



From the Section 22 BOD

By Mike McFeeley, Vice President

WOW!!! What a year. 2023 certainly presented its challenges and opportunities, and from my seat, I’m glad to turn the page. *Hurricane Ian* gave us a yearlong hangover that is finally out of our system, though many of our friends and neighbors are still involved in clean up. We saw many things completed, some things still awaiting completion, and many more yet to start.

The Vision 2025 group provided a template for the future that we have already begun to implement. We’ve seen great changes at Linkside Café, both inside and outside. The Resort Pool has been completely redone. Fitness Center has new flooring in the workout room, and the tennis and pickleball courts were resurfaced and painted. A cleaner, fresher color pallet has been adopted for our community, which will update our look and give us a modern vibe. All our buildings have had new roofs, hopefully, to protect them for many years to come. Our community access team continues to embrace technology to become more efficient, while providing better oversight for the community. The CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) has just completed CPR certification training for over 40 members of BSM. Thanks to the efforts of Jerry Newmin, along with residents Jimmie and Sheila Wise, the training was conducted. Numerous representatives from the golf course, Fitness Center and Resort Pool along with CERT members are now better prepared to assist in an emergency. All of these things and many more have already been done. It’s the future that is so exciting.

2024 will be another year of change as we complete the Tiki Hut at the golf course to provide protection for golfers, and a new social spot for the community. The completion of a shade cover for our tennis folks should be finished in January. This will give both players and spectators somewhere to sit. The remainder of our amenity buildings will be painted, as well as the entrances. The front sign into our community is also getting a long overdue face lift, which will help to make our first impression a good one. We have learned firsthand how permit problems, supply chain delays and labor shortages can severely impact schedules. Fortunately, our resolve will overcome our obstacles, and these improvements will be completed. Plans have begun, and funds are being raised, for a dog park in our community. The plan is to utilize vacant land near our maintenance area. All you need to do is walk around the waterfront and see the number of furry friends to realize that this may be a welcome addition. Please support the group with their various fundraisers as they endeavor to make this a reality.

Under the heading of “necessary” work, our community irrigation pond is in dire need of repairs. We have contracted with a company to reinforce the side with a combination of rip rap and a wooden bulkhead to hold back the erosion. This work will begin, hopefully, in April. This is needed to protect the main irrigation pond from filling up with eroding dirt. We are also working with a marine engineering firm to look at locations for back-up wells to be drilled to protect our community landscape, and the golf course from a devastating failure. Many of these high ticket items are not sexy, but critical to protect our community, and keep us viable. We have already begun looking at resurfacing roads in 2024. A survey was completed to identify the worst roads so we have a starting point. This will be a three-year project, and when completed, will hopefully last a very long time.



Good Morning Burnt Store Marina. Photo by Karen Lindstrom Alberts

Other big projects up for discussion, planing and possibly implementation are ready for the drawing board.

Irrigation- We are looking at using blue tooth technology to update our antiquated water meters that are used throughout Burnt Store. Presently, each month a meter reading showing individual water usage needs to be done. This is a manual process, and with almost 500 meters, is time consuming and inefficient. We are looking at a new meter which will upload the data without physically checking it. This will save time, money, and be much more accurate. The cost of this project isn’t insignificant, but it makes good sense to move in this direction. Many thanks to Rocky Mansfield and his team on the irrigation committee who work many hours each month to help keep all this straight.

Pickleball Courts- As the popularity of this sport continues to grow, it has become painfully evident that we need more courts if we are to accommodate everyone who wants to play during the season. Waiting 30 to 45 minutes between games, or not being able to play at all, isn’t a good alternative. We are looking at ways to increase the number of courts without negatively impacting other activities. A number of ideas have been discussed. One idea involves adding pickle ball courts along with new bocce ball courts over at the golf course practice area located just inside the golf course entrance gate. No decisions have been made yet and we are still getting input.

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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 Homeowners 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:

- Marina Towers Condo Assoc., 3020 Matecumbe Key Road, pool deck replacement.
- Jonathan & Peggy Crawford, 17831 Hibiscus Cove Court, roof replacement.
- Carol & Philip Tuturice, 1305 Islamorada Boulevard, window replacement.
- Kathy Wright, 5030 Sable Key Circle, solar panel installation.
- Fredrick & Margaret Hart, 3937 Cape Cole Boulevard, roof replacement.
- Sandra & Herb Nelson, 3080 Big Pass Lane, roof replacement.
- Tom & Judy Schmitz, 1060 Matecumbe Key Road, window replacements.
- Nancy Harrison, 2000 Matecumbe Key Road, front door replacement.

- Dan & Lori Petermeier, 3460A Sunset Key Circle, window replacements.
 - David & Connie Huelsbeck, 3385 Sunset Key Circle, window replacements.
 - Eugene & Cristine Voogd, 6030 Cobia Estates Drive, pool cage color change.
 - Wayne & Kathleen Shelton, 3041 Big Pass Lane, pool cage replacement.
 - Richard & Carole Casey, 3859 Cape Cole Boulevard, house trim color change.
 - Jim & Karen Zachaez, 1524 Islamorada Boulevard, 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**.

Reminder:

Section 22 HOA Annual Meeting –
Tuesday, January 30th, 10 a.m.,
Burnt Store Presbyterian Church

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An ARC did you know, moment...

By Barry Groesch,
Architectural Review Committee Chair

Did you know...If you want to update your exterior light fixtures, an ARC application is required. For all projects, go to the **BSM22.org** website to get your application.

Attention Residents:

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3250 Southshore Dr,	52C	3	2	“Turn-Key”	\$649,000	\$250.39
3260 Southshore Dr,	61A	3	2	SOLD	\$784,900	\$302.12
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Mark Your Calendar – Out And About

Inside the Gates Dates

- **Monday, January 1:** Deadline for the February *Beacon*. Article and picture submissions are welcomed. Become part of the *Beacon* family.
- **Tuesday, January 30:** Section 22 HOA Annual Board Meeting, Burnt Store Presbyterian Church, 10 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, January 5:** Fort Myers River District Art Walk, 1 to 5 p.m. Visit many galleries, exhibitions, and performances.
- **Saturday, January 13 and Sunday, January 14:** 39th Annual Cape Coral Art Fest & Marketplace. This festival showcases the talents of over 300 artists and craftsmen from around the world. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cape Coral Parkway.
- **Friday, January 19:** 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 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. \$30 per person. Go to <https://swfloridawalkingtours.com/tours-2/long-lunch-tour>.
- **Every Thursday:** Fort Myers River District Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Every Saturday:** Haunts of History Tour. Take a leisurely walking tour of Punta Gorda to see the most haunted sites. Adults \$29, youth under 15, \$19. Go to <https://swfloridawalkingtours.com/tours-2/haunts-of-history-tour>.
- **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.

Long-Time Beacon Editor Retires

Long- time *Beacon* editor, Daryl Lemon, has retired after 21 years of service. Daryl joined *The Beacon* as a contributor in November, 2002. She later became an editor, as well as the masthead photographer. She was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by Maggie Hart at the Section 22 Board of Directors’ meeting on November 28.

Photo by Mike Diegelmann, Commodore Club.



Bocce - That’s The Way We Roll!

By Kathy Darrell,
Tarpon Pass II

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



Happy New Year from the BSMCC Bocce Group! Best wishes to you for good health and happiness, and joining the Bocce Group in 2024!

We are looking forward to another year of meeting new friends, and growing our very active group. Connie and Dave Huelsbeck are the leaders and organizers, and would love to hear from you if you have any questions about bocce.

Please remember, there is no special equipment needed, and no special clothing! Just show up at 3 p.m. on Tuesday

afternoons and join in. Please bring a lawn chair. Most Tuesdays we go to dinner together to extend the fun and friendship.

The bocce court is in front of Burnt Store Marina Country Club on the northeast side of the parking lot.

You do not have to be a member of BSMCC to play.

This short article is my last. I have rambled on for almost five years about bocce, and hope I have entertained and educated you on this wonderful game. It is now time for another voice, and I introduce to you Carole Romaine! Carole will share all the bocce news and keep everyone informed.

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

Buon Anno Nuovo!
Happy New Year!

Rules of the Road

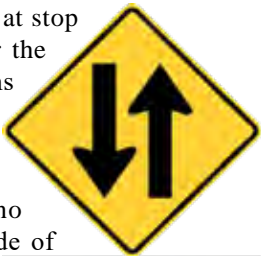
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Bicycles: Always ride your bicycle on the right side of the road, even if there is no “bike lane” available. Use hand signals to indicate intention to turn. Always stop at stop signs. Never exceed the posted speed limit.

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.



Santa’s Elves (Left to right): Fred Yole, Charlie Harpon, Kevin Schaffer, Douglas Punke, Pat Elliott, Ted Bailey, Rick Schaffer, Mike McCallister. Not Pictured Jim Baudinio, Jay Heap.

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Left to right: Diane & Pat Elliott, Emily Morin, Zack & Cathy Cummings, Cathy Schultz, Lori Gustafson, Chris Morrill, Sandi Stricklin, Rick Stewart, Terry Bauer, Ian Scott, Tony Folio.

Pets in Paradise

By Debra Bretz,
Admirals' Point

The start of a new year is a good time to check your will, estate plan and insurance documents to ensure everything is still relevant and up to date. One important part of this annual check-up is my emergency contacts.



Raven & Randy Gottschalk

In the event of a car accident or medical emergency, first responders have various methods to find your emergency contact information. They may start by checking your wallet or purse for identification, which often includes emergency contact details. Additionally, many people store emergency contacts on their mobile phones, so first responders may check your phone for any ICE (In Case of Emergency) contacts. Once they have obtained your emergency contact information, first responders will typically reach out to those individuals to inform them about the situation and provide updates on your condition. They will share necessary details, such as the hospital you are being taken to or any immediate medical needs.



Charlie Mayo

Regarding your pet, if you are unable to care for your pet due to an emergency, it's essential to have a plan in place. First responders may try to locate a family member, neighbor, or friend who can temporarily care for your pet. If that is not possible, they may contact local animal control or humane society to ensure your pet's safety and well-being until you can make necessary arrangements.

It's always a good idea to have a designated emergency contact, and a contingency plan for your pets in case of unforeseen circumstances. Here are some steps you can take:

- Emergency contacts:** Have a list of emergency contacts who can assist you in such situations. These contacts can be trusted friends, family members, or neighbors who are willing and able to help.
- Key sharing:** Provide a spare key to your trusted emergency contacts. This way, if needed, they can access your home to check on your pet, provide care, or transport them to a safe location if necessary. Ensure that your emergency contacts are familiar with your pet's routine, feeding schedule, and any specific care instructions.
- Pet-sitter or boarding facility:** Consider having a pet-sitter or boarding facility as part of your emergency plan. Provide your emergency contacts with information about the pet-sitter

My Pets Are Home Alone!

IN THE EVENT THAT I AM INJURED OR UNWELL,
PLEASE CONTACT THE PERSON LISTED ON THE
BACK OF THIS CARD,
SO THEY KNOW TO
CHECK ON MY PETS.

MY PETS:

MY NAME _____

MY ADDRESS _____

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

NAME _____

TEL _____

VET _____

or boarding facility, including their contact details and location. They can coordinate with them to ensure your pet is taken care of while you are unable to do so.

4. Medical information and instructions: Keep important medical information and instructions easily accessible. This includes your pet's medical history, any medications they take, allergies, and specific care instructions. Provide this information to your emergency contacts, or boarding facility in case they need it.

Above is an example of a card that you can cut out and put in your wallet. Our four-legged family members need someone to look out for them, even when you can't.

Here are a few of our four-legged residents. Send me pictures of your furry family member to add in future editions. My email address is debrabretz@gmail.com.



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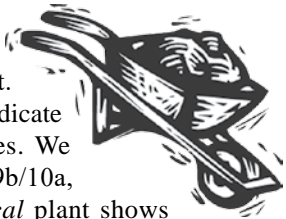
Gardener’s Wheelbarrow

By Maggie Hart,
Mariners Pass

Growing zones are U.S. Dept. of Agriculture designations to indicate average minimum temperatures. We are located in subtropical zone 9b/10a, a transition area. A true *tropical* plant shows distress when temperatures fall below 50 degrees. We can experience lows that will kill a tropical plant to the ground, but if the roots survive, the plant will rejuvenate. All it takes is two consecutive mornings of 32 degrees, for just 15 minutes each, to severely damage tropical foliage. Because we are in a transition area, we can experience extreme swings in temperatures, sometimes as much as 60 degrees within a month’s time. The most cold sensitive areas of BSM are the far eastern (along Burnt Store Rd.) and northern (Vincent Ave.) sections. Areas closer to the harbor experience the modifying effects of Charlotte Harbor. By the numbers, January 2023 had a low of 40 degrees and daily highs between 59-85. There were 5 days below 50 degrees. Certainly no frost, but those few chilly mornings, especially with dampness, will create fungus on plant leaves, and yellowing with some leaves dropping.

Life expectancy for our local shrubs varies from 3 – 7 years. Surprised? This is what happens:

- Our growing period is almost year-round. A 5-year-old plant here is equal to about a 10 – 15 year old plant grown in zones 4a-5b (Michigan) or 6b-7b (Mid-Atlantic) because their growing period is approximately a third or half the length of ours.
- Weather forecasters have said this could be a wet winter. I’ve no idea what to tell you. Historically, we should be well into the dry season and reliant on irrigation water.



- Pruning also takes its toll on our plants. Because of our long growing season, pruning occurs several times a year. It may temporarily reduce the size of the plant, but it also sends a message to *grow*! Producing leaves, flowers and seeds requires large amounts of energy. Our plants are constantly running marathons, month after month.

As plants age-out they become stressed, diseased and die. Replace them with plants that can better handle the salt, and are better suited site-wise for the location, thereby requiring less pruning. For more information: call or visit the Lee County Cooperative Extension Service and request copies of *Safe Salt Levels for Commonly Grown Plants* and *Salt Tolerant Plants for Florida*.

January’s “to do” list:

- Ornamentals –If you’re going to plant, you must also commit to watering with your *hose* every other day for a couple weeks (then slackening off to a couple times a week, then once a week, etc.) Tropical palms will do better when planted during the summer months.
- Annuals – Plant, but take the time to prep the soil well. Mound the soil with a substantial amount of annual mix (contains vermiculite, sand and ground mulch), sprinkle with Osmocote (fertilizer) and a fungicide. Then plant your annuals. Mounding the soil will elevate the plants so they are more easily seen, keep them from getting wet “feet” and provide adequate good soil to settle their roots into.
- Pruning – If you have a *deciduous* tree (e.g. frangipani/plumeria) now is the time to do any required reshaping. Fertilizing –Hold off fertilizing turf and other cold sensitive plants.

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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.

Burnt Store Marina CC News

By John Abbott,
General Manager, BSMCC

Happy New Year Everyone! Well, that was a quick year. I guess with all the fun that we are having here at Burnt Store Marina, the time just flies right by. At least Mother Nature was friendlier to us in 2023, which should give everyone a chance to enjoy the season a little more, without all the clean-up and rebuilding.

We certainly have a robust agenda of events scheduled for this season in the restaurant and the golf course. We are going to start it all off with our annual “Hangover” Scramble on New Years Day. We are tweaking the format this year, and making this a backwards scramble...seems fitting for the day. We have three other golf tournaments scheduled in January including a “Poker” Scramble on the 13th, a “Shoot Out” on the 18th and “Shirts & Skirts” on the 27th, which will pit the men against the ladies, and never lacks in drama. Make sure you sign up early for these events, as they do fill up fast.

The restaurant will be a busy place during the month of January. There are so many fun events including Friendly Feud, Trivia, Bar Bingo, Prime Rib, and our Thursday night food trucks & live music featuring the bands Smallwood, The Kollections, Lipstick and Stolen Fruit.

There are so many fun and delicious things going on here over the next few months that you will want to participate in, and share with your friends. If you haven’t yet joined the club, now is the time to do so. Together, let’s make this the best year ever at BSMCC!! We look forward to seeing you all at the club!



BSMCC JANUARY 2024 Schedule of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Years Day Hangover Scramble 10 a.m. *** Linkside Closed 3 p.m. No Trivia!	2 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/* 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	3 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Republican Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.*****	4 Lunch 11 a.m - 3 p.m.* Food Trucks and Music Small Town Duo 5 - 8 p.m.	5 Lunch 11 a.m - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/*	6 Lunch 11 a.m - 3 p.m.* Dinner - Two for \$40 5 - 8 p.m.**/* Music - Linda and Kelly
7 Brunch Menu 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. NFL Football 1 p.m.	8 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Trivia 5 - 8 p.m.*** Members Only!	9 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/* 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	10 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Bingo 5 - 8 p.m.****	11 Lunch 11 a.m - 3 p.m.* Food Trucks and Music Kollections 5 - 8 p.m.	12 Lunch 11 a.m - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/*	13 Lunch 11 a.m - 3 p.m.* Poker Scramble 9 a.m.*** Poker Run 3 - 5 p.m.**** Dinner - Two for \$40 5 - 8 p.m.**/* Music - Fred Montana
14 Brunch Menu 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. NFL Football 1 p.m.	15 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Trivia 5 - 8 p.m.*** Members Only!	16 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/* 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	17 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Prime Rib 5 - 8 p.m.**/*	18 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Food Trucks and Music Lipstick 5 - 8 p.m.	19 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/* Reverse Raffle Kickoff Lanai 5 p.m.	20 Lunch 11 a.m - 3 p.m.* Linkside Closed 3 p.m. Private Event
21 Brunch Menu 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. NFL Football 1 p.m.	22 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Trivia 5 - 8 p.m.*** Members Only!	23 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/* 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	24 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Friendly Feud **/**** 5 - 8 p.m.**/*	25 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Food Trucks and Music Stolen Fruit 5 - 8 p.m. Shoot Out 1 p.m.***	26 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/*	27 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Shirts and Skirts 12 noon Golf Members Only Dinner - 2 for \$40 **/* Music - John Sheryak
28 Brunch Menu 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. NFL Football 1 p.m.	29 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Trivia 5 - 8 p.m.*** Members Only!	30 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/* 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	31 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Democrats Dinner***** 5 - 8 p.m.			

* Call Linkside for reservations 941-637-6405
**Members make reservations 1st! Non-member 7days prior to events - 3 days before dinner's if available!
*** Sign up in Lobby on Board
**** Sign up at Admin Office.
***** Reservations for Republican and Democrat Dinners must be made through respective clubs.
Due to circumstances beyond our control, everything is subject to change.

From the Section 22 HOA BOD from page 1

Fitness Center Expansion- If you’ve ever tried to attend an exercise class in season, you know how problematic that can be. We are a community on the move. The reason

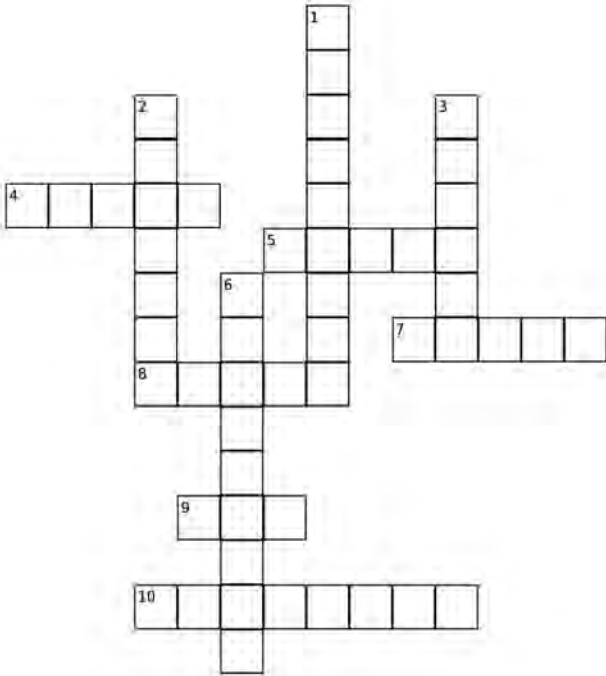
people come to our beautiful part of the world is to enjoy the weather and stay active. The problem is that our fitness center is “bursting at the seams.” With all the demand for exercise classes, yoga, workout machines and individual aerobic training, we have outgrown our existing facility.

Discussions are underway to look at options for expanding our capacity. Whether this means a different building, or just enlarging the one we have. There are many things to look at when analyzing this issue. One thing we know for sure, our existing structure isn’t sustainable. This is a large project that will take some time to figure out. The goal is to conduct a thorough analysis, get input and make some decisions.

Burnt Store Marina is like a small town with many moving parts. From roads, to landscape, to irrigation, we have infrastructure to take care of as well as lifestyle enhancements that will benefit all our residents. This will, hopefully, allow our community to compete with all the new building going on in Southwest Florida. This is all a balancing act with “money” being the ultimate arbiter. Smart, financially responsible growth is the key to a vibrant and solvent community. Change is the only constant. Trying to make decisions that are in the best interest of the majority can often put us at odds with individual desires. This is probably the biggest challenge facing us as we move forward. For many reasons, not everyone is in favor of change or expansion. Balancing the needs of the individual versus the best interest of the community is an area that takes compromise.

Burnt Store Marina is a wonderful place to call home. There is truly something for everyone. The longer I’m here, the more I realize how important our volunteers are to our success. Everyone in this community should be involved in making it better. Whether you help with your local condo association, or you are involved in one of the many community-wide projects, Thank You! It’s the volunteers that make this place great. If you aren’t involved in anything, my question is WHY? We all benefit from the efforts of a few. We need more people to step up with their time and talent. Make 2024 your year to get involved and become a part of the solution.

January Crossword Puzzle

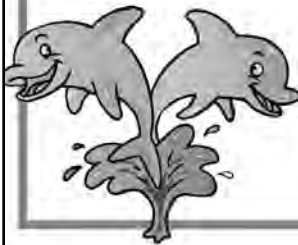


Down:

- The 40th Golden Conch Regatta is open to all _____ in BSM and SWF yacht clubs/marinas.
- Shirts & Skirts Golf tournament is _____ 27th.
- Franklin Delano Roosevelt was inaugurated to an unprecedented _____ term as President in January 1945.
- The Fitness Center is offering a Weight Loss _____, again this year.

Across:

- Jorts are shorts made of _____ material.
- There is a _____ Scramble on January 13th. at BSMCC.
- A Slam in fishing is when you catch _____ different species of fish on the same trip.
- Life expectancy for our local shrubs is 3-7 _____.
- You need to have a plan for your _____ in case of an emergency and you cannot care for them.
- O _____ blood can be used in blood transfusions for all blood types.



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Quick Homemade Ramen

By Jennifer LeClair, Pelican Way

Happy New Year! Have you made that New Year’s resolution to eat healthier? If you have, this is a recipe, from **Pinch of Yum.com**, that may help you stick to your resolution. Even though Florida winters are not really “winter,” a bowl of soup is always a welcomed meal this time of year.



Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 3 teaspoons grated fresh ginger
- 4 teaspoons minced garlic
- 4 cups broth (I used chicken, but vegetable would also work)
- 4 cups water
- 1 ounce dried shiitake mushrooms (I love mushrooms so I also add some fresh)
- 2 packages instant ramen (noodles only!)
- 1/2 cup chopped scallions or chives
- 2 cup chopped kale
- 1 cup shredded carrots
- Sriracha to taste
- crunchy golden panko crumbs for topping

Instructions

1. Heat the sesame oil in a dutch oven or large pan over medium low heat. Add the garlic and ginger; stir fry for 2 minutes or until soft and fragrant.
2. Add the broth and the water. Bring to a simmer; add the mushrooms and simmer for 10 minutes or until the mushrooms have softened and the broth is flavorful.
3. Add the instant noodles to the hot liquid and simmer for an additional 5 minutes or until the noodles have softened. Add the scallions and stir to combine.
4. Remove from heat, stir in the kale and carrots, and top with crunchy panko crumbs (see notes) and a soft-boiled egg (optional). Additional seasonings (optional) are chili oil, hot sauce, sesame oil, and/or soy sauce and salt to taste.

Notes

To make crunchy golden panko crumbs, heat a few tablespoons of oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the panko, stir for one minute or less, or until golden brown. Remove and place on paper towels to drain. You can also toss the panko with a little oil and toast them in the oven to get them golden and crispy.

Blood Donation News

By Ann Singer, Admiral’s Point

Don’t Miss the Bus in 2024

Make Blood Donation A Habit!

BSM Blood Drive Schedule for 2024

Always on Monday 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

January 22 March 18

Burnt Store Marina welcomed back the BIG RED BUS on Monday, November 13 after summer break. **Twenty-nine (29)** volunteers donated **27 units of blood**. Each donation can save up to three lives, which means **81** patients could benefit from the lifesaving efforts of blood donors just this day at Burnt Store. **We exceeded our goal! Thanks to all the people that gave time to donate.** There will always be a blood shortage, so we hope to see all these donors, and more, at the next blood drive in January!

Blood is essential to life. It cannot be made or manufactured. Generous blood donors are the only source of blood for patients in need of a blood transfusion.

Monday, January 22, from 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. is our next donation day. Make your appointment online, or plan to walk in. Don’t wait to schedule! Do it today while reading this article to get the time you want, you may schedule months ahead on **oneblood.org**. Questions or need help? Contact Ann Singer at 319-290-5955 or Jo Bucci at 941-445-8260.


The Big Red Bus will be located in the Cass Cay/Tiki Hut/Trading Post parking lot. Be sure to eat before you donate, and drink lots of fluids before and after. Bring a photo ID.

Incentive gifts for January 22 drive will be a \$20 e-gift card, a OneBlood long-sleeve t-shirt, and a Chick-fil-A gift card for a chicken sandwich. All three items will be given to successful donors.

THANKS TO THE 29 VOLUNTEERS PARTICIPATING ON NOVEMBER 13

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW DONORS!

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Do You Know Your Blood Type?

By Jeremy Puckett, Guest Columnist, USA Today Network – Florida

Submitted by Ann Singer, Admiral’s Point

In the healthcare world, there is no substitute for human blood. Nothing has the same healing and life-saving capacity of blood, but some types are more important than others for hospitals and health care providers.

There are four major blood types: A, B, AB, or O, and each can either be positive or negative. When it comes to blood transfusions, there are very specific ways blood types must be matched. Otherwise, it can cause a severe, and potentially fatal reaction.

Typically, you can only receive transfusions from your specific blood type. The exception is Type O Negative. O Negative blood can be used in transfusions for patients of any blood type, and is used for emergency transfusions when a patient’s blood type is unknown.

Because it can be used for anyone, Type O is routinely in short supply, and in high demand by hospitals. **OneBlood** checks all blood types when potential donors are screened upon entering their bus. Monday, January 22 is a great way to start off the new year. Stop by OneBlood’s Big Red Bus here in Burnt Store Marina. Read the Blood Donation News article in this *Beacon* for more information, or contact Ann Singer at 319-290-5955.





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“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!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 January 1, 2024, 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.



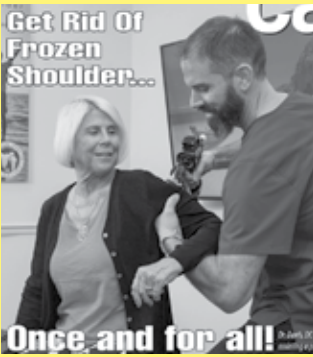
My office is called **Active Health Brain & Body** and it is located at 6710 Winkler Road, Suite #1. It’s the gray Key West-style building at the corner of Cypress Lake Drive and Winkler Road behind the Bank of America. The phone number is **239-482-8686**. Please call my wonderful assistants Megan or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

I wish you the Very Best in Health and Life!

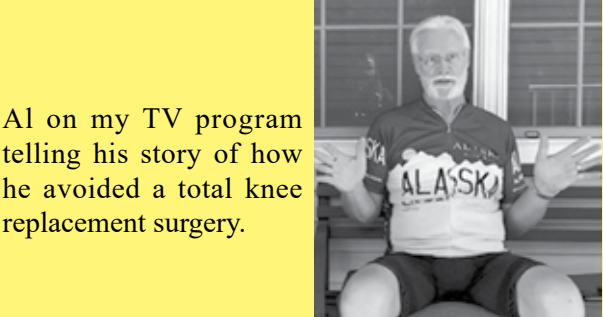
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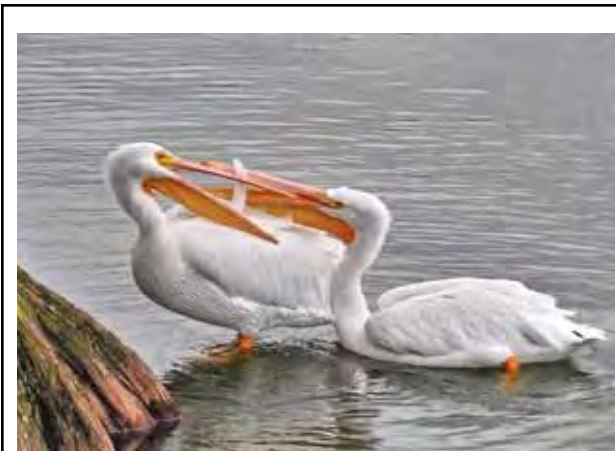


Platinum Point Yacht Club

By Loretta Steeves, Director

December was a busy time at Platinum Point Yacht Club (PPYC). We kicked off the month with our annual *Trim-A-Tree Holiday Party* on December 6. The event began with the PPYC Chorus serenading the arriving guests with Christmas carols. As the evening progressed, the newest members of the club were introduced by our membership chair, Vanessa Jordan. These new members were invited to continue the PPYC tradition of hanging a personal nautical ornament on the PPYC Christmas tree.


The festivities then moved inside the club for a delicious holiday meal. Our policy of using assigned seating assured that our new members were spread throughout the room, and had the opportunity to get to know as many of us “older” members as possible. After a holiday meal of turkey and ham with all the trimmings, the chorus led the entire group in carols far into the evening.




Majestic White Pelicans. Photo by Karen Sanderson

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For more information contact:
Club Administrator, Dorothy Saviste at 941-639-0733 or at office@ppychsm.org.
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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.

Sheriff's Report

November, 2023

- 23 Speeding Warnings
 - 19 Non-Residents
 - 4 Residents
- 7 Stop Sign Warnings
 - 5 Residents
 - 2 Non-Residents
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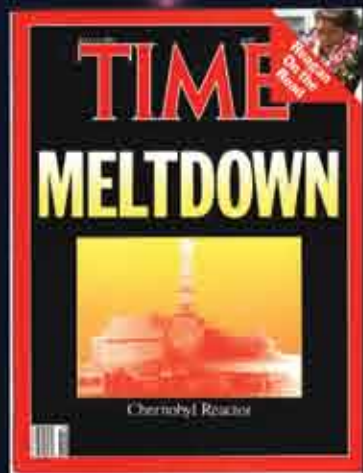
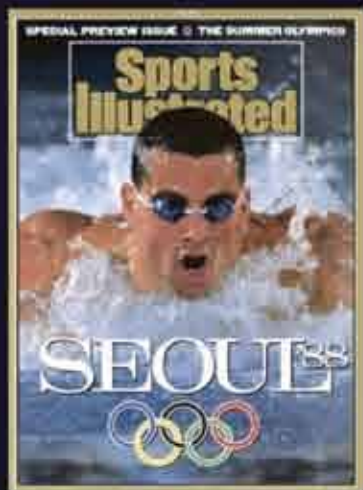
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Fitness, Friends & Fun...Happy New Year!

By Cynthia Mathews

As we begin 2024, it's not only time to reflect on 2023, but plan for what is going to be the best year of your life. And why not? We deserve it.



One of my favorite parts of living in Burnt Store Marina is the vibrant and active people. Every morning I see pups and their owners walking, and dozens of members taking advantage not only of our sunny weather but the facilities. From sipping a morning cuppa next to the updated pool and jacuzzi, to getting in a quick workout in the late afternoon, we enjoy a healthy lifestyle here.

To make the most of the activities here, healthy goals are a great place to start. I had a knee replacement just days before *Hurricane Ian*. For me, 2023 was about recovery, balance, and slowly building core and quad strength. I take advantage of our fitness club in lots of ways. I stretch in the aerobics room, I center myself during yoga, I do cardio and weights in the main area, and I unwind in the pool. Now, I'm having a great time playing pickleball.

It's Important to Have Goals

How are you going to reach fitness goals without having them? I think of fitness goals as the *Thomas Guides* for a healthy journey. From completing a road race, crewing on a Dragon Boat team, or simply maintaining upper body strength, your goals just need to be achievable.

What do you Want and Why

Think about why you want these fitness goals. How are you going to motivate yourself to achieve it? Can you make a healthy diet and workout changes? Did you allow enough time for success?

Goal Management

Let's say you've decided you want to be stronger. Well, that looks different to each of us. For some, it could be increasing weights and reps in the fitness center. Maybe it's riding your bike around one more loop, or to the club before and after the workout. Keep track of your progress.

Be SMART

That's an acronym for ideal goals. **S - Specific.** Make your goals well-defined. **M - Measurable.** Are you keeping an accurate log? Are you slowly increasing your activity? **A - Achievable.** Goals need to be doable and allow for the foibles of life. They should also push us to make steady improvements. **R - Realistic.** Let's face it, getting 'six-pack' abs (and being able to *see* them), is probably not achievable for most of us without significant lifestyle changes. Instead, start with smaller goals and track your progress working your abs, obliques, and lower back. **T - Timely.** Training takes daily commitment. Competitive goals can take years to achieve, so set yourself up for success when goal setting.

Be Present

Yes, you can increase your fitness level on the treadmill and bike while reading a book or watching television. But better results come from a more engaging workout. Studies show that visualizing yourself stronger, more flexible, and feeling more comfortable in your own skin leads to increased performance.

Be Positive

If you don't make your daily goals, that's okay. Life happens, Hot wings and key lime pie happen. Enjoy your splurges. Fitness doesn't happen overnight. It's about committing yourself. You're worth it.



Simply Smashing



Raquettes

Holidays or HOLI-DAZE?

Another great way to achieve results is to be accountable to someone else. That's why our Fitness Center is offering a **Weight Loss Challenge** again this year. When it comes to holiday parties many of us struggle with overindulging. How can you make it through the holidays by enjoying your favorite foods and not gaining weight? Join our weekly meetings on Fridays at noon (time subject to change) via Zoom. The cost is \$100 for the six-week session, including a personalized plan, six-week monitoring, weekly meetings, and personal coaching. Sign up at the Fitness Center. In this six-week session, you will learn how to effectively maneuver through parties and gatherings, while enjoying your favorite foods. Together we'll customize a flexible plan that will work for *you*. Join us on a six-week journey of health, wellness, and weight loss. We will meet at the fitness center weekly to discuss the week's information and track progress.

Week 1 - Explore your relationship and your beliefs around food. Practice, observe, and track what you are eating and drinking and when. Set up MyFitnessPal. Begin reducing processed foods and increase daily movement.



Alley Oops

Week 2 - Weekly recap, identifying your eating habits, and recognizing the feelings and emotions surrounding them. Practice, observe, and track your habits and initiate new ones.

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Week 3 - Weekly recap, Explore your expectations and attachments. Practice, identify expectations and attachments, and develop a plan for balanced changes.

Weeks 4, 5, 6 - Weekly recap, and practical application of movement, eating, and drinking commitment.

Open House January 6

We welcome the community to our annual Open House on Saturday, January 6 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. If you're looking to meet some fitness goals this year, make sure to stop by our Open House. There will be music, prizes, raffles, and day-pass giveaways. Our members will be showing off the renovated pool area, resurfaced tennis and pickleball courts, and the fabulous facilities. Join us for the tennis and pickleball demonstrations. We appreciate Robin and Mark Vanderlinden bringing this event to fruition.

Welcome New Members

We are happy to welcome Tennis Liaison Cheri Frank to the Marketing Committee. We appreciate it. We brought Dottie and Ted Schindler, and Chris Piwowarek on board last month.

Tennis

- The BSM Men's and Women's tennis teams are going strong and doing well so far this season. You will find them on the courts for matches on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays.
- The BSM Raquettes, our Charlotte County Women's team without age restriction, play on Mondays along with our Peace River Senior Men's 75+ team, the Hornets.
- Our three other Peace River Senior Men's teams are the BSM Gold, Blue, and Red teams, and they play on Thursdays.
- The BSM Green Flash, Alley Oops, Re-Strung Ladies and Simply Smashing are our Charlotte Country 50+ Tennis League women's teams, which you will find playing on Fridays.

Come on out and cheer on our teams at our new shaded viewing area. Match times can be found in the Court Reserve app, or by calling the Fitness, Racquet, and Pool Club at 941-575-3260. The men's and women's teams join and host Tennis Socials once a month, January-March. These socials are open to anyone who would like to enjoy some delicious food, socializing, and some round-robin style tennis. They will be on January 28, February 18, and March 24 this year. The BSM tennis community would love to have you join in the fun.



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Marina Walk Safety

By Bill Boykin. President, PPMA

As we approach our high occupancy season, it is important to remind ourselves to safely enjoy the Marina Walk. Safety is key, and that can be achieved if we all exercise common sense and simple courtesy.

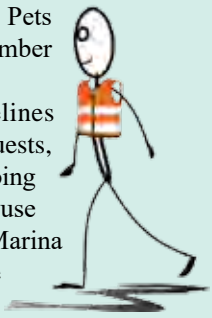
Pedestrians, as on all the Burnt Store roadway systems, have the right of way. Other than handicap related conveyances, golf carts are the only authorized motorized transportation devices on the Marina Walk. Under Florida's new golf cart law, 18 is the minimum legal age to operate a golf cart unless the driver possesses a valid driver's license or learner's permit. Please remember that we as owners are responsible and liable for the behavior of all individuals operating our golf carts.

Golf carts and bikers must slow down to near walking speed (3 to 4 mph) and announce their presence when approaching pedestrians from behind. Maximum recommended speed on the Walk is 5 mph, jogging speed. Golf cart drivers and bikers need to be mindful of all pedestrians, including those entering from single family homes along the Walk. These simple actions would eliminate many dangerous encounters. Also, two parallel stopped golf carts blocking the Walk is inconsiderate of others and a potential safety hazard.

Pedestrians may have the right of way, but they also have responsibility to ensure that they do not hinder passage of others. For example, walking four abreast and not yielding. Their responsibility also includes the sensible use of earbuds or other devices that limit their ability to hear rear approaching bikes, golf carts and other pedestrians.

If you are an early morning walker or rider, remember that sounds carry in the quietude of the morning, and could disturb the sleep of those who reside in the homes that hug the walkway. Inside voices please. After dark and before light, please have a visible light on you, your pets, bikes and golf carts. Pets must be leashed at all times and remember to pick up after them.

Please share these safety guidelines with your children, grandchildren, guests, renters and boat service contractors going to your boat dock. When all of us use courtesy and common sense, our Marina Walk will continue to provide safe enjoyment for all.





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Burnt Store Marina Dog Park

By BSM Dog Park Committee

The Burnt Store Marina Dog Park committee is continuing to raise money for this new community amenity. One of our new fundraising projects is selling engraved bricks that will be placed at the entrance of the new dog park.

The cost of the 12 x 12-inch bricks will be \$80 each. You can customize the verbiage on the brick up to 9 lines. There is an on-line donor site where you can order your brick and



customize it. You can also fill in a paper order form obtained from any committee member. We can accept cash, checks, and credit cards.

These commemorative bricks will be placed at the entrance of the new dog park. We will accept delivery of the bricks once we break ground. Until then, we will place the orders and only submit them when we are ready to go!!

Thank you for your ongoing support of the BSM Dog Park. Our four-legged furry friends thank you!

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


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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January’s Off-Beat Holidays

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass
We at *The Beacon* wish all of you a very happy, healthy, and wonderful New Year 2024! Here are some things to look forward to, and celebrate in January:

January 1, 1776 - During the American Revolution, George Washington unveiled the Grand Union Flag, the first national flag in America.

January 1, 1892 - Ellis Island in New York Harbor opened. Over 20 million new arrivals to America were processed until its closing in 1954.

January 3, 1924 - British Egyptologist Howard Carter found the sarcophagus of Tutankhamen in the Valley of the Kings near Luxor after several years of searching.

Fruitcake Toss Day on **January 3** is an annual holiday that celebrates fruitcakes - the gift that keeps on giving - by tossing them in an empty space.

January 6 – 7 Florida Keys Celtic Festival, Marathon Florida

A weekend of Celtic celebration with music, Clans, athletics, food and more, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Marathon Community Park, Mile Marker 49, US Hwy 1 Ocean Side. For Information, go to www.floridakeyscecticfestival.com.

January 8, 1815 - *The Battle of New Orleans* occurred as General Andrew Jackson and American troops defended themselves against a British attack, inflicting over 2,000 casualties. Both sides in this battle were unaware that peace had been declared two weeks earlier with the signing of the Treaty of Ghent, ending the War of 1812.

January 9 is *Static Electricity Day*, a day to honor this unexpected, mostly unpleasant, and sometimes hair rising phenomenon.

January 13 – 14 - 39th Annual Cape Coral Art Fest & Marketplace, Cape Coral

This festival showcases the talents of over 300 artists and craftsmen from around the world. Admission is free, open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Cape Coral Parkway.

January 18 is *Thesaurus Day*. Impress your family and friends with big, complicated, and fancy sounding words to celebrate this lexicographic holiday. Peter Roget – the author of Roget’s Thesaurus, and, also the inventor of the slide rule, was born on January 18, 1779, which is why this weird holiday is celebrated on this day! The word thesaurus comes

from the Greek word “thesauros” which means storehouse or treasure.

January 18 – 20 Yee Haw Music Fest – Okeechobee, Florida

Three days of Country/Bluegrass music, with stars like Rhonda Vincent & The Rage, Bellamy Brothers, Wade Hayes, Keith Bass & the Florida Bluegrass Express and more. Okeechobee County Agri-Civic Center, 4601 Florida 710, Okeechobee, FL 34974. For tickets and information, go to evansmediasource.com/events/yee-haw-music-fest.

January 20, 1945 - Franklin Delano Roosevelt was inaugurated to an unprecedented fourth term as president of the United States. He had served since 1933.

January 20, 1981 - Ronald Reagan became president of the United States at the age of 69, the oldest president to take office. During his inauguration celebrations, he announced that 52 American hostages that had been seized in the U.S. embassy in Tehran, Iran, were being released after 444 days in captivity.

January 21, 1954 - The *USS Nautilus*, the world’s first nuclear powered submarine, was launched at Groton, Connecticut.

Turn the heat up in your kitchen or on your dining table by adding hot sauce to everything you eat on **January 22**, because it is *Hot Sauce Day*.

January 24, 1895 - Hawaii’s monarchy ended as Queen Liliuokalani was forced to abdicate. Hawaii was then annexed by the U.S., and remained a territory until statehood was granted in 1959.

January 24 is *Macintosh Computer Day*. On this day in 1984, the very first Macintosh computer, the precursor of today’s Apple computers or “Macs” as they are lovingly called, was introduced to the consumer market. The computer was first introduced to the world at the Super Bowl commercial directed by Ridley Scott. The commercial referred to George Orwell’s *1984*, a novel published in 1949. When introduced, the computer came with only two programs - MacWrite and MacPaint.

January 28, 1915 - The U.S. Coast Guard was created by an Act of Congress, combining the Life Saving Service and the Revenue Cutter Service.

Bored with doing the same thing in and out? On **January 31**, take a break from the rut by doing everything backwards, because it is *Backwards Day*.

Golf Tip of the Month

By Bill Connelly,
Manager of Golf Operations

Season is now in full swing. With all of our friends returning from the North, the golf course is getting busier by the day. One of the things that we must keep in mind is the pace of play. I know we have a lot of water on the course that may be filled with golf balls, but due to the increased amount of play, we ask that you limit your time looking for balls.

One other thing that I would like to discuss is the guidelines for the use of our handicap flags. The handicap flag will allow you to park your cart closer to the greens and the tees, but the cart may be parked no closer to the tee box or green than 15 feet. This is to ensure that the tees and greens are able to be maintained at the highest quality.

We look forward to seeing everyone back this season. Hope everybody had a wonderful holiday.

Be sure to sign up for the Poker Scramble on January 13 at 9 a.m., the Shirts and Skirts competition on January 27 at 12 noon, and remember the weekly 9-hole scramble every Tuesday at 3 p.m.



Below are the results of the Leftover Turkey Scramble on November 25.

1st Flight Winners

1. Stan and Loriann Rogers, Ted and Doris Havens
2. Barry and Marlene Harbart, Tim and Becky Ormsby
3. Tom and Sue Wright, Gary and Katharine Knudsen
4. Walter and Raylene Hogg, Mike and Lynn Wood

2nd Flight Winners

1. Jay and Kathy Barnhart, Brad and Lori Baker
2. Jim and Mary Welch, Becky and Sam Iaquina
3. Jim and Beverly David, Craig Holcomb, Gene Lastfogel
4. Robert Paul, Millie Hierro, Mike and Kris Proudfoot

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United States. The APPA even developed a data tracker called “The Squirrel Index” that analyzes the patterns and timing of squirrels’ impact on electrical power systems. Turns out, the peak times of the year for squirrel attacks are from May to June and October to November.

Typically, the squirrels cause problems by tunneling, chewing through electrical insulation, or becoming a current path between electrical conductors.

“Frankly, the No. 1 threat experienced to date by the United States electrical grid is squirrels,” said John C. Inglis, the former deputy director of the National Security Agency (NSA), in 2015.

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Tight Lines...Large Fish Move to The Flats

By Jay Lev, Burnt Store Anglers

It took a while, but a large group of good-sized fish have moved on to our mangrove flats to feed. Here are some of the reports I have received.

- Tom Zalac, President of the Burnt Store Anglers, reported he caught over five “SLAMS” this month. A *Slam* is the catching of a redfish, snook and speckled trout caught on the same trip. He only fishes with artificial bait so you can imagine what a bite he had going.
- Dave Roop, fishing with Marv Bergman and myself - all past presidents of the Burnt Store Anglers, each reported more than two *Slams* during two trips this past month. Each caught an eight pound or better jack cravelle, to add to a great day.
- The fish of the month was caught by Jere Dhein, while fishing with guide Captain Rhett Morris. His fish was a



- forty plus inch snook. This beautiful snook was taken on an artificial surface lure. Snook that size are very scarce and represent the largest of female breeding fish. Jere made sure the fish was returned safely to the water to continue the spawn of lots of little snook. Great job, Jere!
- We also heard from Jerry South, also a member of the Burnt Store Anglers, who reported catching a beautiful black marlin while on a fishing trip to Central America. Black marlin are very tough fighting fish and can run in size to well over 1500 pounds.
 - Long-time member of the Burnt Store Anglers, Captain Fred Vandenbroeck and his wife Robin, fishing during their annual trip to Cabo, hooked and landed a 95-pound tuna along with many dolphin fish. Fred is sort of a fishing legend in Cabo. For many years, while serving southern California as a leader in various fire departments, he usually took his vacation time bringing his boat down to Cabo. He is best known, among other Cabo captains, as always bringing home

- catches including striped marlin, tuna, dolphin fish, rooster fish and other local species. Fred shares the names of his local Mexican contacts with folks from our marina who are planning a trip south to Mexico. By the way, many of the fish were caught on “Walk the Dog” type surface lures you can buy at any of our local fishing shops.
- The Burnt Store Anglers welcomes new members each month to our meetings. This local fishing club has been in existence for 21 years. The club meets at the marina tiki hut during the fall and spring season, with the exception of January when the club takes a break. The meetings begin at 3:30 p.m. and usually run for about 2 hours. Meeting topics include all aspects of local fishing. The club likes to offer information to anglers of all levels of experience. Membership dues are \$10 for the family, per year. If you fish, like to fish, or want to learn to fish, you will enjoy joining the Burnt Store Anglers.
- Tight Lines!**

Grammar Tips...New Words From 2023

By the Editors of The Beacon

- It’s here! The list of 690 new words that were coined, then accepted by the Merriam-Webster Dictionary for 2023. You would be bored if we tried to list them all – some of them are really, pretty lame. Here are some of the ones that might amuse you:
- rizz** *noun, slang*: romantic appeal or charm.
 - padawan** *noun, informal*: a young person especially when regarded as naïve or inexperienced.
 - bingo card** *noun, slang*: a list of possible, expected, or likely scenarios — usually used in the phrase *on one’s bingo card*.

- simp** *verb, informal*: to show excessive devotion to or longing for someone or something.
- ngl** *abbreviation, informal*: not going to lie.
- generative AI** *noun*: artificial intelligence that is capable of generating new content (such as images or text) in response to a submitted prompt (such as a query) by learning from a large reference database of examples.
- crate-dig** *verb*: to shop for rare, vintage, or obscure recordings especially by searching through crates of secondhand merchandise.
- quiet quit** *verb*: to do the minimum amount of work required for a job; to engage in quiet quitting.

- prosocial** *adjective*: intended to help or benefit another person or group.
- girlboss** *noun*: an ambitious and successful woman (especially a businesswoman or entrepreneur).
- jorts** *plural noun*: shorts made of denim or jean; jean shorts.
- smishing** *noun*: the practice of sending text messages to someone in order to trick the person into revealing personal or confidential information, which can then be used for criminal purposes.
- cromulent** *adjective, informal, humorous*: acceptable, satisfactory.

The Cooking Lesson

By J. Boughner, South Shore

On an early afternoon in late October, we went to a fabulous chef’s house for my husband, Arnie’s, first cooking lesson. This was a birthday present from me. We are residents of Burnt Store Marina. Arnie was going to learn how to make Italian sauce, meatballs, chicken parmesan and garlic bread. As he is a dedicated “foodie,” this was a perfect gift! Chefs Sandra and Ted, of Burnt Store Lakes, had assembled all the ingredients and pots and pans much like your favorite TV cooking show would do. Aprons were donned, and Arnie’s said “the best cooks are Italian” (he isn’t, but Chef Sandra is). That apron probably helped with the final outcome!

First they built the sauce. Bunches of fresh herbs, endless amounts of garlic, onions and copious handfuls of shredded parmesan cheese were food processed and mixed into the tomato sauce and meatballs. The joy of hand rolling four

- pounds of meatballs was only surpassed by the aromas going on in the kitchen. Just as the first batch of meatballs was done the doorbell rang. Some neighbors stopped over just in time for what Chef Sandra called “the intermission.”
- A few meatballs were smashed and put between Italian five grain bread and passed around with glasses of wine. Everyone shared stories of how their “nonnas” would make their sauces and meatballs and fried dough. A very interesting side story surfaced about two cats named Hansel and Gretel, and how Hansel couldn’t get the hang of making kittens, so an outsider Himalayan was brought in! Then back to the cooking.
- While the sauce needed to simmer for four more hours to arrive at its amazing flavor, the chicken parmesan was coated, sautéed, and put in the oven to bake. Lastly, the homemade garlic bread and tossed salad were prepared. Finally, dinner was served. It was so delicious. It was like we might be dining at our favorite Italian restaurant. Pavarotti was singing in the background and candles set the tone. The evening ended with a coconut cake, Tiramisu



and a harvest moon. Sometimes the best gifts are gifts of sharing experiences where you learn something new with exciting and talented friends.

Chow!!



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New Burnt Store Road Developments in Charlotte County

By Graham Segger,
Independent Home Owner

Since arriving in Florida this past fall, I have been besieged with questions about the proliferation of new land-clearing operations along Burnt Store Road. What is being built, who are the developers, and how will all of this impact our quality of life?

Those who read Chapter 15 – Arrested Development off Burnt Store Road in Charlotte County of my book *Where Do We Live?* will recall the status of development activity several years ago, when the book was published (1st ed. 2017, 2nd ed. 2019, 3rd ed. 2022). Interestingly, what we are currently seeing is a resurrection of many of those “arrested developments” as well as some new concepts. The accompanying map was released by Charlotte County in April 2022. While there have been many changes of ownership and updates to the various development proposals since it was published, it still provides a reasonably good overview of the potential for new development.

Following is a summary of the major initiatives, beginning just south of Notre Dame Blvd., and continuing down to the county line. I’ll focus first on the five “Committed Developments” listed in the top right box (also shown as solid yellow caption boxes on the map).

1-Simple Life – Tiny Homes:

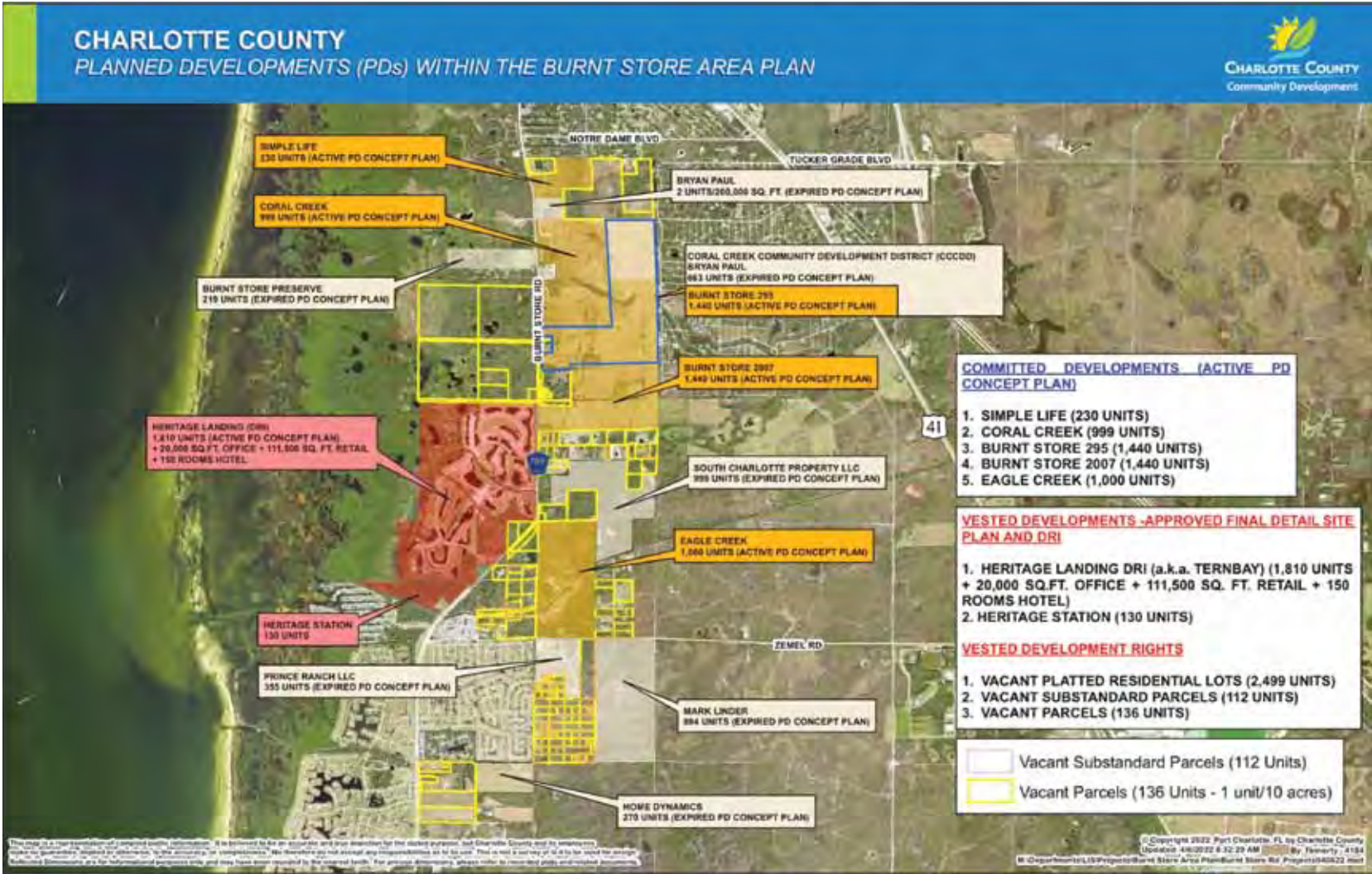
The map indicates that this proposal is for 230 Tiny Homes, located just south of Scham Road with an entrance

at 12150 Burnt Store Road. Simple Life Reflections LLC of Jacksonville purchased the 68.43 acres in May, 2022 for \$1,790,000. This Tiny Home development proposal has received quite a lot of local press this past year. Simple Life currently has two Tiny Home developments in North Carolina and another near the Villages in Sumter County, Florida. Buyers will purchase their Tiny Home, then lease a concrete home site pad. Each pad will have tie downs to secure the wheeled trailers in case of excessive wind. In 2022, the developer told Charlotte County that they were

having challenges sourcing trailers, and requested and received approval for an additional 48 site-built homes of a similar size (500 to 1,000 sq. ft.) on the property. Part of the development plan also involves moving 109 gopher tortoises that currently call this parcel home. No ground clearing had commenced as of December 1, 2023.

Bryan Paul Inc. has an expired development proposal for 25 acres just south of Simple Life at 12260 Burnt Store Road.

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New Burnt Store Road Developments from page 20

2-Coral Creek – D.R. Horton:

This 306.51-acre property was purchased by CC Burnt Store, LLC in June 2022 for \$18 million. CC Burnt Store, LLC is a unit of D.R. Horton, one of the biggest home builders in America. This property has been the subject of several development plans over the years. The most recent, in May 2023, proposes 496 single-family lots, both attached and detached, and 27 tracts with the potential of going to 894 units. Street addresses are 12300, 12400, 12450, 13000, 13150 and 13200 Burnt Store Road. The property surrounds the old boat and recreational vehicle storage facility now owned by Charlotte County, and encompasses the historic Driggers homestead property and its sand mound. Land clearing has not yet commenced.

3-Burnt Store 295 – Turnleaf Phase 1:

Burnt Store Developers, LLC of Jacksonville purchased 425.96 acres during May, 2023 for \$21,291,000. A portion of this land is located east of the D.R. Horton land described above. The municipal addresses are 12390, 13250 and 13280 Burnt Store Road with BSR access at the southern end of the property. Established developers Edward E. Burr, Graydon E. Miars and Christopher G. Rusnuk are officers of Burnt Store Developers, LLC. In September, 2023 Charlotte County Commissioners gave approval for Turnleaf Phase 1, consisting of 406 residential lots and 31 tracts to include 438 dwelling units on 295.13 acres of this property. GreenPointe Communities is an affiliated company that is involved, and land clearing has commenced.

4-Burnt Store 2007 – Taylor Morrison:

In September, 2023 Taylor Morrison of Florida Inc. purchased the Burnt Store 2007 property, consisting of 297.16 acres. Taylor Morrison is another of the largest home builders in America. The development is located across the road from the northern part of Heritage Landing at 14100 Burnt Store Road. The community’s name has been described as Starling Phase 1, in the approval of a preliminary subdivision plat for 384 single family detached units, per the August 2022 Planning and Zoning Board meeting minutes. The original Bonita Bay Group plan for this property called for 1,440 units. Land clearing has commenced.

5-Eagle Creek / Prince Ranch / Mark Linder – Zemel Land Partners:

There has been a major consolidation of properties along Zemel Road during 2022 and 2023. Zemel Land Partners, LLC of Lakewood Ranch, Sarasota have purchased the lands marked on the map as Eagle Creek, Mark Linder, Prince Ranch, and the parcel between Prince Ranch and Mark Linder. These properties include 26000, 26001, 26091, 26501, 26701, 26901 and 27001 Zemel Road. In March, 2023, Zemel Land Partners sought approval from the Property and Zoning Board for 344 residential units and 20 tracts on 338 acres to be called Residences at Burnt Store East, on the south side of Zemel. No site activity has yet commenced.

6-Heritage Landing:

Lennar continues to develop new homes on the 890.74-acre property. In 2022 they decreased the proposed maximum number of single-family homes from 860 to 810, and increased the multi-family units from 950 to 1,000. They are currently in Phase IIB, and have also recently received permission for the Little Pods A project to build seven four-unit coach homes, for a total of 28 units, on 4.43 acres.

7-Heritage Station:

Heritage Station, by Maronda Homes, is on property currently owned by Wilmington Land Company, which has the same business address and directors as Zemel Land Partners, LLC. The development has a north turn lane on Burnt Store Road but no southbound exit lane at present. Current plan is for 190 single family homes on 85.49 acres, of which 58 have been released and six have been sold as of December 1, 2023. Roads and services have been installed for a portion of the development. HOA fees are anticipated to be less than \$200 per month reflecting the basic amenities needing funding.

8- Other Large Land Holdings of Interest:

JPC Burnt Store Preserve LLC bought 80.53 acres at 12421 and 12441 Burnt Store Road in 2015, and have an expired concept plan for 219 units. This land is on the west side of Burnt Store Road across from the former storage and nursery businesses which were expropriated by the county for the road expansion project. A sign on the property indicates it is for sale.

TKF Land Company LLC of Tennessee has owned several parcels just north-west of Heritage Landings at 13416, 13424, 13570 Burnt Store Road since 2006.

Daniel B. Light (90%) and Burnt Store Road-Ret, LLC (10%) of Illinois own several parcels of land south of Shotgun Road across from Heritage Landing. The addresses include 14400 Burnt Store Road. Currently a parcel of 265 acres of this property is for sale.

Jaxson Fischer LLC purchased 40.31 acres at 17150 Burnt Store Road (the hurricane damaged boat storage field) in July 2021 for \$1.0 million. This land is south of the Burdette Coward flower distribution property.

Newfoundland Six have owned the next 37.177-acre parcel containing a telecommunication tower for many

years, plus two 40-acre parcels east of this property and Burdette Coward. The addresses are 17160 and 17250 Burnt Store Road.

9-Infill of Existing Developments

Burnt Store Meadows, Village and Lakes have seen a remarkable increase in building activity on their vacant lots over the last three years, including many “spec” homes. Some of the large builders listed above are active in these communities.

There are a myriad of potential issues relating to these developments, including traffic congestion and road access, disturbance of the natural flora and fauna, flood risk, and lack of retail, commercial and medical infrastructure to support all of these new residents. Charlotte County is currently updating its out-of-date, 2006 Burnt Store Road Plan to address some of these concerns, and local citizens’ groups such as the Burnt Store Corridor Coalition (which PGI Section 22, BSLPOA and ten other Burnt Store Road communities participate in) are working hard to hold everyone accountable. Another key factor will be the economy and housing market. It took various Heritage Landing property developers four tries over almost 50 years before that property finally hit a sweet spot in the market

and took off. One key difference this time around is the number of deep-pocketed players such as Lennar, Taylor Morrison, and D.R. Horton, who have anteed up big money for these land parcels. This suggests that these communities are more likely to proceed, even if several of the developments above are only on their second iteration. It will be interesting to see what the impact of the introduction of thousands of new houses along the corridor will be on the values of existing homes. Given the lack of marina or golf course amenities in these proposals, the future looks bright for the Burnt Store Marina amenities. Regardless of how this plays out, Burnt Store Road in its relatively undeveloped form looks to soon be a thing of the past.

In future articles I plan to provide updates on other Charlotte County development proposals along Burnt Store Road, Jones Loop and Tuckers Grade, and the Lee County stretch of Burnt Store Road.

Sources: Charlotte County Planning and Zoning Board Minutes (to August 14, 2023); Charlotte Board of County Commissioners Minutes (to Oct 24, 2023); Charlotte County Property Appraiser Website (as at November 28, 2023); various media reports and commercial realtor listings.

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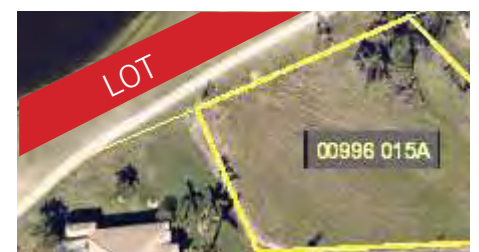
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