



From the Section 22 BOD

By Mark Murphy, Director

Greetings, Burnt Store Marina PGI Section 22 community members! November brings exciting news about developments that are enhancing our community. Read on to learn more about electronic voting, our expanding partnerships with the Lee County Sheriff’s Office (LCSD) and the Cape Coral Fire Department (CCFD), and a reminder of new golf cart operation laws. Plus, we will review some updates on our Vision 2025 projects, and let’s not forget to mark our calendars for some important dates in November.

First, some “cool” news! Many of our year-round residents already know that the air conditioner at BSMCC failed in late August. Before this setback, the board, with Mike Lemon and John Abbott, had been working on plans for a replacement system - Murphy’s law! The team scrambled to get portable A/C units and fans in place that kept Linkside Café as comfortable as possible.

A special thanks go out to the Linkside staff and Chef Seth Moore for their dedication to keeping Linkside Café running smoothly, and heartfelt appreciation to everyone in the community who continued to show your unwavering support. Linkside truly serves as the beating heart of our community. As of the last week of September, the new air conditioning system is in, and BSMCC is again bringing the chill!

The move to Electronic Voting: Last fall, Burnt Store Marina took a major step towards modernizing and streamlining our decision-making processes by approving electronic voting. Electronic voting offers numerous advantages for both homeowners and the association. It delivers unparalleled convenience, enabling residents to vote from anywhere, anytime, using any device with internet access. This flexibility ensures that everyone’s voice can be heard, regardless of their schedule or location. Electronic voting also promises to expedite decision-making, enhance quorum attainment, and accelerate the resolution of critical issues. This streamlined approach empowers our community to make timely decisions that benefit us all.

Additionally, embracing electronic voting will result in cost savings for the association. Expenses related to printing and postage will be significantly reduced, allowing us to allocate resources to other valuable community initiatives.

To ensure a smooth transition, every homeowner will have received an email containing a link to our new voting platform, and a temporary username and password. Alliant Management must have your current email address on file to facilitate this process. The email will provide clear instructions, ensuring every homeowner can easily access and navigate the new system.

New Golf Cart Operation Laws: Starting October 1, updated regulations governing the operation of golf carts are now in force in Florida. The law applies to roadways within Burnt Store Marina. The regulations require individuals operating golf carts to possess a valid driver’s license or learner’s permit or be at least 18 years of age with a government-issued photo ID. In addition,



Eagle in Flight - by Kathryn Marino

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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.

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

- Steven & Sharon Miller, 1070 Romano Key Circle, exterior paint.
- Linda Alesi & Rick Chapman, 57 Big Pine Lane, hurricane shutter installation.
- Felicia Pennisi, 3311 Diamond Key Court, hurricane shutter installation.
- Nancy Ledinsky, 816 Islamorada Boulevard, roof replacement.

- Sandra J. Heeb-Nelson, 3080 Big Pass Lane, hurricane shutter replacement.
- Bruce & Doreen Smith, 3213 Sunset Key Circle, roof replacement.
- Scott & Michelle Pierson, 3485 Sunset Key Circle, window replacement.
- Wilfrid & Geraldine O’Callaghan, 4009 Big Pass Lane, roof replacement.
- Roy Vande Hey, 3228 Sunset Key Circle, Unit 102, hurricane shutter installation.
- Dale Mars, 801 Romano Key Circle, house generator installation.
- Lorraine Kurgan, 1102 Islamorada Boulevard, hurricane shutter installation.
- Sandra Zutowt, 3373 Sunset Key Circle, window replacements.
- Gayle Shaffer, 3389 Sunset Key Circle, window replacements.
- Joel Spector, 4011 Cobia Estates Drive, pool cage 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 replace or fix your air conditioning unit, an ARC application is not required. For all projects, go to the **BSM22.org** website to get your application.

Reminder:

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

Every Tuesday – Section 22 HOA BOD Workshops,
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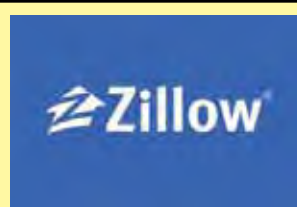
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Inside the Gates Dates

- **Wednesday, November 1:** Deadline for the December *Beacon*. Article and picture submissions are welcomed. Become part of the *Beacon* family.
- **Saturday, November 4:** Community-Wide Garage Sale, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Tuesday, November 28:** 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.
- **Every Friday:** Farmers Market, PPYC parking lot, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Outside the Gates Dates

- **Friday, November 3:** Fort Myers River District Art Walk, 1 to 5 p.m. Visit many galleries, exhibitions and performances.
- **Saturday, November 4 and Sunday, November 5:** Florida International Air Show. Return of the USAF Thunderbirds, kids area, food trucks and many other activities. Punta Gorda Airport grounds off Challenger Blvd. Go to <http://www.floridaairshow.com> for all information, including pricing options.
- **Friday, November 17:** Fort Myers River District Music Walk, 5 to 9 p.m. Local and regional musicians line the street with music from jazz to blues to rock and roll.
- **Saturday, November 18:** Community Festival. Burnt Store Presbyterian Church celebrates their 40th anniversary with a Community Festival. Come for food, music, bounce house, scarecrow making and lots more. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Burnt Store Presbyterian Church, 11330 Burnt Store Rd., Punta Gorda.
- **Saturday, November 25 and Sunday, November 26.** Sullivan St. Arts & Crafts Fair. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Punta Gorda.
- **Sunday, November 26:** Social Dance Party, 2 to 5 p.m. Apply moves learned in dance lessons and meet new friends. Punta Gorda Woman’s Club, 118 Sullivan St. Call Laura at 330-501-2366 for information. For USDA Members \$15 per person/\$25 per couple. For non-members, \$17 per person, \$30 for couples.
- **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 Wednesday:** Long Lunch Sightseeing & Culinary Tours, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Over the course of 3 hours you will taste local specialties, and explore historic downtown Punta Gorda. Go to <https://swfloridawalkingtours.com/tours-2/long-lunch-tour/>. \$30 per person.
- **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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it’s important to note that individuals who are 14 years old or younger are prohibited from driving golf carts on public roads under the new law.

These changes aim to ensure safety on our roadways, and maintain the responsible use of golf carts within our community. Please ensure your children, grandchildren, and other visitors follow this new regulation to keep them and our community safe and enjoyable for all residents.

Expanding Partnerships with LCSO and CCFD: We’re excited to announce our growing partnerships with the Lee County Sheriff’s Office (LCSO) and the Cape Coral Fire Department (CCFD). While the board and program liaisons will provide more details in future communications, here’s a sneak peek at what’s in store:

Lee County Sheriff’s Office Programs: LCSO offers a range of personal and residential crime prevention programs, including seminars on personal safety, fraud & scam prevention, residential security, driver safety, and more. These programs can be tailored to meet our community’s specific needs and provide valuable insights into staying safe and informed.

Cape Coral Fire Department Initiatives: Our partnership with CCFD involves continuous CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training and establishing regular training programs, which can occur both on and off-site. These programs are designed to elevate awareness of fire safety and emergency readiness within our community. This encompasses CERT training and beyond. For instance, we may explore training in Fire Prevention, Life and Safety, Community Risk Reduction, and other valuable opportunities that prioritize resident safety, deepen our community’s grasp of CCFD’s capabilities, and nurture a strong partnership.

Stay tuned for further details on these exciting initiatives. We know meeting space is at a premium, especially in season; however, we hope still to leverage our amenities to pilot some of these LCSO and CCFD sessions, ensuring accessibility for all residents.

Project updates from late September:

- The resort pool bulkhead is complete, landscaping is in, and the pool has reopened!



Freedom Boat Club Office returns - by Karen Sanderson

• Linkside Café doors and molding have been painted, the new carpet is down, new chairs are in place, and the pictures and golf decor look wonderful!

• The new Linkside lanai fans are up and working. The installation of the Lanai garage doors is in progress.

• Work continues on the tennis shade structure, a possible retaining wall or grading, and ground cover. The court workgroup continues their important vision work.

• The Dog Park workgroup is focused on building its business plan and budget to be proposed.

• Tiki Hut & Stage at BSM Country Club is pending permits from Lee County.

• Starting in early October, the rooftops damaged by *Hurricane Ian* will be replaced on the BSM Country Club, the Fitness Center, the Resort Pool House, and the Main Gate Guard Station.

Reminder: if you have seasonal rentals, please help our Entry Management team welcome them with a smooth arrival by getting your rental agreement or the BSM rental form (download at bsm22.org) to the main gate before the renter’s arrival.

Let’s not forget to mark our calendars for some important dates in November: NFL Sundays at Linkside – watch your favorite teams and grab a bite from 1-7 p.m. On November 9, we have Linkside Live - The return of Thursday Night food trucks with “Deb and the Dynamics.” On November 11, please support the *Wish for Our Heroes Foundation*, with events at Cass Cay, and a golf tournament at BSMCC. Thank you to our veterans for their dedication and sacrifice.

As we look ahead to the implementation of our community improvement projects, electronic voting, the new golf cart operation laws, the expansion of our partnerships with LCSO and CCFD, and see Safe Harbor’s ongoing seawall repairs, it’s clear that Burnt Store Marina is committed to modernization, safety, and community well-being.

Enjoy our amenities, eat, and drink at our restaurants - come on out and get involved! Your active participation and support are essential as we continue strengthening and enriching our wonderful community. Thank you for being a part of Burnt Store Marina, and stay tuned for more updates in the coming months.

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Fitness, Friends & Fun...Healthy Hints for the Holiday Season

By Cynthia Mathews

It's the most wonderful time of the year, especially when you're at the Burnt Store Marina! We have three events planned already! We can't wait to welcome y'all back and show off our off-season improvements at the Club's Grand Reopening on November 15. Stay tuned for details. We also have our December 10 5K Run, and our January 6 Open House. All these holiday festivities can make it more challenging to keep up our most-of-the-year wholesome diet and exercise routines. It's the season when calendars fill up faster than we realize and there's always one more thing to do.

When we're busy and hungry, it's sometimes difficult to make good food choices. Some days may make us even skip our workout (!). If the morning slips away before your trip to the BSM Fitness, Racquet & Pool Club, why not schedule time for yourself, and nourish your healthy habits? We encourage you to make yourself a priority. Block in time for you!

Our BSM Fitness Club has so many offerings for classes and activities, that it's easy to find invigorating exercise opportunities and support. But, if you can't make it in every day, get out into the beautiful Florida sunshine and take a walk, ride a bike, go kayaking, or take a swim. It's not just working out, but also keeping our bodies properly fueled. That's especially important when evening soirees tempt us with tasty beverages, sweets, and rich fatty foods.

When faced with mouthwatering dishes, one spread after another, making optimal food choices isn't always foremost in our minds. Aunt Connie's famous authentic lasagna, Michael's homemade cheese balls, and Barbara's infamous dessert tray... all are such wonderful holiday treats and memories. ...mmm!

Maybe you're like Thomas Jefferson, and can take everything in moderation. If you can, good for you. For some of us, just the sound of the bag of ruffled potato chips opening and being served with some savory sour cream dip makes our mouth water. And it's hard to stop the chip train once it starts a 'coming. A few chips are fine once in a while, but veggies like carrots and celery also provide a satisfying crunch. There are some easy steps we all can take to keep healthy during the holiday season. Here are our top ten tips for the 2023 Season:



1. Plan ahead. When facing a buffet of culinary delights, it's easy to be overwhelmed with choices. Just take a moment and decide on your splurges before you walk in the door.
2. It can be tempting to 'save' daytime calories for evening meals. That doesn't really work. Turns out that not eating during the day seems to lead us toward less-than-optimal food choices.
3. Go for colorful foods. The best choices are fruits like melons, berries, and citrus and fresh veggies, crisp raw veggies. Full of fiber and low in calories, these are great choices. If you can, skip the rich cheesy dips and opt for vitamin-rich hummus, nutrient-rich guacamole, or heart-healthy salsa.
4. Feeling hungry? Go for lean meats, chicken, and fish. We know those fried selections can be tempting but save those calories for foods you relish.
5. Drink water. Drink it before you leave the house and throughout the event. For every festive beverage, also have a glass of water. Not only does this help avoid dehydration but keeps you feeling full.
6. Try to avoid sodas, juices, and sugary drinks.
7. Eat slowly. Not only is this better for your bowels, but it's better for your brain too. Savoring the seasonal treats lets you fully appreciate the food's flavor. It's also shown that slow eating usually means you end up eating less.
8. We don't need to be members of the 'Clean Plate Club.' If you don't want it, don't eat it. No guilt.
9. Grab a small plate (and a small fork too). It's easier to keep an eye on portions with a smaller plate.
10. Be mindful of emotional or mindless eating. There are so many tasty tidbits around this time of year. Have fun and enjoy.

Again, welcome back, and, see you at the BSM Fitness, Racquet & Pool Club!

5K Walk/Run Fundraiser

Our Annual 5K Walk/Run proceeds support the A.N.A.'s Foundation (formerly the 20th Judicial Circuit. Guardian ad Litem Foundation's *Children's Needs Program*) for Charlotte County. This vital program helps children who have been removed from their unsafe homes and are in dependency court. These monies fund everything from basic necessities to school field trips, tutoring, club and sports fees, and equipment. This run/walk is an opportunity to give our youngest and most vulnerable citizens fundamental support.

Join our difference-making marina-wide activity! The 5K Run/Walk for Kids is on December 10 at 11 a.m. Sponsored by the BSM Fitness Club, you don't need a membership to walk/run! This event is open to everyone, even those not planning to complete the entire Marina course. The cost is \$30, and those under 12 years of age can run for free. A light lunch with music and prizes rounds out this community fundraiser, which is a part of our Home for the Holidays Celebration. Raising money and showing support for children who will not be in their homes this season is a special gift. It's a way to make their lives merrier and brighter.

Participants are encouraged to collect sponsors. We will recognize those folks as well as first, second, and third-place finishers in the men's, women's, and kids' divisions.

Go to **voicesforkids.org**. to become a volunteer child advocate, make an additional donation, or sign up for the event. Or, you can stop by the BSM Fitness Center by December 3 to sign up for the event and pay in cash. Any additional gifts make a huge contribution to the life of a child, and will be entered into a prize raffle.

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Wildlife Caution Notice

Owners are asked to use caution and be aware of local wildlife such as coyotes, bobcats, and alligators. Coyotes sightings have increased as it is their mating season, and they are more aggressive and vocal right now. Recently a Burnt Store Lakes resident witnessed a coyote chase a rabbit into their rain gutter downspout and then pull the downspout into the yard trying to get the rabbit out. Please watch your pets carefully and keep them on a leash when outside, particularly at dusk, nighttime, and dawn.

Smaller pets are especially at risk. Letting them out in a fenced area may not deter a coyote. Make sure pet food, fruit, or other items are stored inside or in tightly shut garbage cans. Ensure your home is not luring small rodents or animals that coyotes like to prey on.

One of the best attributes of living in Burnt Store Marina & The Lakes is the abundant wildlife. However, residents need to be aware of our wildlife and be cautious to ensure their own safety and the safety of their pets.

Gardener's Wheelbarrow

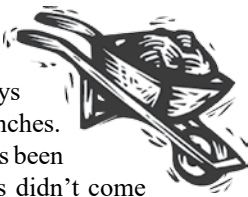
By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass

November is normally our driest month of the year, with about four days of rain yielding an average of 1-1/3 inches. I say "normally" because this year has been anything but normal. Summer rains didn't come until late September, only two inches in July, but nearly eight inches in September. Plant accordingly, with a plan to hand water with fresh water. Almost all the garden chores should be completed by the end of November. Though the summer is over, remember, hurricane season is still with us until November 30.

The cumulative effect on your plants by the cooler and shorter days of November is slower growth, requiring less water, less fertilizer, and in the case of lawns, less mowing.

November brings colorful blooms on the fall orchid trees, silk-floss trees and Hong Kong orchid trees. This month's gardener's checklist:

- As long as the temperature is below 80 degrees, it is safe to treat the weeds in your lawn.
- Put the shears, nippers and loppers away until early March. Pruning stimulates growth that can be damaged by possible frosts from November through March. Though the



first frost date is December 15, and the average last frost date is January 31, we can and have received frost in November. The time period of 6 to 6:30 a.m. is the coldest. And, if there is a frost, the plants facing east will get the blast of the sun first, not allowing them to warm slowly. If not protected, the cells in leaves burst, resulting in dark green, limp foliage.

- Planting tropical shrubs and trees at this time of the year is risky due to the colder temperatures. It's OK to plant the native and subtropical cabbage/sabal, pindo, Chinese fan or European fan palms. (Don't forget to provide initial supplemental watering, preferably not from the irrigation system.)
- When planting cool season annuals and herbs, use new top soil and a slow-release fertilizer. *Osmocote* is pricey but very good and comes in an easy-to-handle container. *Osmocote Plus* contains additional micro-nutrients that are greatly needed to enhance our sandy soil.
- If you haven't applied fertilizer to shrubs, trees and palms...do so now. The deadline is the middle of November when the temperatures might become too chilly.
- If you haven't mulched yet, do so **now** to retain moisture during the dry winter months. *Caution: Do not allow mulch to touch the stems of your plants, whether annuals, perennials, shrubs or trees. It can cause fungal diseases.*

Bocce - That's The Way We Roll!

By Kathy Darrell, Tarpon Pass II

Get ready to roll! Bocce is back at BSMCC! That's a big deal. Bocce started on October 10 at 3 p.m. to kick off the 2023-2024 season. Come and join us. All you need is a desire to have fun, meet new friends, and a folding chair. Bocce is a crazy social, and super friendly game for anyone. You will never be intimidated because we are a very relaxed group of players.

Fun facts to remember about bocce is that it's the third most popular sport in the world, after soccer and golf. Bocce, in its current form, was played as early as 264 B.C. in Rome. No one really knows how old bocce is, but stone balls dating back to 9000 B.C. have been found in Turkey.



Twenty-five million people in the U.S. alone play bocce. Notable bocce players have included the Roman Emperor Augustus, the ancient Greek physician Hippocrates, and the astronomer Galileo. George Washington built a bocce court at Mount Vernon in 1780.

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, or have any questions, please contact Connie & Dave Huelsbeck at **huelsbed@bellsouth.net**.

Giochiamo a bocce! (Let's play Bocce!)

Burnt Store Marina CC News

By John Abbott, General Manager, BSMCC

To those of you who are just getting here from up north, welcome back! Mother Nature was a lot friendlier to us this year compared to last year, so coming back should be a little less work, and a lot more play.



What better way is there to kick off a season than with a huge party? Thursday, November 9 we are going to do just that, so save that date. Deb & the Dynamics will be here, along with four food trucks, and plenty of adult beverages to enjoy. This party is open to everyone, so grab a folding chair and your friends, and come on over to the club for a great time. The party continues into the weekend. On Sunday we are having the “Wish for Our Heroes” golf tournament and dinner. This is a wonderful charity event that unfortunately, due to Hurricane Ian, we were unable to do last year. This year we want the donation to be bigger than ever. So, come out, play some golf, have a great meal and support a great cause.

Thursday food truck and music night will continue on the 16th with “Stolen Fruit,” and on the 30th with “Jeff Hughes” joining us as the entertainment. We’ve reserved the 23rd for Thanksgiving. If you don’t feel like cooking this year, join us at Linkside from 11-5 when Chef Seth is putting on a buffet feast that includes all the trimmings. Last year was a full house, so make sure to get your reservations early.

Our awesome Sunday buffet is back from 9-12 featuring our omelet and waffle stations. After breakfast

we gear up for the NFL ticket, where you can watch all your favorite teams while enjoying food and drink specials with friends. There are lots of other fun events

this month so make sure to check the weekly blast so you don’t miss out. As always, we look forward to seeing you at the club!

BSMCC NOVEMBER 2023 Schedule of Events						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Republican Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.*****	2 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Pasta-bilities 5 - 8 p.m. **/*	3 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/*	4 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* BSMCC Open House 3- 5 p.m. Pub Night 5 - 8 p.m. Music - Lori Lee
5 Brunch Menu 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lunch 1 p.m. NFL Football 1 - 7 p.m.	6 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Trivia 5 - 8 p.m.*** Members Only!	7 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/* 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	8 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Bar Bingo 5 - 8 p.m.**	9 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Deb and the Dynamics and Food Trucks 5 - 8 p.m.	10 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/*	11 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Pub Night 5 - 8 p.m. Music - Ric Austin
12 Brunch Menu 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. W40H Golf & Buffet 1 - 7 p.m. **/* NFL Football 1 - 4 p.m. Only	13 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Trivia 5 - 8 p.m.*** Members Only!	14 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/* 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	15 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Prime Rib Night 5 - 8 p.m. **/*	16 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Food Trucks and Music Stolen Fruit 5 - 8 p.m.	17 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/*	18 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Pub Night 5 - 8 p.m. Music - Linda and Kelley
19 Brunch Menu 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Jr. Under Armour 12:30 p.m. NFL Football 1- 7 p.m.	20 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* NO TRIVIA	21 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/* 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	22 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Bar Bingo 5 - 8 p.m.**	23 Thanksgiving Buffet 11 a.m. -5 p.m.*/**	24 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/*	25 Leftover Turkey Scramble 9 a.m.*** Wheel of Fun 5 - 8 p.m.**/*
28 Brunch Menu 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lunch 1 p.m. NFL Football 1 - 7 p.m.	27 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Trivia 5 - 8 p.m.*** Members Only!	28 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/* 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	29 Democrat Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.*****	30 Fashion Show 11 a.m. **** Members Only! Food Trucks and Music Jeff Hughes 5 - 8 p.m.		
<p>* Call Linkside for reservations 941-637-6405 **Members make reservations 1st! Non-member 7days prior to events - 3 days before dinner's if available! *** Sign up in Lobby on Board **** Sign up at Admin Office. ***** Reservations for Republican and Democrat Dinners must be made through respective clubs. Due to circumstances beyond our control, everything is subject to change.</p>						

Tight Lines... Kayak Fishing A Growing Sport In Burnt Store Marina

By Jay Lev, Burnt Store Anglers

On any sunny day you will see many kayak anglers waiting their turn to launch their kayaks down the boat ramp, and into the water of the marina. Besides the many designs and colors of the kayaks, you will usually see several fishing rods sticking up out of a fishing rod holder built into the kayak. With many sandbars, stream inlets and oyster bars just outside the marina, fish gather to feed on small crabs and bait fish. To hook and catch a nice snook while fishing from a kayak is a great anglers experience.



Selecting a kayak for fishing purposes requires some thinking on the part of the buyer. Not all kayaks are suited for fishing. It is best to consider a lightweight kayak. Getting your boat to the marina and launching it requires some strength. At the end of a fishing trip, especially one in which you may have paddled some distance, is tiring. Lifting a 60-pound kayak out of the water, and either onto your vehicle or onto a boat trailer, does get tiring. Think about what you can handle before you invest in a good kayak.

If you are like most fisherman, you probably will want to take several fishing rods, and a good deal of fishing tackle with you. It is important to remember “GO LIGHT.” Two fishing rods and a small soft tackle bag is about right.

Remember, storage is not always possible on a kayak, so be sure you have both dry and open storage for your equipment. Locating the area where you will store your fishing rods is very important. If you have a fishing rod directly behind you sticking up straight will hinder your casting and fishing ability. Rod storage is a very important factor to consider. When you are underway, the rods must be out of the way of your paddling stroke.

Selection of the kayak material is also important. Kayaks can be made from many modern plastics, as well as traditional cedar and other beautiful woods. Scraping your kayak along the bottom of the boat ramp can scratch your boat bottom, and actually create some problems for the kayak’s handling. Select a good quality material that can be repaired if necessary. Selecting a paddle that fits you is also very important. A good kayak salesman can recommend the right height, paddle head design, and material for your use. Don’t be surprised if the paddle cost is about 25-30 percent of your boat’s purchase price.

Recently, my wife and I made a trip to Old Town, Maine, to visit the world-famous Old Town canoe and kayak factory. On the day we visited, we had the opportunity to go inside the factory where the kayaks were being made. We never realized how important it was to consider the boats’ design (keel, width, length, weight, composition material and seating, etc). By the time we were done talking to the production manager our dream fishing kayaks were selected.

Extras built into a kayak are very important. Be sure to consider cleats, an anchor locker, fishing rod holders, both storage type and traveling holders, hatch covers, water drain plugs, seat supports, foot pedals for leverage, paddle clamps for storage, and a place for water and a first aid kit. A small handheld VHF radio is also a great safety piece of equipment. The number one item should be a perfectly fitting PFD for kayaking. Be sure to check for design characteristics, weight rating and a clip for a safety whistle.

Buying a kayak should be a well thought out process. A visit to a kayak specialty shop will be worth the money:

- Silent Sports Outfitters, 2301 N. Tamiami Trail, Nokomis, Fl.
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2023 Veterans Day Events at BSM

Salute to our Military “Past and Present”

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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 4 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 its inception in 2010, Burnt Store Marina Veterans Day events have raised more than \$600,000 for Wish for Our Heroes. This is a charity dedicated to assisting active-duty and veteran military families struggling with basic needs such as food, shelter, transportation, child 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, 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, auctions and more.

400 Club Tickets – ON SALE NOW from any committee member. We are selling 400 tickets for \$25/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, 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: Debra Bretz, Debbie Burns, Gordon & Cheryl Fogg, Doris Havens, Sandy Howard, Cassandra Kelley, Sherri Loewes or Kris Proudfoot.

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

Stone Crabs Are Here!

By Maggie Hart,
Mariners Pass

The October issue of *The Beacon* failed to remind everyone...the onset of autumn in Florida not only brings wonderfully mild sunny weather, but also the annual harvest of stone crab claws, beginning October 15, and continuing through May 15.

The wonderful thing about harvesting stone crabs is that the source renews itself. A stone crab can re-grow a claw in about a year, or one molting period. But to re-grow a claw to legal size, it takes three years (or three molting periods). Younger crabs can grow claws faster; older crabs may never re-grow their claws. The stone crab’s large claws can account for half its body weight. Only the claws of stone crabs are harvested. The crab is put back in the Gulf of Mexico alive, where it regenerates a new claw.

The main method, used in both commercial and recreational stone crab fishing, is baited traps. Some recreational crabbers collect claws by hand – using scuba or snorkel gear. Recreational stone crabbers are limited to five traps per person, and are required to have a saltwater fishing license. Any females bearing eggs must be returned to the water, unharmed. Stone crab claws must be steamed immediately upon being brought to the dock and then chilled.

Florida law prohibits harming the body or legs of stone crabs. Only one claw may be taken from the crab. Claws must be a at least 2 ¾ inches, measured from the tips of the immovable finger to the first joint. The daily limit is one gallon of claws per person, or two gallons per vessel, whichever amount is less.

Stone crabs are not cheap, expect to pay anywhere from \$25 - \$100 for a stone crab meal, depending on the previous year’s harvest, amount purchased, and market prices. Claws are sold in fish markets based on size, and price per pound varies accordingly.

Claws are traditionally served cold with a mustard dipping sauce or drawn butter. Enjoy them while you can!



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Punta Gorda Veterans Park, Blue Star Memorial - Karen Sanderson

“I Just Don’t Believe That...”

Dear friend,
When I meet people in town, they usually say, “Oh, yeah, I know you, you’re that doctor with the beard on TV.” Well, perhaps I should tell you a little more about myself, the picture from television and why I use it in my ads.

Let’s start with me, the guy with the beard. Ten years ago I was living here in Florida. At that time my mother was down visiting from New Jersey for the season when she showed up in my clinic with a **frozen shoulder**. She was desperate and in pain having lost practically all use of her dominant arm. She could hardly fix her hair, reach for a coffee cup or even fasten her brassiere. Basic hygiene had become extremely difficult for her. She was afraid, because the two orthopedic surgeons that she had consulted told her, “Your only option is to have your shoulder replaced.” I remember saying to my mother, “**I just don’t believe that.**”

Now at that time I was a chiropractor who worked primarily on the spine. Frankly... I didn’t know how I was going to help her. I just knew there was a non-surgical solution out there and I was going to find it.

And boy did I find it! I found the answer to my mother’s shoulder problem and much, much more. And where did I find it? Of all places, I found it at the birthplace of Elvis Presley, Tupelo, Mississippi. Immediately I hopped on a plane and flew into Memphis, rented a car and drove out to a chiropractic neurologist who was willing to teach me how to fix my mother’s frozen shoulder. I spent three days in his clinic shadowing him, learning a new technique I had never even heard about before. Eager to help my mother, I developed this new skill set quickly. When I returned to Florida I wanted to be able to immediately fix my mother’s shoulder.

And that’s exactly what happened. After I performed the first Non-Surgical Operation on her shoulder, her pain went away significantly and she recovered to nearly full range of motion. She was so happy that she avoided surgery and got her life back.

It’s strange how life is, because that same doctor who showed me how to fix my mother’s shoulder opened up his treasure chest of knowledge and showed me how to help people with **chronic knee, neck, low back pain and those suffering with neuropathy** in their hands and feet, **all without the use of Drugs, Surgery or Injections**.

I spent the next several months flying back and forth to Mississippi learning all that I could.

Many years later we now have over one thousand successful patient testimonials. Many of them were told by their doctors that their only option was to have their knee or shoulder replaced or to take toxic drugs for the rest of their lives to mask their neuropathy symptoms.

Al was one of those patients who was told he had ‘bone on bone’ degeneration. His knee stopped unlocking properly, similar to what I’m describing in the photo, and he was facing knee replacement surgery. He was suffering from **chronic degenerative knee pain**, couldn’t walk properly and was easily holding onto 60 pounds of excess body weight. His doctors would have eagerly scheduled him for a knee replacement surgery had he decided to go in that direction.

Immediately after the Non-Surgical Operation I performed on Al’s knee, he was squatting and walking up and down the stairs normally without pain.

Al is now in his early 70s touring Alaska in his RV. He has dropped over 60 pounds and is biking 15 - 20 miles per day and loving life. He regularly sends me great pictures from his adventures.

Joyce was told by her oncologist, “There’s nothing that can be done.” She would have to live with the chemo-induced **neuropathy in her hands and feet**. Hot and cold were indistinguishable and the numbness and tingling made it impossible for her to walk any distance.

Joyce was a cancer survivor only to have come out on the other side with another debilitating condition. She and her husband showed up in my clinic and told me what their medical doctor had said. I told her the same thing I told my mother, “**I just don’t believe that.**”

After a thorough neurological examination and report of findings she trusted me enough to follow my protocols. Within two weeks her numbness and tingling in her feet subsided and the feeling was coming back.. After 12 weeks she was feeling the sand between her toes as she walked along the beach again. At her one year checkup Joyce’s sensory loss had improved over 80% overall to within the normal range... She is all smiles these days!



You should know that ***I don’t heal anyone of anything.*** What I do is perform a specific non-surgical operation that resets the communication between the brain and knee or shoulder, instantly decreasing pain and inflammation, increasing strength and flexibility and **helping with tissue healing**. For our neuropathy patients we have a 4 step, proven approach that heals your nerves and reverses your symptoms. We get tremendous results. It’s as simple as that!

Today in the United States medical doctors are prescribing more drugs than ever before. These drugs are designed to cover up symptoms as your condition gets worse underneath the surface. The toxicity from the daily use of these chemicals ultimately leads to nasty side-effects and more drugs to treat the new symptoms. The current “healthcare” system was built to maintain your condition, not fix it. It’s a brilliant business model for the pharmaceutical industry and the hospitals, but a horrible strategy to follow if one is looking to age gracefully.

That’s where my practice comes in. I have **found a way** so that more people are able to afford the treatment they need, even those on a fixed income with or without health insurance coverage. One Non-Surgical Operation in my clinic could cost what you’d pay for just the deductible of a joint replacement surgery.

You Benefit from a Unique Offer...When you bring in this article, you will receive a *FREE CONSULTATION* with me to determine whether you are a good candidate for our Non-Surgical Knee or Shoulder Operation. If you’re being seen for Neuropathy we will take a thermal image of your feet **at no charge to you. This will give me enough information to know whether I can help you. Once we determine you’re a good candidate and you feel comfortable in my clinic **the complete examination is only \$197**. That’s it, for the entire neurological examination & report of findings. This examination & report could cost you over \$500 elsewhere. But, please call right away because this offer expires on November 30, 2023, and I don’t want you to miss**

out. By the way, further care is very affordable and you’ll be happy to know that the non-surgical, drug free therapies and procedures performed in my clinic **can cost as little as \$300 per month**. You see, I’m not trying to seduce you to come see me with this low start up fee, then to only make it up with high fees after that. Further care is very important to consider when making your choice of doctor because higher costs can add up very quickly.

“You shouldn’t be forced to choose drugs and surgery just because that’s the only treatment medicare and your insurance company will cover.”

You should know a little about my qualifications. That’s important so that there’s no misunderstanding about the **quality of care**. I’m the best-selling author of **Breaking The Cycle** - how to take control of your life when traditional medicine has failed. **An amazon #1 new release in three categories**. I’m a graduate of Life University School of Chiropractic practicing since 1998. I am a licensed chiropractic physician certified in functional neurology. I’ve been entrusted to take care of avid morning walkers, pro-athletes and business tycoons you may have heard of.

My office is called **Active Health Brain & Body** and it is located at 6710 Winkler Road, Suite #1. It’s the gray Key West-style building at the corner of Cypress Lake Drive and Winkler Road behind the Bank of America. The phone number is **239-482-8686**. Please call my wonderful assistants Megan or Silvia today to make an appointment.



I wish you the Very Best in Health and Life!

Dr. Rob Davis, DC

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My mother and I featured in a local publication for non-surgical shoulder solutions.

Al on my TV program telling his story of how he avoided a total knee replacement surgery.



Joyce is all smiles at her one year checkup. No more neuropathy!

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Platinum Point Yacht Club

By Loretta Steeves, Director

All of us here in Southwest Florida continue to follow the academic calendar of our youth – perhaps it’s what keeps us young at heart. This means that the new season is coming to life at Platinum Point Yacht Club (PPYC).

October saw a number of events to start the ball rolling for the 2023-24 season. A group field trip to the *Marie Selby Botanical Gardens* was a highlight of the month. Members took a guided tour, including the famous orchid show, and enjoyed a box lunch on the garden premises. Aren’t we lucky to enjoy such wonderful attractions all year long?

We hope everyone in the community came out for the *Music at the Lakes Pavilion* in mid-October. PPYC’s John Sauer once again entertained with his unique style

and flair. You never leave one of John’s concerts without learning some new music trivia from our country’s rich musical history.

Late October saw the cruisers returning to one of their favorite haunts, *Marina Jack’s* in Sarasota. That marina’s location, right on the downtown waterfront, is always a special treat. Our sailors continue to find new surprises as Sarasota continues to grow. And as always, some of our non-boaters joined in the fun by driving up for the day.

As we look forward to November, two of PPYC’s signature events standout. First, on November 11, the club will hold its *Annual Meeting* where members will hear plans for the coming year from the Board of Directors. New Board Members will be installed, and the membership will vote on the suggested budget. However,

as you know, PPYC is really all about the party, so that night the members will reconvene for the *Annual Welcome Back Dinner*. This year’s theme will highlight the club’s Ruby Anniversary, and celebrate 40 years of fun.

The other signature event in November allows PPYC to welcome back the entire Burnt Store Community. The *Shrimp Boil – Let the Good Times Roll* will be held on November 15. This year’s event offers delicious food, live music, a Christmas Market, a Bake Sale, a 50/50 drawing, a Silent Auction, and a raffle for a Boatload of Wine. (Oh wait, this year there will be two separate drawings for TWO BOATLOADs of wine.) Mark your calendar, and invite your friends.



**Platinum Point Yacht Club
Community Shrimp Boil
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**Wednesday, November 15
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Dinner Seatings: 4:30, 5:00, 5:45, 6:30

Order tickets by visiting the PPYC office Monday, Wednesday or Thursday.

We look forward to seeing you on November 15.



Platinum Point
Yacht Club

Located in Burnt Store Marina, 3601 Cape Cole Blvd, Punta Gorda, FL 33955
Visit the PPYC website (PPYCBSM.org) for additional information.



Platinum Point Yacht Club

3601 Cape Cole Blvd
Punta Gorda, Florida

You are invited to PPYC’s Open House **Sunday, November 12**, from 3 until 5:30 p.m. Food and drinks will be provided. Stop by, we would love to tell you about PPYC.

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For more information contact:
Club Administrator, Dorothy Saviste at 941-639-0733 or at office@ppycbsm.org.
Membership Chair, Vanessa Jordan at 817-235-7361 or at vlwjordan@gmail.com



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A Happy Ending!

By Debbie Burns,
Mariners Pass

This is a story that will make you smile from ear to ear as the tears roll down your cheeks! A 4-year-old boy named Lil' Eddie Wilkes awoke from a nap at daycare. His teacher noticed that he was not acting like himself, had a fever and was in pain. The school called the parents, and they picked him up immediately and took him to the nearby hospital. After the examination the doctor gave the parents the most devastating news: "Your child has Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL)."

ALL is a cancer of the lymphoid line of blood cells. The onset is between the ages of two and five. The cause is unknown. It is treated with Chemotherapy, stem cell transplant and radiation. It has a 92% survival rate in children.

And so, the fight for Lil' Eddie began. The family started their journey from Louisiana to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. For the next eight weeks, they would stay at the Ronald McDonald House on campus while Lil' Eddie endured all the treatments necessary. After that, they traveled back and forth to St. Jude's to continue his treatments for the next 2 ½ years. He was unable to walk due to the pain, and eventually lost all his hair.

Fast forward, which was not very fast for any of the family. On August 18, 2023, Lil Eddie and family went to St. Jude for his yearly checkup. It was then that he was deemed **cured of Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia!**

Lil' Eddie is not so little anymore. He will be 12 years old in November. He is very active in the Boy Scouts, loves LSU, the New Orleans Saints and Pokémon. He will continue to go for yearly check ups until he is 18 years old.

Lil' Eddie is my nephew - that is why I am so thankful for St. Jude. Some of you know about, and have participated in my annual fundraising for St. Jude Memphis Marathon every December since 2017. I am sincerely grateful for your overwhelming support! Since Covid, I was forced to do my 5k walk virtually here in BSM. Maybe next year some of us can go to Memphis for the annual marathon.

This year's fundraising 5k walk/cart ride will be held on Saturday, November 18, at 10 a.m. The start and finish will be at 3929 Cape Cole Blvd. here in BSM. Please mark your calendar and come join us to support such a worthy cause!

My fundraising *this* year started back in April when I first sent in my application to participate. An art show/sale was held featuring local artist Jay Winston with all proceeds going to St Jude. So far, over \$6400 has been raised. I would call that a good start! Let's get that number higher - join the fight for all the Lil' Eddies out there in need of treatment.

Ways to donate:

- Make a check out to St Jude Children's Research Hospital and mail to: Debbie Burns, 3929 Cape Cole Blvd, Punta Gorda, FL 33955.
- Go to <http://heroes.stjude.org/DebbieBurns> - you can donate online.
- Come to the 5k on Saturday November 18, at 10 a.m. and donate in person.

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"LIE LOW" "FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE" "BAITED BREATH" "COME WHAT MAY" "THE GAME IS UP"

"WEAR YOUR HEART ON YOUR SLEEVE"

"NOT SLEPT ONE WINK" "FULL CIRCLE" "OUT OF THE JAWS OF DEATH" "TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING"

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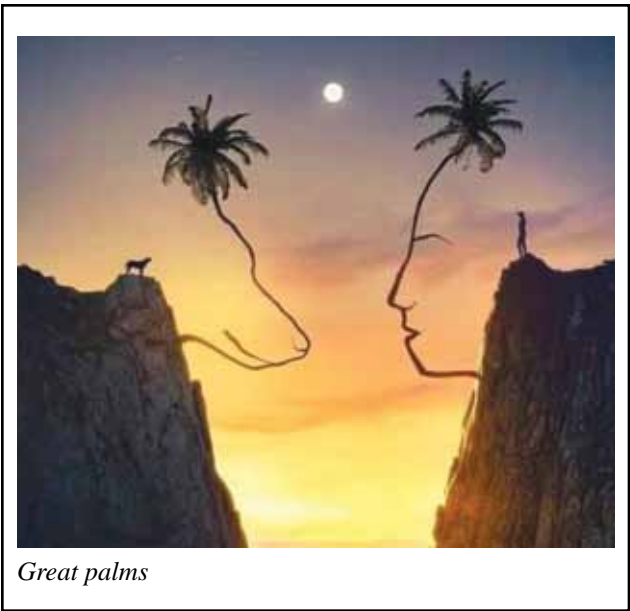
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"GREEN EYED MONSTER" "PLAY / PLAY" "A SORRY SIGHT"

"THE WORLD IS MY OYSTER" "BE ALL / END ALL"



November Crossword Puzzle

Down:

1. The Burnt Store Corridor Coalition has grown to _____ communities.

2. Fisherman use both boats and _____ in Charlotte Harbor.

3. Don't forget to _____ on November 7th.

6. November is a risky time to plant _____ shrubs and bushes due to potential frost.

9. The proceeds from the 5k walk/run on November 18th will benefit St. _____ Hospital.

10. Bocce is the _____ most popular sport in the world.

Across:

4. Stone Crab season lasts until _____.

5. The Burnt Store Dog Park Committee is still looking for _____.

7. Farmers Market at PPYC is every Friday _____.

8. Many of the stores and restaurants near us are pet _____.

10. Food Truck and Music at BSMCC is every _____ evening.

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Recipe Box

Easy Pumpkin Cheesecake

By Debi Bretz, Admiral's Point

Ingredients:

Pumpkin Cheesecake Filling

- 1 cup canned pumpkin puree
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 2 tablespoons corn syrup
- 1/2 teaspoon pumpkin pie spices or cinnamon
- 1 9" graham cracker pie crust (make your own or use store-bought)
- whipped cream for serving optional

Homemade Graham Cracker Crust

- 1 1/2 cups graham crumbs (12 full crackers)
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 6 tablespoons butter - melted

Mix graham crumbs, sugar, & butter until well combined. Place in a 9" pie pan and press along the sides and bottom

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Make your pie crust if using homemade (do not pre-bake)

Place all filling ingredients (except whipped cream) in a blender and blend until smooth. Pour into prepared crust until about 1/4" from the top.

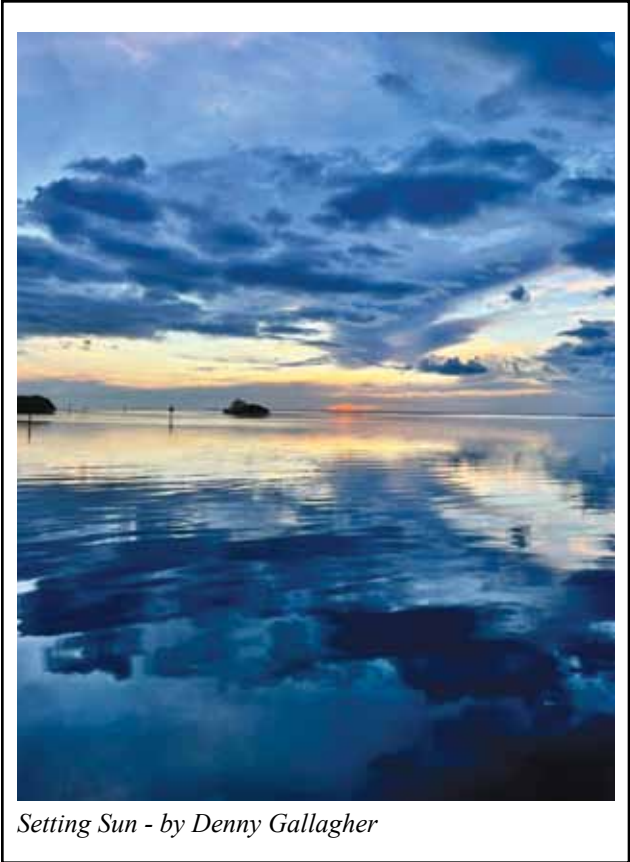
Bake for 45 minutes. Cool for 4 hours in the fridge.

Top with whipped cream (or whipped topping) and a pinch of nutmeg before serving if desired.

Notes

- Ensure ingredients (eggs and cream cheese) are at room temperature.
- Pulse with the blender just until combined, you don't want too much air in the batter.
- Pour into the crust until it is 1/4" from the top so it doesn't overflow.
- Cool completely in the fridge before cutting and serving.





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.

Burnt Store Marina Dog Park

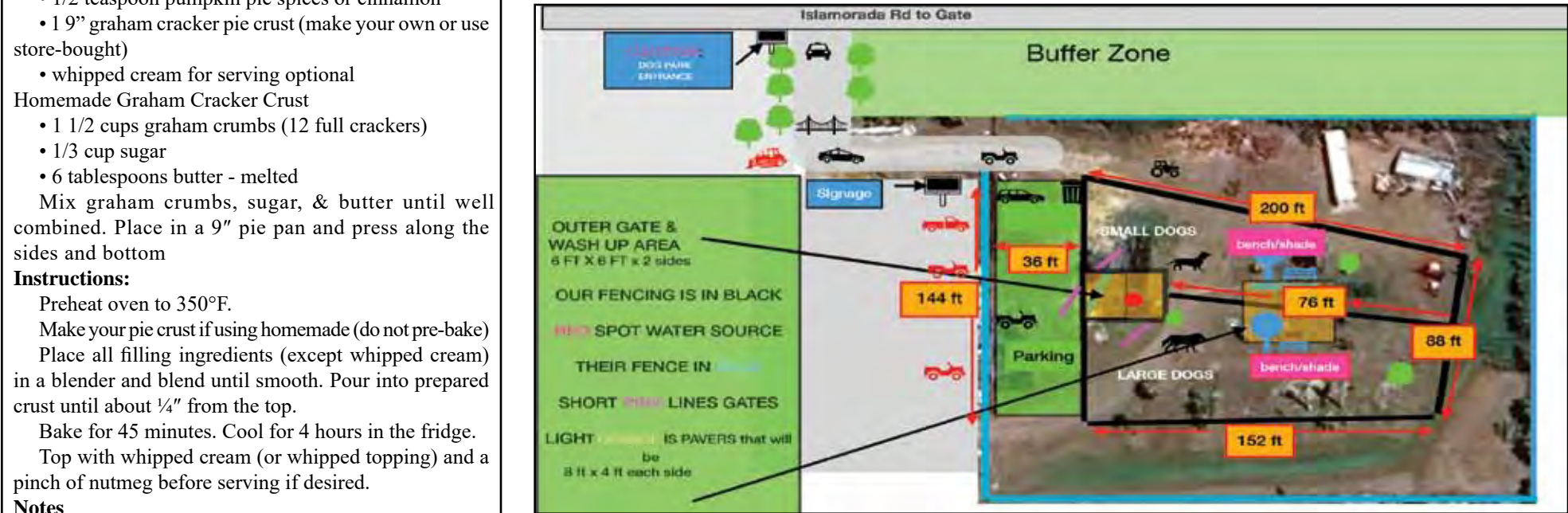
By Deby Sage, Harbor Towers I

Thanks to the Section 22 Vision 2025 Future Amenities Recommendations, the Board has asked for a BSM Dog Park Volunteer Committee to put together a potential dog park here within our community. Deby Sage and Cyndi Gottschalk have agreed to co- chair the committee. The committee has met several times this summer to establish a site and budget. The committee has proposed that the dog park be located off Islamorada Road, within the Section 22's maintenance area. It will be open Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The BSM dog park will require additional fencing within the secured fenced-in area, and away from the existing maintenance buildings, sheds, and water swale. We have included our potential BSM Dog Park map to better show our vision. The Section 22 board has approved some funds. Section 22

will cover our liability costs through their umbrella coverage. Greg Beaton, Section 22 treasurer, is setting up our dog park as another bank account, to assist us with any bills, donations, and fundraising money that we raise to cover our start-up costs. Our monthly costs for water, electricity (for a fob entry system), waste management, and grass cutting will be provided by nominal member fees. All rules and fees are yet to be determined.

Our committee is looking for more volunteers, since we have a long way to go to meet our start up budget, and to get this park up and running. Our hope is that we can see this completed by next summer.

Captain Marty Lonergan has set up a public Facebook page for those interested in either volunteering or wanting more information: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2049904375354320>.



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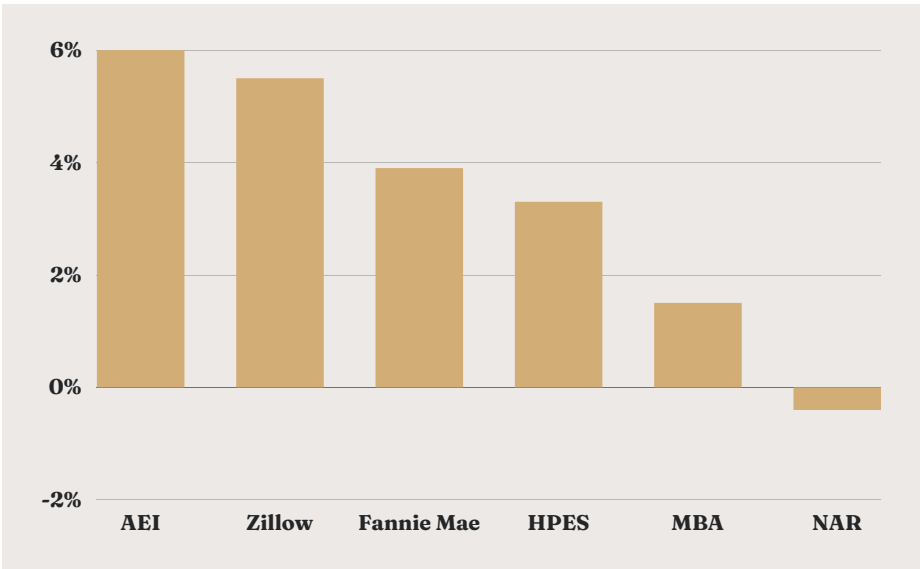


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Market Update

2023 YEAR END HOME PRICE FORECASTS



Sources: Freddie Mac Housing & Mortgage Outlook.

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Nationally, the recent drop in real estate supply has outweighed the decrease in demand. In turn, prices have started to increase, even as sales have fallen. This trend is being mirrored in our local market as well.

Additionally, new listings for August were down 12% from 2022, while sales were reported to be down 3% for the same period. At the same time, the average selling price has increased by 6%.

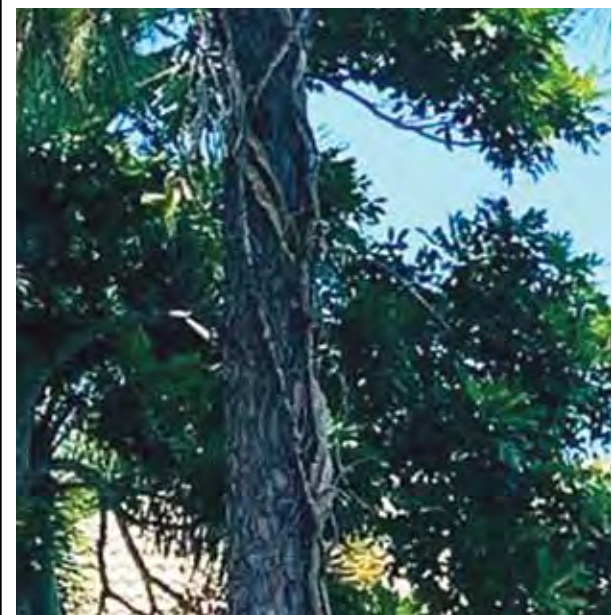
It is anticipated that prices will remain stable through the end of the year, as depicted in the chart to the left of expert opinions. Overall, prices are expected to resume rising at normalized appreciation rates of roughly 3% in the coming years.

Welcome Back Blood Donors!

If you were once deferred from donating blood for geographic risk factors related to variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (vCJD), commonly known as “Mad Cow” disease, we are excited to share that you are now eligible to be a blood donor.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) updated its vCJD guidelines, and it means that most people who traveled, lived, or had a transfusion in the United Kingdom, Ireland and France from 1980 to present, are now eligible to donate blood, as long as they meet all other donor eligibility requirements.

Check at **ONEBLOOD.ORG** for further information, and complete a short form if you need to enroll to begin blood donation.



Cereus Vine - by Maggie Hart



Sunset at BSM Front Gate - by Maurine Connor



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Find A Shoebox

Start with an average-size cardboard or plastic shoebox. If you want to wrap it, cover the box and lid separately. You can use your own shoeboxes or order our colorful preprinted ones, available in both cardboard and plastic. These sturdy options hold up well and can be lasting gifts in themselves for children to store cherished items. Boxes can be purchased on our website, www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child.

Get Your Label

Visit our label options page to find out whether an adhesive or printable label is best for you. Whichever you choose, use the label to indicate on your shoebox whether it was packed for a boy or girl and which age category: Ages 2 to 4; 5 to 9; or 10 to 14.

Fill With Gifts

Select a medium to large “wow” item such as a soccer ball with pump, clothing outfit or stuffed animal, then fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies that will capture the child’s attention the instant he or she opens the box. Don’t forget to also include a personal note and photo – sometimes these are the child’s favorite things to receive!

Do not include candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Donate \$10 Per Shoebox

A donation of \$10 per box is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. For easiest processing, you can give online through our label options or “ways to give” pages, or by mailing a check in the postage-paid envelope available in our print brochure. If you use an online option on the labels page, you can follow your box and discover the destination of your gift.

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Every year, National Collection Week takes place on the third week in November when more than 4,500 drop-off locations are open across the country. Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location during National Collection Week, Nov. 13 to 20. Drop-off locations will be updated mid-October, so please check back then for local drop-off locations.

Build A Shoebox Online

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For more information on how to pack your “online” shoebox, please visit www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline.

Rules of the Road

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



Bicycles: Always ride your bicycle on the right side of the road, even if there is no “bike lane” available. Use hand signals to indicate intention to turn. Always stop at stop signs.

Never exceed the posted speed limit.

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

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

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UPDATE: Burnt Store Road Widening Project

By John Fleming
- Chairman Burnt Store Corridor Coalition

It has been just over one year since the State Department of Transportation introduced a project to widen Burnt Store Road from Van Buren Parkway to the Charlotte County Border. Since that time, the Burnt Store Corridor Coalition (BSCC) has coordinated meetings between State and County representatives expressing our various concerns over the design of the road, and the timeline for its completion which as of today stands at 2030.

As a result of this effort, we are confident the State will incorporate some of the changes we requested. A specific concern is the road design for the main entrance for the Marina and Vincent Avenue. During our discussions, Marina representatives on the coalition, Jerry Newman and Germaine Hyatt, have been instrumental in getting the State to recognize the problems.

From The Desk Of Sheriff Carmine Marceno

Pedestrian Safety

Our county is growing and, with that growth comes an increase in the number of vehicles, more pedestrians, additional cyclists, and construction to alter, repair and improve roadways.



All of the aforementioned variables are capable of compromising pedestrian safety ... especially for children walking to and from school and/or bus stops. As part of my “Safe Kids, Safe Schools” initiative, a safe walk to school, and back home later in the day, is a nonnegotiable component.

Everyone is seemingly rushing to get somewhere ... school, work, appointments. All too many of us have our eyes focused on our cellular devices, have headphones/



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Our original concern was the design would exclude traffic exiting the Marina and Vincent Avenue from making a left-hand turn onto Burnt Store Road. Instead, all traffic would be forced to go south and make a U-Turn at a later point.

We have also had ongoing discussions with the staff for Congressman Byron Donalds and Greg Steube for the purpose of securing federal funds to move the timeline up. Congressman Steube currently has a funding request before Congress for the purpose of moving the project up to fiscal year 2025.

We have been very successful getting our state representative Spencer Roach involved in our efforts. Also, Lee County commissioner Kevin Ruane and Charlotte County Commissioner Chris Contance have been instrumental in getting our concerns before the Joint

Metropolitan Planning Authority (MPO). The MPO will be the agency which will coordinate the final design and construction of the road.

Going forward, we will be asking Section 22 and the Burnt Store Lakes POA to provide letters of support for the changes as well as federal intervention to move the project timeline up. The design phase is scheduled to begin sometime in November. The coalition will notify residents of any public meetings that call for public comment on the project. Jerry Newman and Germaine Hyatt will forward this information to Section 22.

Since its inception two years ago the coalition has grown to 11 communities, which represent over 11,000 homeowners from Cape Coral, Lee and Charlotte County and Punta Gorda, so we are confident our group has the attention of our elected officials.

earphones and are simply not paying appropriate attention to all that is occurring around them.

While most reading this message are adults, we believe that our many years of street crossing and neighborhood walking makes us immune to these types of accidents.

This couldn't be farther from the truth.
Let's begin by remaining alert. If there is no sidewalk, please walk on the left side of the road facing traffic. Walk as far from the roadway as possible and reasonable.

Stop signs and red lights do not guarantee that a vehicle will stop. Do not assume that a vehicle will abide by traffic laws/signs. Attempt to make eye contact with the driver and, in an abundance of safety, always yield to oncoming vehicles.

Exit vehicles, whenever possible, from the passenger side. Pedestrians and cyclists should exercise additional caution in areas of road construction as traffic patterns

change during the course of the construction and drivers may become confused or disoriented.

Crossing major roadways can be perilous. Vehicles are moving at higher speeds, may have blind spots created by large trucks and, when turning, may not see a pedestrian jutting out from behind a parked vehicle or landscaping. These hazards increase exponentially during the dark of night.

Time spent discussing these matters with school-aged children is time well spent. While they may feel insulted when you broach this subject as they are “grown up” and “know how to cross a street,” please remind them that even adults are susceptible to these sorts of tragedies.

“Season” will soon be upon us; more people, more vehicles, more congestion. Let's all be alert and cautious as we approach the holiday season.

Golf Tip of the Month

By Bill Connelly,
Manager of Golf Operations

Season is back upon us, the weather is starting to cool off, and more and more of our northern friends are starting to arrive back down here.

One of the first things to go in our game, when we take time off, is the short game. Being able to reduce the amount of strokes it takes to get the ball in the hole from 125 yards and less is very important to shooting lower scores.

The practice green area is a great place to start when trying to get your game back into season form. When practicing around the green there are a couple of basics to remember. The first one is to make sure you have most of your weight on your front side, play the ball slightly back of center in



your stance, and be aggressive through the ball. When you are on the green practicing your putting stroke, place the ball just in front of the center of your stance, keep your head still and listen to the ball dropping in the cup. If you start with your short game, the long game will follow.

There will be a “Wish For Our Heroes” Golf Tournament and Buffet on Sunday, November 12, from 1-7 p.m. and be sure to sign up for the Leftover Turkey Scramble on Saturday November 25 at 9 a.m. Remember, there is a 9 Hole Scramble every Tuesday at 3 p.m.

We are looking forward to an exciting new season. 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.

The Role Of Glucose

You may have heard the word “glucose” before, but what exactly is it and why is it so important to our health? Glucose is simply our blood sugar, and it's the “fuel” that drives our nervous system. It plays an essential role in healing chronic problems because it supplies our nervous system with the energy it needs to do its job. Of course, healing only happens when our glucose is in optimal range (85-99) and when our A1C is below 5.6. Both of these numbers are a part of routine blood work.

In the same way that a car needs the proper fuel for its engine to start and to drive down the road, your nervous system needs the right levels of glucose to function optimally. Not only is the type of fuel important, the amount of fuel is key as well. If you don't have enough glucose, your body can't create the energy it needs to function. (Anything below 85 is hypoglycemia.) Yet if there's too much glucose present in your body, you'll feel slow, sluggish, and tired after eating. (Anything above 99 is hyperglycemia.) An abundance of glucose can also have a severely damaging effect on the nervous system. The higher the number, the more damaging the effects to your nervous system, brain, blood vessels and organs resulting in problems such as kidney failure or blindness.

There are a few ways to measure the glucose levels of your body. The first and most common way is through a simple blood test. Based on your results, you can see if your glucose (aka blood sugar) levels

are too high or too low. The most simple, inexpensive (free!) at-home “test” to evaluate your glucose levels is to pay attention to the way you feel before and after meals.

If your blood sugar is too low (a condition known as “hypoglycemia”), you will feel a lack of concentration and focus as well as irritability prior to eating. Have you ever heard the term “hangry?” After you eat and your body becomes inundated with glucose, you'll start to feel better. If your glucose levels are too low, you may also have a tendency to wake up at night, have trouble sleeping, and often skip breakfast.

If your glucose levels are too high (known as “hyperglycemia”), you'll likely feel sleepy and sluggish after eating, especially if your meal contains lots of carbohydrates. Too much blood sugar may also cause you to be constantly thirsty, have headaches, or have trouble concentrating.

When your glucose levels are properly balanced, you don't experience the “hangry” feelings, the “crash” after a meal, or the constant cravings for sugars and starches. The only thing that should happen after you eat is that you feel full. That's it.

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November Off-Beat Holidays

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass

We have already begun to see our friends from up north start trickling down to sunny and warm Burnt Store Marina. And in November, one of the really great things we begin to see is more outdoor events – fairs and festivals. And... nearly every town in Florida sponsors some kind of outdoor celebration gearing up for the holiday season. Here are some reasons for celebrating November:

November 3 - 4 - Seminoles American Indian Arts Celebration, Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation

The Seminole’s annual cultural festival unfolds halfway between Naples and Fort Lauderdale off Alligator Alley, at the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum. Admission: \$10 for adults, \$7.50 for seniors, students, and military with ID. Children 4 years and under are free. This includes admission to the museum and the festival. (This is the same price as museum admission alone on other days.) For more information, go to www.ahtahthiki.com/AIAC

November 4, 1890 - The first electrified underground railway system was officially opened in London.

November 4 – 5 - Florida International Air Show, Punta Gorda, FL

The air show is a multiday event showcasing nationally known performers and displays of aircraft and vehicles. The air show offers opportunities for attendees to learn more about aviation, space, and military services. Punta Gorda Airport, Challenger Blvd., Punta Gorda. For more information, go to www.floridaairshow.com

November 5 - Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, at 2 a.m. **Don’t forget to turn your clock back one hour!**

November 7 - Election Day – one of the best ways to let our leaders and representatives know what you think. Vote.

November 9, 1965 - At 5:16 p.m., the *Great Blackout of the Northeast* began as a tripped circuit breaker at a power plant on the Niagara River caused a chain reaction sending power surges knocking out interconnected power companies down the East Coast. The blackout affected over 30 million persons, one-sixth of the entire U.S. population. Electricity also failed in Ontario and Quebec.

November 10, 1775 - The U.S. Marine Corps commemorates the date when the Continental Marines were established as an Armed Force. This day honors the Marines, who have been defending the country since America was born. The U.S. Marine Corps was established as part of the U.S. Navy, and became a separate unit on July 11, 1789.

November 10 – 13 - Siesta Key Crystal Classic Sunsculpting Festival, Sarasota, FL

Two dozen professional artists compete in creating sculptures on Siesta Key beach. Those who buy tickets can watch the sculptures take shape, view them under colored lights at night, see demonstrations and take lessons. The party atmosphere includes a tent with full bar, and a vendor village. For more information, go to www.siestakeycrystalclassic.com

November 11 – Veterans Day is observed every year on November 11. Veterans Day is a federal holiday in the United

States that is observed annually on November 11 to honor military veterans, people who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Veterans Day originated as “Armistice Day” on November 11, 1918 to honor the end of World War I. In 1938, November 11 became a legal holiday dedicated to honoring World War I veterans. This act was later amended to include all veterans by changing the word “Armistice” with “Veterans.” At Burnt Store Marina, we remember our veterans through fund-raising activities for *Wish for Our Heroes Foundation*:

Veteran’s Day Breakfast: Saturday, November 11 @ Cass Cay Restaurant

Heroes Dinner: Saturday, November 11 @ Cass Cay Restaurant

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

For more information, go to Burntstoreveterans.org.

November 18 - January 31 - Augustine Nights of Lights

One of the best Christmas towns in Florida is St. Augustine. Their annual Christmas event, the *Night of Lights* will mesmerize you with their displays of lights, trolley rides, and loads of hot chocolate to put you into the holiday spirit. City tours for the season, \$25 per person for those 12 and older, \$15.00 for those aged five through 11. Leaves on the hour from 6 p.m. through 9 p.m. For more information, go to www.visitstaugustine.com/event/nights-lights-tours.

November 18 – 19 – Englewood Beach Waterfest, Englewood, FL

Watch offshore powerboat racing from Englewood Beach as boats gather points for the world championship races. This is the World Championships for OPA Racing (Offshore Powerboat Association) with 75+ boats running at speeds up to and over 150 mph. For more information, go to www.Englewoodbeachwaterfest.com

November 23 – 26 - The Turkey Run Car Show. Daytona Speedway, Daytona Beach, FL

The Daytona Beach Street Rods have been hosting this event for almost 50 years. During those years they have donated the proceeds of their raffle cars to local and national charities. By 2018 their donations totaled over \$820,000. They have set a \$1,000,000 goal for the end of 2023, their 50th anniversary. This year’s raffle includes a red,1932 Ford Roadster. For more information, go to www.turkeyrun.com

November 23 - Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving Day is celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November. The first national celebration was in honor of the creation of the new United States Constitution. In 1789, President George Washington issued a proclamation designating November 26 of that year as a “Day of Publick Thanksgivin” to recognize the role of providence in creating the new United States and the new federal Constitution. It wasn’t until 1863, during the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November. In 1941, the President and Congress established Thanksgiving as a United States federal holiday to be celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November, which is how it stands today.

November 24 - Black Friday takes place on the Friday after Thanksgiving. It is a public holiday in more than 20 states, so most businesses (except retailers) and schools will be closed in those states. It marks the beginning of the Christmas season, giving consumers around one month to get their shopping done. Retailers depend on this day to get out of the red, and into the black.

November 25 – January 13 - Light Up Mount Dora

As the holiday season approaches, the town of Mount Dora transforms into a magical winter wonderland, thanks to the annual Light Up Mount Dora event. This tradition illuminates the streets of downtown Mount Dora, bringing joy and festive cheer to both residents and visitors alike. For more information, go to www.lifeinlake.com/event-lake-county/light-up-mount-dora

November 27 - Cyber Monday is the first Monday after Thanksgiving, and is a very important day in America’s shopping calendar. The term Cyber Monday describes the American trend of staying at home over the Thanksgiving holiday and using the time to buy Christmas gifts and bargains online.

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Sheriff’s Report

September 2023

- 3 Tickets
 - 1 Non-Resident-Expired Registration
 - 1 Resident-Stop Sign Violation
 - 1 Resident-No Registration
- 6 Speeding Warnings
 - 2 Residents/ 4 Non-Resident
- 9 Stop Sign Warnings
 - 1 Resident/ 8 Non-Residents



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 Sherriff’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.

Snowbirds Can Get Free Or Low Cost Library Cards In Lee County

Here’s How

If you **own** a home/condo in Lee County:

- Stop by the library front desk (at any of the 13 libraries in Lee County).
- Give the library staff your out-of-state driver’s license or state identification card.
- The staff will confirm property ownership by looking up your name in the property appraiser’s database. For you to get a free card your name must be listed on the property.
- You get a free library card – ta! da!

If you are **renting** in Lee County for a few weeks or a few months:

- Stop by the library front desk and request a visitor’s card.
- Give the library staff your out-of-state driver’s license or state identification card.
- Pay \$15 for a three month visitor’s card (three months is the minimum).
- The staff will issue you a library card good for three months–ta! da!

And ... if you are renting for only two months for example, you can still view the library’s databases and download books and music **remotely** when you go back up north, for that last month that you paid for.

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Pets in Paradise

By Debra Bretz, Admirals' Point

Sometimes we may need, or want, to take our pets and leave the house for a few hours. Whether it is because our pet may need a change of scenery, or due to a house-cleaner, painters or a home renovation project. Where can you take your pet until the Dog Park is opened? I did some research on places near us that are “Pet Friendly.” See the list below.

The phrase “Pet Friendly” often shows up on websites of restaurants and retailers. This is where I started the research. If nothing was noted on their website, I called the restaurant or store. I clarified the difference between service dogs and *Pet Friendly*. For retailers, *Pet Friendly* means the dog can come into the store. At restaurants, it means they have outdoor seating, and that is the only area where dogs are allowed. In some cases, I even took my dog to the establishment for confirmation. Molly, my dog, was more than happy to assist in this research.

- Burg'r Bar
- Peace River Seafood



Hang in there... - by Karen Sanderson



Enhanced gas docks at Safe Harbor - Karen Sanderson

- TT's Tiki Bar
- Dean's South of the Border
- The Celtic Ray
- Ice House Pub
- Leroy's Southern Kitchen
- Harpoon Harrys
- Village Brewhouse
- Rivera Bar & Grill
- Trading Post
- Home Goods
- Hobby Lobby
- Home Depot
- Lowes
- Tractor Supply Co.
- Ace Hardware
- Pinch a Penny
- Pet Supermarket
- Animal Luvrs
- Petco
- PetSmart
- Fisherman Village Mall
- Sunset Beach Tiki Bar

I have not forgotten about all the wonderful cats in our community, who also may be faced with a need for a short relocation. I called Burnt Store Animal Hospital, which is right down the street. I inquired about their boarding of cats for a few hours, a day and a 24-hour period, if needed. They were wonderful and gave me the following information.

The boarding facility inside the Burnt Store Animal Hospital will board a cat for the day for \$25. This is for their largest cat crate. They said the large cat crate would fit a large Labrador retriever sitting up. They supply litter and blankets. You just need to bring food, if you desire. If you want 24-hour boarding, the cost is \$35. Just call them



to make a reservation, or come by to see their facility. Here are five of our four legged residents. Send me pictures of your furry family member to add in future editions.



Misty Graves



Polo Needleman



Keeto Graves



JJ Owen



Riley Brewer

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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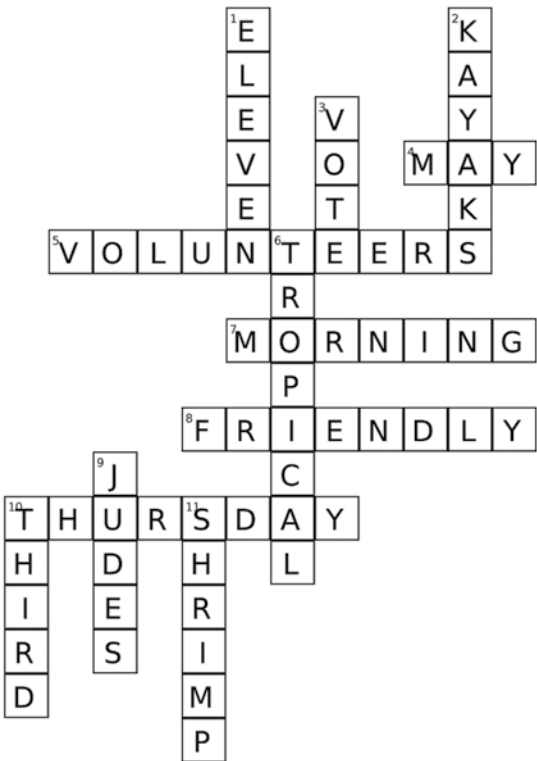


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Here’s news to help you breathe easier: Although respiratory virus season is upon us, you can protect yourself and your loved ones. How? Make sure you’re up to date on all of your vaccinations. Following vaccination, it takes time for your body to build protection against the flu, COVID-19 and RSV, so it’s recommended that you get the vaccines you’re eligible for as soon as possible to support your health and the health of your community. Vaccinations help prevent the flu, COVID-19 and RSV.

Getting a flu shot is the best way to protect yourself and your family from the flu. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends getting vaccinated early in the fall, before flu season begins. It’s especially important to protect at-risk populations – adults 65 and older, those with certain immunocompromising or chronic medical conditions, infants or children under 5 and pregnant women – from severe illness.

The CDC also confirmed that you can receive any of the currently authorized COVID-19 and RSV vaccines at the same time as the flu vaccine. It’s recommended that adults 60 or older get an RSV vaccination as they’re at greater risk for serious complications from RSV because immune systems weaken with age. Your local pharmacy is also now administering the updated COVID-19 vaccine, recently authorized by the FDA and recommended by the CDC.

Seniors have additional options when it comes to vaccinations. Seniors are at a greater risk of developing severe illnesses from flu, COVID-19 and RSV. According to a consumer survey, of those who indicated they plan to get vaccinated, seniors are the demographic most likely to do so (74 percent of seniors). Pharmacies recommended offerings for seniors aged 65 and above include:

• Fludac: An adjuvanted influenza vaccine that helps the body elicit a better immune response.

• Fluzone HD: A high-dose vaccine that contains four times the antigen as the regular flu vaccine and is intended to create a stronger immune response for seniors.

• An RSV vaccine for adults 60 and older with greater risk for serious complications from RSV because immune systems weaken with age.

Common Flu Shot Myths

• **Myth:** You should wait until flu season peaks to get the vaccine.

• **Fact:** It’s best to be vaccinated before flu begins spreading in your community.

• **Myth:** The flu shot gives you the flu.

• **Fact:** Flu shots are made of either inactivated viruses or with proteins from the flu virus – so you can’t get the flu from the vaccine.

• **Myth:** The flu is only spread by coughing and sneezing.

• **Fact:** Flu viruses are largely spread this way, but a person might also get the flu by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose or eyes. That’s why you should wash your hands frequently with soap and water or an alcohol-based cleanser.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends adults 65 and older, those with immunocompromising or chronic medical conditions, infants, children under 5 and pregnant women get vaccinated early in the autumn for flu, COVID-19 and RSV.



Now is the time to protect yourself and those you care for from COVID, the flu and RSV by getting vaccinated.

Consumer Alert

Is It A Legitimate Investment Opportunity Or A Scam?

By Jim Kreidler, Consumer Education Specialist, FTC

When you hear about a can’t-miss investment opportunity your first reaction might be to jump right in. Don’t. But how do you tell the difference between a legitimate investment and a scam?

Investment scams create the impression that you can “make lots of money” with “little to no risk.” They often start on social media, online dating apps, or from an unexpected text, email, or call.

Here’s what to know:

Don’t accept any unsolicited offers. If you get an out-of-the-blue call, text, or email about “an amazing investment opportunity,” it’s a scam. Walk away.

Don’t believe promises that you’ll make money or earn guaranteed returns. No one can guarantee you’ll make lots of money with little to no risk. Anyone who does is a scammer.

Reject the high-pressure pitch. Scammers will often pressure you to act fast, saying that you’ll miss the opportunity if you fail to do so. They try to plant an image in your head of what life will be like when you’re rich. Don’t believe it. Legitimate investments let you take the time you need to investigate before spending any money.

Do your own research. Don’t make any investment until you’ve checked it out and fully understand what you’re investing in, and the terms of the deal. Research the investment and the person offering it. Search online for the name of the company plus “review,” “complaint,” or “scam.”

You may be able to spot a scam, but chances are, you know someone who doesn’t. Sharing what you know could help a family member, colleague, service member, or a veteran in your life avoid investment scams. Spotted a scam? Report it at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.



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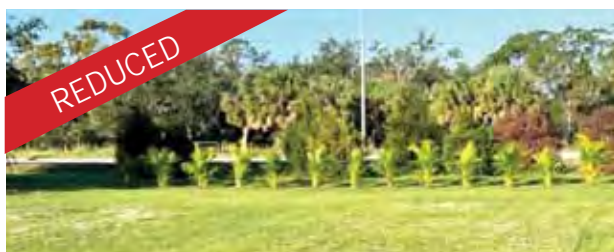
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