



President’s Comments

By Craig Holcomb, Sec 22 HOA

“Surface Water Management,” what does that mean and what does it do? Bet you never thought you would want to know about Surface Water Management. Neither did I. But, with all the waterways winding throughout our community, it is a very important infrastructure topic for all of us, believe it or not! Just look at the picture on this page to see the interaction of the waterways with the land and homes in our community!

We all enjoy the water, whether it is Charlotte Harbor, the Peace River, or all of the waterways that we have within our community. Just the aesthetic value of the vistas of our water, land, and homes together, along with the enjoyment of just having the water all around us, is one major item that attracts us to Florida, and to Burnt Store Marina. Some of our water comes directly from rain in our community, and some of our water flow comes from Burnt Store Road and Vincent Avenue.

Just a quick history. Every development in Florida, when



being first permitted, must submit to the county and state agencies a plan to remove the rainwater from the community in an orderly fashion, using swales, ditches, pipes, drains, etc. The water flow for our development goes from East to West, ending up in Charlotte Harbor. With all the environmental and safety issues, this is not an easy project. In our area, everything is flat, so when getting the water from one area into the next, the levels must be just a little different, with control mechanisms along the way.

Our waterways have different widths and lengths to take the water that comes into our community and basically flush it out into the harbor. All of our water flows into the Soundings Lake, located behind part of Matecumbe Key Road, and then filters out into the mangroves, and finally into Charlotte Harbor. Along the way are the various swales, ditches, pipes, and control mechanisms to channel the water properly.

Why is all of this important? Well, as owners of these waterways, we have the obligation to properly maintain them to insure the flow of water through our community. We are



embarking on a maintenance program to insure the credibility of the waterways. Our first project was to shore up the levy on the Soundings Lake, which we completed last year.

Our next projects are to inspect all the pipes and drains to explore their condition, good or bad, and determine any maintenance that needs to be completed to bring them up to par. Also, we need to begin dredging areas where over the years the sediment at the bottom of the waterways has built up. This is to ensure the proper water flow from one waterway to another, and to repair some of the shore areas that we own, where we have experienced some erosion over the past 40 years.

The waterways that flow within our community are extremely important to all of us. To enjoy their beauty and interaction with everything else, we need to make sure that they are properly maintained. Next time you take a look at one of the waterways, think of how the water gets there, and where it goes afterward.

Very interesting, No?



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:

- Sandra Stricklin, 2010 Matecumbe Key Rd., roof replacement.
- Katherine & Thomas Darrell, 2053 Big Pass Ln., roof replacement.
- Katherine & Thomas Darrell, 2053 Big Pass Ln., exterior paint.
- Greg & Judy Montgomery, 4061 Cobia Estates, hurricane shutter installation.
- Thomas & Carol Andrus, 4020 Big Pass Ln., roof replacement.
- Ernest Harden, 5030 Sable Key Cir., roof replacement.
- Jim Meier, 4031 King Tarpon Dr., whole house generator installation.

• Jane & Robert Moen, 24383 Baltic Ave. Unit 3101, 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

Telephone scams are on the rise in the area. Many of these calls are made by individuals overseas who have access to local numbers to fool you into taking their calls. This issue happens to all of us at some point and affects our friends and family members.

Here are a few tips to help you **avoid being the next victim.**

Telephone Scams

Telephone Scammers try to trick you out of money or get access to your personal information. Scams may come through phone calls from real people, robocalls or text messages. The callers often make false promises such as opportunities to buy products, invest your money or receive free product trials. They may also offer you money through free grants and lotteries. Some scammers may call with threats of jail or lawsuits if you don’t pay them.

Report Telephone Scams

Reporting scams to federal agencies helps them collect evidence for lawsuits against people committing these scams. However, federal agencies don’t investigate individual cases of telephone scams.

- Report telephone scams to the Federal Trade Commission, either online or by phone at 1-877-382-4357. This is the primary government agency that collects scam complaints.
- Report all robocalls and unwanted telemarketing calls to the Do Not Call Registry.
- Report caller ID spoofing to the Federal Communications Commission, either online or by phone at 1-888-225-5322.

Also, report the scam to your state consumer protection office. Some consumer protection offices help residents resolve consumer problems.

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Reminder:

Next Section 22 HOA Board Meeting –
Tuesday, October 26, 9 a.m.,
Linkside Café Patio

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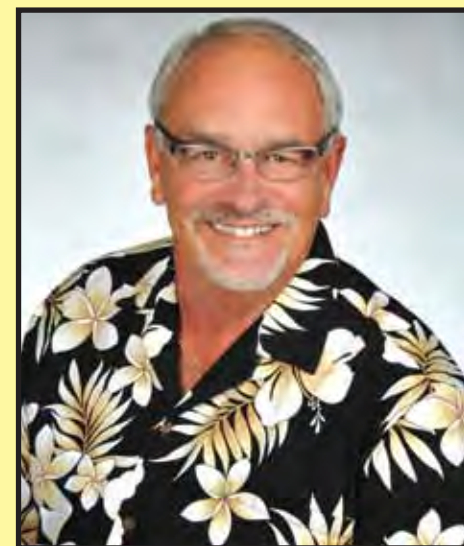
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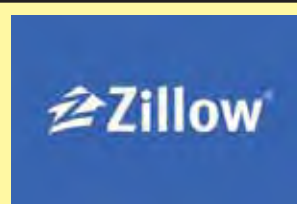
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Mark Your Calendar – Out And About

Inside the Gates Dates

- **Friday, October 1:** Deadline for the November *Beacon*. Article and picture submissions are welcomed. Become part of the *Beacon* family.
- **Tuesday, October 26:** Section 22 HOA Board Meeting, Linkside patio, 9 a.m.
- **Every Tuesday:** Bar code installation, front gate, 1 to 3 p.m.
- **Every Thursday:** Bar code installation, front gate, 9 to 11 a.m.

Outside the Gates Dates

- **Friday, October 1:** Fort Myers River District Art Walk, 6 to 10 p.m. 1st Friday of each month.
- **Tuesday, October 5:** Cardiac Diet Nutrition Class, 9 to 10 a.m. Bayfront Health Wellness & Rehab Center, 733 Olympia Ave., Punta Gorda, Call 941-637-2497 to register.
- **Friday, October 15:** Fort Myers River District Music Walk, 6 to 10 p.m. 3rd Friday of each month.
- **Saturday, October 30:** Suncoast Living Health & Wellness Expo, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fishermen’s Village, 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda. Visit leaders in the health & wellness industry. Free.
- **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 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. 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 Mystery Scramble on Saturday, October 9 at 8:30 a.m., and the Halloween Scramble on Saturday, October 30 at 8:30 a.m. There is also a Ladies League Scramble on Wednesday, October 27 at 12:15 p.m. And remember, there is a 9 Hole Scramble every Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

Below are the results of the Goofy Golf Scramble held on August 14

A Flight

1st – Doug and Karen Bingler, Brent and Heidi Chorneyko
2nd – Jim and Jeane Brown, Tim Malaski, Woody Woodall
3rd – Craig Holcomb, Bill Smith, Ovila Case, Gene Lastfogel

B Flight

1st – Al and Estell Miller, Beverly Kopecko, Pat Cataldo
2nd – Cinda Brown, Lynda Vail, Patricia Lawlor, Maryann San Juan

3rd - Jim and Beverly David, Rich and Betty Hallowell

Closest to the Line

Larry Marks, Stan Borchers, John Salvaggio, Ron Olsen

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 I

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

Bocce is back! Mark Your Calendar

Now – On Tuesday, October 5 at 3 p.m., the 2021-2022 bocce season begins.

Join new and old friends and share in friendly competition, no experience necessary. Bocce is crazy social and super friendly. If you are looking for something to do on Tuesday



afternoons, look no further. We play bocce for about two hours and then head to dinner at Linkside to break bread together.

Bring yourself, a lawn chair, and eagerness to play.

If you wish to practice while waiting for the opening round, check out a bocce set from the cart barn and have a go.

For more information, or to be put on our email list, call Tom & Kathy Darrell 330-806-9182. Please remember, you must be a member of BSMCC to play. Just one more great reason to join.

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



Burnt Store Marina Home for the Holidays 2021

Light Up Your Home for the Holidays

Open to All Our Neighbors!

December 9, 10, 11 & 12

• Light up the Tree in front of Cass Cay Restaurant

Thursday, December 9 at Sunset

• Golf Cart Decorating Contest & Parade, including Vintage Cars

Starting at BSMCC, covering Islamorada, Matecumbe Key & Cape Cole
Friday, December 10 at Sunset

• Boat Decorating Contest

Saturday, December 11 at 5:30 p.m. ‘til...
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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 are:

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

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How to Protect Yourself

Remember these tips to avoid being a victim of a telephone scam:

Do

- Register your phone number with the National Do Not Call Registry. You may register online or by calling 1-888-382-1222. If you still receive telemarketing calls after registering, there's a good chance that the calls are scams.
- Be wary of callers claiming that you've won a prize or vacation package.
- Hang up on suspicious phone calls.
- Be cautious of caller ID. Scammers can change the phone number that shows up on your caller ID screen. This is called "spoofing."
- Research business opportunities, charities, or travel packages separately from the information the caller has provided.

Don't

- Don't give in to pressure to take immediate action.
- Don't say anything if a caller starts the call asking, "Can you hear me?" This is a common tactic for scammers to record you saying "yes." Scammers record your "yes" response to use as proof that you agreed to a purchase or credit card charge.
- Don't provide your credit card number, bank account information, or other personal information to a caller.
- Don't send money if the caller tells you to wire money or pay with a prepaid debit card.

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.

An ARC did you know, moment...

By Barry Groesch, Architectural Review Committee Chair

Did you know...for interior modifications like a bathroom or kitchen, an ARC application is **not** required. If you replace an exterior window with this project, an application is required. Go to **BSM22.org** to get your application.



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*Here are some recent statistics about our Hot Market
Punta Gorda Sales July 2020 Compared to July 2021**

Condos

Average Sale Price + 42.2%
Available Listings - 76%



Single Family Homes

Average Sale Price + 28.5%
Available Listings - 50.3%



**Data Provided By The Punta Gorda Association of Realtors August 23, 2021*

Gardener’s Wheelbarrow

By Maggie Hart,
Mariners Pass

Temperatures will finally begin to cool down in October, and most likely, rains will diminish. By the third week of this August, we had 1/3 more rain (9 inches) than last August’s total rainfall (6 inches). October begins our dry season - the weather should be much more comfortable to get out and clean up the areas you left alone, because it was too hot outside to work.



The shortening days of fall have a special effect on popular seasonal plants like poinsettias, Christmas cactus, kalanchoes and chrysanthemums. They start producing their flower buds at this time. Make sure that these plants don’t receive any night light, or they may not bloom. Many varieties of citrus are ready for picking, now through January.

October’s Checklist:

- Once summer’s rains diminish, supplemental watering will be required for new plantings.
- Check your irrigation system’s coverage. Whether from Mother Nature or from irrigation, the total amount of water in a 7-day period should be 1–1.5 inches. Watering twice a week is best.

- Temperature-wise, it’s a great time to plant annuals, perennials, herbs, shrubs and trees; but rainfall is not reliable. You will probably need to hand water anything newly planted.
- Plan ahead...look for the “Burnt Store Marina: Landscaping Plants” document on the www.bsm22.org website. Click on Community Information > Documents & Forms > Committee Documents and Forms > Landscape Committee > BSM Landscaping Plants. This list will give you a better idea of what plant species do best here.
- Do a little research – if you are putting in new plants, check for sun/shade, drought and salt tolerance. And equally important, be aware of potential size of your plant choice before putting it into your landscape plan.
- Apply a high quality slow-release fertilizer to your turf, trees (including fruit-bearing and palms), shrubs, herbaceous perennials and annuals.
- When the temperature is below 80-85 degrees, apply herbicide to your turf to kill weeds. Look for sod webworm infestations and treat accordingly.
- Time to mulch! Organic mulch breaks down to enrich our not-so-good, sandy soil. Mulch has nutrients, and adds fiber, retaining moisture and texture for roots to grab onto and aerate the soil. Be certain your organic mulch isn’t building

up year after year. Rake and break it up to redistribute it.

- Rocks are becoming a new trend. Though they do not help to make better soil, and can increase the soil temperatures, they create a fresh, clean look. If you decide to use them, the optimum depth is 2–3”.
- Palm Demise – A soil-borne fungus that kills a variety of palms is ganoderma butt rot. Older fronds will droop and hang parallel to the trunk, new growth will be smaller and pale and the new spear will die before opening up. Look at the base of the tree for the shelf-like conk or fungus. There is nothing that can be done to turn this around. Eventually, the palm will die. Ganoderma attacks all species of palms, and remains in the soil, after the affected palm is removed, for years. ***It is not recommended that any type of palm be planted in the remaining soil.*** Only palms are affected by this fungus.
- Palmetto Weevil – though very fond of the Canary Island date palm, it will also go after the Bismarck and coconut palms. There is a preventive treatment, but it must be applied BEFORE the weevil drills into the palm to lay its eggs. Your landscape maintenance contractor will be able to apply appropriate insecticide.



Fit Happens... Getting Your Healthy Habits Back on Track

By Cheri Frank,
Certified Nutrition
Coach



With fall upon us and many of us returning to our Florida homes, it is a good time to concentrate on getting back on track with healthy habits. With summer travel, visiting family and vacations, it is easy to get out of our healthy eating habits and fall off the wagon, so to speak. It can leave you feeling bloated, sluggish and weighed down by indulgences.

Even if you have a problem at times with willpower, there are things you can do to boost your success when it comes to being healthy, eating clean, and treating your body right! First thing, don’t beat yourself up. Just because you may have gotten off track, that does not mean you totally lack willpower. Being positive has a lot of health benefits, including better cardiovascular health and better stress coping skills. So, forget the negative mindset and get motivated to get back on track. To help you get motivated remember your “why.” For some, it might be to improve bloodwork. For others it may be to lose weight for a special occasion, or maybe you just want to feel better.

Start by detoxing your kitchen. Get rid of tempting salty snacks, sugary sweets, and all those processed foods that wreak havoc with your health. Don’t punish yourself by depriving yourself of all “treats” though. Choose a day to have a salty or sweet treat, just don’t indulge every day. Plan your meals and snacks. Shop the perimeter of the grocery store, where you will find healthy fruits and vegetables, lean meats, and low-fat dairy, so you will have healthy choices available when hunger hits. Choose whole grains such as brown rice, whole wheat pasta and bread and whole oats, over processed grains. These are your complex carbohydrates that pack in more nutrients, are higher in fiber, and digest more slowly.

Go from “mindless” to “mindful” eating. Sit down at the table and eat slowly, being sure to listen to your body’s signals of fullness. Beware of portion distortion. When eating those snacks, make sure you are looking at the serving size and measuring the proper amount. It is too easy to overindulge when you are eating straight out of the box or bag. You can also use your hand, which is suited to your body and always with you, as a gauge for portions. Your palm is the size for a serving of protein, your cupped hand is a serving size of pasta or whole grains, your fist is a serving of vegetables, and your thumb is a serving of fat.

Stay away from sugary drinks and watch your alcohol intake.

Alcohol delivers a triple whammy of being high in calories, increases appetite and lowers inhibitions, which means you are more likely to binge. Try adding additional sugary drink and alcohol-free days each week to help keep you on track.

Get moving! If your regular exercise routine was disrupted during the summer, get back on track by scheduling your exercise like you would any important appointment, and put it on the calendar. Decide which days you will do cardio, weight training, flexibility training and mind/body exercise. The classes, instructors and trainers at the fitness center can help you get back into a routine. Exercise, combined with healthy eating, will give you extra energy as well as having positive effects on your mental health. Using these tips will help you “fall” back into healthy habits this season.

Wildlife Caution Notice

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

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

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

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

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



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Burnt Store Marina CC News

By John Abbott,
General Manager, BSMCC

Wow, what a summer it’s been! My name is John Abbott and I am excited to introduce myself to the community. On August 2, I began my new job as the General Manager of the Burnt Store Marina Country Club. I am thrilled to begin this new opportunity, and look forward to being a part of the transformation. My recent background is in golf course management, but earlier in my career, I had extensive involvement with food and beverage. The opportunity here at Burnt Store Marina Country Club, allows me to bring together all my experiences, and join a team that is focused on long-term, sustainable growth. It is refreshing to sit down



Grammar Tips... Misused Words and Phrases

By the Editors of The Beacon

Sometimes we hear or read words that make us wonder if the speaker or writer really understands the words they are using. Most of the mistakes that are made are simply caused by faulty hearing, but others are made by people wanting to appear to be well educated. The following are examples of mistakes we, *The Grammar Police*, have heard or read recently:

Actual, Actually: “Actual” means existing in fact, as opposed to what was intended, expected, or believed. “Actually” is used to emphasize a contrast with what is expected to be true or real, and what it really is. **Today, many people mistakenly use “actual” and “actually” to emphasize something’s existence.**

Existential: This word is concerned with existence, especially human existence as viewed in the theories of existentialism. If something is existential, it has to do with human existence. If you wrestle with big questions involving the meaning of life, you may be having an existential crisis. **Today, people are mistakenly using this word in place of “real” to give something more emphasis and importance.**

Premise vs. Premises: “Premise” means a theory or assumption. Some people think that “premises” is the plural form of “premise.” Premises” is a building and its surrounding lands.

Nauseous vs. Nauseated: If something causes nausea, it is labeled as “nauseous,” and makes people feel “nauseated.”

Rappel vs Repel: “Rappel” is a verb meaning descending by means of a rope. “Repel” is also a verb, but meaning to turn (someone) away from something.

Rein vs Reign: “Rein” refers to the straps you use to guide a horse, which explains its second meaning, to keep under control or restrict. To “reign,” on the other hand, is to rule or command a kingdom.

By Accident - The proper preposition here is *by*. Things happen by accident, not on accident. No arguments here!

Act Up vs Act Out - Act *up* means to behave badly. Act out means to act or behave like someone or something else. Watch your prepositions!

with the Section 22 Board of Directors and hear them stress the need to provide an inclusive environment that enhances the lifestyle of everyone in the community, provides real value and creates a social outlet that is second to none. One member of the community recently told me that her vision is for this club to “feel like a second home” to everyone.

I am excited to tell you that there has already been a significant amount of work done, prior to my joining the team, which will take us to new heights as the 2021/2022 season begins. The golf course work on the Heron Course is progressing well, and we are still targeting a fourth quarter re-open. Mother Nature may still have something to say about that, but we are still confident. The other two courses are in great shape, as the grounds team continues to make improvements leading up to the fall season. Bill Connelly and his team have been busy working to change the inside of the clubhouse, the outside of the clubhouse and many of the ways we operate the course. There will be some great changes coming soon and major announcements about upcoming events.

Inside the restaurant, Chef Renzo is working with a steering group to change the menus, add many more “Special Events,” and provide outside food service in the best possible way. This is a big logistical undertaking, but one that will be necessary to provide a great experience for everyone in the community. Regularly scheduled weekly outdoor entertainment is part of the plan this season, together with work being done to provide more outside seating areas that have some protection from the sun. This will create a “Pavilion” area that provides space to spread out, dine, drink and enjoy. Our vision is for the Burnt Store Marina Country Club to be the first choice for everyone

in the community when it comes to dining and entertainment.

Club membership is a major focus, and our goal is to bring real value to everyone that wants to join. Soon, if you have not already received it, you will all be receiving information about joining the club as a social or golf member. Many of you have been members in the past, and this year we are trying to add significant value to that membership. There will still be major discounts on food, beverage and golf, but this year there will be numerous “Limited Space” events, which will be held indoors. These events will allow members to make reservations seven days in advance, while allowing anyone else in the community to reserve their spot three days in advance. The outside public will be welcome to most events on the day of the event, space permitting. All of our outside events will be open to everyone in the community. Our plan is to have live entertainment on Thursday and Saturday evenings, while providing food and beverage service. Imagine, sitting outside in paradise, listening to music, enjoying something to eat and drink and receiving a discount on the bill. On nights when there is no music, we are still planning on having trivia, bingo and other activities. We are looking into putting a sound system outside in the “Pavilion” that will provide background music on those nights when you just want to sit with friends and enjoy the beauty of South Florida weather.

There is a lot more information coming soon. For those that are not yet here for the season, I look forward to meeting you when you arrive. Please come over and check out what’s been going on here at the club. We are gearing up for a great season and together with your help, we can make this the best season ever.

BSMCC October 2021 Schedule of Events						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m.-3 p.m.*	2 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m.-3 p.m.*
3 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.*	4 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m.-3 p.m.* Trivia 5-7 p.m.*** Bar Food Menu Available	5 9 Hole Scramble 3:30 p.m.*** Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m.-3 p.m.* Dinner 5-7 p.m.*	6 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m.-3 p.m.* Republican Dinner 5 p.m.****	7 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m.-3 p.m.* Party on the Patio 3 p.m.*** Mystery Pairings Cocktail Hour 4-6 p.m.	8 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m.-3 p.m.*	9 Mystery Scamble 8:30 a.m. Shotgun*** Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m.-3 p.m.*
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31 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.*	* Call for your reservation or takeout order 941-637-6405 ** Call Pro Shop at 941-637-1577 *** Sign up in Lobby on Board **** Sign up at Admin Office. ***** Reservations for Republican Dinner must be made through the Republican Club. Check the Board in Lobby for additional events!					

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Fitness, Friends and Fun!

Gearing Up for Snowbird Season

By Jennifer Steuber

There are a lot of exciting things happening at the Fitness Center across all our member activities as we prepare for the return of many of our Burnt Store Marina and surrounding neighborhood residents for the Snowbird Season.

We are a fun, social, great group of pickleball players (both competitive and non-competitive) who enjoy the sport while having a fantastic time.

We are planning another fun-filled season of Open Play each morning where all levels are welcome. There will also be designated Men's/Ladies organized play, Ladder Leagues as well as Intermediate and Advanced Tournaments. If you are new to the game, there will be introduction level Learn How to Play Sessions, and many social gatherings including the always popular Thirsty Thursdays, as well as paid lessons with play, so come join us and see what we are all about!

BSM Pickleball Pro Ricky (Riccardo) Deller is an IPTPA 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.



SAVE THE DATE HALLOWEEN PARTY!
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BSM Fitness Center 5 Weeks to 5K Challenge

We are looking for runners, walkers, joggers, and crawlers who want to train for a 5K (3.2 miles). This is an opportunity to enhance your current exercise program, or to achieve a personal goal to participate in a 5K event. Here are the specifics:

- Starting the week of November 29 (great way to work off Thanksgiving gobbling!)
- Need a minimum of five people to participate (we hope for a lot more)
- Led by two Fitness Center instructors (one for runners and one for walkers)
- Will train two days per week (actual days and times TBD - but will be early)
- Free to any Fitness Center membership type (Full, Pool, Tennis, Pickleball)
- Open to non-members who can purchase a \$10 day pass each time and then enjoy full amenities that same day.
- Prizes for participants in various categories chosen by the fitness instructors.

The 5 weeks to 5K Challenge is sponsored by the Pickleball Club who will host a 5K event that will take place at 8 a.m. on Sunday, January 2. Participants will be provided with a delicious homemade brunch afterwards, along with raffle prizes and, of course, the opportunity to play some pickleball.

The 5K Event is open to the general public and there is a \$25 registration fee that will be used to help fund the Pickleball Patio Project. The goal is to use the funds to purchase additional furniture, umbrellas and grilling equipment for the patio just east of the pickleball courts

If you want to sign up for the 5 weeks to 5K Challenge or if you want to register for the 5K event or if you want to do



both (which we highly encourage), please stop by the BSM Fitness Center or call us at 941-575-3260.

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The BSM Tennis Committee is excited to announce that another round of BSM Team Tennis will begin as soon as more of our members come back for Snowbird Season.

Team tennis is a tennis tournament that consists of matches between different groups of players, each competing to win the tournament for their team. The first two sessions last season were a resounding success. New friends were made, old acquaintances were renewed, and comradery was shared. Learn more about team tennis on Wikipedia: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/WorldTeamTennis>

Here are the specifics:

- Season One Preregistration begins October 9. There is a nominal fee to cover costs for balls, prizes and Tennis Pro.
- The tournament is open to all BSM tennis and full members, regardless of skill level.
- Not a member, but want to participate? We are happy to provide membership plan opportunities that best meet your needs.
- The goal is to form six teams who will play three matches each Saturday morning at 8, 9 and 10 a.m. (Depends upon numbers of players who sign up).
- Best scenario is 10+ players on each team = 60+ participants so that teams don't have to recruit subs.
- Each team plays each other team twice during Season One.
- Play on four courts (mixed, men's and women's doubles, dependent on sign ups).

Season One: 11 weeks long

- November 6, 13, 20, 27
- December 4, 11, 18 (Christmas & New Year's weekends on hiatus)
- January 8, 15, 22, and 29 is the tournament play off (1 vs 2, 3 vs 4, 5 vs 6)

Season Two Registration is mid-January with fresh rosters (Feb 5 – April 23)

The Club Tennis Pro, Jay Penny, will assign teams and offer advice on strategy during play, coordinate with team captains to organize players and schedules for play, and to record scores. Team members will be assigned, so that each team has essentially equal skill levels. Captains will be responsible for ensuring that six players are ready for play each Saturday. Friends and family are invited as spectators to "hoot, holler and heckle," which makes Team Tennis a blast!





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Marina Beat

By Jaret Rogers, General Manager
Safe Harbor Burnt Store

We have almost made it through another hot summer here at Burnt Store. The boat traffic has stayed a lot busier this year compared to previous years. There are a lot of new boats and Members in the marina. The occupancy in the water has stayed close to capacity all summer. Currently, we are filling vacated slips from a large waiting list. Most of the new Wet Slip Members are signing annual slip agreements. This leaves very little room for our Seasonal Wet Slip Members to dock their boats in the fall and winter. The Dockmaster is working very hard to accommodate as many Seasonal Members as possible. The dry storage yard still has plenty of room since the expansion is complete.

Docks C and D are nearing completion. The east side of C Dock has been converted to all catamaran



slips. The west side will continue to be staging for dry storage boats. D Dock will revert back to all mono-hull slips. These two floating docks are built by the same company that built A Dock. I am very pleased with this dock system and will continue to use it as we rebuild more docks in the marina basins.



The south basin seawall replacement is also coming to an end. Once completed, we will be extending the deck in front of the marina office all the way to the water's edge. This marina overlook will allow everyone a better view of the south basin. I anticipate the 2022 season to be a great one. I look forward to partnering with other resident groups this year to help bring this great community closer together as a family. Please look out for more announcements about events and activities for the 2022 season. If you are not on my mailing list and would like to get on the list, please call or email the office and ask to get on this list.

Second Annual St. Jude 5K in BSM

By Debbie Burns, Mariners Pass

Mark your calendar for November 14 and come join me, my family and friends for a 5K walk around Burnt Store Marina to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

My nephew, Lil Eddie, was only four years old when first diagnosed with leukemia. He is now **cancer free** for 4 1/2 years, thanks to St. Jude.



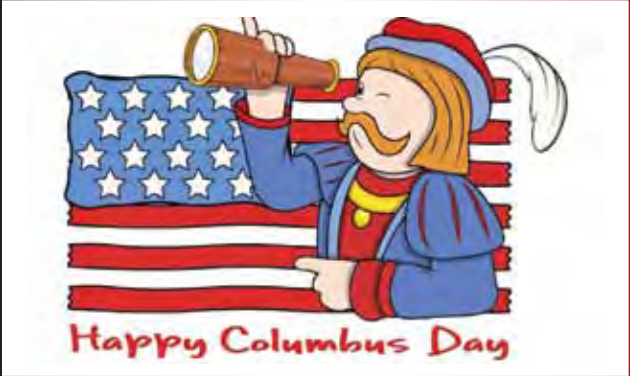
Lil Eddie when first Diagnosed



Lil Eddie now cancer-free

The 5K will begin and end on the cul-de-sac of 3929 Cape Cole Blvd. Participants can walk, run, bike or follow in your golf carts. Please consider joining us to help raise money so more kids like Lil Eddie get the care they desperately need!

Thank you to all those that supported me over the past 5 years. I couldn't have done it without all of you! So far, this year I have raised \$3,565 of the \$5,000 that I have pledged. You can help to reach this goal by donating to <http://heroes.stjude.org/DebbieBurns>.





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Chelsea Weiss


A Note to Our Many Associations

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

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

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Plant of the Month...Palms

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass

If you have ever been a Snowbird and driven the long trip down, south to Florida, you know that you’re finally getting here when you start seeing palm trees. First, they are the low-growing palmettos here and there, then you start seeing some with more majestic height. Yeah! We’re almost there!

Most palms are native to tropical and subtropical climates. Palm trees tolerate heat well. Most closely related to flowering grasses, palm trees do not produce limbs, but rather evergreen leaves called fronds. Palms can grow as either solitary or clustered “stems.” An example of a solitary palm would be a royal palm; areca palms are an example of cluster-growing palms.



Palm leaves are either palmately compounded (leaf that has its leaflets radiating outwards from the end of the leafstalk), or pinnately compounded (a leaf where the leaflets are arranged along the middle vein). An example of a palmate-leafed would be the beautiful silver-leafed bismarck; while the royal palm has pinnate leaves.



Some palms are self-cleaning, meaning they shed their fronds, while others will need to be trimmed regularly to rid them of dead, brown fronds and falling fruit. Self-cleaning palms include royal, foxtail and areca palms; non-self-cleaning palms include queen, cabbage or coconut palms.



Which brings e to the fruit of the palm. Palms produce two kinds of fruit – coconuts and dates. Many assume that because we do not regularly eat dates from all date palm species, that they must not be edible. But all dates are edible. The most commercially important date palm is *Phoenix dactylifera*, the “true” date palm. The coconut palm, *Cocos nucifera*, is the only palm that produces coconuts.



To survive, palms require a minimum temperature range of 54-55 degrees Fahrenheit, and as much direct sunlight as possible every day. After planting a palm, it needs supplemental watering until it establishes. Do not let the soil dry out completely for the first several months, but also do not let it stand in soggy soil, or you will invite fungus. Most palm trees like moist and well-drained soil. Generally, it is best to plant palms in sand-based soil, like sandy loam, and moderately acid to slightly alkaline, ranging between 5.5 to 7.5 on the pH scale.

Always think twice before you plant palm trees in your yard. Are they low maintenance (self-cleaning)? How much space will they take after a few years of growth? Are they prone to thorns? Might they drop coconuts on my roof, car, pet or guests? There are over 2,600 species of palms to choose from...be sure to make the best choice.

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Platinum Point Yacht Club


By Sue Smith, Director

PPYC members enthusiastically socialize year round. Happy hours, Mahjong, Bridge, and Quilters groups are a few of the activities that are in full swing. With fall however, we return to a robust schedule of social opportunities, on and off the water. The variety of options provides many opportunities to get together with old friends and new ones. With an October cruise to Naples Yacht Club, Grill Night, Sunset Socials, an early November Tailgate Party on the lawn of the clubhouse, and our annual meeting luncheon and ribbon cutting, members know that there is always fun to be had. One of the highlights of the upcoming weeks is our Let the Good Times Roll Community Shrimp Boil Dinner on November 18. We welcome neighbors throughout our area to join us for great food and fun entertainment. There will be booths with information about our club activities, and a Christmas Arts and Crafts Market. This event will be in our newly renovated clubhouse.

There is still more. Our popular lunch cruises and golf scrambles are slated to begin again soon, as are the Happy Hookers Fishing Group and Bunco. Computer help, art classes, and exercise classes add to the already impressively full calendar of options for PPYC members.

If you are interested in joining PPYC, a new member open house will be held in

November, and information about membership can be obtained at the club house. Dorothy Saviste, Club Administrator, is on-site Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and can be reached at 941-639-0733. All of us would enjoy explaining to you why membership in Platinum Point Yacht Club is a good choice for meeting new people, and enjoying the resources of our community.



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Reimagining Safe Harbor Burnt Store – Meet the Man Behind the Mission

By Jennifer Steuber

“Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity.” This quote, from Roman philosopher Seneca, reminds us that we can make our own luck. It is not pure chance, rather it is our life experiences that allow us to be the right person, in the right place, at the right time.

Meet Jaret Rogers, General Manager of Safe Harbor Burnt Store, a man of many talents and a man with a mission. And that mission is to make this marina the premiere destination for boaters on Florida’s Gulf Coast. He is also a man who spent his whole life preparing himself for this job, even though he didn’t know it.



Jaret Rogers, son Jaxson and wife Casey

Jaret was born in Ft. Lauderdale, a place that began his life-long love of the water and lived there until he was five years old, when he moved with his family to a small town in North Georgia. Luckily, he was able to stay true to his natural draw to water by spending much of his time on Lake Allatoona. While it is not the ocean, it is 12,000 acres with 270 miles of shoreline. Unfortunately, Jaret’s parents divorced when he was 14 years old, and he accompanied his Mom when she moved back to Florida.

As it turns out, being back in the land of surf and sea provided him with a new purpose as he sought opportunities to be near the water. This landed him a position as a lifeguard on the beaches of Jacksonville, and it awoke a desire to serve others in a more meaningful way. His passion and dedication in this area helped him become the youngest ever American Red Cross Life Saving Corps volunteer, which would set the course for his future success.

Circumstances led Jaret back to Georgia where he finished high school while living with his Dad, and continued his water activities on Lake Allatoona, always knowing he would get back to his roots in Florida. This desire came to fruition when Jaret moved back to Jacksonville in 2000. This marked the beginning of his career in hospitality.

Staying true to his love of the water, he worked as a bartender at an establishment on St. John’s River, the longest river in Florida, that flows northward and empties into the Atlantic Ocean at Jacksonville. As Jaret matured in the hospitality business, moving from one establishment to another with increasing responsibilities, he grew restless and was ready to embark on a different journey.

After Jaret’s summer as a lifeguard in Jacksonville, he held other types of summer jobs in Georgia that included landscaping and construction, which helped him understand how to run a business in a client-based industry that requires physical labor. This experience was a great foundation for the next chapter of his life which was delving into small business ownership as he and his best friend started a window cleaning company for both residential and commercial clients.

The business was an instant success with continued customer growth, and was financially sound. While it fulfilled Jaret’s entrepreneurial spirit, it did not satisfy his soul. Jaret continually felt that something was missing, and that something was the sea. Therefore, in 2007, he and his partner took a risk and sold everything to move to St. John in the US Virgin Islands, to work for a water sports concierge company.

Being back in the hospitality industry, plus being on the water was exhilarating, but the expense of living on an island proved to be too much. Jaret once again moved back to Florida, Cape



Burnt Store Marina Dry Dock

Coral this time, which is where his Dad had moved.

Jaret decided to take a short sabbatical to go to school to get his captains’ license, to be an Operator of an Uninspected Passenger Vessel (OUPV), and returned to the hospitality business working as a bartender, then bar manager at night. But more importantly, this is when the love of the sea took a back seat to the love of his life...this is when he met Casey, whom he married in 2011. As a newlywed, Jaret worked as a boat tour guide, and was the operator of a jet ski and parasail company in Fort Myers.

While he enjoyed the work on the water, Jaret and Casey wanted to start a family. He knew he needed to pivot and find a more stable, better paying position, so he took a sabbatical a second time to earn a Master Class Captain degree. It was during this time that he landed a position in 2013 as Assistant Harbormaster at Burnt Store Marina, when it was owned by Realmark Development. This appealed to all of Jaret’s desires, being close to the water, being in hospitality and being in a stable, non-traveling position, now that he was a new Dad with the recent birth of his son.

Jaret’s background in construction and small business ownership was the cornerstone of his success in this position. He was responsible for almost everything at the Marina including billing, dock infrastructure maintenance, fuel and pump out regulatory adherence, staff supervision and, sometimes janitor. There was little capital investment at this time, and he did whatever was necessary to keep the marina as intact and safe as possible for slip renters and guests.

In 2016, the marina was sold to Castlake L.P., and a new interim GM came on board who heavily relied on Jaret due to his stellar past performance, and in-depth knowledge of the day-to-day intricacies of running the Marina. It was common knowledge that Castlake was not interested in being a long-term owner of the Marina, but it did provide a small maintenance allowance that Jaret gladly used to patch up areas that were in dire need of repair.

In January of 2017, Safe Harbor Marinas purchased Burnt Store Marina and immediately recognized Jaret’s passion for the place, as well as his hard work ethic, and desire to bring the marina to a higher standard. Because of this, he was quickly promoted to General Manager, and was the culmination of the saying that luck is being prepared to take advantage of an opportunity when it presents itself.

For Jaret, the work as General Manager wasn’t much different than what he had done for years. What was different is that Safe Harbor and he shared the same mantra as it pertained to hospitality and customer service. They believed that the slip renters and company personnel should be treated as family, that they deserved to be put first, and provided with the best care and support as possible.

Safe Harbor brought in a new mindset towards running the marina. They infused it with much needed investment dollars to rebuild deteriorating docks, replace more than 1,500 feet of sea wall in the north and south basins damaged by Hurricane Irma, streamline IT systems, upgrade electrical and fire infrastructure, improve the exterior of the Dockmaster Building and Cass Cay, and plan a major expansion of the Dry Dock area that took three years to come to fruition.

While all these projects keep Jaret very busy, he does find time to relax with his wife Casey and seven-year-old son Jaxson and fur baby Charlotte (yes, named after Charlotte Harbor!), a German Shorthaired Pointer. As a family, they enjoy off-roading with friends in their side-by-side and bowling. Jaret’s personal “therapy” is cooking and grilling.

The future is bright for Safe Harbor Burnt Store, and with the continued stewardship of Jaret Rogers, it very well could be the most sought-after location for boaters on Florida’s Gulf Coast. It is an appropriate conclusion for a man who never outgrew his love of the sea, and combined that with his passion to serve, and his desire to succeed. He ended up in exactly the place where he is supposed to be. Yes, Jaret is a lucky man, but not because of chance!

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Three accomplished young Irish singers, all with performance experience around the world, make up the cast of PBS's latest find – Trinity. Their PBS concert, from the creator and producer of The Irish Tenors, is scheduled for release in March 2022.

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Trinity's appearance with the Gulf Coast Symphony in Fort Myers, Fla., Oct. 13 is the world premiere of a trio with the musical DNA to become America's "next big thing" in Irish music.

Emmett O'Hanlon was born in New York to Irish parents, and after graduation from The Juilliard School with a Master of Music degree, set out on an amazing career as a classically trained baritone, opera performer and actor whose work as Principal Vocalist with Celtic Thunder took him to hundreds of cities in the United States, Canada and Australia. Currently a member of the Deutsche Oper am Rhein in Dusseldorf, where he performs leading baritone roles, Emmett is a founding member of Trinity which he sees as the perfect vehicle for further exploring his life-long love of Irish song.

Conor Murphy has Irish opera in his blood – his great-grandmother, Mimi Devitt, was a famous Irish opera soprano before World War II who earned the nickname "Mimi" for her well-received Dublin performances in *La Boheme*. Conor's family immigrated to Canada from Ireland in the early 1970s, and he was raised in a large Irish family, growing up in Ontario. Since earning a bachelor's in music and opera performance at the University of Toronto in 2016, he's performed in opera, musical theater and solo performances across Canada, the United States and Europe. Conor's own arrangement and performance of "Carrickfergus," the classic Irish folk song, won him the Best Original Score award at the Toronto Independent Film Festival in 2018.



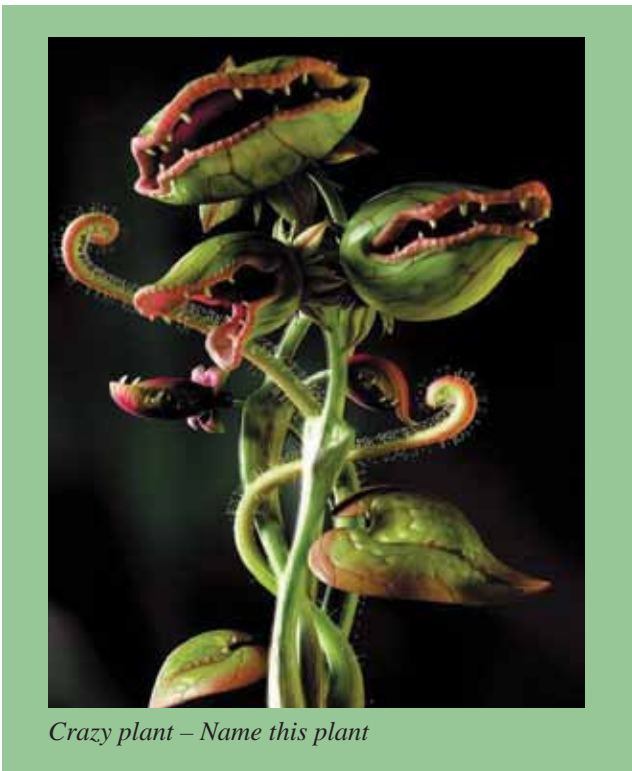
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Ronan Scolard is a multi-talented tenor and musician from Dublin. He studied music at University College, Trinity College and the Dublin Institute of Technology. He holds a master's degree. As a singer, Ronan has toured the world performing in such iconic locations as Red Rocks in Colorado, Carnegie Hall, and *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*. He has worked with some of the music industry's leading performers, including Adele, Celtic Woman, Mark Feehily, and Glenn Murphy.

Ronan, who is also Trinity's musical director and arranger, has extensive experience, belying his young age, writing music for choral and orchestra ensembles and regularly works with Ireland's public broadcaster RTE and their RTE Concert Orchestra. His work arranging songs for Riverdance and Celtic Woman has earned him "first choice" status for Irish music projects in a wide range of styles and venues.

Trinity is produced by **Daniel Hart** and **Joe Campbell**. Hart created the concept that became The Irish Tenors and, along with Irish TV veteran Bill Hughes, produced the group's first three PBS specials – Dublin, Belfast, and New York's Ellis Island. Trinity will be Hart's 13th concert project for PBS. Campbell recently left his position as PBS's senior vice president for fundraising programs. His more-than-a-decade career at PBS saw him working as commissioning editor for many of the Irish acts that followed The Irish Tenors onto the network – among which were such hits as Riverdance, Celtic Thunder, and Celtic Woman.

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The final plans for the annual Veterans week of Fundraising events to benefit the *Wish For Our Heroes Foundation* are complete. All events are being held at Burnt Store Marina - Cass Cay Restaurant & Bar and Burnt Store Marina CC - beginning Friday, November 5- and ending with the Veterans Breakfast and ceremony on Thursday, November 11. Please plan to join us for one or ALL events. Prices are higher this year in an effort to raise more funds to help replace the cancelation of all events in 2020. We hope you understand and will still support these events.



All Events Open to the Public

Fish Fry – Friday, November 5 - Linkside Café at Burnt Store Marina CC - 5-8 p.m. We will start the weekend off with a fish fry and more at Linkside Café. Join us for a great meal, and bring some extra cash for a 50/50 to benefit the foundation.

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.



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- **\$50/per person** – Entry to event (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. \$35/per person is tax deductible.

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- Price Options are per person, and do not need to be the same for the entire table you are reserving.

Reservations: You may choose dining room, inside lounge, deck, or inside or outside bar stools, however, we will not be reserving specific tables for anyone. Cass Cay will work with the committee based on the layout for the safety of staff and attendees when assigning tables. If you are making a reservation for 8 people, you will need all names and email addresses and payment for all when you book. We can't guarantee that you will be able to add to your reservation later. Table assignments will be done based on your location request, and number of people in your group that have all been named and paid for. This will be handled on a 1st come, 1st served basis. All reservations will be date and time stamped. **We are NOT limiting the size of your table this year, as long as we have the space in your requested area.** So, if you want a table of 20 or two tables of 10 side by side, you need to reserve and pay for your entire group at the same time. Note: The deck will sell out quickly so if you plan a large group for the deck, we recommend making your reservation on the 1st day.

We are pulling out all the stops this year. We will have the Wish for Our Heroes “*Big Truck*” and crew to help us have an amazing evening of fun and fundraising. We will have great entertainment from Single Shot Steve Flagg and Captain Rick, great food, 50/50, auctions and more. We will also be granting a live wish at this event. Thanks to Cass Cay and Safe Harbor Marinas, we will have the entire restaurant & Tiki Hut this year to maximize space. Contact Joyce Brown at djbrown697@gmail.com or call 614-329-9996 with any questions.

Golf Tournament – Burnt Store Marina CC - Sunday, November 7 - All golfers are playing the same two courses - Osprey & Pelican. Noon Shotgun Start - Check-in will begin at 10:30 a.m. Sign-up individually or as a team. We will have 50/50, games on the course, Pro Tee Shots and dinner following with raffles & Live Auction, and so much more. This is a charity event, and the cost will be \$100/per person which will include Golf & Cart, Dinner & Goodie Bag for all golfers. All proceeds of this event will be donated to *Wish For Our Heroes Foundation*. Registration will begin October 1 at the Golf Club. Payment due at time of reservation. Cash or check only - check made out to: *Wish For Our Heroes Foundation*.

At the time of your registration and payment for the tournament, you also have the option to add additional guests for the dinner and auction following the tournament for \$20/per person, including tip (beverages extra). 50% of your registration fee is tax deductible.

Golf Sponsorships - Hole sponsorships are available for \$100 for Tees & Greens; \$200 for Practice Greens (Heron & Clubhouse), Cart Barn and Driving Range; \$500 for Clubhouse Front & Back. Since we are only playing Osprey/Pelican, we are hoping that those who have sponsored the Heron holes in the past will still consider purchasing a sponsorship. We plan on placing those sponsorships in strategic places around the two courses we are playing and in special areas. We hope that you will consider supporting us again. Hole sponsorships can be purchased now by contacting Cheryl Fogg. Cheryl's phone number and email are: 617-680-0360, 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 - 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, juice. This event is held every year on Veterans Day to honor our veterans who have served our country. Even if you are not a veteran, please join us in honoring and remembering those who given so much for our freedom. We will have a veteran guest speaker and we will honor all veterans in attendance. The results of our fundraising events will also be announced. To help us plan for attendance, please call or stop by Cass Cay to register, if you can.

300 Club Tickets - We are selling 300 Tickets for \$25/ each for a chance to win cash prizes. 1st Prize - \$1500, 2nd Prize - \$750, 3rd Prize - \$500, 4th Prize \$250 and 5th Prize \$100. Drawing will be held at Cass Cay on Saturday, November 6. Call Joyce Brown at 614-329-9996, or any committee member to purchase tickets before they are sold out. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets are close to sold out, as of this article. Don't miss out.

Auction/Raffle Items - We are looking for great items for our auctions & raffles for the Cass Cay and Golf Events. If you have something you would like to donate, contact any committee member.

Sponsorships - We need sponsors - Are you interested or know someone or a company who would want to become one of our sponsors – please contact Joyce Brown or any committee member for more details.

If you are interested in getting more involved as a volunteer 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.

NOTE: If you are not at Burnt Store on any of the dates that reservations begin, you can contact Joyce Brown or Cheryl Fogg for information on how to mail your reservation/s in (phone numbers listed in this article). No reservations will be processed before the beginning dates listed for each event.

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Tight Lines...Nurse Sharks on the Prowl

By Jay Lev, Burnt Store Anglers

On my last fishing trip, I noticed a large number of nurse sharks roaming the shallow flats. Some of the sharks looked to be 6', with some larger. As a result, I decided to go into my files, and found excellent references from a lecture I attended by world renowned fisheries marine biologist, Dr. Jose' I. Castro. Dr. Castro worked for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and as a senior scientist at Mote Marine Laboratory. The lectures were sponsored by the Southwest Florida Fossil Society. With a little luck, I got to spend some quality time with Dr. Castro in a discussion about the sharks of North America especially the nurse sharks. I hope to pass along some of the facts he presented during our discussion.

The nurse shark is from the family *ginglymostomatidae*, which have nasal barbs (whiskers), with the first dorsal fin located back over the pelvic fin. They are slow moving, bottom dwelling sharks that inhabit our waters all year long. Identified by their whiskers, they basically have no food value. Rarely do you see their fins for sale and almost never their steaks. One of the most remarkable features is their fine denticles or scales. Frequently you will see leather belts and wallets coming out of Mexico for sale in the U.S. Market made of nurse shark skin. Their teeth are quite small, but fill their upper and lower jaws for feeding on crabs, shrimp, small fish and squid.

Because they are known to stay in their habitat all year long, they are popular with the tourists from southwest Florida to the Keys. Many dive boats bring tourists to spots



where they can dive with large schools of these sharks. When the water is clear in our area, many of these nurse sharks will be spotted swimming under fishermen's boats or close to wade fisherman. They are not known to attack humans, but if provoked they will give you a good bite. Many visitors will say they are killer sharks because they are so large and nasty looking, but that is anything but the truth.

Some anglers enjoy trying to locate a school of nurse sharks, and try their hand at catching one. Because of their size, larger stouter equipment should be used. It is possible to land one accidentally on lighter tackle, since they do not put up a real nasty fight. That is until they see the boat or shore. They are frequently caught in the surf as well. The recommended tackle for fishing these sharks is the selection of a 5' 6" up to a 7' fishing rod. A conventional rod and reel is suggested. The rod should be rated for line starting at 30 lb. test. Heavier rated line is usually a better match. Reels rated at the International Game Fish Association standard of 30 lb. or better is ideal. Most anglers will spool the reel with 80-to-100-lb. test. A wire leader of three feet will do, connected to a strong monofilament leader of 200-lb. test. That line is directly connected to the main fishing line spooled onto the reel. Since these nurse sharks are generally bottom feeders, you send the line out away from the boat or surf with a bait that will sink to the bottom. A light sinker of about 1 oz. attached with a rubber band to the wire leader helps keep the bait on the bottom. The sinker generally breaks off when the fish starts it's run off the bottom.

The fight will be moderate until you try to disgorge the hook from the shark's mouth. Because their body is almost all cartilage, they can turn and twist violently, usually causing a bite, or worse, a hook that flies loose and digs into your

hand or arm. It is recommended to cut the leader close to the mouth, and let the hook decay and rust out naturally from the shark's mouth. Never use stainless hooks as they will not rust out and perhaps kill the shark.

Dr. Castro is frequently seen on T.V., especially during the annual shark week productions. His many publications can be purchased online, and each is a worthwhile addition to a fisherman's library.

Tight Lines!

Manatees!!

By Greg Tillett, Pelican Way

Burnt Store Marina is one of the premiere boating basins in all of Florida. It's the reason for all the new neighbors we have this year. We are seeing license plates from as far away as Alaska, California, Colorado and all over the Midwest and East coast.

We have mariners, boat captains and recreational boaters that call Burnt Store Marina their home. 2020 and 2021 put the marina back to pre-2008 capacity with the largest growth in recreational boating. We have owners buying new boats, as well as people new to boating.

Boaters have serious responsibilities. Maintenance of the vessel, the upkeep of safety equipment and following the rules of boating all assure the safety of our family and friends while aboard our vessels. This is responsibility on the water. We all have responsibilities below the water as well.

Respect all our sea creatures, fish, diving birds, yes even alligators (we have several that make our basin their home). But, of particular attention is the group of manatees, also known as an **aggregation**, that make our basin home. We have one of the areas that still supports the sea grass they live on. The sea grass bottoms are what attract these aggregations, to our marina.

We all have seen the mature manatees and the new calves in our basin. Unfortunately, as of late there have been many of them with deep, fresh prop cuts across their backs. It's hard to say how many haven't survived the wounds that propellers cause.

As responsible boaters, let's be more vigilant as we come in and exit our basin. Slow down, and keep an eye on the water to keep these gentle mammals safe. They are the big round smooth spots on the water. Please give them the right of way.

From The Desk Of Sheriff Carmine Marceno

Improving Gated Community Safety

Lee County hosts an extensive number and variety of gated communities. They vary in resident population, configuration and safety components. These communities utilize a variety of barriers for safety and privacy ranging from shrubbery to fencing to stone.



What all communities share is the potential for criminal access.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) has been benefiting from the use of license plate readers, or LPRs, to identify stolen vehicles, missing persons, and cars or trucks involved in illicit activity.

"Hot-lists" can be preloaded into license plate readers. When a prestored vehicle plate is captured by the LPR, law enforcement can be immediately alerted to the location of the vehicle.

As the vast majority of community-related crimes involve the use of a vehicle, it is enormously helpful

to law enforcement to have real-time access to vehicle description and tag information for all vehicles entering and leaving a community.

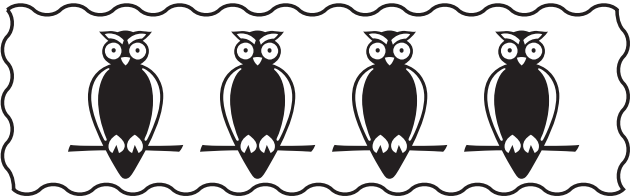
The Lee County Sheriff's Office Real Time Information Center can immediately dispatch this information to units in and around the impacted community. The results are notable, stolen property is often recovered, arrests are made, and prosecutions become solidified.

At this time, communities within our county are installing license plate readers for added safety. The costs involved are negligible and provide a proactive and reactive technology for Lee County Sheriff's Office applications.

For additional information, please take a few moments to view this video explaining both the use of this technology, as well as Sheriff Carmine Marceno's "Safe Communities" initiative:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D0kAJ-1zkX4>.

Currently, the vendors offering this technology include Flock Security – Todd Troutman, (770) 310-2987, todd.troutman@flocksafety.com and Vigilant Solutions – Don Broome, (229) 392-5953, dbroome@vettedsecuritysolutions.com or Logan Long, (727) 215-6589, llog@vettedsecuritysolutions.com. Authorized community representatives are welcome to reach out to these vendors or to contact the Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Response Unit at (239) 477-1CRU (1278).



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The Recipe Box

By Candace VanDenBerghe, Marlin Run
I sometimes add a can of mushrooms and even diced green pepper, zucchini, spinach or broccoli florets with the spaghetti sauce.

Million-Dollar Spaghetti (serves 8)

- 1 (8 oz.) package spaghetti (or other pasta)
- 1 lb. lean ground beef
- 1 onion, diced
- 1-2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 (24 oz.) jar spaghetti sauce
- 1/4 c. butter, sliced
- 4 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1 (8 oz.) container cottage cheese (or ricotta)
- 1/4 c. sour cream
- 2 c. (8 oz.) shredded cheddar or mozzarella cheese (or both)
- 1/4 c. parmesan cheese

Cook spaghetti according to package instructions; drain and combine with half of the spaghetti sauce. In a large skillet, brown ground beef with onions and garlic. Drain and combine with remainder of sauce. Set aside.
In a bowl, combine cream cheese, cottage cheese, sour cream and half of the shredded cheese. Add the butter slices to the bottom of a 9x13 inch casserole and top with half of the spaghetti mixture. Top with all of the cheese mixture, following with the remaining half of the spaghetti. Add the remaining meat sauce and top with the remaining shredded cheese and parmesan. Bake uncovered for 30-35 minutes at 350°F.



Vet Day – Boats by Becky Iaquina

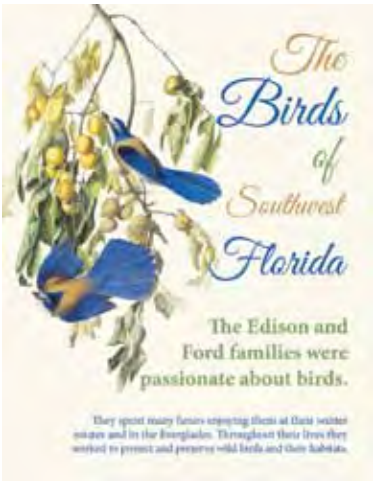
The Birds Of Southwest Florida Exhibit

The Birds of Southwest Florida exhibit is open in the Caretaker’s House at Edison and Ford Winter Estates. The exhibit features multiple panels containing detailed illustrations from John James Audubon, along with quotes from the Edison and Ford families. Antique spy glasses, books on birds, and shell art will also be featured. The exhibit is included with admission to the site and will run until mid-January 2022.

The exhibit is a tribute to Mina Edison (Thomas Edison’s wife) and her love of birds. A dedicated conservationist long before the word entered popular vocabularies; she was an ardent supporter, advocate, and unofficial spokeswoman for several organizations, including the Chautauqua Association (where she served as president of the Bird, Tree, and Garden Club), the National Audubon Society, and School Garden Association of America. As an integral part of the Chautauqua Association, she was one of many who helped establish the foundation’s arboretum, a botanical garden dedicated to trees, which in affect created more potential nesting and breeding grounds for Chautauqua’s indigenous bird population.

As a member of the National Audubon Society, she helped bring awareness to issues that had a negative impact on birdlife and was essentially involved in a national movement that would help spur vital legislation protecting wild North American bird species, as well as the creation of America’s first real system of waterbird sanctuaries along the east coast. Members’ collective efforts facilitated the implementation of scientifically-based conservation efforts.

Mina was also good friends with Jay N. “Ding” Darling, the Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist and conservationist who was President Franklin Roosevelt’s director of the United States Biological Survey, which was the precursor of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.



One of the John James Audubon illustrated panels displayed in The Birds of Southwest Florida exhibit at Edison and Ford Winter Estates

On a couple of occasions during the early 1940s, Mina invited Darling to be an honored guest for lunch at her Fort Myers estate. His signature bird drawings can be seen in Mrs. Edison’s official Seminole Lodge Guest Book located inside the museum.

In 1928, she co-founded and served as the first president of the Fort Myers Round Table, an influential group of community leaders that advocated for civic improvements, such as beautification of the city’s landscape, cleaning up vacant lots, removing dilapidated buildings, refurbishing the Fort Myers railroad station, and planning new parks. A few years later, she took an active role in personally advocating for bird-friendly landscaping as part of a larger campaign to establish neighborhood gardens.

Mina’s fascination with birds compelled her to create a safe-haven and refuge for several different species at Seminole Lodge. She had purple martin houses installed over the Caloosahatchee River near the property’s seawall and pier, small feeding tables were created by staff in order to watch a variety of birds from her porch, and birdboxes were built and mounted around various parts of the property. She had a pet peacock named “Beauty” that roamed the estate and according to support staff, would open its feathers if spoken to in a gentle manner. Beauty was later preserved and can now be seen as part of the Mina Edison exhibit located in the museum at the estates.

Mina deeded the Edison Winter Estate to the City of Fort Myers in February of 1947 for one dollar, with the purpose of serving as a tribute to her late husband and a botanical garden for future generations of visitors. She died shortly thereafter on Aug. 24, 1947, at the age of 82. She was fondly remembered by those who knew her best for her kindness, generosity, and community activism.

About Edison And Ford Winter Estates

Edison and Ford Winter Estates is the internationally known winter homesite of Thomas Edison and Henry Ford. More than 220,000 visitors walk through the location each year from all around the globe. The organization has received many awards, including the National Stewardship Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the National Garden Clubs’ Historic Preservation Award. The property is an official project of “Save America’s Treasures,” a Florida Historic Landmark and a National Register Historic Site. The Edison Botanic Laboratory is a National Historic Chemical Landmark. The site is open every day except Thanksgiving and Christmas from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and until 9 p.m. during the month of December for Holiday Nights.

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Fun Facts About Babies Born In October

Ahh, October – the month of Halloween, football, pumpkin, spice, and all things nice – and that includes some athletic and awesome people. (Yep, it’s true.) Here are some interesting facts that you need to know about October babies.

They’re More Likely To Be Athletic

Research suggests that October babies are more physically fit and athletic than those born in other months. For example, a study published in the *International Journal of Sports Medicine* tested the strength, stamina, and cardiovascular fitness of 9,000 kids between 10 and 16 years old and found that those born in October and November performed significantly better than their peers.

They’re Probably Not Born On Halloween

According to a study conducted by researchers at the Yale University School of Public Health, fewer women go into labor and give birth on Halloween than on other days of the month. Scientists hypothesized it’s because the day’s spooky associations subconsciously

put women off from delivering on Oct. 31. (Fun fact: Valentine’s Day has an *increase* in birth rates.)

They Have Two Birthstones – Opal And Tourmaline

Both stones are “magical.” However, if the opal isn’t your birthstone, it’s said to be bad luck if worn by those not born in October.

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They’re Either Libras Or Scorpios

Libras (born between Sept. 23 and Oct. 22) are said to be sincere, kind, and lovers of harmony and peace.



Scorpios (born between Oct. 23 and Nov. 22) are known for being loyal, strong-willed, and mysterious.

More Presidents Were Born In October Than In Any Other Month

More than any other month, American presidents have celebrated their birthday in October. That includes Adams, Roosevelt, Eisenhower, Hayes, and Carter.

They’re In Good Company

October birthdays aren’t just for presidents. Some very talented people were born in October, including Julia Roberts (Oct. 28), Matt Damon (Oct. 8), Kate Winslet (Oct. 5), and Bruno Mars (Oct. 8).

They’re Less Likely To Have Cardiovascular Disease

According to a study by Columbia University Medical Center, people born in September, October, and November are less likely to experience cardiovascular disease.

They’re More Likely To Live To 100

Research from the University of Chicago found that those born in autumn months were more likely to reach 100 years old. So, congrats October babies – here’s to many more birthdays to come.

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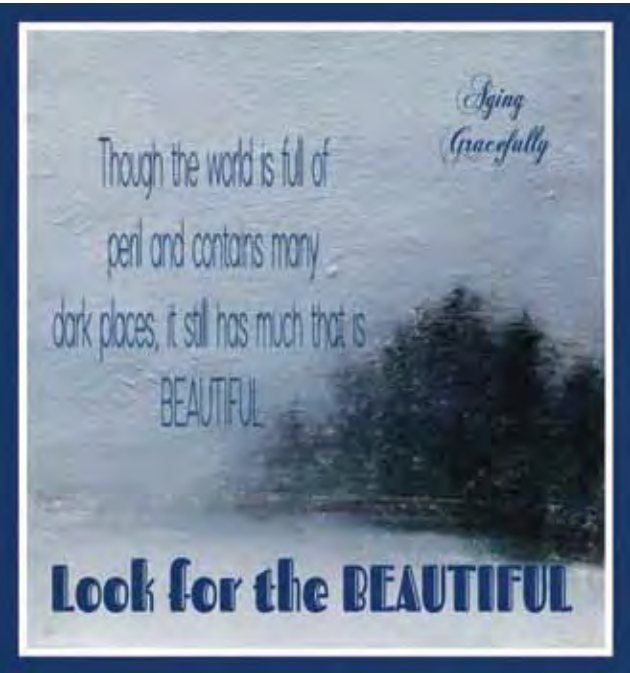
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Fun Halloween Trivia Questions For A Spooky Quiz Night

All Hallows’ Eve may seem like a typical annual night of fright, packed with candy and costumes, but it didn’t start that way. Instead, several of today’s Halloween traditions originated during practices done centuries ago. You can demonstrate your Halloween savvy by sharing these fascinating facts about the holiday’s history.

Question: From which Celtic celebration does Halloween stem?

Answer: Halloween behavior dates back centuries to the Celtic festival Samhain, which was a pagan New Year celebrated from Oct. 31 to Nov. 1. Celts would celebrate together with feasts, bonfires, and animal sacrifices.

Question: What is the term for having a fear of Halloween?

Answer: The term for having a deep fear of the Halloween holiday is called “Samhainophobia.” Just don’t confuse it with sanguivoriphobia (fear of vampires), seleneophobia (fear of the moon), or skelephobia (fear of skeletons).

Question: What United States town holds the record for most lit jack-o’-lanterns?



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Answer: In 2013, Keene, N.H., broke its own Guinness World Record for the most lit jack-o’-lanterns on display at 30,581.

Question: Where is the biggest Halloween parade in the United States?

Answer: Manhattan’s Greenwich Village has been hosting its annual Halloween parade for 47 years, each year going more above and beyond than the previous one.

Question: What inspired the name “jack-o’-lantern”?

Answer: The name jack-o’-lantern originated from an Irish folktale about a man named Stingy Jack who tricked the devil over and over again. When Jack died, he was forced to walk the Earth with only a carved-out turnip with a burning coal in it to help light his way.

Question: From where did the tradition of pumpkin carving come?

Answer: People in Ireland and Scotland began carving turnips, beets, and potatoes with Stingy Jack’s scary “face” to replicate the carved-out turnip with which Jack roamed the earth. When the Irish brought the tradition to America, pumpkins were carved more often because they were native to the United States and were more plentiful.

Question: From where did the superstition around black cats come?

Answer: It has been said that it’s bad luck for a black cat to cross your path, especially on Halloween night. In the United States, this superstition stems from the Protestant beliefs of the Puritan Pilgrims of Plymouth Colony. They disapproved of anything associated with witchcraft, and some believed the legend that witches could transform into and back from black cats.

Question: What did people previously to do for Halloween treats?

Answer: At one time, it was customary to perform dances, songs, prayers, and plays – a practice called “mumming” – in order to receive treats.

Question: On average, how much do parents spend on Halloween?

Answer: In 2017, the U.S. Census Bureau estimated there were 41 million trick-or-treaters ages 5 to 14 in America. According to the National Retail Federation’s 2019 report, Halloween party-goers spend an average of \$86 each, making the total expected estimate about \$8.8 billion on the holiday overall.

Question: What is the most produced Halloween candy?

Answer: Since its 1898 invention by confectionary company Herman Goelitz, candy corn has been widely produced. Today, nearly 35 million pounds of this candy is produced each year.

Question: True or false: Halloween is the largest consumer holiday in the United States.

Answer: False. However, Halloween is a big business with all of the costumes, sweet treats, and spooky outdoor decor. So big, in fact, that it’s the second-largest commercial holiday in America, with Christmas being the only one to surpass it in sales.

Question: How long does leftover candy last?

Answer: Dark and milk chocolates can last up to two years if stored in a dry, odor-free spot. Hard candy can last up to a year, and unopened packages of candy corn can last nine months.

Question: True or false: Halloween generates more candy sales than Valentine’s Day.

Answer: True. Valentine’s Day is no longer the sweetest national holiday – at least when it comes to candy sales. More than twice as much chocolate is sold on Halloween, averaging about 90 million pounds during the week of Oct. 31 alone. In total, about \$2.6 billion is spent on Halloween candy each year.

Question: Why is it hard to adopt black cats in October?

Answer: If you’ve always wanted to adopt a black cat, don’t bother going to the shelter on Halloween – or maybe even the entire month of October. Many shelters refuse to put these cats up for adoption in the weeks before the holiday, as they’re worried the animals will be used in some sort of sacrifice. But it really depends on where you go. The ASPCA, for example, provides a list of black cat adoption promotions that are actually tied to the holiday.

Question: Why do people dress up in costumes for Halloween?

Answer: The tradition of dressing up as our favorite celebrities, cartoon characters, and superheroes stems from the ancient festival Samhain where people would dress up in animal heads and skins to keep ghosts away.

Question: How often is there a full moon on Halloween?

Answer: According to *The Old Farmer’s Almanac*, a full moon on Halloween only happens approximately every 19 years.

Question: What percentage of parents admit to stealing their kids’ Halloween candy?

Answer: Seventy-two percent of parents have admitted to stealing their kids’ Halloween candy. Can you blame them?



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