

# From the Section 22 HOA BOD

By Jerry Newmin, Director

Twenty years ago, Burnt Store Road was a rural two-lane country road with no shoulders. Pastures lined the road and animals, wild and domestic, periodically wandered across. Today, Burnt Store Road is a major highway and serves as the primary evacuation route for Cape Coral and Pine Island. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has not conducted a traffic flow study in years. Automobile traffic has increased dramatically over the past years, more importantly, so has heavy truck and commercial traffic.

During 2022, more than 337,000 vehicles with bar codes entered Burnt Store Marina. Over 200,000 entered through the main gate, 86,000 through the golf gate, and over 42,000 through the commercial gate on Vincent Avenue. An additional 130,000 vehicles with resident, amenities, fitness, Marina, and multi-day passes entered the marina for a total of over 467,000.

To our north, Burnt Store Road has been widened from two to four lanes from Route 41 in Punta Gorda to within 1,000 feet of the Vincent Road at the Charlotte/Lee County line. There are now approximately 10,000 homes either existing or in development between Vincent Road and Notre Dame. Plans call for expansion of this roadway to six lanes in the future.

South of the Marina, portions of Burnt Store Road have been, or are being expanded to four lanes. Cape Coral is one of the fastest growing areas in Southwest Florida, and now contains a population of over 200,000 residents. FDOT is in the final stages of completing the four-lane expansion from Pine Island Road to Van Buren Parkway. There are approximately six miles of a two-lane country road between Van Buren Parkway and the four lane Charlotte County roadway, required to complete the four-lane expansion project.

Last August, the FDOT conducted a public hearing at the Cape Coral library for the purpose of finalizing the Project Development and Environment Study (PP&E) plans for expansion of Burnt Store Road from Van Buren Parkway in Cape Coral to the Lee County Line, from two lanes to four, plus future expansion to six lanes. Many of you attended this hearing, as did members of the Section 22 board of directors. It became immediately apparent that the FDOT road design contained a major design flaw. According to the design all residents and commercial vehicles exiting Burnt Store Marina to head North would be required to make a right-hand turn southward out of the main gate or off Vincent Avenue. Vehicles would then make a U-turn against oncoming northbound traffic south of the Marina.



Enjoying the beautiful spring weather with an afternoon snack, by Karen Sanderson, Esplanade

The proposed design could cause many northbound residents and commercial traffic to exit via roads in our Burnt Store Lakes to reach Burnt Store Road. The roadways within Burnt Store Lakes were not designed for these traffic loads and would present additional problems, including safety of residents and children. Once word reached the community regarding this issue, 150 residents wrote letters to the FDOT expressing concern about the flawed highway design.

Since last August, I have been working with Rob Hancik, President of Burnt Store Lakes Property Owners Association, and John Flemming, President of the Burnt Store

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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:

- William Burns, 4041 Cape Cole Boulevard, roof replacement.
- Alfred & Diane Colla, 3061 King Tarpon Drive, roof replacement.
- Karen Spring, 17800 Hibiscus Cove Court, roof replacement.
- Platinum Point Yacht Club, 3601 Cape Cole Boulevard, hurricane damage repair to privacy fence.
- William Murray, 4000 Big Pass Lane, roof replacement.
- Marina Towers Condo Association, 3020 Matecumbe Key Road, roof replacements.
- Greg Sanders & Michele Cwiakala, 3020 Big Pass Lane, roof replacement.
- Bernie McVey, 24601 Dolphin Cove Drive, window replacements.
- Marilyn Hemphill, 1307 Islamorada Boulevard, roof replacement.
- James & Donna Briles, 1150 Romano Key Circle, roof replacement.
- Glenn Bodien, 1405 Islamorada Boulevard, solar panels installation.
- David Rehm & Lise Lambert, 24013 Redfish Cove Drive, roof replacement.
- William E. & Donna Sharp, 437 Islamorada Boulevard, roof replacement.
- Thomas & Cheri Frank, 3011 King Tarpon Drive, window/door replacement.
- Joseph & Marianne Baker, 24037 Redfish Cove Drive, roof replacement.
- Joseph & Marianne Baker, 24037 Redfish Cove Drive, pool cage replacement.
- Mike McEvoy & Nancy Schindler, 1008 Islamorada Boulevard, exterior paint.
- Gregory & Theresa Libby, 1000 Matecumbe Key Road, window replacement.

- Jean Douglas, 2021 King Tarpon Drive, roof replacement.
- Mona Caho, 24501 Dolphin Cove Drive, exterior paint.
- Rodrick & Patricia Brennan, 906 Islamorada Boulevard, roof replacement.
- Thomas & Katherine Darrell, 2053 Big Pass Lane, pool cage replacement.
- Jantina Weesing, 4071 Key Largo Lane, solar panel installation.
- Alan Weisert, 4041 Cobia Estates Drive, pool cage replacement.
- Donald & Lori Williams, 2090 Matecumbe Key Road, hurricane shutter installation.
- Sam Iaqinta, 3475 Sunset Key Circle, window installation.
- John Godina, 3233 Sunset Key, roof replacement.
- Kathleen Riley, 509 Islamorada Boulevard, garage door sliding screen panels.
- Kim Brown, 4960 Linkside Drive, roof replacement.
- Steven & Sharon Miller, 1070 Romano Key Circle, roof replacement.
- Michael & Sue Baldwin, 6001 Key Largo Circle, roof replacement.
- Michael & Sue Baldwin, 6001 Key Largo Circle, lanai cage replacement.
- Stuart & Marianne Gassner, 17850 Hibiscus Cove Court, 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](mailto:apmsupport@alliantproperty.com).

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- **Tuesday, May 9,** Section 22 HOA Working Board Meeting, Linkside Café Patio, 9 a.m.
- **Tuesday, May 23:** Section 22 HOA Board Meeting, Linkside patio, 9 a.m.
- **Every Tuesday:** Bar code installation, front gate, 1 to 3 p.m.
- **Every Thursday:** Bar code installation, front gate, 9 to 11 a.m.

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- **Friday, May 5:** Fort Myers River District Art Walk, 1 to 5 p.m. Visit many galleries, exhibitions and performances.
- **Wednesday, May 10:** Kickback Music in the Park with Margo James “Rhythm and Roots.” 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.
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# Tight Lines...Inshore Trolling for Grouper

By Jay Lev, Burnt Store Anglers

Many anglers would love to have the opportunity to catch a grouper without having to charter or run offshore to the many reefs holding grouper. Charlotte Harbor has many shallow-water features that can and do hold grouper when the water temperature is just right. That temperature is usually around 80 degrees. If you fish from a boat and have a fish finder or sonar, you may see lumps, irregular bottom features or sudden drop in depth. These features can hold inshore grouper. Unfortunately, due to recent hurricanes, many proven features of underwater structure are gone or modified. As a result, many anglers have taken to trolling for grouper in the harbor.

The trolling method is quite simple. You have to get your trolled lure down to the bottom where grouper habitat is located. Many manufacturers of lures now offer a deep-diving version of their lures. Grouper are attackers, and any lure that looks like a squid or a small bait fish will attract their attention. The speed of the troll is totally dependent on the expected lure action, and the depth the manufacturer has advertised for a good working depth for their lure. Many lures come boxed with the depth they are designed to work at printed in their instructions. For example, a long lip design is manufactured to dive your lure to depth of 10 to 20 feet. In Charlotte Harbor that is perfect for fishing the three or four 20-foot holes located in the harbor. Smaller lipped lures will work the water column in 3 to 10 feet below the surface. The most important feature is to select a lure that will get your line to the depth of water that you are trolling. This may require changing your lure frequently, as the bottom depth rises or lowers.

Rigging the trolling lure is also important. A leader, which is the line attached to your line on the reel, should be attached with what is known as a barrel swivel. The barrel swivel is rated by strength, and is easily attached to your line by a strong knot. Since a large harbor grouper can be in the 20-pound weight class, a barrel swivel should be rated between 30- and 50-pound breaking strength.



Attached to the opposite end of the barrel swivel is your leader line. This should be at least 10 feet in length and have a breaking strength of at least 50-pound test. Connected to your leader line should be a snap swivel that connects your leader line to your lure. A snap swivel should be rated at a breaking strength of 30 pounds and attached with a sturdy fishing knot to your leader.

The fishing rod and reel you select should be of the conventional rod and reel type as opposed to a spinning rod and reel. Usually, a fishing rod of 6 to 7 feet in length, with strong guides on the rod to direct the line is perfect. Many manufactures of fishing rods have a line of trolling rods especially designed for this type of fishing. A fishing rod built to be used with fishing line rated between 30 and 50 pounds is ideal for this type of trolling. The reel you select should also be made for this type of trolling. Penn, Shimano, Diawa and at least a dozen other manufactures have these reels for sale.

The normal rule of thumb for trolling for grouper is that the line leading to the lure should be at least 75 yards behind the boat, located in or behind the third wake made by the motion of the boat. Sometimes, in order to get the lure trolled down near the bottom, you will have to troll the lure farther out from

the boat. Trolling two lines out behind the boat is perfect. One line should be trolled a shorter distance out than what anglers call the long line. An average boat speed should be between 900 and 1100 RPM or about 1.5 to 2.0 knots.

Don’t waste your time trolling around a flat unremarkable bottom. Reel up and look for an irregular bottom. Most important is to have a copy of the Florida Fishing Regulations with you, as grouper is highly regulated by size, species, and open and closed season. If you hook a nice-size grouper out of season, be sure to return the fish quickly to the water, or that fish could cost you a very expensive marine fisheries ticket for having an illegal species on board. Trolling is a lot of relaxing fun, as sometimes you may get a big surprise and hook a nice king mackerel, shark, bluefish and even a tarpon.

Wahoo!!  
Tight Lines!



Trolling Lures

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# Some Very Useful and Important Safety Information

*By Carol Chesser, Esplanade*  
Here are some recent, and successful scams that you should be aware of:  
**Long – Term Parking**  
Some people left their car in the long-term parking at the airport while away, and someone broke into the car. Using the information on the car’s registration in the glove compartment, they drove the car to the people’s home and robbed it. So, I guess if we are going to leave the car in long-term parking, we should NOT leave the registration/insurance cards in it, nor your remote garage door opener. This gives us something to think about with all our new electronic technology.  
**GPS:**  
Someone had their car broken into while they were at a football game. Their car was parked on the grass which was adjacent to the football stadium and specially allotted to football fans. Things stolen from the car included a garage door remote control, some money and a GPS which had been prominently mounted on the dashboard. When the victims got home, they found that their house had been ransacked, and just about everything worth anything had been stolen. The thieves had used the GPS to guide them to the house. They then used the garage remote control to open the garage door and gain

entry to the house. The thieves knew the owners were at the football game, they knew what time the game was scheduled to finish, and so they knew how much time they had to clean out the house. They had brought a truck to empty the house of its contents. Something to consider if you have a GPS - don’t put your home address in it. Put a nearby address (like a store or service station) so you can still find your way home if you need to, but no one else would know where you live if your GPS were stolen.  
**Mobile Phones:**  
Did you ever think of this? This lady has now changed her habit of how she lists her names on her mobile phone, after her handbag was stolen. Her handbag, which contained her mobile phone, credit card, wallet, etc., was stolen. Twenty minutes later when she called her hubby, from a pay phone telling him what had happened, hubby says, “I received your text asking about our Pin number and I’ve replied a little while ago.” When they rushed down to the bank, the bank staff told them all the money was already withdrawn. The thief had actually used the stolen mobile phone to text “hubby” in the contact list and got hold of the pin number. Within 20 minutes he had withdrawn all the money from their bank account.  
**Purse in the Grocery Cart Scam:**

A lady went grocery shopping at a local supermarket and left her handbag sitting in the children’s seat of the cart while she reached something off a shelf.....Wait till you read the WHOLE story! ...Her purse was stolen, and she reported it to the store personnel. After returning home, she received a phone call from the supermarket Security to say that they had her purse and that although there was no money in it, it did still hold her personal papers. She immediately went to pick up her wallet, only to be told by Security that they had not called her. By the time she returned home again, her house had been broken into and burglarized. The thieves knew that by calling and saying they were Security, they could lure her out of her house long enough for them to burglarize it.  
**Moral lesson:**  
• Do not disclose the relationship between you and the people in your phone’s contact list. Avoid using names like Home, Honey, Hubby, Sweetheart, Dad, Mom, etc.  
• When sensitive info is being requested through texts, confirm it by calling back.  
• When you’re being texted by friends or family to meet them somewhere, be sure to call them back to confirm that the message came from them. If you can’t reach them, be very careful about going places to meet “family and friends” who text you.



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# Fit Happens...Is Sitting The New Smoking?

By Kristin Mendes, *Certified Wellness Coach, Pilates and Personal Trainer*



At first glance, you may wonder what this question means to you? Dr. James Levine, a professor of medicine at the Mayo Clinic, coined this phrase “Sitting is the new smoking.” This means any extended sitting can be harmful to our health. The research has shown a strong correlation between the more we sit, the higher our risk of illnesses: diabetes, obesity, cardiovascular disease, and cancer. How would you describe your current level of daily movement?

Let’s take in consideration that we have emerged from previous Covid limitations and can victoriously resume our normal activities. We know there are many benefits of moving more throughout the day, such as:

- Weight management
- Mental health and mood
- Sleep quality
- Energy levels and endurance
- Brain health and function
- Disease prevention
- Reduces stress

## Golf Tip of the Month

By Bill Connelly, *Head Golf Professional*

Summer is right around the corner, and a lot of our seasonal residents have started to head back north. Schools will soon be letting out, and the kids will be on summer vacation. One of the best ways to keep your kids or grandkids active is to take them to the golf course. Junior golf is a very important part of maintaining and growing this great game.

Even though our season is winding down, there are still some fun golfing events coming in May. The Cinco de Mayo Golf Scramble will be held at 12 p.m. on May 5, with a Cinco de Mayo party to follow. There will be a Cross-Country Scramble on May 20 and the annual Memorial Day Scramble, benefitting “Folds of Honor” will be held on May 29, so be sure to sign up. And remember, there is a 9 Hole Scramble every Tuesday at 3 p.m.

Below are the results of St. Patrick’s Day Scramble:

### 1st Flight Winners

1. Tom Freimark, Bill Morrissey, Larry Marks, John Salvaggio
2. Stan Rogers, Loriann Rogers, Roy Howard, Sandy Howard
3. Bob Moen, Jane Moen, Jay Barnhart, Kathy Barnhart

### 2nd Flight Winners

1. Gary Crandall, Karen Crandall, Lynn Powers, Gary Wiczorek
2. Ovila Case, Dan James, Mark Van de Kerkhove, Steve Dahl
3. Bob Paul, Greg Beaton, Joel Miles, Jim Harding

### 3rd Flight Winners

1. Lesley Rose, Steve Hunt, Gordon Fogg, Cheryl Fogg
2. George Folio, Pat Folio, Jim Pursley, Paula Allton
3. Chris Burnett, Donna Burnett, Bob Davis, Jack Bruckman

**Congratulations to All**  
**Please follow us @burntstoregolf on Instagram for course updates.**

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



• Longevity and strength  
So, how do we establish good movement habits to reap these health benefits? I believe the present day is the perfect time to assess your habits of movement independently and with others, never taking it for granted. There are three areas to consider when planning this movement routine. First, think about activities you enjoy and want to resume. Then, feel open to explore any new interests and desires to learn new skills. Finally, discover the magic in scheduling your movement and tracking your activity with any relevant progress, such as: endurance, distance, or skill in each activity.

Here are 15 easy ways to fit movement into your daily lifestyle. As a wellness coach and educator for living communities, I encourage people to use your daily routine to MOVE. Never discount the value of ANY type of movement.

1. Walk and Talk! You can move while taking on the phone. Invest in a good pair of earbuds and off you go. You can listen to a favorite podcast or music playlist too!
2. Walking our furry members of the family. You and your dog will benefit from the fresh air! Explore new dog-friendly places.
3. Parking farther away when running errands, going to work, or heading to your fitness center.
4. Speaking of fitness centers, you can walk or ride your bike to the neighborhood fitness center.
5. Take the stairs every opportunity given.
6. Join a sports league: tennis, golf, pickleball, dragon-boat racing.
7. Join clubs of your interest or possibly learn more about an active topic, for example: gardening or boating.

8. Research mini active trips through the city of Punta Gorda or YMCA programming. You will meet other active-minded people.

9. Discovering a hobby or water sport, such as kayaking, stand-up boards, beach walking, which can include drum circle events or local market days.

10. Attend scheduled fitness classes at the fitness center.

11. The Buddy System! Find someone you believe will be reliable and shares your desire to stay accountable. A good buddy speaks volumes!

12. Organize your own field trips to nature preserves and paths, bird watching with family and friends. Bring your binoculars!

13. Burn some calories and get a mini workout in while cleaning, such as sweeping, vacuuming, and laundry, to name a few. Listen to your favorite music and add a little dance to your cleaning routine!

14. While waiting for your coffee or tea to brew, squeeze in a set of wall push-ups or use the counter, a few sets of squats and lunges, or triceps lift off a stable surface. Body-weight exercises are perfect anytime, anywhere!

15. While shopping and waiting in lines, you can do heel raises, balance on leg. If grabbing a coffee, skip the drive-through and go physically inside to order.

There are easy ways to fit movement into your everyday routine. You can get creative with your ideas, be grateful for your movement, and even have some FUN...maybe a lot! It’s this healthy movement mindset that can influence our habits to prevent “Sitting As The New Smoking” for you. You will be a fantastic role model and reap the benefits of healthy movement. It’s your LIFESTYLE!

## Landscaping to Avoid Fire

By Maggie Hart, *Mariners Pass*

Winter months bring drought conditions, which in turn produce perfect conditions for brush fires. So when you are putting in new landscaping, be aware of how it can facilitate spreading of fire to your home.

Walk around outside your home and look carefully at the nearby land and vegetation. The type, size, and density of the plants determine wildfire risk. Use the following criteria to assess your risk.

### You Are at Low Risk If You See...

- Bare ground or widely spaced grassy clumps or plants.
- Moist forest, mostly leafy trees, or mostly large trees.
- Few plants, growing low to the ground.

Low risk landscapes are open with grass and have trees with trimmed branches.

### You Are at Medium Risk If You See...

- Thick, continuous grasses, weeds, or shrubs.
- Continuous thin layer of pine needles and scattered pine trees.
- Scattered palmettos or shrubs up to 3 feet tall separated by patches of grass or sand.
- A clear view into or across an open area.

Medium risk landscapes separate ground fuels from tree branches.

### You Live in a High Risk, Fire-Prone Area If You See...

- A thick bed of pine needles and lots of pine trees.
- Continuous palmettos, shrubs, or sawgrass more than 3 feet tall.
- Vines and small-to-medium trees or palms beneath taller pine trees.
- Impenetrable shrubs or young pines.

- No clear view into an open area because of dense growth.

High risk landscapes connect the ground to the canopy with vegetation.

### What can you do?

• Trim lower branches below 10 feet on tall trees, remove vines from trees, and keep shrubbery away from pine trees so that a fire on the ground cannot climb up these fuel ladders to treetops.

• Landscape your space to make it difficult for fire to spread to your house. Use shrub islands or patches of perennials rather than continuous beds of plantings. Thin trees so branches are 10 to 15 feet apart.

• Keep combustible items at least 30 feet away from your house. Clear away dead vegetation, pine needles, and branches.

• Do not use trellises that lead plants to your roof.  
• Do use large, leafy, hardwood trees in your yard, particularly on the east and west sides of your house. Their shade is important to cool your house, and the flat leaves trap moisture on the ground. Large pine trees also provide good shade. Trim lower branches and rake up pine needles. Remember that branches should not be closer than 10 feet to your roof.

• **Remove** flammable plants like saw palmetto, wax myrtle, yaupon holly and red cedar within 30 feet of your home. These shrubs are only appropriate farther from your home and in natural areas managed with prescribed fire. They contain resins, oils, and waxes that burn readily.

• Consider using other plants that are not as flammable, such as viburnum, redbud, magnolia, oaks, wild azalea, coontie, wild plum, Florida soapberry, ferns and wild olive.

### From the Section 22 HOA BOD from page 1

Road Coalition, to convince the FDOT to modify their roadway design. Mr. Hancik and I have made presentations at the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) meeting last November, the Charlotte County MPO meeting in December and the Joint Charlotte/Lee County MPO meeting in January. We have written numerous letters to FDOT, all county commissioners, state representatives, US Senators Rubio and Scott, US Representative Donalds, Governor DeSantis, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission expressing our concerns.

I am happy to report that I received an email response during February from Steven Andrews, FDOT Project Manager for the Burnt Store Road expansion project, that FDOT will consider revising their design to include a stop light at the intersection of Burnt Store Road and Vincent Avenue. This is a major step in the right direction but not guaranteed, and not a perfect solution.

The FDOT design near Burnt Store Marina is constrained by the encroachment of the Babcock Ranch/ Yucca Pens State Preserve immediately across from the entrance to the Marina. This severely limits the right-of-way in which to construct a four-lane road with a median wide enough to allow for turn lanes in both directions. For FDOT to connect the four lanes in Charlotte County to the four lanes in Lee County, an easement of up to 200’ from the preserve would be required to allow for the contiguous connection of the four-lane roadway, as well as allow room for expansion to six lanes in the future.

Original FDOT plans for the Burnt Store expansion project called for construction in 2033. With rapid growth, increased traffic loads and concerns expressed by residents along the route, the target construction date may be moved up. Your board of directors will continue to pursue this matter to try to ensure that when the expansion occurs, it will be done correctly with the safety of residents a primary consideration.

## An ARC did you know, moment...

By Barry Groesch, *Architectural Review Committee Chair*

Did you know...if you want to replace or fix your air conditioning unit, an ARC application is not required. For all other projects, go to the **BSM22.org** website to get your application.









# More Than Just Fitness Within the BSM Gates

By Cynthia Mathews

While physical fitness is vital, so is keeping the mind healthy. Our beautiful Burnt Store Marina area offers opportunities to explore and share with established and new friends outside of the club.

This month, an intrepid group of 15 enjoyed a morning of eco-kayaking with Carmen's Kayaks in Bokeelia. Our guide, Samantha, has lived on the island all her life. She's a fifth-generation Pine Islander. Once situated and launched, we could see BSM's tall buildings while paddling around the northern area of Pine Island.



## 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.



## Lee County Leash Laws

It is a Lee County law, as well as a Burnt Store Marina rule, that all dogs are to be on leashes. The open lot at the corner of Islamorada and Matecumbe is not a dog park. The Commodore residents own the whole part that is landscaped. Please keep your dogs on leashes at all times, and off that property.



We enjoyed an encounter with a neighborhood dolphin as we kayaked along the coastline, passing rays in the shallow water. Hearing, then seeing, a feisty osprey, we saw a bald eagle in the treetop. Soon a pair of bald eagles perched in the tall tree. As we wound our way through the mangroves, we could see remnants of the Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail. A pair of manatees frolicked at our last kayak point of interest. Then the group enjoyed a leisurely lunch at Capt'n Cons.



Over at The Pickleplex, BSM's own Ron Johnson and Tony Moretz took the silver medal in the Men's 70+ 3.5 tournament. In mixed 50+ 3.5 play, Barb Jamros and Don Tozier won the bronze medal. Our team of Rob Jamros and JoAnne Brown took a silver in the Mixed 50+ 4.0 game. BSM's Martin Pickup & Bob Andrews took silver in the 50+ 4.5.



Ron Johnson and Tony Moretz

Nearby Naples, the world's Pickleball capital, hosted the Minto US Open Pickleball Championships. Running for a week from April 15 to 22, last year's sixth tourney drew nearly 3,000 picklers and 35,000 spectators. This year, 32 of our own Burnt Store Marina Fitness, Racquet, and Pool Club members participated.



Our BSM Men's tennis group includes three competitive teams who play with the Peace River Senior Men's Tennis League. The 52 teams, from Charlotte, Lee, and Sarasota counties, have three divisions. We have athletes playing in the Gold (A-1 – most competitive) division, and the Blue and Red levels.

On Court One, our team of Jay Penny and Bill Chapel took on division-leading Harold Avenue. BSM Team

Captain Brian Perrott said, "Bill and Jay played outstanding doubles. Our first set was so clean that we had to wait until midway through the second to see any meaningful errors on our part. Fantastic stuff. We won 6-1, 7-5."

Milt Sales, who captains the BSM Men's Blue Team, is back just one point from 1st place in their B-1 Division. With just two matches to go, these players are poised to win their division. Our Men's Red Team, captained by Cliff Behney, is in 2nd place, and has a chance to take the top spot in their B-3 Division.

The ladies have five competitive teams, with four playing in the Charlotte County 50-plus Tennis League and one with the Charlotte County Women's Tennis League. The Racquettes and Simply Smashing! have secured first-place trophies. Captained by Cinda Brown, the 16-member Racquettes won the division in style, earning 10 consecutive wins in the Women's Tennis League B Division.

Champions in their first two years of play, Simply Smashing! is BSM's 2.5 team and is led by Captain Dorothy Saviste. Dorothy recruited the team from a beginner's clinic, and started the team by recruiting its women, and commented, "What a fun, competitive, determined, lovely, beautiful group of friends!"

Our other Charlotte County 50-plus teams are Green Flash, Mariners in Motion, and Hi-Strung Ladies. Judy Schmitz captains the 3.5+ Green Flash. Mariners in Motion, captained by Lori Brandt and Lynne Parsons, plays in the 3.5B Division. The High-Strung Ladies is led by Robin Vanderlinden, and she says of the ladies, "they are great tennis players, but even greater women."

And, speaking of health, 25 people received training in the AED (Automated External Defibrillator) as well as the current CPR methods. This event finished with some tasty pizza! If you are interested in getting this potentially life-saving training, let one of our staff members know - as this is a recurring training.



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# Burnt Store Marina CC News

By John Abbott,  
General Manager, BSMCC



May is the time of the year for us to reflect on the season coming to an end, and gear up for a fun-filled summer with those of you that stick it out with us year-round. The vision of the BSMCC board is to make our club the central focal point of the community, where everyone can come and enjoy golf, friends, food and fun.

This season was full of great events and golf tournaments. While we may not have had everyone in the community here, participation levels were higher than ever. Food trucks and live music Thursdays have been the biggest hit, and next year we hope to make Thursday bigger & better. Our hard-working staff went above and beyond to make the club experience great for everyone, and while we still have our shortcomings, we will work hard to continue to get better every day.

If you are heading out of town, we hope you have safe travels and a wonderful summer. If you are staying here with us this summer, we have a lot of exciting things going on, beginning with a party weekend of Cinco De Mayo and the Kentucky Derby. This should prove to be an awesome offseason, so make sure to check the weekly blast for all the upcoming events. If you are not currently getting the weekly blast, stop by the administration office and give us your email address so that we can keep you in the loop.

As always, we look forward to seeing you at the club.

BSMCC May 2023 Schedule of Events						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Trivia 5 - 8 p.m. Members Only!	2 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/* 9 Hole Scramble	3 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Republican Dinner *****	4 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Happy Hour 3 - 8 p.m.	5 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Cinco de Mayo Golf Scramble 12 p.m. *** Cinco de Mayo Party	6 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Kentucky Derby Party 4 - 7:30 p.m. **/*
7 Brunch 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lunch 1 - 3 p.m.	8 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Trivia 5 - 8 p.m. Members Only!	9 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/* 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	10 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Bingo 5 - 8 p.m. **/****	11 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Pasta-bility Buffet & Pasta Station 5 - 8 p.m. **/*	12 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/*	13 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner & Music Rob Norum 5 - 8 p.m. **/*
14 Mothers Day Brunch **/* 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	15 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Trivia 5 - 8 p.m. Members Only!	16 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/* 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	17 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner Prime Rib Night 5 - 8 p.m. **/*	18 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Ladies' Night 5 - 8 p.m. ****	19 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/*	20 Cross-Country Scramble 9 a.m. *** Dinner & Music Capt'n Rick 5 - 8 p.m.**/*
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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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# Good Samaritans in Our Midst... The Grand Isles I & II Hurricane Recovery Saga

By Graham Segger, Independent Homeowner

One of the outstanding characteristics of the Burnt Store Marina community is how supportive and giving most residents are. There are close to 50 condominium or homeowner associations within the gates, and three major recreational clubs. Most of these entities have volunteer Boards of Directors, and countless sub-committees and activity leaders. Some of these Boards, such as Section 22 HOA, have relatively high profiles in these pages, but hundreds of other unsung heroes operate unselfishly, and often under the radar throughout the year, in support of the well-being of our homes and lifestyles. Many others serve on not-for-profit Boards outside the gates, and volunteer for other charitable organizations. This article touches on a few of our residents who were most significantly affected by *Hurricane Ian* this past fall and winter. They were either thrown into situations requiring their deep commitment and resourcefulness, or identified needs in our community, and found solutions for them.

The residents of Grand Isles I & II faced extraordinary challenges after September 28. Their buildings suffered numerous water incursion problems and other damage. They were without power or running water for much longer periods than the rest of Burnt Store Marina, and faced months of remediation effort. Fortunately, only 17 of the 112 homeowners were year-round residents. This softened the consequences slightly for those owners who had another residence where they could seek refuge (not that this would reduce their worry!). Most of the full-time residents, and many of the other owners, spent months leading a nomadic and transient existence. They often relied on the goodwill of BSM neighbors and friends who kindly took them in for extended periods.

One of those Grand Isles I & II residents was Condo Board President Leroy Munster. Leroy worked close to full time on the hurricane recovery projects for the entire fall and a good part of the winter, often devoting up to 20 hours a day to the effort. Leroy had recently retired from his job as Chief Compliance and Ethics Officer (and previously Product Launch Director) at Abbott, only to find himself thrown back into this all-consuming volunteer role. He describes this task as more complex than anything he ever faced in the corporate world. Leroy was well supported by his entire Board, including Treasurer Rick Currant, Maintenance Liaison Director Greg Broxterman (who was also the Rear-Commodore of Platinum Point Yacht Club during the post-*Ian* period, and was up to his elbows working on that club's hurricane recovery efforts), Facilities and Storage Liaison Director Mike Murphy, Directors Phil Hinderaker, Cynthia Ramsey, Bill Boykin, Greg Saunders, and Special Board Reps. Larry Weld, Rick Bretlinger, and Jim Power. They held twice daily status meetings in the Club Room, and managed the multitude of service companies who had to be engaged. In all, 59 Emergency Board Meetings were held up to February 15, 2023, 17 regular Board meetings, 4 Town Hall meetings for residents, and an average of 2.5 communication emails to all residents per week. This short profile cannot do justice to the scale of tasks performed by this condo board team, though perhaps this is fodder for a future article.

Another remarkable story that emerged from the Grand Isles I & II disaster recovery drama was that surrounding another owner in those towers, Cynthia Schanno. An aircraft broker from St. Paul, MN, Cynthia has only lived in Burnt Store Marina since May 2021. From noon September 28 through 3 a.m. September 29, she endured the terror of a Category 4 hurricane battering her second-floor unit. She was one of the residents who met in the Club Room the next day, and undertook the task of knocking on every door in the complex to ensure everyone was safe, and assess needs. During that first week, those needs were many, ranging from food to fuel to housing. Cynthia herself was fortunate



Cynthia Schanno (center) serving meals in front of Grand Isles I & II

enough to find shelter with another Good Samaritan in the community, Gordon Rayner. She constantly remarks on how this disaster brought out amazing acts of kindness and generosity, and bore witness to the best in human nature throughout the marina.

At 3 a.m., October 3, trucks and semi-trailers from the remediation company began arriving. Cynthia greeted the trucks and was moved almost to tears when one of the employees asked her plaintively “ma’am, ma’am, do you have any water?” She quickly learned that the remediation company employees, most of whom had travelled from out of state, did not have access to proper nourishment, and of course, little was available for purchase in the area. They also had no where to stay locally because of the flood of utility workers who had taken up all available local hotel rooms. For weeks these employees had to commute from hotels in

Tampa on top of their 12-hour work days, seven days a week. That first week there were 35 workers on the Grand Isles I & II site but this grew close to 150 contractors at one point. Cynthia commented on how dedicated and conscientious the workers were, despite living and working away from their own homes for extended periods.

The need for food and drink was critical, and Cynthia sprang into action. For the first three days she sourced 100 breakfasts from the Waffle House. This was quickly replaced by food purchased at Publix and eventually by meals which Cassandra from Cass Cay brought down from their still operating restaurant in Bradenton for 30 days. Pat, Diane and their team at the Trading Post prepared egg sandwiches and other meals for the workers. All this food was served by Cynthia from a six-foot table set up outside the complex. Initially, donations were solicited to defray costs, but eventually the remediation company, StopLoss, assumed the costs for their employees. Over a period of 11.5 weeks Cynthia served 10,588 meals to the multitude of workers involved on the property. After December 12, food trucks were engaged by the contractor. Cynthia also worked closely with her Board and maintained a database of ARC request projects.

These are just a few of the hundreds of examples of how Burnt Store Marina residents banded together to cope with Hurricane Ian’s trail of destruction.

*Note: The Third Edition of Graham’s book about the history and geography of Burnt Store Road and the Marina is now available for sale at the BSM Trading Post. All proceeds to charity.*

## Vista Del Sol Celebrates Twenty Years in Paradise

By Kathy Willow, Resident

It was in March of 2003, that the first owners of Vista Del Sol signed closing papers on their condo units. Several of those original owners are still enjoying their time here. This says a lot for the camaraderie and friendships which are formed and continue as new residents move into this high rise condominium building within our community.

Such a milestone as this could not go unnoticed, as a celebration recently took place to commemorate 20 years in paradise. The planning committee, comprised of Mike and Jan Vold, Steve



and Karen Morse, Nick and Kathy Willow, and Betty Adams, created a tropical theme complete with Caribbean beverages and entrees, while residents contributed appetizers, side dishes, and desserts. A highlight of this event was the music, which was provided by Skip Bowman of Calypso Magic. The tropical vibrations of playing his steel drum resonated throughout the evening and one could feel the joy in their hearts and bliss in their soul.

We were fortunate to celebrate in style and look forward to another twenty years and beyond.

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# St. Jude’s...Success for the Kids

By Debbie Burns, Mariners Pass

An Art Show/Sale to benefit St Jude Research Hospital, featuring Burnt Store Marina artist Jay Winston, was held here on March 25. Fourteen beautiful pieces of art were sold, along with quite a few teddy bears, which were donated back to send to children at St. Jude. There was also a bake sale with lots of homemade yummy desserts and breads being sold. In addition,



a Jay Winston painting, titled *Darkness*, was raffled off - but this article was written before the drawing (in April). I will announce the lucky winner next month.

First, I want to thank Jay Winston. Without his passion for PAINTING FOR A PURPOSE, and desire to help great causes, none of this would have been possible. He kicked off my yearly fundraiser for St. Jude with a BANG! I am proud to announce that \$6400 has been raised so far.



Six years ago, I started this fundraiser for my nephew ‘Lil Eddie, who was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. He is now 11 years old and five years cancer-free, thanks to the care he was given at St. Jude’s Research Hospital in Memphis. Every year I have had amazing people help me in my efforts, and this year was no different. I want to thank you for putting in all the hard work and dedication to pull off this successful event: Thank you, Tom Fitzpatrick, Sandy Howard, Andrea Millerschoen, Maggie Hart, Cheetah Currier, Libby Lilly, Sharon Hudoba, Susan Flagstad and all the contributing bakers. This wasn’t possible without all of you!

Thank you to all who came out, supported and donated. This fundraiser will continue until the end of the year, when I will be hosting a 5K walk/ride here in Burnt Store Marina. Look for the date announcement in September and October issues of *The Beacon*. Come out and join the fight!



# Enjoying Your Walk

By Jan McLaughlin, Former Beacon Editor

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

- Islamorada Entrance Gate to Cape Cole Blvd. – 0.82 mile
- Cape Cole Blvd., golf clubhouse gate arm to Islamorada Blvd. – 0.60 mile

- Cape Cole Blvd., golf club gate arm to Matecumbe Key entry – 0.72 mile
- Matecumbe Key Blvd., construction entrance to Cape Cole Blvd., 0.72 mile
- Matecumbe Key Blvd., Cape Cole Blvd., to South Shore – 0.55 mile
- Courtside Landings’ Loop, start/stop at entrance – 0.48 mile
- Prosperity Point sidewalk loop, start/stop at Matcumbe Key Blvd, 1.26 mile

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



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# Gardener’s Wheelbarrow

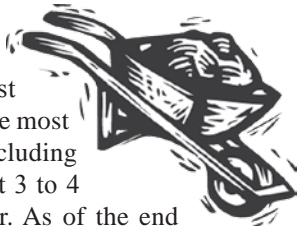
By Maggie Hart,  
Mariners Pass

This is probably the driest month of the year, making it the most stressful time for all plants, including your lawn. During May, about 3 to 4 inches of rainfall is hoped for. As of the end of March, we have received no measurable rain for the whole of 2023. As for temperature predictions, historically, the highs will be in the 90s, give or take 5 degrees. You will definitely need to hand water your landscaping to complement irrigation.

Because May is such a dry month, fire-resistant plants to consider for your landscape are agave, aloe, ligustrum, pittosporum, bird of paradise, African iris, lantana, liriop, cape honeysuckle, star jasmine, society garlic, Indian hawthorne, viburnum, and the for the lawn...St. Augustine grass.

If you have been given, 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 the May blooming of the African tulip, jacaranda and royal poinciana trees – they can be spectacular!



### May’s Checklist:

- Help out your plants with organic mulch, keeping it away from the stems or trunks of plants.
- The pruning you did earlier this year produces tender young foliage...and just right for aphids, mealy bugs, scale etc. Spray with *Organocide* or a similar horticultural control, following the directions.
- Black sooty mold on a plant’s leaves indicates that plant or one above or next to it has a sucking insect feasting away. The insect secretes honeydew, which then attracts ants and the mold is the result from the honeydew.
- Oleander caterpillars will be active. They are orange with black tufts of hair all over. Do not touch them! They can be poisonous. Spray/dust the plant very thoroughly with BT (*Bacillus thuringensis*), Dipel or Thuricide every 10 days. The caterpillars can quickly defoliate the shrubs. Keep an eye out for them – they arrived in the Marina in early March.
- Remember that herbicides can burn turf when the air temperature is above 85 degrees, so use them sparingly.
- In order to take advantage of coming summer rains, hold off planting trees and palms until the rainy season, which is June to October. Even then, some supplemental hand watering will most likely be required.
- Fertilize everything with a slow release, complete fertilizer. If a plant is in dire need of fertilizer, broadcast

# End of Season Checklist

By Mike McFeeley, Vice President

As the season changes, many of you are planning to leave your “southern home” to enjoy the summer season elsewhere. We want to remind you to start planning now to ensure that your unit is safe and secure while you’re away. It’s best to start early to avoid any last-minute rush.

### A few weeks before leaving:

- Consider hiring someone to look after your home during your absence.
- Check that your thermostat and humidistat are working properly.
- Notify your telephone and cable companies to temporarily suspend services during your absence (if required).
- Secure all important documents.
- Determine the best method to control the humidity level inside your home and/or prevent fungal growth.

### A couple of weeks before leaving:

- Forward your mail through the Post Office’s online change of address form.
- Cancel any newspaper or magazine subscriptions.
- Test your air conditioning by running it on humidistat settings to ensure it’s reliable. We recommend leaving the AC on 24/7.

### One week before leaving:

- Check your dehumidifier (if using one), and place it in a central location with secure continuous drain.
- Vacuum rugs and upholstered furnishings again, and wipe all flat surfaces with anti-fungal cleaners.
- Remove all interior and exterior plants in pots and containers.

- Remove all furniture, plants, wall hangings or personal items from outside lanais, patios and balconies, and store them inside the unit.

### Day before leaving:

- Empty your refrigerator and freezer of all perishable food, and leave an open box of baking soda in each compartment to prevent odors. Remember to include the mini-fridge. Leave refrigerator doors open with circuit breaker off so if power is out for many days it doesn’t get moldy.
- Ensure your dishwasher is empty and dry, and leave the door slightly ajar to allow for air circulation.
- Run ice cubes through your disposal and wash a box of baking soda through it to mitigate odors.
- Run water in all your sinks for several minutes and flush your toilets.
- Lock all windows and doors tightly to prevent wind-driven rain from entering.
- Unplug major appliances, such as TVs, washers, dryers, computers, and electronics.

### Day of departure:

- Close the main water shut-off valve to your unit and switch off the circuit breaker to your water heater.
- Leave emergency contact information on your counter in the event of emergency.

Following this checklist will help ensure that your unit is safe and protected while you are away. Please note that these are only suggestions, and may not suit your particular situation. We hope you find this checklist helpful and we wish you a safe journey back north.

the dry fertilizer and then spray on liquid *Miracle-Gro*. The liquid will take almost immediate effect but last only a couple of weeks. Meanwhile the dry fertilizer will begin to break down and provide its long-term benefits.

- Flowering plants should be pruned up to one third when flowering has ceased. This includes bougainvillea. Water and scatter the surrounding area with a slow-release fertilizer after pruning.
- Hurricane season begins in June. If you have any left after *Hurricane Ian*, look for any tree, palm or large shrub limbs that are damaged, dead or weak from disease. Remove them, but NOT healthy growth.



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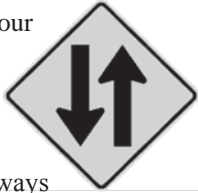
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# Blood Donation News

By Ann Singer, Admiral’s Point

Thank you, thank you, for supporting the March 13 blood drive! Burnt Store residents, neighbors and friends answered the call during this time of need. The bus had a steady business. We had 34 volunteers donate 34 units of blood. Recall that each donation can save up to three lives; so that means 102 patients could benefit from the lifesaving efforts of our BSM donors!

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of making an appointment and showing up! The bus only has 39 allotted time slots for drawing. Our donors are doing a great job utilizing the OneBlood website to make appointments. The blood draw dates are posted months in advance, giving donors opportunity to reserve a choice time.

One Blood expresses gratitude to all for your generosity and dedication to this program.

**The next blood drive in Burnt Store will not be until fall. Please mark these dates on your calendar.**

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**All dates are 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Many ask, “If I donated in the March 13 blood drive, when can I donate again?” Drives are scheduled so you have 56 days between. This is the law in the United States. IF TRAVELING THIS SUMMER, YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO DONATE AT THE EARLIEST IN THE USA ON MAY 15. SEPT 18 IS LAST DATE TO DONATE IF GIVING NOV 13 IN BSM.

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# May Off-Beat Holidays & Adventures

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass

This month’s name is associated with the goddess Maia. Perhaps less well-known now than the other deities with months named after them, Maia (in Greek mythology) was daughter of Atlas and mother of Hermes. She was considered a nurturer and an earth goddess, which may explain the connection with this springtime month.

Spring began on March 20, and ends June 21. Even though it constitutes most of the Spring season, May brings hints of the coming summer, with thoughts of going outside to play. Here is just a tasting of what you have in store this month:

**May 3 – 7: 27th Annual Key West Songwriters Festival,** Key West

This Festival is five days of live music, with shows running from morning to late at night. Most shows are free, and occur at beaches, boats, bars, resorts and theaters. For details, go to **keywestsongwritersfestival.com**

**May 5 – 7: The Hibiscus Festival,** Punta Gorda

This event brought is to you by The Hibiscus Committee for the benefit of the Charlotte County Historical Society. This year’s festival will begin with the traditional kick off on Friday evening, with a concert running from 6 - 10 p.m.

There will be flowers, bands, food and fun. For details, go to **thehibiscusfestival.com**.

**May 26 – 28: Florida Folk Festival,** White Springs

In its 71st year in 2023, this is the oldest continuous folk festival in the United States. Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park in White Springs. For details, go to **floridastateparks.org/FloridaFolkFestival**.

**May 31: Myakka River Blues Festival,** Venice

Don’t miss the 11th annual Myakka River Blues Festival, held every Memorial Day at local touchstone, Snook Haven Restaurant. Tucked away on the banks of the Myakka River in a true Old Florida setting, enjoy authentic Southern cooking paired with the sounds of true traditional blues tunes from local musicians. Follow the Facebook page at **facebook.com/myakkariverbluesfest** for further event details closer to the date.

And, here are some historic firsts during the month of May:

May 1, 1841 - The first wagon train leaves Independence, MO for California.

May 1, 1951 - Slugger Mickey Mantle hits his first home run.

May 1, 1952 - Mr. Potato Head is introduced.

May 3, 1978 - Digital Equipment Corporation sends the first bulk unsolicited commercial emails... spam is born!

May 4, 1964 - Soap operas *Another World* and *As the World Turns* premiere.

May 6, 1833 - John Deere produces the first steel plow.

May 7, 1888 - George Eastman patents the Box Camera.

May 8, 1952 - *Mad Magazine* hits the newsstands.

May 9, 1960 - The birth control pill is approved by the FDA.

May 13, 1970 - The Beatles movie *Let it Be* premieres.

May 15, 1862 - President Abraham Lincoln established the Department of Agriculture

May 16, 1866 - Charles Hires invents Root Beer.

May 22, 1906 - The Wright Brothers are granted a patent for their “flying machine.”

May 24, 1844 - Samuel Morse opens the first telegraph line between Baltimore, Maryland and Washington, DC.

May 29, 1919 - Albert Einstein publishes his *Theory of Relativity*.

May 31, 1884 - Dr. John Harvey Kellogg patents “flaked cereal.”

# Grammar Tips...@#\$\$%\*!

By the Editors of The Beacon

If you have ever listened to Phlash Phelps on SiriusXM radio, you know he has taken just about every road in the United States, remembers all the places and their names, and is a king of trivia. We were listening to him the other day and heard a new word, never heard before: **gawlix**.

When we got home from our little drive, we looked it up in the dictionary. Yup, there it was, added to *Merriam-Webster Dictionary* in June 2018.

You’ve seen a gawlix before, especially if you ever read the comics section of a newspaper. But you probably didn’t know that the thing had a name. *Gawlix* is the name for the character or series of characters that appear in place of profanity - the comics’ version of bleeping out a word.

A gawlix is made from the characters that can be found

on the (upper case) number row on your computer keyboard: the at sign (@), the pound sign (#), the dollar sign (\$), the percent sign (%), the ampersand (&) and the asterisk (\*).

The first use of gawlixes in comics can be found in the comic strip *Katzenjammer Kids* in the 1920s, but the creation of the term gawlix is credited to the late cartoonist Mort Walker (1923-2018), creator of *Beetle Bailey*, which debuted in 1950. He coined a number of terms for situations created in comic drawing, and he collected them in a book, *The Lexicon of Comicana*, published in 1980. Other coinages from Walker include *briffit*, for the cloud of dust left when a character makes a hasty getaway, and *plewds* for the drops of sweat that are shown when a character is under stress. Bet you didn’t know these had names either!

# BSM Emergency Preparedness... Certified Emergency Response Teams (CERT)

By Section 22 HOA Board of Directors

To better prepare for the 2023 hurricane season, which begins June 1, your PGI Section 22 HOA board of directors has initiated an emergency preparedness program. The board of directors held an orientation meeting with Caroline Briones, Emergency Management Coordinator, Division of Emergency Management, Cape Coral Fire Department on February 8. Following this meeting, a letter was sent to all Burnt Store Marina homeowners announcing this program and asking for volunteers to sign up via an email link. We are happy to report that more than 24 residents signed up for this program. We are fortunate to have so many highly qualified, experienced professionals volunteer to serve our community. Many of them have prior experience with emergency management, medical care, disaster preparedness, police, military, etc. The first meeting of this group took place at the Tiki Hut on March 16.

The residences of these volunteers are spread throughout the community. Seven zones have been established to facilitate coordination and communication during an emergency. At least two full-time resident team members will be assigned to each zone. Each team member will undergo 16 hours of online and hands-on training, conducted at the Cape Coral Fire Department training facilities. The Basic CERT program provides disaster preparedness and basic response skills. Using the lessons learned from presentations, hands-on training, and exercises, CERT members will be able to assist others in the marina until professional responders are available.

Major Andrew Scott has inventoried AED/defibrillators throughout the marina. Their locations are:

1. Main Gate Access Control: (located in Main Gate on front counter)
  2. Golf Activity Center (located in restaurant on wall near bar on right side)
  3. Safe Harbor Marina: (located on back wall in Harbor master’s office)
  4. Platinum Point Yacht Club: (located on wall within docksiders bar)
  5. Fitness Center: (located behind front counter)
- Additional units will be added to this list as identified or procured.

The main gate house, managed by Major Scott and his team, is not for emergency responses. Often there is a single person on duty who is not allowed to leave the duty station. In case of an emergency please call 911, explain that you are in Lee County and ask for help. Please note, all of the AED/defibrillators are not available 24 hours a day seven days a week. The only device available 24/7 is located at the main gate house. Anyone in need can obtain an AED/defibrillator from the gate 24/7, however it must be picked up by a resident.

A central staging area will be designated during emergencies. Over the next few months, we plan to purchase radio communication equipment, emergency backup generators, if necessary, fuel, batteries, CERT emergency medical kits, and other provisions necessary for a disaster. In the event of an emergency, critical information will be available via bulletin boards. The bulletin boards will allow residents to obtain information not available from cell phones and internet service or other sources. Our plan is that all equipment and facilities will be in place and tested prior to the start of the hurricane season in June.

The CERT teams will prepare detailed contact lists, including Lee County Fire and Rescue, Lee County Sheriff’s department and HOA management personnel. We ask that anyone living in the marina that requires 24/7 electrical service contact their respective zone team manager or Mike Sanchez at Alliant Properties.

The training and placement of emergency response teams throughout the marina does not absolve you of your personal responsibilities regarding your safety and emergency planning. The teams are here to assist you in the event of an emergency, and facilitate communication during a crisis.

The Platinum Point Yacht Club held an educational seminar on April 19 at 6:30 p.m. in conjunction with the Cape Coral fire department. All aspects of the emergency response program were discussed. All residents and team members were invited to attend.


Let’s hope we never go through another event like *Hurricane Ian*. You can rest assured that your community will be much better prepared for the next event, whatever it is or whenever it comes.

## BSM Sheriff’s Patrols

**February:**  
**14 Warnings**  
10 – Failure to stop at a stop sign:  
10 residents, 4 visitors.

**March:**  
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1 – Suspended License, resident

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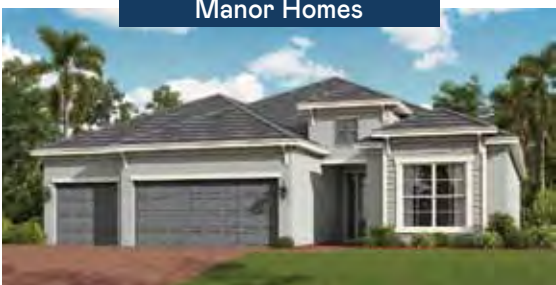
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# Platinum Point Yacht Club

By Loretta Steeves, Director

It’s hard to believe that the winter season is wrapping up. It seems like just yesterday when Platinum Point Yacht Club (PPYC) welcomed our entire community back with our fundraising *Shrimp Boil*. Together we raised almost \$5,000 for the Matlacha Hookers recovery efforts.

This spring season saw many events open to our entire community. Did you happen to see the *Boat Parade* that was a key part of our Fleet Week? Many of our sailors decorated their vessels, both big and small, to parade in front of the club to receive Commodore Jeri Butler’s salute and a blessing by Jacob Bester, minister at the Burnt Store Presbyterian Church. If you missed it this year, be sure to look for it next year. Also, be sure to come to another integral part of Fleet Week, *Songs of Sailors, Ships, and the Sea* – especially if you’re willing to contribute your voice to nautical favorites, such as *What Do You Do with a Drunken Sailor?*

Another PPYC event open to the community was organized this spring by our Education Committee. Did you happen to attend the presentation by Allyson Rae, NBC2 News Chief Meteorologist? Ms. Rae discussed the 2022-2023 hurricane season and its effects on our community. In reality, we were in the right space when *Hurricane Ian* came to call. Had the

storm gone to Tampa, Charlotte Harbor would have been in the powerful Northeast quadrant of the storm. We got the wind, but not the water.

Perhaps you came to the PPYC Players Production of the murder mystery, *Trouble at the Tropicabana* starring Ricky and Lucy Bicardi and Fred and Ethel Schmetz. The evening of Ricky and Lucy nostalgia was complete with original music and old-time video commercials. This evening of “Dessert Theater” with our Dockside Bar was a sold-out affair.

Other PPYC events helped our members close out the season with the camaraderie for which the club is known. The Social Committee decided to add one more event to our packed calendar: *PPYC Fashion Day – Passport to Paris*. A Parisian runway theme, highlighted in pink and black, transported us all to France, as the easy-to wear clothing, for which Anthony’s is known, was modeled by our own PPYC friends.

And, since PPYC members never miss an opportunity to party together, the final event of the winter season is always *The Sail Away Party*. This year’s event featured an authentic Hawaiian luau complete with a roasted pig, tropical chicken, and all the flavors of the islands from start to finish. Members wore their favorite tropical attire and the club provided leis for all. The party gave PPYC members a chance to say Aloha to those leaving for the summer. And since the word *luau* refers to a feast that gathers friends together over food, music and dance, we danced the night away in PPYC style.

If you have any interest in finding out more about membership at PPYC, 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. The 2022-2023 season was one of our best, despite *Hurricane Ian*’s impact. 2023-2024 promises to be even better.



## The Recipe Box

By Debbie Bretz, Admirals Point

### Bert’s Famous Beach Bread (Bert’s Bar & Grill)

I was looking through a cookbook that I picked up at one of the BSM community garage sales. The cookbook is almost 20 years old and is a collection of recipes from the Ladies League Golf Group. This cookbook, “Cooking For A Cure,” was one of many ways this group was raising money for the *Susan G Komen Foundation*. This cookbook is a treasure!



I noticed on page three there is a recipe that was not from one of our members, but the owner of Bert’s Bar & Grill, Bernard Johnson. I know we all have missed this iconic place on Pine Island Road that we all loved and visited often. Bert’s was one of many great restaurants that was destroyed by *Hurricane Ian*.

Bert’s Famous Beach Bread is delicious. I have ordered this bread before at Bert’s and shared it with friends. I thought, since we are all still recovering from *Hurricane Ian* that I would share this with everyone so you could make this at home while we all are still hoping Bert’s will find a way to rebuild someday.

Enjoy!

**BERT’S FAMOUS BEACH BREAD**  
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Bernard Johnson, Owner

1 Hoagie Roll  
4 T. Chunky Blue cheese  
6 whole slices of tomato

1/4 to 1/2 cup of Mozzarella cheese  
olive oil  
Italian Seasoning

Cut hoagie roll in half, and lay face up on a cookie sheet. Sprinkle olive oil around outside edges of the roll. Spread 2 T. of blue cheese on each half of the roll. Cut the 6 slices of tomato in half and place on each half of the roll. Cover with mozzarella cheese and sprinkle Italian seasoning to taste. Broil in oven until cheese is melted and roll is toasty. Ranch can be substituted for Bleu cheese if preferred. Enjoy!

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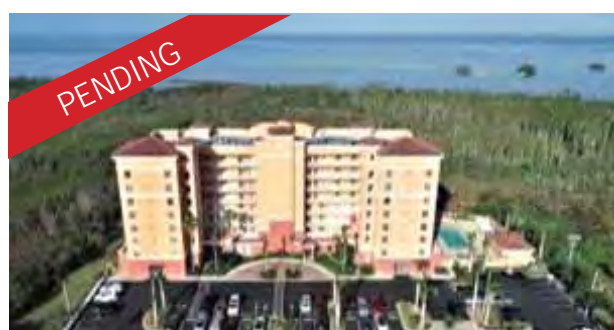
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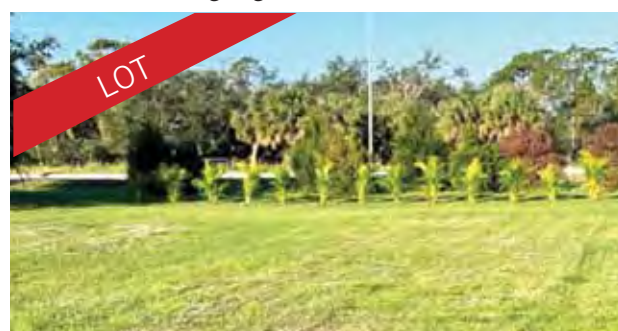
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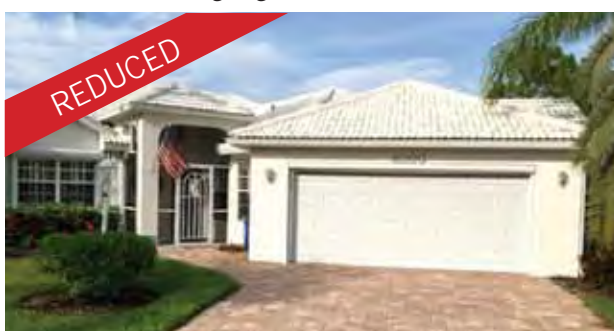
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