

# From the Section 22 HOA BOD

By Mike McFeeley, Vice President

#### Living in Paradise

As we finally get our arms around the costs associated with the aftermath of the massive hurricane, many wonder if it is really worth it. All you need to do is look up into the beautiful blue sky, or watch a magnificent sunset, to realize why you are here. Burnt Store Marina is paradise. We have a combination of amenities and location that few areas in the country can match. We regularly have the best weather in the U.S. from December to April. We have a deep port on a fantastic bay that opens to the beautiful Gulf of Mexico. We have three golf courses, world class fishing, pickleball, tennis, a fitness facility, three restaurants, and many different types of homes that add choices and architectural interest. In short, "we have arrived!"

After *Hurricane Ian*, we all see firsthand how the cost of everything has increased dramatically. Hurricane repairs, when you can get them done, have spiked in cost as demand outstripped supply. In Section 22, this problem hits us in a bigger way, as we continuously try to improve amenities, perform needed repairs or respond to hurricane created challenges.

The Board of Directors role is to maintain the community, and do the things necessary to improve property values, while focusing on ways to enhance the quality of life for all the residents. With roughly 2000 doors in the community, it is impossible to make everyone happy all the time. We all have different wants and needs that may be unique to our situation. How to represent everyone is the challenge.

The new board of directors is attempting to tackle a number of challenges that range from critically important, to required, to proposed. The current list includes over 70 items that have been, and will continue to be discussed, prioritized and decided. There are a few items that fall into the critical column that, if neglected, may result in a much more expensive solution. Below is a partial list for your review:

**Resort Pool Bulkhead** - This is the wooden wall holding up the Resort pool and the pool deck. One contractor said that "it is the biggest risk we face." If the wall were to fall, the pool and pool deck could shift resulting in a huge expense. Construction begins in the 2nd quarter.



Nesting Time at Venice Audubon Rookery. Submitted by Karen Sanderson, Esplanade

**Bulkhead on Heron #9 Green -** This bulkhead, like the Resort Pool, is over 20 years old and falling into the water as a result of age, and storms impacting water levels. If not repaired, the entire green is in jeopardy. Construction begins in the 2nd quarter.

*Main Irrigation Pond Erosion* - This supplies irrigation for the entire community. *Hurricane Ian* smashed the side of the shoreline with such force that it created a mini landslide. If left unchecked, more erosion will occur in future rainy seasons, and will jeopardize our

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# **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 condo 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:

- Jerry Boldon, 24045 Redfish Cove Drive, roof replacement.
- Barry Pozarowski, 1409 Islamorada Boulevard, roof replacement.
- Beth Oglevee, 201 Islamorada Boulevard, exterior paint.
- Eugene & Ruth Lastfogel, 3041 Big Bend Circle, pool cage replacement.
  Eugene & Ruth Lastfogel, 3041 Big Bend Circle, roof replacement.
- John & Sharon Hudoba, 1507 Islamorada Boulevard, roof replacement.
- John & Sharon Hudoba, 1507 Islamorada Boulevard, exterior paint.
- Stephan Flagstad, 1403 Islamorada Boulevard, window replacement.
- Mitch & Hilde Wegrzyn, 4021 Cobia Estates Drive, lanai expansion.
- Florence D. Walther, 4001 King Tarpon Drive, lanai replacement.
- Richard & Denise Koskinen, 1520 Islamorada Boulevard, roof replacement.
- George Peterson, 3217 Sunset Key Circle, window replacement.
- George Peterson, 3217 Sunset Key Circle, roof replacement.
- Tom Vlcek, 4841 Linkside Drive, hurricane shutter installation.
- $\bullet$  Dave & DI Roeser, 3091 Big Pass Lane, garage door replacement.
- Sean Hurley, 24621 Dolphin Cove Drive, pool cage replacement.
- $\bullet$  James Geisler, 1407 Islamorada Boulevard, solar panel installation.
- Michael E. Broderick, 3235 Sugarloaf Key Road 14B, door replacement.
  Steve & Sharon Dahl, 4001 Cape Cole Boulevard, roof replacement.
- Robert & Judith Houle, 3945 Cape Cole Boulevard, roof replacement.
- Jim & Judy Schinneller, 24141 Redfish Cove, roof replacement.

- Greg Morrison, 3464 Sunset Key Circle, window replacement.
- Stan & Loriann Rogers, 4087 Cape Cole Boulevard, roof replacement.
  Sherrie Paasch, 3001 Matecumbe Key Road #2, window replacement.
- Dennis Mills, 1506 Islamorada Boulevard, exterior paint.
- Glen Boyd, 1071 King Tarpon Drive, pool cage replacement.
- Victoria Read, 2040 King Tarpon Drive, exterior paint.
- Frank & Georgeanne Manfredi, 3345 Sunset Key Circle, exterior paint.
- Dennis Fry, 2060 Matecumbe Key Road, hurricane shutters installation.
- Mike & Debbie Massa, 5061 Cape Cole Boulevard, exterior paint.
  Kelly & Linda Beaty, 3257 Sunset Key Circle, roof replacement.
- $\bullet$  Myles & Christine Beresford, 3237 Sunset Key Boulevard, roof replacement.
- Raymond & Phyllis Love, 5021 Sable Key Circle, roof replacement.
  John & Joyce Blair, 1508 Islamorada Boulevard, pool cage replacement.
- James & Camille Ross, 3933 Cape Cole Boulevard, roof replacement.
- $\bullet$  Stephan & Susan Flagstad, 1403 Islamorada Boulevard, solar panel installation.
- Tim & Lynne Parsons, 1621 Islamorada Boulevard, hurricane shutter installation.
- $\bullet$  Paul & Meg Callaghan, 4010 Big Pass Lane, roof replacement.

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

### **Reminder:**

Next Section 22 HOA Working Board Meeting – Tuesday, April 11, 9 a.m., Linkside Café Patio. Next Section 22 HOA Board Meeting – Tuesday, April 25, 9 a.m., Linkside Café Patio.

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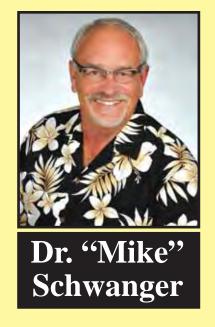
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#### **Inside the Gates Dates**

- Saturday, April 1: Deadline for the May Beacon. Article and picture submissions are welcomed. Become part of the Beacon family.
- Tuesday, April 11, Section 22 HOA Working Board Meeting, Linkside Café Patio, 9 a.m.
- Tuesday, April 25: Section 22 HOA Board Meeting, Linkside patio, 9 a.m.
- Every Tuesday: Bar code installation, front gate, 1 to 3 p.m.
- Every Thursday: 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, April 7: Fort Myers River District Art Walk, 1 to 5 p.m. Visit many galleries, exhibitions and performances.
- Wednesday, April 12: Kickback Music in the Park with The Tradesmen. 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, April 21: 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, April 26: Kickback Music in the Park with Dively/The Don Bonzi Project. 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.
- Wednesday, April 19: The History of Punta Gorda Through Its Murals. Visit 32 murals and learn the history of Punta Gorda in the comfort of a classroom. Charlotte Community Foundation, 227 Sullivan St. \$30. To reserve a space, go to thttps://puntagordamurals.org/product/class.
- Every Tuesday and Friday: Dance Fusion Class. 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association, 2001 Shreve St. Call Cara Peralta for information, 941-276-1887. \$10 per class.
- Every Tuesday: Cape Coral Sunshine Market. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mercole Market & Café, 125 SW 3rd Pl.
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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 3<sup>rd</sup> St.
- Every Sunday: Punta Gorda Historical Society's Farmers Market, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at History Park, 501 Shreve Street. Shop for veggies, meats, plants and gifts. Most Sundays you will be treated to live music by Dave Heveron. When the market closes at 1 p.m., take a guided tour of the gardens at the park. Walk the grounds with Florida native gardener, Starr Zachritz, and learn about Florida's flora. A \$5 suggested donation gets you a plant to take home. Call 941-380-6814.

# Fitness, Friends & Fun!...A Salute to Our Stars

By Cynthia Mathews

Fitness is ageless. Now's the time to enjoy mornings on the courts, in the pool, or in the fitness center. Feel like playing outside? Join the



nearly 150 tennis players and nearly 350 pickleball players on the four tennis courts and eight pickleball courts, both with state-of-the-art cushioning. While you are out there, you'll probably see BSM court stars shining.

#### **Tennis**

Florida native, and BSM Fitness Club Tennis Coach, Jay Penny coaches every morning. He and his wife moved to the area and enjoy an active lifestyle in Burnt Store. After coaching and playing for over 40 years, including college All-American and a few years in the pros, he loves the weekend tournaments. "The Saturday morning Round Robin competitions are a great way to meet people," he says, "and a good way to get invited to team practices on Monday,



Jay Penny on court

Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings." Join the mixed-doubles group at the Round Robin events every Saturday at 9:30 a.m. You can call him at 413-281-0041.

Our thriving tennis program offers not just lessons and clinics, but mixers and social events. With over 130 players, all levels of players are encouraged to pick up their racquets and play. Tennis has been a favorite racquet sport in this active community for generations. Maybe that's because it's got love in it. As most know, the starting tennis score is Love-Love, the term for a tie score of zero. The word comes from the French word for describing a nil score as a goose (or duck) egg,

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# **Attention** Residents:

We have notified you in the past that when you have a medical emergency, you need to call 911 and identify that you live in Lee County.

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

Thank you.



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*l'oeuf.* It sounds something like *oaf*, which is reminiscent of the English word for *love*.

Team Gold and Green Flash hosted this February's social and barbeque, and over 70 people attended this event. Join them for their next monthly event, as all fitness, racquet, and pool members are invited to join them.

It's the midpoint of the competitive season. The four BSM Women's 50+ League groups are Flash, Mariners in Motion,



Tennis Party

High Strung Ladies, and Simply Smashing. You'll find them gracing podiums from North Port to Port Charlotte. The Raquettes play in the Charlotte County Open League. We have three Men's teams who compete in the Peace River Senior Men's League - The Gold Team, The Blue Team, and the Red Barons.

Did you know that we have Tennis Ambassadors? We do! If you have questions on the game or are just looking for someone to hit the ball with, reach out to Tom Schmitz at 440-725-6575 or tpschmitz99@gmail.com or Jean Terrell at 317-281-9339 or jeanmterrell@gmail.com.

#### Pickleball

With nearly 350 players, our fleet-footed players are making a splash in Florida. The more competitive groups play from 8 -11 a.m. in the morning (starting at 9 a.m. on Sunday) while the newer players play from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Our BSM pickleballers are winning medals all over the state! Taking the silver medal in singles at the Hertz PPA Orlando tourney was Tony Gray, who is still thriving in his 70s. Youngster Peter Feldhusen, competed in the men's singles 60+ and earned a silver medal also.

Up at the Pickleplex, Marty Pickup and Donny Hopper were undefeated in the Christmas classic, taking home the gold, while Rob Jamros and Suzanne Smith won the silver. Tony Gray and David Allenick took the gold medal at the January tournament.



Martin Pickup and Donny Hopper



JoAnn Brown and Rob Jamro

Our own Jerry Linkhorn flew into town to play in the APP Pickleplex tournament and took home a bronze medal.

Down in Naples, Rob Jamros and Jonathan Ralph took a silver medal and won the gold at the Open tournament.

On our courts, in the February Mixed Team Tournament, Advanced Group, featured bronze medal winners Barb Jamros and Tom Lewis; silver medal winners Liz Schaab and Tim Nothnagle; and gold winners Susan Sitzberger and Glenn Bodien. In the intermediate group, there was a tie for bronze between Jim McKinstry and Holly Economos, and Dana Pluss and Diana Moore. The silver medal went to Paul McCannel and Paulette Gratton and the Gold medal went to Doug Gratton and Kim Bessac.

#### **Wellness Winners**

Winners of the 2023 Weight Loss/Wellness Challenge finished up the six-week challenge with flying colors. Cheri Frank ran the program, and all the 22 participants who completed the healthy competition lowered their body mass index (BMI), and reduced their waist-to-hip ratio. Using these two metrics (and actual weight loss) helps to determine the body's fat distribution. On average, the finishers lost a pound a week, with one participant dropping 13.7 pounds!

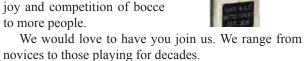
Each week our challengers learned a healthy new habit in addition to adding a new challenge. The dietary changes centered on consuming healthy, minimally processed foods, and incorporating daily exercise. During their weekly meetings, the gym members shared their journeys as well as challenges. This positive experience helped to jump-start their paths to wellness and weight loss.

Photos by Cynthia Matthews

# **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.



We play the age-old game of bocce at 2:30 p.m. every Tuesday. Bocce is a game that is easy to play for all ages and skill levels, and is a great way to meet new people.

Currently in first place is Mike Kokinda, with Marie & Bill Wagner following in a close second. Rankings are based on the number of games played and total wins. Our group has a terrific blend of competition and fun,

culminating in an exciting playoff tournament every spring. There are approximately 30 folks playing every week.

Remember - the sport of bocce – 5 minutes to learn, a lifetime to perfect!

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 usually play until 5 p.m. and try to gather for dinner at Linkside or another local restaurant.

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# ChatGPT – Are Writers About to Become Obsolete?

By Graham Segger, Independent Home Owner

With all of the chatter about ChatGPT over the last couple of months, I thought it might be fun to try an experiment with this revolutionary software. For those who have not been following the news, ChatGPT, and several competitors, use Artificial Intelligence (AI) to generate a composition based upon a query submitted to the software. In my case, I was curious to learn what would happen if I first wrote an article, and then asked

ChatGPT to write a composition on the same topic.

I'll let you decide for yourself, but my conclusion is that while the end may be in sight, there is still some scope for the human side in writing. It was also reassuring to determine that, like most humans, the software also still makes mistakes. The implications, however, of widespread application of artificial intelligence to all areas of human endeavor, from education through to the workplace, are daunting.

The original article composed by Graham Segger, titled *Golf: If You Can't Master It, How About Reading About It Instead?* is on this page, followed by the computer-generated article titled *Golf Books by ChatGPT*, composed using artificial intelligence software.

If you wish to try using ChatGPT yourself simply create a free account at **openai.com** and compose a query. My experience is that the more information you include in the query, the more comprehensive the Chat response.

# Golf: If You Can't Master It, How About Reading About It Instead?

By Graham Segger, Independent Home Owner

Note: This article was composed in a couple of hours on the morning of February 24, 2023. Hours devoted to reading the books reviewed – possibly 25 or more. See accompanying article on this page for a computer-generated version of this article composed in less than one minute by ChatGPT.

Those who have followed my past articles may be a little surprised to find me writing about golf, rather than my usual obsession with maritime subjects. Since taking golf a little more seriously over the last four years, I've begun to fall under its spell. What had previously been a mystery to me - why grown men and women regularly devote three to five hours chasing a small sphere around a golf course – is becoming a lot more understandable. We joined the full seasonal BSMCC golf membership for the first time this year and sure enough, the more you play, the more it seems you want to play. I have lots of golfers in my extended family who have been feeding me reading suggestions over the last couple of years. This is an attempt to briefly scan the sub-genre of golf literature and review a couple of interesting books which delve into the strange hold the game can have on us.

Many books about golf can be categorized as instructional manuals for how to play the game better. Others are biographies of famous golfers, and some, are a combination of the two. I'm not suggesting that my golf game has necessarily benefited from any of these tomes, but for the most part I have enjoyed reading them. I've looked at Harvey Penick's *Little Red Book* and *Sam Snead Teaches Golf*. On my bed stand is *Classic Instruction* by Bobby Jones and Ben Crenshaw. Unfortunately, these instructional books often work better battling insomnia than they do improving my game. Another big category of golf books are those devoted to golf humor. There are many to choose from, though one that caught my eye recently was a compilation of Playboy's politically incorrect *Fore Play* golf cartoons. Being new to the game I also enjoyed Scott Johnson's *The Complete Book of Golf Games*, which has been helpful in understanding some of the arcane terms used to enhance a round of golf.

Back to the mystique and draw of golf, the following three books have provided thought provoking takes on this aspect of the game.

### Final Rounds: A Father, a Son, the Golf Journey of a Lifetime by James Dodsen

When award winning *Golf Magazine* writer and editor Jim Dodsen learned his father had only months to live, he initiated a father and son road trip to some of the great golf courses of England and Scotland. The book that grew out of this adventure is part biography of both father and son, part travelogue, and part reflection on the mystique of the game. It is an emotionally charged tribute to the author's father, who introduced him to the game and provided him

with many life lessons both on and off the course. I fondly recall a similar trip to North Carolina with my own father 15 years ago where we visited some of the great golf courses, though did not have the opportunity to play any of them.

#### The Back Nine by Billy Mott

This novel has a fanciful and highly improbable plot about a down and out character dealing with problems in his personal life and making a mid-life golf comeback after flaming out as a promising junior. It is complete with gambling, troubled relationships, the cult of the caddies, and shot by shot descriptions of suspenseful golf matches. As long as you suspend credibility for a few hours it is an enjoyable read.

#### Golf in the Kingdom by Michael Murphy

This novel is what you get when you mix mysticism, philosophy, psychology and Scottish links golf. Many of my golf-playing friends, particularly in Florida, might gag on this book, as it strays into the surreal. It was, for me, however, an enjoyable account of seaside golf among the heather and gorse in the Kingdom of Fife, as well as a lesson on the ancient history of the game. Hiding among the gobbledygook about inner selves and transcendental golf shots there is an enjoyable exploration of some of the mysteries and attractions of the game.

All three books, in their different ways, try to probe the depths of the strange addiction which golf can produce in players, an affliction I am beginning to succumb to.

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# Golf Books by ChatGPT

Query to ChatGPT composed by Graham Segger at 5 p.m. on February 24, 2023:

"Write an article about golf books including references to golf instructional books, biographies and golf humor. Include a review of "Final Rounds" by James Dodsen, "The Back Nine" by Billy Mott, and "Golf in the Kingdom" by Michael Murphy."

ChatGPT (https://chat.openai.com/) composition generated in less than 30 seconds using Artificial Intelligence. See Article on ChatGPT on this page to understand the context:

Golf is a sport that has captured the hearts of many people around the world. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned professional, there is always something new to learn about the game. For those who are passionate about golf, reading books about the sport can be a great way to enhance their knowledge and enjoyment of the game. In this article, we will explore three different types of golf books: instruction books, biographies of golfers, and books that focus on golf humor. We will also provide a review of three popular golf books: "Final Rounds" by James Dodsen, "The Back Nine" by Billy Mott, and "Golf in the Kingdom" by Michael Murphy.

#### **Instruction Books:**

For those looking to improve their golf game, instruction books can be a great resource. These books are typically written by golf professionals who have years of experience in the sport. They provide tips and techniques for improving your swing, your putting, and your overall approach to the game. Some popular golf instruction books include "The Little Red Book" by Harvey Penick, "How I Play Golf" by Tiger Woods, and "Ben Hogan's Five Lessons" by Ben Hogan.

#### **Biographies of Golfers:**

Golf has produced many legendary players over the years, and their stories can be both inspiring and entertaining. Biographies of golfers provide an indepth look at the lives and careers of these players, from their early beginnings to their greatest triumphs and challenges. Some popular biographies of golfers include "Arnold Palmer: A Life Well Played" by Arnold Palmer, "Jack Nicklaus: My Story" by Jack Nicklaus, and "Tiger Woods" by Jeff Benedict and Armen Keteyian.

#### Golf Humor:

Golf can also be a source of laughter and entertainment. Books that focus on golf humor provide a lighthearted and amusing perspective on the sport. These books can be a great way to unwind after a long day on the course or to share with friends who love the game. Some popular golf humor books include "Golf is Not a Game of Perfect" by Bob Rotella, "The Golf Omnibus" by P.G. Wodehouse, and "The Caddy Chronicles" by Dennis Trixler.

#### **Book Reviews:**

"Final Rounds" by James Dodsen: This memoir tells the story of Dodsen's relationship with his father, who introduced him to golf and eventually passed away from cancer. The book focuses on the final rounds of golf that Dodsen played with his father and how these rounds helped them both come to terms with his father's illness. The book is well-written and emotional, and it provides a unique perspective on the role that golf can play in our lives.

"The Back Nine" by Billy Mott: This book is a collection of essays about the author's experiences playing golf later in life. Mott discusses the joys and challenges of playing golf as an older adult and provides tips for others who are in the same position. The book is humorous and relatable, and it will appeal to anyone who loves the game of golf. [I'm not sure which book ChatGPT is reviewing here but it is definitely not the one listed, which I have read. GMS]

"Golf in the Kingdom" by Michael Murphy: This novel tells the story of a young golfer who meets a mystical golf teacher in Scotland. The book explores the spiritual side of golf and the ways in which the sport can connect us to something greater than ourselves. The book is beautifully written and thought-provoking, and it has become a classic in the world of golf literature.

In conclusion, golf books come in many different forms, from instructional manuals to biographies to humorous collections. Each type of book provides a unique perspective on the game of golf and can help golfers deepen their understanding and appreciation of the sport. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned pro, pick up a golf book today and start exploring the world of this amazing sport.



# Fit Happens...Breath, Our Superpower

By Donna Heiple, ERYT, RCYT, YACEP, CPT, CSE

Why is breathing good for you? Well, the obvious reason is clear. Go ahead, see how long you can go without



doing it. Breath is such a powerful force we can't go long or far without it. A few amazing things we can do with just our breath are lower cortisol levels, increase oxygen exchange, and strengthen diaphragm, including relieving tension and building energy. Breathing plays a vital role in how we think, feel, rest and recover, and it even impacts our posture and movement.

When we breathe shallowly, it's called *chest breathing*. The air only enters our upper chest, and very little enters the lowest chamber of our lungs. This causes a lack of oxygen to our blood vessels, which can create strain on our heart and lungs. It pulls us into the sympathetic *fight-or-flight* aspect of our nervous system. It also raises cortisol levels that contribute to feelings of agitation, anxiety, depression. Chest breathing can even contribute to chronic pain, particularly in your back, neck and shoulders. That's because your diaphragm, your primary breathing muscle, is also a fundamental postural and core muscle. Shallow breathing causes the diaphragm to become weak and stiff.

The good news, it's easy to learn and practice deep breathing techniques. This will increase your oxygen supply, and in turn, will help to decrease stress and anxiety,



relax the nervous system, lower cortisol levels, and reduce anxiety and depression symptoms. Additionally, focusing on your body brings awareness to the present moment and calms your mind.

Let's practice diaphragmatic breathing. This technique is particularly beneficial in everyday life because it requires no special class or position to achieve a relaxed state of awareness. This breath is often used at the very beginning of a yoga practice to help us prepare oneself for practice, relaxation, and meditation.

- Sit comfortably, in a chair, on the floor, or on a cushion.
- Relax your face and body, breathe naturally through your nose.
  - Close your eyes.

- Focus your attention on your nose as you breathe. Feel the air as it moves in and out of your body through your nose.
- Inhale through your nose, exhale through your nose.
- Place your hands on your belly and inhale deeply and expand your belly into your hands, followed by the expansion of your ribs and a lift of your chest.
- On your exhalations, feel the slight compression of your ribs, followed by the drop of your belly. Exhale completely by gently pulling your navel in and up, to help expel air from the bottom lobes of your lungs.
- Keep your attention on this three-part movement. Inhale, your belly lifts, your ribs expand, and your chest rises. Exhale, your chest drops, your ribs contract and your belly softens and lowers.

Continue at your own pace, gradually letting the breath flow smoothly without pausing. Continue for up to five minutes, or for as long as you feel comfortable.

When practiced correctly, *diaphragmatic breathing* will invigorate and rejuvenate your mind, body, and spirit. Be careful never to force the breath, or to breathe too deeply. It's important for your lungs to feel comfortably full, but not strained. Let your breath be easy and smooth. If your breath becomes strained, or you start to feel dizzy or anxious, stop the exercise and let your normal breathing pattern return.

"When the breath wanders, the mind also is unsteady. But when the breath is calmed the mind too will be still, and the practitioner achieves long life. Therefore, one should learn to control their breath." Hatha Yoga Pradipika 14th century.

From the Section 22 HOA BOD from page 1

ability to keep the pond full, and supply water for community landscaping. Bidding is in process and construction is planned to hopefully begin in the 4th quarter.

*Irrigation Pump Houses* - The pump houses that hold the electronics, valves and meters, for both the community irrigation, and the golf course irrigation have been compromised by the storm. Parts of both roofs have been ripped off. With the cost of equipment inside these pump houses, it is imperative that we protect them from the elements. Construction to begin in the 2nd quarter.

Perimeter Fence Replacement - Just drive down Vincent

Ave. and you will see the impact *Hurricane Ian* had on the exterior fencing. With supply chain challenges, and contractors being in short supply, this has been a difficult process. Work on this should begin soon.

Air Conditioning in Linkside - When we purchased the amenities in the community, we bought control of our future. We also bought facilities over 20 years old that may or may not have been maintained. We've had a number of contractors helping us with keeping equipment running at all our locations, and the message we keep getting is that they are old and tired. To make things worse, it is getting difficult to get replacement parts. Murphy's Law says that once the temperature gets above 90 degrees and the humidity gets above 90%, the A/C

equipment will falter. The problem is that when this happens, you pay much more for replacements, and the labor cost for an emergency goes up considerably. We are reviewing options right now to make a reasonable plan to proactively improve our amenities on a schedule.

Pickleball Courts, and Resort pool deck updates - Pickleball is one of the busiest activities in BSM. On any given day, hundreds of residents and guests visit the fitness center. Hurricane Ian pounded our pickleball courts, making gouges everywhere. Unfortunately, now the courts need to be resurfaced. In addition, the equipment at the Resort pool continues to make it challenging to maintain water temperature, and keep the spa working. All these things need to be discussed and acted upon.

Drill a backup well to provide golf course irrigation - After purchasing the golf course, hundreds of thousands of dollars was spent returning it to its former glory. This was accomplished, and now the course is one of the gems of the community. Water is the biggest asset and threat to any course. Good reliable irrigation can help maintain a course in pristine condition. We have one well, over 20 years old, that the entire course relies upon. It takes up to 6 months or more to schedule, permit and drill an irrigation well. Our well has had problems through the years, and the risk of a major failure looms. Our plan is to investigate options, including a new well, to make certain that our investment in the course isn't compromised.

These are 10% of the issues that we are currently looking at. Progress will be slow and well thought out. Our goal is to be fiscally responsible, while proactively solving problems, and solidifying our communities investments. Your help and support is much appreciated. We especially want to thank all the many volunteers that have stepped up to help everywhere in the community. It's easy to sit on the sidelines and criticize but the real leaders are the ones that become a part of the solution. Thank you in advance!

Paradise has never looked so good and the best is yet to come.

# An ARC Did You Know...Moment Chapter II

By Barry Groesch, Chair

If you are changing the exterior color of your residence you will need to scan manufactural paint chips with your application. Remember to explain what color will be used where.



When completing your application, a signature is needed by the applicant, and all applicable condo association officers on the form. Computer font script is not an acceptable form of a signature for liability

If all questions on your ARC form are not completed, it will be sent back to the applicant, and the process will be inevitably **extended**.

If your handwriting is unreadable, it will inevitably be **sent back to the applicant**. If your grandkids can't read it, there's a problem.

When an application is completed for a new roof, the color, type and manufacturer is needed. Scanning the brochure with the application is the best way to obtain this outcome.

If you are not changing the color or designed footprint of the original lanai cage, an ARC application is **not needed**.

When completing an ARC form you are complying with Section 22 procedures. If Section 22 does not require this form to be completed, it does not exonerate you from your own condo association's procedures.

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## **Burnt Store Marina CC News**

By John Abbott, General Manager, BSMCC

Well, April is here, and we are coming to the end of another great season here at BSMCC. A lot of you will be headed back north this month, and for many here in South Florida, it is time to wind things down.

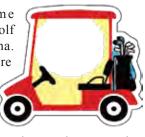


We, however, have a different mindset here at the club. We are ramping things up to keep the fun events and specialty dinners going strong for all of you that stay here for the month. On the golf course, we are hosting three tournaments this month, beginning on Masters Saturday, April 8. This is our annual pick-a-pro event, where each player plays their own ball, and prior to teeing off, they choose a pro whose Saturday score at the Masters, will be added to their score. This is always a great tournament, with a lot of fun twists in the scoring. Later that week our Ladies League is hosting a Ladies Executive Golf Association (LEGA) tournament, which brings members from other clubs Ladies Leagues here to enjoy golf and lunch. On Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup>, we are hosting our annual mystery scramble. For this tournament, we have everyone sign up individually. Two days before the event, we have a pairings cocktail party where names are drawn from a hat to create the teams.

In the restaurant we also have a full slate of events. Trivia night continues every Monday, as well as our Tuesday dinners, which continue through the month. Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> is the monthly Republican dinner and Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> is the Democratic dinner. We fill in the other Wednesdays with Bar Bingo on the 12<sup>th</sup> and our always delicious prime rib buffet on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

# **Rules for Driving Golf Carts**

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



- Drivers of golf carts must observe the same rules as those designated for drivers of motor vehicles. Drivers must keep their carts on the right side of all streets, and obey all traffic signage.
- No one under 14 is allowed to drive a golf cart within the Burnt Store Marina premises.
- No one not playing golf is allowed to drive a golf cart on the golf course.

Thursday food trucks and music will conclude on April 20 with an end-of-season blowout, featuring "Deb & the Dynamics." Good Friday is on April 7, and we will add an all-you-can-eat fish fry to the already robust dinner menu.

Live music and our "three choice" dinner night inside Linkside continues on Saturdays. Our Sunday breakfast buffets will only be interrupted on Easter Sunday, with a fantastic Easter brunch. You will want to get you're reservations early for that, as it is always a sellout.

So, If you are considering leaving early in April, you might want to change your plans so you don't miss all the fun. We look forward to seeing you all at the club!



Composed and inscribed by Carol Tiedemann

#### **BSMCC April 2023 Schedule of Events**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						Lunch
						11 a.m 3 p.m.*
						Championship Cocktail
						Party 5 - 8 p.m.
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Brunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
9 a.m 1 p.m.	11 a.m 3 p.m.*	11 a.m 3 p.m.*	11 a.m 3 p.m.*	11 a.m - 3 p.m.*	11 a.m - 3 p.m.*	11 a.m 3 p.m.*
<b>Lunch</b> 2 - 5 p.m.	Trivia	Dinner	Republican Dinner	Music and Food Trucks	Good Friday Dinner	Masters Pick-a-Pro
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	Members Only!	9 Hole Scramble		Kollections	5 - 8 p.m.**/*	Ladies League Banquet
		3 p.m.***				5 - 8 p.m.
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Easter Brunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
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9 a.m 1:30 p.m.	Trivia	Dinner	Bingo	Music and Food Trucks	Dinner	Dinner
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	Members Only!	9 Hole Scramble		5 -7 p.m.		5 p.m.**/*
		3 p.m.***				
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Brunch	**Members make rerservations 1st! Non-member 7days prior to events - 3 days before dinner's if available!					
9 a.m 1 p.m.	*** Sign up in Lobby or					
Lunch	**** Sign up at Admin	Office				



#### February 17 – April 9



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to the heights of stardom. The chart-topping hits include Sherry, Big Girls Don't Cry, Can't Take My Eyes Off You, Dawn, My Eyes Adored You and many more!

#### **April 14 - May 20**



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unexpectedly rediscovers her own. She makes new friends and breathes new life into the church, but in the process, blows her cover! This high-spirited musical comedy is a shining tribute to the universal power of friendship.

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## Tight Lines...

# A Photo Album of Fun Catches from Burnt Store Marina Anglers

By Jay Lev, Burnt Store Anglers

Over the last fifteen years I have been writing the Tight Lines article. Many readers have sent in some wonderful pictures of their catches, while others have passed on their verbal stories of fun catches. I



have rounded up some of the many pictures and created this photo album. I hope many of you will send in pictures for us to use in future albums. Some of the photos are recent, others go back many years. All represent just great experiences for the anglers.

- Dick Bagwell catching his first Charlotte Harbor black tip shark
- Dave Roop and his goliath grouper caught on a spinning rod
- Sue Lev and her 5lb spotted seatrout
- Bob Wood and his great jack caught on live bait
- Jay Lev and his first 200lb striped marlin
- Tod Mattis's hammerhead shark
- Cliff Ritterpusch with his spotted seatrout
- Janet Wood with big skate
- Kids from our marina who won the Elks Children's Fishing Tournament co-sponsored by the Burnt Store Anglers
- Brian Dunleavy with a nice Spanish mackerel, his first
- Pat DiDonato's Charlotte Harbor black tip shark
- Record lemon shark caught during the Guy Harvey Fishing Tournament hosted by the Burnt Store Anglers here at our marina
- Rachel Dunleavy with her nice snook
- A pair of chummed up tarpon brought to the boat by Jon Oemig
- Jay Lev who is about to be eaten by the real Jaws Prop lent to us for the Guy Harvey Tournament

We had many anglers with great catches and here are

- Mitchel Goldsmith recently caught two monster fish, a red and snook while fishing from his kayak
- Marv Bergman recently hooked and caught five big snook on five consecutive casts, what a feat
- Jerry South just reported his first 350+lb black marlin
- Robin Vandenbroeck now holds several world records for her Cabo caught fish
- Captain Fred Vandenbroeck has many great rooster fish now added to his fishing credits
- Joel Spector holds the title with Jon Oemig as having won the Anglers "Fish From the Wall" tournament
- Paula Allton was first to catch a snake head fish during the Anglers sponsored Fins and Skins Tournament
- Gary Tenharmsel holds the title of tournament winner on several occasions during the Ron Doig Residents Fishing Tournament
- George Folio, an excellent fisherman, taught us how to throw a cast net
- Pat Folio was winning the woman's division, along with Sue Lev in the Ron Doig Residents Tournament. And the list goes on and on. Send us a photo so for our next album you too can be featured.

Tight Lines!



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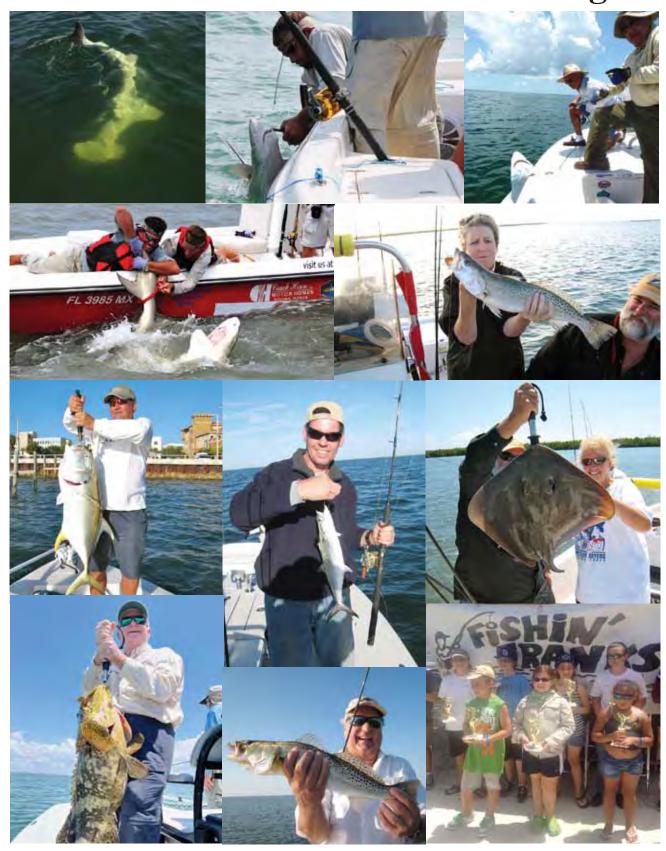
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## Florida Manatees

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass

If you have taken a nice walk around the Marina, you will have noticed that we have a fairly large population of manatees living here.



Mommy and Baby Manatee in Clear Florida Spring Water. Photo by Karen Sanderson

Manatees are often called "sea cows" because of their grass-eating diet and slow movements. Strangely enough, manatees may have been the inspiration behind many sailors' tales of sirens and mermaids. During Christopher Columbus' first trip to the Americas, his company recorded seeing mermaids in the waters surrounding the island of Haiti. Later, it was discovered that these mythical mermaids were most likely manatees.

Manatees are believed to have evolved from four-legged mammals more than 60 million years ago, with their closest relative being the elephant. Despite having small eyes and no external ear structures, manatees have fairly good eyesight and hearing. They have a special membrane that protects their eyes and large, inner ear bones. Also, unique to manatees, is their lack of a seventh neck vertebrae, which means they can't turn their head without turning their entire body. The average lifespan of a manatee is around 40 years, in which they can grow between eight and thirteen feet.

Manatees are found in three specific parts of the world. The Amazonian manatees live in and around the Amazon River, the African manatee lives along the west coast of Africa, and the American or West Indian manatee is found on the east coast from Florida to Brazil. Regardless of what part of the world they are found in, manatees tend to stay in shallow waters, since they need to resurface for air. A resting manatee can remain submerged up to 15 minutes, but when active they must resurface every three or four minutes.

Manatees are herbivores, and use strong molars to feed on aquatic plants. And, because plants have such low nutritional value, manatees must graze for six to eight hours a day. Manatees have a low metabolic rate, allowing them to use 25% less energy than other mammals of their size.

The Florida manatee, a subspecies of the West Indian Manatee is a native species found in many of Florida's waterways. The Florida manatee population has grown to 7,520 animals today, and as a result, the species was

reclassified from an endangered to a threatened species under the federal Endangered Species Act in May, 2017.

Florida manatees were first protected through Florida State Law in 1893. While manatees don't have any true natural predators, they have still become endangered. So, what has caused manatees to become endangered? There are two major threats: loss of habitat and collisions with boats and ships.

Because manatees feed on sea grass, and sea grass needs sunlight and shallow water to grow, manatees spend most of their time in shallow water. This often leaves them with little room to dive away from oncoming boats. And, because they are unable to survive in the cold, manatees must make the long journey towards warmer water every year. Boat strikes are one of the biggest threats during migration.

So, when you are out on the water, be sure to observe the Idle Speed and No Wake Zones. Keep our manatees safe.

### Rules of the Road

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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.



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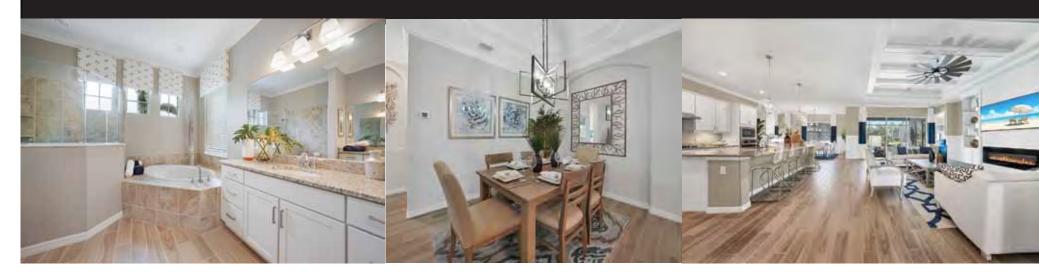
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## **Platinum Point Yacht Club**

By Loretta Steeves, Director

The premier event in March for the Platinum Point Yacht Club was the time-honored tradition of Fleet Week. As the event title suggests, the festivities took place over an entire week. The clubhouse was festively decorated, as were the boats that paraded up to the clubhouse in order to receive the Commodore's Salute, and a blessing by Jaco Bester, minister at the Burnt Store Presbyterian Church. Following the Blessing of the Fleet, an Eight Bells memorial service was held to honor those PPYC members who had passed away during the previous year. A lovely dinner followed, as the sun set over the marina.

The boat procession and memorial tradition were the capstone of this important week. Fleet Week had kicked off on Monday with a Sunset-Moonrise raft-up in Charlotte Harbor. At this early time of year, it's possible to see both the sunset and the moonrise almost simultaneously. Our boaters happily took advantage of the opportunity and shared PPYC camaraderie on the water.

Tuesday held an event for the entire community. Songs of Sailors, Ships and the Seas was presented on the waterfront side of the club. Our talented musicians sang well-known nautical ballads, and the audience tested their choral skills on the more familiar ditties. We hope you were there, and also at the Music on the Lawn that took place the following week.

Fleet Week was rounded out by Movie Night, which showed the nautical film Maiden. The film describes the adventures of the first ever all-female crew to enter the Whitbread Round-the-World Race in 1989. And, not to be forgotten, was the Fleet Week Happy Hour, held on Friday evening to close out the week in PPYC style.

The other premier event in March for PPYC was the Commodore's Ball. This year's event celebrated the theme

of Creating Memories and honored Commodore Jeri Butler. The festivities were held at the beautiful Isles Yacht Club. Entertainment was provided by The Paul Allodi Band, so the members wore their dancing shoes and danced the night away. It was indeed a memory created and cherished.

Many other PPYC committees held fun-packed events during the month. I'll highlight just two: the cruise committee and the education committee. The overnight cruise committee followed the February trip to Tween Waters with a cruise North to Tarpon Springs and St. Pete. The April cruise will turn South again to Hawks Cay in the Keys.

The Education Committee followed their trip to the Imagine Museum in St. Pete with a field trip to the REV Institute Automotive Museum in Naples. The committee also joined with Safe Harbor to invite Alyson Rae, chief meteorologist for NBC 2, to describe the specific weather patterns and challenges of Southwest Florida. This well-attended event was open to the entire community.

Coming soon in early April, neighbors who stroll the Marina in front of the PPYC clubhouse may see Hawaiian skirts and leis, as we enjoy the final party of the season, a luau-themed Sail Away Party - complete with pig roast. The Sail Away party is an annual event that gives members a chance to get together one more time before some of our members head home.

If these options for activity and making new friends sound like opportunities you might like to pursue, new member information can be obtained at the club house. Dorothy Saviste, Club Administrator, is on-site Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays and can be reached at 941-639-0733. Alternately, many of our members would be happy to share their experiences and invite you to join us at happy hour to learn more about our people and our club.

# **Platinum Point Yacht Club News**

#### The Imagine Museum

By Diane Seeger

One of the best things about having a home in Southwest Florida, is that we get to frequent tropical islands, such as Captiva and Boca Grande. These are islands that others only get to see after long plane rides, and for short vacation weeks. Another plus, is that the nearby city of St. Petersburg has so many museums to attract tourists, such as the Salvador Dali Museum or the Chihuly Collection. But, did you know that St. Pete has

another museum, the Imagine Museum?

The Imagine Museum showcases the creativity of artists from around the world using one simple medium glass. A group of Platinum



Point Yacht Club members, on an educational field trip to Tampa Bay, found themselves frequently asking the docent, "Is this entire piece made from glass?" The answer was always "Yes."

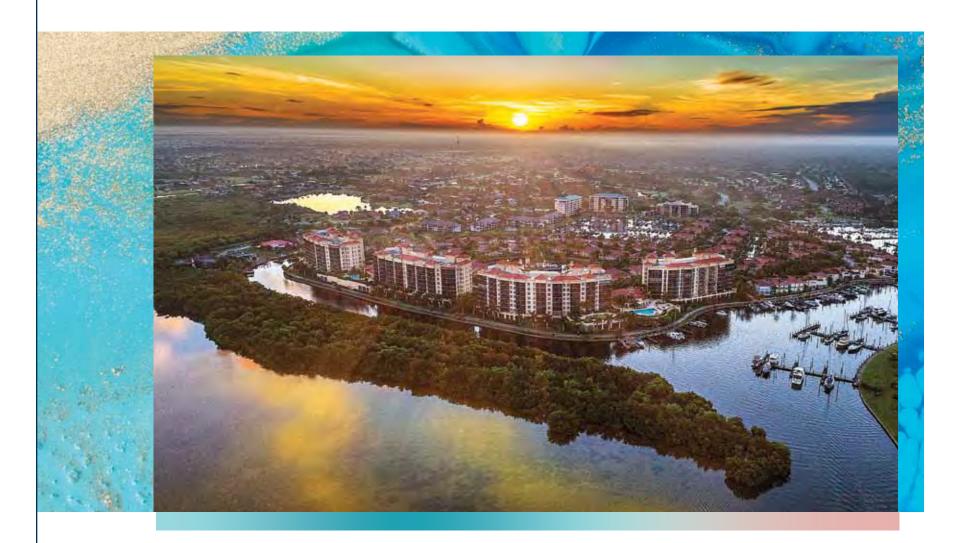
The Imagine Museum features a spectacular collection of contemporary glass art from around the world. The exhibit allows visitors to experience the evolution of the studio glass art movement, as seen by the talented artists who have turned glass into contemporary masterpieces of color, motion, and light. The group from PPYC couldn't have been more delighted that they made the trip.







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# **Solving our Irrigation Water Problems**

By Ted Morand, Irrigation Specialist, Commodore Club

Our seasonal drought conditions here in Southwest Florida focus attention on a perennial problem: How to find good quality water to irrigate our grass, flowers, shrubs and trees. Thankfully, the Burnt Store irrigation amenity has now installed an advanced filtration system that screens out 96% of solid contaminants such as algae, slime and snails. But, the challenge persists on how to cleanse the water of chemical contaminants. Recent analyses of our now-filtered water, which is drawn from a well underneath our golf course, confirm that it consists mostly of liquefied salt, calcium, phosphates and magnesium, with only a trace amount of actual water. This has necessitated a shift in our plantings to more salttolerant species such as Spanish Bayonet, Prickly Pear Cactus, and invasive species such as Brazilian Pepper and the Melaleuca Tree. Unfortunately, these plantings are not as aesthetically appealing as Oleander and Hibiscus, and various annual flowering plants. But, help is on the way. Arrangements are being made with the Charlotte County Sanitation Authority to buy their filtered sewer water, and pipe it over to our Section 22 site. While this "gray water" is not suitable for human consumption, it is plenty good to water our turf and plantings. This will not supply enough water to fulfill our needs, but it will begin to address the problem. You will be pleased to hear that another unconventional method with exciting potential is being explored to provide further relief.

#### Reservoir Enhancement Using Surplus Drinking Water

The nearly 2,000 homes in Burnt Store Marina are visited annually by friends and relatives, including an estimated 4.6 grandkids for each of the 1,000 or so homes that have grandkids. These 4,600 grandkids, each of whom will stay an average of 5 days over the course of the 3 prime winter months, uncap an enormous amount of bottled water each day. The good news is that each day of their stay they leave unconsumed approximately half of each bottle opened. These half bottles are discovered on counter-tops, in the refrigerator, in the car and at the pool, and all end up being poured down the drain. Prof. Zoey Freudnicht, chair of Florida South Tech University's Behavioral Psychology Department, has

suggested that, with improved irrigation water as the potential payoff, seniors can be trained to conserve this water their grandkids waste, and use it for irrigation, producing substantial benefit to



our local plantings. All that is needed is for grandparents to collect the half bottles, transport them in their golf carts to the Burnt Store Irrigation storage pond on the Osprey

5 hole of our golf course, and pour them into the pond. Half a 20-ounce plastic bottle of Evian, Fuji or Publix (brand does not matter) times 4,600 grandkids, times 5 days, times an average of 3 bottles per day, equals 690,000 ounces of water. This is enough to water all of Prosperity Point and half of Commodore Club for one complete watering cycle. Another step in a positive direction, but sadly, still insufficient to fill all our needs.

Can you believe it? More and better irrigation water, and nobody ever will have to pay for it. Almost too good to be true. (And, if you believe it, you should check your calendar!)

# No, No, You Can't Dig There...

It is prohibited to remove and reduce to possession or maliciously damage or destroy endangered plants on Federal lands. For private lands, it is illegal to collect, damage, or destroy endangered plants in violation of a state law including state criminal trespass law.

According to World Atlas, there are 15 plants in the U.S. that are considered critically endangered. They are:

- Desert Yellowhead
- Hidden-Petaled Abutilon
- Persistent Trillium
- Virginia Round-Leaf Birch
- Clay Reed-Mustard
- Capa Rose
- Miccosukee Gooseberry
- Lydgate's Brake
- Gentry's Indigobush
- Stern's Medlar
- Sulphur Hot Springs Buckwheat
- Franklin Tree
- Klamath Lupine
- Forest Gardenia
- Slender Rushpea

It may not be surprising, but none of these plants are exactly the same. They are located throughout the U.S., they look different, and live in different environments.

Despite all the different reasons that plants and animals become endangered, in recent years, the issue has accelerated at a much higher rate than before.

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# **Burnt Store Marina Community Emergency Preparedness**

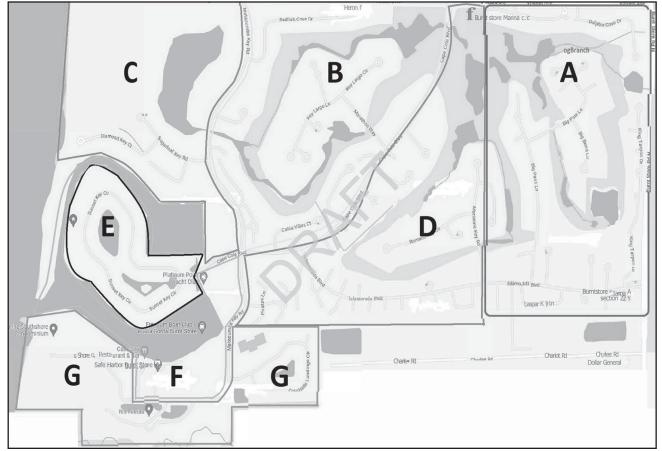
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The PGI Section 22 Board of Directors has committed to enhancing our community's emergency preparedness efforts by partnering with the Cape Coral Fire Department to host a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Basic Training Course. The board is looking for 20 full-time residents to attend the upcoming training, which will be held prior to June 1, the start of the 2023 Hurricane Season.

Those who complete this training will be able to utilize these skills supporting our community's preparedness and response efforts. To receive your Certification of Completion, course attendees are required to attend all sessions of the training, which consists of both classroom portions and hands-on activities. Classes will be held at the Cape Coral Fire Department Station 8 Training Room at 707 SW 1st Street in Cape Coral. Training will include Fire Extinguisher Training, Basic First Aid, and/or Hands-On CPR & AED.

The course is roughly 16 hours and will be completed in two 8-hour days. Option A) Tuesday and Thursday or Option B) Saturday and Sunday.

The Board of Directors encourages CERT Basic Training participants to be full-time residents, and physically capable of directly supporting the Community in the event of a disaster. The Burnt Store Marina community will be divided into six contiguous zones with two persons assigned to each area (See proposed map attached). Representatives from each zone will be responsible for overseeing their respective areas, and communicating with other zone managers during an emergency. Portable communication equipment, electrical generators, fuel, emergency equipment such as respirators, AED units and other life support equipment will be provided.



Your Burnt Store Marina community emergency preparedness team will need support in managing and overseeing our preparedness and response efforts. If you are already certified as a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) member or want to participate

in this program, please use this link: tinyurl.com/PGI-S22-CERT

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# **April Off-Beat Holidays and Adventures**

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass "April hath put a spirit of youth in everything." William Shakespeare

April is the month when we start to see an awakening of Mother Nature after winter's nap. And also, our taste buds. Foodies celebrate National Florida Tomato Month, National BLT Sandwich Month, National Soft Pretzel Month, National Soy Foods Month, National Grilled Cheese Month, and National Garlic Month. National Bake Week begins on the first Monday, and National Egg Salad Week begins the second Monday. Every day in April is celebrated with some kind of food.

Blueberries are in full bloom here in Florida this month, so there are several festivals that will allow you to celebrate them, and eat some at their freshest. Here are some examples:

- Avon Park Blueberry Festival, April 24, avonparkrotaryblueberryfestival.com
- Bostwick Blueberry Festival, April 29, bostwickblueberryfestival.net
- Mount Dora Blueberry Festival, April 29 & 30, mountdorablueberryfestival.com

And then there is World Health Day on April 7. Other days in April to celebrate or commemorate:

April 1: April Fools' Day, celebrated every year, has been celebrated for several centuries by different cultures. April Fools' Day traditions include playing hoaxes or practical jokes on others, often yelling "April Fools!" as a to clue to the prank. While its exact history is shrouded in mystery, the embrace of April Fools' Day jokes by the media and major brands has ensured the unofficial holiday's long life.

April 1: Boomer Bonus Day is celebrated on April 1 every year. Amazingly, stores around the U.S. give senior citizens a discount on the first day of April, celebrating Baby Boomers, who were born between 1946 and 1964. The population size of Boomers is estimated to be about 71.6 million in the U.S., making up about 21.45% of the population. The term "Boomer" is derived from the boom in births that took place after the return of soldiers from World War II. Boomers have been benefiting from this discount day since it began in 2002, by Gaye Anderson of Merrillville, Indiana. She established Boomer Bonus Day to celebrate Boomers without adding any more years. It's the same date as April Fools' Day, because the whole thing (aging) gets to be a joke: the body goes, but the mind still thinks it's 21.

April 5: Strictly speaking, we will be celebrating *First Contact Day* on April 5, 2063. Every die-hard Trekkie knows that on this day, the Vulcans and humans will make contact for the first time. Fans have been celebrating this day since 1996, when the idea was introduced in the film, *Star Trek: First Contact*. The best way to celebrate this day is by enjoying all things *Star Trek* and reliving our favorite movies and episodes.

**April 5 – 13**: *Passover* runs from the evening of April 5, 2023, to the evening of Thursday, April 13, 2023. This Jewish holiday is celebrated to commemorate the historic deliverance of the Jews/Israelites from slavery in Egypt.

**April 6:** The *21st Amendment* repealed the 18th Amendment. It took effect at 12:01a.m on April 7, 1933. On the evening of April 6th, anxious Americans lined up at

breweries and distilleries to purchase legal beer and alcohol at the stroke of midnight. That night, someone coined the term "New Beer's Eve," and a new annual holiday was born!

**April 7**: *Good Friday* - the Friday before Easter, the day on which Christians annually observe the commemoration of the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

**April 9**: *Easter* marks the Resurrection of Jesus three days after his death by crucifixion.

**April 12, 1861**: The American Civil War began as Confederate troops under the command of General Pierre Beauregard opened fire at 4:30 a.m. on Fort Sumter in Charleston, South Carolina.

**April 14, 1828**: The first dictionary of American-style English was published by Noah Webster as the American Dictionary of the English Language.

**April 15**: The IRS celebrates *Tax Day* every year on this day. Better get your return filed today!

**April 18, 1906**: *The San Francisco Earthquake* struck at 5:13 a.m., followed by a massive fire from overturned wood stoves and broken gas pipes. The fire raged uncontrollably for three days resulting in the destruction of over 10,000 acres of property and 4,000 lives lost.

**April 22, 1864**: *In God We Trust* was included on all newly minted U.S. coins by an Act of Congress.

**April 30, 1948:** Palestinian Jews declared their independence from British rule and established the new state of Israel, soon becoming a destination for tens of thousands of Nazi Holocaust survivors.



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# **Golf Tips**

By Bill Connelly,

Manager of Golf Operations

Below are the results of golf tournaments and scrambles held during February:

Presidents Cup Golf Tournament. Men Ladies

1st Flight Champion: Tom Wright Runner Up: Gary Knudssen 2nd Flight

Champion: Gary Tenharmsel Runner Up: Alan Huffman



1<sup>st</sup> Flight

2<sup>nd</sup> Flight

Champion: Bob Paul Runner Up: Ken Pelto

Two Person Modified Alternate Shot

1st Flight
1. Gary Crandall and Mike Delisio

2. Alan Huffman and Steve Hunt

3. Jay Barnhart and Kathy Barnhart

2<sup>nd</sup> Flight

1. Mary Welch and Jim Welch

2. Becky Iaquinta and Sam Iaquinta

3. Bill Story and Ginger Story

# nner Up: Alan Huffman Runner Up: Bev McIntosh

Gardener's Wheelbarrow

Champion: Debbie Burns

Runner Up: Kelly Millar

Champion: Lynn Powers

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass

By now you should have some new growth on your shrubs and trees. Have patience with your palms. Many palms will only put out 3 - 6 new fronds a year. Please...only remove fronds that have at least one third of their surface dry, damaged or dead. Palms need to maximize their ability to photosynthesize. The oldest frond supplies the needed nutrients for the newest frond.

This is the dry season, and our landscape plants would really benefit from fresh rain water. Consider watering some of your landscape – especially potted plants – by hand.

#### **April's To Do List:**

- Your goal, starting the first of the month, should be to set up your plants (shrubs, trees, palms and turf) to be the healthiest possible as we continue through the dry season, and inch toward the rainy season, beginning sometime in June. Because Local Fertilizer Ordinance (Lee County Ordinance #08-08) bans the use of any form of nitrogen and phosphates/phosphorus, June 1 through September 30, plants can become depleted. This is a special concern when there have been heavy rains to either wash away recently applied fertilizer, or, when a drench literally leaches it out. Hungry plants are stressed plants.
- Fertilize everything you didn't fertilize in March, and use only a high quality, slow-release form. Good fertilizer is expensive, but effective.
- Palms that may have suffered from root or bud damage during the winter benefit from fungicide and micro-nutrient supplements.
- Fungus: Though our temperatures have been chilly, our subtropical and tropical plants have

suffered. Rain + chilly temps = fungus. This is typical for April and reflects the weather experienced during the first quarter. Always use common sense when it comes to the treatment of plants. A surprise to me, but known worldwide – ordinary ground cinnamon from your spice cabinet is a great deterrent for fungus in your garden. Shake a little on the soil, or even on your plant to take care of some of this menace.

- Water restrictions are a serious part of gardening in SW Florida. Planting native plants that are geared for 8 months of drought followed by 4 months of deluge should be strongly considered. Work with, not against nature. Unless you are willing to hand water, resist planting during the dry season and wait until the summer rains begin at the end of June to first of July. Many associations and independent homeowners start wanting to plant color during the "high" season. It can be precious dollars wasted. Even salt tolerant plants are watered with fresh water, when nursery-grown. Most shrubs, including drought tolerant ones, take 3 months to establish roots beyond the perimeter of their original pot. A new 3-gallon shrub requires a gallon of water every other day for about 60 days.
- **Prune** scraggly, overgrown plants and those with dead branches, if not done so already. First, remove crossing and broken branches. Then, prune for shape and to encourage re-flowering.
- Want more flowers? Florida's flowering shrubs bloom on new wood. If the plant is constantly pruned, leaving only older wood, flower production will be severely limited.
- Apply herbicide to your turf when the temperature is below 85 degrees. We've already had temperatures in the 80s as of late February. Remember, broadleaf herbicides can harm turf, or at a minimum turn it yellow.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Fligh

- 1. Steve Dahl and Bill Loewes
- 2. Tim Ormsby and Becky Ormsby
- 3. Kimm Dewitt and Angie Dewitt

### Burnt Store Classic 1st Flight

Gross Champion: Mark Hess Net Champion: Greg Keller Net 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Tom Siebert

2<sup>nd</sup> Flight

Gross Champion: John Salvaggio Net Champion: Larry Marks Net 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Steve Hunt

**Ladies Flight** 

Gross Champion: Cinda Brown
Net Champion: Jane Moen
Net 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Kathi McKay
Congratulations to all!

Be sure to sign up for the Masters Pick-a-Pro on April 8 at 9 a.m. and the Mystery Scramble on April 29 at 9 a.m. 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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# Grammar Tips... Misused Words and Phrases

By the Editors of The Beacon

Sometimes we hear or read words that make us wonder if the speaker or writer really understands the words they are using. Most of the mistakes that are made are simply caused by faulty hearing, but others are made by people wanting to appear to be well educated. The following are examples of mistakes we, *The Grammar Police*, have heard or read recently:

Actual, Actually: "Actual" means existing in fact, as opposed to what was intended, expected, or believed. "Actually" is used to emphasize a contrast with what is expected to be true or real, and what it really is. Today, many people mistakenly use "actual" and "actually" to emphasize something's existence.

Existential: This word is concerned with existence, especially human existence as viewed in the theories of existentialism. If something is existential, it has to do with human existence. If you wrestle with big questions involving the meaning of life, you may be having an existential crisis. Today, people are mistakenly using this word in place of "real" to give something more emphasis and importance.

**Premise vs. Premises**: "Premise" means a theory or assumption. Some people think that "premises" is the plural form of "premise." Premises" is a building and its surrounding lands.

Nauseous vs. Nauseated: If something causes nausea, it is labeled as "nauseous," and makes people feel "nauseated."

**Rappel vs Repel**: "Rappel" is a verb meaning descending by means of a rope. "Repel" is also a verb, but meaning to turn (someone) away from something.

**Rein vs Reign**: "Rein" refers to the straps you use to guide a horse, which explains its second meaning, to keep under control or restrict. To "reign," on the other hand, is to rule or command a kingdom.

**By Accident** - The proper preposition here is *by*. Things happen by accident, not on accident. No arguments here!

Act Up vs Act Out - Act up means to behave badly. Act out means to act or behave like someone or something else. Watch your prepositions!

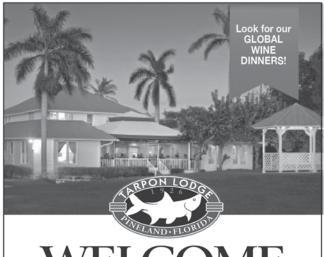
# Read The Beacon Online!

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

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

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





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# Keep Safety In Mind For Spring And Summer 'Backyarding'

"Backyarding" – the art of taking indoor activities to the outdoors – is a trend that has caught on. As winter begins to wind down, thoughts of playing in and working in the yard often kick into high gear.

Perhaps you are already dreaming of family gatherings, grilling and eating in your backyard. Or maybe you wish to add a yoga zone, design an outdoor movie theater, or build

an agility course for your pet this year. Or perhaps this is the year you wish to add a pollinator garden or plant a vegetable



By Jennifer LeClair, Pelican Way

I have to admit, I love breakfast. Not the sweet roll or toast with jam breakfast, but a savory breakfast with eggs and veggies. No meat reguired, but some cheese is nice. I have found that you don't need as much cheese as you think. 1 Tbsp. of shredded sharp cheddar cheese is as satisfying as \( \frac{1}{4} \) cup of cheese and much lower in calories and fat. This recipe meets all of my taste buds requirements and I hope you enjoy it as much as I do.

#### **Tex-Mex Scrambled Eggs**

Makes: Serving size: 1 Each serving contains: 2 proteins, 1 carb, 1 veg, 1 fat

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 Tbsp. Olive Oil
- 1 Corn Tortilla
- 1/8 Jalapeno Pepper, diced and seeded (optional)
  - 1/4 Cup Green Pepper, diced
  - 1/4 Cup Red Pepper, diced
  - 1/4 Cup Onion, diced • 1/4 Cup Tomato, diced
  - 2 Eggs
  - 1 Tbsp. Cheddar Cheese, shredded
  - 1 Tbsp. Cilantro, chopped

#### **DIRECTIONS**

In a small skillet heat olive oil. Add corn tortilla and pan-fry until crisp, about 2 minutes each side. Remove from heat and dice.

In the same pan, sauté peppers, onions and tomato. Whisk together eggs, add to the pan and scramble with the vegetables. Stir in diced tortilla.

Transfer to a plate and top with cheese and cilantro.

or flower garden. Or are you hoping to get that outdoor office setup with extended WiFi?

Knowing the purpose of your yard and how it will meet the needs of your family and pets is a great start



to getting "backyard ready" for these activities. Also, knowing your climate zone and the mix of trees, shrubs, grass and flowering plants that will grow sustainably is key to designing a dream yard. After all, our yards are not only an oasis for family but also for wildlife and important pollinators such as birds, bees and butterflies.

Now is the time to start planning. Visit your nursery, plant centers, outdoor power equipment service dealers, and/or contact a landscaper.

Think about how your yard can work best for you, your family, pets and community, but do it now. And while you're getting it in top shape, remember to keep safety top of mind, especially with your equipment and tools.

Here are some tips to get your backyard ready, safely and efficiently:

• Take stock of your outdoor power equipment to help you maintain your yard and make big jobs easier. A lawn mower will trim the grass, but perhaps you might need a cultivator for a garden, a chainsaw to take down dead tree limbs, or a leaf blower to clear debris. Having the right equipment on hand can help you save time and effort if you don't want to hire a professional.

- Follow equipment manufacturer's guidance for safety and usage of all outdoor power equipment. Look over the manual for your equipment for a refresher on how to safely use it and read the safety information on equipment manufacturer's websites. Review how to shut on and off equipment and make sure safety features are working and have not been disabled. Never disengage or disable manufacturer-installed safety equipment.
- Remember to keep children and pets away from outdoor power equipment. No children on mowers.
- Do not mow in reverse, and avoid starting, stopping or turning a mower on a slope. Follow manufacturer guidance to the letter on mowing on slopes.
- · Service equipment as needed and according to manufacturer's directions. Well-maintained equipment will last longer and run more efficiently.
- Buy fresh fuel for gasoline-powered equipment and be sure you have matched the correct battery with the right charger. Use only those batteries that are authorized for your equipment and do not use counterfeits.
- Before working in the yard, clear the area of dead limbs, sticks and debris. Inspect trees for damage and clear the work area.

By keeping this information in mind, you can get your yard in its best shape safely.



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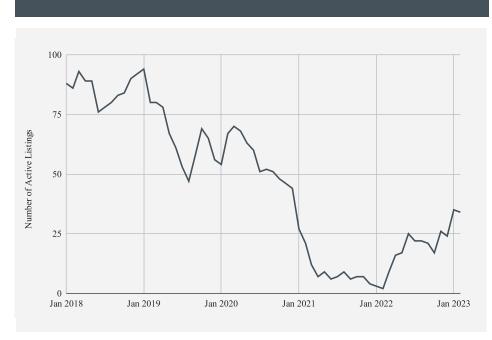
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# Inventory Apolate

#### BURNT STORE MARINA ACTIVE LISTINGS



Burnt Store Marina's inventory levels are up from the last two years - but we are still grossly short compared to 2018 and 2019. As reflected in the chart to the left, active listings in Burnt Store Marina hovered between 75-100 in a more normalized market.

Market conditions have changed since early last year, when listings would not last more than a few days on the market. Generally, we are seeing properties listed for about 30 - 60+ days on the market before going under contract. This shift allows inventory to begin building up again as we head into a more normalized market.

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## From The Desk Of Sheriff Carmine Marceno

#### **Burglars' Preferences**

A very recent conversation with residents at a local community homeowners' gathering prompted me to take this opportunity to share

Walk



important information regarding nationwide burglary trends.

**Enjoying Your** 

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.

- ullet Islamorada Entrance Gate to Cape Cole Blvd. 0.82 mile
- $\bullet$  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
- $\bullet$  Matecumbe Key Blvd., Cape Cole Blvd., to South Shore 0.55 mile
- Courtside Landings' Loop, start/stop at entrance 0.48 mile
- Prosperity Point sidewalk loop, start/stop at Matcumbe Key Blvd, 1.26 mile
- Admiral's Point loop (includes Key Largo Lane Circle, Sable Key Circle and Key Largo Circle) start/stop at Marathon & Cape Cole Blvd., 1.06 mile
- Tarpon Pass loop, start/stop at Islamorada Blvd., 0.76 mile

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



Manatee Feeding on Grasses and Coming Up for Air in Clear Florida Spring Water. Photo by Karen Sanderson

While burglars and prowlers most definitely benefit from the cover of darkness, nationwide statistics clearly indicate that the vast majority of home break-ins occur between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Burglars do make every attempt to operate covertly and the dark of night generally enables them to do so. However, a burglar's preference, far greater than darkness, is an empty residence.

Rigid work and school schedules make it difficult to be at home during the day and homes are often unoccupied for many daylight hours. Criminals are observant and many of us leave our homes at a specific time each day.

It is no coincidence that national home burglary statistics show a decrease since the start of the pandemic as the number of people working from home has tripled.

With no one home, it is far less likely that the sounds of forced entry will be heard and/or reported. Additionally, neighbors are seemingly less concerned about loud noises that occur during daylight hours.

Additionally, rental properties are more frequently burglarized than homesteads. Rental properties are less likely to be protected by security cameras and alarm systems making them more vulnerable.

Some thoughts ...

Landscaping and fences allow residents to establish privacy in and around their homes. However, those shrubs and tall fences may allow burglars to gain access to your home without being observed from the street. Consider home security when choosing tall, thick landscaping and fencing that completely obscures vision.

High-mounted security cameras, visible to all, do tend to deter criminals. Mount cameras around the perimeter of your home at heights that require ladders to move, cover or remove.

Security systems are now wireless, easily installed and relatively inexpensive. Monitored systems do incur a monthly fee, however, response time is significantly faster.

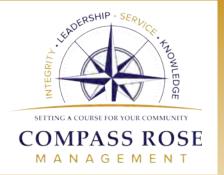
Quality locks are important as many inferior locks are easily overtaken by cordless drills and blunt force. Interestingly, experts recommend that we focus on the quality of the lock's strike plate and the screws used to secure them. Robust strike plates installed with 3-inch screws hold up far better to most types of force.

Sliding doors are often the chosen point of entry. They are generally located in the rear or on the side of the residence, making them less visible. There are numerous sliding door security devices on the market including security pins, looplocks and security bars ... to name a few. These devices are inexpensive and work well to prevent glass-door break-ins.

Lastly, be aware that hollow-core doors, while less expensive, are not intended for exterior use and are extremely vulnerable. Solid doors, whether wood or steel, are significantly more secure, reduce street noise from entering your home and are more energy efficient.

As always, ensure that all windows and doors are covered to prevent burglars from peering inside and check to be certain that all potential entries are locked prior to leaving your home.

Perhaps the greatest form of security is an intangible one, caring neighbors. Be alert to the activity next door, across the street, down the block. Never hesitate to report suspicious activity or incidents that concern you. "See something ... say something ... make the call!"



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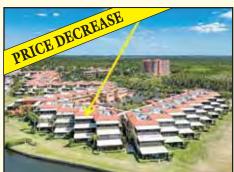
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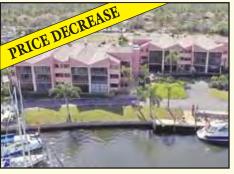
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