



President’s Comments

By Craig Holcomb, Sec. 22 HOA

The Board of Directors of PGI Section 22, through Alliant Property Management, have sent out packets to the Members of PGI Section 22 for a vote of the membership to approve or not approve 3 additions to the Bylaws of PGI Section 22 HOA. The vote parameters to pass each of the 3 additions is a 2/3 (67%) vote of those who vote in person or by proxy. Each of the 3 additions to the bylaws is voted on separately, so each addition must be voted in or not as a separate ballot item. Please vote for all 3 items.

Below are the specifics for each of these additions to the Bylaws:

1. To Approve the use of Electronic Voting Online that is allowed by Florida law.

This allows each member the opportunity to sign up to vote online for any matters that come before the membership to approve.

- Each Member must sign up to “opt in” to vote online. For those that do not want the ability to vote online, but to receive a ballot by mail, you may still do so.
- If passed, this will allow the Board to send out ballots online and avoid the use of mailing ballots.
- It allows for easier and timelier voting and avoids issues of not receiving ballots and information that we have had in the past using the mailing procedure. It will also save the cost of the mailing and receiving and processing ballots.

2. To approve the use of Electronic Transmissions of Official Notices and Board Meetings allowed by Florida law.

This allows each member the opportunity to receive official notices for any matters that come before the membership.

- Each Member must sign up to “opt in” to receive the official notices by email. For those that do not want the ability to receive notices online, but to receive notices by mail, you may still do so.
- If passed, this will allow the Board to send out notices online and avoid the use of mail.
- It allows for easier and timelier notices to be received, and avoids issues of not receiving notices and information that we have had in the past using the mailing procedure.
- It will also save the cost of the mailing.

3. Adoption of the Resale Capital Contribution Assessment.

The Resale Capital Contribution is a form of revenue enhancement to raise funds to support our capital reserves and capital projects.

A New Buyer coming into the community will pay a one-time fee at closing to assist in the funding of our capital reserves and capital projects.

The Board of Directors will establish the amount of the Resale Capital Contribution Assessment annually.



Rainbow over golf course – By Karen Sanderson

The funds can be used to:

- Maintain, repair, or replace existing equipment and capital assets.
- Be placed into the Reserves to save for future maintenance, repair, or replacement of assets.
- Fund improvement to equipment and capital assets.
- Fund additions to existing equipment and capital assets.
- Purchase new equipment and capital assets.
- Fund emergency repairs and cleanup due to natural disasters.

Exceptions to the application of the Resale Capital Contribution Assessment would be:

- Where the transfer does not effectively change the occupancy or ownership within a family.
- Establishing revocable, life estate or Lady Bird trusts.
- Spousal changes, either adding or deleting a spouse.
- An inheritance following the owner’s death.

Please read the information and the ballots that you have received, and vote by the deadline that is provided in the packets.

Thank you for taking the time to read and vote on these important issues.

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, including 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 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:

- Harold Hale & Edward Gubbels, 5020 Sable Key Circle, hurricane shutters.
- Nancy & Terrence Kelly, 3881 Cape Cole Boulevard, roof replacement.
- Shannon Underwood, 24561 Dolphin Cove Drive, roof replacement.
- Jeanne Dombrowski, 3301 Diamond Key Court, landscaping.
- Joan Flinspach, 3090 Big Pass Lane, mailbox installation.
- Jack Sain, 2090 Matecumbe Key Road #1206, hurricane shutters.
- Marlin Run HOA, bulletin board installation.
- Thomas J. Fitzpatrick, 1010 Matecumbe Key Road, roof replacement.
- Jerald & Joyce Metz, 1544 Islamorada Boulevard, window replacement.
- Steve Willett, 3 Pirates Lane #31C, lanai restructure.
- William Hand, 24510 Dolphin Cove Drive, exterior paint.
- Dale & Patricia Wisnieski, 4025 Cape Cole Boulevard, roof replacement.
- Carole Romaine, 3267 Sugarloaf Key Road, roof replacement.

- Walter Pfeiffer, 3220 Southshore Drive #21A, hurricane shutters.
 - Linda Bush, 3997 Cape Cole Boulevard, roof replacement.
 - Darrell Berge, 900 Islamorada Boulevard, exterior paint.
 - Robert R. Gannaway Sr., 1532 Islamorada Boulevard, window and door replacements.
- 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

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

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Reminder:

Next Section 22 HOA Board Meeting

– Tuesday, October 25, 9 a.m., Linkside Café Patio

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in this lovely SFH include fresh paint, window treatments, plantation shutters, lighting, fans, open air patio, new plumbing in progress, new roof, new air handler on the ac, updated kitchen, updated bathrooms and new appliances. Burnt Store Marina is a gated community with the largest deep water, full service Marina on Florida’s Gulf coast with boat slips, boathouse and launch available for direct Gulf Access; Other Fee Based Amenities include 27 holes of Golf, Restaurants, Activity Center, Pro Shop, Fitness Center with Tennis, Pool & Spa, Yacht Club and more! Live your vacation in SW Florida!



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Inside the Gates Dates

- **Saturday, October 1:** Deadline for the November *Beacon*. Article and picture submissions are welcomed. Become part of the *Beacon* family.
- **Tuesday, October 25:** 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

- **Tuesday, October 4:** 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.
- **Friday, October 7:** Fort Myers River District Art Walk, 1 to 5 p.m. Visit many galleries, exhibitions and performances.
- **Friday, October 14:** 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.
- **Saturday, October 15:** International Culture Fest, 12 to 8 p.m. Fishermen’s Village, 1200 Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda.
- **Saturday, October 22:** Blues, Brews and BBQ Returns. 3 to 6 p.m. History Park, 501 Shreve St., Punta Gorda. \$40 per person, \$50 VIP tickets. Contact Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce for information, 941-639-3720.
- **Sunday, October 23:** Social Dance Party, 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 for non-members. Call Laura at 330-501-2366 for information.
- **Tuesday, October 25 and Wednesday, October 26:** “History of Punta Gorda through its Murals” class. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Charlotte Community Foundation, 227 Sullivan St. \$30 per person. Visit all 32 murals in an air conditioned classroom. Go to <https://puntagordamurals.org/product/class> for information.
- **Every Tuesday and Friday:** Dance Fusion Class. 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association, 2001 Shreve St. Call Cara Peralta for information, 941-276-1887. \$10 per class.
- **Every Tuesday:** Cape Coral Surfside Sunset Market, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Veterans Parkway and Surfside Boulevard, opposite end of Belks Dept. Store.
- **Every Wednesday:** 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 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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Here are a few tips to help you avoid being the next victim. Telephone Scams

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

Report Telephone Scams

Reporting scams to federal agencies helps them collect

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

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

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

How to Protect Yourself

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

Do

- Register your phone number with the National Do Not Call Registry. If you still receive telemarketing calls after

registering, there’s a good chance that the calls are scams.

- Be wary of callers claiming that you’ve won a prize or vacation package.
 - Hang up on suspicious phone calls.
 - Be cautious of caller ID. Scammers can change the phone number that shows up on your caller ID screen. **This is called “spoofing.”**
 - Research business opportunities, charities, or travel packages separately from the information the caller has provided.
- Don’t**
- Don’t give in to pressure to take immediate action.
 - Don’t say anything if a caller starts the call asking, “Can you hear me?” This is a common tactic for scammers to record you saying “yes.” Scammers record your “yes” response to use as proof that you agreed to a purchase or credit card charge.
 - Don’t provide your credit card number, bank account information, or other personal information to a caller.
 - Don’t send money if the caller tells you to wire money or pay with a prepaid debit card.

An ARC did you know, moment...

By Barry Groesch,
Architectural Review Committee Chair

Did you know...interior modifications like a bathroom or kitchen do not require an ARC application. For all other projects, go to the [BSM22.org](https://bsm22.org) website to get your application.



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Tight Lines... Get Ready for Fall Fishing Season

By Jay Lev Burnt, Store Anglers

Soon our neighborhoods and light traffic will again become busy as our friends return to their homes in Burnt Store Marina, after spending the summer months away.

Frequently, we are asked how was the summer fishing? For most it was a very productive season. The snook and redfish were hungry. The tarpon were again in the harbor and The Marine Police and Wildlife Commission were leaving from our marina almost daily. Marine enforcement efforts have been active, and it is important to remember a few basics. Check your boat for current registration and safety equipment, and be sure to have your fishing license renewed for the season.

This month's article should help you comply with some of the rules and regulations for fishing in Charlotte Harbor. As of this past June, The State of Florida requires fishing licenses. There is an age requirement or cut-off age when an angler no longer requires a fishing license. Check online with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, www.MyFWC.com, to get the latest fishing guide and any change in age requirements. Most local tackle shops can help you with this information as well. A Resident Annual Fishing License is



\$17. A Resident five-year License is \$79. An Annual Non-Resident License is \$47. A Non-Resident 3-day License is \$17 and a Non-Resident 7-day license costs \$30. You can buy your license directly from the state, many local tackle shops, Walmart and by calling (888)347-4356 or online at www.GoOutdoorsFlorida.com.

Many anglers and their guests like to shore fish. Florida residents have available to them what is known as a Shoreline Saltwater Fishing License. This is good to fish from all public piers and designated fishing areas. Non-residents must purchase a non-resident fishing license for this purpose as well.

If you are not caught up on the identification of both salt and freshwater fish in Florida, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission distributes an annual guide with pictures and all the information by species you will need to fish Florida. Be sure to get a copy to keep on your boat or in your tackle bag. Ignorance of the regulations for each fish will definitely get you a citation if stopped and inspected.

One great source for fishing information is our own Burnt Store Anglers. The Anglers meet the first Monday of the month starting in October, at the Tiki Hut of the Marina. To become a member of the Anglers come to our meeting and visit the membership table. For a cost of just \$10 per season for an entire family, you can enjoy some really excellent

speakers and demonstrations to keep you up with the best fishing and conservation news. The Anglers also sponsor some fun local tournaments, as well as great drawing for fishing tackle at each meeting. One of the fun events at each meeting is the sharing of fishing information. Many of the Anglers use helpful apps and here are a few in use by the group: Florida Tides, Fish Rules, My Fishing Forecast, Fishing Knots and Fishtrack. Try them out and see if these apps improve your fishing trips. We hope you and your family and friends have a very enjoyable and safe fishing season. Tight Lines!



Committee Member Wanted

We are looking for interested residents to join the Community Access Committee.
We would like the member(s) to be full-time or mostly full-time residents.
We meet the week before the PGI Section 22 Board of Directors Meeting.
Please respond to Pat O'Neill, Chair, at 941-639-6552.

Burnt Store Anglers

The Burnt Store Anglers is our community-based fishing club. The Anglers' membership is to all residents of Burnt Store Marina and Burnt Store Lake communities. This volunteer fishing club has over 150 women and men anglers of all skill levels who enjoy fishing.



The Anglers meet the first Monday of the month, beginning in October, and end for the season in June. The Tiki Hut at the marina is home to the club's meetings. In inclement weather the meetings move to the Cass Cay Restaurant.

Each month, speakers include local fishing guides, Fish and Wildlife officers, and angler club members speaking on various fishing topics. The Burnt Store Anglers sponsor several community-wide fishing tournaments each season, and for non-boating anglers the Fish from the Wall Tournament draws many anglers and their families for an afternoon of fun events.

The Burnt Store Anglers club also has an article in *The Beacon* each month, writing about the latest news in fishing.

For more information about the Burnt Store Anglers, contact Jay Lev at customrods44@hotmail.com or TomZalac@msn.com. The Anglers look forward to seeing you this season.

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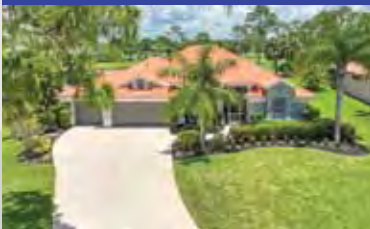
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Burnt Store Marina CC News

By John Abbott,
General Manager, BSMCC

Well, season is almost here, and the calendar is jam packed. October is full of great events at the club, including an Oktoberfest party with food and music. There is trivia, bar bingo, prime rib night and pasta night. We will end the month with an outdoor Halloween bash with fun costumes, music and adult beverages, followed by our annual Halloween Scramble.



The real season opener begins with our welcome-back party on November 3, featuring Deb & the Dynamics, food trucks, cocktails and more. The calendar gets nothing but busier in November, with some repeat events from last season, like night golf and the poker run. There are also some new events like “Toast to Humanity,” which brings multiple vendors of food, wine, liquor, beer, jewelry, apparel and more to Burnt Store for all of us to enjoy. The “Tour of Italy” will be a food and wine pairing to remember.

The Under Armour Junior Tour will be here again this season on Sunday, November 20. For those that missed this event last year, it is the Port Charlotte /Sarasota division of the tour with 70-80 local kids ages 6-18 competing within their age groups trying to earn a spot in the national championships. These kids are fun to watch, so if you get the chance, come on out and enjoy the golf.

This should prove to be the most fun-filled, event-packed season we have ever had here at Burnt Store Marina. Thank you all in advance for your support through membership and participation. As always, we look forward to seeing you at the club!

BSMCC October 2022 Schedule of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Happy Hour Live Music 5 - 8 p.m.
2 Breakfast 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. Lunch 1 - 3 p.m.	3 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Trivia 5 - 7 p.m.*** Bar Food Menu Available	4 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 7 p.m.* 9 Hole Scramble 3:30 p.m.***	5 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Republican Dinner 5 p.m.*****	6 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Pasta Night 5 - 8 p.m.*	7 Lunch 11 a.m - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.*	8 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Oktoberfest Outside Live Music 5 - 8 p.m.
9 Breakfast 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. Lunch 1 - 3 p.m.	10 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* No Trivia	11 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 7 p.m.* 9 Hole Scramble 3:30 p.m.***	12 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Bar Bingo 5 - 7 p.m.***	13 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Happy Hour 5 - 7 p.m.	14 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.*	15 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Happy Hour Live Music 5 - 8 p.m.
16 Breakfast 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lunch 1 - 3 p.m.	17 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Shootout 1 p.m.*** Trivia 5 - 7 p.m.***	18 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 7 p.m.* 9 Hole Scramble 3:30 p.m.***	19 Ladies League Brunch 10:45 a.m. Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Happy Hour 5 - 7 p.m.	20 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Golf Meeting 1 p.m. Prime Rib Night 5 - 8 p.m.*	21 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.*	22 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Happy Hour Live Music 5 - 8 p.m.
23 Breakfast 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lunch 1 - 3 p.m.	24 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Trivia 5 - 7 p.m.*** Bar Food Menu Available	25 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 7 p.m.* 9 Hole Scramble 3:30 p.m.***	26 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Ladies League 12:30 p.m. Bar Bingo 5 - 7 p.m.***	27 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Happy Hour 5 - 7 p.m.	28 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Halloween Party Music outside 5 - 9 p.m.	29 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Halloween Scramble 9 a.m. ***
30 Breakfast 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lunch 1 - 3 p.m.	31 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Trivia 5 - 7 p.m.*** Bar Food Menu Available					

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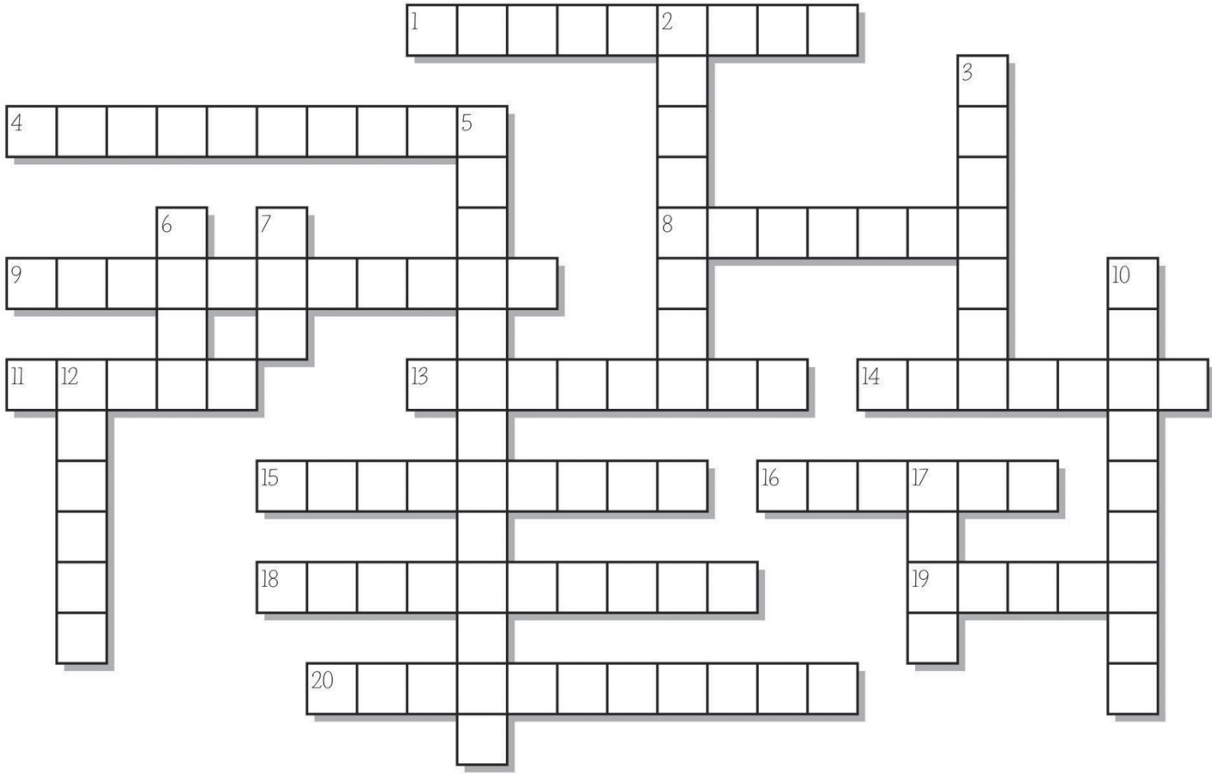
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THE BEACON October News



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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.



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Platinum Point Yacht Club

By Sue Smith, Director

This summer at Platinum Point Yacht Club has been a busy one, with an on ongoing schedule of Happy Hours, Grill Nights, Sunset Socials, Bridge, Quilting, Mah Jongg, Book Club, and outings to shop, see plays, and



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!

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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.

Attention Residents:

Please notify your guests that may be coming in to provide the following information to the gate:

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When I was a kid, bedtime was 9pm. I couldn't wait to be a grownup so I could go to bed anytime I wanted.

Turns out that is 9pm

cruise with friends. As more and more of our members return to Burnt Store for the fall season, selections for these and other choices will fill the calendar.

The overnight cruisers started the fall season with a trip to Captiva’s Tween Waters, and this month the destination will be the Marina Jack Yacht Basin in Sarasota. Throughout the fall-winter-spring season, monthly cruises take boaters to overnight destinations for three-night excursions. The November trip is planned for Pink Shell on Estero Island.

October is a busy time that brings volunteers together, making plans for upcoming major events. The PPYC Annual Meeting, which is the official kickoff of the club’s new year, is scheduled for the morning of November 12. Later that day, we will celebrate with a waterfront cocktail hour, dinner, and dancing to the music of Michael Glean.

Another exciting November event is the Community Shrimp Boil. Like last year’s very successful “Let the

Good Times Roll” Shrimp Boil, this event offers members and neighbors delicious food, live music, a Christmas Market, a Bake Sale, a 50/50 drawing, and a Silent Auction. New to the day’s activities are a Gift Card board and a raffle for a Boatload of Wine. (The winner gets over 100 bottles of wine.) Tickets are available for \$25 each by calling Dorothy Saviste at the club office Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

PPYC has much to offer as a way to meet new people, and to enjoy those new friends with opportunities for social, boating, and charitable events. If you are interested in joining PPYC, now is a great time to get ready to participate this season. New member information can be obtained at the club house. Dorothy Saviste, Club Administrator, is on-site Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays and can be reached at 941-639-0733. Dorothy will answer your questions, help you get started, and make you feel at home with PPYC!

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Fitness Center Aims to Update Exercise Equipment

Now that the BSM Fitness Center has added many new classes, leadership is turning its attention to updating some of the exercise equipment.

“The present treadmills, stationary bikes, ellipticals, and weight machines are still in good working order,” said Jennifer Tait, Fitness Center manager. “And recently a new treadmill and upright bike were added. But members have been asking for more state-of-the-art equipment – such as a stair stepper, newer weight machines, and spin bikes, which are stationary bikes designed to emulate the posture and position of a racing road bike more closely.”



Perfect tree across from Cobia Villas – By Daryl Lemon

In addition, some of the modern weight machines are multifunctional, combining several purposes into one machine. That saves space, Tait said. The Fitness Center is establishing a fundraising committee to pay for some of the equipment. Tait says she hopes to raise \$10,000 to \$15,000. People who would like to serve on this committee can call the Fitness Center at 941-575-3260.

- In other news:
- This fall the Fitness Center is replacing the fencing around the pickleball and tennis courts. The canopy-shaded area next to the tennis courts is also being replaced with a more comfortable viewing and sitting area.
 - A square dance class starts in October. The class will be one evening a week for four weeks at the Fitness Center. Cost is \$20 per person for all four sessions. Nonmembers are welcome. Call or



Richard Tolson, 86, lives in Courtyard Landings III and keeps in shape at the Fitness Center, which plans to upgrade its exercise equipment.

stop by the Fitness Center for more information.

- The Fitness Center’s kayak adventure was a success—some 20 people participated in this 2-hour paddling trip/eco tour on the Peace River in June. The Fitness Center plans to repeat the event in October; contact the Fitness Center for more information. Other off-campus excursions will take place throughout the season—stay tuned.
- Registration for the Home for the Holidays 5K Fun Run opens in October. Register in person at the Fitness Center or online at www.voicesforkids.org. The Run, on December 11, will be entirely within the Marina. All proceeds will benefit abused, neglected, or abandoned children through the Guardian ad Litem program.

Fit Happens...Setting Goals: The Key to Fitness

By Christopher Whitfield, Personal Trainer

Now that our summer of fun is winding down and Florida’s in-season is approaching, it is important to maintain or create a healthy fitness routine! A daily dose of exercise – no matter how big or small – is essential to your health and well-being. The key to getting in shape, and staying in shape, is to set goals for yourself.

The very first step you must take is to set your goal. It is important to be specific with your goal, and to be honest with yourself. Take time and give thought to what you would like to accomplish, and what the underlying driving factors are for you. The best goals are ones that can be actionable and measurable – whether you’re interested in a rigorous re-training of your golf muscles, losing a specific amount of weight, or simply getting yourself up and walking each morning. Challenging yourself to attain a thought-out goal can be fun, and it often produces amazing results.

Step number two is to establish your plan to achieve your goals. Give thought to how often you will need to dedicate yourself, and make time in your day to work your plan. Part of building your plan is to be honest about your prior and current habits. If your objective is to improve your diet, what actionable steps will you take to do so? If you want to



increase the amount of cardio you’re doing, what new things will you incorporate into your weekly regimen? Creating your plan is imperative to achieving your goals. It’s important to know where you’re headed in order to get there.

Finally, talk about your goals. Share them with friends, with family, or even with other members of the fitness center. Talking with others creates accountability for yourself, and can also provide you with motivation to continue striving toward your goals. Be proud of the goals you’ve set - you might just inspire someone else to make a positive change in their own life.

Remember, set a goal that is specific to you, establish a plan that will help you get closer to your goal, and talk about your goals with people around you. BSM Fitness Racquet & Pool Club has an incredible community of like-minded people pursuing health and fitness goals. Think about joining the Fall into Fitness 6-Week Weight Loss/Wellness Challenge, beginning October 10, to help create accountability and motivation. This challenge is open to everyone in the community. Call the front desk at 941-575-3260 for details.

As the fitness center’s new personal trainer, I can assist in any goals you may set for yourself, or help you create them. I’m looking to work with clients who have a strong drive to improve their health and fitness, and would love to provide support and encouragement through our sessions.

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October’s Off-Beat Holidays and Adventures

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass

Because the Autumn Equinox was September 22, our nights are getting longer, and our days are getting shorter... and definitely cooler. October may be the **best** month of the year in Florida. Snowbirds start coming down from the north, and there are more and more outdoor festivals. Recognized holidays in October include Yom Kippur (October 4), Columbus Day (October 10), Sweetest Day (October 15) and, of course, Halloween (October 31). Some are religious, some are historic, and some are invented to sell more candy and greeting cards. There is no end to finding an excuse to celebrate...and, before you venture out, be sure to check the October calendars and events for BSMCC, Platinum Point Yacht Club and the Burnt Store Marina Fitness, Racquet and Pool Club!

October 1: International Day for the Elderly, dedicated to honor, respect and care for the world’s elderly. I would personally like to know how “elderly” is defined. It may just be a state of mind. In 1990, the United Nations General Assembly designated this date as the International Day for the Elderly, also known as *the International Day for Older Persons* (as I prefer to be called). The holiday is the result of research by the UN World Assembly on Aging, which was formed in 1982 to explore and tend to the needs of the elderly in the world.

October 1 – 2: 48th Annual Bicycle Festival, Mount Dora. Attracting over 1,000 cyclists of all ages, this is a 2-day weekend ride with multiple routes, food and festivities; a friendly ghost ride, crushing hill climbs, and 14 routes. 341 N. Alexander St. 352-383-2165. mountdorabicyclefestival.com

October 12, 1492: After a 33-day voyage, Christopher Columbus made his first landfall in the New World in the Bahamas. He named the first land sighted as El Salvador, claiming it in the name of the Spanish Crown. Columbus was seeking a western sea route from Europe to Asia and believed he had found an island of the Indies. He thus called the first island natives he met, ‘Indians.’

October 13, 1775: *The United States Navy* was born after the Second Continental Congress authorized the acquisition of a fleet of ships.

October 13 - 16: Biketoberfest, Daytona Beach. Thousands of motorcycles will be roaring throughout Daytona Beach and beyond for the 30th anniversary of Biketoberfest. Hubs include Main Street, Beach Street and events at Daytona International Speedway, as well as the Harley-Davidson Entertainment Center and Destination Daytona on U.S. 1. Attractions include motorcycle shows, live music, scenic rides, vendors and more. 386-255-0415. daytonabeach.com/biketoberfest

October 14 – 16: Clearwater Jazz Holiday, Clearwater. The 42nd annual Jazz Holiday brings together all veins of jazz music in one of the longest-running live jazz events in the country. Performers include Trombone Shorty, Dumpstaphunk, Champ Jaxon Band, Charlie Wilson and more. At BayCare Ballpark, 601 Old Coachman Road. 800-514-3849. clearwaterjazz.com

October 15: Stone crab season begins, and continues through May 15. As stone crab season begins, we hope to see our local vendors with a nice supply for us this year. The

main method used in both commercial and recreational stone crab fishing is baited traps. Some recreational crabbers collect claws by hand – using scuba or snorkel gear. Recreational stone crabbers are limited to five traps per person, and are required to have a saltwater fishing license. Any females bearing eggs must be returned to the water, unharmed. It is not permitted to harm the body or legs of the crabs, you can only take the claws, which crabs can regenerate. Claws must be at least 2 ¾ inches, measured from the tips of the immovable finger to the first joint. The daily limit is 1 gallon of claws per person or 2 gallons per vessel, whichever amount is less.



October 17: Everyone deserves a second chance. Today, we celebrate *National Mulligan Day* and enjoy the comfort in knowing that if at first you don’t succeed, you’ll get another shot at it. Often associated with getting a freebie after a less than desirable golf shot, National Mulligan Day can apply to any undertaking in which you would care for a do-over. There are several theories about the term “mulligan,” the first dating back to 1793 with the Irish aristocrat/golfer Thomas Mulligan.

October 21- 30: Fantasy Fest, Key West. A 10-day celebration that’s been in going on since the 1979, this year is its 40th anniversary. The theme this year is “Cult Classics & Cartoon Chaos,” and includes costume competitions, promenades, street fairs and a grand parade featuring marching groups and lavish floats. 305-295-9112. fantasyfest.com.

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Do you ever find yourself left with a casserole dish that has been used to bake something in the oven, and wondered how in the heck you would get ever get it clean.

By: Heidi Chorneyko, Admiral's Point

Here's a solution for you...

Fill the casserole dish with hot water and add a laundry dryer sheet. Allow to sit overnight. You will be amazed at how easy it will be to clean. Simply use the dryer sheet to remove all the baked on food and it will become very easy to clean.

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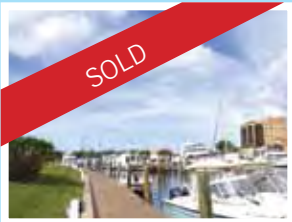


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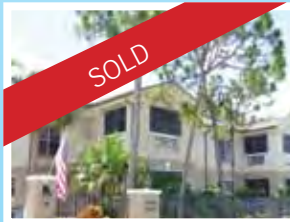
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Blood Donation News

By Ann Singer, Admiral's Point

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One of three people will need blood in their lifetime. Blood that is donated on this day will likely be transfused within two to three days. The turnaround is that fast, the need is constant.

Blood is made up of four main components: red blood cells, platelets, plasma, and white blood cells. Each whole blood donation has the potential to save up to three lives.

Mark your calendar with these dates:
Always on Monday 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
November 14
January 16
March 13

The bus is located in the Cass Cay/Trading Post parking lot. Make an appointment online, call, or just walk in the day of the drive. To schedule an appointment or if you have questions, please call Ann Singer at 319-290-5955 or Jo Buccini at 941-445-8260. To schedule online, log onto **ONEBLOOD.ORG**, establish a username and password, and follow directions to schedule. Walk-ins are always welcome. Remember to bring a photo ID. Be sure to eat before you donate and drink lots of fluids before and after.



The Cuban Brown Anole (*Anolis sagrei*)

By Graham Segger,
Independent Homeowner

Some of you may know that I love busting myths and other commonly held “truths.” Imagine then my delight when I first learned that the tiny brown lizard which I encounter virtually every day in Florida, and which I have always described as a gecko, is in fact not a gecko but an Anole (pronounced “uh-NO-lee”). A what, you say?!



The Brown Anole (*Anolis sagrei*) is an invasive species which migrated to Florida from Cuba. It has been extraordinarily successful in expanding its territory throughout the state and becoming the most prolific lizard in southwest Florida. The Brown Anole can range in color from brown to grey or black, but should not be confused with the slightly smaller Green or Carolina Anole which is indigenous to Florida. The Brown Anoles have been putting pressure on the Green Anole population, driving them higher into the tree canopies and, in some cases, displacing them altogether.

Brown and Green Anoles of both sexes have a dewlap under their chin which can be inflated when they are

challenging another lizard or trying to impress a mate. The Brown Anole dewlap is yellow or reddish-orange. When agitated or getting ready for a fight, Anoles will also bob up and down appearing to do pushups with their front legs. Anoles will eat spiders, crickets, small grasshoppers, moths and butterflies and are prey to snakes and birds. Anoles also have toepads that are scales on the bottom of the feet, which allow them to walk on virtually any type or angle of surface. They also have a detachable tail which they can regenerate.

I’ve learned that I am not alone in this anole-gecko naming confusion. In a completely unscientific survey of a cross-section of mostly snowbird friends and colleagues in the community, I have determined that approximately five people in 100 will correctly identify this lizard as an anole; five will state that it is not a gecko, but can’t quite remember what it really is; and 90 will state unequivocally that it is a gecko. I look forward to taking a new survey after this article runs to see if I get different results.

(Thank you to *Beacon* Editor Linda Weiss for first educating me on the proper nomenclature for these little rascals.)

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Bocce - That’s The Way We Roll! ———

By Kathy Darrell,
Tarpon Pass II

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William Giraldi, writer and novelist, wrote in a November 2017 *New York Times* feature that, after observing the banter

and camaraderie of bocce players in their 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s, “I wanted to glimpse the trick to longevity, and it turns out to be nothing more complicated than having friends – and bocce.”

Players meet at the bocce court in front of Burnt Store Marina Country Club on the northeast side of the parking lot. Please bring a lawn chair. We play from 3 to 5 p.m., and then have dinner at Linkside.

Reservations are required for dinner. We will start a table reservation, and you can call Linkside at 941-637-6405 and add your reservation to the bocce table.

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Golf Tip of the Month

By Bill Connelly,
Manager of Golf Operations

It is the time of the year that our golf season is rapidly approaching. Pretty soon, all of our friends will be back from the north, and the golf club will be busy every day. Before everything starts to get crazy, now is the time to check your equipment - not only your golf clubs, but also make sure that your bag is still in good shape. A simple re-gripping of your clubs and a cleaning of the grooves will make them feel like a new set. Make sure to check your shoes as well. If you have had to glue the soles back on multiple times, then it might be time for a new pair.

Be sure to sign up for the Halloween scramble on October 29 at 9 a.m. And, remember there is a 9-Hole Scramble every Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

The results of the **Father's Day Scramble** was held on Saturday, June 18.

1st Flight Winners

- 1. Mary and Jim Welch, Tom Vlcek, Mike Wood
- 2. Tony D'Arminio, Charlie Currao, John Isaacson, John Lafeldt



- 3. Missy and Bill Coykendall, Kelly and John Millar
- 2nd Flight Winners**
- 1. Bev and Jim David, Joan and John Ross
 - 2. Phyllis and Ray Love, Joan and Jim Rooney
 - 3. Sue Peters, Bob Keyworth, Jane and Bob Moen
- The results of the **Firecracker Scramble** held on July 4.

1st Flight Winners

- 1. Kathy and Gary Knudsen, Deb Burns, Ralph Smith
- 2. Jim Harding, Greg Beaton, Joel Miles, Mike Morgan
- 3. Dennis and Karen Schindel, Mark and Susan Schaffner

2nd Flight Winners

- 1. Lynn and Mike Wood, Tom Vlcek, Marty Owen
- 2. Lorie Davis, Steve Risius, Kathi and Ping McKay
- 3. Millie Hierro, Bob Paul, Lesley Rose, Steve Hunt

3rd Flight Winners

- 1. Rhea and Mort Fleishman, Mark Mitchell
- 2. Jeanne and James Brown, Tom Darrell
- 3. Carl and Andrea Millerschoen, Betty and Rich Hallowell

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| Stan Borchers | Heron #4 |
| Margaret Hiestand | Ospre #4 |

The results of the **Cross County Scramble** held on Saturday, August 13.

1st Flight Winners

- 1. Tony D'Arminio, Charlie Currao, John Lafeldt, Dave Jellison
 - 2. Dennis and Karen Schindel, Mark and Sue Schaffner
 - 3. Alan Huffman, Mike Delisio, Bill Loewes, Chris Smith
- Tied for 3rd – Kathy and Gary Knudsen, Robert Paul, Millie Hierro

2nd Flight Winners

- 1. Bill and Missy Coykendall, Carl and Andrea Millerschoen
- 2. Phyllis and Ray Love, Mary and Jim Welch
- 3. Jane and Bob Moen, Rich and Betty Hallowell

A Hole-in-One was made by Ron Marker, June 28 on Heron #5

Congratulations to all!

Please follow us @burntstoregolf on Instagram for course updates.

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

Gardener's Wheelbarrow

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass

Temperatures will finally begin to cool down in October, and most likely rains will diminish. By the end of August this year, we had only two thirds of last August's total rainfall. And, October begins our dry season! The upside is that the weather should be much more comfortable to get out and clean up the areas you left alone because it was too hot outside to work.

The shortening days of fall have a special effect on popular seasonal plants like poinsettias, Christmas cactus, kalanchoes and chrysanthemums. They start producing their flower buds at this time. Make sure that these plants don't receive any night light, or they may not bloom.

October's Checklist:

- Once summer's rains diminish, supplemental watering will be required for new plantings.
- Check your irrigation system's coverage. Whether from Mother Nature or from irrigation, the total amount of



water in a 7-day period should be 1–1.5 inches. Watering twice a week is optimum.

- Because October is like spring in other parts of the country, we can plant some of the same spring annual flowers now. Temperature-wise, it's a great time to plant annuals, perennials, herbs, shrubs and trees; but rainfall is not reliable. You will probably need to hand water anything newly planted.

- Apply a high quality slow-release fertilizer to your turf, trees (including fruit-bearing and palms), shrubs, herbaceous perennials and annuals.

- When the temperature is below 80-85 degrees, apply herbicide to your turf to kill weeds. Look for sod webworm infestations and treat accordingly.

- Time to mulch! Organic mulch breaks down to enrich our crummy soil with nutrients, adding fiber to retain moisture and texture for roots to grab onto and aerate the soil. Be certain your organic mulch isn't building up year after year. Rake and break it up to redistribute it.

- Rocks are becoming a new trend throughout the community – and especially at BSMCC. They create a fresh, clean look. If you decide to use them, the optimum depth is 2–3”.

- Palm Demise – A soil-borne fungus that kills a variety of palms is ganoderma butt rot. Older fronds will droop and hang parallel to the trunk, new growth will be smaller and pale and the new spear will die before opening up. Look at the base of the tree for the shelf-like conk or fungus. There is nothing that can be done to turn this around. Eventually, the palm will die. Ganoderma attacks all species of palms, and remains in the soil, after the affected palm is removed, for years. *It is not recommended that a palm of any type be planted in the remaining soil.* Only palms are affected by this fungus.

Burnt Store Road Expansion

By Jerry Newmin, PGI Section 22 HOA Board of Directors

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) held a public workshop at the NW Regional Library in Cape Coral on Tuesday, August 30, regarding the future expansion of Burnt Store Road from the Lee County line south to Van Buren Parkway in Cape Coral.

Several members of the PGI Section 22 HOA Board of Directors, and residents of Burnt Store Marina participated.

FDOT personnel presented three alternative plans:

- Alternative 1 is to expand the roadway from two lanes to four lanes with drainage ditches on both sides.
- Alternative 2 is to expand the roadway from two lanes to four lanes with underground drainage pipes along both sides of the roadway to handle water flows.
- Alternative 3 is a No-Build at this time, which would defer roadway expansion to the year 2045.

The purpose of the workshop was to obtain input from

residents before finalizing the development plan and timeline. The Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study is the formal process that develops and compares alternatives, to determine a preferred action that meets project needs, while minimizing the impact on the environment. A bridge over the Gator Slough Canal will be required as part of these plans.

The total estimated cost of the various alternatives ranges from zero to more than \$100 million, or a cost of approximately \$20 million per mile.

The workshop contained plot plans, and large-scale designs reflecting the various alternatives. FDOT personnel were helpful in answering questions and explaining the alternative programs. There was also a spooling video that showed the alternative plans.

The current FDOT timetable calls for completing the study documents late this year, with location, design and concept final acceptance by the summer of 2023.

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The Recipe Box

By Jennifer LeClair, Pelican Way

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I recommend storing these bites in an airtight container in the fridge. They should last up to one week. You can also store these treats in the freezer for 1 - 2 months.

Ingredients:

- 10 medjool dates
- 2 Tablespoons natural (no sugar added) peanut butter
- ¼ cup chopped or crushed peanuts
- ½ cup dairy-free dark chocolate chunks or chocolate chips
- 1 teaspoon coconut oil

Instructions:

- Cut a slit in each date and remove the pit.
- Fill each date with peanut butter (about ½ teaspoon) and a sprinkle of crushed peanuts. Set aside.
- Place the dark chocolate and the coconut oil in a microwave safe bowl and melt in the microwave in 15 second increments, stirring between each. It shouldn't take longer than 1-2 minutes total.
- Using a toothpick, dip each date into melted chocolate and use a spoon to coat the date until completely covered. Place chocolate covered date on a platter lined with parchment. Sprinkle remaining crushed peanuts on top of each date. You can also sprinkle a small amount of sea salt on each date for a sweet/salty taste.
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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



Sheriff’s Report – August

5 Warnings

- 1 – Speeding: 1 resident
- 4 – Failure to stop at a stop sign: 3 residents, 1 vendor.

The Sheriff, on his first visit, stopped at the golf club and visited with BSMCC employees. On his second visit, he talked with residents on golf carts who thanked him for being in the community.



- 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 Matecumbe Key Blvd, 1.26 mile
- Admiral’s Point loop (includes Key Largo Lane

- Circle, Sable Key Circle and Key Largo Circle) start/stop at Marathon & Cape Cole Blvd., 1.06 mile
 - Tarpon Pass loop, start/stop at Islamorada Blvd., 0.76 mile
- Wonderful resources for walkers abound on the Internet. These sites offer a wide selection of audio music apps for beginners to advanced walkers, exercise videos, gear (including shoes), accessories and resource information.

Grammar Tips...Contronyms

By the Editors of The Beacon

Oh my, even *Spellcheck* doesn’t recognize this one... but Merriam-Webster does! It’s a word having two meanings that contradict one another. Contronyms are a combination of homonyms (words with similar spelling or pronunciation) and antonyms (words with opposite meaning).

Here are some examples:

- Bolt: To secure, or to flee
- Bound: Heading to a destination, or restrained from movement
- Buckle: To connect to make secure, or to break or collapse
- Custom: A common practice, or a special treatment
- Dust: To add fine particles to, or to remove them from
- Finished: Completed, or destroyed

- Garnish: To add a finishing touch, or to take away, as with wages
- Give out: To provide to, or to end because of a lack of supply
- Hold up: To support, or to impede
- Left: Remained, or departed
- Overlook: To supervise, or to neglect
- Refrain: To stop from doing something, or to repeat doing it
- Sanction: To approve of, or to boycott
- Temper: To soften, or to strengthen
- Trim: To add decoration to, or to remove excess from
- Trip: A journey, or a stumble
- Wear: To endure, or to deteriorate

Now that you know about this category of words, what contronyms can you come up with? Bet you know many more...

Wildlife Caution Notice

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

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

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

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

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



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