



From the Section 22 HOA BOD

By Mike McFeeley, Vice President
The Dog Days of Summer

Summer is usually a time to slow things down, travel, visit with friends and stay cool. This summer at Burnt Store Marina, that couldn't be further from the truth. Oh, the temperature has been hot, but there is no slowing down as we move through a laundry list of projects and new initiatives.

We have had a change on the Board of Directors as Kevin Whitfield has stepped down from the Board, and Lynda Vail has agreed to join in the fun. In a short period of time, Kevin helped to transform our accounting and tracking processes, often working 40 hour plus weeks to create systems that will serve us well going forward. Greg Beaton has graciously agreed to step up into the treasurer position, while Lynda will be working as the liaison for BSMCC along with Greg Beaton. Together with team Troon, we will all begin seeing many new and exciting changes.

When it comes to changes, the Vision 2025 Group began the process by helping us focus on a new direction. Someone once said, "change is the only constant," and I believe that we, in BSM, have taken that quote to heart. There is no doubt that we are still suffering a "hangover" from Hurricane Ian, but little by little we are putting it behind us, and making the community better in the process. When all our friends and neighbors return in the fall, there will be much that has changed. Below is a partial list of projects that are completed or in progress. Some of these projects aren't very exciting but are very necessary.

- * Heron #9 bulkhead is rebuilt
- * New scanners have been added to the golf course and Matecumbe Gates to improve access
- * New communication backups for the gate operations
- * New aerobic center floor at the fitness center
- * New fuel and pump house roofs in the maintenance area
- * New Resort Pool bulkhead and new pool surface
- * Line striping on the main roads has been completed
- * Proactive tree removal to prevent storm damage has been completed
- * Spa at the Resort pool has been rebuilt
- * Perimeter fencing around the community has been replaced
- * Pickleball and tennis courts have been resurfaced and repainted
- * New roofs are being put on all amenities

Architectural Review Committee

By Barry Groesch, Chair

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

- Grand Isle III & IV Towers, 3333 Sunset Key Circle, roof color only.
- Robert Paul & Millie Hierro, 1502 Islamorada Boulevard, roof/gutter replacement.
- Linkside Café, 24315 Vincent Avenue, roof replacement.
- Resort Pool House, 3180 Matecumbe Key Road, roof replacement.
- Main Guard House, 5000 Burnt Store Road, roof replacement.
- Fitness Center, 3085 Matecumbe Key Road, roof replacement.
- Joan L. Flinspach, 3090 Big Pass Lane, roof replacement.
- John & Arleen Cumisky, 3081 King Tarpon Drive, roof replacement.
- Robert & Janet Wood, 51 Big Pine Lane, hurricane shutters.
- Jonathan Ralph, 23961 Vincent Avenue, window/door replacements.
- Mark Vosseller, 4079 Cape Cole Boulevard, roof replacement.
- Joel Spector 4011 Cobia Estates Drive, window/door replacements.
- James Penoyer, 1101 Islamorada Boulevard, roof replacement.
- James Penoyer, 1101 Islamorada Boulevard, front door replacement.
- John & Janet Hukill, 24056 Redfish Cove, exterior paint.
- Kevin & Evelyn Kazacos, 3070 Big Pine Circle, roof replacement.
- Barbara L. Mueller, 302 Islamorada Boulevard, landscaping.
- Douglas Terrell, 1006 Matecumbe Key Road, roof replacement.



Duck family swimming. Photo by Karen Sanderson

* A community Certified Emergency Response Team (CERT) has been formed, trained, and are standing ready to assist in the event of an emergency

Now, in addition to what's been completed, there are also a lot of projects that are in various stages of completion that I want to tell you about. Following the Vision 2025 report, which can be read on the BSM website, we put together working groups from the community to discuss the many ideas, and formulate a plan to move forward. Over the last three years, we have conducted a number of community surveys and focus group discussions to get input from all over the community. It is these earlier discussions that helped guide the Vision 2025 group as they researched information and formulated opinions. From the report, we created five groups to focus on specific areas:

1. BSMCC Group
2. Community Beautification Group
3. Tennis and Pickleball Group
4. Dog Park Group
5. Fitness Center and Resort Pool Group

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- Steve Sarsycki, 3071 King Tarpon Drive, hurricane shutters.
- Dean K. Reidt, 4031 King Tarpon Drive, 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 Property Management, 13831 Vector Ave, Fort Myers, FL 33919, Email: **apmsupport@alliantproperty.com**.

An ARC did you know, moment...

By Barry Groesch, Architectural Review Committee Chair

Did you know...If you want to install cement curbing around your landscaping, an ARC application is required. For all projects, go to the **BSM22.org** website to get your application.



Reminder:
Next Section 22 HOA Board Meeting –
Tuesday, September 26, 9 a.m.,
Linkside Café Patio.
Every Tuesday – Section 22 HOA BOD Workshops,
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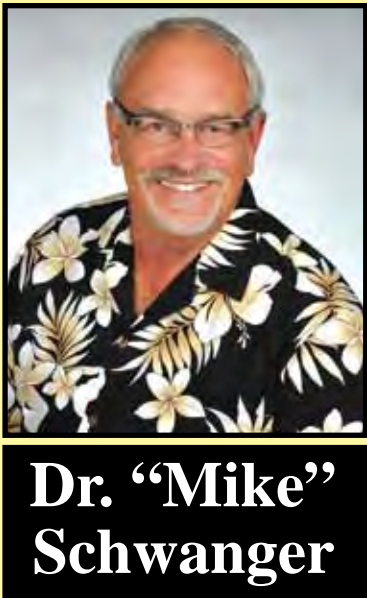
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Inside the Gates Dates

- **Friday, September 1:** Deadline for the October *Beacon*. Article and picture submissions are welcomed. Become part of the *Beacon* family.
- **Tuesday, September 26:** Section 22 HOA Board Meeting, Linkside patio, 9 a.m.
- **Every Tuesday:** Section 22 HOA Board Workshop, 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.

Outside the Gates Dates

- **Friday, September 1:** Fort Myers River District Art Walk, 1 to 5 p.m. Visit many galleries, exhibitions and performances.
- **Saturday, September 9:** 2nd Saturday Dance Party, 2 to 5 p.m. Lessons start at 2 p.m., party starts at 2:45 p.m. Punta Gorda Women’s Club, 118 Sullivan St. \$15 USA Dance Members, \$26 USA Dance Member Couples, \$17 non-members single, \$20 non-members couples. Call Laura for information, 330-501-2366.
- **Saturday, September 16 and Sunday, September 17:** Sullivan Street Arts & Crafts Fair. Downtown Punta Gorda, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Friday, September 15:** 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.
- **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 Thursday:** Fort Myers River District Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Every Saturday:** Punta Gorda Farmers Market, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., downtown. Lots of vendors with fresh fruits and vegetables, live music, crafts and other great buys. Visit nearby murals and enjoy some of the great downtown restaurants.
- **Every Saturday:** Cape Coral Farmers Market, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Clubhouse Square, SE 47th Ter. and SE 10th Pl., Cape Coral.
- **Every Sunday:** Punta Gorda Historical Society’s Farmers Market, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at History Park, 501 Shreve Street. Shop for veggies, meats, plants and gifts. Most Sundays you will be treated to live music by Dave Heveron. When the market closes at 1 p.m., take a guided tour of the gardens at the park. Walk the grounds with Florida native gardener, Starr Zachritz, and learn about Florida’s flora. A \$5 suggested donation gets you a plant to take home. Call 941-380-6814.

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Each group was charged with creating an action plan, based upon the many recommendations and ideas. They are looking at cost, perceived value, lifestyle benefit, revenue potential, liability, and aesthetic value just to name a few. The groups are advisory in nature. The final decision for implementation rests with the Board and the community at large. Not all the changes will impact everyone equally. This is a community of 2000 doors, which means that we all need to look at the big picture. The Vision 2025 Group combined their own life experiences along with interviewing Realtors and researching other communities, both locally and nationally, in order to come up with best ideas and practices. Their “North Star” was to enhance lifestyle of existing owners, increase property values and help the community to better compete with the newer options popping up throughout South West Florida.

Below are some of the plans put forth from the working groups:

BSMCC Group

- * Clear glass garage doors along with storm shutters being installed at Linkside in the Lanai. This is a safety move along with being a way to better utilize the space
- * A new color scheme for the outside of the building to help freshen up the look
- * A new outside permanent Tiki bar-style structure is being built, replacing the old covered sail area to provide shade, protection from rain, and a venue for outside entertainment
- * A new outside permanent stage that will provide protection for the many musicians who are scheduled to appear beginning in November
- * Flooring changes in the restaurant are being considered

Community Beautification Group

- * New front entrance and sign which will update and improve the first impression
- * New color scheme for entry gates, as well as all the amenities, including roof colors as well as structure colors
- * Review of community signs and lighting to enhance our appearance
- * Review of our landscaping throughout the community

Tennis and Pickleball

- * Look at repurposing a separate existing Section 22 plot of land for use as a court facility
- * Review what other comfort facilities need to be added
- * Come up with a plan for parking

- * Look at how new space will open up other expansion opportunities

- * Look at financial modeling, and the impact on membership

Dog Park Group

- * Decide on a proper location
- * Understand the permitting and liability issues
- * Create design and secure pricing
- * Identify other issues such as water, shade, access, parking, and restrooms

Fitness and Resort Pool

- * Look at plan for expanding the physical structure of the Fitness Center
- * Layout the new interior areas
- * Design the landscape at the Resort Pool to create luxury experience
- * Look at new tree uplighting to create an attractive area at night

These are just some of the things that are going on during the “Dog Days of Summer.” It is exciting and truly transformational. Many people have put in hundreds of hours in support of this community. We all benefit from their hard work. Many of these projects are already funded, or will be funded, through the revenues generated by our amenities. Some capital improvements that need to be done may require alternative financing. There are also groups standing by to assist us with these issues when the time comes. Supply chain, contractor availability and permitting issues will add time to some of these programs, but the focus is to decide on a course of action, and then move forward. Much more to come in the future.

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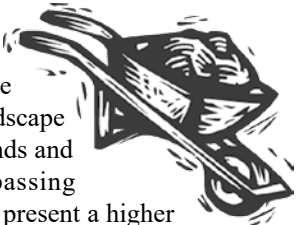
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Gardener’s Wheelbarrow

By Maggie Hart,
Mariners Pass

If you have not already done so, prepare your September landscape for possible damaging high winds and torrential downpours from passing tropical storms. September can present a higher probability for hurricanes in SW Florida. Hurricane season peaks between August and October, with September 10 as the day you’re statistically most likely to find a tropical storm somewhere in the Atlantic basin. *Hurricanes Harvey, Hugo, Ike, Irma* and *Maria*, and of course, *Ian*, were all September named storms.

- September/October is your last chance to prune plants that are cold-sensitive tropical plants (e.g., hibiscus, ixora, allamanda). This will allow enough time to pass so that new growth can harden off.
- Prune up to one third of the foliage height from shrubs. If your goal is to greatly reduce a shrub’s size, prune one third now and in the spring if need be. And, you might question if the shrub requires massive amounts of pruning on a regular basis, is it the best plant in this particular spot? Maybe a plant that won’t grow as large is more appropriate.



- More on pruning...pruning can be an overall reduction of height (horizontal), or, it can be the removal of the tallest branches (vertical). Both will reduce height, but the latter method will encourage growth in the center, allow better air flow and give sun an opportunity to reach the interior. The result is a healthier plant with more even distribution, top to bottom, of foliage.
- Those unfamiliar with subtropical plants may decide to constantly shape their shrubs into hedges and boxes. Subtropical and tropical plants are poor subjects for this sort of topiary treatment. It denies them their natural appearance, forces bushy growth only on the tips of the branches and encourages dieback, disease and pests through the lack of sun and air circulation to the plant’s interior. The only plant that we grow locally that would allow this sort of treatment is the tiny-leafed ilex schilling.
- You still have time to plant trees, shrubs and turf. Get them in as soon as possible to take advantage of the remaining summer rains. Select plants based on size and sun, shade and drought tolerance. Choose the right plant for the right place.
- Herbs (annual and perennial varieties) are another good bet at this time of year and can be grown inside the lanai cage, where they do well. Pot up sage, sweet marjoram, thyme and rosemary for use in your meal preparation. Herbs need to be pruned frequently.

- If your lawn has dead spots from chinch bugs and you have already treated the area, now is the time to do some renovation. Remove the dead turf runners, smooth out the area and replenish it with topsoil if the area is relatively small. For larger areas, you can purchase plugs from a garden center, filling in with topsoil.
- Fungus and disease can become a problem under wet/humid and high temperatures. Check your ornamental shrubs and turf for signs and treat promptly and appropriately.
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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.



Grammar Tips... It's or Its

By the Editors of The Beacon

It's one of the words we use every day. We say it, read it and write it in our emails and other forms of communication. It's really easy to say – mainly because *it's* and *its* sound the same. But they're not that easy to write correctly.

It's is a combination, or contraction, of **two** words: *it*, a pronoun, and *is* or *has*, which are verbs. This word form is used in casual conversation and writing. It is far more formal to say "it is" than "it's." Examples would be "*it's* the best restaurant in town," or "*it's* been great."

Its is the possessive form of the word *it*. It is used to indicate possession by something, an object or a nonhuman being. Examples would be "*its* food is the best in town," or "the movie came to *its* end."

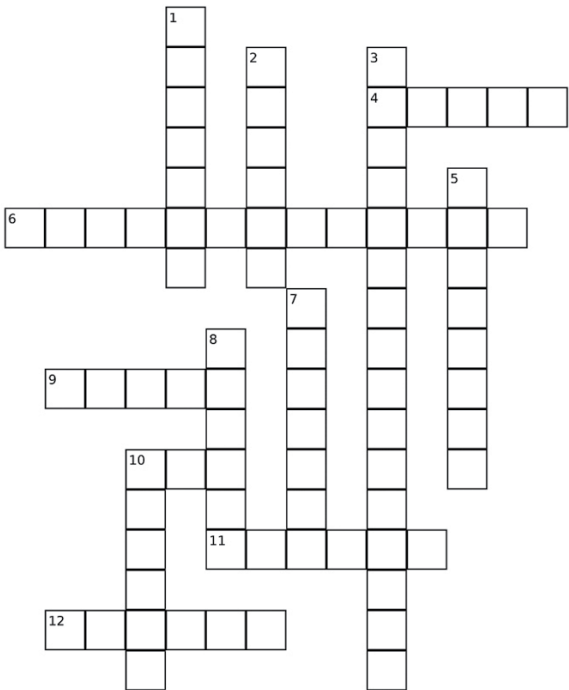
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The Beacon Crossword Puzzle



Down:

- 1. Platinum Point Yacht club is a club by the members for the _____.
- 2. Labor Day is always the first _____ of September.
- 3. Sept 2, 1945 was declared V-J Day by President Truman. What does V-J stand for?
- 5. Punta Gorda Farmer's Market is every _____.
- 7. _____ are one of the few birds that permit another _____ to act as a parent to their offspring.
- 8. Burnt Store Marina Veterans Day events help raise money for the "Wish for our _____" charity.
- 10. _____ and rhythm are a very important part of the golf swing.

Across:

- 4. What country do you associate the game Bocce with?
- 6. IGFA stands for the _____ Game Fish Association.
- 9. Guardian ad Litem volunteers become the _____ for children in the dependency court system.
- 10. We should work all our major muscle groups at least _____ times a week.
- 11. The Linkside Cafe now has the NFL _____ Ticket for all to come and watch football games starting Sept. 3rd.
- 12. _____ and disease can become a problem under wet/humid and high temperatures for our shrubs in SW Florida.

Bocce - That's The Way We Roll!

*By Kathy Darrell,
Tarpon Pass II*

Yes, it has been an extremely warm summer at BSM! Afternoon rains were welcomed, but the heat continued, and did not encourage bocce play.

We are looking forward to the 2023 – 2024 season and cooler temperatures to formally start our season in October. We know, from previous years, that snowbirds start to return in October, and we are anxious to see everyone and meet new players. Be sure to check the October *Beacon* for the exact date we start! We will play on Tuesday afternoons at 3 p.m., and once again plan on dining together.



Most people know that bocce is associated with Italy. Italian bocce is also called Boccie, Bocci, and Boccia. The French call the game, Piquant or Pequante and the English call the game Lawn Bowling. The English use three different surfaces – flat green, crown green, and indoor. Our court at BSMCC is a cement pad covered with artificial turf. We do have sideboards, and this allows you to "bank shot". This makes for interesting and advanced play.

Consider joining the BSMCC Bocce Group. You do not have to be a member of BSMCC to play. It is a great opportunity to meet new folks and make new friends that will have your back, and ensure you come to love the game of bocce.

If you are interested in playing bocce, please contact Connie & Dave Huelsbeck at - huelsbed@bellsouth.net.
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Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Volunteers and Foundation

By Barbara Berman, Guardian ad Litem Volunteer and Foundation Vice President

Southwest Florida currently has many children in the dependency court system, with many in Charlotte County alone. These children, through no fault of their own, have been placed under court supervision, and removed from their homes because of abuse, neglect or abandonment. These vulnerable children, many of whom live in temporary homes

until a safe, permanent solution is achieved, experience many changes, often very rapidly. Their futures are very uncertain and their young fragile lives are extremely stressful because they do not know what will happen next.

During this very uncertain time, dedicated trained GAL volunteers become the “voice” for these children in the courts, their temporary living placements, schools, the case management system, and with other community agencies.

In many cases, the GAL volunteer is the one constant in the child’s life. Southwest Florida residents, including a number of Burnt Store Marina residents, are currently serving as Guardian ad Litem (GAL) volunteer advocates. The goal is 100% representation, so there is more work to be done and more volunteers to be recruited, trained and supported.

During this critical time, GAL volunteers determine if the child’s needs are being met. The volunteers can submit requests on the child’s behalf to the GAL Foundation to help stabilize the children, by providing a sense of normalcy with items such as beds, tutoring, clothing, strollers, camp, sports participation, field trips, happier birthdays, and many other things not funded by any other source, through the Foundation’s *Children’s Needs Program*. All these children want is to find their forever home, and feel like everyone else their age. They want to feel normal, just like their peers. Following Hurricane Ian, our children’s needs have been greater than ever before.

The Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Foundation, 20th Judicial Circuit, Inc., raises the funds necessary to meet these needs and to recruit and train GAL volunteer advocates. On October 25, the Foundation will be hosting its fourth annual *Fashion to a Tea* signature fundraiser, at the Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club. This plated luncheon and gorgeous venue will

ensure the anticipated 200 guests will have a wonderful time. This year’s event promises to be even more fun as we will showcase our Guardian ad Litem Volunteers as our GLAM GALs models, offer beautiful silent auction items, and will have some other wonderful surprises! Your attendance or sponsorship for the upcoming *Fashion to a Tea* event will help achieve our goals in Charlotte County. For tickets, that are \$55 each, please go online to **Voicesforkids.org** and click on “events,” and then *Fashion to a Tea*. Alternatively, please call Barb Berman at 443-632-4885 for tickets, volunteer or auction donations, sponsorship assistance or any other questions.

Keep your eyes open for another wonderful opportunity for fun and to help our kiddos when the BSM Fitness Center will be hosting a 5k Fun Run/Walk and lunch as part of our community Home for the Holidays.



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Our Fitness Club helps put the Fit in Fitness

By Cynthia Mathews

When it comes to taking care of ourselves, we’ve all heard the adage – “Pay yourself first, invest in yourself, and take care of yourself.” That’s why the Burnt Store Marina Fitness, Racquet, and Pool Club offers such competitive rates for a health club. For less than a cup of coffee a day, members and guests have access to a full-service workout facility. We have all kinds of classes and coaches to help us keep the fit in fitness.

We’ve been working to get the fitness club ready for the upcoming season. We’ve got some new equipment, a nice outdoor space, and a new floor in the exercise room. The pool and spa repair is well underway, and the tennis and pickleball courts have bright new surfaces. We are so excited that we’re planning a **Welcome Back** party.

Hippocrates said, “Health is the greatest of human blessings.” Living a vibrant life in the Burnt Store Marina area means moving every day. That’s why the fitness club is here. We want to provide the service and services to make our members healthy. With annual single memberships at \$1.97/daily and couple memberships at \$1.25 each (\$2.50/daily for two) not only is our facility conveniently located, far closer than Punta Gorda, Cape Coral, or North Fort Myers, but it’s a fantastic value. Guest passes are \$15 each day per person or 12 passes for \$150 plus tax. Passes are good for 1 year from the date of purchase.

“Health is wealth,” touted Ralph Waldo Emerson in 1860. He’s absolutely right. That’s why our fitness club is such an important part of our community. We have lots of plans for off-campus excursions in the winter season. We recently enjoyed a wildlife-filled kayaking trip in Bokeelia. Sometimes you’ll find us dancing to live music outside at Cass Cay.

Our staff is incredible. Jen always has a smile on her face. The front desk staff make our members feel welcome. We’ve got great court coaches - Ricky and Jay, and our Personal Trainer - Christopher. Our fit, fun, and friendly instructors are the wheels on this wagon.

By land and by pool, our aerobics instructors are fantastic. In the pool, join our group Monday to Saturday



at 8:30 a.m. and Fridays at 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. Classes are listed below:

- Barb ‘Rocking to the Oldies’
- Cathy ‘Moderate Aerobics with a Beat’
- Deanne ‘Energetic Cardio Coordination’
- Deb ‘Deep Water Mixed Bag’
- Linda C. ‘Zumba’
- Linda W. ‘Intense Muscle Conditioning’
- Val ‘Full Body Social Rock ‘n’ Roll’

Check out our Aerobics Room’s bouncy new floor. Join the following instructors for your perfect class:

- Monday - Marna at 7:30 a.m. for ‘Sit n Fit’ and at 8:30 a.m. for ‘Chair Stretch.’
- Tuesday - Marna at 7:30 a.m. for ‘Tubesday’ and 8:30 a.m. for ‘Functional Stretch’.
- Wednesday - Linda C. at 7:30 a.m. for ‘Lotta Tobata’ and ‘Zumba’ at 8:30 a.m.
- Thursday – Marna at 7:30 a.m. for ‘Butts and Guts’ and ‘Functional Stretch’ at 8:30 a.m.
- Friday Leigh Anne at 8:30 a.m. for ‘Sit n Fit’

But wait! There’s more! Yoga classes are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.

The tennis court resurfacing is complete, and the courts look great! Our volunteers put the nets back on the courts and they are ready for the competitive season to begin

in November. For group clinics and private lessons, reach out to Jay Penney at 413-281-0041.

Join us anytime. Courts are open from dawn to dusk! Reserve your spot on Court Reserve, or call the Fitness Center during the following times - Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Want to play this upcoming season or just want to learn to play? Sign up for Kelly Millar’s Beginner’s Clinics on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. Call her at 530-305-1451 for more information.

Use Court Reserve to sign up for 8 a.m. Saturday’s Round Robin for eight men and eight women.

Our new courts are ready for play. Join the group Monday - Saturday from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Picklers and Gigglers meet on Monday and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the advanced group on Fridays. Round Robin men’s play is on Tuesday with mixed groups on Thursday from 2 - 4 p.m., and ladies-only Round Robin on Wednesdays from 2 - 4 p.m.



May Your Next Shot Be Your Best!

After many wonderful years in the Marina, our friend, Babe Ahrens, has left to be with her family in Pennsylvania.

On Thursday, July 20, a Babe’s Rules 9-hole golf event was held to honor “Keep Your Damn Head Down” Babe Ahrens. And, the following week, a special “Good Bye” cocktail party was held for our good friend, Babe at Linkside Café on Friday, July 28. Many friends gathered for hugs, and regretful parting words were said.

Photos by Daryl Lemon and Maggie Hart



Babe



Babe’s cake



Babe playing her game.



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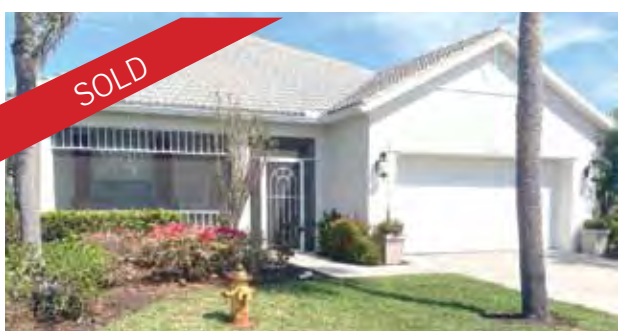
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Burnt Store Marina CC News

By John Abbott,
General Manager, BSMCC

Well, September is here, and we all know what that means...that's right, it's time for *FOOTBALL!* Linkside café has the Sunday ticket, and is a great place to watch all your favorite teams. Bring your friends and family over and enjoy discounted food and beverages, good football and good times. If you are the type that would rather watch the game at home, come by for our delicious breakfast prior to kickoff.

There is a lot more going on at BSMCC this month beginning with our Labor Day Scramble on Monday the 4th, followed by a cookout to celebrate the holiday. The other golf event in September is the “Shamble” on the 23rd. This is a four-person event where all four players tee off, the team chooses what they feel is the best shot, and each player will play their own ball from there until they hole out. The two best scores out of the four, after handicap, will be added together for the team score. This is always a lot of fun and very popular so make sure you get signed up early.

Our calendar stays full at Linkside with trivia every Monday, dinner every Tuesday and Friday, and lots of events on Wednesday and Thursday, including Republican and Democrat dinners, Bar Bingo, Prime Rib buffet, Pasta night, Ladies night and more. On Saturdays, we continue to provide live music inside the café along with pub night food specials. Check out the weekly blast for all the dates and changes to our event schedule. If you do not get the weekly blast, stop by or call the administration office and give us your email address so we can get you on the list. As always, we look forward to seeing everyone at the Club!



BSMCC SEPTEMBER 2023 Schedule of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Linkside Café 941-637-6405					1 Lunch 11 a.m - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/*	2 Lunch 11 a.m - 3 p.m.* Pub Night 5 - 8 p.m. Music - Alan Small
3 Breakfast Menu 9 - 11 a.m. Lunch 12 - 3 p.m. NFL Football	4 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Trivia 5 - 8 p.m.***	5 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/* 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	6 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Republican Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.***	7 Lunch 11 a.m - 3 p.m.* Taco Thursday 5 - 8 p.m. \$5 Margaritas	8 Lunch 11 a.m - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/*	9 Lunch 11 a.m - 3 p.m.* Pub Night 5 - 8 p.m. Music - Rick Austin
10 Breakfast Menu 9 - 11 a.m. Lunch 12 - 3p.m. NFL Football	11 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Trivia 5 - 8 p.m.***	12 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/* 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	13 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Bingo 5 - 8 p.m. **/****	14 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Pasta Night 5 - 8 p.m.	15 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/*	16 Lunch 11 a.m - 3 p.m.* Pub Night 5 - 8 p.m. Music - Rob Norum
17 Breakfast Menu 9 - 11 a.m. Lunch 12 - 3p.m. NFL Football	18 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Trivia 5 - 8 p.m.***	19 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/* 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	20 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Prime Rib 5 - 8 p.m.*/**	21 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Thristy Thursday 1/2 price Appetizers Happy Hour Drinks 3 - 8 p.m.	22 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/*	23 Lunch 11 a.m - 3 p.m.* Pub Night 5 -8 p.m. Music - Lori Lee
24 Breakfast Menu 9 - 11 a.m. Lunch 12 - 3p.m. NFL Football	25 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Trivia 5 - 8 p.m.***	26 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/* 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	27 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Democrat Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.	28 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Ladies "Barbie" Night Music \$5 Barbie Drink	29 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/*	30 Lunch 11 a.m - 3 p.m.* Pub Night 5 - 8 p.m. Music - Kit Jones

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Moorhen Families

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass

What makes moorhens so interesting to watch? It isn't their gracefulness, because they resemble little black chickens with red crested yellow beaks, like candy corn. It isn't the way they walk, because they resemble a chicken as they walk. It isn't the way they swim like a duck, because they don't have web feet. It's not how they fly, because they only clumsily fly for short distances, with their yellow legs dangling. Being very social, these birds will gather into flocks of several generations.

Moorhens are known by several different names: common gallinule, Florida gallinule, swamp chicken and waterhen. Many call them coots, but they can be distinguished from the coot by the moorhen's yellow legs, beak and the white patches on its body. Moorhens are more closely related to rails than to ducks or chickens, even though they swim like



ducks and peck for seeds like chickens. Moorhens make all sorts of chickenlike clucks, cackles and squawks. Their series of clucks often end with what sounds like a laugh.

Chicks have black downy feathers with a white throat. Usually two or three hatch first, and go off with one adult, while the rest stay with the other parent. They can swim soon after hatching, staying close to vegetation for protection. The chicks grow rapidly. Once all the chicks leave the nest, the moorhens use the nest for sleeping at

night. They can raise more than one brood in a season, using the same nest. The chicks can leave the nest after about two months, however those from the first brood often stay around and help feed their siblings from the second (or third) brood. Older chicks often stay to help the parents raise the new chicks.

Moorhens are one of the few birds that permit another moorhen to act as a parent. Females are known to lay eggs in other moorhen nests, in addition to their own. Often, juveniles stay with the parents to help feed and attend to the latest brood. If the parents produce a third brood, they can relax even more, with both of the first two broods helping to feed the latest brood.

What makes them so much fun to watch is that they appear to be having a lot of fun with each other – splashing around, and, yes, laughing.

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Fit Happens... Use it or Lose it-the Importance of Strength Training

By Cheri Frank,
Certified Fitness
Trainer & Nutrition
Coach

All adults are affected by normal physiological changes associated with aging. These changes sneak up on us, and we sometimes don't even notice until we can't seem to lift as much, stand or walk as long, or notice our grip strength has diminished because we can't open a jar. As we age, there is a degenerative loss of lean muscle mass, and our strength, bone density and aerobic capacity decrease. As you lose lean muscle mass, your body fat percentage will increase. Many of the negative effects of aging are simply brought on by inactivity. The saying "use it or lose it" has real meaning when it comes to your muscles. The good news is strength training can help prevent the loss of muscle mass, and help you in regaining lean mass that you may have already lost.

This is critical as we age, because many older adults lose three to five ounces of muscle mass per year. According to experts at Tufts University, strength training is the single most critical step in slowing the aging process. Another great thing about building muscle is the more muscle you have, the more calories you burn throughout the day, even when at rest. Studies show that leg strength is one of the best predictors of whether a person can live independently, which is especially important as we age. Cold muscles are prone to injury, so when strength training, it is important to warm-up your muscles to get them ready for the workout. A 5 to 10-minute warm up helps get blood flowing to your muscles and increases the mobility of your joints to allow greater range of motion. It is important to work all major muscle groups, which include abdomen, hips, legs, chest, back, shoulders and arms, at least two times a week, but avoid working the same group two days in a row.

There are many ways to mix up your workout such as concentrating on upper body one day and lower body the



next or doing both upper and lower body the same day. You want to start with weight that you can comfortably lift for approximately 8-12 repetitions, depending on your goals. Typically, in a strength training routine you will do 3 sets of 8-12 repetitions of each exercise. You know you are using the proper weight, if by the third set, the last 2 repetitions are difficult. Using proper form is important because the better your form, the better the results, and less likely you are to become injured. If you need help with your form don't hesitate to ask one of the instructors or trainers at the fitness center to help you.

You want to lift the weight in a controlled and unhurried manner to help isolate the muscles, and keep you from relying on momentum to lift the weight. Rest for about a approximately 30 seconds between exercises. Most importantly, if an exercise causes pain, make sure

and stop. You may need to decrease the weight after you rest the muscle for a couple of days. Last, but not least, make sure and stretch after your workout. Stretching can help reduce muscle soreness and stiffness. Make sure to stretch each muscle group you worked, and hold stretches for 15 seconds to 30 seconds.

The important thing with strength training is to find something you enjoy and mix up your routine. Try not to just do the exact same routine on the machines every time, mix it up with some exercises with dumbbells or a strength-training focused class. If you are new to exercise, make sure and consult with your doctor prior to beginning a new program, and start slow. The bottom line is our muscles have the ability to grow and get stronger at any age and if you don't "use it you will lose it."

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July - 18 Stops

- 4 Ticket
 - 2 Non-Residents - Stop Sign
 - 2 Residents - Expired Tags, No Drivers' License,
- 10 Speeding Warnings
 - 4 Resident / 6 Visitor
- 3 Stop Sign Warnings
 - 2 Residents / 1 Visitor
- 1 Seatbelt Warning

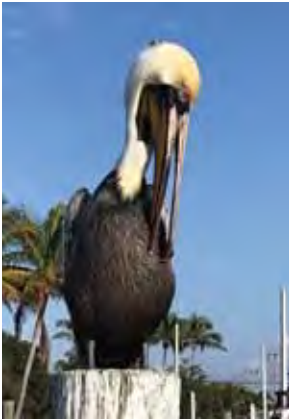


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Flamingo Head – Wonderful experience hand feeding flamingos at Sarasota Jungle Gardens – By Karen Sanderson



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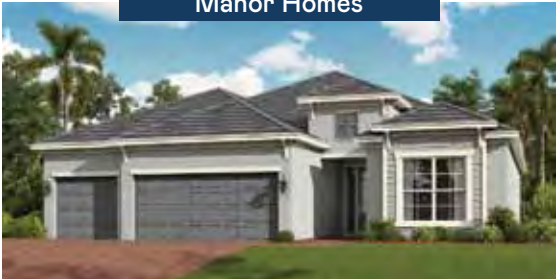
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Pets in Paradise

By Debra Bretz,
Admirals' Point

Welcome to a new monthly article dedicated to the hundreds of Burnt Store Marina residents with four legs. The monthly articles will share some tips on some great websites that fido and fluffy might find interesting, pictures of these important residents, and shops and restaurants that welcome these family members.

We all know that September is the busiest hurricane month in southwest Florida. I thought we should start out with a website that can assist you in locating places that welcome our four-legged friends in case of the need to evacuate. <https://www.bringfido.com>

This website allows you to search for pet friendly hotels, restaurants, services, events, and a pet travel blog. There are filters on the main site that help navigate type of pet and area you want to travel.



Harley Schwanger



Smokey Hart



Molly Bretz



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Kelly and Sadie Sineath

Animal Services Facebook page will also have the openings as they occur.

The only animals admitted will be cats and dogs. Pet owners are required to stay at the shelter. <http://www.petswelcome.com/>

The above website is also a great resource for finding pet-friendly hotel chains, and has a great pet-friendly road trip planner.

When we have a mandatory evacuation, evacuate to be safe, and NEVER leave your pet behind.

Send us your pictures!

Here are a few pictures of current residents of BSM. Please send me a picture of your four legged family member and we will include their picture in future articles.



Trading Post Deck- Calm & Beautiful – By Daryl Lemon

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.



Effective October 1, 2023, golf carts may not be operated on any "streets" by someone who is under the age of eighteen (18), unless the driver has a valid learner's permit or driver's license. The term "street" is defined by

Statute to include "...any privately owned way or place used for vehicular travel..." In other words, the BSM community's roadways would be subject to the legislative change and its new requirements.

- 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 without a driver's license or learner's permit is allowed to drive on streets within Burnt Store Marina.
- No one **not playing golf** is allowed to drive a golf cart on the golf course.



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September Off-Beat Holidays

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass

September was chosen as National Preparedness Month, as the tragedies of September 11, 2001 highlighted the importance of being prepared. Also, September was chosen partly because the peak of the Atlantic hurricane season is in mid-September. Disaster Preparedness month has been observed every September since 2004 by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Proper planning helps minimize the impact of a disaster to lives and property, and ensures your safety and survival. In case of an emergency, be sure to watch for official announcements from BSM Section 22 CERT representatives.

September 2, 1945 - The Japanese formally surrendered aboard the U.S. battleship USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay. President Truman declared this to be *V-J Day. Victory over Japan Day* marked the end of World War II. The USS Missouri is now a permanent part of the Pearl Harbor Memorial in Honolulu, Hawaii.

September 4 - *Newspaper Carrier Day* - This day commemorates the hiring of the very first newspaper carrier. On September 10, 1833, 10-year-old Barney Flaherty became the first newspaper carrier for *The New York Sun*. Be sure to say a big **thank you** to your *Beacon* carrier today!

September 4 – *Labor Day* - The first Labor Day celebration was the Labor Day parade in New York City on September 5, 1882. Oregon was the first state to pass this day as a legal holiday in 1887, and by the end of the same year, Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York had passed laws creating a Labor Day. President Grover Cleveland made it a federal holiday in 1894.

September 8 - *International Literacy Day* celebrates and promotes literacy all over the world, created by the United Nations. According to their website, “The aim is to highlight the importance of literacy to individuals, communities, and societies.”

September 11 - *9/11 Remembrance Day* – No one will ever forget where they were on the morning of September 11, 2001,

when they heard of the attacks on the World Trade Center in NYC, and the Pentagon in Washington D.C. In addition, do not forget the brave passengers on United Airlines Flight 93, who fought the terrorists, the plane crashing in a field in Shanksville, PA, rather than hitting the White House or the Capitol Building. It is hard to believe it has been 22 years since this event, and many are too young to remember it.

September 15 - *Rosh Hashanah* is the celebration of the Jewish New Year. Rosh Hashanah celebrates the creation of the world. It is also one of the holiest days of the Jewish year.

September 16 – *National Play-Doh Day* - Joseph McVicker of Kutol Chemicals in Cincinnati, Ohio created Play-Doh in 1955. It hit the market in 1956 and has been a popular toy ever since. It was created because McVicker’s sister-in-law wanted a safe, clay-like product for her nursery school children to use.

September 23 - *The Autumnal Equinox* signals the official beginning of Fall. It is the point where there are exactly 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of darkness at the equator. The daylight hours are dwindling, until we reach the Winter Solstice on December 21, the shortest day of the year and the start of winter.

September 24 - *Punctuation Day* - Do you find yourself correcting punctuation while reading a restaurant menu, or even a newspaper? Do you see red anytime you see an incorrect usage of the apostrophe? Then, this is your kind of holiday. Punctuation Day was created by Jeff Rubin, who launched it in 2004. The unofficial holiday aims to spread awareness of proper punctuation, and the virtues of using the appropriate punctuation in any kind of writing. Did You Know that the hashtag or pound sign (#) is also formally known as the *octothorpe*? Stay tuned in *The Beacon* for more thrilling grammar tips.

September 24 – 25 - *Yom Kippur*, otherwise known as the Day of Atonement, is considered the holiest day in Judaism. The holiday lasts approximately 25 hours and is typically observed with fasting and prayer in alignment with

the themes of atonement and repentance. On Yom Kippur, people observing the holiday are asked to abstain from food and drink. In turn, it is encouraged that people spend the day asking God’s forgiveness for their sins and donating to charity.

September 28, 2022 – The day Burnt Store Marina stood in the eye of *Hurricane Ian*.

September 28 - *National Public Lands Day* - Established in 1994 and held annually on the fourth Saturday in September, this day government organizations and agencies, and environmental groups team up with hundreds of volunteers around the country in support of public lands and parks. Improvement projects are performed to restore and renew the land and waters. All National Park Service sites that charge an entrance fee will offer free admission to everyone today.

Rules of the Road

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

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

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

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

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.



Golf Tips

By Bill Connelly, Manager of Golf Operations

Timing and rhythm are a very important part of a good golf swing. Have you ever watched a tour professional hit a shot that looked effortless? One of the comments I always hear is they make it look so easy. One thing that makes it look that way is that they have impeccable timing. They have figured out what tempo works for them and can repeat it. The next time you are practicing, try swinging a little smoother and not so fast or hard. The better timing and rhythm that you have, the better the shot will be.

There will be a Labor Day Scramble on September 4, at 9 a.m., and on September 24 the Shamble golf event at 9 a.m. Remember, there is a 9 Hole Scramble every Tuesday at 3 p.m.

Below are the results of June and July golfing events. **Father’s Day Scramble** on June 17

1st Flight Winners

1. Pete Lafond and Beth Tannous and Mark Van De Kerkhove
2. Wendy Whelan, Kevin Cowgill, Steve Dahl, Michael White
3. Lesley Rose and Steve Hunt, John and Kelly Millar

Closest to the Pin:

Heron #3	Pete LaFond
Osprey #3	Bob Moen

Fire Cracker Scramble on July 4

1st Flight Winners

1. Charlie Currao, Tony D’Arminio, John Jannotti, Jason Miller
2. Ralph Smith, Mike Morgan, Greg Beaton, Jim Harding
3. Tom Fleetwood, John Ackerson, Bruce Smith, Bill Loewes

2nd Flight Winners

1. Doug and Carol Chesser, Bob Keyworth and Sue Peters
2. Greg and Vanessa Jordan, Bob Paul and Millie Hierro
3. Lesley Rose and Steve Hunt, Rich and Betty Hallowell

Closest to the Firecracker:

Pelican #5	Ovila Case
Heron #2	Tom Freimark

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Platinum Point Yacht Club

By Loretta Steeves, Director

Platinum Point Yacht Club (PPYC) is *a club by the members and for the members*. That line has a good ring to it, but what does it really mean?

First of all, it means that PPYC is managed by a Board of Directors, made up of its own members. The board meets monthly to make all decisions for the club in order to facilitate the memberships’ needs and desires. (You may remember the Town Hall meetings held earlier this season to help the board better assess those needs and desires.)


The individuals on the 15-member board make a long-term, 3-year commitment to serving on the board. As in many yacht clubs, there is a progression in the leadership roles from Rear Commodore, responsible for the *on-land* activities, to the Vice Commodore, responsible for the *on-water* activities, to the Commodore, responsible for everything and who in return gets a Commodore’s Ball held in his or her honor.

Secondly, the catchy line *by the members and for the members* indicates that the wide variety of *on-land* and *on-water* activities and events are planned, organized, and executed by member volunteers. (The only exception is our wonderful part-time Club Administrator, who handles so many club details that members have wondered about her magical skills.) These PPYC member-organized activities run the gamut from formal catered dinners, such as the yearly Trim-A-Tree Holiday Extravaganza, where new members are welcomed into the club, to the Blessing of the Fleet, where parading boats are both saluted and blessed. Add that to the simpler monthly events, such as the Sunset Socials and Grill Nights, which are basically potluck evenings of wonderful foods, once again created and brought by the members.

The outgrowth of having a member board and using member volunteers has many positive outcomes: members are in control of club decisions and yearly dues are kept remarkably low. But the most important outcome can be summarized in a single word: *camaraderie*.

The friendships established by working and playing together often last throughout members’ lives. And importantly, these friendships established during the busy season, continue during the summer months. The friendships are sustained by those members who remain in Burnt Store, as they go on cruises and vacations together. (One example is the six PPYC members who just returned from a trip to Mexico.) The friendships are also sustained as members who have returned up north get together for celebrations. (Like the birthday recently celebrated by another PPYC member.) And finally, friendships are sustained as members travel over the summer months and “just happen to be coming by your neighborhood.” (This writer and her husband just drove from Maine to Colorado to see grandchildren and stopped to see members in Nebraska... it was indeed on the way.)

Thus, *by the members and for the members* means a lot more than it sounds on face value. The single most important outcome is the development of the friendships that are so central to all of us who have chosen live in Burnt Store Marina.



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Tight Lines... A Potpourri of Fishing Information

By Jay Lev, Burnt Store Anglers

From time-to-time, conversations among fisherman are full of expressions and initials. It takes a while to grasp the language of fisherman, and more importantly the information conveyed. As we attend fishing meetings the initials IGFA frequently are spoken. IGFA stands for the International Game Fish Association. This organization was formed in the early 1950s to establish a central group that would record the worldwide catches of fisherman, and especially recognize the largest catches by anglers. As the organization matured, its members established categories of catches caught on different size tackle and



recognize the catches of men, woman, and youth. Each year, a beautiful book of worldwide catches organized by world records is published. Anglers can apply by application to compete in various fish categories for the coveted designation of “World Record Holder.”

The Burnt Store Anglers have several of their members published in the record book for their outstanding catches. For more information, go online to **IGFA.com**. One of the most widely used tools made available to anglers is the formula the IGFA developed to determine the weight of a fish, especially when a certified scale is not available. Here is how it works. An angler measures the girth of the fish, and then multiplies the girth number by the same girth number. That number is then multiplied by the length of the fish. Finally, that total number is divided by 800 and the result equals the weight in pounds of the fish. (*Girth X girth X length Divided by 800 = weight in pounds of your fish*) Try it, it is actually fun!

Another set of initials frequently discussed are the initials NMFS. These initials represent the National Marine Fisheries Service and the CSTP of that service stands for the Cooperative Shark Tagging Program. This government-sponsored organization is in Narragansett, RI. This group of marine scientists recruit anglers to participate in a shark tagging program that provides a great deal of research about shark migration, breeding, size growth, feeding habits and life expectancy of sharks. In 1962, the organization was organized with a group of less than 100 volunteers. Each volunteer was sent a series of tagging darts, to which a small capsule of data was attached. This dart was attached to a broom handle, and used to insert the metal dart into the lower part of the dorsal fin of the shark. Each dart also had a 3 x 5-inch data card that identified the the shark tag number and

information about size, species, sex and location where the shark was caught. The card was then sent into NMFS along with the angler and captains’ information. The angler and captain would receive a supply of 12 tags, attached reporting card and a copy of the Anglers Guide to Sharks of the Northeastern United States. During Shark Season, a copy of this book is given to members of the Burnt Store Anglers during their fishing school and lecture series.

Personally, I have tagged over 150 sharks, and have had four tags returned from sharks I had caught. The recapture is described in a letter from NMFS along with a beautiful shark tagging patch and hat. These two items are among my most prized fishing possessions. Very few sharks are recaptured that have been at liberty for any length of time. Eighty-five percent of tags returned from captured sharks are represented by eight species: blue shark, sandbar shark, shortfin mako shark, tiger shark, lemon shark, blacktip shark, dusky shark and porbeagle shark. Of the sharks recaptured, the capture was made from no change in location to 3,997 nautical miles. Only three species traveled over 3000 miles. The blue shark, tiger shark and mako shark. One shark was at liberty for 27.8 years.

Among other discussions, the new Redfish Tag is getting a lot of discussion. No, we are not talking about a tag placed in the fish, but a beautiful license plate placed on the back of your vehicle. This tag was recently issued to help conserve Florida’s fisheries. The tag has the spotted tail of the redfish breaking water with the words across the bottom of the plate that says Conserve Florida’s Fisheries. To order this specialty license plate, visit **RedfishTag.com** or visit your local tax collector’s office.

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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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Veterans Day 2023 Events at BSM Salute to our Military

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We are very excited to announce plans for the veterans fundraising events this November to benefit the *Wish for Our Heroes Foundation*. This will be our 13th year of holding these events. *Wish for Our Heroes Foundation* is a national 501(c)(3) that grants wishes around the world. Through 2022, *Wish for Our Heroes* has provided more than \$30 million in assistance to our heroes, across all



50 states and four foreign nations (where U.S. troops are serving). W4OH has partnered with many corporations to inch closer to its ultimate goal of granting one wish for every deserving military member. Since inception in 2010, Burnt Store Marina Veterans Day events have raised more than \$600,000 for *Wish for Our Heroes*, a charity dedicated to assisting active-duty and Veteran military families struggling with basic needs such as food, shelter, transportation, children’s needs, and medical expenses. One hundred percent of all proceeds from the 2023 weekend activities benefit *Wish for Our Heroes*.

For event information and to purchase tickets to these amazing events visit our website at Burntstoreveterans.org.
Veteran’s Day Breakfast: Saturday, November 11 @ Cass Cay Restaurant

This event is held every year on Veterans Day to honor our veterans who served our country. Even if you are not a veteran, please join us in honoring and remembering those who have given so much for our freedom.

Heroes Dinner: Saturday, November 11 @ Cass Cay Restaurant

We will have great entertainment from Single Shot Steve Flagg, great food, 50/50 raffle, auctions and more. This event will be limited to 200 people.

Heroes Golf Classic: Sunday, November 12 @ Burnt Store Marina Country Club

Plan on a great day of golf, food, games on the course, 50/50 raffle, auctions and more.


400 Club Tickets – ON SALE NOW from any committee member. We are selling 400 Tickets for \$25.00/each for a chance to win up to 5 CASH prizes. 1st Prize - \$2,000, 2nd Prize - \$1,000, 3rd Prize - \$675, 4th Prize \$340 and 5th Prize \$125. Drawing will be held at Cass Cay on Saturday, November 11.

Auction/Raffle Items – We are looking for great items for our auctions & raffles for the Cass Cay and golf events. If you have something to donate, contact any committee member.

Sponsorships – WE NEED SPONSORS - Are you interested or know someone or a company who would want to become one of our sponsors – please contact Michele Goldman (518) 469-7357, or any committee member for more details.

If you are interested in getting more involved as a volunteer or serving on the committee, becoming a sponsor or donor, please send your name, email & phone number to Michele Goldman at magslp10@yahoo.com or call her at (518) 469-7357 or contact any of the committee members: Debbie Burns, Gordon & Cheryl Fogg, Cassandra Kelley, Sandy Howard, or Debi Bretz.

THANK YOU for your continued support and most importantly, THANK YOU to all the Active-Duty Military and Veterans. You are the HEROES. Thank you for your service.



Recipe Box

Key Lime Pie

By Debra Bretz, Admirals Point

From South Florida to the Keys one of the all-time most requested desserts is Key Lime Pie. Loved/liked by most people, the recipe below is easy and will satisfy any lover of Key Lime Pie.

Ingredients

For the Pie:

- 14 oz. can sweetened condensed milk
- 2 whole egg yolks
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 2 Tbsp. finely grated Key lime zest
- 2/3 cup fresh Key lime juice
- 1 homemade or store-bought unbaked graham cracker crust pie shell

For the Topping:

- 2 cups cold heavy cream
- 2 Tbsp. granulated sugar
- 1 Tbsp. finely grated Key Lime zest
- Lime slices for decorating (optional)

Instructions


Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, using a handheld mixer on medium speed, beat the milk, egg yolks and sour cream until smooth. Add lime zest and juice and beat just until combined. Pour the lime mixture into the graham cracker crust. Bake the pie until crust is darkened and fragrant, and filling slightly puffs, and center is still a little jiggly, about 15 minutes.

Remove from oven and let cool 30 minutes on counter, then refrigerate until cold, at least 2 hours or overnight.

To make the topping use a large bowl, and with a handheld mixer on medium-high speed, beat the cream and sugar together until stiff peaks form.

Top the cold pie with the whipped cream and sprinkle the lime zest on top. Also place a few lime slices on top (optional).

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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.



Burnt Store Marina Certified Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program Update

By Jerry Newmin, Section 22 HOA Director

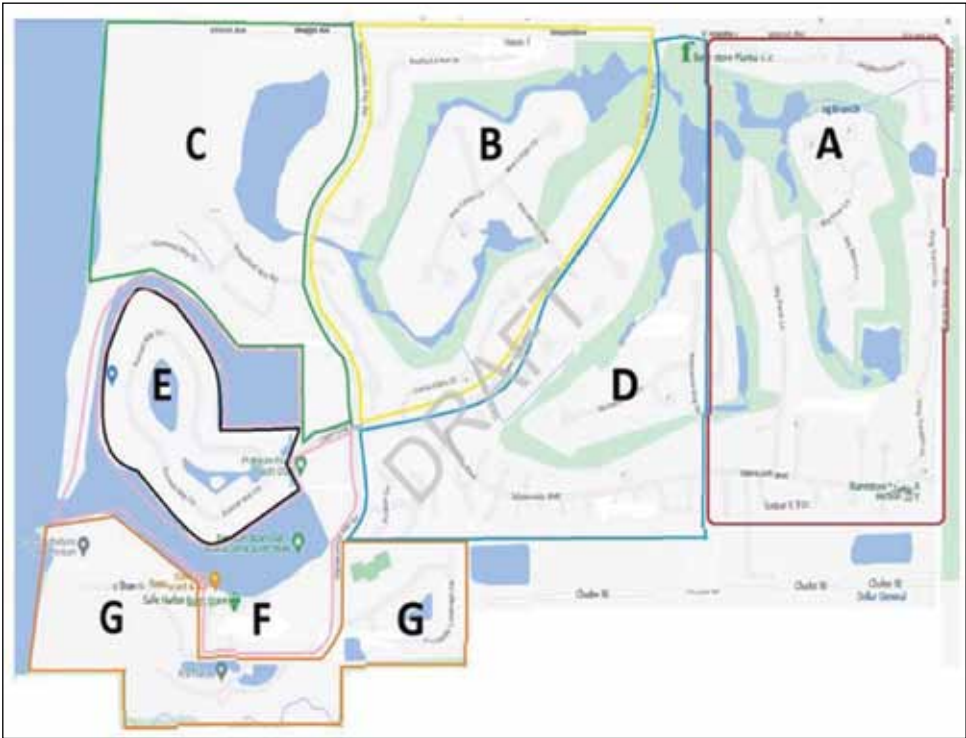
Nineteen full-time residents of BSM have completed their emergency response (CERT) training in conjunction with the Cape Coral Fire Department with more to follow. The Section 22 Board of Directors is pleased we will be much better prepared for another disaster or emergency.

Training for the CERT ID Badge includes 8-10 hours of online training plus a full day of hands-on training at the Cape Coral Fire Department. The CERT team is to augment local and state emergency response agencies as first on the scene, information gathering, prioritizing, and communication. These teams are trained to support emergency responders, not replace them. Training includes life-saving measures and techniques designed to prolong life and minimize suffering until emergency responders arrive on the scene.

CERT team members will be equipped with Motorola two-way radios for communication with fellow team members throughout the community. The Burnt Store Marina and Country Club (BSMCC) will act as the staging area in the event of an emergency. BSMCC has upgraded its electrical generator capability and should be able to support food storage and charging electrical devices in the event of a power outage. In case of an emergency and the loss of power and/or cell phone coverage, all residents are encouraged to go to BSMCC to receive updates and post communication announcements.

Everyone is encouraged to take the CERT training and to update or take a CPR training course, whether here or near your primary residence. The program provides very helpful and useful information. If you have any questions or want to volunteer for CERT participation in BSM, please contact Jerry Newmin at jnewmin@aol.com.

Below is a CERT map designating seven CERT Zones, A to G, and is a listing of individual HOAs within each zone. Each zone will have a minimum of two trained members of the CERT team. A listing of members, their assignments by zone, and phone and email contact information is also listed at right. Residents are encouraged to retain the contact information for team members in your zone for future reference. We suggest that you place this information with your emergency response preparation items for easy access when needed.



CERT Program
Community HOA Zone Definitions

- Zone - A.** Big Pine Lane, Big Pass Lane, Dolphin Cove, Esplanade, King Tarpon, Little Pine Estates, Marlin Run, Marlin Run II, Spinnaker Club, Tarpon Pass, Tarpon Pass II, Yellowfin Bay, Yellowfin Cove, Gaspar Key Lane, Capstan Club, Big Bend, Golf Fox, Sailfish Pass
- Zone - B.** Admirals Point, Admirals Point I & 2, Admiralty Village, Cobia Villas, Marlin Run III, Redfish Cove, Marathon Way, Key Largo Circle, Sable Key, Key Largo Lane, Cobia Estates, Hibiscus Cove Court
- Zone - C.** Diamond Park, Harbor Towers, Marina Towers, North Shore, the Soundings, Sounding Estates

- Zone – D.** Commodore Club, Courtside Landings I, II & III, Egret Point, Halyard Club, Linkside Way, Romano Key Circle, Mariners Pass, Pelican Way, Rudder Club, Linkside Drive
- Zone – E.** Emerald Isle, Grand Isle, 1 & 2, Grand Isle 3 & 4, Sunset Key 1 & 2, Topaz Cove
- Zone – F.** Keel Club, Platinum Point Yacht Club, Safe Harbor Marina, Cass Cay, The Trading Post, Freedom Boat Club
- Zone – G.** South Shore, Vista Del Sol, Fitness Center, Courtside Landings, The Resort

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(Yellow highlight indicates completion of certification)				
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