



President’s Comments

By Craig Holcomb, Sec. 22 HOA

Burnt Store Marina is an *amenity-rich community* made up of 1,907 homes, of which 1,736 are members of PGI Section 22. We own our golf course, swimming pool, tennis, pickle ball and fitness center. We own our roads and waterways, and when it is time to replace or maintain these items, the cost will be paid by our community. Neither Lee County nor the State of Florida will pay anything to replace any of our amenities. We have three access gates and 24-hour security. We own our community irrigation system that provides irrigation water for use by all the 1,907 homes.

All our amenities, which make Burnt Store Marina our own special paradise, come at a hefty cost to maintain. We are in the process of updating our 2017 and 2020 Reserve Study to reflect the current economy and cost of labor and supplies. The Board has also begun an aggressive review to identify new sources of revenue that can bolster our community reserves and help to pay for the upkeep of our beautiful community. Our goal is to identify revenue opportunities that exist in the marketplace to supplement the funding of our capital assets, and potentially reduce or delete the annual special capital assessments that have been needed to fund our capital reserves in the past.

The Board will be placing before our membership the concept of a “Resale Capital Contribution.” This concept is fairly simple: When a property is sold, the new buyer pays a preset amount at closing, that goes into the community capital reserves. This contribution is paid at closing and becomes a part of the overall closing costs at the time of the sale. This source of capital reserve funding has been around for years, and over 90% of the newer developments incorporate this assessment into its regulations.

In a study of communities that are rich with amenities, like our community, we find that the established charges for this type of program can be from \$2,000 to \$6,000 for each new buyer. Our plan, if approved, would be to institute this program into the bylaws of PGI Section 22, affecting only PGI Section 22 member-owners. The Board is still working on the specifics and will finalize these rules near the end of August and report them to the membership before the vote.

The Board would have the authority to determine and change the Resale Capital amount annually, based upon future needs and the competitive environment. There will be a few exceptions that would come into play where the property ownership is changing the form of ownership, like the property being put into a trust, or if there is a change in one of the property owners. We will provide more details very soon.

The overall goal is a program that can help supplement, or possibly delete, the need for an annual special assessment for capital reserve funding to maintain and grow our



Rainbow at the marina by Kelly Polack

amenities. With the cost of everything going up at a very rapid rate, early planning, and implementation of this type of targeted program is our best defense against major problems.

The Board of Directors of PGI Section 22 endorses the Resale Capital Contribution Program, and a vote by the PGI Members will be needed to pass this new revenue vehicle. To approve this program, a 2/3 vote of the members who vote in person or by proxy at a special election will be needed. We will be sending out more specific information very soon for everyone to better understand this program’s specifics.

The Board is committed to maintaining a financially stable community that will protect your current investment and be able to meet future obligations, planned and unplanned.

Section 22 HOA Committee Reports

Architectural Review Committee

By Barry Groesch, Chair

Are you thinking about updating your home? Any changes to the exterior of residences in Burnt Store Marina (BSM) are required to have Architectural Review Committee (ARC) approval. This applies to all homes as well as homes in a condo association. If this approval is not granted through ARC, you may be asked to modify or remove the changes made. All requests are made by completing an ARC form and adhering to Section 22 Home Owners Association (HOA) Restrictions. Remember to write legibly and clearly complete the entire form including having your HOA representative sign off (if required). Delays will occur if it cannot be deciphered or the form is not completed in its entirety. Thanks.

The following applications were approved last month by the Section 22 HOA ARC:

- G. Rodney & Mary Thompson, 990 Matecumbe Key Road, driveway modification.
- Steve & Ellen Thompson, 4880 Linkside Drive, exterior paint.
- Steve & Ellen Thompson, 4880 Linkside Drive, pool update.
- Prosperity Point Master Association, road signage.
- Jeffrey & Tina Delf, 213 Islamorada Boulevard, roof replacement.
- Thomas & Margo Williams, 2041 Big Pass Lane, roof replacement.
- Prosperity Point Master Association, marina walk signage.
- Larry Larsen, 3285 Sunset Key Circle, awning addition.
- Bruce Sauer, 5070 Cape Cole Boulevard, solar panels.
- James K. & Ann Butler, 1311 Marathon Way, roof replacement.
- Dan Puchyr, 3277 Sunset Key Circle, window replacement.
- Steve & Diana Lansky, 3376 Sunset Key Circle, hurricane screens.
- Neil & Sara Sharples, 24092 Redfish Cove Drive, landscaping.
- Mark & Bianca Vriesinga, 4080 Key Largo Lane, pool & cage installation.
- Jim Schinneller, 24141 Redfish Cove Drive, landscaping.

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, Email: **apmsupport@alliantproperty.com**.

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 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.

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Reminder:

Next Section 22 HOA Board Meeting

– Tuesday, September 27, 9 a.m., Linkside Café Patio

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It is important that the RESIDENT call in the emergency since the front gate cannot answer the questions asked by the 911 dispatcher. In order for the medic not to be delayed in getting to the scene of the emergency the resident must be the one to call 911.

Thank you.

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Very helpful and attentive. Always got back to me to answer any questions I had. We went to an open house on a different property, where he was the listing agent, and ended up working with "Dr. Mike" Schwanger. He met with us after inspections in the home again to go over any issues or questions. He was with us every step of the process to make sure it was a smooth process. Very pleasant experience. We will be very happy in our new home. (Zillow Review)

I contacted Dr. Mike for a real-estate analysis on my property after another agent gave what I felt was a low estimate. Mike was upbeat and optimistic that he could 25% more than the first estimate. HE DELIVERED! Sold pre-market on first showing. Mike guided the process every step of the way. Mike kept me informed at each turn. The commission was half of what some others charge You won't have a complete picture of your potential sales price until you call Mike. (Zillow Review)

Dr. Mike sold our house in Burnt Store Marina 4/13/22 (6000 Key Largo Cir Punta Gorda, FL 33955). He provided timely and complete responses to our questions, texts, emails and telephone calls. He set up photography of our property which included a musical drone video which showed not only the architectural beauty of the house but also drone views of our lot, the surrounding property and the golf fairway. We were appreciative of his upbeat and personal approach. He met with us frequently when we were still in FL prior to the sale, and he then coordinated contractors' work required. His ideas and responses were thorough and complete. We recommend him most highly! (Zillow Review)

Dr. Mike is knowledgeable in the market trends. His ability had my condo sold the first day I signed the paperwork. His skill was the only reason I was able to purchase my current home. The purchase ran into several roadblocks and delays from the seller and he kept the sale moving forward. (Zillow Review)

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Mark Your Calendar – Out And About

Inside the Gates Dates

- **Thursday, September 1:** Deadline for the October *Beacon*. Article and picture submissions are welcomed. Become part of the *Beacon* family.
- **Tuesday, September 27:** 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

- **Thursday, September 1 to Saturday, September 3:** Documentary: Vietnam Soldier’s Story: Secret War, Secret Men. Stories of secret soldiers and covert operations during this war, from 1 to 2 p.m. Military Heritage Museum, 900 W. Marion Ave, Punta Gorda. Cost included with museum admission, \$14 adults, \$12 military veterans and active duty, \$9 youths 5-14.
- **Friday, September 2:** Fort Myers River District Art Walk, 1 to 5 p.m. Visit many galleries, exhibitions and performances.
- **Tuesday, September 6:** Cardiac Diet Nutrition Class, 9 to 10 a.m. Bayfront Health Wellness and Rehab Center, 733 E. Olympia St. Punta Gorda. Call 941-637-2497 to reserve a spot.
- **Wednesday, September 7 to Saturday, September 10:** Documentary: The Day the Towers Fell. Never told stories from eye witnesses, 1 to 2 p.m. Military Heritage Museum, 900 W. Marion Ave, Punta Gorda. Cost included with museum admission, \$14 adults, \$12 military veterans and active duty, \$9 youths 5-14.
- **Saturday, September 10:** 2nd Saturday Dance Party. Dance lessons and refreshments included, 2 to 5 p.m. Punta Gorda Women’s Club, 118 Sullivan St. \$15 single and \$25 couple for USA Dance Members, \$17 single and \$30 couple non-members. Call Laura at 330-501-2366 for information.
- **Tuesday, September 13 to Friday, September 16:** Documentary: Inside the Pentagon. Events of 9/11, 1 to 2 p.m. Military Heritage Museum, 900 W. Marion Ave, Punta Gorda. Cost included with museum admission, \$14 adults, \$12 military veterans and active duty, \$9 youths 5-14.
- **Friday, September 16:** 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.
- **Tuesday, September 20 to Saturday, September 24:** Documentary: Final Minutes of Flight 93, 1 to 2 p.m. Military Heritage Museum, 900 W. Marion Ave, Punta Gorda. Cost included with museum admission, \$14 adults, \$12 military veterans and active duty, \$9 youths 5-14.
- **Saturday, September 24:** Key Lime Tropical Fest, 12 to 8 p.m. Fishermen’s Village, 1200 Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda.
- **Every Wednesday:** Dance Classes for Beginners and Intermediate Dancers. Learn to dance the Cha Cha, Bachaton, Lindy Hop and swing. Social Latin dancing class is 6 to 6:45 p.m. All About Swing class is 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. Punta Gorda Woman’s Club, 118 Sullivan St. 1 class is \$12, 2 classes are \$17, 3 classes are \$22 and 4 classes are \$27. To register call Laura at 330-501-2366
- **Every Tuesday and Friday:** Dance Fusion Class. 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association, 2001 Shreve St. Call Cara Peralta for information, 941-276-1887. \$10 per class.
- **Every Tuesday:** Cape Coral Surfside Sunset Market, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Veterans Parkway and Surfside Boulevard, opposite end of Belks Dept. Store.
- **Every Thursday:** Fort Myers River District Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Every Saturday:** Punta Gorda Farmers Market, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., downtown. Lots of vendors with fresh fruits and vegetables, live music, crafts and other great buys. Visit nearby murals and enjoy some of the great downtown restaurants.
- **Every Saturday:** Cape Coral Farmers Market, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Clubhouse Square, SE 47th 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.

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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.

Read *The Beacon* Online!

This edition of *The Beacon* is also available online at the Section 22 HOA web site...**www.bsm22.org**. This option is available in addition to the hard copy delivered to your door.

As a reminder; If you have not registered on our website, we strongly encourage you to do so! In

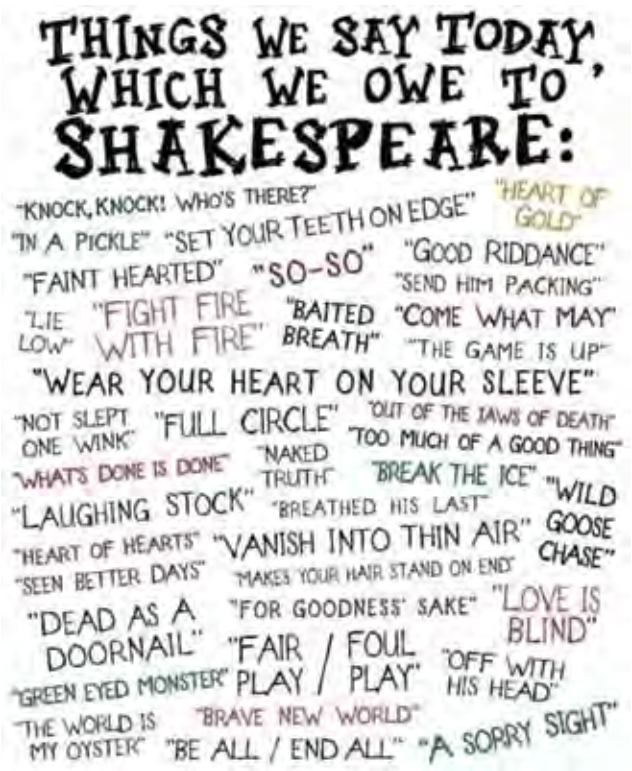
addition to reading this and past issues of *The Beacon*, it is a wonderful resource for much more information about the Burnt Store Marina community.



An ARC did you know, moment...

By Barry Groesch,
Architectoral Review Committee Chair

Did you know...if you replace your exterior doors or windows an ARC application is required. For all projects, go to the **BSM22.org** website to get your application.



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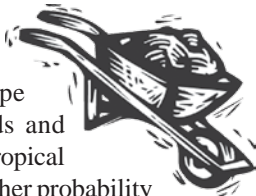


Gardener’s Wheelbarrow

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.

- Your gardening check list for September:
- This 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.

- 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.

Tight Lines... Dog Days of Summer with Fish Still on the Bite

By Jay Lev, Burnt Store Anglers

With daily temperatures in the 90s and water temperature around 85 degrees, one would think that the harbor sport fish will not bite. Not so. Boats and crews who have been successful in finding white bait schools have enjoyed a strong summer fishery. The big schools of bait fish have dispersed, and you may have to travel around the harbor to find enough bait to make throwing your cast net worthwhile. Those boats that have been successful getting bait are also doing well fishing the sand flats for redfish and snook.



This month is generally the time the 4year old and older redfish move offshore of the harbor and join the large schools for their mating ritual. Younger fish in the 4-to-6-pound class are still feeding as long as they can find moving water.

The snook bite, on the other hand, has seen fish in the 2-to-5-pound class in larger numbers. They still respond to live bait chumming and do offer a great fight on light gear. For larger fish on heavier gear, the shark bite is very strong with most of the common species that feed in the harbor are being caught.

Bull, pointer, black tip, hammerhead, sandbar, blacknose, and bonnethead sharks are all still feeding in the harbor. Water 8 to 20 feet deep is holding the mixed bag of sharks.

Chunks of ladyfish and squid are producing the most hookups. If you can get some large thread fin fished dead or alive under a float with 6 feet of strong leader it will also be very productive. If you place a large piece of chunk bait on the bottom, some very large southern stingrays may take up your bait. Rays to over 75 lbs. have been caught recently.

Now is a very good time to visit your local tackle shop. Most shops are finally getting their supplies in and before the fall crowd returns, you will still have a great selection of tackle to choose from. It is also important to change your fishing line after a long season of casting and *hopefully* catching. Top quality line usually lasts about 2 years in our conditions and can be the difference between landing a nice catch or a break off. Subtle abrasions on the line also are a dead giveaway to fish as the line tends to leave a stream of fine bubbles, as you retrieve your lure or bait. The \$20 to \$30 for new line is a very worthwhile investment.

Tight Lines!

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Burnt Store Marina CC News

By John Abbott,
General Manager, BSMCC

Well, summer is coming to an end, and it's time to start thinking about the upcoming season.

Over the past few months, we have been diligently working on filling the calendar of events for what should prove to be the most fun-filled season ever at BSMCC. Between all of our golf tournaments, special restaurant events, outdoor events, live music and food trucks, there will be something going on nearly every day of the week for the entire season.

Membership offerings will be coming out soon, and with all the positive feedback from last season and the anticipation for everything that is planned for this year, we are expecting that a lot more of you will be taking advantage of everything our memberships have to offer. That being said, our facilities here are only capable of handling so many people, which has had us contemplating the possibility of capping social memberships at a certain number. We don't know what that number is yet, and nothing has been set in stone, but if you are planning on joining this year, don't wait too long in case this becomes a reality.

As most of you know, our memberships start on November 1, but you can guarantee yourself a spot by sending in your payment early. As a member, you will get preferred sign-up to all of the special events that we will be offering and discounts on all food, drink and merchandise in the golf shop.

Join us for what should prove to be an awesome, fun-filled season.

We'll see you all at the club!



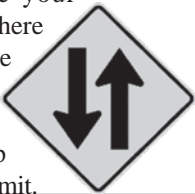
BSMCC September 2022 Schedule of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Our Food Truck 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Restaurant Closed for Cleaning	2 Our Food Truck 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Restaurant Closed for Cleaning	3 Our Food Truck 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Restaurant Closed for Cleaning
4 Breakfast 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lunch 1 - 3 p.m.	5 Labor Day Scramble 9 a.m.*** Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* No Trivia	6 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 7 p.m.* 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	7 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Republican Dinner 5 p.m.*****	8 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Price is Right 5 - 8:30 p.m.****	9 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 p.m.*	10 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Happy Hour 3 - 7 p.m.
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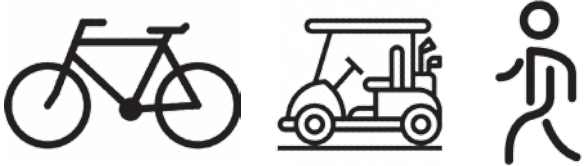
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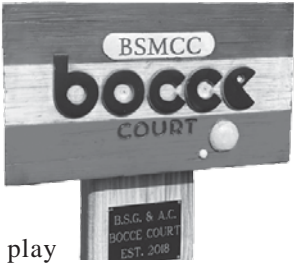
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Bocce - That's The Way We Roll!

By Kathy Darrell,
Tarpon Pass II
BURNSTOREMARINA
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– Our goal is to introduce the joy and competition of bocce to more people.



Reasons why you should play bocce: There are plenty of benefits to playing bocce, but here are the top five shared by *Carmichael Park Bocce*.

#1: It's enjoyable and it relieves stress: Bocce is a game of leisure, and the main reason to play is to enjoy yourself! Set aside life's stressors and worries for a little while to enjoy some recreation time with your friends, and maybe even add some spice to it. Bocce combines social activity, light exercise and outdoor time which is a great recipe for stress relief. Decreasing stress has health benefits, and will have a positive impact on your mood and improve your overall quality of life.

#2: It helps improve your coordination: To be a good bocce player, you need good hand-eye coordination because you need to make sure you release the ball at the right moment, and get it as close to the pallino as possible. And the more you play the game, the better you will get at it. So, playing bocce can help you improve your coordination, which could come in handy for other activities as well.

#3: It sharpens your mind: While some people may think that they can just throw their ball as hard as possible to win at bocce, that's not exactly the case. Although a little strength is essential, there's a lot more brain power involved in bocce. You need to carefully put factors like distance and velocity into consideration before you bowl. This engages your brain and keeps it active and sharp.

#4: You get to do some light cardio: Bocce is essentially a low-impact game, but it does involve some light physical activity. Although you're not going to burn as many calories as you would while swimming or cycling, it does enable you to do some light cardio. Staying on your feet and moving up and down the court after each frame are some mild forms of exercise

#5: You can improve flexibility: Playing bocce involves movements such as bending your body and extending your arms. So, you're flexing and moving your joints without causing too much strain on them. This can be a great way to improve flexibility, which is particularly useful for seniors in maintaining their mobility.

We look forward to starting bocce in October and more competitive play. Plan on joining us!

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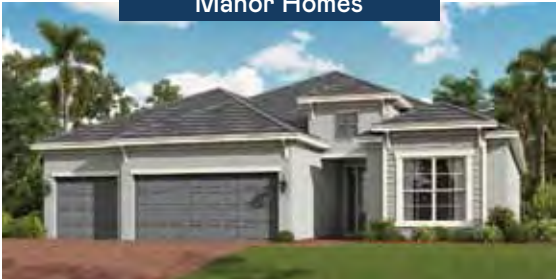
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Mark Your Calendars

Platinum Point Yacht Club, located within Burnt Store Marina, will host a community-wide shrimp boil on Wednesday, November 16 with seatings at 4:30, 5, 5:45 and 6:30 p.m. This traditional meal will include shrimp, sausage, corn, potatoes, dessert, soft drinks and water. The cost is \$25 per person, and seating time reservations are required. A cash bar with wine, beer and a specialty drink will be available.

In addition to the shrimp boil, PPYC will have a Christmas Market and Silent Auction.

Everyone is welcome! This event will provide a perfect opportunity to learn about how a membership in Platinum Point can add to your southwest Florida lifestyle.

Our members enjoy much more than boating...we have something for everyone. Club activities include Bridge, Mah Jongg, Quilters group, book club, interesting educational speakers, parties, and, more importantly, the chance to meet and develop new friendships. If you have a hobby, there is likely a group of like-minded members just waiting for you!

Special thanks to Mainely Seafood Market & Cafe and Safe Harbor Burnt Store

A portion of event proceeds will help fund the *Burnt Store-PPYC Charitable Boating Foundation*. Please visit the PPYC web site **PPYCBSM.org** for additional information. Tickets go on sale September 1, and can be ordered by calling (941) 639-0733.

We look forward to seeing you at this event on November 16.



Platinum Point Yacht Club

Located in Burnt Store Marina, 3601 Cape Cole Blvd. Visit the PPYC website **PPYCBSM.org** for additional information.



Home for the Holidays

By Section 22 Board of Directors

Home for the Holidays 2022 events will start on Wednesday, November 30, through Sunday, December 4, and a Run/Walk for Charity event on December 11.

- The events will include:
- Lite Up the Xmas Tree
 - Duffers Golf Scramble
 - Golf Cart/Vintage Car Parade
 - Marina Boat Decorating
 - Tour of Lights
 - Home/Community Decorating
 - Outdoor Music Concert
 - Run/Walk for Charity ...and more!

Home for the Holidays has grown over the past 5 years from a one-day event to eight events, and has been well received by the entire Community, and...it helps put us all in the holiday spirit!

So, what is missing? **You** – the volunteers to help make it happen.

We want **your** limited volunteer involvement in one or more of these exciting holiday events.

If you want to *volunteer* to be a part of any of these events, we want *you*!

Contact: Jon Ackerson, Board Member, Section 22 HOA, at 502-777-9833, or email him at **jon@ackersonpsc.com**



Florida Dragonflies

By Maggie Hart,
Mariners Pass

The dragonfly's life-cycle revolves around water, so it's no surprise that Florida has more than 150 species. They come in many colors – black, blue, green and red being most common. Dragonflies don't have a stinger, so they won't sting you. They do, however, have teeth. So, a bite is possible. Dragonflies aren't an aggressive insect, but they can bite out of self-defense when they feel threatened.

Dragonflies are most numerous during the summer. However, certain species come out earlier, some can be seen only in the spring, their flight seasons starting in late April or early May, and finished by mid-June. Most lay their eggs in mud or water. Nymphs hatch within a few weeks, and then live in water for up to two years, therefore, dragonflies are especially numerous near bodies of water. Thanks to our warm and humid climate, many species in Florida are here year-round. Dragonflies live two years as nymphs, and three to six months as adults.

After months, or even years in the water, dragonflies transform into one of the fastest and most agile flying insects. Their four broad wings combine with large, discriminating eyes to create an efficient visual predator. Because they hunt by sight, dragonflies are most active, and most often seen on sunny days. They will usually be found around ponds, streams, drainage ditches or other wet or marshy areas.

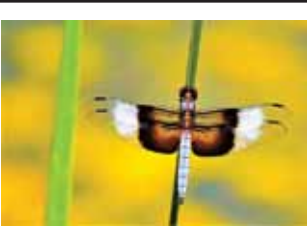
You see more dragonfly activity during midafternoons because they are most active during the warmest part of the day. In the morning, dragonflies can often be found perched on reeds and grass stalks at the water's edge.



Dragonflies are natural predators of mosquitoes. In fact, they eat them at all stages of life. An individual dragonfly can eat hundreds of mosquitoes each day. Regardless of species, all dragonflies are voracious insect predators. Many can be seen scouting over ponds or parking lots, feasting on midges and mosquitoes. Others perch on branches or reeds, waiting to ambush the next fly to pass by.

When we see what seems like swarms of dragonflies, we're often told that they are purposely dropped by helicopter to control the mosquitoes. The rumor undoubtedly is continued because it's a fairly common sight to see swarms of dragonflies zipping, darting and hovering throughout the area. Dragonflies are commonly called 'mosquito hawks' and actually are voracious predators of the pesky bugs. But, according to spokesmen for local mosquito control, dropping them by helicopter isn't practical, too difficult, and just isn't done. This is what we call our own little urban myth. The biggest reason we have a large number of dragonflies in our area is mostly due to water proximity.

Next time you see one zip across your yard, consider saying thanks to the dragonfly for helping to control the pest population.



The summer dragonflies buzz around with their dazzling colors and make our outdoors more enjoyable by being a natural predator for mosquitoes. A dragonfly can eat hundreds of mosquitoes each day. Photo by Karen Sanderson.



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Grammar Tips...Auto Correct

By the editors of *The Beacon*

Do you look at what you just wrote, or do you simply trust your device when you hit the SEND, PRINT or SAVE button?

Auto-correct is a type of software program that identifies misspelled words, uses algorithms to identify the words likely to be intended, then edits the text according to its predictions. Auto-correct is commonly a feature included in writing programs and messaging devices.

Take our word for it...don't trust today's programming wizards!

The website **DamnYouAutoCorrect.com** was started in 2010 by Jillian Madison. It is also the name of a book Madison wrote that was published in 2011 by Hyperion Books. The website and the book are compilations of texts sent on iPhones and Androids that were altered by the phone's autocorrection feature, to produce what end up as unintentionally funny messages. Within a week of its launch, the website collected hundreds of submissions, and attracted about one million page views.

Don't want to look stupid?



This is how to fix your auto-correct on *Android* phones:

- Open the Settings app, and go to System > Languages and input > Virtual keyboard > Gboard.
- Choose Text correction and scroll down to the Corrections section.

- Locate the toggle labeled Auto-correction and slide it into the On or Off position, depending on your preference.

Like the android, the *iPhone* also automatically enables autocorrect on its keyboards, which means it will automatically fix a typo like “adn” to “and” if you’re typing quickly and misspell a word. To turn off autocorrect:

- Open Settings on your iPhone.
- Tap General.
- Tap Keyboard. Toggle the option for “Auto-Correction” so that it’s off.

How to turn on (or off) automatic spelling and grammar checking in your *Word* application:

- Click on File, under More...click Preferences > Spelling & Grammar.
- In the Spelling & Grammar dialog box, under Spelling, check or clear the Check spelling as you type box.
- Under Grammar, check or clear the Check grammar as you type box.

Golf Tip of the Month

By Bill Connelly,
Manager of Golf Operations

How many of you get a bucket of balls, go to the range, and hit that bucketful as fast as you can without actually practicing anything? Hitting a bucket of balls on a consistent basis is a good thing to maintain your golf swing. One thing that I do, when I get a chance to practice, is always to practice with a purpose. I may not hit a lot of balls, but every swing has a purpose. Whatever it is that you are working on, make sure to incorporate it into your practice session.

One thing that will help your swing, is to learn to read your divots. If your divot is facing left, most likely the ball is going right. That is caused by your



swing going outside in or “over the top.” Try to pull the club down with your front side. This will promote an inside-to-out swing, which will correct your slice. If your divot faces too far to the right, then you are swinging too far inside. To correct that, try to bring the club straight back instead of snatching it inside right off the ball.

Start spending the majority of your practice time on and around the putting green. Once you start concentrating on making more putts and improving your short game in general, you won't have to spend so much time on the driving range hitting ball after ball.

Please stop in for lunch and some shopping, we would love to say hello....and have fun learning to enjoy your game.

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Fit Happens...Life is a Balancing Act

By Cheri Frank,
Certified Fitness Trainer

Our lives are split into many areas, and we all know it is important to find a healthy balance between family, work, fitness, spiritual life, and just plain old fun. But, what I want to discuss in this article is the importance of balance when it comes to our body.

In your 40s and younger, your ability to balance is usually good, and you do not even have to work at it. As we age, we quite often become more sedentary, and our natural ability to balance declines if we do not do something about it. The body works and functions on the “use it or lose it” principle. Poor balance has been linked to cognitive decline, greater risk of falls and injuries and premature death, which is why it is so important to work on it. Good balance is all about how efficiently you move your body through space in any activity you might be doing. Your ability to balance comes from the connection between your brain, your nervous system, and your muscles. You need strong mind-body communication to be able to balance well. Balance is driven by your proprioception, also known as the sixth sense, and the vestibular system, which is based around your inner ear. You have proprioceptors in your joints, muscles, and tendons, and they let you know where you are in space.

As we age, the communication between our body and our mind dulls, and our proprioception, and our vestibular



system dulls as well. It is so important to focus on training our balance regularly since “use it or lose it” is very real. The goal of balance exercises is to improve stability and coordination throughout your body.

I want to share a few exercises with you to help improve your balance. When working on balance exercises remember, safety first. Make sure you have a chair, wall or counter to hold onto since you most definitely do not want to fall while doing balance exercises. One of the simplest exercises for improving balance is the Single Leg Stance. For this exercise, you will stand next to a chair, wall, or counter with your feet hip width apart. While holding on for support, lift one foot off the ground while keeping your body tall, and avoid leaning onto your supporting foot. Advance the exercise by removing your hand and balancing without support. Finding a spot to stare at straight ahead helps you maintain your balance during this exercise.

Another good exercise to practice is Tightrope Walk. This simple exercise improves balance, posture and core strength. For this exercise you will use a line, either along your tile or hardwood floor, or an imaginary line if you have carpeting. Doing exercises on a line is an especially efficient way to work your coordination. Using the line as a training tool forces your brain to interpret both the visual and kinesthetic input it is receiving to make sure you are placing your foot accurately on the line. Walk along the line heel to toe, holding onto a wall or counter as needed, and each time you raise your foot, pause with your foot raised for 2 to 3 seconds. To advance this exercise extend arms out to the side and focus your gaze on a fixed point in the distance as you walk heel to toe. You can also make this exercise easier by just practicing the tightrope stance, standing heel to toe, until you feel comfortable enough to advance to the walk. This decreased base of support will challenge your muscles to keep you centered.

Mobility exercises, and strengthening the muscles in your

legs, can lead to significant improvements in your balance. The Sit to Stand exercise is one of the best exercises for mobility since it is a functional exercise, (think about how many times you go from sitting to standing each day), and it strengthens your legs, core, and back muscles. To perform this exercise, sit toward the front of your chair, toes underneath your knees, lean forward until your nose is over your toes and push yourself up. Depending on your ability, you can use your hands to help push off the chair, push off your lap, or if you are able, cross your arms like an X over your chest for the most challenging position. Sit to Stand is a good exercise to practice during commercials to keep your body moving more throughout your day. Your calf muscles contribute to your balance because it controls your ankle position, so stronger calf muscles lead to better balance.

Heel Raises are a good way to strengthen your calves. Stand with your feet shoulder width apart. While holding a counter or chair, lift your heels off the ground, shifting most of your weight to the front of your feet. To advance this exercise reduce how firmly you hold onto the supporting surface and eventually let go.

Do 8 to 12 repetitions of each exercise to get yourself started on improving your balance. These are just a few exercises that will help improve your balance to get you started, and there are many more out there. It is important to remember that along with exercises to strengthen your muscles and mobility training, stretching to improve your flexibility is important for better stability and balance. Tight muscles can often be a contributing factor in falls. Make sure you include stretching in your balance training.

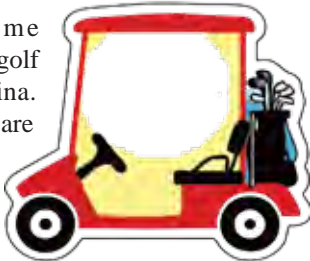
If you have any concerns about starting a balance program or experience any pain doing these exercises, be sure and talk with your doctor before continuing. The bottom line is you can improve your balance at any age, whether you are 55, 75 or 95 years old!



Night scene Long Lake Harrison, Maine.
Photo by Cathy Randall

Rules for Driving Golf Carts

There has been some confusion about operating golf carts in Burnt Store Marina. Please be aware that there are rules for golf cart use, and violation will get you a citation from the Lee County Sheriff’s Office.



- Drivers of golf carts must observe the same rules as those designated for drivers of motor vehicles. Drivers must keep their carts on the right side of all streets, and obey all traffic signage.
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- No one not playing golf is allowed to drive a golf cart on the golf course.

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Empire State Ride: Joy, Beauty, and Saddle Sores

By Rob Dickson, Esplanade

Right now, and since 2013, hundreds of cyclists from all across the country (and even other countries) have participated in The Empire State Ride, raising millions of dollars to support Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Institute in Buffalo.

We ride 7 days on our bicycles, from Staten Island to Niagara Falls. In order to participate, each rider raises a minimum of \$3,500 in donations to Roswell Park Cancer Institute. I will always be deeply grateful for the more than 100 people who donated more than \$23,000 in my name to help end cancer, allowing me to ride five times between 2016 and 2021. The research and clinical trials, funded by cyclists’ donors, advance Roswell Park Institute’s efforts to end cancer! Better yet, Roswell Park has a Donation Match program, using other generous donors, which multiplies an Empire State Ride donation by 13 – so \$100 becomes \$1,300! The ESR has raised more than \$4 million before matching since 2013.

The ride is NOT a race, it is a tour, meaning that riders set their own pace and no competitive times or places are kept. Empire State Ride is fully supported, which in the world of cycling means that the organization provides everything riders will need along the way. Riders just ride. Empire State Ride



provides individual pup tents, air mattresses, camp chairs, three hot meals a day with provision for dietary restrictions, at least two water stops per day along the route (with snacks, of course), luggage transportation from one campsite to another, a fully equipped mobile cycle repair shop, hot showers (two

big tractor-trailers of them), and complete electronic route instruction, via cell phone. The organizers fully track all participants to ensure no one gets lost or is hurt.

The Ride’s 546-mile route takes the Staten Island Ferry across to Manhattan, up the east side of the Hudson to Albany, where it turns west through Utica, Syracuse, Rochester and finally Niagara Falls. Each night we stop at local high schools, campgrounds and even a racetrack. Along the way, we encounter 18,383 feet of gross vertical climb (cycling doesn’t subtract the downhill portion) over the 7 days. We see the awesome and varied beauty of New York up close. The raw beauty of the route, the 240 or so other people with whom we share it day by day, and the sense of mission are our rewards. Anyone who wishes to contribute to The Empire State Ride to help end cancer should go to: **empirestateride.com**, and click on “Donate to a Rider.” Donations are “rider-specific” so a name must be chosen. I am not riding this year, so I would suggest naming **Maria Coccia Thor**. She is riding after removal of a cantelope-sized tumor in May!



Beacon Editor Needed!

We are a small group of 4-6 full-time residents that meet twice a month to review and edit articles submitted by fellow residents. To keep the effort required to a minimum and maintain schedule flexibility, 6 editors is the ideal number. We currently have 4. *The Beacon* has been a part of the BSM community for over 20 years. Be a part of its support staff. It’s fun! No prior editing experience required.
Contact Maggie Hart at downhart@me.com.

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2022 Veterans Day Events at BSM

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All events are open to the public for registration.

We are very excited to announce plans for the veterans fundraising events this November to benefit the *Wish for Our Heroes Foundation*. This will be our 12th year of holding these events. Wish for Our Heroes is a national 501(c)(3) charity that grants wishes around the world. Through 2022, Wish for Our Heroes has provided more than \$30 million in assistance to our heroes, across all 50 states and 4 foreign nations (where U.S. troops are serving). W4OH has partnered with many corporations to inch closer to its ultimate goal of granting one wish for every deserving military member.

Since inception in 2010, Burnt Store Marina Veterans Day events have raised more than \$600,000 for the *Wish for Our Heroes Foundation*, a charity dedicated to assisting active-duty and Veteran military families struggling with basic needs such as food, shelter, transportation, child needs, and medical expenses. One hundred percent of all proceeds from the 2022 weekend activities benefit Wish for Our Heroes.



For event information, and to purchase tickets to these amazing events, visit our website at Burntstoreveterans.org.

Veterans Day Breakfast: Friday, November 11 at Cass Cay Restaurant

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.

Heroes Dinner: Saturday, November 12 at Cass Cay Restaurant

We will have great entertainment from Single Shot Steve Flagg and Captain Rick, great food, 50/50 raffle, auctions and more. This event is limited to 200 people.

Heroes Golf Classic: Sunday, November 13 at Burnt Store Marina Country Club

Plan on a great day of golf, food, games on the course, 50/50 raffle, auctions and more.

400 Club Tickets – On sale now from any committee member. We are selling 400 tickets for \$25 each for a chance to win one of five cash prizes. 1st Prize - \$2,000, 2nd Prize -

\$1,000, 3rd Prize - \$675, 4th Prize \$340 and 5th Prize \$125. Drawing will be held at Cass Cay Restaurant on Saturday, November 12.

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 – If you are interested, or know someone or a company who would want to become one of our sponsors, please contact Michele Goldman or any committee member for more details.

If you are interested in getting more involved as a volunteer, serving on the committee, or becoming a sponsor or donor, please send your name, email & phone number to Michele Goldman at magslp10@yahoo.com, call her at 518-469-7357, or contact any of the resident committee members: Debbie Burns, Gordon & Cheryl Fogg, Jerry Jerome, Cassandra Kelley, Sandy Howard, Cyndi Mathews, or Tammy Baughman.

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.



Golf Cart Parade July 4th.
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The Recipe Box

By Jennifer LeClair, Pelican Way

Mediterranean Veggie Pasta

This is a simple, delicious and super quick pasta dish that is sure to be a favorite! It's packed with all the best Mediterranean flavors. Serve it as is, or with parmesan or feta sprinkled on top. This dish is even a hit with meat and potato lovers. It can be made Gluten-Free by using GF pasta, and dairy free by omitting the cheese. Makes 3-4 servings.



Ingredients

- 8 oz. or about 2 heaping cups of your favorite pasta (or GF pasta)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper use 1/2 - 3/4 tsp if you want it spicy
- 2-3 garlic cloves minced
- 2 cups grape tomatoes halved
- 1 cup vegetable broth
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 10 Kalamata olives pitted and coarsely chopped
- 1/2 heaping cup marinated artichokes
- 3-4 tablespoon of tomato paste
- 4 cups baby spinach
- 1/4 cup torn basil leaves
- Optional: Parmesan or feta for serving

Instructions

Bring a large saucepan of water to a boil (without salt). Add pasta, cook 8 minutes or until al dente. Reserve 1 cup pasta water then drain in a colander. Set aside.

While pasta cooks, heat a large skillet over medium heat. Add oil to pan and swirl to coat. Add red pepper and garlic; sauté 30 seconds or until fragrant.

Add tomato paste, stir over heat for about 1 minute.

Add tomatoes, broth, salt, black pepper, artichokes and olives. Cook 5-7 minutes or until tomatoes begin to break down, stirring occasionally.

Add pasta, and simmer 2 minutes. If more liquid is needed, you can add reserved pasta water, hot water or more broth as desired.

Stir in spinach and basil; cook 2 minutes or until greens wilt.

Remove from heat and serve.
Top with cheese if desired. Enjoy!

Fall Prevention Is Important In Everyday Life For Seniors

Fall prevention means injury prevention; fall prevention starts at home by identifying risks. This is extremely important in a home where seniors live. As we age, our muscles weaken, and this affects balance.

The first thing to do to prevent falls is to look around the house for potential hazards What may seem perfectly normal to most people, to seniors they may mean falls.

- Make sure hallways, stairs, and floors are well lit and clear of objects.
- Use rails and bannisters when going up and down stairs.
- Keep electric cords and telephone wires away from walking paths.
- Secure carpets and rugs firmly to the floor.
- Arrange furniture so it isn't in a walking path.
- Put the most commonly used items where they can be reached easily, especially in the kitchen.
- When walking on smooth floors, wear nonslip footwear, such as slippers with rubber/noslip bottoms or flat, thin-soled shoes that fit well.
- Never place scatter rugs at the bottom or top of stairs.
- Put rubber mats in the bathtub to prevent slipping. Have grab bars installed in the shower and near the toilet.

Those who have difficulty with walking or balance should complete a special falls risk assessment. An exercise program may be a benefit for preventing falls. If you have fallen or are scared of falling, think about having a bracelet or necklace that can alert emergency personnel that you need help. Don't rush to answer the phone – either carry a cordless or cell phone or let an answering machine pick up a message.

If you have a cane or a walker, use it at all times instead of holding onto walls and furniture.

- Make sure the cane or walker is adjusted properly for your height.

- Make sure you know how to use the cane or walker.
- Four-point canes can support healthy balance.
- Walkers provide more reliable stability than a cane. Other pointers to prevent falls for seniors include:
- When cooking, don't wear loose clothes or clothes with long sleeves.
- Replace appliances that have fraying or damaged electrical cords.
- Don't put too many electric cords into one socket or extension cord.
- Install a smoke detector and replace the battery twice a year.
- Never smoke in bed or leave candles burning in an empty room.
- Make sure heaters are at least 3 feet away from anything that can burn.
- Turn off space heaters when you leave the room.

The Lee County Trauma District and Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida are joining forces with Safe States and Safe Kids to promote injury prevention awareness on National Injury Prevention Day, Nov. 18. The Injury Prevention Coalition will also be coordinating efforts for that day.

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 fall prevention contact Brian Raimondo at ipcleecounty@gmail.com or (239) 330 2240.

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The Arrangement...A Family Story ...In Honor of Grandparents Day

By Joan Rooney, Redfish Cove

The year was 1895 and in the town of Calabria, Italy, a young girl stood by her bedroom window looking out on the family’s vineyards. 14-year-old Maria Mirabelli’s nose rested on the frosted windowpane as she made swirls with her finger. She couldn’t bring herself to write the name along-side of her own. It terrified her to even think of getting married, yet alone to someone she didn’t know very well.

Downstairs she heard the sounds of Mama working in the kitchen as she prepared the morning meal for Papa, her brother, Nicko, and herself. The strong aroma of coffee reached the top level of their home and seemed to fly into Maria’s bedroom. Maria had been awake for hours knowing that Mama and Papa were planning to marry her off. Vito Doria of Sicily was a frequent visitor to their home and was smitten with Maria. He was much older than Maria and always smelled of rancid cigars.

“Maria, Nicko, come down for breakfast,” called their mother. “Coming Mama,” Maria yelled back. Nicko almost tripped Maria as he ran down the old wooden staircase. She and her brother were both born in this old house, and their village was the only place they had ever known. Maria was determined that she wasn’t going to leave her familiar surroundings and would muster up her will to tell her parents so.

“Good morning, my sweethearts,” said mama smiling. “Morning Mama, what’s for breakfast?” yawned Nicko. “Biscuits with strawberry jam and coffee,” said Papa. “No eggs again,” Maria said frowning. “Yes, no eggs again,” said Papa. Times are hard and the vineyards don’t bring in the money like before. So, we do what we can and like it,” said Papa sternly.

“Our dear friend, Vito Doria is visiting us this morning,” said Mama. Maria’s mother looked over at her as tears filled Maria’s eyes. “Maria, we’ve been over this many times now. You understand that by marrying Vito, the dowry he will give us will help us out. And besides Vito is a good man and you will have a comfortable life with



him. Please do this for the family,” she said. “Vito will take you to America and you will live in a beautiful house with many servants,” said Mama. Maria at once realized that her parents would not give up until she married Vito.

After a tearful goodbye and with their promises to visit, Maria and Vito sailed for America. The crossing was rough and the smells of cigarettes and cigars made Maria sick. They were crowded together like sardines in a can. Couples were sleeping together with children on makeshift chairs, and some were sleeping standing up. The rich people were able to pay for staterooms. Vito didn’t have all the riches that Mama and Papa had been told. Maria realized that her parents were lied to and she became scared for her future with Vito. Maria couldn’t figure out why so many people on this boat would want to leave their homeland, she loved Calabria.

After 14 long days, the ship finally reached America and Vito and Maria could see the Statue of Liberty and the harbor

of New York. Maria remembered what Mama had told her about the statue. She said that it was put there to tell all new immigrants that their lives would be better in America. Maria convinced herself that she was going to do all she could to make this so. Vito and Maria moved into a small apartment with many other immigrants and living quarters were very tight. Within a few days, they both went out looking for jobs. Maria took a job as a housekeeper for a wealthy family, and Vito took a job as a street cleaner and sold newspapers. After a few years of saving what money they could, they found an English basement apartment.

Maria was starting to enjoy the relationship that she and Vito were forming and the attention Vito paid to her. She still missed her brother and parents and thought of them all of the time, but Vito was becoming her world.

A year later Maria gave birth to their first child, a son, and they named him Nicko. Maria sent pictures of the baby to Nicko and her parents with hope that they would be able to come to America and stay. Maria’s parents always promised that they would visit, but as the years went by Maria knew that it wasn’t to be. Their family started to grow and three more children were born to Maria and Vito. Vito knew that he had to make more money to help raise these children and so after hearing about a job in Canada, he left Maria, telling her that he would take this job and send money home to her. Vito did send some money home but as the years went by Vito seemed to forget about Maria and his family.

The children were forced to go out and get jobs to help out. After several years, and with the encouragement of Maria, they moved out. Maria was now alone for the first time in her life. She thought back, and remembered the arrangement that her parents had made with Vito and felt that, even though she had lost him, he had given her a beautiful family and many good years together.

After a few more years had passed, Maria heard from a distant relative of Vito’s that he had died. Maria was heartbroken, but knew that, at a very special time in her life, she had been loved by Vito Doria.

Fitness Center to Host 5K Run/Walk Through the Marina

Put this one on your calendar: *The 5K Run/Walk for Kids* on December 11. The 5K course will be all within the Marina and will be open to runners and walkers of all ages and abilities - including those who can’t go the whole distance of 5 kilometers (3.1 miles). The event is sponsored by the BSM Fitness Club, but non-members - including people from outside the Marina - are encouraged to participate.

Proceeds from the run/walk will go to the Children’s Needs Program of the *Guardian ad Litem Foundation*, 20th Judicial Circuit, which fulfills needs for abused, neglected or abandoned children of Charlotte County who have been taken out of their homes and are in the dependency court. Examples of the children’s needs include beds, birthday parties, field trips, camps, tutoring, and club and sports fees and equipment.

The cost to participate in the run/walk will be \$30 per



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participant; children under 12 will run for free. To raise additional charitable dollars, participants will be recognized if they collect sponsors for their run/walk. The event will be part of the *Home for the Holidays* celebration, and an opportunity for our community to support our kiddos who, through no fault of their own, will NOT be home for their holidays.

After the event, there will be a light lunch and fruit offered, along with music and prizes. There will be 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place prizes for men, women, and children.

Volunteers will staff water stations and help with picnic preparations.

The \$30 entry fee must be paid by December 4, in cash, at the fitness center, or online at voicesforkids.org, where you click on events and select *BSM 5K* to pay your entry fee. Additional donations for the *Guardian ad Litem Foundation* may be made by check, or online also at voicesforkids.org. Be sure to add a note, if done online, that this is for the *BSM 5K* event. Anyone who donates above/in addition to the registration fee will be entered in a raffle to win additional prizes.

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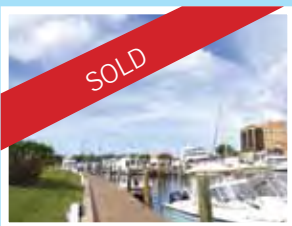
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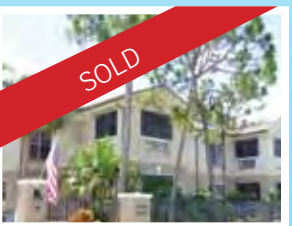
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Slither, Slither, Don't Come Hither!

Most Florida snakes are harmless. Of the 50 established species found in Florida, only six are venomous.

Snakes may defend themselves by fleeing, but if captured and harmed, they may bite. However, biting is not a sign they are dangerous; it's the only defensive mechanism by which most snakes defend themselves. Some snakes might also exude a smelly musk or defecate on humans or other animals threatening them.

If You Find A Snake And Do Not Know Whether It Is Nonvenomous (Harmless) Or Venomous

- The safest thing to do is leave it alone.
- Regardless of what some people say, Florida snakes are not aggressive; unless cornered, most will flee when they see you.

If You Have Snakes Around Your House

- You should feel lucky, as they are there for a reason.
- If you find a snake in your backyard, swimming pool, or garage, do not try to kill it! Instead, try to identify it. If it is nonvenomous, appreciate it and leave it alone.
- All snakes are carnivorous and a benefit to humans. For example, rat snakes eat rodents such as mice and rats,

and kingsnakes eat these rodents as well as other snakes, including venomous snakes. If it is a small species like a ring-necked snake or crowned snake, they are helpful in your garden where they eat little pest insects.

If You Are Bitten By A Snake

- Most people are bitten on the hands and arms when they are handling or trying to kill a snake. Therefore, if you are uncertain of its identity, do not try to catch or kill a snake.
- Those reflexes typically cause the body to writhe slowly, and a freshly killed snake can have a convulsive contraction and even a bite. Therefore, do not handle a newly killed venomous snake.
- Stay calm, remove any rings that could restrict circulation if tissues swell, and keep the bitten limb below the level of the heart.
- The only acceptable treatment for a venomous snakebite involves the use of antivenin. So, if you or someone else is bitten by a venomous snake, seek immediate attention at the nearest hospital or medical facility.

There are only four venomous snakes in southern Florida:



Florida cottonmouth



Harlequin coral snake



Eastern diamond-backed rattlesnake



Dusky pygmy rattlesnake



Wooded long green trail – Wonderful woods back in N.J
Photo by Bob Weick (friend of Daryl Lemon)



This alert green heron is looking for lunch.
Photo by Karen Sanderson



Atlas V Rocket on August 7, 2022.
Photo by Cindi Mathews



The ever-changing beauty of our marina ... Golden evening reflections., Grand Isles.
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