



Cart barn stitched wall – “Clubhouse area renovation, Phase 1”

President’s Comments

By Craig Holcomb, Section 22 HOA

September is the beginning of the Fall season, back-to-school, post covid fallout and preparation for a new season. These are all beginnings that we all look forward to every year, although hopefully this year our season will be more normal, with less outside influences on our lives!

September is the time that our temperatures begin to cool off a little, but those pesky hurricanes are still a possibility. September is also the time that we begin the forecasting and budgeting process for 2022. It is also the time that many of our amenities begin making up their activity calendars for the preparation of another season in Burnt Store Marina. So, there is a lot going on here in September to prepare for the new Season.

The Marina continues to make improvements that benefit all of us. Safe Harbor has finished the new storage racks and the fencing and landscaping around their complex. They continue to improve the docks, and work to improve their buildings and operations.

The Fitness Center landscaping continues to be updated. The paver projects and removal of the lights at the courts has been completed. A new parking area for golf carts is in the works. Improved classes and the schedules for all of the tennis, pickleball and pool activities for everyone to enjoy are being worked on.

The Yacht Club has been remodeling the inside of the clubhouse, and is putting together another year packed full of entertainment and activities for their members.

The Golf Course Complex is working on the renovation of the Heron course. All the preliminary work has been completed, and the installation of the grass was finished. So, let’s all pray for our normal rain for this time of year to allow the new grasses to grow.

The outside area of the clubhouse has been spruced up with new vegetation planting, and the parking lot islands will be curbed with new vegetation planted. The final project is to clear out and drain the area near the outside fireplace. Pavers, vegetation, lighting, electric and plumbing will be added, along with shade canopies and a revamped fireplace, to provide for an entertaining and relaxing venue for the entire community to use.

We continue to work on our infrastructure throughout the community, especially our water surface management, to ensure the flow of water after the large storms that we receive throughout the year. This year we will begin to dredge certain waterway areas to improve the water flow. We are in the process of developing our next 5-year planning for our needed capital improvements.

Finally, we are reviewing two possible future funding mechanisms to supplement the funding for capital improvements

and operations. Both of these projects, if presented, will take a vote of the entire membership of PGI Section 22, which could happen as early as January or February in 2022.

One possible project is what is called the Resale Capital Contributions. All newer developments have this type of funding mechanism in their documents, where the buyer of a property in the development pays a fee to the development. The fee would be used for supplementing the capital and/or operations of the development. The buyer pays the fee as part of the closing of the sale of the property. The amount collected each year would depend upon the number of homes sold each year.

Another possible project is to review the current bank loan that we obtained in 2017 for \$5 million to purchase our remaining land and amenities from the developer. The idea is to re-write the loan again for about \$5 Million, payoff our existing loan at the current lower mortgage rates and borrow the remaining funds to place in our capital reserves, to fund present and future projects. The amount paid by each resident every year to retire the debt would be about the same as we all are paying now, \$380 per unit per year.

These projects are in the discussion stage. These projects, if feasible, would be presented to the membership for a vote, as these are not projects that the Board can pass on its own.

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:

- Michael & Joyce Schwanger, 5081 Key Largo Cir., roof replacement.
- Dee & Amy Bird, 1 Pirates Lane #13b, lanai enclosure.
- Eugene Voss, Egret Pointe, (22 homes), installation of driveway pavers.
- John & Arleen Cumisky, 3081 King Tarpon Dr., replacing all windows.

- Ernest Harden, 5030 Sable Key Cir., replacing all windows.
- James & Karen Zachacz, 1524 Islamorada Blvd., hurricane shutter installation.
- Villas at Cobia Cay, Cobia Villas Ct., installation of sidewalk & driveway pavers.
- Steve Koontz, 204 Islamorada Blvd., lanai enclosure.
- Joe Averdick, 24044 Redfish Cove Dr., replacing pool cage, updating pool.
- Barbara Punellino & Marcie Troutman, 4043 Big Pass Ln., roof replacement.
- Kathy Crann, 4091 King Tarpon Dr., garage screen door replacement.
- John Ferrante, 3235 Sugarloaf Key Rd., hurricane shutter installation.
- Barbara Whelan, Marina North Shore, exterior paint & gutter replacement.
- David & Rhonda Allenick, 4032 Big Pass Ln., roof & gutter replacement.
- Sally Guske & Denise Clements, 2061 King Tarpon Dr., gutter installation.
- Charles A. & Ann Drummond, 5061 Sable Key Cir., roof replacement.

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

Community Access Committee

By Pat O’Neill, Chair

As we enter our busy season, it is important that residents are reminded to provide the front gate the information regarding their property rentals. Without

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Reminder:
Next Section 22 HOA Board Meeting –
Tuesday, September 28, 9 a.m.,
Linkside Café Patio

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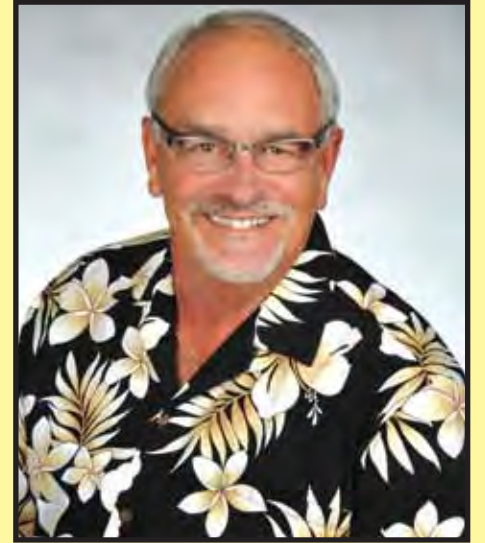
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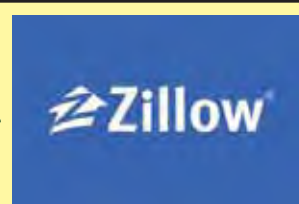
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Mark Your Calendar – Out And About

Inside the Gates Dates

- **Wednesday, September 1:** Deadline for the October *Beacon*. Article and picture submissions are welcomed. Become part of the *Beacon* family.
- **Tuesday, September 28:** 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, September 3:** Fort Myers River District Art Walk, 6 to 10 p.m. 1st Friday of each month.
- **Friday, September 17:** Fort Myers River District Music Walk, 6 to 10 p.m. 3rd Friday of each month.
- **Saturday, September 18 and Sunday, September 19:** Sullivan St. Craft Fair, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Downtown Punta Gorda.
- **Saturday, September 25:** Key Lime Fest, 12 to 4 p.m. Fishermen’s Village, 1200 Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda.
- **Wednesday, September 29:** 3rd Annual Caribbean Jerk and Cultural Festival, 12 to 8 p.m. Laishley Park, 96 Nesbit St. Punta Gorda. Advance tickets \$15, VIP \$30, Gate, \$20, VIP \$40, For information go to caribjerkfest.eventbrite.com or call 941-219-5905.
- **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 pm.
- **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

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

Be sure to sign up for the Labor Day Scramble on Monday, September 6 at 8:30 a.m., and the Cross-Country Scramble on Saturday September 25 at 8:30 a.m.

July 3 Firecracker Scramble Results - Two-person Alternate Shot

A Flight

- 1st - Tom Friemark and Woody Woodall
- 2nd - Bill Smith and Joan Cullen
- 3rd - Larry Marks and Stan Borchers
- 4th - Dennis and Karen Schindel

B Flight

- 1st - Gene Lastfogel and Mike Lastfogel
- 2nd - Bob Paul and Millie Hierro
- 3rd - Jim and Jeanne Brown
- 4th - Tom Vlcek and Lynn Wood

C Flight

- 1st - Dave and Liz Fitzgerald
- 2nd - Sam and Becky Iaquina
- 3rd - Deb Lehman and Craig Holcomb
- 4th - Mort and Rhea Fleishman

Closest to the Flag

Osprey #4: Bill Morgan and Bob San Juan
Pelican #5: Doug and Karen Bingler

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.

WOW! September is here and that means “snowbirds” will be returning shortly. Many of us see more traffic and longer waits at restaurants. The bocce group sees good friends, competition and busy Tuesday afternoons, playing bocce and enjoying dinner together. Please join us and become part of this convivial group.

The “official” bocce group season will start on October 5 at 3 p.m. You can play or practice at any time. Bocce sets are in an unlocked box in the cart barn.

For those new to bocce it is interesting to know that



some form of bocce is played in more countries than any other ball game, with the exception of soccer. Romans are the ones who spread the popularity of the game throughout the Roman Empire, which encompassed vast areas of Europe, Asia, and North Africa.

Join us on Tuesday afternoon, October 5, and play the game that was enjoyed by emperors, admirals, generals, poets, sculptors, scientists and residents of Burnt Store Marina!

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

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)

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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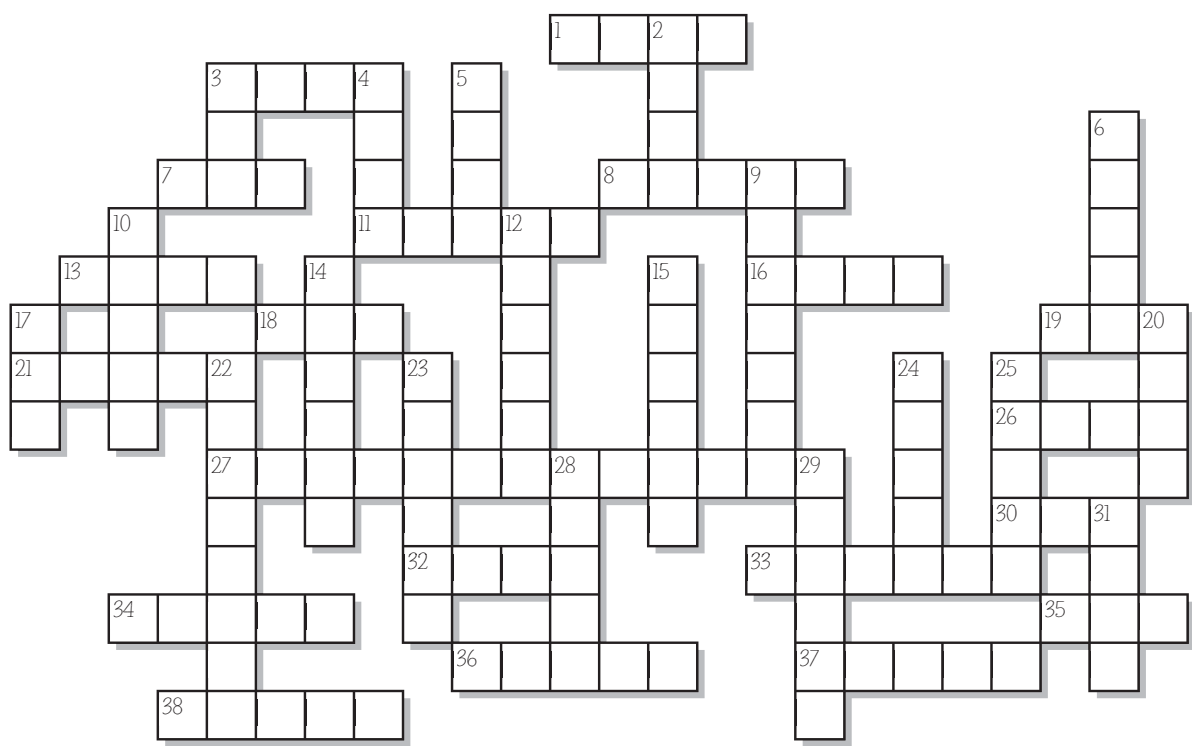
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this information we have no alternative but to attempt to make contact with the property owner, thus increasing the time and frustration to the renter waiting at the Main Gate. I also encourage the renter to hand carry a copy of the agreement with the owner to help expedite their access to the community.

Residents who move within the community should also visit the Main Gate as soon as possible to ensure that their information is transferred to the new property and that there is no disruption to their barcode.

Property Rental:

Residents who chose to rent their property should remember to download a rental form from the BSM website (forms are also available at the Main Gate), fill it out and return to the Main Gate PRIOR to the arrival of the renters. This way, when renters arrive, the information for their stay is already in the Gate Keeper system, and we can avoid any unnecessary telephone calls to the property owner.

Residents may also provide a copy of the lease agreement instead of the renter form. The renter should also be advised to arrive at the gatehouse with a copy to prevent a delay at the gate upon arrival.

Moving within the Community:

Residents who move within the community from one home to another should be advised that the transition is not automatic in the Gate Keeper system. If you move, you will be required to provide a copy of the settlement document of the new property. Then the Site Manager can transfer Owner/Barcode/Perm list information from the original residence to the new residence within the community.

An ARC did you know, moment...

By Barry Groesch,
Architectural Review Committee Chair
Did you know...When replacing exterior doors or windows, an ARC application is required. Go to **BSM22.org** to get your application.



- New Moon – October 6
- First Quarter – October 12
- Full Moon – October 20
- Third Quarter – October 28

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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September Off-Beat Holidays

By Maggie Hart, *Mariners Pass*
We're still in hurricane season, but there are finally some outdoor, public events nearby. September has some significant historic days, too. It's interesting that a number of explorers went out in this month's still-volitive weather, discovering and settling new lands. They were brave men indeed! Enjoy your September, and continue to keep a weather eye on what might be brewing.

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.

Sheriff's Report – July

9 Written Warnings:
4 – Speeding, 1 resident, 3 visitors
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1 – Obscured tag, resident
1 Verbal Warning:
1 – Failure to stop at stop sign, 1 visitor
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September 2, 1930: French aviators Dieudonne Coste and Maurice Bellonte made the first non-stop flight from Europe to the United States, landing in Curtiss Field, Valley Stream, Long Island, New York.

September 4, 1609: The island of Manhattan was discovered by navigator Henry Hudson.

September 2 - 6: *10th Annual Key West Brew Fest*, Key West, Florida

With multiple sponsors, Brewfest raises funds for Rotary Club Key West Sunrise. This event has lots of beer-related activities throughout the Labor Day weekend for beer lovers of all kinds. The signature event happens on Saturday, but don't miss the Hangover Brunch and Pool Party the day after, or any of the fun pre-events on the days leading up to the main event! Go to keywestbrewfest.com for information about individual events and venues.

September 6: *Rosh Hashanah*, the celebration of the Jewish New Year begins at sundown.

September 6: *Labor Day*, a federal holiday, is observed annually on the first Monday of September. Originally, it was a day organized to celebrate various labor unions and their contributions to the United States' economy. It is now considered a day that gives workers a day of rest. It is the Monday of the long weekend known as Labor Day Weekend, and it is considered the unofficial end of summer.

September 8, 1565: The first Catholic settlement in America was founded by Spaniard Don Pedro Menendez de Aviles at St. Augustine, Florida.

No one will ever forget where they were on the morning of **September 11, 2001**, when they learned of the attacks on the twin World Trade Center towers in NYC and the Pentagon in Washington.

September 11 - 12: *I Like It Hot Festival*, Largo, Florida. One of the Largest Gourmet Hot Sauce Festivals, featuring Hot & Spicy food vendors from all around Florida, competitions, Pepper Eating Contest, Intensity Academy's Spicy Lolly Lick-A-Thon and more. This festival is all about the Pepper. Largo Event Center, 6340 126th Ave., North Largo. Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, go to ilikeithoffestival.com.

September 15: *Yom Kippur* starts at sunset. The Jewish Day of Atonement, is set aside to atone for sins committed. Yom Kippur always occurs ten days after Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year.

September 16: *Mexican Independence Day* celebrates Mexico's independence from Spain. This day is celebrated in Mexico with parades, fiestas, fireworks, and picnics.

September 16: *The American Legion Day* celebrates the day this organization was granted its federal charter by Congress in 1919. It was established to support and assist veterans returning from World War I. Since then, it has grown and supported veterans of all wars, and veterans of peacetime as well.

September 17: *Citizenship Day* celebrates being a citizen of the United States of America. February 29, 1952, President Harry Truman signed a bill establishing Citizenship Day on September 17 of each year. The roots of this holiday go back to *I Am an American Day*, which was established in 1940 by Congress as the third Sunday in May. This day was moved and renamed to Citizenship Day to coincide with the signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787.

September 18, 1947: The U.S. Air Force was established as a separate military service.

September 20: *National Pepperoni Pizza Day*, a day to celebrate one of America's favorite variety of pizzas. Pizza can be eaten for breakfast (often cold), lunch, dinner and as a late-night snack.

September 25, 1513: Spanish explorer Vasco Nunez de Balboa first sighted the Pacific Ocean after crossing the Isthmus of Panama.

September 29, 1789: Congress created The United States Army, consisting of 1,000 enlisted men and officers. And, more to celebrate:

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Tight Lines...Surf Fishing Can Bring Big Fish Rewards

By Jay Lev, Burnt Store Anglers

The northeast coastline from Maine to Key West Florida offers some beautiful beaches with access to surf fishing.

Having spent most of my fishing time throwing artificial baits from my boat, my family invited my wife and me to join them at the Outer Banks of North Carolina for a family vacation. Having been there many years ago on a giant tuna fishing trip, I never gave much thought to fishing the surf at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. After exiting the Pamlico Sound via the dangerous Oregon Inlet, I never thought I would be interested in fishing the surf. How wrong I was! I contacted the nationally known Red Drum Tackle Shop in Buxton N.C. (252 995-5414) for some good advice, and a



conversation about what tackle to use and what fish might be on the bite. The staff there was very helpful, and once my family arrived in Buxton for our vacation, I headed to the shop for some first-hand information. I thought I would pass on some of the great information that the staff gave to me to make my vacation a fishing success.

It had been a while since I took my surf tackle out of storage, so I treated myself to a new 10-foot surf fishing rod. With five of us in the SUV, a 10-foot rod was not going to be welcomed. After a bit of investigation, I selected a GOTURE Xceed 1004M-S surf travel rod. It was built as a travel rod, and was made up of 4 pieces packed in a short travel tube. To my surprise, I located the rod on the internet for about \$59.00. The rod was designed to handle 15- 30 lb. line test with lure weights between 3/8 -1 3/8 oz and had a fast-casting tip. It was perfect for the job of getting a lure or a chunk of bait out about 75 to 100 yards into the surf. I paired the rod with one of my Penn Spinfisher reels and I was ready to go.

The surf on Cape Hatteras is very active. Riptide is common, so you want to stay on the dry beach when casting. I left the bait shop with a bag full of fresh large shrimp, and another filled with chunks of squid. As for the artificial lures, I used an old fashioned 1 oz Hopkins metal lure. The hook setup I used was a traditional high low rig made by the local bait shop with a 4/0 hook on the top and a 5/0 hook on the bottom. The rig required a 1 oz. sinker tied to a 3' piece of 50 lb. leader material. This setup made casting the bait into the surf very easy.



When I inquired about the type of fish now in the surf, I was very surprised. Ten species of near shore fish were on the bite. Here are the names of just a few. Red drum up to 4 ft. and 60 lbs., Florida pompano up to 18 inches and 5 lbs., Spanish mackerel 2 ft. and up to 8 lbs., southern flounder 2 ft. and up to 10 lbs. spotted sea trout 2 ft. and up to 8 lbs., bluefish 2 ft. and up to 20 lbs., southern kingfish up to 15 inches and 2 lbs., gulf kingfish up to 18 inches and 2 lbs., jack crevalle up to 3 ft. and 30 lbs., and blue runners up to 18 inches and 3 lbs., and of course, plenty of sharks. This information was provided to the public in literature published by the North Carolina Division of Fish and Wildlife.

We managed to catch a few really nice red drum, and southern king fish. The tackle and bait worked just fine. The evening tides proved to be the better tide for an active fish bite.

If you are beginning to plan a surf fishing trip, and do not mind a 15-hour car trip, the Outer Banks of North Carolina is a surf fisherman's *dream*.

On another note, the Burnt Store Anglers are planning to resume our meetings and programs during November. The next issue of *The Beacon* will have the specifics of times and speakers.

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Fitness, Friends & Fun... Staying Fit As A Community

By Bob Honcharski, Fitness Center Committee Chair

Hopefully, by the time you read this, most of our dealings with COVID are a distant memory. We should have returned to normal activities,



Fitness, Friends, & Fun and the regular social gatherings within Burnt Store Marina and the surrounding area. The memory of COVID, and how it affected all our lives, will likely stay with us for years to come.

In terms of memories, I was recently reflecting on the Fitness Center Racquet and Pool Club, and how far we have come in the brief time since Section 22 HOA took over the amenities. Prior to the actual purchase by Section 22, a small group of volunteers led by a former resident, Mark Boyle, was given the task of taking the facility out of the financial hole it was in, and making it fiscally viable to better serve the residents and neighboring communities. After a multitude of initial planning meetings, a needs assessment survey was sent out to the community, and we had an almost 50% response rate. Many interesting ideas were submitted, some not so practical, but others were great ideas and many showing a strong consistency of interest. New membership options and pickleball were at the top of the list, along with more fitness classes and a host of other suggestions.

As we further developed our “business plan,” many new membership categories were created as well as investigating the sport of pickleball. Most of us knew little about the sport except that it was growing by huge leaps and bounds. We visited neighboring courts to learn about the game, and what we would need to make pickleball work for us.

Once the amenities were purchased, the new membership categories were rolled out and temporary pickleball nets were purchased. Our membership grew more quickly than we had imagined. In addition, there was a huge contribution of volunteer help to spruce up the facilities. The exteriors of the buildings were repaired and painted while the interiors were cleaned and eventually painted as well. The pool area also received some of that much-needed attention. Many of the 25 or so patches in the bottom of the pool were leaking badly. It was just a mess. The pool was resurfaced, new tile installed and, once again, we had a facility that made us proud.

Social gatherings for our whole membership were a regular monthly event. Our membership grew and grew. Section 22 recognized the growth, and our additional needs, and in the following year, four tennis courts were rebuilt. No longer were players forced to deal with playing over bumps and cracks. Fitness classes were very popular and additional high-energy instructors were hired. There was an average of more than 50 classes held each week! Then there was pickleball! The interest in the sport grew exponentially, and Section 22 came through with its support again, and transformed two tennis courts into eight pickleball courts.

Volunteers and donations have been a strong theme for our facility. The pool furniture was falling apart and disgusting. It was well beyond cleaning (although we tried). We were promised matching funds for whatever we raised to purchase new furniture. To our surprise, after several months of donations, we were able to purchase all new furniture for the pool area. In the pickleball area, those member volunteers worked to make that renewed area an example for other clubs in the region. Volunteers fixed things that needed attention, and to date, the donations received amount to almost \$40,000. This allowed the pickleball group to create a social space (which is such an important part of the game) by installing a patio, purchasing spectacular patio umbrellas and an outdoor cooking area, complete with a propane grill and granite top prep/serving station. Funds were also raised by selling space

for advertising banners on the court fences. While all this was happening, the tennis program with its resurfaced courts and some fresh ideas and renewed energy has seen the highest level of participation in years!

When COVID arrived, it certainly put a damper on a lot of activities at the Club. All fitness classes were canceled, the courts were closed, and the pool was locked. This hurt the club financially. When we took over the amenities, we had made great strides taking the club from its \$150,000 operating deficit and getting it to run in the black. This was a tremendous accomplishment, but these efforts were severely impacted by the COVID closures. It forced us to think outside the box. Zoom classes were set up and many of our members were keeping fit from their living rooms. As soon as we were allowed by the state to open things up, we did! We gradually opened, with courts first, then the pool and spa with limited numbers, and then the fitness facility, also with limited numbers using our tennis court reservation software. The Zoom classes sparked a new membership category that will serve another group of our members in the future.

So here we are. Operating at “full strength.” All our facilities are open and as the new season dawns, I anticipate a resurgence of members as we are all more comfortable being out and about with other people. Oh, if you haven’t noticed, through all of this

growth over the last four and a half years, it is the PEOPLE that have made us successful. Whether it has been the managers that kept everything running smoothly, the tremendous fitness instructors, the tennis and pickleball pros, the committees for each facet of the organization, or the members of the Section 22 board who recognized our growth potential and invested in us. It was our PEOPLE, members, who painted, cleaned, moved furniture, moved fitness equipment, hosted social events, ran competitive events, laid pavers on the pickleball patio, prepared our facilities for storms or donated money to facilitate improvements that made us grow.

The future is bright as we return to normalcy. We have an eye on our future needs. We need more pickleball courts, and we need more space for fitness classes, aerobic equipment and weight equipment. For certain, there is a need for our social gatherings to begin again. It will likely take time to address some of these issues, but we will be working towards solutions.

Hopefully, we will see each other on the courts, in the pool, sweating in the Fitness Center or at a Fitness Center social soon. Thanks to all the people who have taken us this far on the road to success! It would be impossible to name them all, and I certainly would not want to leave anyone out. It is safe to say that there are hundreds of contributors that have made the Fitness Center what it is! Thank you!

Plant of the Month...Ixora

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass

Ixora coccinea (also known as jungle geranium, flame of the woods, santan or West Indian jasmine) is a popular flowering plant among gardeners because of its showy flower clusters. It is a member of the *rubiceae* family, which includes coffee, gardenia, firecracker vine, and pentas. The flower grows in clusters at the end of its branches. Each cluster may contain up to 60 individual flowers. Each flower is very small and tubular with four petals. It comes in a variety of brilliant colors like scarlet, orange, yellow and red. The leaves are a medium-to-dark green and particularly leathery and glossy. *Ixora* is considered an evergreen. Nora Grant Maui and Super King are some favorite cultivars found at local nurseries.

One of the best things about *ixora* is that it flowers throughout the year. *Ixora* flowers continuously under ideal conditions. The flowers attract many different butterflies, which is an added benefit of having this plant in your yard or patio. Plant it in areas where it can receive full sunlight. Exposure to greater amounts of light will result in compact growth and more flower bud formation. And, while full sun is necessary for maximum flower production, this plant, especially large-leaved varieties, can be grown in partial shade. *Ixora* can be pruned anytime and will handle shearing, but remember that pruning will reduce your plant’s flowering. Try to keep the soil moist, since *Ixora* thrive in humid conditions. Make sure the soil is well drained to avoid the root rot.



Ixora is not native to Florida even though there are several trillion planted here. They are native to tropical Asia where they are mostly cultivated as shrubs and some small trees for landscape purposes, and also used for its medicinal qualities. It can be used to treat various ailments like rheumatism and wounds. The flowers occasionally produce dark red to purple edible berries. The leaves possess antiseptic properties and the roots can be used to treat diarrhea and fever. There is no part of this plant that is poisonous to humans or animals.

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What in the World is That??!!

By Maggie Hart,
Mariners Pass

Have you looked out in your yard and spotted crusty little do-dads, hanging on your screens, and sometimes even hanging on your walls? Nasty! What are they, and where did they come from?

The other evening, my neighbor and friend Debbie, was sitting outside with us, enjoying some libations. She pulled something off our wall (I thought it was a chunk of dirt I hadn't taken time to clean up), and then she put it on a piece of paper on the table.

"What is *that*?" I asked. "Watch," she said. Out of one end of the chunk of dirt came a little brown, wormy head. Wow. I asked her again – "what is that?" Debbie answered that she thought it was a "caseworm." And, maybe, it ate little pieces of stucco on the side of our building.



I had seen these little things hanging on walls and screens, but did really think about what they really were. So, later, I did what most of us do. I asked Google about them.

Up came a whole article in *Featured Creatures*, posted by the University of Florida. This creature is actually called the household casebearer, or *Phereoeca uterella*. It is a small moth. Females lay their eggs on crevices on walls, cementing them on debris, after which they die. Hatching larva construct their own cases, which they carry as protection, and allow them to feed. The fully developed larva is about 7 mm long, with three pairs of legs that it uses to propel the case around. The case is sealed at each end and attached again to walls for the pupal stage. Moths emerge after about 11 to 23 days. The cycle of time that eggs are produced, lava hatch, become pupa, and pupa become moths is about 62 to 86 days.

You may ask, what do these creatures eat? The most common food for household casebearers in Florida is **old spider webs**. So no, they are not eating your walls. They are actually cleaning them.



A Note to Our Many Associations

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

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

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The Recipe Box

By Candace VanDenBerghe, Marlin Run

Using the bone from a holiday ham is my traditional way to make split pea soup. However, that option isn't always available, so this version is a variation that can be thrown together any time.

Split Pea Soup with Sausage (serves 6)

8 c. water (I use half water, half chicken stock)
1 lb. bag dry split peas, rinsed
2 c. diced or sliced smoked sausage or kielbasa
2 c. diced onions (1 large)
2 c. diced celery
2 c. diced carrots
2 c. diced potatoes (1 large)
1 1/2 Tbsp onion powder
1-2 cloves of minced garlic
2 bay leaves
1 tsp. thyme leaves

Add all of the ingredients to a large Slow Cooker (5 quarts or larger). Cook on **low** for **8+ hours** or on **high** for **6+ hours**. It's ready to serve once the peas are tender, and the soup has reached your desired level of thickness.








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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.

September's tips are:

- If you use tape to attach your decorations, it should be removed within 24 hours.
- 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.

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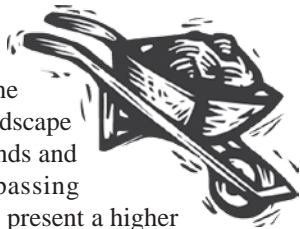


Gardener’s Wheelbarrow

By Maggie Hart,
Mariners Pass

If you have not already done so, prepare your September landscape for possible damaging high winds and torrential downpours from passing tropical storms. September can present a higher probability for hurricanes in SW Florida. Hurricane season peaks between August and October, with September 10 as the day you’re statistically most likely to find a tropical storm somewhere in the Atlantic basin. Harvey, Hugo, Ike, Irma and Maria were all September named storms.

- September/October is your last chance to prune plants that are cold-sensitive tropical plants (e.g., hibiscus, ixora, allamanda). This will allow enough time to pass so that new growth can harden off.
- Prune up to one third of the foliage height from shrubs. If your goal is to greatly reduce a shrub’s size, prune one third now and in the spring if need be. And, you might also question if this shrub requires massive amounts of pruning on a regular basis - is it the best plant for this particular spot?



Maybe a smaller plant is more appropriate in this spot.

- More on pruning. . .pruning can be an overall reduction of height from the top (horizontal), or, it can be the removal of the tallest branches (vertical). Both will reduce height, but the latter method will encourage growth in the center, allow better air flow and give sun an opportunity to reach the interior. The result is a healthier plant with more even distribution, top to bottom, of foliage.
- Those unfamiliar with subtropical plants may decide to constantly shape their shrubs into hedges and boxes. Subtropical and tropical plants are poor subjects for this sort of topiary treatment. It denies them their natural appearance, forces bushy growth only on the tips of the branches and encourages dieback, disease and pests, through the lack of sun and air circulation to the plant’s interior. The only plant that we grow locally, that would allow this sort of treatment, is the tiny-leaved ilex schilling.
- You still have time to plant trees, shrubs and turf. Get them in as soon as possible to take advantage of the remaining summer rains. Select plants based on size and sun, shade and drought tolerance. Choose the right plant for the right place.

- Herbs (annual and perennial varieties) are another good bet at this time of year and can be grown inside the lanai cage, where they do well. Pot up sage, sweet marjoram, thyme, basil and rosemary for use in your meal preparation. Herbs need to be pruned frequently.
- If your lawn has dead spots from chinch bugs and you have already treated the area, now is the time to do some renovation. Remove the dead turf runners, smooth out the area and replenish it with topsoil, if the area is relatively small. For larger areas you can purchase plugs from a garden center, filling in with topsoil.
- Fungus and disease can become a problem under wet/humid and high temperatures. Check your ornamental shrubs and turf for signs, and treat promptly and appropriately.
- Remember: through September 30, the *Summer Fertilizer Ordinance* is in effect. A summer blend of fertilizer *free of nitrogen and phosphorous* is available locally, and can be applied to lawns during this restricted period.



Fit Happens... Arthritis, Exercise and You

By Cheri Frank, Senior
Fitness Specialist

Arthritis is one of the most common conditions that people encounter as they age. More than 36 million people in the United States have some form of arthritis. Arthritis means inflammation of a joint. One of the most common forms is osteoarthritis, that is caused by the breakdown of the smooth



cartilage inside the joint. Movement in the joint can become painful without a smooth surface. Osteoarthritis is commonly referred to as the wear-and-tear arthritis because it is often seen in the weight-bearing joints, such as the knees, hips, ankles and spine. The prognosis is usually good since it progresses slowly and usually is not debilitating.

You may be thinking, “Ouch, my aching joints, I can’t possibly exercise!” Exercise may just be the answer to relieving some of the aches and pains you feel from arthritis. When you do not exercise, your joints become stiff. Keep in mind that joints

require lubrication to function properly, and exercise helps to lubricate those joints. A sedentary lifestyle can lead to metabolic changes that cause problems with the cells in the body and joints, which can lead to arthritis. Being sedentary negatively impacts our cells’ ability to produce energy, and cause an overproduction of glucose. This turns into lactic acid when it is not used for energy, and the buildup of lactic acid causes inflammation around the joint. It is important for people with arthritis to exercise to help increase strength and flexibility around joints, help maintain and increase bone strength, provide nourishment and lubrication to joints, and prevent feeling like the “tin man.”

The good news is that it’s never too late to start exercising, and getting the benefits to your joints that it will provide. Physical activity is the best and most effective nondrug treatment for reducing pain and improving movement. Focus on range-of motion and flexibility exercises to help improve movement and pain levels; low impact aerobic exercises to help increase endurance; strength training to strengthen muscles that support and provide stabilization to the joints. It is important to warm up the joints and muscles before exercising. Exercise when there is the least amount of pain and stiffness. Activities that minimize stress to joints such as swimming, water exercise, chair exercises and walking are excellent choices. Avoid vigorously exercising an inflamed joint. Put the joint gently through its range of motion.

Most importantly, listen to your body, and modify or stop any exercise that causes pain. As with any exercise program, get clearance from your doctor to make sure the exercise program you plan is right for you!

Remember, Keep Moving!

Running Red Lights Is Major Problem In Car Crashes

Our Driving Actions Affect Everyone

Red light running causes hundreds of deaths and tens of thousands of injuries each year. Local news media do not seem to be lacking daily news of car crashes relating to red light running and distracted driving. The definition of running a red light in Florida occurs when a vehicle enters an intersection any time after the signal light has turned red.

If the vehicle does not come to a complete stop (sometimes called a “rolling stop”) at an intersection with the “right on red” notation, they have also run a red light. It is also considered a red light running if the intersection is marked “no turn on red.”

According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, almost 850 people were killed in crashes that involved red light running in 2019. Over half of those killed were pedestrians, bicyclists, and people in other vehicles who were hit by red light runners. Another 143,000 were injured in red light running crashes.

Red light runners are more likely to be younger, male, with prior crashes, or alcohol-impaired driving convictions. They were also more likely to be speeding or alcohol impaired at the time of the crash and less likely to have a valid driver’s license.

Our actions affect more than us; they affect everyone around us. We need to remember that our vehicle is a weapon on the roadway. At 35 mph we have a 45 percent chance of killing the person we hit.

To prevent red light crashes, AAA recommends that drivers:

- Prepare to stop. Lift the foot off the accelerator when preparing to enter any intersection.
- Use good judgment. Long green lights will likely turn yellow as you arrive at the intersection.
- Tap the brake several times; this will catch the attention of the person behind you.

Most importantly, drive defensively. Look both ways before entering the intersection after the light turns green, counting to three. This will help prevent red light runners from the left or right.

The Lee County Injury Prevention Coalition serves as a collaborative effort or partnership whose function is to facilitate partners’ work and act as a catalyst for injury prevention initiatives. Its mission is to prevent injury, disability, and death through advocacy, education, legislation, and partnerships.

For additional information about the Injury Prevention Coalition or red light running contact Brian Raimondo at ipcleecounty@gmail.com or (239) 330-2240.

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2021 Veterans Day Events at BSM

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All Events Open to the Public

This is an updated schedule of the Veterans Week of fundraising events in November, to benefit the *Wish For Our Heroes Foundation*. All events are being held at Burnt Store Marina – Cass Cay Restaurant & Bar and Burnt Store Marina CC.



As you read through the events below, please consider our veterans and active-duty military. We are asking a little more for each event this year to try to help make up for not being able to hold our event in 2020. We want to help as many of our veterans as we can. We hope that you will plan to join us for an amazing lineup of events. We plan to make them all fantastic.

300 Club Tickets are on sale now from any committee member. We are selling 300 Tickets for \$25/each for a chance to win up to five 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, or any committee member, to purchase tickets before they are sold out. You do not need to be present at the event to win.

Cass Cay Event – Saturday, November 6, 5 - 9:30 p.m. Reservations will go on sale September 30 at Cass Cay on the deck from 3 – 7 p.m. Only 275 tickets are available. Additional times will be listed in flyers, or beginning October 1, you can make reservations by going to Cass Cay (payment required at reservation). All reservations are non-refundable, but you can change a name on a reservation by contacting us by noon, November 5. Cash or check only, please. Make out checks to: *Wish For Our Heroes Foundation*. We have two price options this year:

- **\$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.
- **\$100/per person** – Premium – Early entry to event (4 p.m.) – Entry to event, 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. \$50/per person is tax deductible.
- 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 layout, for 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



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on your location request, and number of people in your group that have all been named and paid for. This will be handled in a 1st come, 1st serve 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 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 the 1st day of ticket sales.

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 Marina, we will have the entire restaurant and the Tiki Hut this year to maximize space. Contact Joyce Brown with any questions.

Golf Tournament – Burnt Store Marina CC – Sunday, November 7 – to be held at Burnt Store Marina CC. Due to only having two courses available to play this year, we will be limited to a maximum of 100 golfers. This is a Noon Shotgun Start - **Registration will begin October 1** at the golf club. 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, entertainment and so much more. We are still working out final details with the club and will announce pricing when available. Please mark your calendar now to join us.

Golf Hole Sponsorships – Sponsorships are available: Tees & Greens for \$100; Practice Greens (Heron & Clubhouse), Cart Barn & Driving Range for \$200; Clubhouse Front & Back for \$500. 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 at: 617-680-0360, or clfgri@aol.com. Checks should be made out to *Wish For Our Heroes Foundation*.

Veterans Breakfast - Linkside Café at Burnt Store Marina CC – Thursday, November 11, from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. (Doors open at 8 a.m.) 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. Registration will begin for this in early October. Watch for more details in flyers and the next *Beacon*.

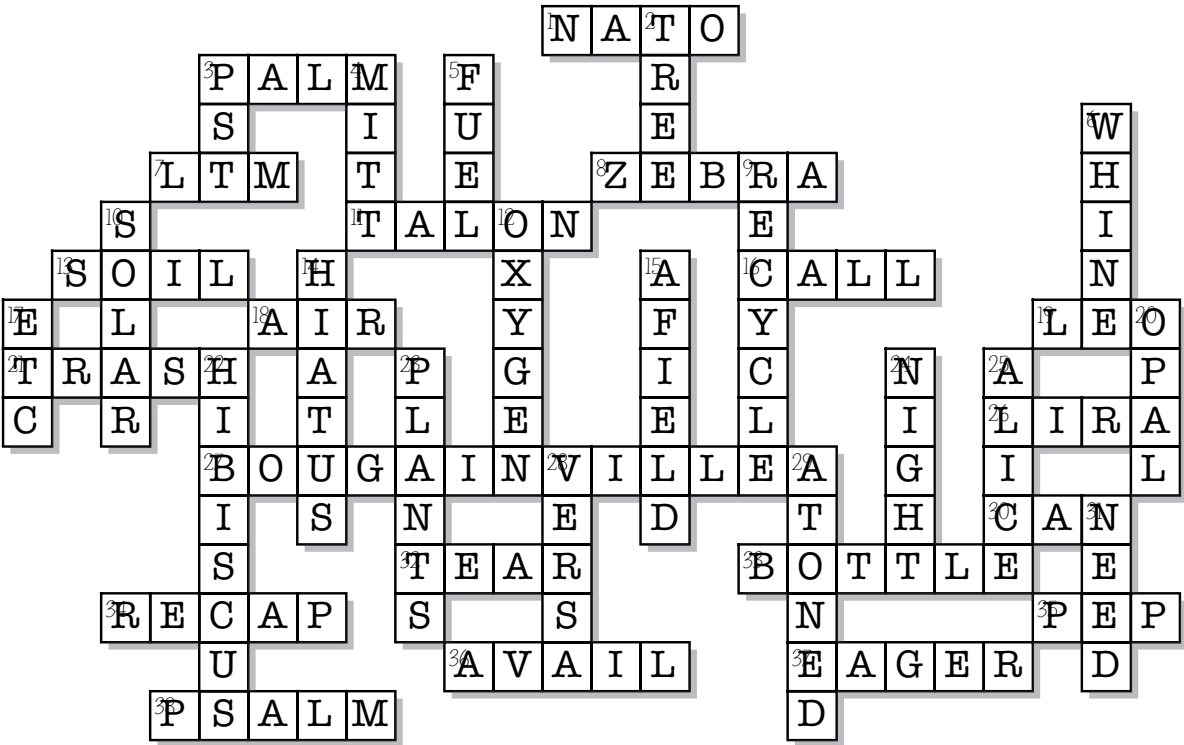
Auction/Raffle Items – We are looking for great items for our Auctions & Raffles for the Cass Cay and Golf Events. If you have something to donate, contact any committee member.

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, 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.

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

EARTH DAY



ACROSS

- 1 Treaty Organization
- 3 Tropical tree
- 7 Long term memory
- 8 Striped animal
- 11 Bird claw
- 13 Dirt
- 16 Phone
- 18 Mixture of gases that surround the earth
- 19 Constellation

DOWN

- 21 Rubbish
- 26 Italian money
- 27 Prickly plant
- 30 Metal container for food
- 32 Rip
- 33 Container made of glass or plastic
- 34 Review
- 35 Spiritless
- 36 Help
- 37 Enthusiastic
- 38 Sacred poem

DOWN

- 2 Leaf maker
- 3 Pacific Standard Time
- 4 Baseball glove
- 5 Anything that is burned as a source of energy
- 6 Complain
- 9 Reuse
- 10 Relating to the sun
- 12 What we breathe

DOWN

- 14 Interruption
- 15 Away from home
- 17 And so forth
- 20 Opaque gem
- 22 Short lived blossom
- 23 Places in soil
- 24 Day’s opposite
- 25 Girl in wonderland
- 28 Vice ----
- 29 Made amends
- 31 Require

Be Aware: Any Dog Can Bite

Most people would probably agree that having a dog charge at them and bite is a frightening experience. The Postal Service reports that is exactly what happened to over 5,800 letter carriers in 2020. That represented an increase over the previous year. Several things added to the mix: More people were at home; more packages were being delivered; and more dogs had been adopted.

The Postal Service places the safety of its employees as a top priority and dedicates a week each year to dog bite awareness. “Raising awareness about dog bite prevention and how to protect our letter carriers as we deliver the mail is paramount,” said USPS Acting Employee Safety and Health Awareness Manager Jamie Seavello. “Dogs are instinctive animals that may act to protect their turf.”

Here are some tips to prevent dog bite injuries. They should be enforced year-round:

- If a carrier delivers mail or packages to your front door, place your dog in a separate room and close that door before opening the front door. Some dogs can burst through screen doors or plate-glass windows to attack visitors. Always keep the family pet secured.
- If your dog is in the yard when a carrier is delivering the mail, do not let them run free. Make sure that they are properly restrained on a leash away from where your mail carrier makes delivery. Mail delivery service can be interrupted at an address or in a neighborhood that the carrier deems unsafe because of an unrestrained dog. When service is interrupted at an address or neighborhood, all parties involved will need to pick up mail at their local Post Office.
- Parents should remind their children not to take mail directly from carriers in the presence of the family pet, as the dog may view the person handing mail to a family member as making a threatening gesture.
- A great way for customers to know if their carrier may be knocking on their door to deliver a package is through a free USPS service called Informed Delivery. Customers get a daily email with digital scans of the mail and packages that are scheduled to be delivered that day. You

can easily sign up for Informed Delivery by going to informedelivery.usps.com. By knowing about deliveries in advance you can take precautions to keep your carrier safe.



It is important to know that if a dog attacks a letter carrier, the dog owner could be held liable for all medical expenses, repayment of lost work hours and the replacement of the carrier’s uniform and other costs. This can run into thousands of dollars.

It is in the best interest of all parties, including our dogs’, for pet parents to heed these safety tips irrespective of their dog’s breed, because ultimately, any dog can bite.

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Platinum Point Yacht Club

By Sue Smith, Director


As summer winds down, it won’t be long before a busy schedule of fall activities at PPYC begins. Members are especially looking forward to the reopening of our beautifully renovated clubhouse. The project will be highlighted at a ribbon-cutting event prior to our mid-November Annual Meeting. Happy Hour, as well as Mah Jongg, Bridge, and Quilters groups meet throughout the year, and autumn brings a return to a very full schedule of other opportunities to get together with PPYC friends on and off the water.

Grill nights, Sunset Socials and Lunch Cruises are slated to begin again in September, with the first Happy Hookers Fishing Group and Bunco meetings in October. Cruisers will also depart for the season kickoff, a 4-night boat trip to Naples. From then on, every week seems to add more layers to the kinds of activities offered to PPYC members. For example, social events like our “Celebrate - Wear Your Team Colors” tailgate party, art and exercise classes, and the monthly golf scramble are on the agenda. Another new event that will be coming in November is a PPYC shrimp boil, featuring great food, lots of fun and varied entertainment, and an invitation to our neighbors to come be a part of the fun.

If you are interested in joining PPYC, new member information can be obtained at the club house. Dorothy Saviste, Club Administrator, is on-site Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and can be reached at 941-639-0723. And...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.



Out & About the Marina. Photos by Karen Sanderson



Platinum Point Yacht Club
Community Shrimp Boil
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3:30pm - 6:30pm

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We look forward to seeing you November 18.



Platinum Point
Yacht Club

Located in Burnt Store Marina, 3601 Cape Cole Blvd, Punta Gorda, FL 33955
Visit the PPYC website (PPYCBSM.org) for additional information.

More Good News For Chocolate Lovers

I have an ongoing love affair with chocolate. It’s more of a love/hate relationship. Once I start eating chocolate, I just can’t stop. Needless to say, I am always looking for health reasons to justify my consumption and, at the same time, keep me from overindulging.

Luckily there are a few studies that tout the benefits of chocolate. For example, a group of Italian researchers enlisted 90 elderly patients with mild cognitive impairment to be given a daily chocolate drink for two months that contained cocoa flavanols of different amounts (high, intermediate, or low). Flavanols are the healthy antioxidants in chocolate. As one might expect, study compliance was excellent, almost 100 percent.

Cognitive function was evaluated using a series of tests. At the end of the study, those who had been drinking the high and intermediate flavanol drinks completed tests more quickly. Their verbal fluency improved as well, but



the high flavanol group improved most. They also showed a decrease in insulin resistance and blood pressure; their total cholesterol, triglycerides, and LDL cholesterol started to shift in a healthy direction.

It is doubtful that Alzheimer’s disease, dementia, high cholesterol, and high blood pressure will be cured by chocolate alone. However, a small amount of chocolate a day, along with exercise and a healthy eating plan, can certainly help.

All in all, this is looking good for chocolate lovers. Nevertheless, it is important to note that flavanols are found in their highest concentrations in dark chocolate. Make sure you find chocolate that has a cocoa content of 70 percent or higher. Chocolate is also high in calories, so moderation is key. Try keeping your treat to around one ounce.

Our ancestors were very wise indeed, as chocolate has been used for medicinal reasons for over 5,300 years. Now we have the studies to show why it makes sense. I have no doubt there will be even more information and results in the months and years to come.

Chocolate lovers take heart by taking a dark chocolate bar – and eating a very small part!

Robin Miller, M.D.



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ACTIVE LISTINGS

JULY '21
17,813

↑ **10%** JUNE '21
16,266
↓ **51%** JULY '20
36,346

NEW LISTINGS

JULY '21
19,598

↑ **1%** JUNE '21
19,462
↑ **4%** JULY '20
18,762

PENDING SALES

JULY '21
21,441

↓ **6%** JUNE '21
22,722
↓ **8%** JULY '20
23,381

LISTINGS SOLD

JULY '21
17,201

↓ **10%** JUNE '21
19,181
↓ **4%** JULY '20
17,912

ADOM

JULY '21
19

↓ **14%** JUNE '21
22
↓ **67%** JULY '20
57

TOTAL SALES VOLUME

JULY '21
6.5B

↓ **11%** JUNE '21
7.3B
↑ **16%** JULY '20
5.6B

AVG. SALES PRICE

JULY '21
\$380,898

↓ **0%** JUNE '21
\$382,401
↑ **21%** JULY '20
\$314,575

MOS. OF INVENTORY

JULY '21
1

JUNE '21
1
JULY '20
2

*Statistics according to CoreLogic as of August 5, 2021 and represent all residential listings in the Stellar MLS coverage area, which includes multiple counties.



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