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By Barry Groesch, Architectural Review Committee Chair

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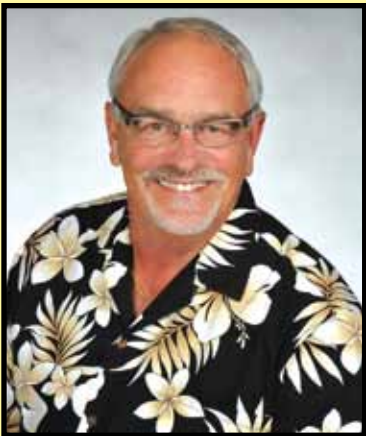
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Inside the Gates Dates

- **Monday, April 1:** Deadline for the May *Beacon*. Article and picture submissions are welcomed. Become part of the *Beacon* family.
- **Tuesday, April 23:** 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, April 5:** Fort Myers River District Art Walk, 1 to 5 p.m. Visit many galleries, exhibitions and performances.
- **Friday, April 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>.
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- **Every Saturday:** Punta Gorda Farmers Market, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., downtown. Lots of vendors with fresh fruits and vegetables, live music, crafts and other great buys. Visit nearby murals and enjoy some of the great downtown restaurants.
- **Every Saturday:** Cape Coral Farmers Market, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Clubhouse Square, SE 47th Ter. and SE 10th Pl., Cape Coral.
- **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.



Platinum Point Yacht Club

By Joan Flinspach, Club Historian

Did you know that PPYC will be celebrating its 40th anniversary this year? Here’s the story of how PPYC has evolved.

PPYC was founded to provide an organized means to enjoy boating at Burnt Store Marina. Various developers of the marina, along with resident boating enthusiasts, observed that events like the Golden Conch Regatta enhanced the quality of life. In September, 1984, Anthony Diez, BSM Harbormaster, sent a letter to area boaters announcing a meeting on Saturday, October 27, 1984, to form a new yacht club.

At the meeting that evening, Charles Plumb, President of BSM, Section 22, HOA presented John Landry with a check for \$5,000 to form PPYC. As the owner of the International Sailing School at BSM, John Landry became the first commodore. Charter members planned a fall racing series with one of the first races going to Useppa Island December 1, 1984.

In the first newsletter, January, 1985, the editor announced a winter racing schedule, a Ladies Skippers race, a district one J-24 racing championship, and a cruise to Longboat Key. By March, the Board of Directors received the Articles of Incorporation from the State of Florida. In October, the club acquired its first clubhouse, half a mobile trailer. The editor of the December, 1985 newsletter urged members to bring ornaments to the holiday party, which was named Trim-A-Tree. Early in 1986, PPYC club members danced at the first Commodore’s Ball.

In 1988, PPYC hosted more sailing championships than any other yacht club, except for St. Petersburg, Florida. In 1989, male members of the club hosted the first Valentine’s Day Pancake Breakfast.

The US Olympic Yachting Committee approached PPYC as a potential location for the Olympic Trials in 1992. Helen Ingerson, an international sailing race judge and future Commodore, brought the club to their attention. In 1991 and again in 1992, PPYC hosted the US Olympic Pre-trials and Trials for the Soling Class sailboat races.

Members provided registration, support boats, private housing for judges and officials, morning continental breakfasts and buffet dinners. Volunteers served as the Race Officer and crew, signal boat timers, recorders, scorers, and photographers.

The winner of the Olympic Trials held at BSM won the Silver Medal in the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. The club continued to offer both US Olympic and National Soling competitions for 11 years. The US Olympic Committee

awarded PPYC the honor of flying the Olympic Flag - one in only seven yacht clubs permitted to do this.

At the annual meeting in November 1992, members voted to purchase land to build a club house. Groundbreaking occurred on April 12, 1994, with the Grand Opening February 18, 1995. Bridge, Mah Jongg, grill nights, and other recurring activities became part of the on-land activities. Educational programs on topics such as boat safety were also added to the calendar.

In May, 1998, members burned the mortgage. Club members started a new tradition with the Blessing of the Fleet in 2002. This event has since expanded to Fleet Week. Other traditions, such as Trim-A-Tree and the Pancake Breakfast have continued until the present.

PPYC’s 25th anniversary was celebrated in January 2009. We look forward to continuing our nautical heritage as we celebrate our ruby anniversary on October 27, 2024.



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Bocce - That's The Way We Roll!

By Carole Romaine,
Independent Home Owner

We are sad to announce that one of the founders of bocce at BSM passed away on February 25.

The growth of the bocce league was a dream, started about 11 years ago by Lou Paolillo. In the early years, Lou would set up taped boundaries, and then dismantle everything after play each week. About nine years ago, with a growing group interested in the game, Lou, Kathy Darrell and Rachael Martin led the dedicated group in raising funds to construct a permanent court. They approached Burnt Store Marina Country Club to support them in their efforts. BSMCC enthusiastically offered help with the land location and construction of the court, and work commenced.

Lou not only organized the Tuesday afternoon play for several years, but added to the construction with ball



Jackie & Lou



holders, signage, and he was the league's statistician. When Kathy Darrell took over the organization, Lou continued as statistician.

Lou played in a bocce league while living in Illinois, loved the game and wished to introduce it to BSM. We are grateful for his making this happen.

Lou and his lovely wife, Jackie, were married for 56 years, and have two children, Chris and Rob, and 5

grandchildren. Our sincere wishes of sympathy to Lou's family.

We thank Lou for all his years of dedication to organizing a bocce league for all of us to enjoy. Lou was a true gentleman who was loved and respected by all.

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Tight Lines...Fishing the Streams and Creeks off Burnt Store Road

Jay Lev, Burnt Store Anglers
Due to all the construction along Burnt Store Road, debris covered streams are being cleared, and retention ponds are being developed. It is not uncommon to see cars parked alongside the road, and anglers marching off into the brush to try their luck. One must wonder if there are any fish in those ponds and streams. Well, thanks to our birds of prey, fish are frequently picked up by those birds, and transported to the small water areas. Frequently, ospreys will pick up fish from the harbor flats, and in flight drop their meal. Through some strange series of events, a few of those fish manage to survive and live in those small streams and larger water ponds.
In February, I stopped at a small stream that had just been cleared by contractors, and visited with a father and son who were trying their luck. To my surprise, each had caught a nice size catfish and a small sea trout. They were using very small artificial worms, sprayed with a fish attractor you often see



for sale in tackle shops. This raised several questions in my mind about access, land posting, liability, and of course fishing permits. Looking carefully, I did not see any sign posting the stream as no trespassing. There was some trenching equipment still sitting on the side of the stream, which led me to believe this was still a construction site. That alone should have been a warning that you cannot fish in that area. The anglers indicated they spoke to a construction worker a few days earlier, and found that the stream ran down into the feeder ponds, and eventually out into the harbor. The stream was being cleared of debris to allow for proper runoff from the road. This area will be patrolled by State Police, Fish and Wildlife officers and local construction security. Be smart and follow their instructions, especially if you are asked to leave the area.
All along Burnt Store Road, from the intersection of Rt. 41 down to Pine Island Road, the ponds, streams, canals, and water control runs exist. To the south on Burnt Store Road, many canals built during the master planning of Cape Coral have since been populated with nice snook, small tarpon, catfish, sea trout, small grey snapper, and mullet. Fishing in

these areas is generally permitted if the land is not privately owned, posted or currently under expansion construction. You must have a Florida fishing license, and obey all fishing species retractions and fish slot sizes. Most important, you cannot fish in an active construction site, a posted area, or retention pond that does not have a safe parking place that will not interfere with traffic and restrict movement of any vehicles, including bicycles.
As the sites are developed, and the land matures with good water flow, eventually fish should populate the stream or pond. When that does occur, chances are you will see small trails made by hikers and fisherman. Be aware, as snakes of many kinds will also enjoy the area. You can generally purchase a map of the area from our local fish and wildlife conservation centers along Burnt Store Road, and see if the source of the water meets up with a local river, the community-based irrigation pond or even Charlotte Harbor. These resources and construction sites need to be protected, so do your share to help.
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but have stressed the urgent need for new wells. We currently have one well for community irrigation, and one well for the golf course. Prudence dictates at least two wells for each system. It’s not a “sexy” project, but it needs to be done now.
The next project is the BSM Dog Park. Immediate past president Joe Averdick organized a dog park committee last summer to plan and fund a dog park. This committee of over 20 owners is well on the way to raising the funds needed for construction and operation of the dog park. The committee plans to have a ground-breaking ceremony on March 30 at the site of the new dog park, which is located off Islamorada Road in a vacant lot near the maintenance sheds.
The Fitness Club continues to operate at over capacity. The Board is looking to increase the number of pickleball courts from its present eight courts. In addition, the fitness club needs to expand in size, and update its equipment and air conditioning.
A lot has been accomplished at the golf course, but to keep it a first-class facility more needs to be accomplished. The kitchen needs to be expanded and updated. As mentioned, the irrigation system needs to be improved. A tiki hut and

stage are in the works. New furniture and flooring have been replaced through the fundraising efforts of many members, and especially board member, Lynda Vail.
At the end of the day, the amenities have become a victim of their own success. The nicer the facilities, the higher the demand. The higher the demand, the greater need to find the funding to support and improve the amenities. That’s a really, really nice problem to have. As I stated earlier, there are lots of moving pieces for the Board to deal with.
My most important thought as a new Board member is to acknowledge and sincerely thank the many volunteers who make Burnt Store Marina a great place to live. Certainly past Board members need to be recognized for volunteering their time and vision to keep our community a desired place to play and live. Their wisdom and vision of what BSM could be cannot be overstated. Equally important is the untold number of volunteers who give their time helping the fitness club, the golf course, the irrigation system, the dog park, the ARC committee, the communication committee, the landscape and infrastructure committee, the CERT Team and the community access committee. Every owner needs to thank our volunteers. Our volunteers are the true heroes of Burnt Store Marina.

“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 April 30, 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.



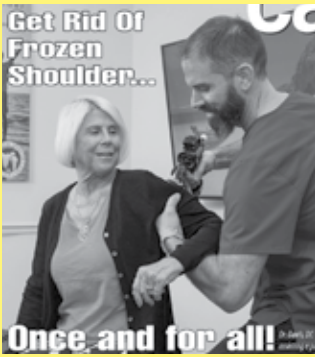
My office is called **Active Health Brain & Body** and it is located at 6710 Winkler Road, Suite #1. It’s the gray Key West-style building at the corner of Cypress Lake Drive and Winkler Road behind the Bank of America. The phone number is **239-482-8686**. Please call my wonderful assistants Megan or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

I wish you the Very Best in Health and Life!

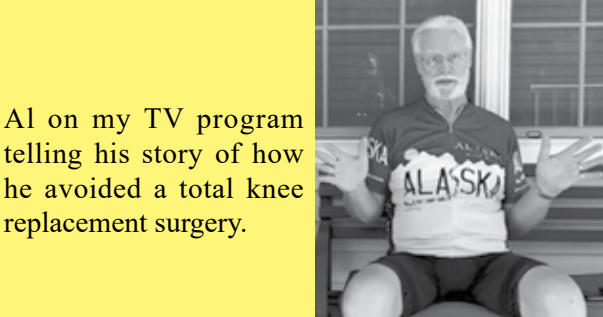
Dr. Rob Davis, DC

P.S. When accompanied by the first, I am also offering the second family member this same examination for only **\$97**.

P.P.S. Your time is as valuable to you as mine is to me. That’s why I have a “no wait” policy. It is highly unusual to wait more than a few minutes in my office.



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



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

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Fitness, Friends & Fun...Welcome to Spring in the Best Spectacular Marina!

By Cynthia Mathews

As the days get longer and the weather warms, we are fortunate enough to have more time to get outdoors. Our vital, healthy community thrives on activity, and our staff at the Burnt Store Marina Fitness, Racquet, and Pool Club is here for you.



The recently landscaped pool and hot tub area is a popular afternoon gathering place. Exercising in the spacious pool or relaxing the post-workout muscles in the warm bubbles and jets, our pool area is fabulous. While enjoying a cool down last week, I met a younger couple who turned out to be our new Fitness Center Personal Trainer Caswell and his lovely wife Jane.

Our new trainer moved here from St. Paul, Minnesota at the close of 2022 and loves the warm welcome from our community. When discussing fitness, Caz says, "Fitness to me is something that is equally important to the mind as it is to the body. I believe that an adequate training program,

when paired with a balanced and proper diet, is the key to unlocking a thriving lifestyle."

Caswell's breadth of training experience comes from working with athletes training in football, hockey, powerlifting, and wrestling. Also, he coaches current and future U.S. Army soldiers for basic training readiness, and more specifically the Army Combat Fitness Test (ACFT). Because he's worked with men and women in all fitness levels – and of all ages – he's able to craft complete fitness programs for our members.

He says that he skips the one-size-fits-all approach to overall health. His goal is to provide a methodical approach that enhances all parts of their lives by providing guidance in not just fitness, but also nutrition. "I try to keep my approach as simple as possible; as I believe any well-prepared fitness plan boils down to three tenets: Planning & Adherence (Both Diet & Training); Adequate Training Volume & Intensity (Showing up 2-3x per week, ready to work); and Nutrition, in support of lean muscle tissue & recovery (Weight Control).

Reach out to Caswell Woosley at caswellwoosley@gmail.com, or (612) 910-0842.

Tennis

Have you seen our new tennis viewing area with a large sunshade? It's a fantastic place to root for your favorite tennis teams! The large sunshade is great.



The tennis sub-committee is doing a Sneaker Recycling Fundraiser through the end of April. Bring in any used, gently worn, or new sneakers, and place them in the bin in the Fitness Center lobby. They will be sent to an organization called GotSneakers where they are sanitized, restored, and cleaned to be sold to the thrift community, and markets in Latin America and the Caribbean, or if deemed unusable, they are responsibly recycled.



The Alley Oops – Tennis

The BSM Tennis community welcomes new members to the tennis program. If you are interested in playing contact, one of our Tennis Ambassadors, Clif Behney at (717) 639-5676 or Kelly Millar at (530) 305-1451.

Pickleball

We had a great tournament event on February 10 without any weather challenges. Thirty-four Advanced players and 46 Intermediate players played in the mixed round robin event. Afterwards, our chefs served Chicken Quesadillas on the grill to over 120 eager eaters – the most ever. We also had two refereed courts demonstrating Rally Scoring after the regular matches were over. You might encounter those referees at Pickleplex the next time you play in a tournament there. Many thanks to them and to Marty Pickup and Ricky Deller, our local pros, who participated in the high-level play demonstration.



Sid Smith & Mary Olsen taking Gold at 2024 Lee County Senior Games - Pickleball

Our next tournament (March 23) will be in the books by the time you read this – its format is MLP with four person teams competing against each other. This event will use Rally Scoring – so the demo on Feb. 10 was very timely!

Meanwhile we continue to make improvements to our court area and equipment. Stay abreast of all things Pickleball by joining our BSM Pickleballers Facebook Group.

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.

Attention Residents:

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

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Fishermen, It’s Here! “Do-It-Yourself” Tide Technology

By Ted Morand, Beacon Wildlife and Science contributor

If you’re a fisherman like me, you probably have boated out to your favorite saltwater flats fishing hotspot only to find that the tide had run slack, and the fish were refusing to bite. You could see them down there, those big torpedo shapes of snook and redfish. But, there they stayed, slowly finning in place, waiting for the tide to start moving, and the baitfish food chain to turn on. Sadly, the next incoming tide was six hours away, and you were on a 4-hour trip.

New Uses For Communications Satellites

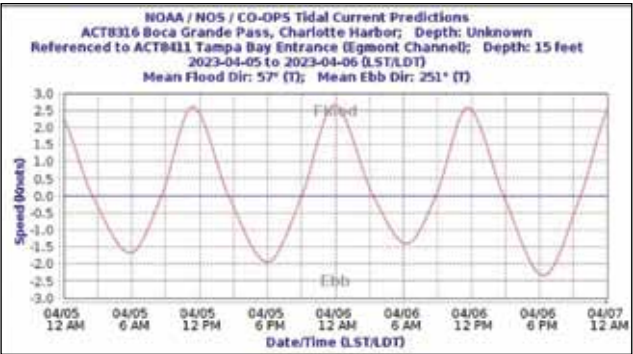
Help is on the way! Science has developed a new tide management technology, and a consortium of American companies is now formed that will use communications satellites to create miniature tide flows on demand. This is a breakthrough rivalling that of the planned control of tornadoes and electrical storms using modern technology to benefit mankind. Participating companies like Rainathon, Humpingbird, and NaviGeeks are joining forces with Elvin Wuss’s SpaceNext communication satellite system to bring this technology to saltwater fishermen via a monthly subscription service. What makes this possible is SpaceNext’s anticipated expansion into a constellation of 12,000 satellites. The consortium has found a way to combine simultaneously the Q-Beam (Q as in Quantum) from up to 500 such satellites into a powerful and concentrated electronic pulse, capable of creating a miniature tide flow, up to two feet in height, over a one-eighth mile span, and sustain it for up to three hours. And, because of its temporary nature, it is harmless to the environment.

Putting This Technology to Work For the Fisherman

So how will this work? A field test here in Charlotte Harbor, conducted by several members of the Burnt Store Anglers fishing club, showed how simple and effective this new system can be. Pierre LaFontaine, private flats boat owner, and snowbird from Canada says, “Jeez, I just make a couple of clicks on my cell phone, and the tide rushes in for up to three hours. I wish we had something like this for pickerel up around Lake Ontario, eh!” Boatmates Jake Banyon, retired Pennsylvania gravedigger and Manny Herzog, retired sous chef from upstate New York, both relatively new saltwater anglers, willingly chip in for the \$399 monthly subscription charge for something so simple to use, yet surprisingly effective. Manny says, “Wow, I’m saving a ton of money on live shrimp now, and using more artificial baits, just like Jake. We can make the tide rise on demand to excite the fish, and move them into a feeding frenzy.”

Reving Up the Charlotte Harbor Hotspots

Imagine all the places on Charlotte Harbor where this new technology can work to the angler’s advantage: the entrance to Two-Pine, Gallagher’s Cut at Turtle Bay, the Indian Field



Channel, even the entrance to Burnt Store Marina. Any place involving a narrow entrance where tide can flow in and out freely can be selected by the subscriber to this easy-to-use app. The angler just pulls out his/her cell phone, opens the app, selects a location and gets an immediate and sustained incoming tide that stirs up the food chain, brings in the baitfish, and turns on those big gamefish predators for up to three hours of non-stop saltwater action.



The only downside experienced thus far is the elimination of a standard excuse for returning from a fishing trip without a catch, namely, “The tide wasn’t moving.” April 1 might be a good time to give this a try, because on that day, and with this technology any fool can catch a fish!


Ted Morand is a long-time resident of Commodore Club who delights in teasing his Burnt Store Marina friends, always hoping to find a few gullible ones.




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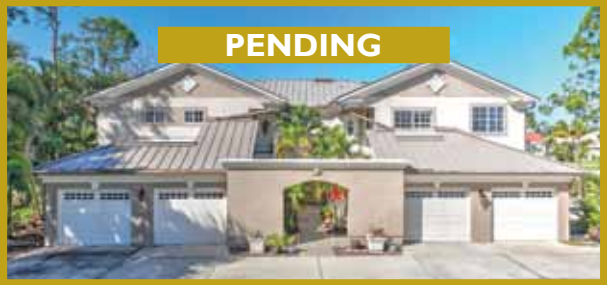
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Recipe Box

Hearts of Palm and Artichoke Salad with Poppy Seed Dressing

By Jennifer LeClair,
Pelican Way

This recipe came from a
friend of mine. I've never
actually written it down
because it is so easy to
make. It's light and tasty
and goes with beef, chicken
or fish. It can be served over
lettuce or any salad mix or
just as it is, without a base
of greens.



Ingredients:

- 1 can of hearts of palm, drained and sliced
- 1 can of artichoke hearts, (not marinated), drained and slightly chopped
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes cut in half or 2-3 Roma tomatoes cut into chunks
- 1 small green pepper chopped into larger bite size pieces
- Poppy seed dressing (any store bought is fine – I use Brianna's)

Instructions:

1. Place all ingredients (except for the dressing) together in a large bowl.
2. Pour dressing over the salad and stir to combine.

Notes:

There is no set amount of dressing or veggies to use. If you are making the salad for a crowd, you'll want to use more of everything. You could also add chunks of avocado or use yellow bell peppers instead of green. Optional - you can also cut up a few leaves of fresh basil for garnish. Make the salad ahead so the flavors have a chance to meld. Will keep for several days in the refrigerator.

Sheriff's Report – February, 2024

- 14 Speeding Warnings
 - 3 Residents
 - 11 Non-Residents
- 1 Citation Speed
 - Resident 2nd violation
- 5 Stop Sign Warnings
 - 1 Resident
 - 4 Non-Resident
- 4 Improper passing, Improper equipment, No passing Warnings
 - 3 Resident
 - 1 Non-Resident



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.

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“Why English Is Hard to Learn”

We'll begin with *box*; the plural is *boxes*,
But the plural of *ox* is *oxen*, not *oxes*.
One fowl is a *goose*, and two are called *geese*,
Yet the plural of *moose* is never called *meese*.

You may find a lone *mouse* or a house full of *mice*;
But the plural of *house* is *houses*, not *hice*.
The plural of *man* is always *men*,
But the plural of *pan* is never *pen*.

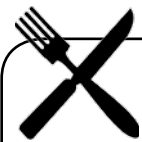
If I speak of a *foot*, and you show me two *feet*,
And I give you a *book*, would a pair be a *beek*?
If one is a *tooth* and a whole set are *teeth*,
Why shouldn't two *booths* be called *beeth*?

If the singular's *this* and the plural is *these*,
Should the plural of *kiss* be ever called *keese*?

We speak of a *brother* and also of *brethren*,
But though we say *mother*, we never say *methren*.
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— Anonymous



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By Debra Bretz, Admirals' Point
Dog Walkers: The Unsung Heroes of Clean Streets in Burnt Store Marina

Every day, in Burnt Store Marina, many people walk their dogs. For many, it's a chance to get some exercise and fresh air, and to bond with their furry friend. But for some dog walkers, it's also an opportunity to make a difference in our community.

These dog walkers are the unsung heroes of our clean streets. They're the ones who pick up trash along the way, even if it's not their litter or own dog's mess. They're the ones who make BSM a little bit cleaner and brighter, one piece of trash at a time.

Living in a golf cart community, there is an opportunity for unintentional trash to blow out of the golf cart and on the ground. Most of the time people are unaware. This includes our large contingent of workers with open trucks and trailers. People driving down the street on a golf cart, car or bike are not likely to stop to pick up the trash they see on the street. Most times the landscaping crews just mow over it and increase the pieces of trash on the ground. This is where our wonderful dog walkers come to the rescue.

There are many reasons why our dog walkers pick up trash. Some do it because they're concerned about the environment. They know that trash can pollute our waterways and harm wildlife. Others do it because they want to make our community a more pleasant place to live. They don't want to see trash on the ground, and they know that others don't either.

No matter what their reason, dog walkers who pick up trash are making a difference. They're helping to keep our streets clean and our community healthy. And they're setting a good example for others.

If you're a dog walker, I encourage you to pick up trash along the way, if you are not already. It's a small act of kindness that can make a big difference. And it's a great way to show your love for our community.



Zoey Anderson



Iris Hughto



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Chloe Mathies



Richie Averdick

Here are some tips for picking up trash while walking your dog:

- Bring a bag with you. I usually just tear off two new waste bags from the roll that is attached to the leash. Use one to pick it up with and the other to deposit the trash.
 - Pick up all types of trash, not just dog poop. This includes cigarette butts, candy wrappers, and plastic bags, bottles
 - Be careful not to pick up anything sharp or dangerous.
- Thank you to all the dog walkers who pick up trash along the way. You're making Burnt Store Marina cleaner and healthier, one piece of trash at a time.

The BSM Dog Park Committee is continually coming up with new events. Stay tuned to their Facebook page or go to **BSM.org** and look under amenities for any new events. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2049904375354320>

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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The Fury of the Sea

By Graham Segger, Independent Home Owner

What happens when mankind’s insatiable appetite for the bounty of the sea meets head on with some of nature’s fiercest storms and natural perils? Sadly, the result is often disaster for the commercial fishermen who risk their lives to put seafood on our plates. I have had a somewhat morbid fascination with such stories over the years and have sought out books which describe the trials and tribulations of fishermen who have encountered such storms at sea. This is a quick review of a few of those books and authors which have had the greatest impact on me.

Date of Event	Book Title and Author	Date Published	Commercial Activity & Home Port
1820	In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex by Nathaniel Philbrick	2000	Whaling in the South Pacific out of Nantucket
August 1935	August Gale: A Father and Daughter's Journey Into the Storm by Barbara Walsh	2011	Codfish on the Grand Banks out of Marystown, Newfoundland
February 1978	Ten Hours Until Dawn: The True Story of Heroism and Tragedy Aboard the Can Do by Michael Tougias	2005	Lifesaving gone wrong off Gloucester, Mass
February 1983	Lost at Sea by Patrick Dillon	2000	Crabbing in the Bering Sea out of Anacortes, Washington
March 1984	The Lost Boys of Montauk: The True Story of the Wind Blown by Amanda M. Fairbanks	2021	Tilefish out of Montauk, Long Island
October 1991	The Perfect Storm: A True Story of Men Against the Sea by Sebastian Junger	1997	Swordfish out of Gloucester, Mass
January 1999	The Sea's Bitter Harvest: Thirteen Bitter days on the North Atlantic by Douglas A. Campbell	2001	Clams out of New Jersey

Most of these stories are well written as demonstrated by their accolades. *In the Heart of the Sea* was a National Book Award winner, Barbara Walsh is a Pulitzer Prize winner (though not for this book), and most of the other authors are successful journalists drawn to compelling dramas of the sea. All of these tragedies occurred more than 25 years ago and a common theme is how commercial fishing was a largely unregulated and extraordinarily dangerous profession at the time, with mortality rates many times higher than any other profession. Weather forecasting technology was also not as well developed

in those periods, which caused some of the captains to be caught by surprise. In its own way, each book focuses on the personal as well as physical world disasters, describing the lives and circumstances of the seamen involved.

Almost all of these books were inspired by horrendous storms, other than *In the Heart of the Sea*. It involved an 1820 whale attack on a wooden ship, an event which was the inspiration for Melville’s *Moby Dick*. Each involved commercial fishing, other than *Ten Hours Until Dawn*, which described a life-saving mission initiated

by a tanker in distress. Michael Tougias, the author of that book, has written several books about the brave men and women of the Coast Guard and the difficult tasks they face (Michael has given fascinating talks to PPYC educational evenings events twice over the last few years).

The August Gale is one of the more complex tales reviewed here, as it stitches together three different story lines involving not only a hurricane and loss of ships and lives, but also complex stories of family history and dynamics. *Lost at Sea* and *The Sea’s Deadly Harvest* are particularly effective in exposing some of the human frailties, which contributed to some of the sad outcomes. Some of these books, the *Lost Boys of Montauk* in particular, are also social histories delving into the evolution of seaside fishing ports to either oceanfront “property” or ghost towns.

I particularly enjoyed the meteorological explanations for some of the storms (Blizzard of 1978 in particular) as well as the insights into the various different commercial fisheries. If you enjoyed the movie *The Perfect Storm*, any of these books will provide riveting, and often harrowing insights, into storm conditions at sea and the dangerous lives of those who go down to the sea in ships.

This is the fourth in my series of BSM *Beacon* articles describing books written about the sea that I have enjoyed over the years. Go to <https://grahamsegger.com/sailing-logs/nautical-writing/> or scan the QR code at right with your phone for links to the others.



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Fit Happens...Happiness-Boosting Benefits of Exercise

By Cheri Frank, Certified Fitness Trainer

Most of us are familiar with all the physiological benefits of exercise for our cardiovascular, pulmonary and respiratory systems. These benefits reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease, stroke, diabetes and certain cancers. But did you know exercise also provides a bunch of mental and emotional health benefits?



It is a resilience tool that can be used to improve positive emotions, mood, self-confidence and your overall sense of well-being. When you exercise blood flow and blood volume increase which means more oxygen is delivered to your muscles, tissues and organs, including your brain. This helps improve the overall health of the brain, which supports mental well-being. The increased blood flow to the brain from regular moderate exercise can improve your mental health and reduce the risk of cognitive decline. When we exercise endorphins, which are hormones that help relieve pain, reduce stress and improve mood, neurotransmitters, such as dopamine and serotonin, are released. The release of these brain chemicals can decrease levels of stress, anxiety, and depression and also help improve overall cognitive function, mood and energy levels.

Studies have shown that the benefits continue to expand the longer a person consistently engages in exercise. Following an exercise session, an individual can often

think more clearly and problem solve more positively. This enhanced cognitive state helps to reduce anxiety, which helps contribute to overall happiness. Due to the brain’s ability to change, exercise can improve the function and structure of the brain over time.

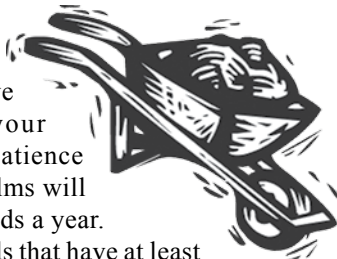
Cycling, aerobics, team sports, yoga and going to the gym are some of the activities that studies have shown as the top types of physical activity for mental health. If you are considering exercising more, it is important to set small, attainable goals at first to help increase success. Focus more on frequency than duration. Most importantly, choose an exercise type that you find fun. Light aerobic activity, such as walking, biking, jogging or swimming 20-30 minutes multiple times a week, is a good place to start. Including weight training 2-3 times a week will provide many benefits also. Incorporating some mind-body exercises such as yoga, Pilates or Tai-Chi, which add in a breathing element, can have additional benefits on reducing sympathetic nervous system stress.

To boost the happiness-boosting power of exercise even more, consider exercising with friends. This helps you feel connected, and it is part of human nature to desire strong connections with others. Participating in one of the many classes offered at the gym, getting out on the tennis or pickle ball courts, or joining a golf group are all ways to exercise with others right here in our community. So in addition to exercising to improve your physical health, remember regular exercise can have a profound impact on your sense of happiness and overall quality of life.

Gardener’s Wheelbarrow

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass

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



Enjoy April bloomers: gardenia, shrimp plant, Indian hawthorn, jasmine, jacaranda, yellow and pink frangipani/plumeria, shavingbrush tree, and Texas Geiger, to name a few.

April’s To Do List:

- **Fertilize** everything you didn’t fertilize in March and use only a high quality, slow-release form. Good fertilizer is expensive, but effective.
- **Palms** that may have suffered from root or bud damage during the winter benefit from fungicide and micro-nutrient supplements.
- **Fungus:** Though our temperatures have been chilly, our subtropical and tropical plants have suffered. Rain + chilly temps = fungus. This is typical for April and reflects the weather experienced during the first quarter. Always use common sense when it comes to the treatment of plants. Ordinary ground cinnamon from your spice cabinet is a great deterrent for fungus in your garden. Shake a little on the soil, or even on your plant to take care of some of this menace.

• **Water restrictions** are a serious part of gardening in SW Florida. Please consider planting our native Florida plants, which are geared for 8 months of drought followed by 4 months of deluge. Work with, not against nature. *Unless you are willing to hand water*, resist planting during the dry season and wait until the summer rains begin at the end of June to first of July. Many associations and independent homeowners start wanting to plant color during the “high” season. It can be dollars wasted. Even salt tolerant plants are watered with fresh water when nursery-grown. Most shrubs, including drought tolerant ones, take 3 months to establish roots beyond the perimeter of their original pot. A new 3-gallon shrub requires a gallon of water every other day for about 60 days.

• **Prune** scraggly, overgrown plants and those with dead branches, if not done so already. First, remove crossing and broken branches. Then, prune for shape and to encourage re-flowering.

• **Want more flowers?** Florida’s flowering shrubs bloom on new wood. If the plant is constantly pruned, leaving only older wood, flower production will be severely limited.

• **Apply herbicide** to your turf when the temperature is below 85 degrees. Remember that broadleaf herbicides can harm your lawn, or at a minimum turn it yellow.





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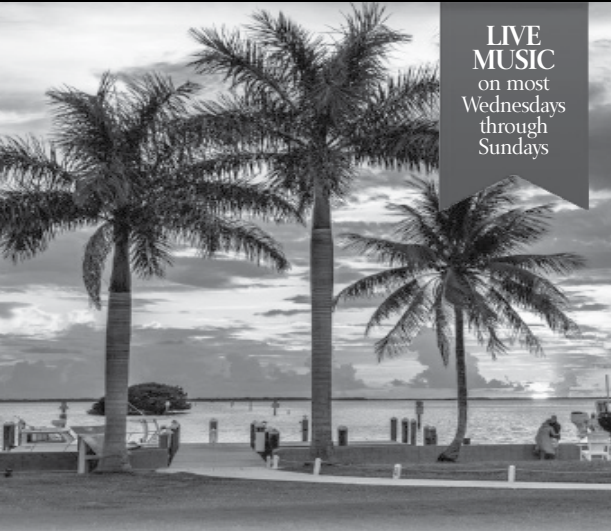
Coyotes sightings have increased as it is their mating season, and they are more aggressive and vocal right now. Recently a Burnt Store Lakes resident witnessed a coyote chase a rabbit into their rain gutter downspout and then pull the downspout into the yard trying to get the rabbit out.

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.

April Beacon Word Search Solution






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Burnt Store Marina CC News

By John Abbott,
General Manager, BSMCC

It's hard to believe that April is already here and the season is winding down. Time flies by when you're busy, and we certainly have been busy. BSMCC is doing record numbers, and although we can take some of the credit for that, the majority of the credit should go to all of you. When I first arrived here nearly three years ago, I was tasked with "turning this thing around." I wasn't sure exactly what that was going to take but early on I realized that the Burnt Store residents were chomping at the bit to find things to do, and we weren't providing many reasons for people to do that here at BSMCC. Over the past couple years we have put together an excellent staff, and with the help of some awesome volunteers, we have created a fun-filled calendar of events and lots of great golf tournaments. What did you all do?...you showed up, with eager enthusiasm to participate in all that we have to offer! We built it, and you came, and for that we thank you all.

Now let's talk about all the great events we have this month. On the golf course we have multiple events beginning April 6 with a Golf Member appreciation scramble and cookout. As implied by the name, this is for golf members only, and the cookout is paid for by the club. The following Saturday is our annual Masters pick-a-pro tournament where your score is paired with the Sunday Masters score of your favorite tour pro. This is always a popular event, so make sure you sign up early. The final golf tournament of the month is the mystery scramble on the 27th. This is an individual sign up where the teams are drawn at a cocktail party on the Thursday before the tournament. Two parties in one event, hard to beat that.

In the restaurant, we have all of our usual fun events including Monday trivia, Thursday food trucks and music, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday dinners, Prime rib buffet and our flagship event of the season, *Chicago Wired*, a renowned Chicago tribute band on Sunday the 14th. This will be a ticketed event with VIP seating under the big tent for members, reserved seating outside for members and general admission for everyone else. So many great events...so little time. We look forward to seeing you all at the club!



BSMCC APRIL 2024 Schedule of Events						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* No Trivia! Margarita Monday Taco Bar 5 - 8 p.m.	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 Stolen Fruit 5 - 8 p.m.	5 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/*	6 Golf Member Appreciation Day and BBQ - 9 a.m. Dinner - Two for \$40 5 - 8 p.m.**/* Music - Fred Montanna 5 - 8 p.m.
7 Breakfast Menu 9 - 11 a.m. Lunch 12 - 3 p.m.	8 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Trivia 5 - 8 p.m.*** Members Only!	9 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/* 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	10 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Ladies League Banquet 5 - 8 p.m.*****	11 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Food Trucks and Music Remedy 5 - 8 p.m.	12 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/*	13 Pick a Pro 9 a.m.*** Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Dinner - Two for \$40 5 - 8 p.m.**/* Music - Rick Austin 4-6 p.m.
14 Breakfast Menu 9 - 11 a.m. Lunch 12 - 3 p.m. Chicago Wired Tribute Band - 6:30 p.m. Food Trucks 5 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.* Course Closed 10 a.m. Golf Awards Cocktail Party 5 - 8 p.m.	17 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Prime Rib Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/*	18 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Food Trucks and Music Bobby and Doreen Jukebox Dream 5 - 8 p.m.	19 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/*	20 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Dinner - Two for \$40 5 - 8 p.m.**/* Music - Lori Lee
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28 Breakfast Menu 9 - 11 a.m. Lunch 12 - 3 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.***				

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Due to circumstances beyond our control, everything is subject to change.

The Beacon...Article and Photo Parameters

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Photos (in Jpeg digital format) or articles of general interest to residents will be published as space permits. Submissions to the Mark Your Calendar section will only carry items open to all residents.

The Beacon editors reserve the right of final determination on the appropriateness of publication of any information or announcements.

Articles should be kept to 750 words, unless an editor has been consulted before submission. They should be delivered to [all editors](#) by email as a *Microsoft Word* attachment. All articles should be in a final format, without connotations or edited comments, and not be password protected. Articles are due by the first of the month, for publication the following month.

- All articles should be submitted in Arial font.
 - The title should be in Arial 14 pt. bold, with byline in 10 pt. italic, and the body in 12 pt.
 - Lines should be single spaced. Use only one space following a period.
 - If using quotation marks, punctuation should be placed within the quotation marks.
 - Photos should be submitted in Jpeg format, with as many pixels as possible.
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Golf Tip of the Month

By Bill Connelly, Manager of
Golf Operations

During a round of golf, there are a lot of factors that you cannot control, but there are also some factors that you *can* control.

You control how you grip the club, your stance, and how you align your body in order to have the best possible chance of hitting a good shot. One of the most important things is how you grip the club, making sure to grip the club the same way every time.

When it comes to the stance, have your feet shoulder-width apart, knees should be slightly bent, and weight should be distributed evenly.



When it comes to alignment, think in two parallel lines. What I mean by that is, your target line (where you want your ball to go) and your body line (the direction your body faces). When picking your target line, remember to align your body just left of that line.

When pressured out there, remember the things you can control, and it will help you have a better round.

Be sure to sign up for the Mystery Scramble on April 27 at 9 a.m., and remember the weekly 9-hole scramble every Tuesday at 3 p.m.

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Have fun learning to enjoy your game.

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April's Off-Beat Holidays

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass

April Fools! Bet you'll hear that at least once on the first day of April. Maybe read it, too. Some believe this holiday dates back to 1582, when France switched from the Julian to Gregorian calendar. It was then that people who failed to recognize New Year's Day as January 1, and continued to celebrate it on **April 1** were laughed at and called "April fools." And, the tradition has continued for centuries. Today, there are some folks who go to great lengths to build detailed and complicated hoaxes on their unsuspecting victims...maybe even within these pages...

What is **not** an April Fool's joke...April begins alligator mating season. Courtship begins sometime in April, and mating takes place between May and June. Alligators are most active between dusk and dawn, so take notice, and plan your outside activities to reduce the chances of running into them.

April 11 is a day to put aside our petty biases, and celebrate Be Kind to Lawyers Day. This may be the first annual celebration, but non-lawyer Steve Hughes is giving it a try. To celebrate, you need only to abstain from telling lawyer jokes (replace "lawyer" with another profession) for 24 hours. Better yet, send your lawyer a "just because" greeting card. It will put a smile on his/her face.

Since 1955, for US citizens residing in the United States, **April 15** has meant Tax Day. When it falls on a Friday, returns are due on the following Monday; when falling on a Saturday or Sunday, returns are due on the following Tuesday. This year, there is no exception - your income tax return is due (post marked) Monday, April 15. Hurry! There's not much time left to celebrate this one.

This brings us to **April 30**, Honesty Day. Created by M. Hirsh Goldberg in the early 1990s, the date was chosen to counteract the falsehoods of April Fool's Day, with the celebration of the anniversary of the first inauguration of George Washington on April 30, 1789. Remember, George Washington could not tell a lie.

Other ground-breaking events in April include:
April 4, 1949 - Twelve nations signed the treaty creating NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The nations united for common military defense against the threat of expansion by Soviet Russia into Western Europe.

April 6, 1896 - After a break of 1500 years, the first Olympics of the modern era was held in Athens, Greece.

April 8 - Among Buddhists, celebrated as the birthday of Buddha (563-483 B.C.). An estimated 350 million persons currently profess the Buddhist faith.

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

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

Among the many fun events and festivals held in April in Florida are:

April 4 - 6 - 34th Annual Antique Tractor and Engine Show - White Springs, Florida

Enjoy 200 years of rural American history with displays of a grand collection of antique tractors and farming equipment. Admission - \$5 per vehicle. Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park, 11016 Lillian Saunders Dr., White Springs, FL. 32096 For more information go to www.stephenfostercso.org/event-5253254.

April 13 - 14 - Venice Sharks Tooth Festival - Venice, Florida

Venice is considered "The Shark Tooth Capital of the World." Merchandise vendors sell all sorts of shark tooth creations, including home décor, and cool trinkets. Centennial Park, 200 W Venice Ave, Venice, FL 34285. For more information, go to www.venicesharktoothfestival.com.



Photo by Karen Sanderson in Big Cypress Preserve

April 20 - 29 - 42nd Annual Conch Republic Independence Celebration - Key West, Florida
This 10-day event humorously commemorates the Florida Keys' decision to secede from the United States

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