



# President’s Comments

By Craig Holcomb, Sec. 22 HOA

Like most areas in Florida, our community has experienced a big turnover in home sales and purchases. Those who have been here for some time decided to take advantage of the higher sale prices and move on. Those coming to the area have been willing to pay higher prices in order to gain access to the residential market in Florida, and have gratefully picked our community. So we have been, and are, experiencing a major turnover of population within our community.

So, I thought we might give some history to those that are new to our community over the past three or so years. First, our community is a deed restricted community, meaning that in order to own a home here there are restrictions, rules and regulations that are attached to the right of ownership.

We are a unique development in Southwest Florida in that not only do we have a marina that is one of a kind on the southwest coast, but we also have a 27-hole golf course. These two major amenities are crucial to our community retaining its value as we begin to have more competition up and down Burnt Store Road.

Here is a quick review of the past five years. In 2015, because the owner/developer fell into bad times, a new owner/developer bought the defaulted notes to the bank. They became the owner of the marina, the golf course, the fitness center, roads and waterways. In 2016, that owner was going to sell all the parcels, except the marina, to whomever they could, but first offered to sell them to PGI Section 22 HOA. They also began the sale of the marina to Safe Harbor.

In 2016 and 2017, our community, by 88% voting yes, overwhelmingly decided to buy the parcels by voting in three different elections to change our documents and gave approval to the HOA to buy everything but the marina. The community decided it was better to own, operate, and make sure that these amenities would remain open, successful, and a value to our community for the activities they offer, and the value that they add to our properties and daily living, rather than living under the umbrella of an outside owner.

In 2017 we took ownership and began the process to update all our purchased assets to bring them back to a functional standard after 30 to 35 years of neglect by previous owners. This was no different than our present homeowners putting on new roofs, resurfacing driveways, replacing irrigation systems and updating the inside of their new homes.

We continue to put time, effort, funds and planning into the infrastructure components of the assets we purchased, to bring them back to respectability and use for our community. The pandemic in 2020 and most of 2021 put us behind in some of our planning and projects. For 2022, we are seeing a comeback of our amenities, and resuming the projects that are needed to finally get our assets and amenities to a respectful standard of operations and use.

For our community to be healthy, we will need to properly fund the current daily operations. This will enable us to maintain and upgrade the current assets so they are in good working order



Picture by Pam Garafolo, NJ friend of Daryl Ann Lemon – “Happy Valentine’s Day to all...”

and aesthetically pleasing, and have reserve funds for the future, known and unknown, needs of the community.

As we go into 2022 our community is getting stronger each year. We are fortunate to have so much more to offer than other newer developments in our area. We are a complete package, and we strive each year to maintain and improve upon what we have for those of us here now, and for those that come in the future.

Finally, and most importantly, we do have the friendliest and most giving residents that you can find throughout Florida. Many new residents and outsiders have commented on the strength of our residents and volunteers who bring so much knowledge and ability for any and all causes that need to be dealt with on a daily basis. Burnt Store Marina is just a great place to live!

# 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:

- James H. Boyce, 3925 Cape Cole Blvd., installing gutters.
- Eugene Voogd, 4030 Cobia Estates Dr., hurricane shutter installation.
- David & Catherine Randall, 4111 Cape Cole Blvd., roof & house paint.
- Karen Bailey, 2050 Matecumbe Key Rd., hurricane shutter installation.
- Eugene & Karen Voss, 1613 Islamorada Blvd., replace existing lanai.
- Howard & Joy Freeman, 113 Big Pine Ln., roof replacement.
- Judith Anderson, 24620 Dolphin Cove Dr., roof replacement.
- Richard Hollowell, 23983 Vincent Ave., trash enclosure extension.
- Charles Grayson, 5011 King Tarpon Dr., exterior paint.
- Derrick Westhaver, 2060 Matecumbe Key Rd. #2304, hurricane shutter installation.
- David & Catherine Randall, 4111 Cape Cole Blvd., window replacement.
- E. Duncan & Kay-Susan Geikie, 2049 Matecumbe Key Rd., window replacement.
- Helen R. Kendall, 24081 Redfish Cove Dr., hurricane shutter installation.
- Tom & Judy Schmitz, 1060 Matecumbe Key Rd., roof replacement.
- Mark & Jeri Vosseller, 4079 Cape Cole Blvd., windows & sliding door replacement.
- Safe Harbor Marina, 3192 Matecumbe Key Rd., install paver pads.
- Grande Isle I & II, marina walk, extending height of landscaping wall.

- Dale & Lisa Cardin, 1605 Islamorada Blvd., roof replacement.
- Todd Beaty, 5091 Key Largo Cir., roof replacement.
- Brad Baker, 4038 Big Pass Ln., widen driveway.
- Jim & Judy Schinneller, 24141 Redfish Cove Dr., replace doors & windows.
- William B. Burns, 4041 Cape Cole Blvd., extend & replace lanai.

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 Property Management, 13831 Vector Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33919.

## Community Access Committee

By Pat O’Neill, Chair

### Community Pet Walking Tips at Night

#### 1. Be Visible

It is important for you and your dog to be visible during walks in the dark, to make sure that drivers can easily see where you both are at all times. There are a number of things you can do to make yourselves easily visible. For example, reflective jackets or vests for you and your dog

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



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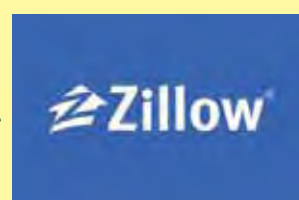


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# Mark Your Calendar – Out And About

## Inside the Gates Dates

- **Tuesday, February 1:** Deadline for the March *Beacon*. Article and picture submissions are welcomed. Become part of the *Beacon* family.
- **Tuesday, February 22:** Section 22 HOA Board Meeting, Linkside patio, 9 a.m.
- **Every Tuesday:** Bar code installation, front gate, 1 to 3 p.m.
- **Every Thursday:** Bar code installation, front gate, 9 to 11 a.m.
- **Every Friday:** Burnt Store Marina Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Cass Cay Parking Lot.

## Outside the Gates Dates

- **Friday, February 4:** Fort Myers River District Art Walk, 1 to 5 p.m. Visit many galleries, exhibitions and performances.
- **Wednesday, February 5:** Yoga in the Peace River Botanical Gardens. Open to all levels of yoga. Bring your yoga mat or a beach towel and any equipment you need. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. \$20 donation includes entry into the Gardens. 5827 Riverside Dr. Punta Gorda.
- **Friday, February 11:** Dance with Me – Charlotte County Concert Band. Hear your favorite dance music. 7:30 to 9 p.m. 701 Carmelita St., Punta Gorda. \$15. Go to [cccb.board@gmail.com](mailto:cccb.board@gmail.com) for information.
- **Saturday, February 12:** City Wide Garage Sale. 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. 1133 Bal Harbor Blvd, Punta Gorda.
- **Friday, February 18:** Fort Myers River District Music Walk, 5 to 9 p.m. Local and regional musicians line the street with music from jazz to blues to rock and roll.
- **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:** Walking Tours of Punta Gorda Murals. 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Stop at 12 to 15 historic murals and learn the history behind each one. Meets at Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce, 252 Marion St. Register early as only 12 participants on each tour. Call 941-639-3720 for reservations. \$25.
- **Every Tuesday:** Cape Coral Surfside Sunset Market, from 1 to 6 p.m., Veterans Parkway and Surfside Boulevard, opposite end of Belks Dept. Store.
- **Every Wednesday:** Long Lunch Sightseeing & Culinary Walking Tour. Explore culinary treasures of Punta Gorda and visit historic sites. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$39 per person. Go to <https://swfloridawalkingtours.com/tours-2/long-lunch-tour>.
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- **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 14<sup>th</sup> Ter. and SE 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

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are available, and can be very handy especially with the colder weather. You can find quilted and weather resistant ones for both dogs and humans. Also, blinking light collars, attachable collar lights and light up leashes can be as strong as a flashlight and make others aware of where your dog is.

You can find collars and leashes with reflective material on them which can be effective as well. You can even buy a roll of reflective tape to put on your dog’s collar/leash and your own jacket if you are looking for something you can add to already existing items. If you don’t have any of these things, wearing light or bright colors is always very important when in the dark.

Another helpful accessory is a light-up pooper-scooper

or combination flashlight/waste bag holder. Even though it is dark out, it is still important to pick up after your pet if you are in a public area.

#### 2. Choose a Well-Lit Path

When walking your pet at night you want to make sure you are walking somewhere that you can be seen from all angles. Choose a path that is likely to have activity. This can also help to avoid environmental hazards such as allergens or aggressive animals.

#### 3. Illuminate Your Path

The best way to do this is to bring a flashlight so you can see where you and your dog are stepping. This can also help you when picking up after your pet. This frees up your hands to better handle your pet, and any other situations that may arise during your walk.

#### 4. Use Caution

You should always be aware of what is going on around you during a walk at any time of day. Since visibility is decreased

at night, you should be even more aware of any sounds or movements going on around you. Make sure you bring a charged cell phone in case anything does happen, so you can easily get in contact with help. Your pet should also always have ID tags, even during the daytime, in the event that you lose sight of him/her. Try to free up your hands as much as possible; utilize pockets so you can focus on your dog.

If walking in the road, make sure to walk against traffic, and use sidewalks whenever possible. When a car is coming your way, be sure to give them the right of way. Unless they clearly give you the signal to go, wait for the car to pass before crossing the road.

If this is your first walk in the dark with your pet, and you’re a little nervous, bring a human friend along! Your dog will feel more comfortable when you’re comfortable, so make sure you are relaxed on your walk. Don’t let the dark stop you and your dog from maintaining an active lifestyle. Grab that light-up leash and warm reflective jacket and get out there!

## An ARC did you know, moment...

By Barry Groesch,  
Architectural Review Committee Chair

Did you know...If you want to install a garage screen door, an ARC application is required. Go to [BSM22.org](http://BSM22.org) to get your application.



## Burnt Store Marina 2022 Wisconsin Party

Sunday, March 20, 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
Tiki Hut at the Marina  
Provided: location, settings  
(plates, knives, forks, napkins), brats and buns  
Bring an ample dish to pass (appetizer, side dish or dessert) plus your beverage of choice, plastic glasses and \$5 per person  
R.S.V.P. to Rick Uihlein at [rickuihlein@gmail.com](mailto:rickuihlein@gmail.com) or phone 414-915-4005. Please pass the word to other “cheeseheads,” and invite them to come. The facility has limited space, so please reserve your spot by February 27.



## 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

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sign. Barbie and Jerry Newman are in first place, with most  
wins for most games played.

When you stop by the bocce court during game time,  
you will notice as many subtle variations of throwing the  
ball as there are people present. Some crouch to release the  
bocce smoothly; some throw with an underarm motion to  
get a spin; others bank the ball off the wooden bumpers in an  
effort to get close to the pallino. When I first started playing,



it was suggested to bowl straight – I was told that most good  
players are straight bowlers. To my dismay, I found throwing  
a straight ball much harder than I expected.

Strategy in playing bocce can be complex, however, most  
of our players rely on luck. Sure, some of the members show  
real finesse, but for newcomers and fun-loving players, good  
luck gives us hope of winning.

Join us on Tuesday afternoons at 3 p.m. No training  
or special equipment is needed. Bring yourself, bring a  
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For more information, or to be put on our email list, call  
Tom & Kathy Darrell at 330-806-9182.

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(Stay Safe and God Bless)



## Burnt Store Marina Home for the Holidays

### Home Decorating Winners 2021

**1st Place** - \$100 Cass Cay Gift Card  
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Bob Paul & Millie Hierro 1502 Islamorada Blvd.

**2nd Place** - \$75 Cass Cay Gift Card  
Stephany Hunt & Dan Farley 2081 King Tarpon Drive

**3rd Place** – 14” Trading Post Pizza  
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#### Single Family Homes

Average Sales Price	\$521,623	34% <span style="color: green;">↑</span> over 2020
Median Sales Price (midpoint of all sales)	\$406,000	14% <span style="color: green;">↑</span>
Total Volume all sales	\$30,244,145	34% <span style="color: green;">↑</span>
Total Units Sold	58	8% <span style="color: green;">↑</span>
Average \$/SF	\$258	22% <span style="color: green;">↑</span>
Sale Price to List Price %	99%	2% <span style="color: green;">↑</span>

#### Condominiums

Average Sales Price	\$324,738	14% <span style="color: green;">↑</span> over 2020
Median Sales Price (midpoint of all sales)	\$312,500	17% <span style="color: green;">↑</span>
Total Volume all sales	\$47,736,452	42% <span style="color: green;">↑</span>
Total Units Sold	147	36% <span style="color: green;">↑</span>
Average \$/SF	\$208	13% <span style="color: green;">↑</span>
Sale Price to List Price %	99%	2% <span style="color: green;">↑</span>

*\*Data Provided By Stellar MLS for Sales from January 1 - December 31, 2021*



# Fit Happens...Heart Health

By Linda Cross,  
Certified Group  
Exercise Instructor

Now that the holidays are behind us, you have probably started to think about plans to improve your heart health. The heart is the most important muscle in the body. Working around the clock, it carries oxygen to every cell. As we age, the risk for developing some form of cardiovascular disease is greater. Cardiovascular disease is a term for all the diseases affecting the heart and blood vessels. It is considered the silent killer, especially for women, because it often does not display any telltale



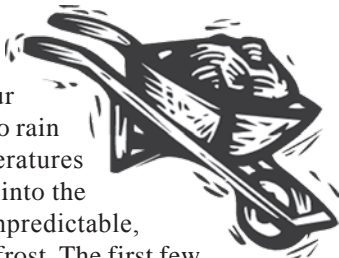
symptoms. Poor diet, lack of exercise, smoking, infection, and unlucky genes contribute to cardiovascular disease. Atherosclerosis is the accumulation of cholesterol inside the arteries. Cholesterol plaques can break apart, disrupt blood flow, and cause a heart attack or stroke. Steps can be taken at any age to lower the risk of heart disease. Keep tabs on your blood pressure readings, cholesterol values and get regular checkups. Eat healthy and stay within a reasonable daily calorie limit, using proper serving sizes. Choose a variety of fruits and vegetables, and increase fiber by adding whole grains. Eat healthy fish fat such as tuna, salmon, and sardines, which provides Omega 3 fatty acids. Select lean red meats, low fat dairy and watch the amount of saturated fat by reading nutrition labels. Lower sodium

content by cutting back on packaged foods, and if possible, prepare meals fresh. Keep blood sugar under control and limit alcohol consumption to 1 drink for women and 2 drinks for men. Smoking and secondhand smoke should be avoided. Always follow directions for taking medications. Another way to lower your risk is to get active. Aim for 30 minutes a day. Before beginning an exercise program, talk to your doctor. Bicycling, walking and swimming are good activities, and there are many classes at the fitness center to choose from. Using a fitness tracker is a great motivator because it provides a stimulus for improvement. These guidelines are a great start to improving heart health. After all, our heart beats about 2.5 billion times during our lifetime. That is just amazing!

# Gardener’s Wheelbarrow

By Maggie Hart,  
Mariners Pass

February continues our dry season, with little or no rain expected. Daytime temperatures are historically in the 70s into the 80s, with evening lows unpredictable, and possibly flirting with frost. The first few months of the year tend to be a seesaw of temperatures, with last year’s high at 88, and a low of 40. This causes plants to be stressed and vulnerable to frost and sunburn, pests and diseases...and also drought. They need all the help we can offer and so here is February’s checklist:




- **Pruning** - Cold sensitive plants should not be pruned. Pruning encourages new growth that is tender and susceptible to cold damage. Dead and diseased wood can be removed at any time.
- **Remove spent blossoms** (dead-heading) to promote continued bloom.
- **Ornamental grasses** (fakahatchee, cord, muhly, purple and white fountain) need a severe haircut to within 6 - 12 inches of the ground. This is also a good time to spray for any red spider mites.
- **African Iris** also should be cut to several inches above ground level.
- **Fertilize tropical and flowering ornamentals** (bush allamandas, gardenia, ixora and hibiscus) with a slow-release fertilizer. Remember that fertilizer contains salts. Excess salt burns root hairs. Time your fertilizing, if possible, with the rains. Watering before and after fertilizing makes for very happy plant roots.
- **Look for damaged leaves** brought to you by your local cutworms. They are nocturnal eaters. Spray with *Organocide* or a similar product. Pick ‘n smash is the most expedient method.
- **Fungus on Ornamentals** – If you see round dark “bulls-eye” areas on leaves, black stems, and brown patches in turf – treat it! Fungus is common to our area. Prevent it by providing good air circulation around shrubs.
- **Brown Spot Fungus** – Avoid watering excessively and use nitrogen judiciously at this time of the year. Fungicides are mostly preventive measures. Irregular dead-looking areas in the lawn signal brown spot fungus.

Do not walk through it! Doing so transfers the spores to other areas. • **Irrigation Maintenance** – It is important for you or your irrigation technician to verify each sprinkler head’s coverage on a regular (monthly) basis. Over time there will be adjustments needed in the system to accommodate plant growth.

• **Cold Temperatures?** Tropical plants adversely react to cold temperature below 50 degrees. So, you can imagine what temperatures in the 30s will do to them! Hopefully we will get by without any frost in February, but it can occur until late in the month as it did in 2009. It’s Caladium time! Lake Placid caladium growers are now shipping their bulbs. Since this Florida town is considered the Caladium Capital of the World, you can expect them to grow beautifully here. Although some do okay in our sandy ground, they prefer rich moist soil, a bit of shade and fresh water. They do beautifully in containers and are often sold in hanging baskets. Caladiums are grown for their amazing leaf color and patterns. They also come in categories by height (12-30” in a single season) and light requirements (full shade to some sun). Fertilize sparingly, and every couple of weeks, remove the dead or damaged leaves. Contact [www.caladiumworld.com](http://www.caladiumworld.com), [www.happinessfarms.com](http://www.happinessfarms.com), [www.floridaboyscaladiums.com](http://www.floridaboyscaladiums.com), or any of the other Lake Placid growers to order your bulbs. You won’t be disappointed.





## The Recipe Box

By Candace VanDenBerghe, Marlin Run


Serve with literally anything – today I topped it with jarred marinara sauce and mozzarella with extra parmesan, to serve over thin spaghetti. Because I was going Italian, I also added some Italian seasoning.

### Baked Chicken Meatballs

(serves 4 - 6)

1 lb. ground chicken (or turkey)  
1 egg  
1/2 c. Panko breadcrumbs  
1/2 c. grated parmesan cheese  
2 Tbsp. olive oil  
1/2 tsp. garlic powder  
1/2 tsp. onion powder  
1/2 tsp. salt  
black pepper to taste  
additional seasonings (optional)

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Line a baking sheet with foil and a little cooking spray. Mix all the ingredients together in a mixing bowl. Roll the mixture into balls. Place on baking sheet. Bake for 25-30 minutes. (Time will vary according to meatball size.)



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# Burnt Store Marina CC News

By John Abbott,  
General Manager, BSMCC

The Season is in full swing, and even though February is a short month, it is full of fun events here at the club. We are kicking it off with hula skirts and coconut bras at our annual “Hawaiian Luau Scramble” on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup>. Afternoon golf, cocktails, and a Hawaiian BBQ...what could be better?!

Ladies... grab your spouse or another man, and join us for the Valentines two-person scramble on February 13, which includes prizes, cocktails and loads of fun.



Linkside is packed with lots of events for everyone this month, including a murder mystery dinner, bourbon tasting, micro-brew and food pairing, Super Bowl party, prime-rib dinner, reverse raffle dinner and our always fantastic Tuesday dinner and Friday fish fry. There is never a dull moment here at Linkside, and although members get advance reservations to most events, our facility is open to everyone, so come on out and take advantage of all that we have to offer.

Living in South Florida means enjoying the outdoors, and we have put together a list of wonderful entertainers this month to provide live music under the stars. Food trucks accompany our Thursday night entertainment, and

have become quite popular. This month’s trucks include Mobstahlobstah, Red Roc Craving, Taste of Cities, Wally’s BBQ, Crab Cake Hotline, Dawg Pound, Sunny Days, Horse Eyed Jakes and Taste of Poland. Make sure to read the “Weekly Blast” that we send out every week to get the entertainment schedule, as well as what food trucks are coming and when. Once again, everyone is welcome to come and we ask that you please bring small bills, and bringing a lawn chair is always a good idea as seating is limited. No outside “BYO” alcohol is permitted.

Thanks for helping us make Burnt Store Marina a great place to live and play. We look forward to seeing everyone at the club!

BSMCC February 2022 Schedule of Events						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Planned Events are Subject to Change		1 9 Hole Scramble 3:30 p.m.*** Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.*	2 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m. - 3 p.m.* Presidents Cup Republican Dinner 5 p.m.*****	3 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m. - 3 p.m.* Food Truck/Music 5 p.m.	4 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11a.m. - 3 p.m.* Fish Fry 5 p.m.*	5 Breakfast 8 - 11 a.m. Lunch 11a.m. - 3 p.m.* Hawaiian Scramble 12:30 p.m. ***
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* 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. Due to circumstances beyond our control, everything is subject to change.						

## Kids on the Golf Course

Many of you may have grandchildren visiting – and they think it’s fun to drive around in Grandpa & Grandma’s golf cart. Please be aware that there are rules for golf cart use.

No one under 14 is allowed to drive on streets within Burnt Store Marina.

No one *not* playing golf is allowed to drive on the golf course.

It’s as easy as that. Please do not allow under-age visitors to use your golf carts, or any other vehicles in Burnt Store Marina, especially on the golf course.

## 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.

## Grammar Tips...It’s or Its

By the Editors of *The Beacon*

It’s one of the words we use every day. We say it, read it and write it in our emails and other forms of communication. It’s really easy to say – mainly because *it’s* and *its* sound the same. But they’re not that easy to write correctly.

*It’s* is a combination, or contraction, of **two** words: *it*, a pronoun, and *is* or *has*, which are verbs. This word form is used in casual conversation and writing. It is far more

formal to say “it is” than “it’s.” Examples would be “*it’s* the best restaurant in town,” or “*it’s* been great.”

*Its* is the possessive form of the word it. It is used to indicate possession by something, an object or a nonhuman being. Examples would be “*its* food is the best in town,” or “the movie came to *its* end.”

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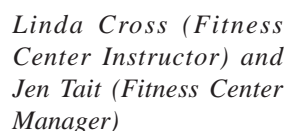


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# Plant of the Month...Caladiums

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass

With lush multi-colored leaves, many of them as large or larger than the palm of your hand, caladiums are perfect foliage plants for shady or semi-shady gardens. Each leaf seems to be hand painted with striking combinations of green, white, pink and red. The best landscapes use different leaf colors and textures to create interest, and caladiums really fill in shady areas beautifully.

These tropical South American natives thrive in hot, humid weather. With a little pampering, these exotic shade dwellers create glorious displays rivaling that of any brightly flowering plant. Caladiums do produce flowers, but they are not showy, and are insignificant. And, because caladiums are natives of the tropics, they crave heat and only flourish in warm air and soil temperatures... all summer long in south Florida.

You will see potted caladiums in nursery centers as early as March, but tubers can be purchased online in February. Tubers generally come in three sizes: medium (No. 2), large (No. 1), and jumbo. Larger tubers typically produce more leaves and grow faster. If you order early, you can start your tubers in pots and keep them in a sheltered area if temperatures are still cool.

Plan to plant your tubers in filtered sun or shade, with the exception of newer varieties that can tolerate more sunlight. Leaf colors are often more vibrant when grown in shade. Because some have large leaves, locate plants in a spot sheltered from strong winds to avoid damage. Plant in moist, rich, well-drained soil, amended by compost or other organic matter. Wait until daytime temperatures are 70 to 85 degrees and nighttime temperatures stay above 60. Plant them in garden beds about 1½ to 2 inches deep with the pointed end (stem) pointing up. Space plants about 8 to 12 inches apart, based on their size at maturity.

Provide enough moisture throughout the growing



season to keep the soil evenly moist. If you allow the soil to dry out, the leaves may yellow and drop. Apply a layer of mulch around your plants to help retain moisture. Caladiums don't need a lot of fertilizer, and using too much can burn the leaves.

They will die back in winter, but you don't need to



do anything with them while they are dormant. In the spring, before they come back, apply liquid fertilizer – like Miracle Gro – to the beds and begin keeping the soil moist again.

Now...sit back and enjoy your caladiums, as they come back year after year!

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### Cyndi Martin, Realtor

A Michigan native, Cyndi and her husband John moved to Florida five years ago after completing a six-year sail around the world on their 46' sloop "Glass Slipper". Departing the day after their wedding from a small island in Lake Michigan, they covered some 48,000 miles and 54 countries and returned with an enhanced appreciation of diverse cultures and lifestyles.  
The move to Florida was a natural choice as they

could satisfy their love of being on the water. They quickly fell in love with the small town feel of Punta Gorda and its proximity to the sea.  
Cyndi is a conscientious Realtor who exudes credibility, commitment, and determination. Since starting the business in 2020 she has completed over \$4,500,000 in real estate sales. Cyndi prides herself on excellent communication skills and a warm and friendly approach.



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# February Off-Beat Holidays

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass

February is the shortest month of the year. The Welsh call February “y mis bach,” which means little month. It’s the third month of winter, which began December 21. In the Southern Hemisphere February is a summer month.

February is named for the Latin word *februum*, which means purification. Together with January, it was the last of the months added to the Roman calendar.



The Tranquility of Dusk in the Marina  
Photo by Karen Sanderson, Esplanade



Burnt Store Marina daily sunset.  
Photo by Kathleen Tyndall

## In History:

**February 1, 2002:** The first *Burnt Store Marina Beacon* was published by Seabreeze Communications. The first editors were Peg Love, Judy Johnson, Shirley Weersing, Joan Mason and Jan McLaughlin. Liaison to the Section 22 HOA Board was Rachel Martin. This issue marks 20 years of service to the community...Happy Birthday to *The Beacon*!



Top picture: Our 1st editors 2001, Shirley Weersing, Judy Johnson & Jan McLaughlin. Bottom picutre: Beacon staff built up 2003.

**February 4, 1985:** The United Nations signed a document entitled “*Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.*” 20 countries participated in the signing.

**February 19, 1913:** A prize was inserted into a Crackerjacks box for the first time.

**February 23, 1945:** U.S. Marines raise the America flag in Iwo Jima. Just four days after arriving, U.S. Marines captured Mount Suribachi, on Iwo Jima’s south side, famously raising an American flag at the summit. That image was captured by Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal, who won a Pulitzer Prize for the iconic photograph.

**February 27, 1951:** *The 22nd Amendment* to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, limiting the president to two terms.

**February 16:** *Fat Tuesday* is the day before Ash Wednesday. It is also known as *Mardi Gras Day* or *Shrove Day*. It is a day when people eat all they want of their favorite foods, as the following day is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the fasting

period for Christians called Lent. In addition to fasting, Christians also give up something that they especially enjoy. So, Fat Tuesday is a celebration, and the last opportunity to enjoy the food, snack or beverage that is given up for the Lenten season, the 46 days before Easter.

**Events you may look forward to:**

**February 10 – 21:** *Florida State Fair*, Tampa, Florida  
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**February 13:** *Super Bowl LVI* (56) will be held in Los Angeles, CA at the SoFi Stadium. Millions of people around the world *MIGHT* hold or attend the “Big Party” at bars, party houses, and in their living rooms. Super Bowl Sunday is the second biggest snack day of the year, second only to New Year’s Eve. Sit down and tune in to the most watched game of the year. Watching the great ads and the super half-time show are as much a part of the game as the game itself. Many readily admit that they watch the Superbowl just to see the ads.

**February 14:** *Valentines Day* has become a day to celebrate the one you love most, as well as those closest to you. Be sure to shop early for your card – do it now!

**February 15:** *Presidents Day* is celebrated as a federal holiday in the United States. It was created in 1971 as part of the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, combing the two February birthdays of Abraham Lincoln (February 12) and George Washington (February 22). Their birthdays had previously been observed as separate holidays.

Traditionally, *Presidents Day* marks the starting day of the annual *Girl Scout Cookie* sales. This year, cookie-loving consumers across the country can get a great big taste of deliciousness with new Adventurefuls, the latest addition to the Girl Scout Cookie lineup. This brownie-inspired cookie, with caramel-flavored crème and a hint of sea salt, takes cookie lovers on a delicious adventure, just like Girl Scouts go on their own amazing adventures all year long.

**February 18 – 21:** *Presidential Families Weekend & Forum*, Key West, Florida.  
Not your typical Florida Festival! This event takes place at the Key West Harry Truman Little White House, a fascinating historic spot. For President’s Weekend, descendants of presidents will participate in a forum on “American Bipartisanship.” Descendants of Presidents Truman, Grant, Eisenhower, Cleveland, McKinley Theodore Roosevelt and Taft are scheduled to attend. Truman’s grandson will star in a production of the play “Give ‘em Hell, Harry.” All events are ticketed. For tickets and more information, go to [trumanlittlewhitehouse.org](http://trumanlittlewhitehouse.org).

**February 26–27:** *Swamp Cabbage Festival*, La Belle, Florida.  
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# Tight Lines...Burnt Store Anglers Celebrate Their 20th Anniversary

By Jay Lev and the contributing Burnt Store Anglers

In 2002, 18 anglers informally got together to talk about starting a fishing club to promote fishing, and share their experiences here at Burnt Store Marina. For the previous several years, a small group of fishermen met each Thursday out on the water to share a good day of fishing. These anglers came from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Connecticut, Florida, Alabama, and a few states we actually can't remember. At days end, many great fishing stories were exchanged. After one of those fishing trips Jay Lev and longtime resident Ron Doig met during a golf game and talked about starting a fishing club. It was agreed that both Ron and Jay would casually talk to their fishing buddies, and see if there was any interest in forming a fishing



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club. The response was mostly positive, and Ron and Jay made arrangements to have a meeting of anyone who was interested in helping to organize a new fishing club here at Burnt Store Marina. Expecting only 18 or so anglers to attend, over 80 interested men and woman anglers came to help get a fishing club off the ground. For the next month, discussions were informally held, and a search for volunteers to head committees for the possible organization of a new fishing club was underway. In February 2002, the Burnt Store Anglers was formed. Artist Stan Hochstadt volunteered to design a club logo and Jay Lev was voted the first club President. Ron Doig was voted Vice President and Tournament Chairman, and a number of volunteers took on positions of Membership Chairperson, Treasurer, Program Chairperson and Communications Chairperson.

Each month thereafter, the Burnt Store Anglers met to enjoy informative programs. The first speaker for the Anglers was Dr. Aaron Adams whose new publication titled *Fishermen's Coast an Angler's Guide to Marine Warm-Water Gamefish and Their Habitats* was a great guide to all our members. Dr. Adams was the Program Manager of the Fisheries Habitat Ecology Program for Mote Marine Laboratory field station at Charlotte Harbor. Dr Adams was a welcomed speaker, and often spoke to the Anglers on fishing topics before he relocated to Key West as head of the Keys Marine Research Center. Other speakers for the Anglers were Captain Robert Moore, a well-known local fishing guide, Captain Rhett Morris Guide, Fishing Frank and Robert Lugewitz owner and manager of Fishing Franks tackle. The Anglers also enjoyed a presentation by marine biologist Gina Russo, a speaker from Florida Fish and Wildlife, and over 30 other outstanding fisherman and conservationists.

During their development as a fishing club, the Anglers also offered many learning opportunities to new saltwater fishermen. For over 7 years the Anglers offered their Annual Fishing School. The school, organized by Jay Lev, included instructors who helped form the Anglers including George Folio, Ted Morand, Marv Bergman, Joel Spector and Pete Heber representing the Coastal Conservation Association. Courses on fishing rod building, cast net throwing and navigation, to name a few, were offered annually as a sponsored event of the Burnt Store Anglers.

To help attract new members to fishing in Charlotte Harbor,



the Anglers organized and ran a large local fishing tournament. Among the tournament directors from the Burnt Store Anglers, who were instrumental in organizing the fun charity tournament, was Ron Doig, Jay Lev, and longtime tournament director Gene Weidemoyer. Gene was very successful in organizing a dedicated group of anglers, who volunteered to make the Tournament into a very large and popular community event. At Gene's suggestion, and right after the passing of co-founder of the Burnt Store Anglers Ron Doig, the Tournament was renamed in honor of Ron. The annual tournament is now called the Ron Doig Memorial Burnt Store Anglers Community Tournament. Because of the huge success of the tournament and Gene's outstanding committee of volunteers, the tournament raised funds used for annual contributions, some of which were given to Ron Doig's favorite charities. The Punta Gorda Elks Annual Kids Fishing Tournament and many of our local food kitchens were the recipients. As part of the Burnt Store Anglers commitment to our community, the Anglers organized a tournament called Fins and Skins. It consisted of 9 holes of golf and 2 hours of fishing in one of the dedicated golf course retention ponds. The Anglers provided rods and reels, bait and angler guides, including John Oemig, Dave Roop and Marv Bergman. Some remarkable catches were made including a huge piece of sheet metal caught by Joyce Punt, a nasty small alligator caught and released by Bob Wood, many largemouth bass, and a prize winning snake head fish caught by angler and golfer Paula Allton.

The Anglers also joined members of the Ladies Golf League who sponsored a large golfing event to benefit the Susan G Komen Foundation. For the many non-golfers, the Anglers also ran a large fishing tournament known as the FISH FOR THE CURE. Over \$2000 raised by the anglers was also contributed to the Komen Foundation. As part of their community and conservation efforts, the Burnt Store Anglers also conducted many additional fun and charitable activities. The repair and



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cleanup of the spoil islands was conducted for several years with project coordinators Joel Spector and George Folio leading the way. Planting of over 3000 mangroves pods was conducted by angler teams under the direction of Charlotte Harbor conservation organizations. Today it is estimated that over 50% of the plantings are helping stop erosion in the harbor. A fun “Fish from The Wall Tournament” was run each year under the leadership of Marv Bergman. This tournament was open to all anglers and their families regardless of their affiliation as a Burnt Store Angler Member. Families enjoyed this great tournament paid for by the Anglers, with refreshments and prizes for almost all fish caught.



Beauty of a Delicate Hibiscus Flower  
Photo by Karen Sanderson, Esplanade

One of the Anglers’ most important activities was to lend a hand for the clean-up and rebuilding of the Historic Fishing Franks Tackle shop. The fishing store was burnt down by a horrible truck accident in the middle of the night. Many of the Anglers gave time to this project and President, Tom Zalac, led the Anglers in raising contributions to help keep the many talented employees available for work. Fishing Franks is now in a new location, and again helping new and experienced anglers to enjoy our sport. Most recently, the Burnt Store Anglers participated in collecting fishing tackle for kids, who under faculty direction, started the Punta Gorda Middle School Fishing Club. The Anglers turned over 25 fishing outfits and tons of fishing tackle for use by the kids. In the club’s effort to respect conservation of Charlotte Harbor, The Anglers have made annual contributions from its members to *Captains for Clean Water*, a new organization, working tirelessly to keep our waters clean and healthy. It has always been the Anglers hope that fishing would be the method by which all 165 of its members could find activities to help our community.

During January 2009, Jay Lev, then Tournament Chairman of the Anglers, was contacted by a television production group to see if the Burnt Store Anglers would be interested in co-sponsoring and providing facilities for the first ever *Guy Harvey Ultimate Shark Challenge* to run in 2010. The shark no-kill fishing tournament would be hosted by the world-famous artist and conservationist Guy Harvey. The purpose of the event would be to develop a televised Catch and Release Shark Tournament here in Charlotte Harbor to highlight the importance of protecting the local shark species and conducting research on this fishery. This huge event would bring anglers to Burnt Store Marina from all over the world, and have television crews from two networks. The New York Times also decided to have reporters on our boats, as well as several NBC news anchors. Needless to say, the Burnt Store Anglers were in shock that we were selected for this incredible event. Captain Robert Moore, a longtime friend of the anglers, helped the Anglers with discussions to bring the event to Burnt Store Marina. The marina owners graciously gave the Anglers use of the marina facilities, and the Burnt Store Golf and Activity Club Board of Directors contributed use of the club house facility as Tournament Headquarters. The facility also served as a TV Studio, Mote Marine Shark Research Program training center and the award Banquet. Just about every member of the Anglers volunteered to help bring off this immense event. Phil Giaramita, a longtime member of the anglers, loaned his beautiful offshore boat to serve as the communication vessel for the tournament. His crew included Marv Bergman, past president

of the Anglers, and Bob Corwin, a charter member. Phil, with the help of Captain Rob Moore, would call the tournament on or off due to weather, and would forward all communications about shark catches to the base communication center, located on the dock of the marina. Eighteen members of the Burnt Store Anglers would also be trained as official tournament observers and be onboard tournament boats to verify and identification catches. The 18 members of the Anglers selected for the observer program would be trained by world famous shark researcher, Dr. Bob Hueter of Mote Marine Shark Research Center. Tournament Volunteer Coordinator, Jay Lev and his crew of over 40 volunteers from the Anglers were exhausted but happy that the tournament was an overwhelming success.

Unfortunately, Guy Harvey on his way to Burnt Store Marina for the tournament, was called back to the Bahamas due to the passing of his father. Dr. Harvey asked if we would help with the second tournament to be housed at Lashley Park due to the expected 5000 visitors to the tournament. The Burnt Store Anglers were delighted to help. Guy Harvey, Wendy Benchley, wife of Peter Benchley, author of the book and movie director “*Jaws*” would be present. Mrs. Benchley made arrangements for the complete exhibit of the *Jaws* movie to be shipped to the tournament grounds to be on hand for all to enjoy. This tournament went as well as the first. Jay Lev and volunteer representative Jon Oemig were called to the awards stage by Guy Harvey to represent the Burnt Store Anglers and was presented with an original print signed by Guy Harvey with a note saying, “A special Thanks to all the Burnt Store Anglers for their outstanding volunteer help”, signed Guy Harvey.

Among the many charity and scientific activities of the Burnt Store Anglers, volunteers like Maryellen Black, our first Fisher Person of the year, Bill and Elaine Kimber, longtime members and Treasurer (Elaine was also our two-time Angler of the year), made things run smoothly.

A very special “Thank You” to our past and current presidents for many hours of volunteer efforts on behalf of the Burnt Store Anglers, and our Burnt Store Community: Jay Lev, Ron Doig, Ed Kosiewicz, Ted Morand, Jon Oemig, Marv Bergman, Dave Roop, and Tom Zalac. The entire fishing club offers a “Job Well Done” to our volunteer Past Presidents.

The Burnt Store Anglers meet the first Monday of each month from November through June at the Tiki Hut at the Marina. Family Membership is just \$10 per year, Life Membership is \$75 All are welcome.

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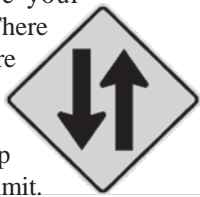
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# Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Volunteers and Foundation

By Barbara Berman, Guardian ad Litem Volunteer, Foundation VP and Board Member

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Over 125 of your Charlotte County neighbors, including a number of Burnt Store Marina residents, and over 500 Southwest Florida residents, are currently serving as Guardian ad Litem (GAL) volunteer advocates. In 2021, the Guardian ad Litem program represented over 1200 kids. The goal is 100% representation, so there is more work to be done, and more volunteers to be recruited, trained and supported.

Each case typically takes from one to three years to be resolved. These vulnerable children, many of whom live in temporary homes until a safe, permanent solution is achieved, experience many changes, often very rapidly. Their futures are very uncertain, and their young fragile lives are extremely stressful because they do not know what will happen next. During this very uncertain time, dedicated trained GAL volunteers become the “voice” for these children in the courts, and their temporary living placements, schools, the case management system, and with other community agencies. At all times, GAL volunteers are working under the mission of “I am for the child.” In many cases, the GAL volunteer is the one constant in the child’s life.

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The Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Foundation, 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Inc., raises the funds necessary to meet these needs, and to recruit and train GAL volunteer advocates. On March 19 the second annual Charlotte County signature fundraiser, *Jazz on the Harbor*, will be held at the Port Charlotte Beach Complex. The \$75 ticket includes an elegant buffet dinner, music by the Isaac Mingus Trio and a glorious sunset. Last year this fun evening raised over \$15,000. This year’s event promises to be even bigger! Your attendance or sponsorship for the upcoming Charlotte County Jazz on the Harbor event will help achieve the goal of matching EVERY child in the Charlotte County court dependency system with a volunteer Guardian ad Litem.

For further information on becoming a volunteer, or to sponsor or to get tickets to attend the *Jazz on The Harbor* evening, please call your Burnt Store Marina neighbor and GAL volunteer Barbara Berman at 443-632-4885 or call the Guardian ad Litem office at 941-613-3233 or online at **VOICESFORKIDS.ORG**.

See Jazz on the Harbor, page 23.

# Girl Scout Cookie Season Is Here!

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Girl Scouts sell cookies each year as a fundraiser to support camping trips, STEM projects and entrepreneurial pursuits among other activities. Selling season is January through April. Cookies will be sold at booths from Feb. 4 to March 6.

To find where cookies will be sold in your area download the **Girl Scout Cookie Finder** app from the App Store or go to [www.girlscouts.org](http://www.girlscouts.org), click on **Cookies**, then click **Buy Girl Scout Cookies**.

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# Passwords That Hackers Will Guess First

Avoid these common, easy-to-crack passwords ... unless you want to end up as the victim of a hacker.

When it comes to creating a password, many of us focus on devising a combination of letters, numbers, and symbols that we will always be able to remember. According to technology expert Burton Kelso, it is human nature to fall into a predictable routine of creating passwords. “We tend to create passwords based on things familiar to us, such as common words, names, and locations,” he explains. “Then we try to make things complicated for a hacker by adding a capital letter, a number, or a special character.” However, unless we come up with unpredictable passwords, we are giving hackers an easy way to break into our accounts.

But, as they say, knowledge is power. So to stay safe online on your phone or other devices, you need to know a few secrets that hackers don’t want you to know – including the fact that they’ll first try these common methods and passwords in order to get their hands on your personal information.

### They Start Off With A Password List

Kelso explains that there are several websites that offer “popular password” lists. While the intention is to encourage people to shy away from the most frequently used passwords, they are a great starting point for hackers. Mark Burnett, a security consultant and researcher, recently published 10 million passwords on his website Xato to provide a better understanding of how people formulate passwords. However, it also gives hackers a good place to start.

### They Will Create Bots

If they have gone through all their resources, hackers have one final tool to break your code: they can create a “bot” that will try every possible combination. (A “bot” – short for robot – is a software program that performs automated, repetitive, predefined tasks.) “Keep in mind, modern computers can make password guesses from 10,000 to over a billion guesses per second,” Kelso explains.

### Sequential Number Combinations

The trend of using number combinations has continued, according to a list of the top 200 hundred most common passwords of 2020 released by NordPass. Many of the top 10 passwords – a whopping seven – included simple number combinations of 1 through 10, with seven of the top 10 being number combinations.

### “Qwerty”

NordPass also revealed that “qwerty” is the most popular letter combo for passwords. “Qwerty” and “qwertyuiop” also made the top 20. (Qwerty: sequential computer keyboard letters.) Other variations, including numbers in-between each letter, remained on the top of the leaderboard throughout the list of 200. While it might seem random



to you, running your fingers along the top line of your keyboard is totally predictable to a hacker.

### “Password”

Whatever you do, avoid using the word “password” as your password. While the word itself is one of the worst you can choose, many other configurations of the word with letters and numbers are also on hackers’ go-to lists.

### So, What Are The Best Passwords, Anyway?

To break the cycle of creating weak, easy-to-guess passwords, Kelso maintains that the best type of password to keep hackers out of your stuff is a passphrase. “A passphrase is two or more words put together that form a password,” he explains. Some examples of passphrases are “stinkychicken” or “spangledbloatedowl.” You can also opt to have your computer generate random passphrases and store them on your computer – in a secure spot, of course.

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## Southwest Florida Area Meetings Offer A Solution To Food Addiction

Many people resort to desperate measures to control their weight and the way they eat – expensive diets, surgery, medications, excessive exercise, purging, abuse of laxatives, and extreme food restriction. Others don’t know where to turn or have just given up hope. There is, however, an effective long-term solution that thousands have found through Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous, or FA. As one member puts it, “I’ve kept 65 pounds off my body for almost 12 years – I couldn’t keep it off for 12 minutes before FA. I would go on a diet, hit my goal weight, and immediately go out and celebrate with food. After that, I’d start putting it all back on and then some.”

Based on the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, FA understands food addiction as a physical craving and an ever-increasing dependence upon and struggle with food, particularly flour, sugar, and quantities. FA is distinctive because it focuses on long-term recovery from addiction.

Founded in 1998, there are now more than 608 FA meetings across the United States and worldwide – including 11 in the Southwest Florida area. Meetings are open to all those who are interested in learning about the program for themselves or for others whom they think might find FA helpful.

FA has no dues, fees, or purchase of special foods and is not affiliated with any public or private organization, ideology, or religious doctrine. It is a fellowship of women and men – diverse in age, ethnicity, and socio-economic

background – who, through shared experience and mutual support, are recovering from food addiction.

Some members come to FA because of weight-related physical problems. As one man explains, “I was morbidly obese at 341 pounds and had a laundry list of health problems: knee and back problems, heart palpitations, acid reflux, high blood pressure, high cholesterol ... I also suffered from anxiety and depression. Since coming to FA, I now weigh 165 pounds and have maintained this weight for more than five years. I do not suffer from any of those physical (or mental) ailments any longer.” Many members report going off or greatly reducing their medications for Type 2 diabetes.

Other members come to FA for relief from the self-loathing and unhappiness that accompanied their struggle with food. As Carly describes it, “‘I’ll just have one,’ always lead me to having ‘just one’ until the plate, box or bag was empty. I hated myself for not being able to control my eating. I thought about food and my weight 24/7.” And another member says, “I used food to comfort me, to push down unwanted feelings, as a buffer between me and life. It wasn’t working. Following the FA program and working the Twelve Steps has allowed me to become the person I always wanted to be, both physically and emotionally.”

To locate FA meetings and find out more information about FA, visit [www.foodaddicts.org](http://www.foodaddicts.org), or call locally, (239) 338-5948 or the FA World Service Office at (781) 932-6300.

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# Blood Donation News

By Ann Singer, Admiral's Point  
**Don't Miss The Bus In 2022  
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The Next BSM Blood Drive:  
Always on Monday 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
March 14**

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

Our next blood donation day is **Monday March 14, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Make your appointment online or plan to walk in. During peak season I recommend making an appointment, especially morning time slots. Be sure to eat before you donate, and drink lots of fluids before and after. We need to stay hydrated in Florida, no matter the activity or time of year. Bring your photo ID. Gifts to donors: A successful donation entitles you to receive the incentive gift(s) TBD.

The bus will be located in the Cass Cay/ Tiki Hut/Trading Post parking lot. If you would like to schedule an appointment or have questions, contact Ann Singer at 319-290-5955 or Jo Bucci at 941-445-8260. Appointments may also be scheduled by logging on to **ONEBLOODDONOR.ORG**. Establish a user name and password and you



are ready to go. Walk-ins are always welcome. Remember to bring a photo ID.  
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**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

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# Golf Tips

By Bill Connelly,  
Manager of Golf Operations

Let's discuss one very important piece of equipment that we often overlook, the golf ball. Most of us feel that if it is round, we will use it. The golf ball is essential to help you lower your scores.

There are four different types of golf balls out there now. First, is the two-piece ball that generally feels hard and is better for distance. Next, is the three-piece ball that is best all around. It will help give you distance but also will have some control around the greens. The last two types of balls are what the tour players use, and they are a four-piece ball or a five-piece ball that feels a lot softer as well as spins more, which requires a higher than average speed to use.

If you have any questions about which ball best fits your game, stop by the pro shop and we can get the right ball for you.

There are several fun golfing events coming up in February so be sure to sign up. There will be a Hawaiian Scramble on Saturday, February 5 at 12:30, a Valentine Scramble on Sunday, February 13 at 8:30 a.m., and another round of Night Golf on Wednesday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m. And remember, there is a 9 Hole Scramble every Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

We had a fun event the evening of December 8. BSMCC held its' first **Night Golf 9 Hole Scramble**.



**Winners of this event:**

**1st:** Gary and Kathy Knudsen, Tom and Sue Wright  
**2nd:** Jay Penny, Karen Bailey, John and Kelly Millar  
**3rd:** Mike and Mary McFeely, John Blubaugh, Brian Hadley

There was a **Backwards Scramble** held on Saturday, December 11.

**1st Flight Winners**

1. Bill and Ginger Story, Phyllis Love, Pat Caraldo
2. Gary and Kathy Knudsen, Deb Burns, Tom Fitzpatrick
3. Tom and Sue Wright, Sam and Becky Iaquinta

**2nd Flight Winners**

1. Ping and Kathi McKay, Justin McKay, Margaret Hiestand
2. Kelly Webber, Bev David, Gene Lasfogel, Craig Holcomb
3. Steve Hunt and Leslie Rose, Jeff and Cathy Cranda

**3rd Flight Winners**

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## Sharing Banking Passwords And Usernames

A local bank manager reached out to one of our Lee County Sheriff’s Office Crime Prevention Practitioners, just prior to the start of the new year, and shared a concern that I believe needs to be readdressed.

While the topic of password security is not new, and while many have tired of warnings regarding identity theft and fraud, this particular bank manager recognized a significant increase in this fraudulent activity and losses by bank consumers.

Victims are receiving calls, emails and/or texts from what they believe to be their bank or lending institution. The caller indicates that the victim’s account has potentially been hacked or accessed and asks the victim to provide usernames and passwords for their accounts. Emails and text messages often contain bank logos and appear to be official and legitimate.

As is often the case, seniors continue to be most frequently targeted and victimized.

At this time, the Lee County Sheriff’s Office wants to remind you that:

1. A bank or financial institution **will not** ask you for your username and/or password over the phone, via email or via text ... **never!**
2. If you get a phone call asking for personal information hang up. Do not, under any circumstances, provide personal or financial information to the caller.
3. Do not click on **any** links in an email or text regarding your accounts.
4. Call your bank or financial institution to verify the security of your account and let them know of the attempt to get usernames and/or passwords from you.
5. Change your username and password regularly and consider using stronger passwords. Avoid using passwords that can easily be guessed ... such as 123456, the word “password,” your name, your house number, your dog’s name, etc. While a bit more tedious to type and remember, use at least eight characters and consider including upper-case letters, numerals and symbols such as &, !, @.
6. Guard your usernames, passwords and other personal information such as Social Security numbers. Don’t carry them in your wallet or store them near your computer ... where others can see them.
7. Repeatedly remind seniors of these criminal activities and ask that they call you, **prior** to sharing information, when uncertain or unsure.

Remember, your financial security is at stake. Lifetime savings can be eliminated in a moment. Exercise extreme caution when your personal information is involved.

## 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.

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# Platinum Point Yacht Club

By Vanessa Jordan, PPYC Membership Chair

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We offer an average of 80, **on-land/on-water activities** a month, to become active and meet friendly, fun-loving people. PPYC makes a special effort to welcome, include, and involve our new members. Plus, the new member **promotional of 50% off dues** for both couple and single memberships is good until March 31, 2022.



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Please call Dorothy Saviste, Office Administrator at 941-639-0733 or email [office@ppycbsm.org](mailto:office@ppycbsm.org) or Vanessa Jordan, Membership Chair at 817-231-7361 or email [vlwjordan@gmail.com](mailto:vlwjordan@gmail.com) to register for a time slot. Visit our website, <https://ppycbsm.org>, and click on the tab “About Us” to view our slideshow.

You may also call 941-639-0733 M-W-TH 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to schedule an appointment for a tour of our beautiful club, receive an information packet, and take advantage of our extraordinary promotion of 50% off dues.

We look forward to seeing you on February 6.

## Giving Back to the Community: The Burnt Store - PPYC Charitable Boating Foundation

By Bill Southworth, President & Mary Ellen Kiss, Vice President

The Covid-19 disruptions have had wide-ranging implications for all of us as individuals, but have also impacted, in a significant way, the operations of many charitable organizations operating in our communities. The Burnt Store - PPYC Charitable Boating Foundation, founded in 2015, has as its mission, providing educational opportunities relating to boating and related marine topics to the community, as well as other charitable activities from time to time, as approved by the Board of Directors. What then are those activities and how were they impacted over the last 24 months?



One of the Foundation’s traditional partners has been the Boys and Girls Club of Charlotte County (“BGCCC”) who support young children through its programs and facilities. Over the period 2015 through 2019 the Foundation arranged a highly successful “Kids on the Water” event which saw several hundred children gain access to the waters of Charlotte Harbor, primarily on boats owned by members of Platinum Point Yacht Club. Despite living in the midst of our marine wonderland, this was often their first opportunity to get out on the harbor. The event also included a boating safety presentation, co-hosted with the U.S. Coast Guard. In 2020 this program had to be canceled due to Covid-19, so the Foundation pivoted and instead supported, with funds and manpower, a Weekend Meal Program for 10 families in need, identified by BGCCC management. In 2021 the Foundation was able to introduce a modified approach to again allow the BGCCC youth to gain access to the water.

The Foundation chartered a large Kingfisher Fleet cruise boat to take the young people up to the rookeries in the Peace River in a safe, socially distanced format. They had a fabulous time.

Other programs supported by the Foundation have been annual bursaries to allow deserving children to attend the Learn to Sail programs at Gulf Shore Sailing School in Punta Gorda, and cash donations to the marine biology program at Charlotte High School. Other organizations we have partnered with include Crossroads Hope Academy, Make It Count Sports, the U.S. Coast Guard, and a new initiative with an organization supporting adults with cognitive challenges.

These programs have been funded from a variety of sources including tax deductible donations from community members, and the proceeds from the sale of “Where Do We Live?” the book about the history and geography of Burnt Store Road which was donated to the Foundation in 2015.

The Foundation is governed by an eight person Board of Directors, which meets four times a year, to plan future events and initiatives. The organization is a Public Charity under IRS Section 501(c)3, and has a Florida Solicitation of Funds registration number CH45066.

If you are interested in helping with the Foundation, or donating, please contact either of us or reach out to the organization at: [burntstorefoundation@gmail.com](mailto:burntstorefoundation@gmail.com).

## 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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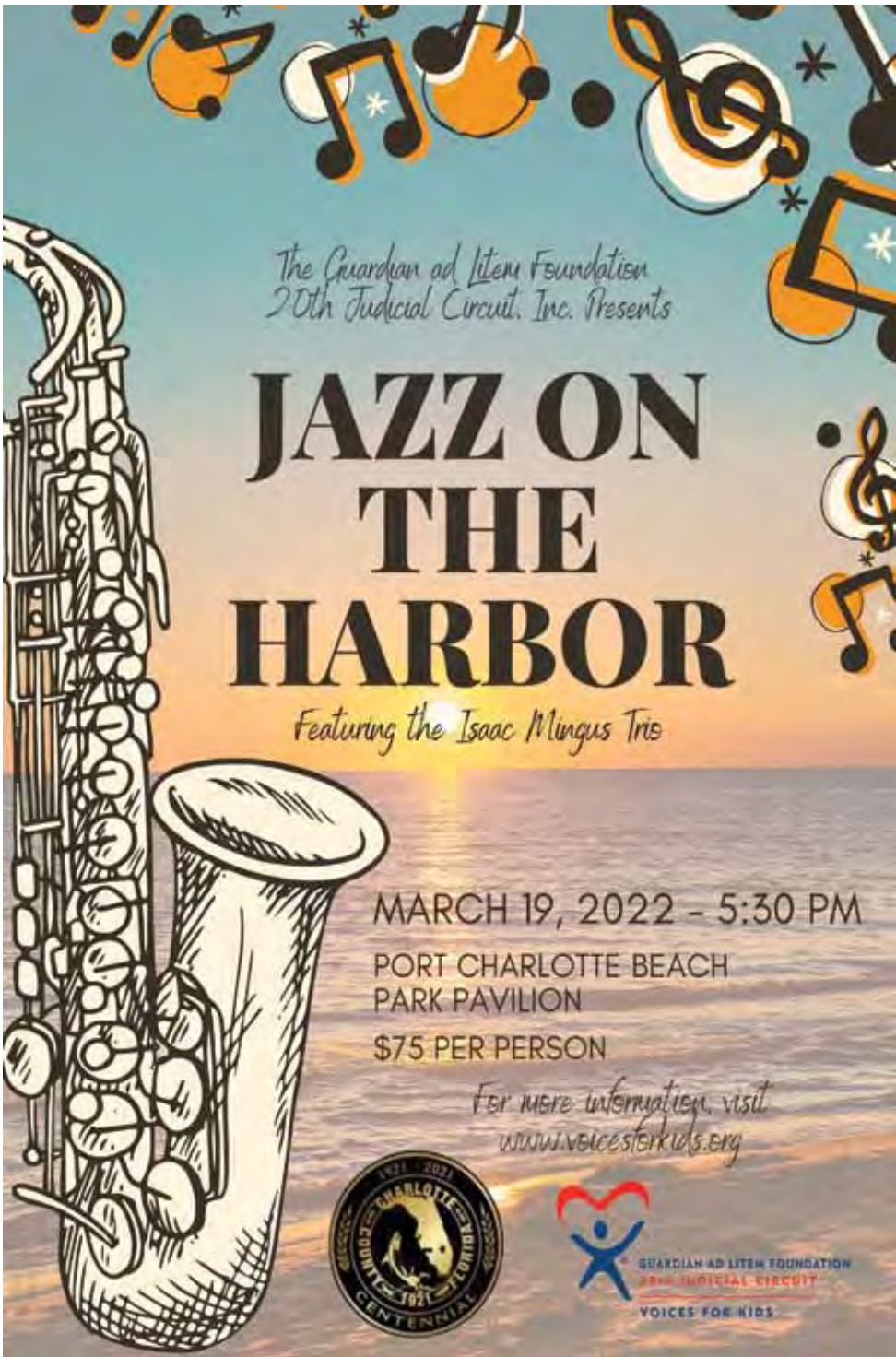
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Pancake Breakfast Chair: Tom Fernandes

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