

President's Comments

By Craig Holcomb, President

The End and the Beginning.

When we were first on the board before 2015, board meetings were relaxed, and the operations were fairly smooth. We were assigned one or two subcommittees that met once a month as board liaisons, and then had a board meeting once a month. We could enjoy our new retirement, and still be able to serve on the board. A balance of life so to speak! We did not plan on staying on the board for very long, maybe four years or so. Life was good.

We have talked about the opportunity that our community had that began in 2015 with talks with the then owners of our development. They had purchased the development to section off each amenity and sell them off individually. These amenities had lacked funding and normal maintenance. Repairs were made with duct-tape attitudes, and replacements only occurred when there was no other alternative. The amenities all were operating with losses.

So began a journey for our community that is now in its 7th year when in 2017 we all decided that it was better to own and control our amenities than to be subjected to an outside developer. We were very fortunate that Safe Harbor bought the marina because we did not have the ability to buy or operate it. We bought the remaining assets so that we would have the ability to control, and decide how we can best use these amenities for the community good.

To turn this all around we had the support of all the board members who have served on the board these past seven years; the committee members for all our subcommittees; the presidents and board members of all our sub associations; our independent homeowners; and many many residents and member volunteers who have spent countless hours putting the pieces back together for our community to thrive and move positively forward.

Seven years ago, our vision was to turn around the operations of the golf course, fitness center, irrigation system, and to restore the landscaping, waterways and much more. Turning the losses into gains. Today the golf course is in great shape and the operations and activities are immense. The fitness center complex has had to limit membership because the facility itself is too small to properly provide services to its many members. We have reached that point where our issues are not the operations, but the facilities cannot keep up with the positive demands.

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.



Ready to Party - By Daryl Lemon

Our community accomplished this through *Hurricane Irma* in 2017; a tropical storm in 2019 that dumped 11 inches of rain in 12 hours; COVID from 2020 to 2021; and of course, *Hurricane Ian*.

Jim Welch has served on the board for 14 years; Terry Kelly for 8 years; and Craig Holcomb for 10 years. We have decided for different reasons not to run again for the board. We would like to thank you, our residents, and members, for allowing us to serve you as board members of PGI Section 22 HOA. The work has been hard and demanding, but overall rewarding to see our community come together, take control and ownership, and improve upon what we had in 2017 and where we are now. It has been an amazing ride for us, as well as for so many others who have made all this come to life.

It is time for us to pass on the baton to a new set of eyes to guide and improve our community in the next chapter for Burnt Store Marina. Again, we thank you for allowing us the opportunity to lead our community, and we look forward to continuing success as our community continues its growth into the future.

Respectfully Jim Welch, Terry Kelly, Craig Holcomb.

- Dave & Dorothy Roeser, 3091 Big Pass Lane, roof replacement.
- Dave & Dorothy Roeser, 3091 Big Pass Lane, lanai screen & door replacement.
- Victoria Read, 2040 King Tarpon Drive, roof replacement.

Section 22 restrictions and applications are available for download at **BSM22.org**. Submit your ARC applications to Alliant Association Management, 13831 Vector Ave, Fort Myers, FL 33919, Email: appsupport@alliantproperty.com.

Community Access Committee

- The following applications were approved last month by the Section 22 HOA ARC:
- Donald Barratt, 280 Big Pine Lane, roof replacement.
- William & Janet Westerdahl, 4099 Cape Cole Boulevard, roof replacement.
- Marcie Troutman & Barbara Panellino, 4043 Big Pass Land, lanai replacements.
- Brian Sims, 5060 Key Largo Circle, roof replacement.
- Sunset Key II, HOA, 3421-3337 Sunset Key, roof replacements.
- Floorje Walther, 4001 King Tarpon Drive, roof replacement.
- Virginia Hammer, 3255 Sugarloaf Key Road, window & door replacement.
- Willis & Deborah Hummer, 1302 Islamorada Boulevard, roof replacement.
- Adelia Butrum, 217 Islamorada Boulevard, exterior paint.
- Jay & Susan Lev, 1000 Islamorada Boulevard, roof replacement.
- Ernesto Perez, 3051 King Tarpon Drive, hurricane shutter installation.
- Dennis & Kathy Smith, 5001 King Tarpon Drive, exterior paint.
- Glenn Dundas, 4070 Key Largo Lane, exterior paint.
- Gloria Weber, 4031 Cobia Estates Drive, lanai replacement.
- Robert & Janice Caissie, 3961 Key Largo Drive, garage & living addition.
- Jian Ping Ma, 2060 King Tarpon Drive, window installation.
- Dudley R. & Patricia S. Price, 4049 Big Pass Lane, replace pool lanai.
- Craig & Denise Holcomb 3031 King Tarpon Drive, roof replacement.
- Patrick & Anne McColgan, 4051 Key Largo Lane, roof replacement.
- Dennis & Kymbrly Gallagher, 2091 King Tarpon Drive, window replacement.
- Dave & Dorothy Roeser, 3091 Big Pass Lane, front door replacement.

By Pat O'Neill, Chair

Important Bicycling Safety Tips

Burnt Store Marina has a large group of bicycle riders who share the roadways with regular vehicle traffic. We would like to stress the importance of bicycle safety and sharing the roadways within the community.

Here are a few tips that may help in preventing accidents on our streets.

- Make it a habit! Six point safety check your bike every time.
- Protect your head. Wear a helmet.
- See and be seen. Be visible.
- Stay alert. Listen and Look.
- Obey the rules of the road.
- Use your hand signals.

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Reminder:

Section 22 HOA Annual Meeting – Wednesday, January 25, 9 a.m., Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center 75 Taylor St., Punta Gorda

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Dr. Mike is very engaging. His follow through is fantastic and his knowledge of the Burnt Store Real Estate market is excellent. Has open houses almost every week to showcase homes and meet people looking to buy or sell property. That is how we met him. Besides all of that, in a difficult market, he sold our home in 2 days. Literally put the home on the market late one afternoon, had a showing the next morning and sold it the next day. Was very impressed by his follow through after the sale also. Would recommend to anyone listing or buying in the Burnt Store area of Southwest Florida." (*Zillow Review*)

We recently worked with Dr. Mike Schwanger for our Punta Gorda home purchase and I am giving him the highest ratings in all categories because he helped us find a great place in a short amount of time, without pressure. We happened to remember him from an Open House several months ago, which in itself says something because he made a memorable impression on us, connecting in a positive friendly wayso guess who we called when we decided to seriously look for a house! During the process, he was never too busy to take a call, answer a question, or repeatedly take us back to homes we were considering-and again, without putting any pressure on us to make a decision. In fact, we enjoyed spending time with him because he was so knowledgeable and helpful in making that decision. So, call Dr. Mike if you want a stress free home search experience!." (Zillow Review)

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

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

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

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

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Mark Your Calendar – Out And About

Inside the Gates Dates

- Sunday, January 1: Deadline for the February Beacon. Article and picture submissions are welcomed. Become part of the Beacon family.
- Wednesday, January 25: Section 22 HOA Annual Meeting.
- Every Tuesday: Bar code installation, front gate, 1 to 3 p.m.
- Every Thursday: Bar code installation, front gate, 9 to 11 a.m.
- Every Friday: Burnt Store Marina Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., The Boater's Pool Parking Lot.

Outside the Gates Dates

- Friday, January 6: Fort Myers River District Art Walk, 1 to 5 p.m. Visit many galleries, exhibitions and performances.
- Friday, January 20: Fort Myers River District Music Walk, 5 to 9 p.m. Local and regional musicians line the street with music from jazz to blues to rock and roll.
- Tuesday, January 24 and Wednesday, January 25: History of Punta Gorda Through Its Murals. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Visit all 32 murals from the comfort of an air conditioned classroom. Charlotte County Foundation Education Center, 227 Sullivan Street. \$30. Go to https:puntagordamurals.org/product/class.
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- Every Tuesday: New Name, New Location: Cape Coral Sunshine Market. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mercole Market & Café, 125 SW 3rd Pl.
- Every Wednesday: 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.
- Every Thursday: Fort Myers River District Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
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- 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.
- 2nd 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 3rd 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.

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to add to that growing number. To do this, we need you

to join our group. We are excited about the direction of

this sport. What is so attractive about this game, is that

everybody can play, no matter age or ability, you just

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• Remember that some drivers just don't see you. Drivers should be alert, and recognize the bicyclists and pedestrians on the roadways and paths.

- Don't ride in traffic until you can safely negotiate it.
- Avoid riding at night, but if you do, be visible.

• Be predictable. Don't surprise anyone else on the road.

• Prevent bicycle theft. Lock up your bike.

• Avoid driving in and around the vehicle barrier systems as they were not designed for bicycle traffic. DO NOT attempt to tailgate a vehicle into a barrier system, or you may be injured.

• Always stop at the stop signs within the community. Bicyclists are required to follow the same signage requirements as automobiles.

· While riding in community pathways, Bicyclists must give right of way to pedestrians, to include riding with vehicle traffic if necessary.

As a community, it's important that we all remain vigilant for signs of problems on our roadways. Taking an extra minute to observe traffic conditions, bicyclists, and pedestrians will help to prevent unnecessary accidents and help to ensure a safe season for all.

An ARC did you know, moment...

By Barry Groesch,

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.

need a burning desire to compete.

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Please join us in our efforts to promote a great game. The ball is in motion, and we need your support to keep it rolling. Join us on Tuesday's at 3 p.m.

Please note you do not have to be a member of Burnt Store Marina Country Club to play bocce. However, to join us at dinner at Linkside, you must be a member for early reservations. You may call 24 hours ahead to join the bocce table for non-members. 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 until 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.

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(Stay Safe and God Bless)



Architectural Review Committee Chair Did you know...if you want to add hurricane shutters, an ARC application is required. For all projects, go to the BSM22. org website to get your application.







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Fit Happens... 6 Week Weight Loss/Wellness Challenge for 2023

By Cheri Frank,

Certified Nutrition Coach Happy New Year! The past two years, the Fitness, Racquet & Pool Club has offered a 6-Week Weight



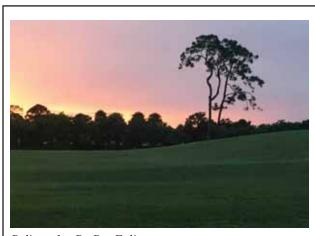
Loss/Wellness Challenge for all club members in an effort to help us get back into healthy habits after the holidays. The first year, 2021, we had 22 participants and finished with 90% of participants completing the challenge, with a total of 101 pounds lost by the group. Last year, we had 30 participants complete the challenge, with a total of 185 pounds lost by the group. Many people repeated the challenge to help them refresh their healthy habits because it was so successful for them the first time.

We are offering the challenge again this year, beginning on January 2 with our kick off meeting at the fitness club at 5 p.m. The challenge will still be free for Fitness, Racquet & Pool Club members, but we are also offering it to others in the community for the bargain price of \$20. If you are looking to develop some healthy habits with the bonus of weight loss, then this challenge is for you. The challenge was developed by a clinical nutritionist with decades of experience and thousands of pounds lost in her care.

Each week we will add a new nutrition and movement based challenge. The challenges are cumulative, and the sequence is intentional. Some of the challenges may seem difficult, but those are probably the ones you need the most, and will make the biggest difference in your weight loss/wellness journey. Every challenge builds upon the week before so, by the end of the program, you will have developed a solid foundation of new eating and movement habits. New habits take time, we are not asking you to strive for perfection, but we will give you the tools to make better decisions more often. We just ask that you complete the challenges to the best of your ability. The challenges will be emailed each Sunday and will have tips for success and explain "why" it is being introduced. Studies show that social support plays an important role and can be an effective method for attaining weight loss.

We will have weekly meetings on Mondays to share our successes and struggles, and the challenge coach will share nutritional information geared to the new weeks' challenge. Accountability is the key with weight loss, and loads of research shows that simply the act of recording food and activity helps many people lose weight. We will be using the free platform, *MyFitnessPal*, to record our food intake and activity. We will have a special Facebook group to cheer each other on, and there will be a special exercise class videotaped and emailed each week to challenge members. We will be giving weekly prizes to participants who check in and complete the weeks' challenge by adding their name to a drawing which will be done at our Monday meetings.

If you are interested in participating, you can sign up at the fitness club front desk or email me directly at **cheri.bsm22@ gmail.com.** I will contact you to get some preliminary information and give you more details regarding the challenge. Our hope is that you can view the 6-week challenge as an opportunity to focus on yourself and your health. Here's to a Happy and Healthy New Year!



Pelican 1 – By Pat Folio

Grammar Tips...Using Adjectives

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass

Adjectives describe nouns. Descriptions come in many sizes and colors. They can be exactly that – size, color, age, condition, origin – the list goes on and on.

But did you know that when describing an object (noun), there is an order that you use in that description (adjectives)?

Adjectives in English (not to be confused with other languages) absolutely must be in this order: number - opinion – size – age – shape – color – origin – material – then noun. Most of us naturally use this format without thinking about it, so it is something we didn't know that we already knew.

Of course, we don't necessarily use all these kinds of adjectives when describing something, but the ones we do use need to be in this order. So, you can have a nice little new red Swiss pocket knife, but if you mess with that word order, you will come off as sounding a little strange. And we wouldn't want that, would we?





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January's Off Beat Holiday Adventures

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass

January, as the first month of the new year, gives us a chance to start over. Forget the bad, and cultivate last year's good into great. New Year's Day is the most celebrated holiday around the world – a time for new ideas, new friends, new activities and challenges. Make every day in January a celebration!

January 1, 1892: Ellis Island in New York Harbor opened. Over 20 million new arrivals to America were processed until its closing in 1954.

January 6: A big day in New Orleans. It marks three things: Twelfth Night, The Epiphany, and the beginning of the *Carnival Season*. While many people believe that Mardi Gras is a one-day event, it's an actual season, from January 6 through February 21 (Fat Tuesday, also called Mardi Gras).

January 10, 1912: The flying boat airplane, invented by Glenn Curtiss, made its first flight at Hammondsport, New York.

January 14 & 15: 45th Annual Central Florida Scottish Highland Games, Winter Springs, Florida. Fans of Scottish heritage and culture will love this jam-packed schedule of Highland dancing, bagpipes, archery, shortbread and whiskey tasting, face painting and other Scot-centric fun. Discount

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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. advance tickets available online. Saturday 8 a.m. – 9 p.m. (\$20 online - \$25 gate); Sunday 8:45 a.m. - 5 p.m. (\$15/\$20). Central Winds Park, 1000 Central Winds Drive (East SR434), Winter Springs 32708. Web: **flascot.com**

January 14 & 15: 36th Annual Crystal River Manatee Festival, Crystal River, Florida. This event is an open house at Three Sisters Spring, where manatees are easy to see and watch in the clear spring water. Festival activities include music on three stages, a Kid Zone, free access and shuttle to Three Sisters Springs and a wine and beer garden. Manatee Boat Tours into Kings Bay and other favorite hangouts of the manatees are available from the City Pier at the end of Third Street. Saturday, January 18: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, January 19: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: donations are \$5 for adults, children 12 and under free. Located downtown Crystal River, at the intersection of Citrus Avenue and U.S. 19, and surrounding areas down to the waterside area, along King's Bay. To park for the festival, go to the southeast corner of the Kings Bay Shopping Plaza parking lot at US 19 and Kings Bay Drive. There are frequent shuttles to the festival grounds. Web: gomanateefest.com

January 18: *Thesaurus Day* celebrates the birthday of the author of Roget's Thesaurus. Peter Roget was born on this day in 1779. This holiday encourages us to appreciate and utilize the Thesaurus as an excellent resource for all of our writing projects. The Thesaurus has been an invaluable reference book for hundreds of years. Students and writers use it to improve the quality of their literary work.

January 19 – 22: 32nd Annual Fellsmere Frog Leg Festival, Fellsmere, Florida.

Hop on over to this annual event, where highlights include: yummy frog's leg and gator tail dinners, frog jumping contests, hot legs contests, carnival rides, Red Neck Olympics, live music, and booths featuring the work of unique craftsmen and artisans. Food choices start with one frog leg (a frog pop on a stick for \$3) up to a gator-tail and frog leg dinner for \$14. Entrance and parking are free. 22 South Orange St, Fellsmere,

FL 32948. Web: froglegfestival.com

January 20, 1945: Franklin Delano Roosevelt was inaugurated to an unprecedented fourth term as president of the United States. He had served since 1933.

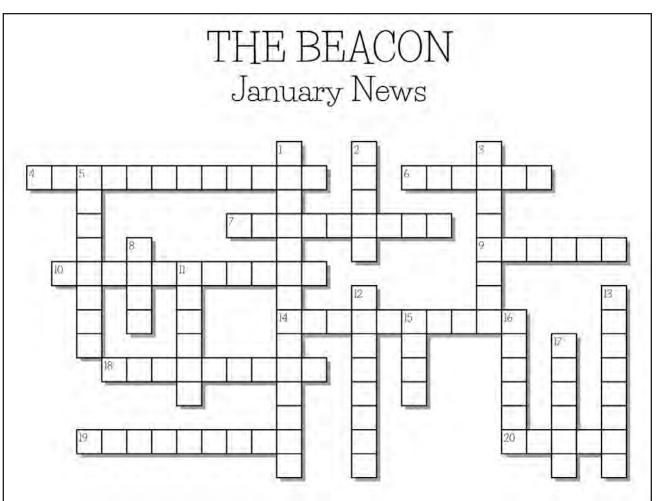
January 20: *Martin Luther King Day*, celebrates the birthday of Martin Luther King, January 15,1929 in Atlanta, Georgia. As an African American civil rights leader, he spoke eloquently and stressed nonviolent methods to achieve equality, receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. King was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968. In 1983, the third Monday in January was designated a legal holiday in the U.S. to celebrate his birthday.

January 25, 1961: President John F. Kennedy conducted the first live-televised presidential news conference, five days after taking office.

January 28 - 26th: Annual Kumquat Festival, Dade City, Florida. The historic downtown in Dade City fills for this free event celebrating the tangy little fruit grown locally. Along with dozens of booths and live entertainment, a highlight is tasting kumquat treats, from kumquat pie to kumquat cookies to kumquat salsa. Free shuttles run from two satellite parking areas – the Pasco County Fairgrounds on SR 52 and next to Jarrett Ford on US Hwy 301. On the preceding Thursday and Friday, the kumquat growers open their groves and packing houses for tours. Admission is free. Saturday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Web: **dadecitychamber.org/annual-kumquat-festival**

January 28, 1915: *The U.S. Coast Guard* was created by an Act of Congress, combining the Life Saving Service and the Revenue Cutter Service.

January 28: National Kazoo Day - It's concert time, so dust off your favorite childhood musical instrument. Former slave, Alabama Vest of Macon Georgia made the first Kazoo in the 1840's. Commercial production of the Kazoo didn't occur until many years later in 1912. Manufacturing was first started by Emil Sorg in western New York. Sorg joined up with Michael McIntyre, a Buffalo tool and die maker. Production moved to Eden, NY where the factory museum remains today.





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Burnt Store Marina CC News

By John Abbott,

General Manager, BSMCC Happy New Year Everyone! I want to take this opportunity to thank the Burnt Store community for putting together a go-fundme page for the country club staff to help them after



being out of work during the aftermath of the hurricane. The generosity of the residents was amazing, raising nearly \$6,500, so thank you so much for your donations!

While *Hurricane Ian* put a damper on the end of 2022, we are all ready to put that in our rearview mirrors, and get back to fun in the sun. This year is going to be great here at the club. With so many events, specialty dinners, and a golf course that is in such wonderful shape, how could we expect anything else. We are kicking off the year with our annual Hangover Scramble. This is always one of the best tournaments of the year with breakfast sandwiches, and an open Bloody Mary bar that kicks it off right. Later in the month, we will be holding a "Scotch Scramble," which has teams of eight taking turns golfing and drinking...sounds like a good combination to me.

The restaurant will be a busy place during the month of January. There are so many fun events including a Disco night, Trivia, Bar Bingo and Name That Tune, along with specialty dinners like Men's Night, Tour of Italy Night and Prime Rib night, just to name a few.

There is so many fun and delicious things going on here over the next few months that you will want to participate in and share with your friends. If you haven't yet joined the club, now is the time to do so. Together, let's make this the best year ever at BSMCC!!

BSMCC January 2023 Schedule of Events									
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
1 Hangover Scramble 10 a.m.*** Linkside Closed	2 Lunch 11 a.m 3 p.m.* No Trivia	3 Lunch 11 a.m 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.* 9 Hole Scramble 3:00 p.m.***	4 Lunch 11 a.m 3 p.m.* Republican Dinner	5 Lunch 11 a.m - 3 p.m.* Music and Food Trucks 5 - 8 p.m.	6 Lunch 11 a.m - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.*	7 Lunch 11 a.m 3 p.m.* Happy Hour Live Music 5 - 8 p.m.			
8 Breakfast 9 a.m 1 p.m. NFL Ticket 1 - 7 p.m.	9 Lunch 11 a.m 3 p.m.* Trivia 5 - 8 p.m.***	10 Lunch 11 a.m 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.* 9 Hole Scramble 3:00 p.m.***	11 Lunch 11 a.m 3 p.m.* # Men's Bourbon and Cigar 5 p.m.****	12 Lunch 11 a.m 3 p.m.* Music and Food Trucks 5 - 8 p.m.	13 Lunch 11 a.m - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.*	14 Shirts and Skirts *** Noon- Golf members only Lunch 11 a.m 3 p.m.* Happy Hour Live Music 5 - 8 p.m.			
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* Call Linkside for reservations 941-637-6405

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***** Reservations for Republican Dinner must be made through the Republican Club # Members First and non-members 7 days prior to event.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, everything is subject to change.

Tight Lines... Water Cooling, it's Time to Catch Seatrout

By Jay Lev, Burnt Store Anglers

The spotted seatrout is one of Charlotte Harbor's most abundant fish and is a real favorite to catch by local anglers. The seatrout were in great abundance until anglers found they were easy to catch and keep. Their numbers, in recent



years, has dropped off because they have been over fished and their number one habitat, sea grass, has been dying off.

The spotted seatrout is generally silver sided, and has some blue-faded color down to a white belly. They are easily recognized by the great number of black spots found on their back. They have large eyes and usually two large canine teeth at the front of their mouth. They are part of the local trout family, that includes the sand seatrout, that is yellowish brown in color and has no spots on its body, and the silver seatrout, that also has no spots on its sides and has a very distinct silver body. The sand seatrout and the silver seatrout are caught less frequently.

As for their habitat, they are commonly found over sand or sandy features with a good deal of grass to hide. The spotted seatrout is usually up to three pounds in our harbor but have been caught up to eight pounds. Ten to twelve pound spotted seatrout have been caught frequently in the waters on the east coast of Florida. The Indian River is noted for many catches of larger trout.

Marine Biologists report that the seatrout prefer water temperatures between 58 to 81 degrees. With that temperature range, as the water cools down from summer highs, the trout family becomes more active.

The adult spotted seatrout feeds mostly on shrimp and small bait fish. As a result, artificial shrimp such as those manufactured by the D.O.A. Lure Company are an excellent bait. Artificial shrimp in silver, root beer, chartreuse, and clear speckled colors have proven to be the best attractors. The artificial shrimp should be fished under a rattle float, and tied off with a three to four inch piece of monofilament leader. A hook, rated at between 2/0 to 3/0 is the ideal size. Avoid using a swivel or other terminal hardware as that just seems to take away the natural movement of the shrimp in the water. Live shrimp and frozen shrimp are also excellent baits. The shrimp can be hooked from left to right, just ahead of the shrimps sharp barbs base, or thru the tail is best. White baits hooked through the nose also results in excellent movement of the live bait in the water. When the bite is really on, just about any soft plastic bait will catch a trout if retrieved rather fast in the water. White, silver, gray, and chartreuse colors are good bets for the soft baits.

A spinning rod rated for six to twelve pound test line works the best. A rod designed with a fast tip allows for a good cast and excellent motion when retrieving an artificial bait. Line of 10 to 20 pound test usually works best. Most anglers favor 12 pound test. The leader material should be rated at 20 to 30 pound test. Be sure to buy a good quality leader and line as that can make a big difference in the number of fish you will catch.

Since our trout populations are dropping in numbers, try and use Catch and Release techniques so the fish population will be there for another day of fishing. To remove the hook from the seatrout, be sure your hands are damp when holding the fish to protect the fishes protective slime and subjecting the fish to all kinds of water parasites. We recommend having a jug of fresh water on board for that purpose. Since the water after a big storm has plenty of bad parasites floating around, you do not want to get an infection from those conditions. Many anglers buy fishing gloves for that purpose or use a long dehooker that does not require you to handle the fish.

With the record seatrout being about 17 lbs 6 oz, set your goal high and send us a picture for the next article on catching seatrout.

Tight Lines!



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Platinum Point Yacht Club

By Loretta Steeves, Director

Platinum Point Yacht Club's holiday calendar was filled as our members endeavored to put Hurricane Ian behind them and entered the new year with camaraderie and good cheer.

The traditional Trim-A-Tree celebration began on the front lawn as club carolers welcomed the attendees with holiday song. Vanessa Jordan, Membership Chair, then introduced the 2022 new members and invited them to play

Plant of the Month... **Christmas Cactus**

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass

Some good friend or relative gave you a beautiful, colorful Christmas cactus to enjoy this season...wow...



look at all those flowers!

Unlike other cacti, the Christmas cactus and its relatives don't live in hot, arid environments such as deserts or plains. In fact, these succulents are native to the tropical rainforests of southern Brazil, where they grow on tree branches and soak up the high humidity, filtered sunlight, and warm temperatures. So, don't treat a Christmas cactus like it's a run-ofthe-mill cactus or succulent. They can't take the same sort of sunny, dry conditions that other cacti can.

A daytime temperature of 70°F and an evening temperature of 60 - 65°F is preferred. This plant is perfect to keep inside, rather than outside your home in Florida summers. Christmas cacti prefer a more humid environment, which makes a bright bathroom or kitchen a good spot to keep them. Plants should be kept in bright, indirect light. An east-facing window or a bright bathroom is ideal. Too much direct sunlight can bleach the sensitive leaves.

Plan to water every 2 - 3 weeks, but only water when the top one third of soil feels dry to the touch. When the soil is dry, soak the soil until water runs through the pot's drainage holes. Place a tray underneath the pot to catch the water. After 10 - 15 minutes, discard any excess water in the tray so that the pot doesn't sit in water. It's especially important to water well while the plant is flowering.

Prune plants in late spring to encourage branching and more flowers. Cut off a few sections of each stem; the plant will branch from the wound. And, you can place the cut pieces in a lightly moist potting soil - they root easily after a few weeks and make for excellent Christmas presents!

If your cactus is not blooming, it may be receiving too much light or too-high temperatures. To get Christmas cactus to continue to bloom in the years after purchase, it comes down to two things: light and temperature. Christmas cacti produce flowers in a cool, environment with a short day-cycle. To begin the production of flower buds, there needs to be at least eight days of 16 hours of dark, and eight hours of light each day. Wherever the plant is placed, do not turn on the lights at night, even for a short period of time. That breaks the dark cycle required. Also, avoid placing the plant where it receives either cold or hot air drafts.

a game that helped people learn how those newer friends had come to Burnt Store Marina and to the club. The new members were then invited to place a nautical ornament on the traditional PPYC Christmas tree. As the evening progressed, the group entered the club, which was decked out for the season, and enjoyed a holiday meal of turkey or sliced beef. The evening concluded with the group singing carols to celebrate the joy of the holidays.

Another PPYC holiday tradition was continued, as members participated in the Adopt-A-Child program. A committee, led by Becky Isley, gathered the wish lists of needy children from local families. Since those lists never included practical items such as clothing, the children's parents provided the kids sizes and favorite colors. Club members were then able share in the joy of giving. The presents were wrapped and shared through local schools.

The education committee helped members learn more about the need to preserve the Peace and Myakka Rivers. Guest speaker, Andy Mele, who has served as Executive Director for the environmental organization, Suncoast Waterkeeper, discussed the

need to protect water quality and ecological integrity in our local watersheds and estuaries.

The cruising group faced many challenges due to the impact of Hurricane Ian. Despite the impact to both boats and local marinas, a group of vessels was able to continue the tradition of a holiday cruise - this time to Venice. And who could complain about spending the holiday season Venice?

As we enter the new year, the club's calendar will remain packed with over eighty on-land selections, including exercise classes, golf scrambles, book club, quilters, bridge, mah jongg, bunco, and lots of informal opportunities to get together, such as happy hours, sunset socials, and grill nights. The on-water activities will include club cruises, fishing excursions, and kayaking trips.

I would also like to mention that every Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. a small group of ladies meet at Platinum Point Yacht Club to plan and make quilts. These quilts are then donated to local charities.

Many of the quilts are given to Baker School in Punta Gorda. This is a need-based early childhood development program for ages newborn through preschool. A child entering the program receives a quilt which stays with them

2023 Annual Valentine's Day

Community Pancake Breakfast



Platinum Point Yacht Club 3601 Cape Cole Blvd., Burnt Store Marina Valentine's Day, Tuesday, February 14, 8 a.m. to Noon \$8 Prepaid tickets available from Pancake Breakfast Ticket Committee Members \$9 Tickets at the door Everyone welcome! Quilters Sale and Quilt Raffle Homemade Baked Goods Sale

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for however long they are enrolled, and they take it home when they leave, usually when they start kindergarten. Another charity that receives these quilts is the Linus Project. The Linus Project gives quilts to children in need, often during traumatic times in their lives.

Some quilts are made in patriotic colors and donated to veteran organizations. Larger patriotic quilts are donated to Quilts of Valor, a national organization that award quilts to veterans who have been touched by war.

We also make small items to sell at the shrimp boil and pancake breakfast. The funds raised are used to purchase materials for the quilts.

If you are a member of PPYC and our mission appeals to you, please stop by on a Thursday morning and check us out. No experience is required AT ALL! The only thing we ask is that you are willing to learn. You may learn a new skill, and you are sure to make some new friends! If you have questions, please contact Karen Voss at 804-240-5060.

If any of these events or opportunities sound like fun, please come check out PPYC. The club administrator, Dorothy Saviste is onsite Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Or call 941-639-0733 for more information.



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Burnt Store State of Iowa Potluck

If you were born in Iowa, knew someone in Iowa, lived in Iowa for a spell, married someone from Iowa, went to school in Iowa, or once drove through Iowa... YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND Burnt Store State of Iowa Potluck Grand Isle Social Room, (Between buildings III and IV) 3329 Sunset Key Circle Thursday, January 26 5 p.m. Bring a potluck dish to share: appetizer, entree, starch/vegetable, dessert and your own beverages. Tableware and ice provided. \$5 per person—pay at the door Please RSVP (limited seating) to

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Happy Hippos

Marina Beat

By Jaret Rogers, General Manager Safe Harbor Burnt Store

Happy New Year to all! Now with 2022 in our rear-view mirror we can move forward into



2023. We have an extensive **SAFE HARBOR** to-do list and we have the **BURNT STORE**

The repairs from *Hurricane Ian* damage are underway and going well. The construction and administrative staff from Safe Harbor Central Services have been extremely supportive. They were mobilizing contractors and supplies for our region days before the hurricane made landfall. Our marine contractor has done a great job procuring the materials and equipment to help begin the restoration of our marina. Of course, "back to normal" will take some time, but as of now we are fully operational, and way ahead of all our expectations considering the challenges with the supply chain and increased demand.

The floating docks that were damaged during *Hurricane Ian* are going back in just as they were before, with the exception of Dock B. It will be similar to Docks C and D. All the dock materials are either on-site or stored close to the marina, and ready for delivery and installation. Seawall materials are on-site, and ready for installation. The seawall projects will commence as soon as the south basin dock repairs get closer to completion. The fixed dock repairs with minor damage are either completed or will be soon. The work to the fixed docks with major damage is being assessed.

We have been asked by many residents to share how they can help the marina. My response is always the same. First, please remind all of your residents and guests that the marina trash cans and dumpsters are for marina use and our marine contractors only. Please do not use them for your household garbage or bulk trash. This is a major challenge year-round. Every HOA has their own trash service and we appreciate your cooperation. Second, for everyone's safety, the fenced in area around the dry storage facility is off limits with two exceptions. Dry Storage Members that are launching or working on their boats, and C and D dock Members navigating to or from their boat are permitted within this area. We ask our Members to check in at the office before accessing the fenced in area. This area is not a pass-through for pedestrians. It is a dedicated work area with heavy equipment constantly moving.

Over the past couple of months, the residents have banded together to help keep our community whole. My team and I would like to thank everyone for their continued support through this difficult time. We have a long road ahead, but with the assistance from Safe Harbor and the community it should be a smooth venture. Let's go boating and enjoy the great Florida sunshine.

Burnt Store Marina Annual Canuck Potluck Picnic – Wednesday, March 8

Attention all Canadians. Mark your calendar for the 2023 Canuck Picnic to be held again this year at the Tiki Hut, adjacent to the Trading Post, in Burnt Store Marina.

We will be gathering at 5 p.m. for a mix and mingle before enjoying a potluck dinner at 5:30. Plates and cutlery will be provided this year.

Please also pass on the word to other Canadians you know in the community, and come decked out in your best

red and white. Organizers this year are Lori & Brad Baker and Linda & John Wuerth. RSVP to lorilynbaker@hotmail. com and indicate whether you will be bringing an



appetizer, main course or dessert. See you there!



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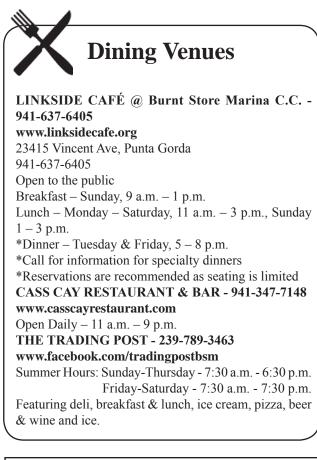
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Two Fitness Center Board Members Say Farewell

Two members of the Fitness Center's Operations Committee have recently retired after six years of service, during a time that saw great strides in the Fitness Center's programs and membership.

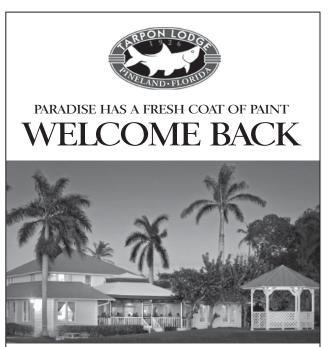


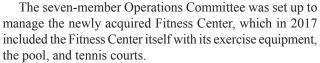
Judy Ewing left the Operations Committee in October, and Bob Honcharski left December 1. Both served since the committee's inception in 2016, shortly before Section 22 finalized the purchase of the Fitness Center in 2017. Bob Honcharski chaired the committee for the last two and a half years.





Amazing sunset – By Tina DeLeonardis





It all needed a lot of work, as Bob and Judy recall. "It was kind of a disaster," remembers Judy. But, volunteers got to work painting the building, inside and out, and painting the pool area. Other volunteers cleaned up the place, even scrubbing the grout in the bathrooms where mold had started to grow," said Bob. Eventually, more exercise equipment was purchased and classes, like aerobics, were expanded. The Fitness Center started selling merchandise like T-shirts and hats. Some classes were offered over the internet via Zoom, so that members could continue to participate even from their homes up north during the summer.

Early on, a survey was sent to BSM residents asking what activities they would like to see offered. The number one request, a new sport called pickleball. So, two of the six tennis courts were converted to eight pickleball courts. The area around those courts were also improved with donations from the pickleball players. These improvements included the installation of walkways, a patio, large umbrellas for shade, and seats and tables.

As the activities improved, membership grew. In the fiscal year ending August 31, 2022, there were a record 861 members, up from the previous high of 752 members in fiscal year 2020. Also spurring growth was an increase in types of membership, which allowed people to select a membership specifically for their interest, like tennis. In 2017, there were only four types of memberships. Now there are more than 20.

Activities became so crowded that recently new memberships were closed to people who did not live in Burnt Store Marina.

Judy a retired nurse practitioner, lives year-round on Islamorada Blvd. She is retiring from the Operations Committee "to make room for young blood." Looking back on her tenure, she says "We have been very successful."

Bob winters in Redfish Cove and is a retired middle school principal. "The most fun was to see the growth of the Fitness Center," he said. He is hoping to spend some time doing volunteer work at a soup kitchen, and see if he can help people who suffered damages from *Hurricane Ian*.

The new chair of the Operations Committee is Steve Hocker, who has been on the Operations Committee for a year. Previously he co-chaired the Fitness Center's Pickleball Committee. Steve, who is retired from the food distribution business, lives most of the year at Admiral's Point 2.

Shout out for hurricane cleanup volunteers!!

Hurricane Ian did not spare the Fitness Center's pool or tennis and pickleball courts. But volunteers stepped up to clean up the mess. The pickleball courts were particularly hard hit because the fence surrounding them had been taken down in preparation for a new fence to be installed. Shingles, wet insulation, sand, and other debris littered the courts and the areas surrounding the courts. Steve Hocker estimated that 20 volunteers worked 4 two-hour shifts to clear the area.

Thanks to all who helped!

Reminder: open house set for January 7

The Fitness Center's open house on January 7 will include tours, a free day pass, and, for people who buy a membership that day, a chance to win a prize.

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!



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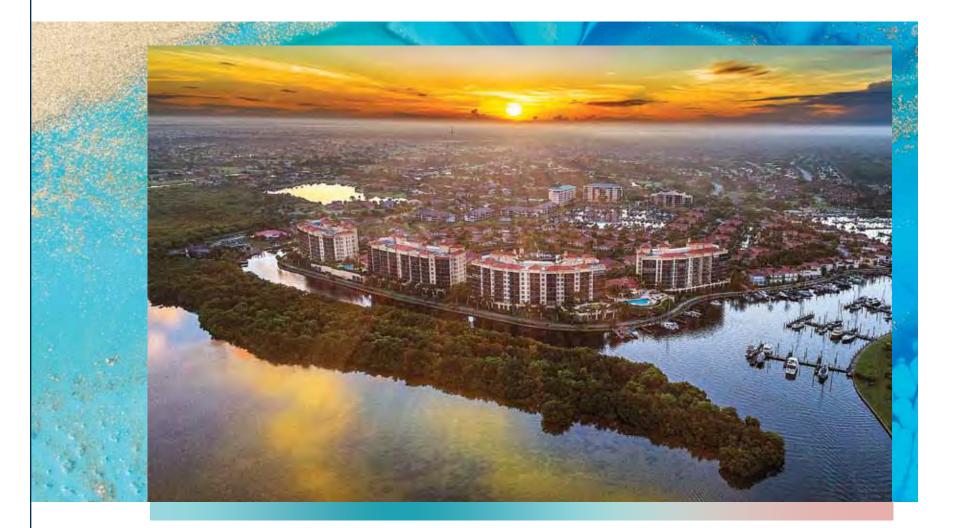


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Nationally and locally, inventory remains at recordlow levels. As pictured in the graph to the right, Burnt Store Marina inventory is about a third of what it was at the beginning of the pandemic (March 2020), and a fraction of what is was in the years prior to the pandemic. Owners who have considered selling may opt to take advantage of the lack of supply.

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Sold \$ Per Sqft	\$299	\$223	\$191	\$182	\$174	\$169
Days on Market	18	46	101	132	116	145
Sold \$ / List \$ Ratio	.99	.99	.97	.96	.96	.95
Units Sold	100	210	157	185	145	139



As evidenced by the **chart of Burnt Store Marina Sales to the left**, we are still seeing record high sales prices and extremely low days on the market. The recent strengthening of the stock market coupled with pent-up buyer demand has us poised for a very strong season.



*Based on data from Stellar MLS as of 12/11



When buyers ask us why Burnt Store Marina is a great place to live, we immediately respond - The People!
We are beyond grateful to work and live in a community filled with so many caring and generous neighbors who make Burnt Store a great place to live!
Our team has had the pleasure to befriend many residents over

the last 20 years, and we look forward to serving the needs of our community in 2023 and beyond!

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Gardener's Wheelbarrow

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass

Growing zones are U.S. Department of Agriculture's designations to indicate average *minimum* temperatures. We are located

in subtropical zone **9b/10a**, a variable area. A true tropical plant shows distress when temperatures fall below 50 degrees. In January, we can have lows that will kill a tropical plant to the ground. All it takes is two consecutive mornings of 32 degrees, for just 15 minutes each, to severely damage tropical foliage. Because we are in a transitional area we can, and do, experience extreme swings in temperatures, sometimes as much as 60 degrees within a month's time.

The most cold-sensitive areas of BSM are the far eastern (along Burnt Store Road) and northern (Vincent Avenue) sections. Areas closer to the harbor experience the modifying effects of Charlotte Harbor. January 2022 had a low of 36 degrees and daily highs between 68 - 83. There were three days below 50 degrees. Those chilly mornings, especially with dampness, will create fungus on plant leaves, yellowing and some leaves falling.

In 2016, during our typically dry month of January, we had a record 11 inches of rain, whereas in 2022, it was only 1 1/4 inch. So, you can never really predict much

about our weather. As of November 10, 2022, we had a little more than 61 inches.

At this point in time, we should be well into the dry season and reliant on irrigation water. Less rain means the impact of TDS (Total Dissolved Solids) in the irrigation water will increase, with damaging effects to leaves and the tiny root hairs. Some plants have adapted to living with dissolved salts (like sea grape); some will slowly be negatively affected (ixora), and some will just curl up and die (camellia). Try to use watering systems with misters or drip methods, which are far less harmful to plants.

Life expectancy for our local shrubs varies from 3-7 years. Our growing period is almost year-round. So, the maturity of a 5-year-old plant here is equal to about a 10-15-year-old-plant grown in zones 4a-5b (Michigan) or 6b-7b (Mid-Atlantic) because their growing period is approximately a third or half the length of ours.

Pruning also takes its toll on our plants. Because of our long growing season, pruning occurs several times a year. It may temporarily reduce the size of the plant, but it also sends a message to grow, grow, grow! Producing leaves, flowers and seeds requires large amounts of energy. Our plants are constantly trying to grow, month after month.

As plants age-out, they become stressed, diseased and die. Or...they are shredded by hurricanes. Replace

them with plants that can better handle the salt and are better suited site-wise for the location (sun, partial sun or shade?) thereby requiring less pruning.

January's to do list:

• Ornamentals –If you're going to plant, you must also commit to watering with your **hose** every other day for a couple weeks (then lessening to a couple times a week, then once a week, etc.) Tropical palms will do better when planted during the <u>summer</u> months.

• Annuals – Plant, but take the time to prep the soil well. Mound the soil with a substantial amount of annual mix (contains vermiculite, sand and ground mulch), sprinkle with Osmocote (fertilizer) and a fungicide. Then plant your annuals. If you mound the soil, it will elevate the plants so they are more easily seen and keep them from getting wet "feet" as well as provide adequate good soil to settle their roots into.

• **Pruning** – **Don't!** If you have any plants showing signs of cold damage, do nothing! Brown leaves and branches serve to *protect* emerging green parts from cold spells. Even if a plant looks dead, wait until March before deciding what and where to prune.

• Fertilizing – Hold off fertilizing lawns and other cold sensitive plants. Fertilizing them now will encourage new growth, which is easily damaged by low temperatures.

3. Jim and Mary Welch, Cheetah Currier and Mark

Golf Tip of the Month

By Bill Connelly,

Manager of Golf Operations

Pace of play is a very important topic these days. It is imperative that you adhere to our pace of play

that you adhere to our pace of play **P I I N** policy. The suggested pace for an executive course is an hour and thirty minutes for nine holes and three hours and fifteen minutes for eighteen holes.

Some of the things that you can do to keep the pace of play is to arrive at least 15 minutes before your tee time, and be ready to tee off at your scheduled time. While on the course, please be ready to hit when it is your turn to make sure that you are keeping up with the group in front of you.

You have three minutes to look for a lost ball, please continue with the hole once it is found. Thank you for your assistance in helping maintain a proper pace of play.

Below are the results of October and November golfing events.

Halloween Scramble on October 29:

1st Flight Winners

- 1. Charlie Currao, Tony D'arminio, Joe Mouser, John Lafeldt
- 2. Gary and Kathy Knudsen, Stan and Loriann Rogers
- 3. Debbie Burns, Tom Fitzpatrick, Rich and Betty Hallowell

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- 2. Bill and Ginger Story, Ping and Kathi Mckay
- 3. Jerry and Sherry Chambers, Tom and Carol Andrus 3rd Flight Winners
 - 1. Jim and Mary Welch, Cheetah Currier and Mark Van de Kerkhove
- 2. George and Shirley Peterson, Lee and Cherie Hanmer
- 3. Glen and Jeanne Drombrowski, Judy Coyne and

Joyce Punt

Closest to the Pin:

- Lance Wilson Heron #2
- Carl Millerschoen Pelican #5
- Leftover Turkey Scramble on November 26:

1st Flight Winners

- 1. Gary and Karen Crandall, Barry and Marlene Harbart
- 2. Brad and Lori Baker, Kim and Ken Pinder
- 3. Mark Hess, Tony D'arminio, Steve and Julie Solem **2nd Flight Winners**
 - 1. Jim Harding and Michelle Goldman, Bob Paul and Millie Hierro
 - 2. Steve and Sue Flagstad, Kelly Weber and Ralph Hodges

Van de Kerkhove **Closest to the Turkey:** Kelly Millar Pelican #5 Mike Delisio Osprey #2 Nine Hole Shootout on November 7: Men Ladies **1st Flight Winners 1st Flight Winners** 1. Bob Moen 1. Cinda Brown 2. Mark Freimark 2. Mary Welch 3. Brent Chorneyko 3. Karen Schindel **2nd Flight Winners 2nd Flight Winners** 1. Larry Marks 1. Rhea Fleishman 2. Bob Marrissey 2. Deb Hodges 3. Bill Coykendall 3. Pat Lawlor **3rd Flight Winners**

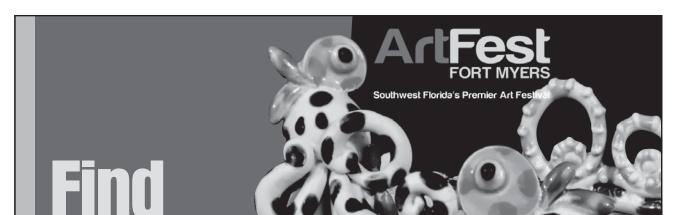
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Burnt Store Road Real Estate in 1887

By Graham Segger, Independent Homeowner

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Blood Donation News

By Ann Singer, Admiral's Point

Don't Miss The Bus In 2023 Make Blood Donation A Habit! The BSM Blood Drive Schedule For 2023 Always on Monday 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. January 16 March 13

Burnt Store Marina welcomed back the BIG RED BUS on Monday, November 14, after the summer break. **Thirty-nine** (39) volunteers donated 28 units of blood. Each donation can save up to three lives, which means 84 patients could benefit from the lifesaving efforts of blood donors at Burnt Store. We exceeded our goal, and thank all the people that gave time to donate. *Hurricane Ian* has affected all of us in some way. Blood shortages will continue due to this tragic storm, so we hope to see all these donors, and more at the next blood drive in January!

Monday, January 16, from 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. is our next donation day. Make your appointment online or plan to walk in. Be sure to eat before you donate, and drink lots of fluids before and after. Be sure to bring a photo ID. The bus is located in the Cass Cay/Tiki Hut/Trading Post parking lot. If you would like to schedule an appointment or have questions, contact Ann Singer at 319-290-5955 or Jo Bucci at 941-445-8260. Appointments may also be scheduled far in advance by logging on to **oneblood.org.** Establish a user name and password and you are ready to go. Walk-ins are always welcome, but appointments are recommended during this busy season. Remember to bring a photo ID.

newspaper subscription promotion in the 1887 Bensell's Directory of the City of Key West.

The Equator was a Key West newspaper, issued weekly in English and Spanish (as El Ecuador), with a circulation of 3,000. As a marketing initiative, published in Bensell's Directory, it offered a free lot in "Macedonia City" with every \$2.50 annual subscription to the newspaper. You may be surprised to learn, in the detail of the advertisement below, just where this city was located.

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EQUATOR PUBLISHING CO. Publishers and Proprietors." ¹ I have found no other reference to this town name in any of the historical records I have examined

² As documented in *Where Do We Live*? there is a high probability that the story of the Seminole burning of the store was concocted as part of this real estate marketing. The more elaborate tale circulated during the early marketing of Burnt Store Marina was even more fanciful

³ In late 1887 this part of Monroe County was severed as part of the new Lee County.

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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.

 \bullet 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

 \bullet Courtside Landings' Loop, start/stop at entrance – 0.48 mile

• Prosperity Point sidewalk loop, start/stop at Matcumbe Key Blvd, 1.26 mile

• Admiral's Point loop (includes Key Largo Lane Circle, Sable Key Circle and Key Largo Circle) start/stop at Marathon & Cape Cole Blvd., 1.06 mile

• Tarpon Pass loop, start/stop at Islamorada Blvd., 0.76 mile

Wonderful resources for walkers abound on the Internet. These sites offer a wide selection of audio music apps for beginners to advanced walkers, exercise videos, gear (including shoes), accessories and resource information.



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If you're already engaging in a vigorous walk each day, or playing golf or pickleball, good for you! But what else could you do to enhance your strength, balance, and cardiovascular health? Many health plans, including Medicare Advantage plans, offer exceptional fitness programs that provide low-cost or no-cost benefits to help you meet these physical activity recommendations and stay healthy. Here are three benefits that





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.



Coffee Protein Shake

By Jennifer LeClair, Pelican Way So you've made your



Medicare Advantage fitness programs may offer to help improve your fitness: Low-Cost Or No-Cost **Gym Memberships**

Many Medicare Advantage plans offer fitness programs that give members access to gyms, YMCAs, recreation centers, and boutique studios for no Healthy aging and exercise These fitness centers keep fit and have fun. offer a variety of workout



cost or a very low cost. programs can be great ways to

opportunities, such as free weights, weight machines, workout classes, swimming pools, and other amenities to help members achieve their fitness goals. Besides offering a variety of options for getting fit, a fitness center can provide a social outlet for members who want to connect to others in their community. Access To On-Demand Video Workout Classes

Going to the gym can be a daunting task if there's no gym close by, if the weather is bad, or you don't have transportation. Fortunately, some Medicare Advantage fitness programs include access to on-demand workout videos you can do right from home! It's easy to start, maintain, or increase your workout regimen when you have a library of cardio, strength, dance, yoga, Pilates, meditation, and cycling classes to choose from. It's not unusual for such programs to offer thousands of video class options and even offer free online classes via social media. Health And Fitness Coaching

Setting and maintaining your health goals is one way to avoid becoming a couch potato. Stay engaged in your well-being journey by connecting with a personal health coach through a Medicare Advantage fitness program. Whether you'd like to increase your activity level, reduce stress, improve your eating habits, enhance your sleep quality, or just feel better every day, a health coach can give you the boost you need via phone, video, or chat sessions.

A recent 2022 poll showed that nearly half of all eligible Medicare beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare Advantage plans. It's no wonder when you consider the many well-being benefits offered to members. The fitness programs and resources described above can help you create a personalized fitness routine so you can reduce your health risks and continue to live your best life.

Always remember to consult with your doctor before starting a new exercise routine and to discuss what types of exercises are safest for you.

From The Desk Of Sheriff Carmine Marceno

Stay At The Scene Of An Accident

At times, I believe that people forget that driving a motor vehicle is a privilege ... not a right granted by the Constitution. As a privilege



granted to those who demonstrate the skills and abilities necessary to operate a multiton piece of machinery, this privilege comes with a significant amount of responsibility.

Drivers are required to be licensed, insured and unimpaired when driving. Additionally, drivers involved in vehicular collisions are mandated to remain at the scene.

Statewide, there were over 105,000 reported hit-and-run incidents in 2019. Between 2015 and 2020, 1,298 of these hit-and-run incidents resulted in death. This is unacceptable.

Accidents happen. Stay at the scene. In the event of a "fender bender" involving an unattended vehicle, you are required to leave your contact information at the scene.

Leaving the scene of an accident can result in serious consequences to include jail/prison time and fines.

While some believe that they can simply leave the scene and remain unidentified, the abundance of surveillance cameras and the plenitude of cell phone cameras have helped identify hit-and-run drivers.

I take these crimes seriously. Lee County Sheriff's Office vehicles, both marked and unmarked, will be patrolling the county enforcing **all** traffic laws. The safety of our residents and guests is, and always will be, a priority.

Once again ... stay at the scene. The consequences of leaving can be overwhelming and devastating.

Should you witness a hit-and-run incident, please immediately contact the Lee County Sheriff's Office at (239) 477-1000.



new year's resolution to eat healthier. Eat more fruits and veggie, less fat, stay away from heavy breakfasts. One of the best ways to start your day is

to get energized with this coffee protein shake recipe. It packs cold brew coffee and loads of protein (25 grams) into one, thick and delicious shake.

Ingredients:

• 1/2 cup cold brew coffee

- 1/2 cup dairy-free milk, I like coconut for extra creaminess
- 1 frozen banana, in chunks
- ¹/₄ cup riced frozen cauliflower, or ice (I promise you won't taste the cauliflower but it adds a serving of veggies and contributes to the thickness and smoothness of the shake)
- 1 scoop (25g) vanilla or chocolate protein powder
- 1/2 Tablespoon chia seeds
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 Tablespoon almond butter (or nut butter of your choice) **Instructions:**

Add all ingredients into your blender. Blend until smooth and serve.

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If you are over age 60 and experiencing changes in your vision, you might have cataracts. Visit Elmquist Eye Group to learn more about how we can help you see like you did 30 years ago.

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Prosperity Point Community Guidelines 2022-2023

Due to *Hurricane Ian's* impact, our community will experience more challenges during our busy season. For all of us to enjoy our Prosperity Point community, including the Marina Walk and common amenities, safety is essential, and this can be achieved if we all exercise common sense and simple courtesy.

Please respect our Prosperity Point Community Guidelines: • Pedestrians have the "Right of Way" on Sunset Key Circle & the Marina Walk.

• The speed limit on Sunset Key Circle is 20 mph. You are sharing our roadway with pedestrians, bicyclists, pet walkers, contractor vehicles, and golf carts.

• Golf carts are the only authorized motorized transportation devices on the Marina Walk, other than handicap-related conveyances. As required by Florida statute, all golf cart drivers must be 14 years of age or older.

• On the Marina Walk, golf carts and bicyclists must slow down to walking speed (3-4 mph) and announce their presence when passing pedestrians. Maximum speed is 5 mph, i.e., jogging speed. Be cautious of those entering from homes along the Walk. Two parallel-stopped golf carts not only creates an obstruction but is a potential safety hazard.

• Pedestrians may have the right of way, but they also have responsibilities. Respect our "Quiet Zones," by keeping voices down along the Marina Walk. Inside voices please, especially during early morning and evening hours. Also, do not walk in large groups blocking passage of others.

• Parking on Sunset Key Circle is limited. Please do not park

a vehicle across the street from another vehicle. This ensures the safe transit of essential emergency vehicle traffic which must have unobstructed access on Sunset Key Circle.

• Please park in the driveway/garage of your residence and encourage your guests and contractors to do so. If street parking is the only option, please observe the "NO PARKING ZONES" indicated by the white curbs. Trailers, work vehicles, RVs or PODs may not be parked overnight on Sunset Key Circle. If a compressor or other sound generating equipment is needed by your household or your contractor, please turn it off when not in use.

• The pool & spa amenities are for the exclusive use of Prosperity Point owners, renters and their guests. Please respect all posted Pool and Spa Rules. They are compliant with Florida Health statutes. Pool/spa hours are dawn to dusk. Nighttime pool/ spa use is not allowed. Please close all umbrellas when leaving poolside, and use a beach towel on pool furniture to prevent our chairs/chaise lounges from sunscreen damage and subsequent costly repairs.

•All inquiries regarding Prosperity Point management should be directed to Alliant Property Management - Atten: Janel Wisniewski at **apmsupport@alliantpropery.com**.

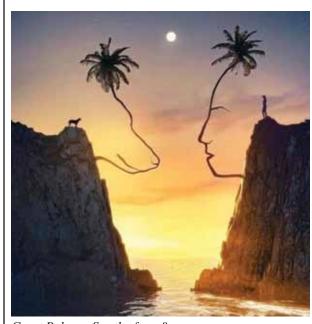
• Please share these Prosperity Point community guidelines with your household, renters, and contractors.

Thank you and enjoy our beautiful community. Prosperity Point Board of Directors

January's Weird Fact

For those who romanticize a burial at sea, the company Eternal Reefs offers an innovative solution. It mixes the cremated remains of a person with concrete to create a "pearl" onto which loved ones can etch personal messages, handprints, or (environmentally-friendly) mementos. The pearl is then encased in a "reef ball" that is dropped into the sea, where it provides a new habitat for fish and other sea life, helping encourage a vibrant ecosystem. The circle of life at work!





Great Palms – See the faces?

So, I woke up and my dog is laying on the back patio covered in dirt, with a rabbit in his mouth. The rabbit's not bloody, just dirty. My neighbor's kids raise blue ribbon rabbits. I instantly knew it was one of theirs. I took the rabbit away

from the dog, rushed



inside, and washed all the dirt off it before my neighbors could come home. It was stiff but I heard some animals play dead when they are afraid, but I couldn't remember which ones. I took it and placed it back in one of the cages in their back yard, then I ZOOMED home. (Don't judge me.)

Not 30 minutes later, I hear my neighbors screaming, so I go out and ask them what's wrong. They tell me their rabbit died 3 days ago and they buried it, but now it's back in the cage.

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Meet the stars of the show – the artists. These incredibly creative folks travel from around the country and worldwide to share their work with us. Amazing ceramics, gorgeous jewelry, remarkable glass, unique paintings, wearable art, and so much more await you at ArtFest Fort Myers. This family-friendly festival connects art and artists with our community in a way that is so unique – this is an art experience that delights every sense.

Attendees ask, "How do the 200 festival artists get chosen?" These artists are the best of the best, as a jury panel of five professional artists spends an entire day selecting them from the 900 artists who apply.

Bring the entire family to this free outdoor fine art festival. Enjoy our talented high school artists' work at the Art Under 20 exhibit and competition and prepare to be astonished as the students create large street paintings in the Chalk Block. Check out the We Are Overflowing exhibit featuring the message about recycling, reuse, and upcycling. Always a crowd pleaser, the Publix Art



Yard and Community Stage are full of opportunities for children of all ages. Art for All, where kids (and adults) with motor skill challenges create large pieces using adaptive tools and devices that turn wheelchairs into giant paintbrushes or chalk drawers, creating large or small works of art. Register for Publix Run To The Arts 5K timed race at 8 a.m. Sunday. The cost is only \$35. Visit RunToTheArts.com to register online.

Join us Friday night for "Symphony on the Sound," a free pops concert performance by Gulf Coast Symphony from 7 to 8:15 p.m. at the Caloosa Sound Amphitheater.

Become a VIP Club member and take advantage of reserved weekend parking, admission to the Friday night opening VIP Club, located at Caloosa Sound Convention Center, with delicious food and drinks, plus unlimited access to the VIP Club area with breakfast treats and delightful lunch and beverages all weekend long. As an exclusive VIP Club ticket holder, you will also have front-row seats at the Symphony on the Sound. The elite VIP Club access is \$125 per person, and your support contributes to the year-round art education outreach programs of ArtFest Fort Myers.

For more information, visit ArtFestFortMyers.com. Like us on Facebook. Follow us on Instagram. Tag us #artfestfm.

Here's To Being Safe In The New Year

Start The New Year By Practicing Safety Rules

We know the rules for being safe, but do we follow them? We all do dumb things, but here is a listing of safe practices for 2023:

• When using a ladder, make sure it's on solid ground. Have a second person nearby in case you fall.

• Be aware of scams of all kinds. No, you don't have a grandson in jail in a foreign country who needs money! And, don't fall for the money requests or free gifts.

• Make sure the baby (or young child) is fastened correctly in the child seat in the car.

• Create a method for you to follow so you don't leave

• Store guns in a safe place, preferably with a lock on them. Children should tell a teacher, counselor, or friend if they observe something



that could prevent a disaster.

• Don't overload electric capacity; make sure cords won't be where someone can trip.

• Anchor large pieces of furniture to the wall; children like to climb on drawers, pulling the furniture over on them.

• Keep sharp objects out of reach. In the kitchen, make re knives are where children can't get to them.

a child (or pet) in a hot car.

• Practice safe driving: no drowsy, distracted, or drunk driving. Be a defensive driver.

• If there is an elderly or handicapped person in your home, eliminate the scatter rugs!

• If you tend to lose your balance, take a physical therapy course.

• If you do anything on "wheels" (bicycle, skateboard, etc.) make sure you are wearing a properly-fitted helmet. And it must go directly on the head – not over a ballcap!

• If you're riding a bicycle, you should ride "with" traffic. If you're walking, you should walk "facing" traffic!

• If you need to cross a street, walk "with" a light at an intersection; there are too many deathly accidents where a person walks where there is no crosswalk light.

• Place night lights throughout the house so you're not stumbling around in the dark.

• If you want to use candles, make sure they're not where a curtain or other nearby item could catch fire.

• Keep your car in good running condition – tires, battery, windows clean, and other features that need to be checked regularly.

• Train your children on what to do in a "stranger danger" situation.

• Locks on all drawers and doors isn't a bad idea when children are around.

• Make sure you supervise children in the kitchen.

• Keep alcoholic beverages out of children's reach!

• If you're a driver, get your eyes and ears checked to make sure you can be a safe driver.

• We don't have to shovel snow, but we need to be aware of the sun's rays and getting sunburns. Plus, we need to be cognizant of dehydration and heat stroke symptoms.

• If you're sick, stay at home.

There have been entirely too many "road deaths" in Lee County. Many of these could have been prevented by following safe practices. How many of the above safe procedures have you followed in the past year? Remember, "if it sounds too good to be true, it likely is."

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

For additional information about the Injury Prevention Coalition or any of the above safe practices contact Brian Raimondo at ipcleecounty@gmail.com or (239) 330-2240.

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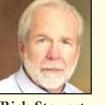


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