



## President’s Comments

By Craig Holcombe, President, PGI Section 22 HOA

I guess that some of us will remember where we were when *Hurricane Ian* decided to make a direct entrance to Burnt Store Marina. Many people stayed and rode the storm out, and now swear that in the future they will make a different decision, and go to the high ground. The picture tells the story, BSM right in the middle of the eye of the storm, not what was predicted. We knew we were in trouble when Jim Cantore, of the Weather Channel, began in St Pete, but turned up in Punta Gorda within hours. Nobody likes to see Jim show up in their community, nobody!

We all know the cleanup process will take more time than we want it to. We also know that we were extremely blessed in that we did not receive the water surge that was predicted for our area, anywhere from 8 to 20 feet. Others in our area did get the water surge, and we have all seen the pictures of the devastation that the storm brought to them. We had the winds, lots of full trees down, lanai cages and stairwells down, water damage to some units, but no injuries or loss of life for us.

The best thing that happened was that those who were here, and those that returned within a few days, got out and began cleaning up our properties. Working like ants, meeting, and working with new neighbors, making sure everyone in the neighborhood was okay, and taking care of water damage that may have occurred. Once again, our residents showed their strength and fortitude to come together, and get things done the best that we could under the circumstances that were given to us.

We are already working on a better plan to deal with future storms that we all hope will never come our way. Without any power or cell phone service for many days, we did lack a central point of contact for communications. We also need to declare a facility as the main headquarters for not only the communications, but to coordinate activities and begin to provide some services to our residents. We will go through a process, with being designated by FEMA as a day facility, to not only receive assistance, but also training. This will give us better local communications within our community, and to those in charge at the county and state level.

We thank those that work here in the Marina who came to work, even though their own homes and neighborhoods were damaged. Our thanks includes workers on our security team, the maintenance workers at the golf course who helped clear trees and branches around the community, and the many resident volunteers who came out to help clear up our common areas and around our facilities, even though they had lost their lanais, had trees on their houses, no elevators, or water damage in their units.



Eye of the Storm

The road will be longer than we want to get us all back in shape. The storm gave us time to think about more important things in our lives. We just hope we never see Jim Cantore in our area again.

## 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:

- Ronald & Nancy Harrison, 2000 Matecumbe Key Road, roof replacement.
- Ricardo & Angela Gonzalez, 1501 Islamorada Boulevard, roof replacement.
- Michael Sabo, 3405 Sunset Key Circle, exterior door replacements.
- Mark & Katherine Mitchell, 2049 Big Pass Lane, exterior paint, awning replacement.
- Bernie McVey, 24601 Dolphin Cove Drive, hurricane shutters.
- George & Patricia Folio, 4021 Big Pass Lane, windows and door replacement.
- Ed & Sue Leffingwell, 3061 Big Pass Lane, roof replacement.
- Scott & Diana Johnston, 804 Islamorada Boulevard, roof replacement.
- Platinum Point Yacht Club, 3601 Cape Cole Boulevard, golf cart parking area.
- Milan Dragojevic, 505 Islamorada Boulevard, hurricane shutters.
- Diane Segger, 1001 Romano Key Circle, roof replacement.
- David & Michelle Berry, 1108 Islamorada Boulevard, roof replacement.
- David & Michelle Berry, 1108 Islamorada Boulevard, replace exterior garage lights.
- Lawrence & Mayra Bethscheider, 2090 Matecumbe Key Road, #1508, hurricane shutters.
- Nancy M. Kesner, 1301 Islamorada Boulevard, motorized retractable awning.

- Kevin J. Dolle, 4010 Cape Cole Boulevard, roof and gutter replacement.
- Irwin & Kimberly Green, 800 Islamorada Boulevard, roof replacement.
- Virginia Hammer, 3255 Sugarloaf Key Road, window/ hurricane shutter installation.
- James & Lauren Schneider, 6000 Key Largo Circle, lanai replacement.
- Steven & Ellen Thompson, 4880 Linkside Drive, roof replacement.
- Victoria Read, 2040 King Tarpon Drive, roof replacement.
- Michael MacKay, 3001 King Tarpon Drive, pool cage replacement.
- Brad & Karen Kanis, 17888 Courtside Landings Circle, roof replacement.
- Lise Lambert & David Rehm, 24013 Redfish Cove Drive, pool cage replacement.
- Mitchell & Hilde Wegrzyn, 4021 Cobia Estates Dr., lanai cage replacement.
- Steve & Audrey Ferrozio, 3331 Diamond Key Court, roof replacement.
- Anthony & Nancy Zimbicki, 17849 Hibiscus Cove Ct., roof replacement.
- Anthony & Nancy Zimbicki, 17849 Hibiscus Cove Ct., pool cage replacement.

Section 22 restrictions and applications are available for download at **BSM22.org**. Submit your ARC applications to your condo association, if applicable, then to Alliant Association Management, 13831 Vector Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33919, Email: [apmsupport@alliantproperty.com](mailto:apmsupport@alliantproperty.com).

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Reminder:

Next Section 22 HOA Board Meeting  
– Tuesday, December 13, 9 a.m., Linkside Café Patio



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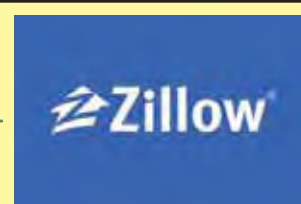
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# Mark Your Calendar – Out And About

## Inside the Gates Dates

- **Thursday, December 1:** Deadline for the January *Beacon*. Article and picture submissions are welcomed. Become part of the *Beacon* family.
- **Tuesday, December 13:** 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.
- **Tuesday, January 24:** Section 22 HOA Annual Meeting. Details to come.

## Outside the Gates Dates

- **Thursday, December 1 to Saturday, December 31:** Fishermen’s Village Festival of Lights, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda.
- **Thursday, December 1 to Saturday, December 31:** King Fisher Fleet –Lighted Canal Cruise. 3 cruises nightly starting at 6 p.m. Fishmen’s Village. Go to **www.kingfisherfleet.com** for reservations and pricing information.
- **Friday, December 2:** Fort Myers River District Art Walk, 1 to 5 p.m. Visit many galleries, exhibitions and performances.
- **Saturday, December 3:** Cape Coral Holiday Festival of Lights. 4 to 10 p.m. Cape Coral Parkway, ¾ mile of lights, music and holiday performances on 3 stages.
- **Wednesday, December 7:** Long Lunch Sightseeing and Culinary Tours. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Explore culinary treasures of Punta Gorda and visit historic sites. \$39 per guest. Go to **https://swfloridawalkingtours.com/tours-2/long-lunch-tour**.
- **Friday, December 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.
- **Saturday, December 31:** New Year’s Eve at Fishermen’s Village.
- **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.
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- **Every Thursday:** Fort Myers River District Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Every Saturday:** Punta Gorda Farmers Market, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., downtown. Lots of vendors with fresh fruits and vegetables, live music, crafts and other great buys. Visit nearby murals and enjoy some of the great downtown restaurants.
- **Every Saturday:** Cape Coral Farmers Market, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Clubhouse Square, SE 47th Ter. and SE 10<sup>th</sup> Pl., Cape Coral.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month November-April:** Yoga in the Peace River Botanical Garden. 5827 Riverside Dr, Punta Gorda. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Open to all levels. Bring your mat and relax in the beautiful garden. Donation based.
- **Every Sunday:** Mid-Cape Farmer’s Market. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mercola Market and Café, 125 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> St.
- **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.

### Section 22 HOA Committee Reports from page 1

## Community Access Committee

By Pat O’Neill, Chair

As a reminder to all residents in the community, the following information should be updated at the Main Gate on a regular basis:

- Phone numbers
  - Permanent Guests (Additions and Deletions)
  - Barcodes for sold vehicles
- Season is upon us, and it is time to think about some of the “Rules Of The Road” for our community:
- All motor vehicles are expected to follow Florida State Law to include stopping at all stop signs, maintaining posted speed limits, and driving in designated road ways.
  - Drivers of golf carts are reminded that they are required to be 16 years of age and licensed to operate a golf cart within the community. Golf carts are also required to drive in the same direction as traffic, and in the designated road ways with motor vehicles. If your golf cart does not have appropriate turning signals, please utilize proper hand signals to indicate your direction of travel. Golf carts capable of high speeds are also required to follow the posted speed limits within the community.
  - Residents and guests to the community riding bicycles should also ride in the direction of flow of traffic within the community. Riders under the age of 16 should be wearing a helmet as directed by Florida State Law.
  - Pedestrians, or persons walking within the community, are afforded the same courtesies as they do outside of the community.
  - Drivers should yield the right of way to a pedestrian in a properly marked cross walk. Pedestrians should also walk in the opposite direction of traffic so that they can see motor vehicles approaching. This is for your personal safety.

It is important that we do all we can to avoid an unnecessary accident within our community. With everyone’s support, we can have an accident free season for all to enjoy.

# Bocce - That’s The Way We Roll!

By Kathy Darrell,  
Tarpon Pass II

BURNT STORE MARINA COUNTRY CLUB – BOCCE – Our goal is to introduce the joy and competition of bocce to more people.

Our new season began on October 18, at 3 p.m. after a one-week *Hurricane Ian* delay. Everyone was ready to enjoy an afternoon of bocce and friends. It was a relaxing and fun time.

Come check us out, and join this lively group. Bocce is easy to learn, and we will be delighted to introduce you to its joys, no experience necessary, and you will be playing immediately.



Please note, you *do not* have to be a member of Burnt Store Marina Country Club to play bocce. However, to join us for dinner at Linkside, you must be a member, but only for early reservations. Non-members may call 24 hours ahead to join the bocce table. We also enjoy meals together at additional restaurants close to home.

The bocce court is located in front of Burnt Store Marina Country Club, on the northeast side of the parking lot. Please bring a lawn chair.

We play from 3-5 p.m. and then have dinner. For more information, or to be put on our email list, call Tom & Kathy Darrell at 330-806- 9182. Stai al sicuro e Dio benedica (Stay Safe and God Bless)

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# An ARC did you know, moment...

By Barry Groesch,  
Architectural Review Committee Chair

Did you know...if you have a pool allocation with your property, and want to install a pool, an ARC application is required. For all projects, go to the **BSM22.org** website to get your application.





# Tight Lines... Fisherman beware! - Tough Fishing Environment for the Next Few Months

By Jay Lev, Burnt Store Anglers

With all the devastation caused to the harbor by the hurricane, not to mention the homes and environment, our fishing will be much different in the months ahead. Islands we knew as hot fishing spots are now gone, sandbars we have not seen before are popping out of the water, and the plant growth underwater is almost gone. But, as we did before, we will learn about our new environment as the year goes on.

With over 150 Burnt Store Anglers, we will dedicate information, in each of our monthly columns, reported by the fishermen, as it pertains to navigation, fishing spots and how our fish have adapted.

Just before the hurricane, I had to have some surgery that kept me off the water. I took advantage of my recliner and large screen television to watch fishing shows 24/7. As a result of watching the shows, and each guide's special fishing tackle, I made notes to contact these guides and see where they bought, or made, the special tackle they were using.

Pictured are five pieces of tackle that were repeatedly being used by a great many of successful guides. I would like to recommend these five to you:

First, I tracked down a wonderful tackle shop in Cut Off, Louisiana. The shop is called Four Horseman Tackle. The shop makes a great casting cork combo that has a very durable float, with casting weights built into the design. It casts a mile and makes an incredible fuss in the water. I bought a dozen



in varying colors to take with me on future trips for snook, trout and redfish. The float combo is made by the shop. You can contact them at [www.4Horsementackle.com](http://www.4Horsementackle.com). This float combo is a real innovation.

Second, while going through the shop's website, I found a beautifully designed plastic shrimp that the shop calls their BOOM BOOM Shrimp. The shop only offers the shrimp in the two "killer" colors that nails big redfish. Attached with three feet of 20-pound leader material under the cork, it is going to catch a lot of fish. That artificial shrimp bait is also made in the USA right in their Louisiana tackle shop.

Third, pictured is the XRS-UV Jig Heads. To my surprise, I found them available on line in packs of five with a white head that glows under water. They were designed by SmartTackle

of New Orleans, LA. I tried them on several of my soft baits, and they bring the soft bait to life. This is a real winner for your tackle box. They can be reached at [www.Fishsmarttackle.com](http://www.Fishsmarttackle.com). I bought the 1/8 oz. head for most conditions.

Fourth, pictured is a package of Fishbites in the saltwater series. I tried using the scented E-Z Clam strip, EZ Crab in Chartreuse and the EZ Shrimp in Pink. These baits are packaged in resealable packs, are cut in strips, and it takes a good fish bite to get it off the hook. So far, I have caught several nice-sized snook, a ton of seatrout and a nice eight-pound redfish while using these Fishbites. When you can't find white bait or buy live shrimp, this is the bait to have with you.

Last, getting back to our current fishing conditions post hurricane, please be sure to fish with a good pair of fishing gloves. Not only do they protect your hands from the sun, they will protect you from that horrible ameba that likes to infect you should it find its way into a scrape or hook puncture on your hand. AFTCO has many great versions of the fishing glove on line. It is worth the \$20 to wear them on your next trip. It is also important to carry a bottle of clean fresh water along with an antiseptic liquid soap that you can use to quickly wash off with. Inexpensive alcohol packs are also worth carrying with you. Let's hope the water clears up and these awful creatures die off. Be safe.

Tight Lines!

## Rules of the Road

**Motor Vehicles:** Always drive your vehicle on the right side of the road. There are no "turn lanes" within Burnt Store Marina. Never drive your vehicle in lanes indicated for the use of bicycles and pedestrians. Always stop at stop signs. Never exceed the posted speed limit.

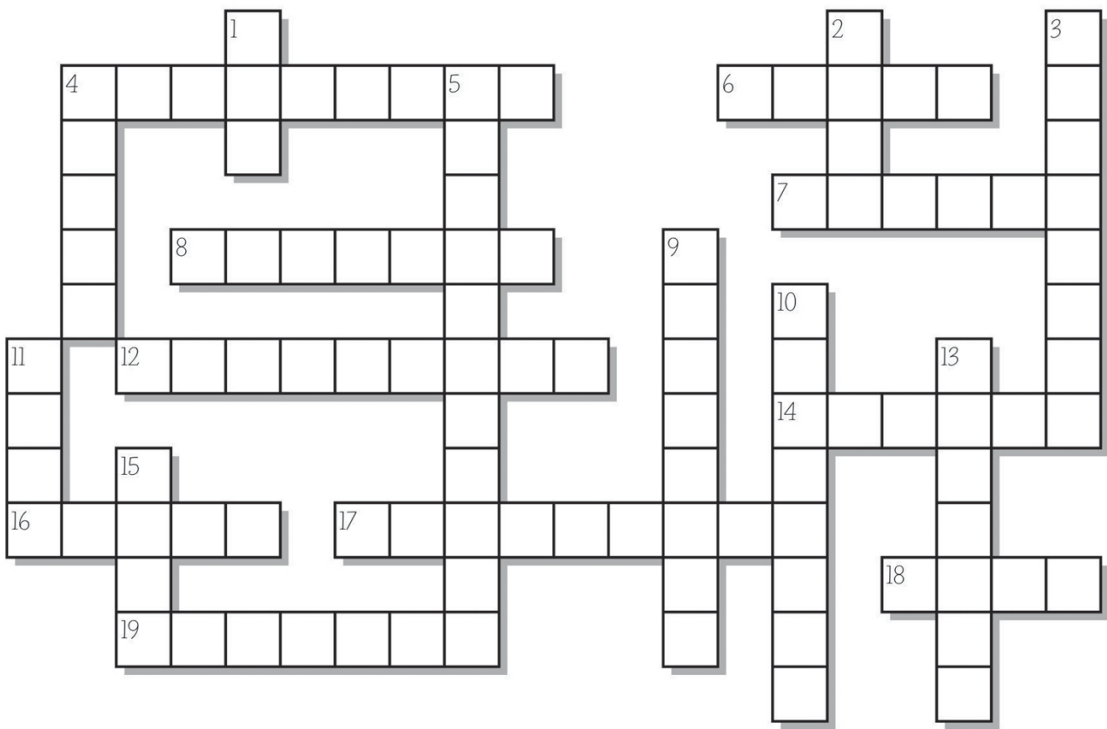


**Bicycles:** Always ride your bicycle on the right side of the road, even if there is no "bike lane" available. Use hand signals to indicate intention to turn. Always stop at stop signs. Never exceed the posted speed limit.

**Golf Carts:** Always drive your golf cart on the right side of the road. Use hand signals to indicate intention to turn. Always stop at stop signs. Use lanes indicated for the use of bicycles and pedestrians only when neither is present.

**Pedestrians:** Always use lanes provided for bicycles and pedestrians. If there is no lane available, use the left side of the street, facing wheeled traffic. Use caution when crossing streets. Wear reflective clothing and carry a flashlight when walking or running after sunset.

## The Beacon December News



### ACROSS

- 4 Farewell to ....
- 6 Eye of the
- 7 Gof cart
- 8 FUN run/walk .... event
- 12 Improving this will help you lower your golf score
- 14 Tour of ....
- 16 Tight
- 17 Last name of new Fitness Trainer

- 18 Color for December
- 19 Minimum age to drive a golf cart

### DOWN

- 1 Santa's helper
- 2 State having a Potluck
- 3 If you want to check out the Fitness Center facilities, you can get a .... (2 wds.)

- 4 The guy who keeps a list of naughty or nice
- 5 Shortened form of a word, or group of words
- 9 Long road to ....
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- 11 Shrimp
- 13 Named hurricane in 204
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# December Off-Beat Holidays

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass

December got its name from the Latin word decem (meaning ten) because it was originally the tenth month of the year in the Roman calendar, which began in March. If you were born in December, you are lucky to have a choice of three gems: blue topaz, turquoise and tanzanite. Blue is the color for December, and the traditional birthstone list also includes zircon and lapis lazuli. The December birth flowers are narcissus (paperwhite) and holly. Birth signs of the zodiac are Sagittarius (December 1-21) and Capricorn (December 22-31). Strengths of Sagittarius include generosity, idealism, and a great sense of humor. Weaknesses are that they can be very impatient, and will say anything no matter how undiplomatic.



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Capricorn’s Strengths include disciplined self-control and good managers. Weaknesses can include being a know-it-all, unforgiving, condescending and expecting the worst.

There are holiday events planned in our area, however, due to *Hurricane Ian*, they may not occur as planned. Check before you go:

**Through December 31: Festival of Lights - Fisherman’s Village, Punta Gorda**

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**December 1 – 11: Burnt Store Marina Home for the Holidays**

- Tree Lighting – 12/1
- Cart Parade – 12/2
- Boat Decorations – 12/3
- Duffers Holiday Golf – 12/8
- Holiday Music – 12/9
- Tour of Lights – 12/10
- Charity Walk/Run – 12/11.

And...to get yourself into the true meaning of the Holidays, try volunteering your skills, time and energy to one of several organizations helping those trying to recover from the storm! You can check volunteer opportunities at [www.volunteerflorida.org](http://www.volunteerflorida.org), [www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn](http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn), and [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

Here are some December dates to remember...try not to eat too much:

**December 2, 1804:** Napoleon Bonaparte was crowned Emperor of France by Pope Pius VII in Paris.

**December 7:** National Cotton Candy Day

**December 11, 1901:** The first transatlantic radio signal was transmitted by Guglielmo Marconi from Cornwall, England, to St. John’s, Newfoundland.

**December 13:** National Ice Cream Day

**December 15, 1791:** The Bill of Rights (first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution) became effective following ratification by Virginia.

**December 15, 1939:** *Gone with the Wind* had its world premiere in Atlanta, introduced by producer David O. Selznick and featuring appearances by Vivien Leigh and Clark Gable.

**December 16:** Chocolate Covered Anything Day

**December 17:** National Maple Syrup Day

**December 18 – 26:** Hanukkah begins the eight-day Jewish festival, also known as the festival of lights. On each day a Menorah (an eight branched candelabra) is lit with an ascending number of candles to match the day. The reason for Chanukah is based on the story of the Maccabees battle with the Greeks. It is told that one pure bottle of olive oil lasted for eight days in the Holy Temple. It should have lasted only for the first day.

**December 19, 1732:** Benjamin Franklin first published Poor Richard’s Almanac containing weather predictions, humor, proverbs, and epigrams, eventually selling nearly 10,000 copies per year.

**December 25:** Christmas Day, commemorating the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. Although the exact date of his birth is not known, it has been celebrated on December 25th by the Western (Roman Catholic) Church since 336 A.D.

**December 26 - January 1:** Kwanzaa, an African American family observance established in 1966 celebrating traditional African harvest festivals, focusing on family unity, with a community harvest feast on the seventh day. Kwanzaa means “first fruit” in Swahili.

**December 30:** Bicarbonate of Soda Day


**December 31:** New Year’s Eve, the final evening of the year, traditionally a night for merry-making to welcome in the new year.

## 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.
- No one under 14 is allowed to drive a golf cart within the Burnt Store Marina premises.
- No one not playing golf is allowed to drive a golf cart on the golf course.





I was in Walmart using the restroom, and just as I closed my stall door, a voice from the next stall said, “Hi, how are you?” Embarrassed, I said, “I’m alright.”

The voice said,” So, what are you up to?” I said, “Umm...just trying to handle a little private business over here!”

Then I hear, “Can I come over?” Annoyed...I said “Excuse me?!?!?”

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# Burnt Store Marina CC News

By John Abbott,  
General Manager, BSMCC

We all just came through a very challenging time, and we are finally coming out the other side. Roads are being cleared, houses are getting fixed and life in paradise is slowly returning to normal. Here at Burnt Store Marina Country Club, we consider ourselves very fortunate. Sure, we sustained some damage, but with the help and leadership from many of you volunteers who turned out to clean up, we are again open and ready to serve you.

The golf course is open again, the restaurant is open, and the fun events that make this place special have begun. Trivia, bar bingo, happy hour, specialty dinners and all themed events are moving forward, and the fun is just beginning. We are now showing all NFL games on Sunday in the club, which follows our Sunday breakfast. Chef Seth is featuring food and drink specials to make your experience just a little different each week.

Recently, the question has been asked, “can I use the club if I’m not a member?” Let me answer that with an emphatic YES!! Anyone from Burnt Store Marina can attend social events held indoors or outdoors. We are a community-owned club. With that being said, we also offer membership to the club, which brings certain advantages with it. Because we have limited space for indoor events and golf tournaments, we often require reservation to accommodate the maximum number of people. Part of the benefit of membership is that you can make reservation ahead of the rest of the community. This is not meant to exclude. If you want to be able to attend all the events, join the club. We love new members and want everyone to participate in the fun. We have several different levels of membership, ranging from a full Golf membership to various social memberships, all designed to meet your needs and cater to your interests. Below is a partial list of the membership privileges:

- 15% discount on golf (full golf memberships don’t pay for normal golf)
- 15% discount on everyday food and beverage
- Ability to make tee times up to 16 days in advance



- Ability to make reservations for over 70 limited space parties, social events, and specialty dinners well in advance of non-members
  - Two free rounds of golf included with membership
  - Access to reciprocal golf special price opportunities with other Troon participating courses
  - Free or discounted office services such as notary, copies, faxed, scanning, stamps and package drop-off
- These are just some of the reasons to join, but the biggest

reason is that you don’t want to miss out on any of the fun we are planning this season. We all have been through a lot and deserve to make this season one to remember. The welcome back party with “Deb and the Dynamics” was a great success. Thanks to all of our existing members for your continuing support, and we hope non-members stop by the club to inquire about ways to join the fun! A heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped us clean up after Ian and get back to business!

BSMCC December 2022 Schedule of Events						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Due to circumstances beyond our control, everything is subject to change.				1 Lunch 11 a.m - 3 p.m.* Prime Rib dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/*	2 Lunch 11 a.m - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/*	3 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Happy Hour Live Music 5 - 8 p.m.
4 Breakfast 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. NFL Ticket 1 - 7 p.m.	5 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Trivia 5 - 8 p.m.**/*	6 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/* 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	7 Republican Dinner*****	8 Fashion Show 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.**/*	9 Lunch 11 a.m - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/*	10 Holiday Backwards Scramble 9 a.m.*** Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Happy Hour Live Music 5 - 8 p.m.
11 Breakfast 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. NFL Ticket 1 - 7 p.m.	12 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Trivia 5 - 8 p.m.**/*	13 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/* 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	14 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Ladies League Winter Luncheon 10:45 a.m.**** Micro Brew 5 - 8 p.m.**/*	15 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Music and Food Trucks 5 - 8 p.m.	16 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/*	17 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Happy Hour Live Music 5 - 8 p.m.
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25 Merry Christmas!	26 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Trivia 5 - 8 p.m.**/*	27 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/* 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	28 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Drive-in Movie Dusk	29 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Music and Food Trucks 5 - 8 p.m.	30 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/*	31 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* NYE Dinner w/Music 5 - 9 p.m.**/*

\* Call Linkside for reservations 941-637-6405

\*\*Members make reservations 1st! Non-member make reservations 3 days prior if available!

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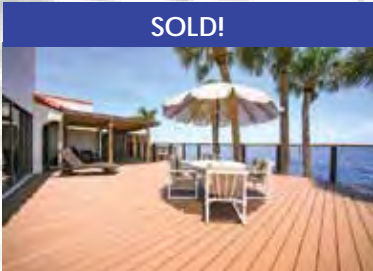


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Governor Ron Desantis came to Burnt Store Marina October 15, in the wake of Hurricane Ian. He brought representatives from FEMA, Captains for Clean Water and other representatives concerned with Florida's fishing industry, to discuss hurricane recovery in Charlotte Harbor.

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# Platinum Point Yacht Club

By Sue Smith, Director

November kicked off the 38<sup>th</sup> year for Platinum Point Yacht Club. In the wake of the difficult issues our community faced because of *Hurricane Ian*, several activities provided opportunities for friends and neighbors to get back together, and to enjoy once more the special environment at Burnt Store Marina.

The second community shrimp boil in mid-November was a popular event. The evening's offerings of delicious food, live music, a Christmas market, a bake sale, and a raffle for a boat load of wine, earned accolades from the many attendees.

A second important November event on the PPYC schedule was our Annual Meeting, a time for review, reflection, and establishment of objectives for the coming year. Members returned to the clubhouse that evening to enjoy a sunset cocktail hour, dinner, and dancing. Platinum Point Yacht Club's 38<sup>th</sup> year was launched with renewed optimism and a commitment to

meeting the needs of our membership of boaters and non-boaters.

While some activities, such as the start of Monday sailing races, have been delayed, PPYC's December calendar is filled with social, educational, and community service activities. The Trim-a-Tree Holiday party, our Adopt-a-Child community service event, grill nights, sunset socials, happy hours, golf scrambles, book club, bridge, mah jongg, and bunco are all some of the activities that will keep Platinum Point Yacht Club members busy in this holiday month.

If you are interested in joining our group, 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. Also, you will find many members who would be pleased to explain why Platinum Point Yacht Club has been a good choice for them, and why you would enjoy it as well. Please call to find out information about new member open houses.

# Remembering Bernie Punt

Bernard Richard Punt, or Bernie as we all knew him, passed away on October 8 at Hospice House in Cape Coral, Florida. He was born in Philadelphia and spent most of life in SE Pennsylvania until he retired to Punta Gorda in 1995. Bernie was very active in the Burnt Store Golf & Activity Club where he worked part-time and put together many fun golf events. He was an avid golfer who had five holes-in-one, and enjoyed the fellowship of great golfing friends. He especially enjoyed the "shamble" – a betting & drinking game with fellow golfers. He enjoyed playing Santa Claus and riding in the golf cart parade every year with his wife, Joyce.

Bernie leaves behind his beloved wife Joyce Punt of 36 years, a daughter, son, four grandchildren, two great grandbabies, a sister and two nieces. He was predeceased by his first wife Eleanor and his daughter Susan Taylor and granddaughter Marina.





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# Two Happiest Days – I Don’t Think So!

By Graham M. Segger, Independent Home Owner

We said goodbye to a dear friend this past fall. She was a stout and reliable companion through many adventures over the years. Some called her a big-beamed girl, but to me that was a hollow observation from those who did not have the privilege of confidently weathering 30 knot winds, and riding through the accompanying Great Lakes swells in her. She did not once let us down through many nautical miles of cruising (over 1,000 hours under power, and that many and more under sail). She was also a comfortable retreat on the water, our summer cottage with 360° lake front views.

Soulstice was her name, or as I had to so often explain, “Solstice with a U”, a name I had envisioned long before purchasing her. She had entered Diane and my world shortly after a transition point in our lives, and was a joint endeavor from the beginning. We spent many hours looking at boats, and narrowed down the list from dozens of possible vessels considered and examined, all across North America. This was a luxury most current-day boat purchasers cannot enjoy, given the scarcity of quality used boats available.

It was during our annual August voyage, from one end of Lake Ontario to the other, that we came to the conclusion that it was time to part with Soulstice. The reasons were several and varied. We had moved quite a distance from our home yacht club two years ago, and were not successful finding a closer port we were as comfortable with. Grandchildren and other hobbies were also competing with her for our summer attentions. To keep a sailboat like Soulstice in top condition you have two choices, checkbook maintenance or lots of personal effort. I enjoy working on boats, and am a bit cheap, so usually opted for the latter. The ratio of maintenance time to sailing time seemed to be steadily increasing over the last several years.

Once the decision was made, we attacked the project with our normal enthusiasm. I set out to write a “101 Reasons to Purchase Soulstice” sales pitch, and was surprised to realize, when I was done, that I had assembled a list of over 200 attractive features and characteristics. Not surprisingly, she sold immediately after the posting went live to someone who had been looking for such a boat for over a year.

There is an oft-repeated saying among boat owners that the two happiest days of a boater’s life are the day you buy



Farewell Soulstice

and the day you sell your boat. I could not agree more with the first part of that phrase, but can categorically state that the second bears no truth in our case. We have four other children, but Soulstice was the child we had conceived and raised together, so parting with her has been difficult. There has been a small element of seller’s remorse, but the die is cast and it is now time to look ahead. I will continue to sail and race Spirit in Charlotte Harbor, and have no doubt that there will be another, somewhat smaller, sailboat factoring into our northern summer plans. Perhaps she will have a tiller rather than a wheel and will be close enough to the water to help me kindle a passion for sailing in our grandchildren. And so commences our march toward a new instance of that first “happiest day.”

PS – This article was written before the tragic events of September 28. I cannot imagine the agony which so many boaters must have felt with the loss of their beloved craft to the onslaught of Hurricane Ian. I walked through the marina three days after the storm and was shocked by the sight of boats swept from the racks and others jumbled together among the damaged docks. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to those boaters. GMS



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Register at [bsmhomedecorating@gmail.com](mailto:bsmhomedecorating@gmail.com) or call Jon Ackerson (502-777-9833).

**THURSDAY, DEC 1** Annual Christmas Tree "Lite Up" at Cass Cay Restaurant  
Beginning at 4:30PM | Lots of FUN | Hot Dog & Chips just \$3 | LIVE! Music

**FRIDAY, DEC 2** Golf Cart Decoration Contest & Parade  
Start Lining Up Carts at 4:30PM | Parade Starts at 5:30PM | Golf Course Parking Lot  
Register at [bsmcartparade@gmail.com](mailto:bsmcartparade@gmail.com) or at the Golf Pro Shop. Buffet dinner with awards to follow parade. For questions, call Jon Ackerson (Board Rep) 502-777-9833.

**SATURDAY, DEC 3** Holiday Boat Decorations  
5-8PM | Marina "B" Dock (next to Cass Cay) | LIVE Music

**THURSDAY, DEC 8** DUFFERS "Funnzy" 9-Hole Golf Scramble  
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**FRIDAY, DEC 9** FREE! Holiday Musical Jamboree on the Lawn at the Golf Course  
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Start Lining Up Carts at 4:30PM | Tour Starts at Dusk (5:30PM)  
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Catch the Holiday Spirit

# Home for the Holidays

## GOLF CART PARADE

Decorate your golf cart and join the fun!

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# Fit Happens... More Instructors, More Yoga

By BSM Fitness Center  
Yoga Team

The Burnt Store Marina Fitness Center membership survey from the spring, revealed that our fitness community would like more yoga opportunities on the schedule. We heard you and are excited to announce our fall schedule has more yoga, along with more instructors. We have 3 new instructors joining Sandra Tillet on



Creek by Lee Beere's home

the schedule: Donna Heiple, Leah Moss, and Deanne Fitzpatrick. Each teacher brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to each class. We're calling ourselves the BSM Fitness Center Yoga Team. We are committed to teaching, modifying, and inspiring you to new levels of being fit, by bringing your mind, body and breathing connections together. Yoga compliments all of your favorite workouts, strength training, cardio fitness, running, pickleball, tennis, golf, and biking. If cranky wrists or joints have you shying away from yoga, let any of us know, there is a modification for every pose. Pesky muscle tightness is usually the beginning of the issue and incorporating yoga into your week can begin your road to better balance, flexibility, and strength.

**Meet Sandra Tillet:**

As a senior executive for over 30 years in the fashion industry, I needed a physical release from the stress of my job, the travel, and the corporate politics! Once I was introduced to Hot Power Fusion Yoga, I decided to become a yogi. That lead me to become a 500-hour certified yoga instructor, and my preference of teaching has evolved over that time. My classes are Astanga influenced, and referred to as a Vinyasa flow. My certifications include, Yoga Alliance as an Experienced Registered Yoga Teacher (ERYT), and Yoga Alliance Continuing Education Provider (YACEP). Certified (CE) in Hot Power Fusion, Sculpt, Yin, Ashtanga, Yoga Nidra, Primordial Sound Meditation and Sound Healing.

**Meet Donna Heiple:**

My yoga classes are designed with attainable yoga postures building awareness, flexibility, endurance and gratitude. Classes begin with reflection, bringing awareness to our breath and bodies so we can focus on our movements. We will do some muscle warming movements, bone density building poses, balancing poses, core and back strengthening (moving our spine in all 6 directions to keep it strong and flexible), followed by seated and/or supine stretches. We will end with a long, relaxing, resting pose.

I have served thousands of students and have taught over 100k+ hours. I am registered at Yoga Alliance as an Experienced Registered Yoga Teacher (ERYT), Registered Children's Yoga Teacher (RCYT), and Yoga Alliance Continuing Education Provider (YACEP). I also am Yoga Alliance registered and have an accredited Yoga Teacher Training program.

**Meet Leah Moss:**

I started practicing Bikram (hot) yoga in 2016, and I was hooked! I have been teaching since 2022. In addition to teaching yoga at the fitness center, I also teach hot yoga at Cape Coral Yoga and Pilates. In July, I completed a 300-hour Yoga Teacher Training course in Austin, Texas. My certification is Level 1 certified Original Hot Yoga Association Teacher (OHYA). I was also awarded the English Bulldog Determination Award at Pure Yoga Institute in Austin, Texas. I am a dialogue-driven teacher, and my teaching style guides students through poses with clear directions. I aim to share a simple and playful approach while encouraging students to explore their own movement and breath. I hope to help you discover and maintain the power within you!

**Meet Deanne Fitzpatrick:**

I have a Functional Yoga Systems Certification, from the Gray Institute with a focus on Functional Movement. Dr. Gray, the founder of the Gray Institute, is quoted as saying, "Yoga is an ancient practice bringing together body, mind, and spirit. However, our understanding of the human body has changed significantly since the physical practice of yoga was first developed. Moreover, our jobs, sports and hobbies often require repetitive motions which may lead to overuse injuries—factors that traditional yoga may not address." My certification links the time-honored yoga practices with routines and poses that allow for increased flexibility, balance and strength. I look forward to having you in class and I am honored to be part of our amazing BSM Fitness Center Yoga Team.

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# Know Your Plant Hardiness Zones

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass

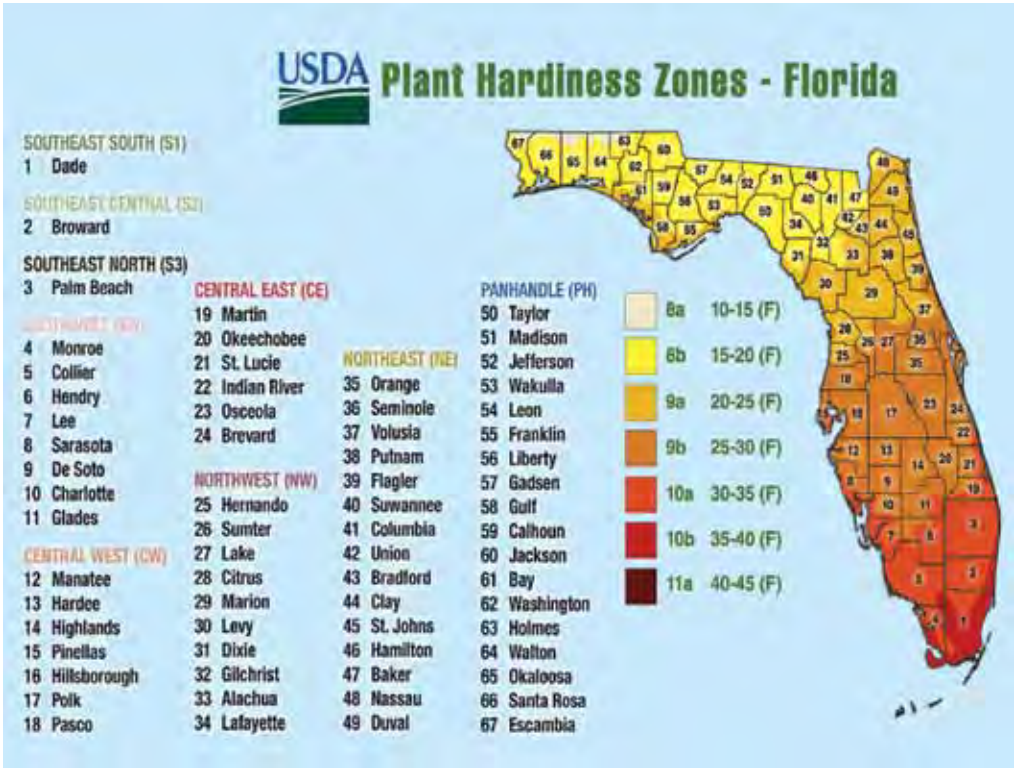
If you came to live in Burnt Store Marina from points north, like most of us did, you probably think that if it’s called a “tropical plant,” you can plant it in your yard, or put it on your porch. If you Google “tropical plant,” you will most likely come up with gobs of photos of houseplants that, up north, can only grow inside where air is temperature and controlled.


Now, after Hurricane Ian, many of us need to replace some or all of our landscaping. When you select a plant for your yard, you need to keep several factors in mind. You can’t plant a shade lover in the sun, or a sun lover in the shade. You need to be aware of how much water the plant needs and can tolerate. And, you need to know how much heat or cold that it can bear and to thrive in.

This takes us to Plant Hardiness Zones. The USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) has created numbered zones to guide gardeners and growers how to determine which plants are most likely to thrive at a location. The Plant Hardiness Zones map divisions are based on the average annual minimum winter temperature, and is divided into zones for each 10-degree Fahrenheit difference. There are 13 zones from Alaska in the north to Puerto Rico in the south. Florida has 4 zones (8,9,10 and 11), which have been divided again by a 5-degree difference into “a” and “b.”

And yes, our hardiness zones 8, 9, and 10 are considered the best for gardening due to several factors. First, these zones have a long growing season of at least 9 months from March to November. And second, winter low temperatures tend to be the mildest.

So, when researching the plants you may want in your landscaping, be sure to check for their hardiness zone number. And remember that plants that may thrive in zone 5 may not do well in our designated zones - 9b and 10a.






## The Recipe Box

### Outer Banks Crab Cakes

By Debi Bretz, Admiral's Point



Crab cakes are versatile because they can be the main course, side dish, sandwich, or appetizer, depending on the size of the patty. This recipe uses flaked crab meat but lump crab meat can be substituted, if desired. This recipe will make 8 medium crab cakes.

**Ingredients:**

- 1 lb. flaked crab meat
- ¾ cup cracker crumbs
- 1 large egg, slightly beaten
- 2 tablespoons minced onion
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 ½ teaspoons Crystal hot sauce
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon fresh ground pepper

Mix all above ingredients in medium bowl with a fork. Form a 3-inch patty and roll in extra cracker crumbs.

Heat oil in skillet or deep fryer to 375 degrees. Fry until golden brown (about 3 minutes on each side) and drain on paper towel. Serve immediately.

Enjoy with a light dry white wine.

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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
- Matecumbe Key Blvd., construction entrance to Cape Cole Blvd., 0.72 mile
- Matecumbe Key Blvd., Cape Cole Blvd., to South Shore – 0.55 mile
- Courtside Landings’ Loop, start/stop at entrance – 0.48 mile

- Prosperity Point sidewalk loop, start/stop at Matcumbe Key Blvd, 1.26 mile
  - Admiral’s Point loop (includes Key Largo Lane Circle, Sable Key Circle and Key Largo Circle) start/stop at Marathon & Cape Cole Blvd., 1.06 mile
  - Tarpon Pass loop, start/stop at Islamorada Blvd., 0.76 mile
- Wonderful resources for walkers abound on the Internet. These sites offer a wide selection of audio music apps for beginners to advanced walkers, exercise videos, gear (including shoes), accessories and resource information.

# Major Florida Hurricanes Affecting Southwest Florida – 1848-2017

By Graham M. Segger, Independent Homeowner

In an earlier article (BSM *Beacon*, August 2015 and, also in the Hurricane Amnesia chapter of my book *Where Do We Live?*) the tracks of the 17 Category 1 to 5 hurricanes that passed within 60 miles of Burnt Store Marina were illustrated on a map of the area. Below is a sad reminder of the devastation wreaked by a few of these storms.

1848 – Several trading posts in Charlotte Harbor, including the future Burnt Store, were destroyed or badly damaged, and both Stump Pass in Englewood and New Pass in Sarasota were created.

1873 – Punta Rassa, at the mouth of the Caloosahatchee, was destroyed by a 14-foot storm surge, which also flooded Sanibel with 5 feet of salt water.

1910 – Seven Cuban fishermen were killed when their schooners were sunk off Punta Gorda, and a school was blown off its foundations. Fort Myers Beach was swallowed, and much of the water was blown out of Tampa Bay.

1921 – The Tampa Bay Hurricane produced a tide 7 feet above normal at Punta Gorda and a 12-foot storm surge in Tampa Bay, which flooded the city.

1926 – The Great Miami Hurricane hit Charlotte Harbor after crossing the state. Punta Gorda City Dock was destroyed, and Redfish Pass was created splitting Captiva and North Captiva Islands. The almost completed first Matlacha Bridge was toppled into the channel when a barge hit it.

1928 – The Great Okeechobee Hurricane killed over 1,800 in West Palm, and the area south of Okeechobee, and

caused much flooding along the west coast. The 1926 and 1928 storms were featured in the final chapters of the novel *A Land Remembered*.

1935 – The Labor Day Hurricane damaged much of the Florida Keys and maintained category 4 status when it struck Charlotte Harbor, causing extensive flooding.

1941-1947 – Charlotte Harbor was struck by six different tropical storms or hurricanes causing much damage. In 1944 a storm surge covered Gasparilla Island. On September 18, 1947, 8.7 inches of rain were reported at Fort Myers.

1960 – *Hurricane Donna* (in 1950 hurricanes began receiving names) travelled just inland of Charlotte Harbor and had winds of 130 mph (as measured by FPL). Water was first pulled out of Charlotte Harbor then brought back in causing an 8-foot storm surge, which flooded Punta Gorda. The steeple of the Punta Gorda Presbyterian Church was toppled.

2004 – *Hurricane Charley* – I am a sailor, so the account of Charley that has made the greatest impression on me was the story told by Capt. Kevin Hughes of his efforts to evade and then survive Charley on his 37-foot sailboat s/v *Windigo III* in Charlotte Harbor. (*Sailing in a Hurricane, Parts 1 & 2* were published by *Southwinds Magazine* in November and December 2004). The Sun Newspapers of Port Charlotte published a pictorial book in 2004 titled *Direct Hit Images of Hurricane Charley* (now difficult to find, but Charlotte County Libraries have copies) and the Cape Coral Daily Breeze published a similar book titled *Eye of the Hurricane: Nature’s Fury 2004*.

2017 – *Hurricane Irma* – Thanks to a last minute “wobble” as she came ashore at Marco Island, and an earlier decay of the trailing eye-wall as she brushed Cuba, Irma did relatively little damage to homes along the Burnt Store coast. Water was drawn out of several harbors and the sea wall collapsed in many spots in Burnt Store Marina and in the canals of Cape Coral and Punta Gorda.

More details of these and many other tropical storms are well documented and illustrated in a very readable book by Jay Barnes titled *Florida’s Hurricane History*, which is available at the Lee County Library.

# Golf Tip of the Month

By Bill Connelly, Manager of Golf Operations

Season is back upon us, the weather is starting to cool off, and more and more of our northern friends are starting to arrive back down here.

One of the first things to go with our game when we take time off is the short game. Being able to reduce the amount of strokes it takes to get the ball in the hole from 125 yards and less is very important to shooting lower scores.

The practice green area is a great place to start when trying to get your game back into mid-season form. When practicing around the green, there are a couple of basics to remember. The first one is to make sure you have most of your weight on your front side, play the ball slightly back of center in your stance, and be aggressive through the ball. When you are on the green practicing your putting stroke, play the ball just in front of the center of your stance, keep your head still, and listen to the ball dropping in the cup. If you start with your short game, the long game will follow.

Please stop in for lunch and some shopping, we would love to say hello.

Have fun learning to enjoy your game.



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# Gardener’s Wheelbarrow

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass

At last! Everyone can move outside and enjoy their garden. Cooler days and nights have finally arrived. The month of December will generally be dry, with only two inches of rain.



By now, you have had the time to appraise your landscaping after *Hurricane Ian*, and begin planning for replacements and new additions. Pay attention to what trees and shrubs that were destroyed by the storm, and both their pre-storm condition and location in your landscape. This is a good indication of what to plant and where to plant it...this is much like starting over. Because of December dryness and possible frost, it is not the time of the year to be planting your new additions. Wait for spring.

Plan to remove a tree if the main trunk is cracked or broken, or if the major roots have been damaged. Many trees and palms can be straightened up and braced until healthier. For palms, keep all green fronds, even if broken or twisted. The fronds provide assistance for regrowth. Plan on watering and fertilizing them to bring them back to life.

If there are any blooming trees still standing, this month’s bloomers include fall orchid trees, kapok trees and white shaving brush trees. Most flowering tropical plants will continue to bloom, unless challenged by frosty temperatures.

This month’s garden checklist:

- Tropical plants – this is not their favorite season. You will probably see some yellowing and loss of foliage due to cooler temperatures. Chill plus any rain can cause brown spots to appear on the leaves of ixora and croton.
- Frost predicted? Cover your plants (no plastic!), and

## Bicycle News

By Bob Singer,  
Admiral’s Point  
Calling All Cyclists

Burnt Store Cyclists meet at 7:30 a.m. Monday through Saturday at the Burnt Store Marina Country Club parking lot. We ride in the Lakes and usually ride between 5 and 10 miles, and often stop for coffee at the Trading Post deli afterwards.

Please do not feel you need to be a fast rider. We have riders of all skill levels and speeds. The goal is to have fun and get some exercise. Join us for a good time with great people. Put on your helmet and join us.

Call Bob Singer at 319-230-8827 if you have any questions, or just show up.



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remember to remove the covering by 10 a.m. so daytime temperatures don’t cook your plants. And, to be on the safe side, orchids should be brought in or protected if temperatures are predicted to drop below 50 degrees.

• Potted poinsettias need to be watered, but should not be allowed to get too wet. They do best with at least 14 hours of natural or artificial light per day.

• Christmas cacti and kalanchoes are best watered every two to three weeks. Once they bloom, they require lots of light, but very little water – and no fertilizer.

• Cages, pools, proximity to a wall, a rotating ceiling fan...all will moderate temperatures. The coldest temperature will occur around 6 – 6:30 a.m. It only

takes a few minutes of cold, not freezing temperatures, to substantially harm or kill tropical plants.

• You probably don’t need to prune much after the beating most plants took from the storm – but don’t be tempted! Pruning encourages tender new growth that can be killed by frost. You can safely prune again in March.

• Annuals – remove dead flowers to encourage continued flowering.

• At this time of year, established plants have definitely slowed down their growth rate and consequently require less of everything...water, fertilizer and pruning. Water less frequently, but deeply, to encourage deep healthy roots.

# Grammar Tips...Apostrophes

By the Editors of *The Beacon*

In English writing, apostrophes are used in two ways – either in contractions or in possessives. But what’s the difference?

A **contraction** is a shortened form of a word (or group of words) that omits certain letters or sounds. In a contraction, an apostrophe represents missing letters. Examples are: isn’t (is not), can’t (cannot), they’re (they are) and it’s (it is).

**Possessives** are used to describe belonging. They describe a noun that belongs to another noun. Examples are: Santa’s reindeer, Debbie’s cats and the bird’s song.

With pronouns, there are no apostrophes: his reindeer, her cat and its song.

One of the common errors with apostrophes involves “its” and “it’s.” With these errors, many people confuse the rules of apostrophe use. They add an apostrophe to “it” as they would with nouns, like Santa, Debbie and bird. As a result, they may end up with “it’s song.” This really means, “it is song,” when that is not the intended meaning. If you are uncertain whether you are using “its” or “it’s” correctly, stop and ask yourself, “do I want to say ‘its’ (possessive) or ‘it is’ (verb)?”

The rules about forming possessive nouns probably cause the most apostrophe confusion. For most nouns, to make possessive, add an apostrophe (+) “s.” If the noun is plural, ending in “s,” add only an apostrophe at the end of the word.

And here’s another grammar rule for you: adding an “s” to the end of a noun makes it plural. This includes numbers, letters and dates, for example, “8s,” “Ds” and “1990s.” **Never** use an apostrophe to make them plural. If you do, you are making them possessive.

GRAMMAR

The difference between  
knowing your shit and  
knowing you're shit

## 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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# Meet the Fitness Center’s New Physical Trainer

His goal is to help you achieve your goal. Your goal could be driving a golf ball farther, or better agility on the pickleball court, or staying fit in retirement, or weight loss or just feeling better.



Whatever your objective, Chris Whitfield wants to help. Chris is the Fitness Center’s new personal trainer and fitness coach. Seen at the Fitness Center most mornings, Chris listens carefully to what his client wants to accomplish, and then designs a workout program to achieve those aims. First, he works on developing his client’s overall core strength. Then he focuses on the specific muscles that will help the client achieve his goal. A pickleball or tennis player, for example, needs endurance, strength, and agility. This would lead to exercises that focus on the hips, legs, and shoulders.



Chris Whitfield is the Fitness Center’s new personal trainer and fitness coach.

Chris has at his disposal all the free weights and exercise equipment at the Fitness Center. Chris, who just turned 30, grew up in Rockland County, NY, 40 minutes north of Manhattan. He attended Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry, NY, where he earned a BA in finance in early 2020. He planned to work for a Wall Street consulting firm, but that plan was dashed by Covid-19. He instead moved to BSM to ride out the pandemic, initially moving in with his parents, Kevin and Donna Whitfield, who are year-round residents of Grand Isles. When not working at the Fitness Center, Chris devotes time to a technology startup he co-founded that designs quantum

encryption software that “keeps your data safe from quantum computer attacks,” he said. His past experience in personal training occurred prior to college, when he worked as a trainer for young Marine recruits preparing for the physical rigors of boot camp. Chris suggests most clients work with him three sessions a week but he is very flexible, and is even willing to do only one session for the client who wants to just try it. Sometimes he assumes the role of fitness coach, providing advice, support and accountability. “The program is designed around the client’s needs,” he said. Sessions typically last an hour and cost \$40 each. Nonmembers must pay an additional guest fee. To enroll, or for more information, email Chris at [Cwhitfield63@gmail.com](mailto:Cwhitfield63@gmail.com). **Don’t forget:** The Fitness Center is sponsoring the 5K Run/Walk for Kids on December 11. The 5K course will be all within the Marina, and the race will be open to runners and walkers of all ages and abilities. Nonmembers—including people from outside the Marina—are welcome. Proceeds will go to the Children’s Needs Program of the Guardian ad Litem Foundation, 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, which fulfills needs for abused, neglected or abandoned children of Charlotte County. The \$30 entry fee must be paid by December 4 at the fitness center in cash or by check made out to Guardian ad Litem Foundation 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit. Payment can also be made online at [voicesforkids.org](http://voicesforkids.org), where you click on “events” and select “BSM 5K” to pay your fee.

## Fitness Center to have Open House January 7

Ever wonder what the BSM Fitness Center has to offer? On Saturday, January 7 you can attend an open house and find out. There will be tours of the pool facilities. You can watch the tennis and pickleball players on the outdoor courts. You can get an indoor tour of the fitness center, with its exercise machines, free weights, dressing rooms and classroom area. Learn about the many fitness classes, in person and online, that include line dancing, yoga, cardio, strength training and (in the pool) aqua aerobics and aqua Zumba. A free day pass will be offered to anyone who wants to try out the pool, courts or indoor exercise equipment. There will also be a drawing to win a prize; anyone who buys a membership the day of the open house can enter. There will also be information on memberships. There are full memberships that allow you to use all the facilities for an entire year, seasonal memberships, and memberships tailored to a special interest such as a pickleball only, or tennis only membership. Because of high demand, new memberships are (for the time being) limited to BSM residents. The open house starts at 9 a.m. and runs until noon. The Fitness Center is located at 3085 Matecumbe Key Road. Come check us out!

## Blood Donation News

*By Ann Singer, Admiral's Point*  
**Hurricane Ian has devastated all of us. We need to work together to recover. Blood shortage exists and we need YOU to donate. Now is the time to make a difference.** Thanks to all the donors who generously donated on Monday, November 14. There will be a full report in the January *Beacon*.  
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Always on Monday  
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January 16 and March 13  
The Big Red Bus from **ONEBLOOD** will be coming to Burnt Store Marina Monday, January 16 from 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. We look forward to seeing our veteran donors, and meeting many new Burnt Store area residents. There will be incentive gifts for all donors. Generally healthy people age 16 or older, and who weigh at least 110 pounds can donate blood. A photo ID is required. To learn more about the importance of blood donation, and how donors can target the power of their blood type, visit [oneblood.org](http://oneblood.org). All donors receive a wellness checkup of blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, a cholesterol

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