very true. Last year, we were dealing with all the COVID rules, as those of us who were here all year in our own little bubble had to welcome all of those who came down from the North. They were used to different rules and processes. This year, we still will have a little of that going on, so let’s be mindful of others and respect each other’s views on all the COVID stuff.

We have better things to do, like getting out, being active, and meeting up with good friends, and making new acquaintances with. (Oops, there is that nasty preposition at the end of a sentence again, what shall we do?) Remember when we had to write on the blackboard, or a piece of paper, 500 times what we did wrong until we apparently got it right? I had to do that a lot, for some reason.

So let’s enjoy ourselves this fall. Turn off the news, only read the funnies, and explore all the activities we have to offer within the gates of our community. Who knows, you might find something new that you can work “with!”



You won’t hear turkeys on our golf courses for Thanksgiving, but you might hear the rattling calls of our beautiful Sandhill Cranes. Photo by Karen Sanderson.

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:
- Admiralty Village, 300 Matecumbe Key Rd., Association Building exterior paint.
 - Karen Morano, 1208 Islamorada Blvd., landscaping.
 - George & Patricia McPherson, 4820 Linkside Dr., roof replacement.
 - Manuel Soares & Nancy Villa-Soares, 2070 King Tarpon Dr., roof and gutter replacement.
 - Larry Davis, 1540 Islamorada Blvd., exterior paint.
 - Roy & Loyda Straub, 3741 Cobia Village Ct., lanai enclosure.
 - John & Karen Holden, 3330 Sugarloaf Key Rd., exterior renovation and replace windows, paint, and pool.

- Tod & Joan Markley, 3235 Sugarloaf Key Rd., windows and door replacement.
- Ralph & Joan Tramontana, 1548 Islamorada Blvd., roof and gutter replacement.
- John & Kelly Millar, 1201 Islamorada Blvd., hurricane shutter 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

As a reminder to all residents in the community, the following information should be updated at the Main Gate on a regular basis:

- Phone numbers
- Permanent Guests (Additions and Deletions)
- Barcodes for sold vehicles

Season is upon us, and it is time to think about some of the “Rules Of The Road” for our community:

All motor vehicles are expected to follow Florida State Laws which include stopping at all stop signs, maintaining posted speed limits and driving in designated roadways. Drivers of golf carts are required to be 14 years of age. Golf carts are also required to drive in the same direction as traffic, and in the designated roadways with motor vehicles. If your golf cart does not have appropriate

turning signals, please utilize proper hand signals to indicate your direction of travel. Golf carts capable of high speeds are also required to follow the posted speed limits within the community.

Residents and guests in the community riding bicycles should also ride in the direction of the flow of traffic. Riders under the age of 16 should be wearing a helmet, as directed by Florida State Law.

Pedestrians walking within the community are afforded the same courtesies as outside the community. Drivers should yield the right of way to a pedestrian in a properly marked cross walk. Pedestrians should also walk in the opposite direction of traffic so that they can see motor vehicles approaching. This is for your personal safety.

It is important that we do all we can to avoid an unnecessary accident within our community. With everyone’s support, we can have an accident free season for all to enjoy.

Reminder:
Next Section 22 HOA Board Meeting
– Tuesday, November 23, 9 a.m.,
Linkside Café Patio

An ARC did you know, moment...

By Barry Groesch, Architectural Review Committee Chair

Did you know...If you have a pool allotment with your property, and want to install a pool, an ARC application is required. Go to **BSM22.org** to get your application.



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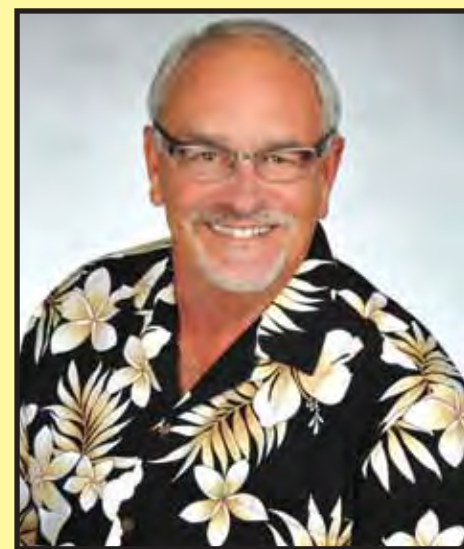
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Mark Your Calendar – Out And About

Inside the Gates Dates

- **Monday, November 1:** Deadline for the December *Beacon*. Article and picture submissions are welcomed. Become part of the *Beacon* family.
- **Saturday, November 6:** Community Garage Sale. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Tuesday, November 23:** 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

- **Friday, November 5:** America Strong – Charlotte County Concert Band. 7:30 to 9 p.m. Opening of the 2021-2022 Concert Season. Charlotte Performing Arts Center, 701 Carmalita St. Go to or call 941-218-0022 for ticket information. \$15 per person, season tickets available.
- **Thursday, November 11:** Vintage Motor Car Club Veteran’s Day Car Show. 11 am. to 2 p.m. Fishermen’s Village, 1200 Retta Esplanade.
- **Saturday, November 14:** Mustang Club of Charlotte County Car Show. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fishermen’s Village, 1200 Retta Esplanade.
- **Wednesday, November 17 to Saturday, November 20:** Wine & Jazz Festival Week. Go to <https://puntagordachamber.com/product/16th-annual-wine-jazz-festival-2021> for information on events and costs.
- **Saturday, November 27 to Sunday, November 28:** Sullivan Street Arts & Crafts Fair. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Every Tuesday and Friday:** Dance Fusion Class. 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association, 2001 Shreve St. Call Cara Peralta for information, 941-276-1887. \$10 per class.
- **Every Tuesday:** Cape Coral Surfside Sunset Market, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Veterans Parkway and Surfside Boulevard, opposite end of Belks Dept. Store.
- **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.

Golf News and Tips

By Bill Connelly,
Head Golf Professional

Heron is still closed for renovation, however it is coming along nicely. It is expected to open sometime in December. 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 Leftover Turkey Scramble on Saturday, November 27 at 12:30 p.m. with a shotgun start. And remember, there is a 9 Hole Scramble every Tuesday at 3 p.m.

Results of the Labor Day Scramble held on September 6 1st Flight Winners

1. Becky and Sam Iaquinta, Otto Susek and Caleb Marqaret
2. Kim and Lori Brown, John and Joan Ross
3. John Salvaggio, Stan Borchers, Larry Marks, Ron Olsen

2nd Flight Winners

1. Mitch and Hilde Wegrzyn, Jerry and Barb Beals
2. Bill Smith, Mark Vandekerkhove, Melody Groh, Judy Schinneller
3. Brent and Heidi Chorneyko, Bob Paul and Millie Hierro

3rd Flight Winners

1. Jodi Pickett, Deb Stanbro, Kathy Hultgren, Patsy Jones
2. Craig Holcomb, Mark Mitchell, Rich and Betty Hollowell
3. Kimm and Angie Dewitt, Steve Hunt and Leslie Rose

Closest to the Flag Osprey #4

Pat Cataldo, Woody Woodall, Jim and Jeanne Brown

Closest to the Flag Pelican #5

Ovila Case, Phil Tuturice, Mike Locatis, Jerri Wolf

Results of the Cross Country Scramble Held September 25

1st Flight Winners

1. Ted and Doris Havens, Brent and Heidi Chorneyko, Steve and Phyllis Lindeman, Bev Kopecko and Pam Kopecko
2. Dennis and Karen Schindel, Mike and Mary Mcfeely, Mark and Sue Schaffner, Ovila Case, Jeri Wolf.

2nd Flight Winners

1. Bob Paul and Millie Hierro, Steve Hunt and Leslie Rose, Joel and Beth Miles, Gary and Kathy Knudsen
2. Chuck and Wendy Fonte, Christine and Bob Hornak, Rich and Betty Hollowell, Deb Lehmann and Scott Mellow

We also had 2 “Holes in One” During September

- Dave Fitzgerald, September 1 on Osprey #4
John Ross, September 29 on Pelican #3

Congratulations to all!

Please follow us @burntstoregolf on Instagram for course updates.

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



Bocce Ball – 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.

Our official bocce season has begun! On October 5, players gathered to play bocce and catch up on each other’s lives. It was good to see everyone, and we were all thankful that we survived the pandemic!

We used our new Trex benches for the first time. These were purchased with funds we raised last year. Thanks to all who bought raffle tickets to make this possible.

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. Enjoy 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.

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Burnt Store Marina CC News

By John Abbott,
General Manager, BSMCC

Now that season is here, we are gearing up for a fun-filled winter and spring, with all sorts of activities and events. Here is a breakdown of what’s coming in the near future.



In the Restaurant

I have spent the last three months gathering information on the history of the club and getting feedback from the community. The two most frequent things I’ve heard about the restaurant are “we miss the fish fry and we miss breakfast.” Well...Friday Fish Fry is back and so is breakfast! Along with our dinner menu, we are adding fish fry as our special every Friday night, and breakfast

The Golf course

To kick things off, November 5 - 7 we have the Veterans Day – Wish For Our Heroes golf outing. This is a great season opener, beginning with dinner at Linkside on Friday night and dinner at Cass Cay Saturday night. Sunday, there will be breakfast at Cass Cay before the golf tournament at noon. Dinner and drinks at Linkside will follow the post golf scoring party on the patio. This is an awesome charity event that brings in a lot of money to veterans who need help, so we hope that everyone will take part in some or all of the activities.

Later this month we are bringing back night golf. We have hired the company “Glow Golf” to come in and set up the course for us. They will provide glow in the dark flagsticks, fairway and green contour lights, and most importantly, LED golf balls. The field is limited but the pre-game and post-game festivities are open to everyone so this should be quite a party.

The Under Armor Junior Tour is holding an event here on the afternoon of Sunday, November 21. This is a nationwide tour for kids ages 6 - 18 that play in different regions across the country. The winners from each region and age group are then invited to the national championship to play for the title. The Sarasota-Port Charlotte region is who we will be hosting, so feel free to come out and cheer them on.

Our final event in November is the Leftover Turkey Scramble. This is always a popular post-holiday party with fun golf, food and beverages.

As you can see, there is a lot going on, and it only ramps up from there. December through April is packed with fun events for everyone, so make sure you take advantage of the membership offers that give you priority sign-up and/or reservations, as well as discounts to all the great activities and events on the calendar.

BSMCC November Schedule of Events						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m.-3 p.m.* Trivia 5 - 7 p.m.*** Bar Food Menu Available	2 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.*** Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m.-3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.*	3 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m.-3 p.m.* Men's League Starts 8 a.m. Republican Dinner ****5 p.m.	4 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.*	5 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m. - 3 p.m.* Wish For Our Heroes Fish Fry 5 - 8 p.m.*	6 Breakfast 8 - 11 a.m. Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.*
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We are opening up to everyone and since space is limited, we recommend that you make reservations. Members can call seven days in advance and all others three days. Trivia Mondays have become quite popular and will continue, so come out and join us from 5 - 8 p.m. and enjoy the food and fun.

On the Patio

Our “Welcome Back Party” kicks off the entertainment season on the patio, Thursday November 11 from 5 - 8 p.m. with live music from the “Kollections”. With the new additional patio space, we have plenty of seating for everybody. We plan to continue live music every Friday and Saturday in November from 5 – 8 p.m. In December, we are going to add Food Truck Thursdays, that will also include live music. Every week will be two or three different food trucks from all over the area.



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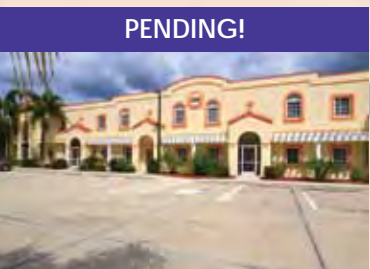
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Average Sale Price + 22%
Available Listings = 0



**Data Provided By StellarMLS for Listings in Burnt Store Marina as of October 11, 2021*

November’s Off-Beat Holidays

By Maggie Hart, *Mariners Pass*
This month’s name, November, is derived from the Latin root *novem*, meaning “nine,” because in the Roman calendar there were only ten months in the year, and November was the ninth month. The word November is also used as code for radio use of the letter “N.”

This year in November, we celebrate *Veterans Day* on Thursday, November 11, and *Thanksgiving* on Thursday, November 25. But, also remember to celebrate National Fast-Food Day on November 16, and All Our Uncles are Monkeys Day on November 24.

Here are some more notable dates in November:
November 1: This day is celebrated as *All Saint’s Day*, and honors and recognizes all of the saints of the Catholic Church, many of which were martyrs. The church sets this day aside to celebrate over 10,000 recognized saints. Historically, All Saints Day was known as Halloween.

November 1 – 2: Dio De Los Muertos - not one, but two days celebrated in Mexico to honor the dead. The first day celebrates infants and children who have died. This is a group which is believed to have a special place in heaven, and are referred to as “Angelitos” or little angels. The second day is in honor of adults who have died.

November 4, 1979: About 500 Iranian militants stormed the U.S. Embassy in Teheran, Iran, and took 90 hostages, including 52 Americans that they held captive for 444 days.

November 7, 1885: Canada’s first transcontinental railway, the Canadian Pacific, was completed in British Columbia.

November 9, 1989: The Berlin Wall was opened up after standing for 28 years as a symbol of the Cold War. The 27.9-mile wall was constructed in 1961.

November 14, 1666: The first experimental blood transfusion took place in Britain, utilizing two dogs.

November 17, 1800: The U.S. Congress met for the first time in the new capital at Washington, D.C. President John Adams then became the first occupant of the executive mansion, later named the White House.

November 19, 1863: President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address during ceremonies dedicating 17 acres of the Gettysburg Battlefield as a National Cemetery. Famed orator Edward Everett of Massachusetts preceded Lincoln and spoke for two hours. Lincoln then delivered his address in less than two minutes. Although many in attendance were at first unimpressed, Lincoln’s words have come to symbolize the definition of democracy itself.

November 22, 1963: At 12:30 p.m., in downtown Dallas, as President John F. Kennedy’s motorcade approached a triple underpass, the president was shot. He was rushed to Parkland Memorial Hospital where he died at 1 p.m.

Fit Happens... Find your fit with all our classes!

By Deanne Fitzpatrick,
*Aquatic Exercise
Association Certified
Water Fitness Instructor*



The Fitness Center has a variety of classes in the studio, by Zoom, outdoors and in the pool. All of the classes offered at the club are listed in this article for you to find your best fit! Also, starting after Thanksgiving, all classes will be encouraging everyone to participate in our 5k run or walk fundraiser, scheduled for January 2022. We are raising money for the club patio, for more umbrellas, seating, and cooking area.

5 Weeks to 5K, which equals 6,561 steps. Track your fitness steps and come join the event. Keep an eye out for details in the December Fitness Club flyer, on our 6-Week Weight Loss/Wellness Challenge beginning January 3.

• **Aqua Aerobics:** A 45-minute aerobic workout, perfect for those looking to make a splash by adding a low-impact, high energy aquatic exercise to your fitness routine. Designed to improve cardiovascular endurance and tone muscles without the added stress to your joints.

• **Aqua Fitness Power Hour:** A challenging 60-minute water fitness workout that combines shallow and deep-water routines. It provides muscle strengthening and cardiovascular conditioning, designed for a more intense level of fitness!

• **Aqua Zumba:** A 45-minute aerobic workout to Latin music. Great dance moves will make this water workout great fun, and is sure to burn those calories.

• **Body Design:** A 45-minute class focused on upper body workout, using two sets of dumbbells, to strengthen, tone and define your physique.

• **Body Fit:** A 45-minute class, alternating cardio movement and muscle conditioning, with an emphasis on improving balance and flexibility.

• **Boot Camp:** Next level, fast paced class that mixes strength building and muscular endurance for a high intensity, sweaty workout. The instructor takes you through a series of both strength training and cardio full body movements that will have you sweating and your muscles burning.

• **Butts and Guts:** A challenging 45-minute workout that really tones and tightens those problem glutes and abs areas. Mat work included.

• **Cardio Fun:** A challenging 45-minute workout to get your body moving and heart rate up! Fun moves to great music.

• **Chair Stretch:** A 45-minute class to improve strength, balance, and flexibility. It is gentle but thorough.

• **Chair Yoga:** Enjoy the many benefits of yoga, without having to get down on the floor. The class is designed to help increase flexibility and muscular endurance, improve balance, reduce stress and improve overall sense of well-being. A chair will be used for seated poses, and as support for standing poses, but remaining seated is always an option.

• **Functional Stretch:** A 45-minute class to stretch every muscle, a perfect complement to a well-rounded fitness program.

• **Lotta Tabata:** This 45-minute Tabata class will work both your upper and lower body. If you’re looking for a new program to add to your routine, you may want to give Tabata a try. Tabata training is a high-intensity interval training workout.

• **Meet Me at the Barre:** Barre is a low impact, muscular endurance fusion workout combining strength training, ballet, pilates, and yoga. Upper body exercises are performed with light weights at the same time squats, lunges and plies are performed targeting the core, glutes, hips, and legs, making it a total body workout. Muscles are worked to the point of fatigue with a focus on alignment and balance without negative impact on the joints. Class includes standing work, both center floor and with a chair

used as a barre, along with floor exercises on a yoga mat with a pilates ball. Benefits of barre include improved strength, posture, flexibility, balance, stability, and muscle definition, together with weight loss and reduced stress.

• **Muscle Factory:** Work all major muscle groups with a variety of strengthening and conditioning exercises with emphasis on proper weightlifting techniques during this 45-minute class. Designed for all levels, you will finish feeling empowered and strong.

• **Sit N Fit:** A tough 45-minute workout using a stable chair as a prop to help improve your strength, flexibility, endurance, and balance. Chair and mat work included.

• **Sit N Fit Silver:** With exercises done both seated and standing, this class is designed to increase strength and range of motion, as well as to provide improvement in functional skill-related fitness components like balance, coordination, agility, power, and speed. This class is accessible to all, instructed with progressions and regressions, to suit various skill and fitness levels. A chair is utilized for seated exercises and available for standing support, with the option to always remain seated if needed. Class includes exercises performed with handheld weights, exercise tubing and a small ball.

• **Stretch Body Design:** A 45-minute class that includes a 5-minute warm-up, 10-minute upper body toning, followed by a 30-minute total body stretch routine with the goal of rejuvenation.

• **Tuesday:** A 45-minute class that works your upper and lower body to the limit by using EXERTUBES. Each muscle group will be worked to increase strength and endurance. Mat work included.

• **Yoga:** A 45-minute slow flow class that moves slower and holds poses a bit longer. Perfect for beginners to advance yogis that want to focus on alignment, and take the time to become familiar with what is going on in their body. Your instructor will focus on proper alignment and positioning, while deepening your practice.

• **Yoga Fit:** Outdoor class with a beach towel or mat. A fitness-based yoga connecting breath and movement. Strengthening core and improving stability, flexibility, and balance. Beginners are welcome. Bring a yoga mat or large towel and additional towel to roll up. This class is outside and it is suggested to bring water and sunscreen.

• **Zumba:** A 55-minute aerobic workout to Latin music. Dance to great music, with great people, and burn a lot of calories.

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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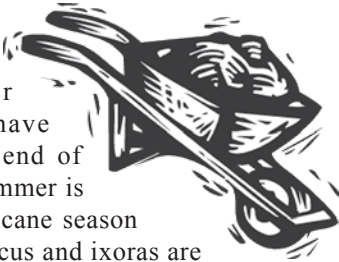
Gardener’s Wheelbarrow

By Maggie Hart,
Mariners Pass

Almost all of your garden chores should have been completed by the end of October. Although the summer is over, we are still in hurricane season until November 30. Hibiscus and ixoras are still blooming - watch for new flowering on fall orchid trees, floss-silk trees and yellow elders.

This month’s gardener’s checklist:

- The cumulative effect of cooler and shorter days



on plants is slower growth, requiring less water, less fertilizer, and in the case of lawns, less mowing.

- Last September, we had 8 inches of rain; this year we have had a little less than 5 inches. November is our driest month of the year, with only about 4 days of rain, yielding an average of 1-1/3 inches. If you put in new plants, plan to supplement with fresh water from your hose.
- As long as the temperature is below 80 degrees, it is safe to treat the weeds in your lawn.
- **No more pruning until early March.** Pruning stimulates growth that can be damaged by frosts from November through March. Usually the first frost date

is later - December 15, and the average last frost date is January 31. The time period of 6 to 6:30 a.m. is the coldest. If there is a frost, the plants facing east will get the blast of the sun first, not allowing them to warm slowly. This is a problem. The cells in the leaves burst, resulting in dark green, limp foliage.

- Planting tropical shrubs and trees at this time of the year is risky due to the colder temperatures. You *may* plant native and subtropical cabbage/sabal, pindo, Chinese fan or European fan palms. (Don’t forget to provide supplemental watering, preferably fresh water from your hose.)

- When planting cool season annuals and herbs, use new top soil and a slow-release fertilizer. *Osmocote* is pricey, but very good, and comes in an easy to handle container. *Osmocote Plus* contains additional micro-nutrients that are sorely needed.
- If you haven’t applied fertilizer to shrubs and trees/palms...do so **now**. The deadline is the middle of November, when the temperatures might become too chilly.
- If you haven’t mulched yet, do so now to retain moisture during the dry winter months. **Caution: Do not allow mulch to be too close to the stems of your plants – annuals, perennials, shrubs, and trees. It can cause fungal diseases.**

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.

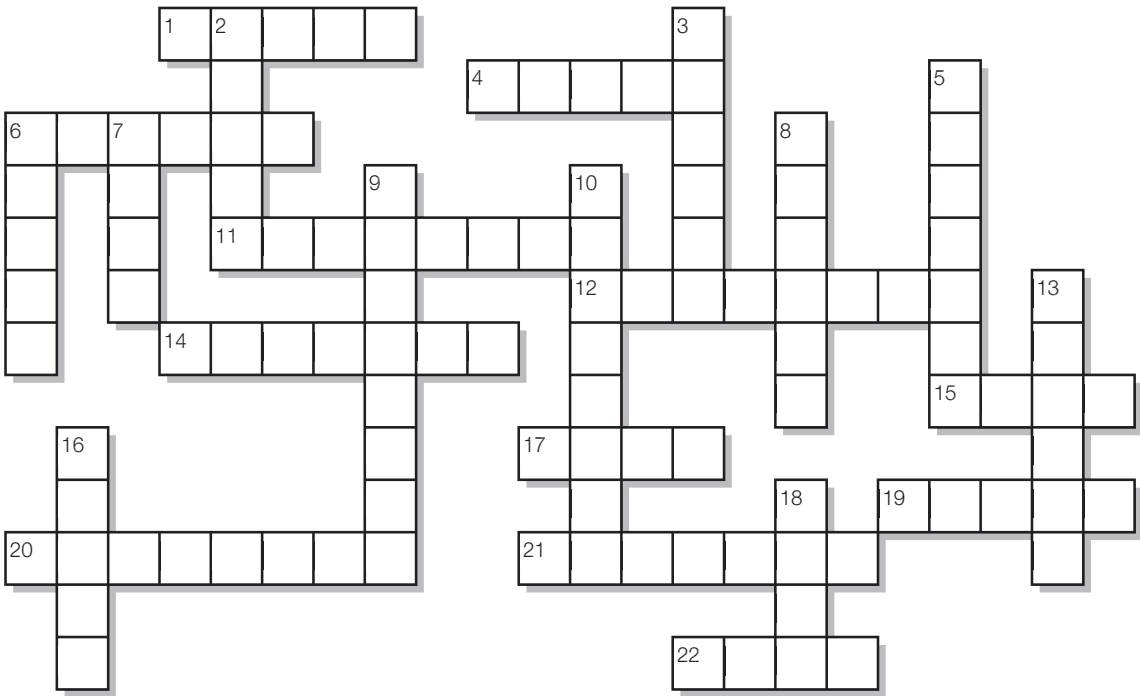
- Islamorada Entrance Gate to Cape Cole Blvd. – 0.82 mile
- Cape Cole Blvd., golf clubhouse gate arm to Islamorada Blvd. – 0.60 mile
- Cape Cole Blvd., golf club gate arm to Matecumbe Key entry – 0.72 mile
- Matecumbe Key Blvd., construction entrance to Cape Cole Blvd., 0.72 mile

- 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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- 21 Under the
- 22 The early bird catches the

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- 7 Look before you
- 8 Add insult to
- 9 Get your act
- 10 Get a taste of your own
- 13 He’s off his
- 16 Quiet as a
- 18 Hungry as a

Sheriff’s Report – September



11 Warnings:

- 4 – Speeding, 4 visitors
- 4 – Failure to stop at a stop sign, 2 residents, 1 visitor, 1 worker
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Blood Donation News

By Ann Singer, Admiral's Point

**Don't Miss the Bus
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The **three** donor incentive gifts for this blood drive are a Chick-fil-A card for a free chicken sandwich, a \$10 eGift card, and a fleece blanket* (see photo below) Yes, a successful donor receives all three gifts!

Make blood donation a habit. The need for blood is NOW and it is ongoing. The impact of COVID-19 and the devastation from hurricanes and tornadoes in the 2021 storm season is compounding the situation. It is vital people donate each time they are eligible! We need YOU!

**Blood Drive Dates for 2022
are January 10 and March 14**

November 15: The Big Red Bus will be 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 username and password and follow instructions. Walk-ins are always welcome. Remember to bring a photo ID. I highly recommend making an appointment! **If you cannot keep your appointment, be considerate and contact Ann Singer. There are others that wish to donate but get turned away. Due to the pandemic and social distancing, the bus cannot accommodate full capacity.**

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. **Don't be afraid to donate because of Covid. All precautions are being taken to protect you! Masks are required on the bus whether you have been vaccinated or not. The bus is still practicing social distancing. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided for you.**

What is the cost of a unit of blood? Ask someone who needs it!



**OneBlood fleece blanket (may be red or blue)*

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How Do Blood Types Work?

By Ann Singer, Admiral's Point

In 1930 Dr. Karl Landsteiner won the Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine for his discovery of human blood types. Landsteiner dedicated his career to studying blood groups. He was the first to classify human blood groups into A, B, AB, and O types. Dr. Landsteiner's work made safe blood transfusions possible and transformed the medical industry.

How do blood types work? They are inherited. Like eye color, blood type is passed genetically from your parents. Not all blood is alike. There are eight common blood types and many rare ones.

Your blood type is determined by your ABO type and a negative or positive Rh factor. But you may have been wondering why you have the blood type that you have, and what it means to your health.

Most people are familiar with ABO blood types and the Rh factors. Those are determined by genes inherited from your biological parents. You inherit a gene from each parent so your blood type may not be the same as your parents.

For example:

- If you inherit an A from one parent, and an O or A gene from another parent, you will have type A blood.
- Type B from one parent, and type O or another type B gene from the other parent will give you type B blood.

- But, inherit an A gene from one parent, and a B from the other, and you have AB type blood.
- Those with type O blood have inherited the O gene from each parent.

The Rh factor works in a similar manner. Rh is a protein that you either have, making you positive, or don't have, making you Rh negative.

- If both parents are Rh negative, you are probably Rh negative.

- If either parent is Rh positive, you could be either Rh negative or Rh positive.

You do not have to know your blood type in order to donate.

How can I find out my blood type? A simple blood test can determine your blood type. Your doctor can do this. **But there is an easier way to learn your blood type-Donate Blood.**

When you donate blood, your donation will be tested and typed. OneBlood lets donors know their blood type. All OneBlood blood donation centers include a mini-physical with information on your blood type, overall cholesterol level, blood pressure, pulse, and temperature.

Taken from OneBlood.org

Home for the Holidays

Decorate your Home for the Holidays Contest
Prizes for the Best decorated
enter your home @gwknudsen@me.com
Homes must be decorated by December 5th for judging!

LET'S CELEBRATE

Thursday, December 2
5:30pm Lighting of Xmas Tree in
Front of Trading Post & Cass Cay

Thursday, December 9
3:00pm "Duffers" Golf Scramble @BSMCC
Cocktail Party to follow - All invited!

Friday, December 10
5:30pm Golf Cart & Vintage Car Parade!!!
Registration for golf Carts @4:30 BSMCC
Enter your carts @lyndamac55@aol.com
Prizes for Best Decorated Carts

Saturday, December 11
5:30pm Decorated Boat Contest Cass Cay
Live Music Come out & VOTE!!!
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Sunday, December 12
5:30pm Awards Presentation
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November Brings Cooler Mornings and an Increase in Pickleball Players!



By The Pickleball Committee
This group knows how to embrace its members with the Annual Welcome Back Party. This

fun-loving bunch will get reacquainted in November at the luxurious Grand Isle Community Room, while enjoying cuisine prepared by one of their own members.

The fun overflows onto the courts of course. November kicks off the popular Men’s Only Open Play on Tuesdays and Ladies’ Only Open Play on Wednesdays, two afternoons of social play where all levels of players are welcome and encouraged, mimicking the Pickleball Motto... “FUN FOR ALL!”

In addition to the designated morning and afternoon open play, BSM pickleball will start its second season collaborating with the Peace River Picklers (PRP) by offering two competitive leagues. PRP is an affordable club that offers skill building drills, competitive leagues, and fun tournaments. BSM is happy to join forces with them

and welcome picklers from outside the community to enjoy our top-notch facilities here in Burnt Store Marina.

And if that’s not enough fun...BSM Picklers are happy to introduce Play & Stay Thursday. Starting in November, the second Thursday of each month through March at 3 p.m., there is designated afternoon Social Open Play for all members. You’re invited to come and play, then stay and socialize on the beautiful patio. In fact, you don’t even have to play... just come to socialize! It’s a great time to bring a guest or two, and introduce them to the game and the group.

Interested in becoming a pickleball player and join in on the fun? Visit the BSM Fitness Center or call 941-575-3260 for information about open play, and beginner lessons. Paddles are available at the front desk.

All events are published for the public on the Fitness Center bulletin board, as well as the outside board at the pickleball courts. Also, information is posted the BSM

Pickleballers Facebook page (for active PB players) and the Fitness Center bi-weekly newsletter (for current Fitness Center members).

Pickleball Tip from the Pro



“Strive to place your serves and returns deep in the court to start each point with an advantage!”

BSM Pickleball Pro Ricky (Riccardo) Deller is an ITPA certified coach and mentor, and is available for private or group skills, drills, camps and clinics from beginner to pro. Please text Ricky @ 941-623-6623 to set up an appointment.



Burnt Store Presbyterian Church Events

By Rosie Gable, Courtyard Landings III

We are a church that enjoys musical presentations. On Monday, November 29 at 7:15 p.m. The Ditchfield Family Singers will put you in the mood for Christmas by presenting popular Christmas Memories. Tickets are \$25. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Again, this year, we are presenting our Concert Series featuring three performers as follows:

January 24 - John Charles - a musical variety show with a little comedy.

February 14 - The Boys of D63 - Songs of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, hits from the 70’s too.

March 14 - Everly Set – a tribute to the Everly Brothers.

Season tickets for three concerts are \$60. Single performance tickets are \$25. Tickets go on sale December 19 and seating is limited, so get your tickets early. Performances will start at 7:15 p.m.

As excited as we are about our guest musical performers, Burnt Store Presbyterian Church has vocalists and musicians who present a variety of talents in our church services. The traditional choir meets on Thursday at 5 p.m. for practice. The contemporary choir meets Wednesdays at 6 p.m. and the Bell Ringers on Wednesday at 4 p.m. Please bring your talents and friendship to share. For more information about additional activities, visit the website below and view the Virtual Friendship Pad.

Worship with us and explore all we have to offer.



Experience a warm and welcoming church that is reaching up, nurturing faith and loving neighbors. Join us Sundays, at 8:30 a.m. for our traditional service and at 10:30 a.m. for our contemporary service. These services are Live Streamed and available for viewing at any time. There is always time between church services to get a donut and a cup of coffee in our warm and

friendly narthex, and participate in the FaithWorks Bible Study at 9:30 a.m.

The church is located at 11330 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda 33955.

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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 are:

- 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.

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

Marina Beat

By Jaret Rogers,
General Manager,
Safe Harbor Burnt Store



Holiday season has arrived and the boating is in full swing. Fall is always a great time of year at the marina. The weather is great and the food is plentiful.

We are in the planning stages for “Home for the Holidays.” This is always a fun event. We are encouraging everyone in a wet slip to decorate their boats this year, but the boat lighting contest will only be for boats that move to F dock before the contest. Decorated boats not entering the contest will still receive the Cass Cay gift card, but are only eligible for the contest if they are on F Dock. All boats must register for eligibility. If you want to sign up for the contest please call or email the marina office, there are only slips for 25 boats. Every boat that decorates and registers with the marina office receives a \$25 Cass Cay gift certificate, and invitation for the Captain & 1st Mate cocktail party Saturday December 11, 3:30 – 5 p.m. in the Tiki Hut next to the Trading Post, with two “Free Drinks” and hors d’oeuvres. Contest prizes are: 1st \$150, 2nd \$100 and 3rd \$75 place winners! Last year’s event had the best turnout that I have seen in my eight years at the marina. So put your holiday spirit in gear.

Wildlife Caution Notice

Owners are asked to use caution and be aware of local wildlife such as coyotes, bobcats, and alligators.

Coyotes sightings have increased as it is their mating season, and they are more aggressive and vocal right now. Recently a Burnt Store Lakes resident witnessed a coyote chase a rabbit into their rain gutter downspout and then pull the downspout into the yard trying to get the rabbit out.

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

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

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



Serene sunset on the golf course – By Karen Sanderson

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2021 Veterans Day Events at BSM

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The annual Veterans Week fundraising events to benefit *Wish for Our Heroes Foundation* begin next week. If you haven’t registered yet, check out the great events below. Help our community raise funds to assist active-duty military and veteran families in need. This is our 11th year for these events. Help us make them the **best** ever.



Fish Fry – Friday, November 5 - Linkside Café at Burnt Store Marina CC – \$20 per person, including tip & tax. Beverages extra. 5 – 8 p.m., 50/50 drawing and more. Call, or stop by Linkside Café at Burnt Store Marina CC to make a reservation – 941-637-6405.

Cass Cay Event – Saturday, November 6 – This event is by reservation only. The restaurant will be closed to the public that night. Join us for a great evening of entertainment, great food, 50/50, auction, raffles and so much more. 5 p.m. (4 p.m. for Premium) – 9:30 p.m. Single Shot Steve Flagg and Capt’n Rick Stewart will be entertaining us. All proceeds of this event will benefit the Foundation.



Tree growing in a rock mountain

Grammar Tips... That or Which?

By the Editors of The Beacon

People use the words *which* and *that* every day. Just because these words are common usage doesn’t mean they’re easy to use.

To understand when to use *that* or *which*, it’s important to understand clauses. A *defining clause* gives information essential to the meaning of the sentence. *That* is used in defining clauses. An example would be:

My bike that has a broken seat is in the garage.

In this sentence, the speaker indicates that he has at least one other bike. The bike he’s talking about is distinguished from his other bikes by its broken seat. If you removed the clause “that has a broken seat,” you would lose the implication that he owns more than one bicycle, and even if you somehow knew about the other bikes, you wouldn’t know which one was in the garage.

Which introduces *non-defining* clauses. Unlike defining clauses, non-defining clauses don’t limit the meaning of the sentence. You might lose interesting details if you remove them, but the meaning of the sentence wouldn’t change. Most often these phrases are set off by commas, for example:

My bike, which has a broken seat, is in the garage.

Here, the broken seat is simply a description of the bike in the garage. There’s no implication that the speaker owns more than one bike.

Which and *that* are common words, but they are important. By identifying your clauses as defining or non-defining, you can easily remember when to use *which* and when to use *that*.

Reservations – Stop by Cass Cay Restaurant and Bar to make a reservation. Full payment is due at time of reservation. See price options below. We have 2 – Price options this year. Cash or Check **only** please. Checks made out to: *Wish for Our Heroes Foundation*. All reservations are non-refundable, but you can make a name change by contacting Cass Cay by noon on November 4.

Option 1 - \$50 per person – doors open at 5 p.m., buffet dinner, 1 free drink, 1 free raffle ticket for a chance at winning a \$500 Cass Cay Gift Card, and happy hour pricing for house drinks all night.

Option 2 - \$100 per person – Premium – Early entry to event (4 p.m.), buffet dinner (priority line 1st before others), 1 free raffle ticket for a chance at winning a \$500 Cass Cay Gift Card, and **all** happy hour house drinks, house beer and house wines **included** all evening, at no additional cost.

Price options are per person and not required for the entire table you are reserving.

“Salute to Our Military Past and Present” - Golf Tournament – BSMCC - Sunday, November 7 - limited to 100 golfers - Noon Shotgun Start. Check-in will begin at 10:30 a.m. \$100 per person, which will include golf & cart, dinner & goodie bag for all golfers. You also have the option to add additional guests, for dinner and auction following the tournament for \$20 per person including tax & tip (beverages extra), at time of registration. Registrations can be made at the Pro Shop at the golf club (if there is still space available). Registration is non-refundable, but you can make a name change up to noon on November 3, by contacting the Pro Shop. Payment is due at time of Registration. Cash or check **only** - check made out to: *Wish for Our Heroes Foundation*.

We will have 50/50, auction, raffles, games on the course, pro shots and more, so bring extra cash to take part. All proceeds of the event go to *Wish for Our Heroes Foundation*.

Golf Hole Sponsorships – Hole sponsorships may still be available. Stop by the Pro Shop or contact Cheryl Fogg for details at 617-680-0360 or clfgri@aol.com. Checks should be made out to *Wish For Our Heroes Foundation*. 100% of your hole sponsorship is tax deductible.

Veterans Breakfast Buffet - Thursday, November 11- Cass Cay Restaurant & Bar from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. (Doors open at 8 a.m.) \$9 per person payable at the door. This will be a great breakfast buffet including coffee, tea, soda and juice. This event is held every year on Veterans Day to honor our veterans who served our country. Even if you are not a veteran, please join us in honoring and remembering those who have given so much for our freedom. The results of our fundraising events will also be announced. Reservations aren’t required but to help us plan for attendance, please call or stop by Cass Cay to put your name on the list - 941-347-7148.

We are honored to have Gary Knudsen as our speaker this year. Gary grew up in the Midwest and graduated from Danville High School in 1966. He started working at Grab It Here grocery store during that time. He enlisted in the Navy in 1967 and was sent to Great Lakes for basic training, returning to Illinois in the Navy Reserves. In January, 1968 he was called to active duty in Long Beach, CA, where they commissioned the USS Mercer to Vietnam. They arrived on the Mekong Delta in August, 1968. Gary spent 2 tours of duty in Vietnam aboard the Mercer. Upon returning to IL after he was discharged, he went back to the grocery business. Working his way through the ranks, he spent 45 years doing what he loved, and retired in 2010 as an owner of 20 IGA and Save-A-Lot stores in Illinois and Indiana. Gary and his wife Kathy built a home in Florida in 2005, and moved to Burnt Store Marina in 2015. They are both very active in our community and do so much to help out where they can. They have 3 children and 11 grandchildren.

300 Club Tickets – sold out. Drawing will be held Saturday, November 6 at the Cass Cay Event.

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

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Greenhouse Frogs

By Maggie Hart,
Mariners Pass

Have you ever sat outside in the evening, and heard sweet, chirping, almost cricket-like sounds? You're not hearing crickets though, you're hearing tiny frogs, calling to each other.



Greenhouse frogs (*Eleutherodactylus planirostris*) are very tiny frogs, only about ½ - 1 ¼ inches in length. These frogs are native to Cuba and the Bahamas, and



probably made their way from Cuba to Florida as stowaways in tropical plant shipments. Greenhouse frogs are widespread in Florida, and live in both residential areas and in a wide range of other natural habitats. Greenhouse frogs aren't big climbers; they prefer to remain close to the ground in warm, humid areas with moist ground cover and other suitable hiding places.

Greenhouse frogs breed during spring and summer (May - September) in damp clumps of vegetation, under debris, in leaf litter, and in the soil of potted plants. Males usually only call on rainy nights, but their call can also be triggered by sprinklers. Their voice consists of a series of short, insect-like chirps, like tiny sneakers squeaking on a gymnasium floor. This species is one of only two east of Texas that lay their eggs on land. Approximately 20 eggs are deposited under damp vegetation, and the female usually remains to watch after them. The eggs hatch directly into froglets about two weeks after they are laid. There is no tadpole stage. The young emerge with a small tail nub and are less than ¼ inch long. Unlike most other frogs, their long, thin toes are tipped with tiny toepads, and lack webbing. Needless to say, these frogs are not great swimmers, and sometimes need rescuing from your pool.

Let's Stay Fit Through the Holidays!

By Jennifer Steuber

Let's face it, sometimes we need a goal to get us motivated through the Holidays, to maintain a structured fitness regimen. If you are looking for a unique way to keep off those unwanted pounds through Thanksgiving and Christmas, then join us for the BSM Fitness Center 5 Weeks to 5K Challenge.

This fitness program was planned to purposefully coincide with the festive five-week span between Thanksgiving and New Year's, when there is a whirl of activities, usually centered around family, good friends, and lots of decadent and irresistible food.

If you are a current BSM Fitness Center member, regardless of which membership you purchased, this program is FREE! Non-members are welcome to participate by purchasing a \$10 "Day Pass" for each training session, and afterwards can enjoy full Fitness Center amenities that same day. This includes pool/spa, gym, tennis and pickleball.

The program starts November 29, and will be led by two BSM Fitness Center instructors, one for runners and one for walkers. The training will take place two mornings a week for a total of 10 sessions. The goal is to work up to the ability to run or walk a 5K (3.1 miles), either as an individual personal goal, or to participate in the BSM Pickleball Club's 5K event on Sunday January 2.



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Reminder: 2nd Annual St. Jude BSM Community 5K

By Debbie Burns, Mariners Pass

Join your friends and neighbors on Sunday, November 14 for the 2nd Annual St Jude 5k, right here in Burnt Store Marina. The walk/run/golf cart journey will begin at 10 a.m. from the cul-de-sac of 3929 Cape Cole Blvd. The route will be Cape Cole Blvd. to Matecumbe Key Rd. to Cass Cay. We will turn around and head back to Cape Cole Blvd. We will then turn onto Islamorada Blvd., and proceed to the main gate. We will then head back to Cape Cole Blvd. We will make a right and continue to the finish line (where we started.) Last year was a huge success and a lot of fun. Come on out.

St. Jude provides medical care to all children, with no cost to the family! My nephew Lil Eddie is, and will be a surviving patient of St. Jude for the rest of his life. Thanks to the many donors who contribute to this great cause, many more children will survive.

So far, I have raised \$3600+ of the \$5000 pledged. Please consider making a donation to help support St. Jude and save the lives of the children. Ways to donate are as follows: <http://heroes.stjude.org/DebbieBurns>, bring a check (made out to St Jude), bring cash to the 5K on November 14, or mail a check (made out to St Jude) to Debbie Burns, 3929 Cape Cole Blvd., Punta Gorda, FL 33955.

I want to thank all those that have already contributed, and to those that will join in this great cause this year!



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Platinum Point Yacht Club

By Vanessa Jordan, Membership Chair

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Contact either Dorothy Saviste, Office Administrator, at 941-639-0733, or email office@ppycbsm.org, or Vanessa Jordan, Membership Chair, at 817-231-7361, email vlwjordan@gmail.com to register for a time slot. Visit our website at ppycbsm.org and click on the tab "About Us" to view our slideshow.

Promotional 50% off Membership Dues

From now until March 31, take advantage of PPYC's extraordinary promotional. Couple Membership dues are \$330 (\$330 saving). Single Membership dues are \$247 (\$248 saving). Dues also include a PPYC tote bag and two PPYC caps.

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Initiation fee of \$1000 that includes a \$250 non-refundable processing fee due with application. There is also an interest-free payment plan for the Equity fee of \$2000. PPYC will then pay the Equity fee to former members who have resigned.

PPYC will host two more Open Houses on Sunday, January 9 and Sunday, February 20. You can also call Dorothy Saviste, Office Administrator at 941-639-0733 for an appointment to tour of our beautiful club and receive an information packet.

If you want to belong to a club that offers friendly people and a variety of "On Water" & "On Land" activities, join us at the Open House, Sunday, November 14 at either 2:00, 3:00 or 4:00 p.m.

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Tight Lines...Competitive Fishing a Great College Sport

By Jay Lev, Burnt Store Anglers

Recently, I took a trip to Auburn University to visit my granddaughter during Homecoming Weekend. As we walked across the campus, I saw a building with a large sign that said Fisheries Science. My granddaughter, an avid fisherman, insisted we take a visit inside the facility. As we walked through the halls, we ran into two young men dressed in tournament fishing shirts representing Auburn University. To our surprise, the students had just returned from a NCAA-sanctioned fishing tournament. Past national champions, the fishing team competes all over the country, mostly fishing for largemouth bass. The team has their own well-equipped tournament bass boats, and all the bells and whistles that go along with fishing these tournaments.

The team has fished Sam Rayburn Lake, Lake O, Lake of the Ozarks and Fort Lauderdale Lake, to name a few. There are seven divisions in the interscholastic fishing program. They range from North, South, East, West, Champions, Unaffiliated and Open Divisions. Teams compete in these divisions based on the school’s location.



In our own state, the University of Florida Fishing Team has won two National Championships.

Most of the schools fish in the Florida College Series, Bassmaster College Tournaments and the Collegiate Bass Fishing Series. Large corporations, like Bass Pro shops, also sponsor college tournaments. As anglers, most of the fishermen and women belong to the Association of College Anglers. This organization advocates for tournaments and sponsors, as well as helps to decide upon fishing rules for each tournament.

A few months ago, we were visiting friends up in the central lakes region of Florida, and stopped to see what was going on - with many boats fishing a rather small lake. It turned out to be a “practice” for a number of Florida College and University fishing teams. It was amazing to watch the well-equipped boats and very talented anglers. If you contact the athletic offices of most universities in our area, they will be happy to direct you to a local website and a contact, to find out about the teams’ schedule. It is a great way to spend a day watching these outstanding anglers. Many of the tournament lakes have guides that you can charter, and who will take you out to observe the fishing first hand. There are plenty of good fishing techniques you can pick up by observing the college teams at work.

As I looked up a listing of college fishing teams, I found a listing of some of the colleges that sponsor fishing teams. Here are a few: Adrian College, Clemson, Ohio State, Centenary, Auburn, LaGrange College, Polk State College, LSU, Calhoun Community College, Bryan College, Alabama, Texas Tech, Kansas State, Warren College, University of Florida, Florida State, Perdue, Indiana, Texas A and M, Texas Tech, University of Minnesota, University of South Carolina, University of Louisiana and Rutgers.

Seven states have multiple National Championship schools. Texas has six National Championships. Kansas State, North Carolina, and Tennessee each have four Championships. Alabama, Arkansas and Kentucky each have three. So, if you can’t play football, you sure can fish for your college or university.

On November 1 the Burnt Store Anglers will have its first meeting of the season. The time will be 3:30 p.m. at the tiki hut, by Cass Cay and The Trading Post. Seating is bench style, so if you feel safer, bring a beach or lawn chair for your comfort. Masks are optional, since the meeting is an outdoor event. It will be over a year since we were able to get together, so bring your \$10 dues and enjoy another year of great information, fishing stories and friendship.

Tight lines!

Things You Never Thought To Donate To A Food Bank

It’s almost that time of year again. The leaves are changing, football season is wrapping up, and everybody is preparing their homes and stomachs for the festivities of the holiday season.

Part of the tradition of American Thanksgiving is the spirit of service – sounding out a call to action to give to those in need. One of the most effective ways for people to give back during the holiday season is to donate to their local food bank – maybe this can help you tailor it more.

During this time, most people will donate the traditional Thanksgiving staples to their food bank, but here are some items that may not be thought of that would be greatly appreciated.

Toiletries

Shampoos, conditioners, soaps, deodorants, shaving cream, razors, and other toiletries are also useful items to bring to food pantries or food drives. The small size ones from hotel stays or the free samples of the products you receive with purchases can also be donated.

Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Mouthwash

To help people keep their teeth and gums healthy, bring toothbrushes and toothpaste to a food bank. You can even donate the free samples you get at the dentist so ask your dentist for a few extra to give to people in need.

Swishing with mouthwash each day can help maintain oral health. Without enough money for groceries and necessities, some families may do without, and that could compromise one’s dental health. By donating mouthwash to a food bank, you can help protect the dental health and overall well-being of families in need.

Feminine Hygiene Products

These necessities get to be an expensive unavoidable monthly cost for many families, making them extremely valued donations. No one, especially school-aged girls should ever have to worry about access to feminine hygiene products.

Toilet Paper

This is an item that is in constant demand that is rarely donated. Bring a few wrapped rolls to your local food bank or collection box and it will make a huge difference to a poor family.

Baby Diapers And Wipes

Diapers and baby wipes are in constant demand, and food assistance programs do not provide them. Food banks frequently run out of diapers first. You can even donate open packages when your baby has outgrown a size.

Baby Food

Baby food is also a frequently requested item from food banks. Donate baby cereals and baby food that does not come in glass jars. Formula expires quickly, so most food banks buy it from donated funds. But when you give birth, if you are offered free formula samples or coupons, take them even if you are nursing and give them to a food bank.

Household Cleaners

Cleaning supplies like dishwashing liquid and laundry detergent are also not covered by food assistance programs and are necessary items that people may not be able to purchase themselves. So, stock up on sales or buy-one-get-one sales and bring them to a food bank near you.

Pet Food And Supplies

Don’t forget the furry family members. Unopened bags of pet food, cat litter, treats, leashes, and other pet items are needed too. No family should have to give up their pets due to hard times.

Can Openers

Donate portable, nonelectric can openers that can be used to open donated can goods. You can find them at your local dollar store. Also, cans with the pop-up pull tabs work too!

Pantry Items

Pantry items like salt, pepper, sugar, condiments, baking items, spices, herbs, tomato sauce, ketchup, mustard, mayo, garlic powder, hot sauce are good donations. Cooking oil is also a much needed item.

Shelf-Stable Dairy

Soy milk, rice milk, and almond milk are listed among the most needed items at food banks. Unlike most dairy milks that have a short shelf life, soy milk, rice milk, almond milk, and other nut milks can be packaged in shelf-stable boxes. These boxed milks are often fortified with a variety of nutrients and can be placed in the fridge just before a family is ready to drink them, cook with

them, or use them in cereals. Other in-demand milks include flax milk, oat milk, coconut milk, and cashew milk.

Powdered eggs come in handy when trying to cook or create meals. Unsweetened applesauce can also be used as a replacement for eggs when baking.

Chocolate

No, chocolate is not a necessity, but this is humans helping humans here. Nobody loses their desire for treats just because they can’t afford them. People who rely on food banks are sure to appreciate a chocolate bar or simple brownie mix with their essential items. Just remember it’s best to go with mixes that just require the addition of water.

Granola Bars

Most people think about canned foods when donating to food banks, but children are in need of more than basic staples. For one thing, kids whose parents rely on food banks are sometimes short of yummy snacks to put in their kids’ lunchboxes. Granola bars are healthy but also fun and delicious. Other kid-friendly items to donate include sealed juice boxes, raisins, dried fruit, and shelf-stable yogurt.

Cooking Supplies

Disposable aluminum pans, tin foil, plastic storage ware and Ziploc bags come in handy, not just for cooking but also for storing leftovers.

Last, But Not Least

Giving one or more of these things can make life easier for someone who’s having a hard time financially. Just remember food banks across the country have various policies about which donations they can accept. Whether you want to buy a lot of food or donate a few different things, it’s best to check with your local food bank before buying and delivering items.

Monetary donations are always welcomed to help buy items that families may need but are not available at their local food bank.



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The Recipe Box

By Candace VanDenBerghe, Marlin Run

This is a “throw in the crockpot” meal when I’m looking for a lazy dinner.

Easy Honey Garlic Chicken (serves 6)

6 chicken thighs, bone in or out, with or without skin (may substitute breast fillets)

salt and pepper

2 tsp. garlic powder

6 cloves garlic, crushed

1/3 c. honey

1/4 c. water or chicken broth

2 Tbsp. rice wine vinegar (or apple cider or white vinegar)

1 Tbsp. soy sauce

Garnish: green onions and/or sesame seeds

Season chicken with salt, pepper, and garlic powder; place in crockpot. Place garlic around chicken. Mix honey, water, vinegar, and soy sauce; pour over chicken, cover and cook on high 3 - 3.5 hours, or on low for 4 - 5 hours. (If you would like to thicken the sauce, 30 minutes before the chicken is done, whisk a cornstarch slurry of 1 Tbsp. cornstarch and 1 Tbsp. water into the sauce; cover and continue to cook.) Garnish and serve over rice or pasta. (All poultry should be cooked to an internal temp of 165°F.)



A Note to Our Many Associations

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

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

We love your photos too!

Email your articles and photos to all of us, listed in the Directory on page 2 of this issue.



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FRAUD ALERT

Sheriff Carmine Marceno

Rental Scams

The population in Southwest Florida continues to grow, as does the rental market. Southwest Florida appears to be in high demand and, as a result, prices for rental properties have risen considerably.

Out-of-state residents search the Internet for affordable housing in our region and a sizeable number of Lee County residents appear to be searching for more affordable rental options.

Finding affordable housing is often a difficult task ... and the scammers know it.

When searching for rental properties, be alert to ads listing a price significantly lower than that of similar properties.


Renters should not sign any document prior to inspecting the property ... both inside and out. Renters have been scammed when attempting to rent properties that don't exist or are not for rent.

Verify ownership using the Lee County Property Appraiser's website (leepa.org) and ensure that you are dealing with the owner or an authorized representative.

Never wire money as a deposit or payment for the first and last month's rent ... especially without a signed and verified lease. Requests to wire money overseas or to send gift cards as a form of deposit should never be considered.

Additionally, don't allow your online property search to result in identity theft. Do not share your personal information without verifying the identity of the party that you are dealing with. Be careful. Hackers can easily change the contact information in an existing online ad ... making it seem reputable.

The FTC has a very helpful hotline, (877) FTC-HELP (382-4357). Don't hesitate to use it when concerned or scammed.



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2021 Festival Of Trees

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The 15th Annual Festival of Trees returns to the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center (SBDAC)! Experience the beautiful trees decorated by local business to raise money for Goodwill of Southwest Florida and SBDAC. See these gorgeous creations beginning on Dec. 2. Admission: \$2 (under 12 enter free).



View trees, vote, and buy raffle tickets to win a tree! Raffle tickets: \$10 or 3 for \$25

Festival Of Trees Viewing Times
Thursday, Dec. 2 – 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 3 – 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 4 – 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 5 – 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Fun Fact...

Why Is “Snooze” Nine Minutes?

Your iPhone’s automatic settings got their start half a century ago. Alarm clocks were introduced to snooze buttons in 1956 with the General Electric Telechron’s Snooz-Alarm. That model’s snooze lasted nine minutes, but there were likely multiple reasons why.

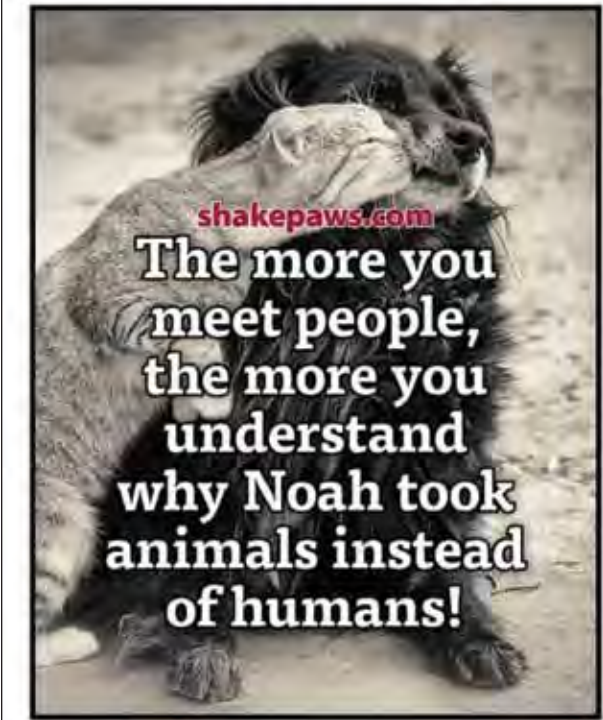


Alarm clocks did exist before the snooze function, so there was already a standard gear setup with which innovators had to work. But, getting the gear teeth to line up to allow for exactly 10 minutes wasn’t possible. Consequently, they had to choose between setting it at nine minutes and a few seconds or a little bit over 10 minutes. Considering a double-digit snooze would have been harder to program than a single-digit one, designers determined that the less complicated design was the way to go.

Plus, it was more beneficial for the snoozers. “In terms of sleep, nine minutes is just enough time for a brief rest; however, once you get past the 10-minute mark, your body can start to fall back into a deep sleep, which will make waking up again difficult and more unpleasant,” says Holly Schiff, Psy.D., a licensed clinical psychologist based in Greenwich, Conn. So, the nine-minute snooze was chosen as the best option for users’ sleep cycles, too.

Renting Your Home?

Be sure to get your paperwork to the front gate so your renters will be processed quickly and efficiently.



2021 Festival Of Trees Event Information Preview Party: Wednesday, Dec. 1, 5 To 7 p.m.

Get a sneak preview of the Festival of Trees at this exclusive Tree Preview Party and Awards. The Preview Party will be held the night before the festival opens, Dec. 1 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate the Festival of Trees, Southwest Florida’s favorite holiday tradition and join us and take a stroll through our winter wonderland! You could win a beautifully decorated tree filled with gifts at our Festival of Trees tree raffle – or an extravagant silent auction package! Tickets are \$25 per person and include: cash bar, silent auction, early entry into the Festival of Trees, and first chance at the tree raffles.

Wine And Paint On The Rooftop: Thursday, Dec. 2, 6 To 9 p.m.

’Tis the season to get creative with one of our favorite local artists, Dharma Lefevre! This talented and quirky elf is going to show you how to create a gorgeous wintery landscape in acrylic. This is not like other paint parties. Dharma will be teaching color theory, how to translate landscapes and simplify what you see to produce scenery with depth and soul!

Dharma is a self-taught local artist, she has had various solo and group shows and has worked on both charity and live painting for local events ... and did we mention she’s a ton of fun? She can’t wait to create alongside of you!

Each artist will be supplied with canvas, paint, paint brushes, and of course ... wine. Ticket prices coming soon.

Wreath Lighting, The SWFL Symphony, And The Ben Allen Band: Friday, Dec. 3, 7 To 11 p.m.

Another beautiful holiday tradition bringing Christmas to the River District. From 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. the SWFL Symphony will be playing some of your holiday favorites.

At 7 p.m. join the mayor and Santa as they lead the stroll down First Street to the Art Center to light the giant wreath and pick the winner of the Mayor’s Choice tree at the festival.

The Ben Allen Band will be playing from 7:30 to 10 p.m. and is a free concert.

Santa’s Block Party: Saturday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m. To 2 p.m.

\$6 per kids workshop bag. (Adults attend workshop for free with child/children.) Tickets available at the door.

Join Santa for fun, food, and holiday festivities! Santa’s Block Party offers workshops where kids can make arts, crafts, holiday cards and decorate their own cookie.

The Motown Experience: Saturday, Dec. 4, 7 To 10 p.m.

Come enjoy The Motown Experience concert on the front steps! Free to attend. Donation encouraged.

Tree Raffle Drawing: Sunday, Dec. 5, 4 p.m.

Proceeds benefit the Southwest Florida Goodwill Foundation, 5100 Tice St., Fort Myers, FL 33905 and the Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center.

Winner selection to be held via random drawing on Sunday, Dec. 5 at 4 p.m. Each Festival of Trees raffle winner will receive one of the fully-decorated raffle trees, each valued at a minimum of \$500.

Prize selection is determined by ticket holder at time of raffle entry. Each prize tree will have a separate raffle entry box which corresponds to that prize tree only. Prize selection is determined by ticket holder by depositing entry ticket in the selected tree’s entry box. Prize selection cannot be changed once raffle entry ticket has been deposited. Prizes are provided by the Southwest Florida Goodwill Foundation and in-kind tree sponsors.



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Whatever Happened To Prince John?

You may think it’s a legend out of ancient times, but in little more than living memory there was a royal prince – who vanished (at least as far as the press and public were concerned).

The Story Of The Missing Prince

Even an ardent Anglophile and enthusiastic follower of the British Royal Family might be surprised to hear a story about the little-known prince and the hushed rumors and speculation that surrounded his death for many years.

The fifth son and youngest of six, Prince John (Queen Elizabeth’s uncle) was born in 1905. His parents were King George V and Queen Mary. At the time of his birth, his father was heir apparent to the reigning monarch, King Edward VII. In 1910, the Prince of Wales succeeded to the throne and Prince John became fifth in the line of succession to the British throne.

But a childhood illness would play a hand in the fate of the young prince and his story would become something of a well-hidden family secret.

At the tender age of 4, Prince John was discovered to have epilepsy, and as his condition worsened, he

was sent to live out of the public eye at Sandringham House to be cared for by his governess. His mother gathered local children to befriend the prince, but he was otherwise hidden from the public from early childhood. The young prince died of a severe seizure in 1919 at Sandringham and was buried at nearby St. Mary Magdalene Church. His illness was only disclosed after his death.

Did The Royals Try To Hide An “Upsetting” Secret ...

Royal historians who have since delved into the sad story of Prince John have speculated that the Royal Family tried to hide the prince away, and this was a great display of inhumanity.

His governess wrote that the family didn’t want to let John be with his brothers and sisters because his frequent



The mysterious, doomed Prince John as a boy

attacks “upset them so much.” Prince Edward, who was 11 years older than his brother and had barely known Prince John, callously stated in a letter to his mother that he saw this death as “little more than a regrettable nuisance.” He later apologized to her for being “cold hearted and unsympathetic.”

... Or Were They Just Protecting The Family?

Some accounts, however, are very much to the contrary. They state he was a full-fledged member of the family, making frequent public appearances until after his 11th birthday, when his condition became untenable.

You Decide

Now, you can determine the truth about this royal conundrum for yourself based on a two-part drama series about Prince John: *The Lost Prince*. It shows the vastly different way illnesses such as epilepsy were treated and acknowledged a century or so ago as compared to today.

How To See The Story

The series is available on Amazon Prime, Netflix, the Roku Channel, Xfinity TV, and Sling TV.

Seven Veterans Day Facts Everyone Should Know

Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Every year, people get confused about these two veteran-related holidays. It happens so much that even the Department of Defense has a frequently asked questions page regarding the distinction of these two federal holidays.

Since Veterans Day is rapidly approaching, now is the best time to set the facts straight about this November holiday. Read on to learn seven Veterans Day facts you might not know:

1. Veterans Day Is Not Memorial Day

Veterans Day is a federal holiday recognized each November to celebrate and honor all U.S. veterans – deceased or living. Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day, a day to remember those service members who gave the ultimate sacrifice of their lives. Memorial Day is in May of each year.

2. November 11 Is Always Veterans Day

No matter the day of the week, Veterans Day always falls on Nov. 11 each year. It’s also a federal holiday recognized nationwide. With 18.8 million-plus vets living in the United States, it’s a holiday most communities celebrate with festivals, parades, and recognition of local vets.

3. President Eisenhower Changed The Holiday Name

Originally called Armistice Day, that name changed in 1954 when President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially switched it to Veterans Day.

4. Other Countries Also Celebrate It

Because World War I was a multi-country effort with thousands of lives lost, other countries involved in the war honor their veterans around this time of year, too. On or near

Nov. 11, France, Australia, Canada, and Great Britain pay respects to their vets. The United Kingdom and Canada call the day of honor Remembrance Day.

5. Arlington National Cemetery Hosts An Annual Event

Each year on Nov. 11 at exactly 11 a.m., Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia holds a Veterans Day event. It starts with a wreath-laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The public is always invited to attend.

6. There Is No Apostrophe In Veterans Day

You’ve probably seen it spelled different ways – including veteran’s or veterans’ – but the Department of Defense firmly states it’s simply “Veterans Day.”

7. All Veterans Are Honored

The holiday commemorates the end of World War I. While it may have been founded in honor of the “eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month,” Veterans Day is to honor *all* veterans from *all* wars.

Take Care Of A Veteran This Veterans Day

• **Stop by the local VFW** – Most communities have a local military gathering place like the VFW or American Legion. Stop by and shake the hands of these veterans. They love visitors to come in and say hello!

• **Honor deceased vets** – Today is about honoring all vets, including the ones who have passed away. Stop by a cemetery to clean up vet gravesites or place flags on their site.

• **Get involved** – There are numerous local and national nonprofit organizations dedicated to taking care of our military vets. Find one whose mission resonates with you and volunteer your time. Operation Gratitude is always looking

for help to fill care packages for active-duty troops, as well as wounded heroes and vets.

• **Keep them company** – If you’re out and about on Veterans Day at a restaurant — many give out free meals to vets — and see a veteran eating alone, ask if you can sit with them. They might just love the company. You can also stop by a VA home to see how you can help.

Veterans Day is all about honoring those who served. If you see one, thank one. They probably don’t hear it enough, and Veterans Day is the perfect opportunity to express your gratitude.



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