



From the Section 22 HOA BOD

By Joe Averdick, President

I would like to take this opportunity to thank outgoing Section 22 board members Craig Holcomb, Terry Kelly and Jim Welch. The work they did on behalf of our community was instrumental in the purchase of our amenities, including the fitness center, pool, golf course and Linkside Café. Their foresight and commitment have helped make Burnt Store Marina a wonderful place to live.

With a new year comes change. Please welcome Kevin Whitfield, Mark Murphy and Greg Beaton to the board. The board members all bring a wealth of experience from their varied careers to their new positions. This is an exciting time for BSM, and we are looking forward to their fresh perspectives and ideas. In addition to our new board members, we have returning and new community liaisons, which are listed in the Directory found later in this *Beacon*. We are confident that the changes to our board, and the development of community liaisons will allow us to have a more direct relationship with our service partners.

In previous *Beacons*, the opening article was always from the President. One new change will be that you will now see articles each month from a rotation of different board members. This will give them the opportunity to share with you the work they are doing on your behalf.

We encourage all residents to welcome the new board members, and support their plans and programs in the future. They are available to discuss any of your questions, concerns and suggestions. One of the primary goals of the new board is to improve communication between various functions, speed up decision making, and provide clear communication with residents of the Burnt Store Marina community. We will rely on phone calls, email, and other direct communication pathways. As always, we encourage everyone to attend board meetings regularly.

We are thrilled to be representing you. We look forward to serving you and our community.



Architectural Review

By Barry Groesch, Chair

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

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

- Thomas Jones & Lisa Summers, 2031 King Tarpon Drive, roof replacement.
- Joseph & Diana Drips, 3071 Big Bend Circle, roof replacement.
- Iras Sramek, 24031 Redfish Cove Drive, window replacement.
- Iras Sramek, 24031 Redfish Cove Drive, roof replacement.
- Eckehard Eisermann, 24521 Dolphin Cove Drive, roof replacement.
- Mitchell Wegrzyn, 4021 Cobia Estates Drive, roof replacement.
- Dennis & Kathy Smith, 5001 King Tarpon Drive, lanai replacement.
- Charles Grayson, 5011 King Tarpon Drive, pool cage replacement.
- Charles Grayson, 5011 King Tarpon Drive, pool deck replacement.
- Robert & Rosweta Gable, 1002 Islamorada Boulevard, roof replacement.
- Steven & Ellen Thompson, 4880 Linkside Drive, window replacement.
- Richard & Karen Beck, 4860 Linkside Drive, roof replacement.
- Jim & Carol Hinch, 5051 Key Largo Circle, lanai replacement.
- John C. Orr, 3941 Cape Cole Boulevard, roof replacement.
- Jim Wood, 453 Islamorada Boulevard, exterior paint.
- Neil & Sara Sharples, 24092 Redfish Cove Drive, roof replacement.
- Robert E. & Dorothy T. Schindler, 1211 Romano Key Circle, roof replacement.
- Anthony & Vicky Passafiume, 3885 Cape Cole Boulevard, roof replacement.

- Thomas & Janet Clark, 3249 Sunset Key Circle, roof replacement.
 - Dawn Meade Geppert, 4911 Linkside Drive, roof replacement.
 - John M. Jett Jr., 1100 Romano Key Circle, roof replacement.
 - Eugene Voss, 1613 Islamorada Boulevard, roof replacement.
 - Joseph & Rebeca Giorgio, 1 Pirates Lane 14C, lanai glass replacement.
 - Donald & Kylene Moore, 2030 King Tarpon Drive, roof replacement.
 - Wayne Shelly, 441 Islamorada Boulevard, roof replacement.
 - Scott & Jeannette Carpenter, 3863 Cape Cole Boulevard, roof replacement.
 - Paul & Laurie Hillaby, 410 Gasper Key Lane, lanai extension.
 - Thomas Siebert, 300 Big Pine Lane, installation of hurricane shutters.
 - John & Sandra Caldwell, 1230 Romano Key Circle, sliding door replacements.
 - Robert & Linda Dutcher, 215 Big Pine Lane, window & door replacements.
 - Al Schwartz, 24540 Dolphin Cove Drive, roof replacement.
 - Marilyn Hemphill, 1307 Islamorada Boulevard, pool cage replacement.
 - Donna K. Gasparovic, 3780 Cobia Villas Court, install garage screen.
- 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.

Reminder:

Next Section 22 HOA Working Board Meeting – Tuesday, March 14, 9 a.m., Linkside Café Patio.

Next Section 22 HOA Board Meeting – Tuesday, March 28, 9 a.m., Linkside Café Patio.

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An ARC did you know, moment...

By Barry Groesch, Architectural Review Committee Chair

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Inside the Gates Dates

- **Wednesday, March 1:** Deadline for the April *Beacon*. Article and picture submissions are welcomed. Become part of the *Beacon* family.
- **Saturday, March 4:** Community-wide garage sale, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Tuesday, March 14:** Section 22 HOA Working Board Meeting, Linkside patio, 9 a.m.
- **Tuesday, March 28:** Section 22 HOA Board Meeting, Linkside patio, 9 a.m.
- **Every Tuesday:** Bar code installation, front gate, 1 to 3 p.m.
- **Every Thursday:** Food Truck Night with live music, 5 to 8 p.m. Linkside Cafe
- **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., PPYC Parking Lot.

Outside the Gates Dates

- **Friday, March 3:** Fort Myers River District Art Walk, 1 to 5 p.m. Visit many galleries, exhibitions and performances.
- **Wednesday, March 8:** Kickback Music in the Park with Kraig Kenning. Punta Gorda History Park, 501 Shreve St. Punta Gorda. 5 to 7 p.m. Free admission but a donation to the History Park is appreciated.
- **Friday, March 17:** 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.
- **Wednesday, March 22:** Kickback Music in the Park with Annette – The Beaches. Punta Gorda History Park, 501 Shreve St. Punta Gorda. 5 to 7 p.m. Free admission but a donation to the History Park is appreciated.
- **Every Tuesday:** Walking Tour of Punta Gorda Murals, 9:30 to 11: 30 a.m. Visit 12 to 15 historic murals. \$25. Call Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce for reservations, 941-639-3720. Limit of 12 participants so register early.
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- **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.

Florida Wood Storks

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass

One of my favorite things about Florida is its diverse population of birds. We see many different ones here in the Marina and when we are out and about. Keeping a pair of binoculars and a handbook nearby has become a must. Occasionally, we get to see something new, which is a really big treat for me. Every winter in southwest Florida we are privileged to see a group, or maybe just a sole wood stork in the neighborhood.

The wood stork, *Mycteria americana*, is the largest wading bird and the only stork, out of 19 species worldwide, that breeds and lives in the United States. The wood stork is one of Florida’s most recognized wading birds...a long-legged, bald, awkward-looking bird on land that soars like a raptor in the air.

Wood storks nest in colonies in winter and spring in Florida, where water levels (because of their impact on food supply) dictate their timing. Food availability, throughout

the entire breeding cycle, is critical because nesting is strongly affected by caloric intake. So, its breeding cycle is carefully synchronized with the cycle of the water levels, making sure of maximum food supply while the young are being raised. Also, the young must be fledged (able to fly) and on their own before the summer rains begin to disperse the fish. Widespread nesting



failures can result from natural causes like droughts in the wet season, or heavy rains during the dry season.

The breeding population of wood storks in the southeastern U.S. declined from about 15,000-20,000 pairs in the 1930s to a low of 4,500-5,700 pairs from 1977 to 1980.

Like many Florida birds associated with wetlands, the wood stork has suffered from the destruction of our state’s wetlands. Human activity has altered the natural cycle of high and low water in our wetlands, and wood storks often can’t find enough food for their young, who eventually succumb to starvation. Today, the wood stork is classified *threatened* by the State of Florida and the federal government.

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Retarded Grandparents

After summer vacation, a teacher asked her young pupils how they spent their holiday away from school. One child wrote the following:

We always used to spend summers with Grandma and Grandpa. They used to live in a big brick house, but Grandpa got retarded and moved to Florida. They go to a building called a wrecked center, but they must have got it fixed because it is all ok now, and do exercises there. There is a swimming pool too where they all jump around with hats on.

At their gate, there is a doll house with a little old man sitting in it. He watches all day so nobody can escape. Sometimes they sneak out. They go cruising in their golf cats. Nobody there cook, they just eat out. And, they eat the same thing every night - Early Birds.

Some of the people can't get out past the man in the doll house. The ones who do get out, bring food back to the wrecked center and call it pot lunch.

My Grandma says that Grandpa worked all his life to ear his retardment and says I should work hard so I can be retarded someday too. When I earn my retardment, I want to be the man in the doll house. Then I will let people out so they can visit their grandchildren.

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March Off Beat Holidays & Adventures

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass

March is the gourmet’s dream month – it is National Fresh Celery Month, National Noodle Month, National Flour Month, and National Peanut Month...not to mention (3/1) National Peanut Butter Lover’s Day, (3/2) National Banana Cream Pie Day, (3/3) National Moscow Mule Day, (3/4) National Poundcake Day, and (3/5) National Cheese Doodle Day. Actually, there is a food holiday for every day this month, all the way to (3/31) National Oysters on the Half Shell Day. Here are some important dates to celebrate, as well as fun events happening this month in Florida:

March 2 - 12: *Florida Strawberry Festival*, Plant City, Florida

The Strawberry Festival has agricultural displays, livestock shows, arts and crafts, local food, and a huge carnival midway. Its entertainment line-up is extraordinary year after year. This year, headliners include The Oakridge Boys, Willie Nelson & Family, The Gatlin Brothers, Tanya Tucker and more. Gates open daily 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. Admission: Adults (ages 13+) \$10, Children (ages 6-12) \$5, Children (ages 5 and under): free with paid adult admission Entertainment tickets can be purchased online at flstrawberryfestival.com.

March 3: *If Pets Had Thumbs Day* - humans, apes, and raccoons have opposable thumbs. This gives us a whole range of motions and activities and things that other animals are unable to do, and leaves you wondering what would happen if...

March 3 - 12: *82nd Anniversary Bike Week*, Daytona Beach, Florida

For more than 75 years, motorcyclists have gathered in Daytona Beach for a spring fling and this year, they’re expecting a half million. For information, go to officialbikeweek.com.

March 5, 1933: Amid a steadily worsening economic situation, newly elected President Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed a four-day *Bank Holiday* to stop panic withdrawals by the public and the possible collapse of the American banking system.

March 10: *International Find a Pay Phone Booth Day*. It’s not so easy to spot a phone booth anymore. While they

are few and far between, pay phone booths are still out there. Your mission today is to go out and find one of the increasingly rare phone booths.

March 12 is the beginning of *Daylight Savings Time* this year. Be sure to get up Sunday morning at 2 a.m., change all your clocks to 3 a.m., and go back to sleep. Or, you could make a party of it, and stay up all night celebrating the return to later sunsets.

March 12: *Girl Scout Day* recognizes and celebrates the Girls Scouts of the USA (GSUSA). This holiday celebrates the creation of the first Girl Scout group on March 12, 1912.

March 17: *Saint Patrick’s Day*, honors the Patron Saint of Ireland, who brought Christianity to the Emerald Isles. It is a day of celebrating Irish history, ancestry, traditions, and customs. On this day everyone is Irish, and everything is green, including the beer and whiskey that is consumed in copious amounts

March 20: *The March Equinox* – also called the vernal equinox in the Northern Hemisphere – marks the beginning of the spring season in the Northern Hemisphere and the autumn season in the Southern Hemisphere. At 5:24 p.m., eastern daylight time, the sun will sit vertically above the equator, making day and night equal across the planet.

March 23, 1775: Patrick Henry signaled the coming revolution when he spoke at a Virginia convention and allegedly implored: “Give me liberty, or give me death!”

March 24, 1934: The Philippine Islands in the South Pacific were granted independence by President Franklin D. Roosevelt after nearly 50 years of American control.

March 24 – 26: *42nd Sunnyland Boat Festival*, Tavares, Florida

The Sunnyland Antique Boat Festival is the largest classic wood boat show in the U.S. It is over a third of a mile along the Lake Dora shoreline, with 250 to 300 classic boats on display. \$12 for all three days (Credit Card Sales Only, No Cash Sales at the gate). For more information, go to acbs-sunnyland.org.

March 31: *World Backup Day* reminds us how important backups are for information, equipment, and systems. Use this day as a very important reminder to secure vital files by making a backup copy.

Merriam-Webster’s New Words
for 2022

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass

So - you just read something in the newspaper, heard it on a radio or television program – and you don’t have any idea what it means. Welcome to our ever-changing world!

The Merriam Webster Dictionary added 370 new words to its publication for the year of 2022. Some are technical, some are medical, and some are what we call slang and informal language. Here are some doozies for you to memorize:

yeet: an interjection, used to express surprise, approval, or excited enthusiasm, and...**yeet:** a *verb*, to throw especially with force and without regard for the thing being thrown.

janky: of very poor quality.

sus: suspicious, suspect.

lewk: a fashion look that is distinctive to the wearer and that is noticeable and memorable to others.

pwn: to dominate and defeat someone or something.

adorkable: socially awkward or quirky in a way that is endearing.

MacGyver: to make, form, or repair something with what is conveniently on hand.

baller: excellent, exciting, or extraordinary especially in a way that is suggestive of a lavish lifestyle.

cringe: something so embarrassing and awkward as to cause one to cringe.

FWIW: *abbreviation* for what it’s worth.

ICYMI: *abbreviation* in case you missed it.



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Burnt Store Marina CC News

By John Abbott,
General Manager, BSMCC

Is this Hawaii or Florida? It will be difficult to tell on Saturday, March 4, when the Luau Scramble kicks off. Following golf, there will be a pig roast, music from the Island Doctor, Mai Tais, and other libations, and who knows, maybe some hula dancing will breakout. No matter what, it will be a great time, so even if you are not playing golf, come out and enjoy the party.

That’s just the beginning of another event-filled month here at BSMCC. If you’re not too worn out from all the events in February, check out all the different things going on here in March. On Wednesday the 8th we have Dueling Pianos, which is always a big hit. Food trucks and music outside will continue every Thursday night, and Saturday nights will feature live music in the restaurant. Wednesday the 15th we have Bar Bingo, and on the 17th, we will have our annual St. Patrick’s Day Scramble and party with an Irish buffet. Our prime rib buffet has been so popular that we are going to have it two nights in a row on March 21 and 22, so that we hopefully won’t have to turn anyone away this time. The disco party on the 31st will be capping off the month with one of the biggest events that we have ever had. There will be live music from a world renowned Bee Gees cover band, dancing, lots of food and drink, and a whole lot of fun, so hopefully Mother Nature will bless us with beautiful Florida weather…the rest is up to us.

With all these activities to choose from, there should be something for everyone, so come on out and join in the festivities. We look forward to seeing you at the club!



BSMCC March 2023 Schedule of Events						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Due to circumstances beyond our control, everything is subject to change!		1 Republican Dinner		2 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Music and Food Trucks 5 - 8 p.m.	3 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/*	4 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Luau Scramble 12 p.m.*** Pig Roast outside Island Doctor 4 - 7 p.m.
5 Brunch 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. Lunch 2 - 5 p.m.	6 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Trivia 5:30 - 8 p.m.**	7 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/* 9 Hole Scramble 3:00 p.m.***	8 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dueling Pianos 5 p.m.**/****	9 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Music and Food Trucks 5 - 8 p.m.	10 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/*	11 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/* Steve Cipriano Music
12 Brunch 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. Lunch 2 - 5 p.m.	13 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Trivia 5:30 - 8 p.m.**	14 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/* 9 Hole Scramble 3:00 p.m.***	15 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Bingo 5 - 8 p.m.**/****	16 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Music and Food Trucks 5 - 8 p.m.	17 St Patrick's Scramble 12 p.m.*** Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/*	18 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/* Capt'n Rick Music
19 Brunch 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lunch 2 - 5 p.m.	20 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Trivia 5:30 - 8 p.m.**	21 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/* 9 Hole Scramble 3:00 p.m.***	22 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Prime Rib Dinner 5 p.m.**/*****	23 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Music and Food Trucks 5 - 8 p.m.	24 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/*	25 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/* Fred Montana Music
26 Brunch 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lunch 2 - 5 p.m.	27 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Trivia 5:30 - 8 p.m.**	28 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/* 9 Hole Scramble 3:00 p.m.***	29 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.*	30 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Music and Food Trucks 5 - 8 p.m.	31 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Disco Party Outside 5 p.m. **	

* Call Linkside for reservations 941-637-6405

**Members make reservations 1st! Non-member 7days prior to events - 3 days before dinner's if available!

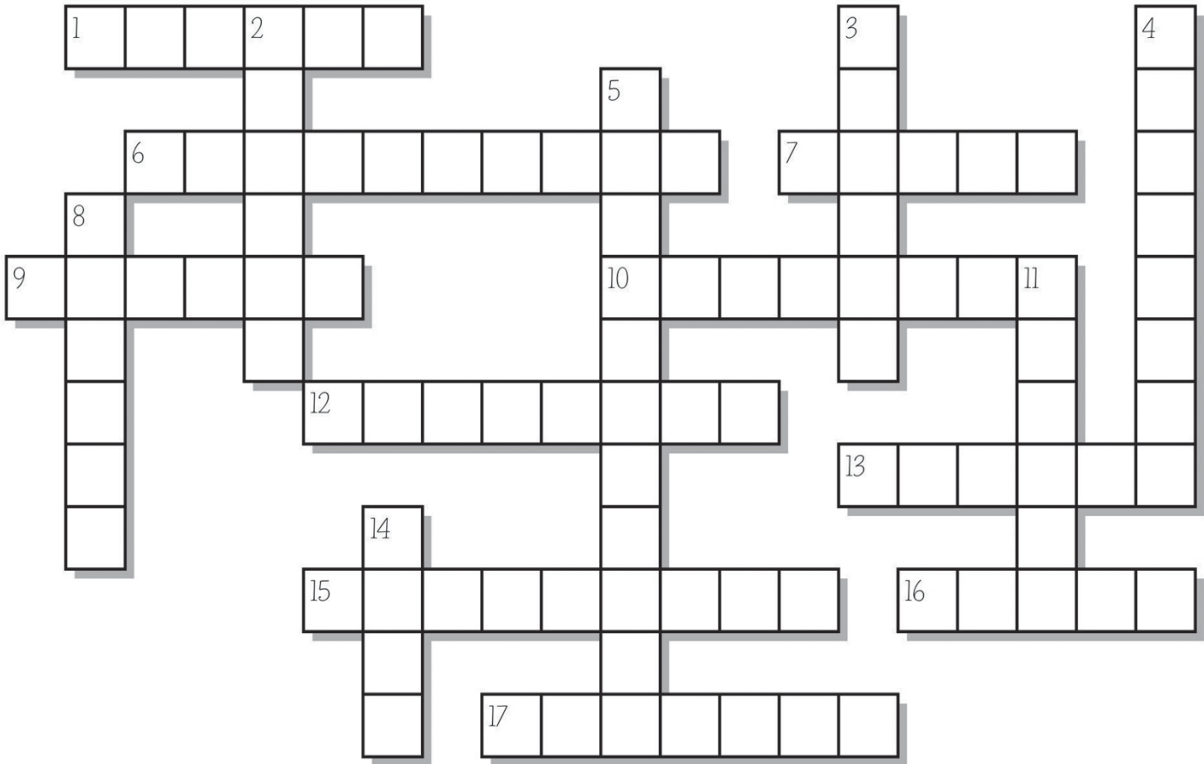
*** Sign up in Lobby on Board

**** Sign up at Admin Office.

***** Reservations for Republican Dinner must be made through the Republican Club.

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

The Beacon March News



ACROSS

- 1 The Burmese
- 6 March is a good time to check this system
- 7 Of very poor quality
- 9 Dueling
- 10 Event happening on March 4, at BSMCC (2 words)

12 The more

- muscles you have, the more You burn
- 13 He walked 15,000 miles
- 15 A threatened bird variety in Florida (2 words)
- 16 Abbreviation for in case you missed it

17 Practice

- Catch and Release with
- DOWN
- 2 Jazz on the
- 3 A central distributor is needed by The
- 4 March is the dream month
- 5 Golf is endlessly...

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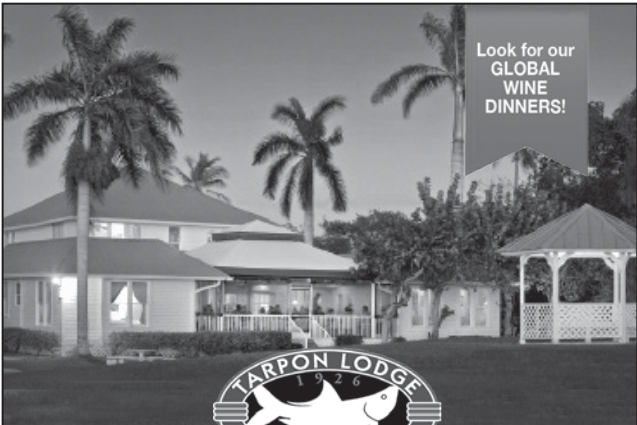
- 11 Number of membership options available through the Fitness Center
- 14 Many of the classes offered by the Fitness Center can be done via

Rules for Driving Golf Carts

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



- Drivers of golf carts must observe the same rules as those designated for drivers of motor vehicles. Drivers must keep their carts on the right side of all streets, and obey all traffic signage.
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Tight Lines...Redfish are Starting to Rebound!

By Jay Lev, Burnt Store Anglers

After three years of No Catch or Kill Regulations, the redfish of Charlotte Harbor are on the bite again. Prior to and during the implementation of these regulations, anglers could not find redfish to catch. The large schools were gone, and the small groups of redfish, usually found on the sandbars, were hardly ever seen. The anglers, who petitioned the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission to ban catching redfish in order to help the species rebound from almost extinction in our waters, are now enjoying their good work.

The No Catch Regulations have worked. Anglers are now reporting catches of redfish in the three- to eight-pound class. On a recent trip, my wife and I caught 12 big redfish in a 45-minute period. If these beautiful fish are to be here for anglers, we have to release our catches as if we are still under the no catch regulations. The release of the redfish will ensure that we can have a great fishing experience well into the future.

Here are some facts about the redfish. The world record redfish was caught on a bait fish at Avon, North Carolina. The beautiful Red, as it is commonly called, weighed in at 52.4 pounds. The Florida record was caught in the Indian River and it weighed in at 52 pounds. Of the 23 world record catches of redfish caught on different types of tackle, 18 of the record fish were caught along the beaches and mud



Sue Lev with beautiful redfish

flats of North Carolina. Redfish are often referred to as reds, channel bass, spot tail, and school drum. These great gamefish have been caught from the coast of Maine down through the Gulf of Mexico.

Reds are what is commonly known as a schooling species. That is to say, they travel in small to very large groups. During the early 1990s, a spotter plane photographed a school of redfish on the surface of about 10,000 fish, covering at least two acres. This event is hardly seen inshore, but has been photographed many times several miles off the beach on their migration to breeding and warmer waters.

The redfish we catch inhabit sandy muddy bottoms along sandbars, and just off the overhanging mangrove trees in the Charlotte Harbor back bays. Another species of drum is the black drum which is usually larger than the red drum, and is identified by a gray skin color, and jaw barbs found on the lower jaw of the fish. On the other hand, the red drum has a beautiful copper color body, large tail and found just before their tail is a black dot about the size of an eyeball. Many reds have several of these spots on their bodies as well.

The redfish feed on crabs, shrimp and chunks of mullet. Many artificial baits used by anglers resemble these live baits, and are very successful in attracting the redfish to your hook. These fish are extremely strong fighters and use of 15-20-pound test line is recommended along with 25-30-pound leader material to which you hook your artificial bait or live bait. If you prefer to catch your own bait, white bait, pinfish and scaled sardines are by far the best attractors. If you do not catch your own bait, one of the few bait shops that sell live pinfish and white bait is D and D Bait and Tackle shop in Matlacha, just a short distance off Burnt Store Road on Pine Island Road.

Just a very important reminder, please practice catch and release with our new population of redfish. We would love to have them around for many years without being regulated again.

Tight Lines

Iowans Donate to Hurricane Relief

The Iowa Burnt Store Annual Potluck was held January 26, with 41 folks attending. Two special additions to the evening were a canned food drive and a Silent Auction, all to benefit the Matlacha Hookers for Hurricane Ian Relief.



Pictured is native Iowan Sue Miller, potluck committee member, presenting a check to Lorie Tidwell, former president and current member of the Matlacha Hookers board.



Bocce - That's The Way We Roll!

By Kathy Darrell,
Tarpon Pass II

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

The bocce group is truly on a roll! The average group on Tuesday afternoon is now 30 or more players. The competition is tough, and playing has become more advanced. Games are tight, and usually down to the last roll to determine winners. After the first 4 weeks of play in 2023, Bill and Maria Wagner are undefeated and in first place!

We are enjoying dinner at Linkside and thank the restaurant for getting all 30 crazy bocce players in for dinner. We enjoy our meals together at Linkside and, on occasion, visit additional restaurants close to home.

Consider joining the bocce crowd to meet new friends and have a joyful afternoon.

Please note that you *do not* have to be a member of Burnt Store Marina Country Club to play bocce.




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 on Tuesdays from 3 - 5 p.m. and then have dinner.


For more information, or to be put on our email list, please email Connie & Dave Huelsbeck at huelsbed@bellsouth.net.

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Fitness, Friends & Fun!

By Glenna Benson

We take our tagline very seriously at BSM Fitness, Racquet & Pool Club! And, we do our best to ensure our members experience this first hand. 2022 was another challenging year for all of us with *Hurricane Ian* wreaking havoc on our lives, our homes and our amenities at BSM. But, things are getting back to normal, slowly but surely. The volunteers at our Club were phenomenal at helping with the clean up so we could return to “normal” operations as quickly as possible. Happily we are almost there!

Memories of early COVID waves, lockdowns, waiting for vaccines, and the impact on our lives is barely in the rear view mirror. We all recall how we modified our lifestyle, including our fitness routine, to match the times in which we were living. It wasn’t easy. As expected, we saw a reduction in memberships and were thankful to those who continued on. However, 2022 brought new insights and new beginnings along with an influx of new members, and the return of long-time members. In fact, 2022 became the best year on record to date for the Club. The biggest factor for this success is the resiliency of the residents in this community! And that resiliency is still alive and well after the hurricane. Returning to our fitness routine can be very helpful in reducing our stress and provide a healthy distraction to the tarped roofs, tracking down contractors, etc.

The Club recently held its annual Open House to offer BSM residents the opportunity to come check us out. This year’s event was a resounding success! We met new residents, renters and some potential new residents, probably at least 50 individuals came to check us out! The staff and volunteers happily shared their experiences with them while they toured all of the amenities! All visitors who participated in our facilities tour received a free day pass to come back and check us out another day. Our next Open House will be held in January 2024, but don’t wait until then to come visit – our friendly staff are on hand to greet you, and answer any question you have ANY TIME.

For those still thinking about a membership, and maybe still sitting on the fence, we have introduced a number of new fitness classes and added Saturday classes. Most of our classes are offered via Zoom, as well as in person to include more



members. We are running the six-week weight loss program again this year with 43 individuals participating. Participants report the healthy habits they learn during this challenge sustain them throughout the year. The Aqua Aerobics classes are also highly subscribed, and we have a wide range of instructors to support this program. This high energy, lower impact form of exercise is excellent for improving cardiovascular endurance, and toning muscles without the added stress on your joints. If exercise is not your thing, we have Pool Only memberships for you to enjoy lounging and sun bathing around our beautiful club pool.

Our pickleball program has grown significantly, with almost 300 wristbands being distributed in January – each player is required to wear a band to show they are a member. There are a wide range of options for those interested in pickleball. We have experienced players who are generous with their time to show the newcomers the ropes. So, if you’ve never played before, don’t let that hold you back. The group welcomes players of all levels from beginners to competitive. The social aspects of this game are another reason people like to participate. There are regular socials throughout the season and the group has raised funds to create a very welcoming space behind the pickleball courts for these social gatherings. Take a walk back there some time and check it out.

The tennis program offers a wide range of opportunities to practice your game, including team tennis, round robin events, league play, private lessons and team clinics provided by the Tennis Pro. A tennis ambassador program has also been established. Whether you would like to join club teams, play in a round robin or simply find friends for a game of tennis, these ambassadors are available to guide you and help get you set for a tennis outing. A team of tennis volunteers is also leading a fundraising effort to improve the current tennis viewing bleacher area, proposing to add a patio, and new sun canopies. These changes will provide a similar facility to the one at the pickleball site. These improved amenities add yet another welcoming feature to our club. So, if you have a tennis racquet that’s been collecting dust in your garage for longer than you would like to admit, think about dusting it off and joining in with our tennis players. They are always seeking new members to play.

We now have more than 20 membership options from which to choose. These range from day passes, monthly

memberships, seasonal memberships, activity specific memberships to full time annual memberships and everything in between! Anyone interested in fitness activities should be able to find one that fits their schedule, interests and time at Burnt Store Marina.

BSM FRPC is one of the amazing amenities BSM has to offer. We are always striving to improve our offerings and facilities, to provide our members with the best experience possible. The efforts of dozens of volunteers, combined with our talented and hardworking staff have really contributed to the improvements of the Club. We thank our volunteers, members and staff for their hard work, commitment and continued patronage.



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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!

Our next blood donation day is Monday, March 13, 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Make your appointment online or plan to walk in. During peak season, I recommend making an appointment, especially for morning slots. This drive is the final donation day of our winter visitor season. The next drive will follow in October 2023. Volunteer to help exceed our goal.

Many ask, "If I donated in the January blood drive can I donate in March?" YES! Drives are scheduled so you have 56 days between. This is the law in the United States. Many donors donate for several reasons, such as a form of charity, general awareness regarding the demand for blood, increased confidence in oneself, helping a personal friend or relative, and social pressure. Despite the many reasons that people donate, not enough actively donate. Less than 10% of the 37% eligible blood donors in the United States donate annually.

**There is a critical blood shortage
due to the disastrous Hurricane Ian.
IT IS SAFE TO DONATE.**

Please consider donation on March 13.

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

We look forward to seeing our veteran donors, and meeting many new Burnt Store area residents and visitors. Remember to spread the news to your neighbors. The incentive gifts will be: a long sleeve One Blood-St. Patrick Day themed t-shirt, \$20 e-gift card, and Chick-fil-A card for a free chicken sandwich. Successful donors will receive ALL 3 gifts!

Blood Donation News... January Blood Drive

By Ann Singer, Admiral's Point

Our enthusiastic and committed blood donors once again exceeded the donation goal on Monday, January 16. The Big Red Bus was steadily busy throughout the day, resulting in a collection of 34 units of blood given by 36 donors. Each donation can save up to three lives, meaning 102 patients could benefit from the lifesaving efforts of our Burnt Store area donors from this one day. One Blood expresses gratitude to all for your generosity and dedication to this program.

We hope to see the same energy, if not more, at the March 13 drive!

Blood Donor Honor Roll

Barbara Honcharski	Clayton Cramer
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Donna Dooner	Elizabeth Lavandero
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John Dunker	Karen Spring
Katherine Claussen	Linda Cristinziano
Linda Rhoades	Margaret Blythe
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Sheriff's Report – January

1/4 - 8 a.m. - Noon

Warnings:

4 - Not complete stop at the stop sign - 3 workers, 1 resident golf cart

1 - speeding - Marina visitor

5 - total warnings

Tickets:

1 - failure to exhibit proof of insurance - worker

1 - expired tag - 6 months - worker

1 - windshield tint - worker

3 - total tickets

1/14 - 7:42 a.m. - 11:42 a.m.

Warnings:

5 - failure to stop at the stop sign - 1 visitor, 3 residents,

1 outside contractor

2 - expired tag - 6 months - resident, outside contractor



7 - total warnings

2 - verbal warnings not stopping at stop sign - golf cart and car

2 - Total verbal warnings

1/15 - 5:45 p.m. - 9:45 p.m.

Warnings:

3 - speeding - 3 visitors

3 - total warnings

Tickets

1 - speeding - visitor

1 - total tickets

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Platinum Point Yacht Club

By Loretta Steeves, Director

As the article below by the Platinum Point Education Committee testifies, PPYC members like to learn. In addition to learning about the invasive Burmese Python, the members had the opportunity to learn line dancing. Almost one third of those going to the Country Western Party came to a line dancing lesson that morning. If your tastes run in the artistic direction, there was an art outing to the Imagine Museum in St. Pete, followed by an excursion to the Salvador Dali Museum. Given the severe impact of *Hurricane Ian*, a seminar, All About FEMA, was offered and open to the entire community. All that happened in the first week of February. Later in the month, a presentation with a more scientific bent described the functioning of the James Webb Space Telescope.

Other events open to the community peppered the month of February. An Open House on the 5th provided an opportunity to learn more about PPYC activities and events. The time-honored tradition of a Valentine's Day Pancake breakfast gave sweethearts throughout the community an opportunity to start the day romantically, with breakfast cooked and served by the men of PPYC. The club shared its musical talents with the Burnt Store Lakes Community at their pavilion on February 18, and followed up with "Music on the Lawn" on February 19.

As the weather warmed, the PPYC racing group took their sails to Charlotte Harbor almost every Monday. The cruisers followed their January trip to Venice with a cruise to the newly-reopened marina at Tween Waters. It is such a gift to see our local marinas coming back to life.

As the height of the season neared, the on-land activities abounded. An annual PPYC favorite, the Progressive Dinner,

assigned members first to a host's home for appetizers and then to another home for an elegant meal. In typical PPYC fashion, the appetizers were brought by the guests themselves, as were the sides to accompany the dinner. The classic beef tenderloin was provided by the club (along with cooking instructions). The entire group convened back at the clubhouse for dessert.

Other food-centered activities continued with Sunset Socials, where members bring apps to share in conjunction with Happy Hour, and Grill Nights, where the club's grills are fired up for the men to test their barbeque skills to accompany the sides, once again brought and shared by the membership. Happy Hours continued every Tuesday and Friday – the sunset views from the club's waterfront lanai provide the perfect backdrop.

Looking forward to March, we see two of the club's most-cherished traditions. The Commodore's Ball and Fleet Week. The ball, a gala night of dinner and dancing will be held on March 4 at the Punta Gorda Isles Yacht Club. Fleet Week will take place March 6-11. If you're new to the community, look to see the club decked out in its finest. Be sure to come to, Songs of Sailors, Ships, and Seas, on March 7 at 5:30, and watch the Blessing of the Fleet boat parade on March 9. After the boat parade, the PPYC members will honor those members who have passed during the preceding year. A cocktail reception and catered dinner will follow the Memorial Service.

As you can see, PPYC is an active club with a wide variety of on-water and on-land activities. We are a diverse group, with half of our membership being snowbirds and half homesteaders. If you'd like to learn more, stop by the club and meet the office administrator, Dorothy Saviste, on any Monday, Wednesday or Thursday.



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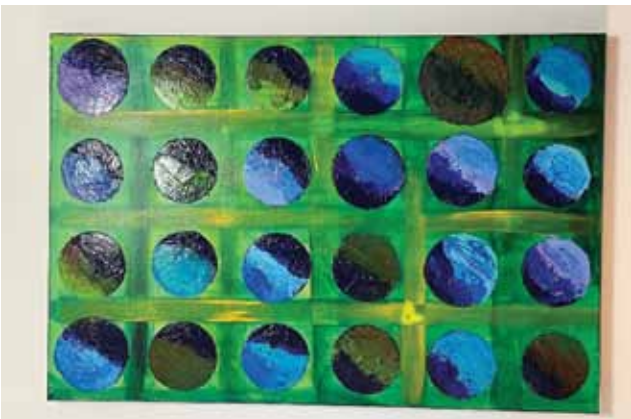


Local artist to benefit St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital

By Debbie Burns,
Mariners Pass

What if a painting could do more than hang on a wall? What if a painting could provide valuable learning and leadership opportunities, or even improve the lives of people that will never see it? This is exactly what Jay Winston is using his talents for. His only aspiration as an artist is to enjoy his paintings while supporting worthy causes in the process. All proceeds from Winston’s paintings are distributed to various nonprofit organizations.

Jay began painting as a hobby in 2001. He had taken a few classes, and enjoyed this creative outlet in his free time. After he and his wife Paula retired from their businesses in Oriental, North Carolina in 2005, he got serious about painting.



Winston’s paintings are all uniquely different. A piece is sure to fit anyone’s decor and tastes. His painting style is a cross between Mark Rothko and Jackson Pollack. His works masterfully range from bold geometrics to a snow-white tree, composed completely in texture rather than color.

Jay splits his time between homes in Raleigh, North Carolina, and Burnt Store Marina. He holds benefit art shows each year in Punta Gorda. This year, Jay chose St. Jude as a beneficiary of his art show. He also sold several commissioned pieces last



year, with the proceeds going to my 2022 St. Jude fundraiser, helping me to raise \$9,268.

In addition to Jay’s artwork, he is selling teddy bears that are all unique and mostly handmade. The teddy bears can be purchased and taken home with you, or you can choose to purchase a bear to be sent to St. Jude hospital for a child who is going through treatment.


The Art Show/Sale will be held on Saturday, March 25, at 4 p.m. at the home of Jay Winston, Esplanade, 24351 Baltic Ave. (building, #5) unit 202. We will only be accepting checks and cash. All checks should be made out to St. Jude, and are tax deductible.

Please come out to meet Jay, see his fabulous work and support this worthy cause.



To remove the stem from strawberries, use a straw

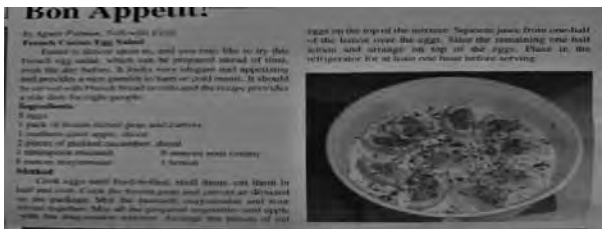




The Recipe Box

By Jennifer LeClair, Pelican Way

The *Beacon* editorial staff was recently given a box containing copies of *The Beacon* since its inception in 2002. Thank you, John Spitler, Commodore Club. The above recipe appeared in the March 2002 issue. We thought it might be fun to revisit some of the recipes and articles.



I was unable to find the above recipe on any of the current food/recipe websites, however, I did find that the above salad supposedly originated with a chef who cooked for European royalty before a stint at the National Casino in Budapest, Hungary. The casino eggs (Kaszino tojas) are often featured at buffets and on cold platters, and nearly always served with the colorful vegetable salad in a creamy dressing which in Hungary is called the “French salad”, but elsewhere you might have heard of a similar dish called “Russian salad”.

Preparation is done in stages, as all ingredients that are cooked need to cool down before the final assembly.

Below is the recipe as submitted in 2002 by Agnes Putnam of Yellowfish Cove.

FRENCH CASINO EGG SALAD

Ingredients:
5 eggs
1 pack of frozen mixed peas and carrots
1 medium-sized apple, diced
2 pieces of pickled cucumber, diced
1 tablespoon mustard
8 oz. mayonnaise
8 oz. sour cream
1 lemon

Method:
Cook eggs until hard-boiled, shell them, cut them in half and cool. Cook the frozen peas and carrots as directed on the package. Mix the mustard, mayonnaise and sour cream together. Mix all the prepared vegetables (when cooled) and the apple into the mayonnaise mixture. Arrange the pieces of cut eggs on the top of the mixture. Squeeze juice from one-half of the lemon over the eggs. Slice the remaining one-half lemon and arrange on top of the eggs. Place in the refrigerator for at least one hour before serving.

I can’t tell you how much this salad cost to make in 2002 but with the 60% inflation rate we have on the cost of eggs in 2023 I think I’ll save this recipe to make on a special occasion.



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Birthday Greetings

By Graham Segger, Independent Home Owner

I had a birthday recently, not a particularly significant one, but hey, at this stage of life they are all milestones, or is that millstones? It is a bit of a cliché to reflect on the sappiness of Hallmark style greeting card messages, but recently I have been exposed to a number of cards which impressed me with their creativity. Not being bashful about passing on the wisdom of others, following are a few examples which stood out.

Top of the list, and the impetus for this article, was a personalized card by a talented local artist and occasional *Beacon* contributor. Her drawing captured beautifully the pivotal moment each month when I sit at my desk contemplating ideas for a new article (my challenge is seldom finding ideas, but rather selecting from them).

Another friend sent a wonderful photo he had taken of old Matlacha with the poignant caption “What used to B.” My wife Diane also uses her original art for greeting cards which we share with others.

The cards seemed to come with several different recurring themes. There were the cute dog and critter cards:

- Pooch hanging out a car window, sunglasses on, tongue out – Hope you have a sun-in-your-face, wind-in-your-hair kind of day
- Bulldog riding a scooter – Let the good times roll
- Impossibly cute dog with birthday hat, cake and candles – You’re doggone special!
- A hungry looking rodent at one end of a maze with birthday cake at the other end – Hope your Birthday’s A-MAZE-ING

Then there were the health related messages, some perhaps hitting too close to home:

- Now when I walk around the house and there’s a creak I assume it’s my body and not the house
- On your Birthday don’t let society tell you what people your age can and can’t do – That’s what your knees are for
- Old enough to know better, young enough to not give a shit
- It’s your birthday – Try not to do anything too responsible! Humor and alcohol were popular topics:
- It’s your birthday. Let there be NO BEER left behind! It’s your duty! Have the happiest birthday BEER can buy.
- A school of fish, a gaggle of geese, a pride of lions. How would I describe your birthday – A shitload of candles!



May you always have the right inspirations! Joanne Boughner

- This is Gutnis – He walked over 15,000 miles from Siberia to give you birthday wishes. Gutnis suffered from exhaustion, frostbite, blisters and poor cell reception, but he made it. So please have a Happy Birthday, for Gutnis’ sake.
 - To find happiness on your birthday, seek inner peace. Better yet, seek the corner piece – it’s the one with the most frosting!
 - One card came with a detachable “Pairs well with wine” button
- Some cards bordered on origami art. A pop-up octopus hand-labeled Oscar with eight moveable legs was described as “four hugs in one envelope”. A flip-out balloon became a half sphere, while another card had 3D paper sunglasses, flip flops, Hawaiian shirt and cool drink attached.

There were cards with sentimental messages which warmed my soul and, of course, several beautiful images of boats. One favorite consisted of an image sewn with thread of a fisherman in his boat with a fish swimming below.

I’ll leave you with this message from one of the cards which I hope you will all take to heart - Set sail on another great year!



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Edison And Ford Winter Estates Hosts Vintage ‘Base Ball’ Games At Terry Park

On March 26, Edison and Ford Winter Estates will host its annual Vintage “Base Ball” Tournament at historic Terry Park in Fort Myers. The teams will play several consecutive games throughout the day in a small tournament format. The gates will open at 9:30 a.m. with the first game starting at 10 a.m.

Vintage base ball (baseball in the 1860s, was spelled with two words) is played by 1860s rules, which include using wooden bats, no gloves and lemon peel baseballs. Players will wear vintage uniforms and the umpires will call the shots the way they did during the time period.

The vintage team roster to date includes the Awkwards Vintage Base Ball of Central Florida, Bradenton Shamrocks Vintage Base Ball Club, the Early Riser BBC of Detroit, Vagabonds Base Ball Club (Fort Myers home team), and the Wyandotte Stars BBC (Michigan). Additional teams may be added and visiting players may join a team for the day. Admission to the vintage base ball tournament at Terry Park will be \$5 for adults; kids 18 and under will be admitted free.

The game coincides with major league baseball spring training that is now locally played at JetBlue Park, the Lee County Sports Complex and Hammond Stadium; however, Terry Park was once the hub of baseball’s spring training, and where Thomas Edison was a frequent visitor. **History Of Terry Park And The Connection To Thomas Edison**

In 1921, Dr. Marshall Terry, along with his wife Tootie McGregor-Terry, donated several acres of land that had in its earliest days been a cow pasture and later the site of the Lee County Fair. Lee County government took formal possession of the land, which was a mile east of the City of Fort Myers with the stipulation that “all property shall be used as a park and public property.”

Using the specifications put forth by Cornelius McGillicuddy, aka “Connie Mack,” manager and owner of the Philadelphia Athletics, construction of the original ball field began in 1923 and was officially named Terry Park. After two years of negotiations between Mack and a committee led by Richard Richards Sr., owner of the

Fort Myers Royal Palm Pharmacy, the Athletics agreed to play their spring training games in Fort Myers starting in 1925.

Terry Park served as the official spring training home of the Athletics until 1936. The team won the World Series in both 1929 and 1930. Over the next five decades, other major league baseball teams used the ballpark to play their pre-season exhibition games, including the Cleveland Indians, Kansas City Royals and Pittsburgh Pirates. Hall of Famers such as George Brett, Roberto Clemente, Ty Cobb, Jimmie Foxx, and Babe Ruth are just some of stars that graced the fields at Terry Park, helping bring national exposure to the “City of Palms.”

Thomas Edison, world-famous inventor and businessman, was also a die-hard baseball fan. In a 1927 interview, Edison was quoted as saying “Baseball is the greatest of American games. I don’t believe you can find a more ardent follower of baseball than myself, as a day seldom passes when I do not read sporting pages of the newspaper.” Edison decided to visit Terry Park on a few occasions to watch the Athletics play, even seizing one opportunity to participate in the team’s batting practice session.

“According to historic documents, Ty Cobb volunteered to pitch to the 80-year-old Edison, who subsequently hit a line drive that knocked Ty Cobb down who was standing halfway between the mound and home plate,” said Matt Andres, Curatorial Registrar at Edison and Ford Winter



The Vagabonds Base Ball Club is the Fort Myers home team and includes Tom Hottovy, Edison Ford CFO (third from left) and Matt Andres, Edison Ford Curatorial Registrar (fourth from left).

Estates. “As a result, Edison and an army of reporters roared with laughter after humbling one the league’s greatest players. While Cobb was dusting himself off, the inventor quipped, ‘Think you can hit them like that when you’re 80?’ A few days later the entire team visited Mr. and Mrs. Edison at their Fort Myers’ estate and toured the property and had lunch with the legendary inventor.”

For spectators wanting to learn more about the history of spring training and the baseball legends that played in Fort Myers, Edison and Ford program manager, Holly Shaffer, will give a presentation on March 24 and March 25 at 11 a.m. The presentation is included with general admission to Edison and Ford Winter Estates.

New Exhibit Planned

In partnership with Connie Mack’s family, a new baseball exhibit is planned for the museum at Edison and Ford Winter Estates and is scheduled to open this spring. The exhibit will feature original artifacts and photographs

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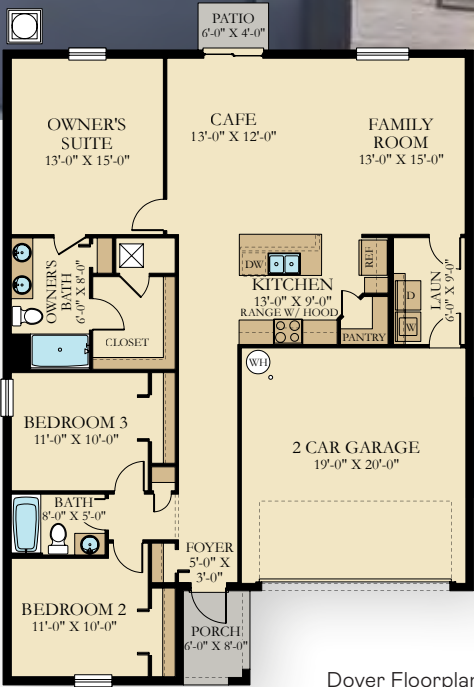
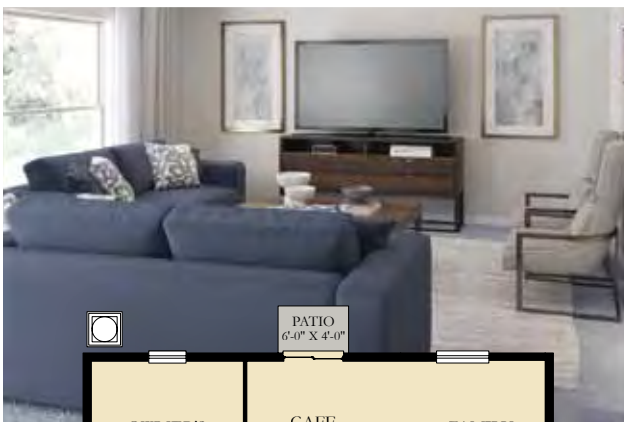
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Gardener’s Wheelbarrow

By Maggie Hart,
Mariners Pass

March in SW Florida should be clear, dry, sunny and warm. Perfect weather to get outside and begin to add to your landscape, in your yard or with decorative pots at your front door and in the lanai. Don’t expect much precipitation until May or June - there will not be much rain to help you, so plan on hand-watering any additions. If you received or purchased poinsettias during the holidays, now is the time to put them outdoors. Put them in sunny locations and prune to 12 inches above the soil. Poinsettias have a better chance of blooming again if kept outside, away from artificial night light.

• **Watch for Fungus:** Moist leaves in the morning that don’t dry off very quickly are susceptible to fungus. Fungus will affect most plants, as well as turf.

• **Tools:** Clean and sharpen your garden tools. Pruning will be much easier, and clean cuts lessen the possibility of fungus and bacteria settling into frayed branch edges.

• **Pruning:** Almost everything overgrown or dead can be pruned now. The exceptions include trees and plants in flower, or those about to flower. Go after plants that need shaping or that have damaged branches. Cut back by 1/3, using pocket pruning or vertical cutting. Horizontal cutting only encourages top growth, not interior or base growth. Don’t touch bougainvillea until after Mother’s Day.

• **Hurricane Pruning:** Years ago, this pruning practice was demoted to *unacceptable* as we became more aware of what is truly beneficial and what is not. A well-pruned, properly pruned tree is one that has had limbs removed that are crossing each other, or are broken/damaged, forming a weak link to the trunk. Excessive pruning (topping) only produces thick, weak growth that will cause problems in high winds.

• **Pruning Palms:** Palms should only have dead or dying (browning) fronds and inflorescences/fruit removed. The standard of leaving fronds between 9 and 3 o’clock (the horizon line) is best. **Removing green fronds stresses the palm by limiting its source of nutrients for new growth.**

• **Pinching Back:** This small action produces big results for annuals and perennials. With your fingernails, pinch back ¾ – 1” of the actively growing ends of the branches. The plants will bush out and flower production will increase. Spent flowers should be removed to encourage a new flush of blooms.

• **Fertilizing:** Purchase the pricier slow-release, complete fertilizer. Micronutrients are mandatory for plants in our area. Buy a good quality palm food and use it on everything...palms, trees, shrubs, ground covers and perennials. Fertilizer contains salts, so always water first if the ground is dry. Afterwards, broadcast the fertilizer



in the area of the plant’s drip lines (not at the trunk) and water it into the ground. Fertilize the soil, not the plant.

• **Weeding & Mulching:** Three inches of organic mulch will keep out most weeds, but some will come through the barrier. An application of pre-emergent herbicide will kill germinating seeds - it should be applied prior to mulching. Keep mulch away from tree trunks and stems of shrubs and perennials.

• **Turf Management:** If not done already, apply a pre-emergent herbicide early in the month, for control of summer weeds.

• **Irrigation Systems:** Systems should be checked for proper coverage. This is very important and is an ongoing task. Whoever is maintaining your irrigation system must be vigilant. March and April are two of the driest months and the temperature is heating up. The landscape requires consistent watering and coverage.

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on loan from the Mack family, connecting Thomas Edison, Connie Mack and baseball in Fort Myers. The exhibit will also trace the long history of Fort Myers as a Spring Training site, resulting in World Series pennants for every team that trained here longer than two years. The exhibit is scheduled to be on display for five years.

For more information about Edison and Ford Winter Estates, visit EdisonFord.org.

Edison And Ford Winter Estates

Edison and Ford Winter Estates is the internationally known winter homesite of Thomas Edison and Henry Ford. More than 220,000 visitors walk through the location each year from all around the globe. The organization has received many awards, including the National Stewardship Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the National Garden Clubs’ Historic Preservation Award. The property is an official project of “Save America’s Treasures,” a Florida Historic Landmark and a National Register

• **New Plantings:** Almost everything, including warm season annuals, cold-sensitive tropicals, flowering ornamentals and palms can be planted now. Planting too deeply, above the soil level when purchased, will kill almost any plant except cabbage palms and tomato plants! And, planting trees too closely to each other only means trouble in the future with disease, weak growth, mis-shaped limbs and a huge waste of money.

• **Planting Annuals:** Our soil cannot support annuals or most perennials. For success, purchase annual soil mix and mound it high, adding Osmocote. Plant, water with fresh water initially to supplement or replace the irrigation water. A blossom booster and fungicide, applied as directed, is also recommended. Hint: Spend a little extra by buying a quart-sized plant vs. one in a 4 1/2-inch pot. You won’t need as many and it will establish much more quickly, with less effort on your part.

Historic Site. The Edison Botanic Laboratory is a National Historic Chemical Landmark. The site is open every day except Thanksgiving and Christmas from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and until 9 p.m. during the month of December for Holiday Nights.



Ty Cobb, Thomas Edison, and Connie Mack at Terry Park in 1927.

Enjoying Your Walk

By Jan McLaughlin, Former Beacon Editor

One morning a fellow walker stopped me and asked what the distance was around Prosperity Point, and how far was it from there to the front entry gate. With lots of residents returning and enjoying our pedestrian paths, I offer the following. All distances were measured with a GPS while riding in a golf cart.

- Islamorada Entrance Gate to Cape Cole Blvd. – 0.82 mile
- Cape Cole Blvd., golf clubhouse gate arm to Islamorada Blvd. – 0.60 mile
- Cape Cole Blvd., golf club gate arm to Matecumbe Key entry – 0.72 mile
- Matecumbe Key Blvd., construction entrance to Cape Cole Blvd., 0.72 mile

- Matecumbe Key Blvd., Cape Cole Blvd., to South Shore – 0.55 mile
- Courtside Landings’ Loop, start/stop at entrance – 0.48 mile
- Prosperity Point sidewalk loop, start/stop at Matcumbe Key Blvd, 1.26 mile
- Admiral’s Point loop (includes Key Largo Lane Circle, Sable Key Circle and Key Largo Circle) start/stop at Marathon & Cape Cole Blvd., 1.06 mile
- Tarpon Pass loop, start/stop at Islamorada Blvd., 0.76 mile

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Golf Tips

By Bill Connelly, Manager of Golf Operations

Learning to play the game of golf can be quite intimidating. As a beginner there are many things that you must learn. On top of learning how to make a swing, you must learn about golf equipment, the golf course, and all of the rules that this wonderful game has.

You want to try to make learning the game as fun as possible. Set goals for yourself, like not hitting in the sand or trying to reduce the number of balls that you lose. The main goal is to relax and enjoy this great game.

As golfing great Arnold Palmer once said, “Golf is deceptively simple and endlessly complicated. It satisfies the soul and frustrates the intellect. It is at the same time, rewarding and maddening, and it is without a doubt the greatest game mankind has ever invented.”

Below are the results of the Scotch Scramble on January 28:

1st Place	2nd Place
Bob and Jane Moen	Bob and Chris Hornak
Jay and Kathy Barnhart	Steve Hunt and Lesley Rose
Bob and Robin LeMaster	Allan Huffman and
Brad Baker and Sue Peters	Deb Lehman
	Lynda Vail



3rd Place
Doug and Karen Bingley
Brent and Heidi Chorneyko
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Stan and Loriann Rogers

Closest to the Flag Women
Maryanne San Juan
Ginger Story
Kathi McKay
Phyllis Love

Jay Barnhart had a hole-in-one on Pelican 5
Congratulations to all!
Also an item of note, is that we had 2 holes-in-one by a married couple, Drew and Dora Myers. Each had a hole-in-one on the same hole, Heron 2. Dora got hers on January 30 while Drew got his during the summer of 2022.

Be sure to sign up for the Luau Scramble on March 4 at 12 p.m. with an outdoor pig roast to follow. And remember, there is a 9 Hole Scramble every Tuesday at 3 p.m.

Please follow us @burntstoregolf on Instagram for course updates.

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

Have fun learning to enjoy your game.

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Fun Facts About St. Patrick’s Day



Who Was St. Patrick?

St. Patrick was a Christian missionary, bishop, and patron saint of Ireland. He was born in Roman Britain to a wealthy family near the end of the fourth century.

At age 16, he was captured by Irish raiders and brought to Ireland, where he spent six years in captivity, working as a shepherd. He became a devout Christian

and, it’s believed, began to dream of converting the Irish to Christianity. He then escaped back to England after God’s voice told him in a dream to leave Ireland.

Why Green Clothes?

Wearing green has become a staple of St. Patrick’s Day, but the holiday was initially associated with the color blue. It’s thought that the shift to green happened because of Ireland’s “Emerald Isle” nickname or because of the green in the Irish flag, the shamrock, and/or the clover.

Green ribbons and shamrocks were worn as early as the 17th century. During the Irish Rebellion of 1798, an uprising against British rule in Ireland, Irish soldiers, on March 17,

wore full green uniforms to make a political statement.

In Ireland, some people still adhere to the tradition of Catholics wearing green and Protestants wearing orange, the colors that represent their respective religious sects on the Irish flag. However, considering that legend claims wearing green makes a person invisible to leprechaun pinches, perhaps wearing green on the 17th is a wise idea.

Where The Shamrock Came From

According to folklore, St. Patrick used the shamrock, the familiar three-leafed clover, to explain the Christian Holy Trinity. The word “shamrock” comes from the Irish word “seamróg,” meaning “little clover.” It is the symbol of Ireland and wearing and displaying shamrocks has become a widespread practice on St. Patrick’s Day.

Why So Much Beer?

Beer is one of the most widely consumed beverages on St. Patrick’s Day. While the Irish beer Guinness remains a top St. Patty’s Day choice, a disturbing trend is the consumption of green beer dyed with food coloring. Some studies have linked food coloring to cancer (at least in lab animals) and headaches. However, revelers would probably have to drink a lot more dye than the beers contain to cause health problems,

according to nutrition expert Keri Glassman, founder and president of a nutrition practice based in New York City.

It’s no surprise that imbibing beer or other alcoholic beverages affects brain function. A new study reveals that ethanol in these drinks disrupts connections between the brain’s visual and motor areas, hindering muscle coordination.

Parades And Celebration

St. Patrick’s Day celebrations would not be complete without parades, festivals, and Céilithe, a social gathering typically involving Gaelic folk music and dancing. Céilithe, also known as Céilidh, has its origins in Ireland and Scotland but has spread with Irish and Scottish migrations.

Many cities hold parades in honor of the holiday. For instance, the New York City St. Patrick’s Day Parade is the largest in the world. It was first held in 1762, 14 years before the Declaration of Independence, by a group of homesick Irish ex-pats and soldiers who served with the British Army in the American colonies, according to the parade’s website.

The world’s shortest St. Patrick’s Day parade is held in the Irish village of Dripsey. It lasts only 100 yards, spanning the distance between the village’s two pubs.

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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Featured Florida Wildlife Facts

The Manatee

These gentle giants are often called “sea cows” and have become one of the state’s most iconic animals.

Centuries ago, manatees were often mistaken for mermaids – presumably, by very drunk sailors – the half-woman/half-fish creature of myth and legend. The confusion may seem absurd now, but back then, little was known of the sea beasts that lived in the ocean.

Manatees are usually found in very shallow waters and spend their days eating seagrass, which is why they have no teeth!



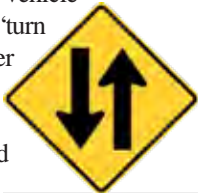
They can weigh up to 1,500 pounds but will use echolocation to communicate with other manatees.

Prior to winter’s coldest months, manatees migrate to warm water habitats in Florida. These warm water sites include artesian springs and power plant discharge canals. Manatee Park, located at 10901 State Road 80, Palm Beach Blvd., Fort Myers, is another wintertime haven where large concentrations of Florida manatees can be seen. Several viewing areas, a butterfly garden, and picnic shelters are available.

Manatees are protected by the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and the Florida Manatee Sanctuary Act of 1978. It is illegal to feed, harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, annoy, or molest manatees. Sadly, habitat loss, cold stress, and starvation caused by pollution-fueled loss of seagrasses (a major food source) culminated in a large-scale, ongoing manatee die-off in 2021.

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.

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Consumer Alerts

Seeing Isn’t Always Believing When It Comes To Ad Prices For LASIK Eye Surgery

By Colleen Tressler,
FTC, Division of
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Education

Thinking about LASIK eye surgery? Here’s some advice. LASIK is corrective surgery to a very delicate part of the eye. Millions of people have had LASIK surgery to correct their vision, many with great success.

Advertising is one way LASIK providers attract customers. But like any other purchase, it’s important to do some research. Prices vary, and what may seem like a deal may only be available to select “qualified” patients.

Take the FTC’s case against LASIKPlus, a nationwide LASIK surgery chain. The FTC says that, in its ads, LASIKPlus promoted LASIK as available for “as low as” or “starting at” \$250. The \$250 price was per eye, although that was not always clearly disclosed. In truth, very few people qualified for the \$250 price. Anyone with vision worse than 20/40 – already good enough to drive without glasses – was ineligible, but only told that after undergoing a 90-minute to two-hour full-dilation eye exam and sales pitch. At that point, customers were told the true regular LASIKPlus price of \$1,800 to \$2,295 per



eye. The FTC complaint says that the company’s ads often did not reveal the prescriptions people needed to qualify, that few people were eligible, and the price most people would actually pay. **Bottom line:** The \$250 price was, says the FTC, misleading and used to lure people in the door and then sell them LASIK at the much higher price.

If you’re thinking about LASIK, here’s some advice to help you save time and money:

• **Get a recommendation.** Ask your eye doctor for a recommendation.

• **Ask questions about promotions and eligibility before you visit a LASIK center.** Is the advertised offer limited to certain customers? Are there certain requirements? Are there other fees or payments? If so, what are they? If they won’t tell you before your visit, be wary.

• **See what others are saying.** Search online for the LASIK provider’s name plus words like “complaint” or “review.”

• **Compare online reviews from a wide variety of sources.** You can get a good idea about a company, product, or service from reading user reviews on various comparison sites. But also think about the source of the review. Where is this review coming from? Is it from an expert organization or individual customers?

If you think a company has used misleading practices to sell you a service or product, report it to the FTC at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

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Tools stored in vans, pickup trucks and other commercial vehicles are often seen as easy targets for thieves.

There are a number of options for pickups that include cross-bed boxes, decked bed boxes and custom molded boxes to fit between the truck’s rear wheel and tailgate. Two of the most important characteristics seem to be the quality of the locking mechanism and visibility to criminals.

Interior sliding deadbolts have grown in popularity and can be purchased in both manual and electric versions. They appear to be far more difficult to open than standard door lock cylinders.

Puck locks offer additional security, especially when dealing with lesser-skilled criminals. Multiple puck locks can be keyed alike so as to allow you to use a single key to open all locks.

Windows are vulnerable points and are often the way vans are broken into. Consider van window grills and dark tint to make the vehicle’s contents difficult to see from the outside.

Parking vehicles in well-lit areas often deter would-be criminals. Alarm systems and security cameras should be considered, as well.

Sheds and garages are equally

susceptible to theft. There are a number of affordable shed and garage alarm systems that are wireless and easy to install. Additionally, there are a number of excellent locks that are virtually tamper-proof and designed to protect almost any type of door or entranceway.

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