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# From The Section 22 BOD

By Greg Beaton, Treasurer

For this month's Section 22 BOD update, let's talk \$\$\$\$. We will take stock of where we are today, and what lies ahead on the financial horizon.

In broad strokes, we currently have \$4 mm in our coffers; \$3 mm resides in Section 22 accounts, of which \$1.2 mm is in reserves. The remaining \$1 mm is in various Amenity Asset (let's call them AA) accounts – BSMCC, Fitness Center, Irrigation, and soon, the BSM Dog Park.

On the surface it looks like our cup runneth over with cash, but that is not the whole picture. Section 22 budgeted expenses for 2024 are expected to be \$1.9 mm. Plus post *Hurricane Ian*, the likelihood of expenses exceeding our projections is expected. In addition, we are starting a 3-year project to repair and/or resurface our roadways that will deplete our reserves. We are also looking into backup wells for both the irrigation pond and golf course. Both have single wells that compete with each other for water. That could lead to a lot of dead grass and plants in the event of a failure. This will also come from reserves.

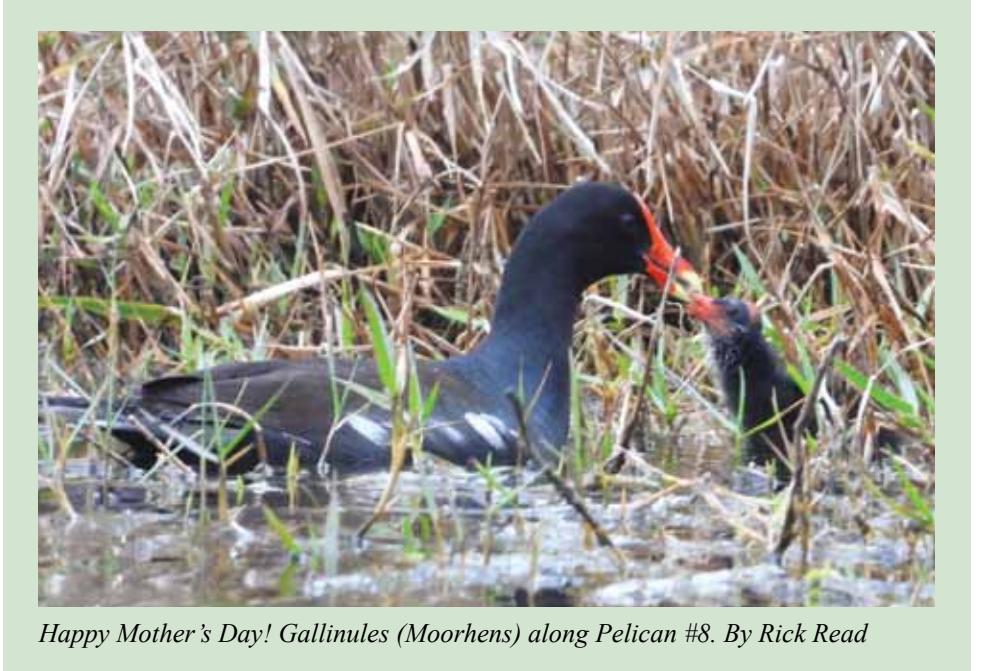
The lion's share of cash in our AA accounts is tied up as working capital. Moreover, our Amenity Assets are showing signs of age and strain, operating at full capacity.

So, is the glass half empty or half full? I have been Treasurer long enough now to be able to say that past Boards' stewardship has been excellent. We have the ability to address our critical items, and some flexibility to upgrade AA where and when possible.

I say 60% full. But, the next couple of years will be interesting. It is not too early to start looking at getting from reactive to proactive in our aging equipment and facilities. Past Boards and this Board have been using excess AA debt assessments to pay down debt. The loan balance for the AAs, as of March 2024 stands at \$1.5 mm, and was originally scheduled for 2/24/27, but with the prepayments will be paid off in July or August 2026.

What lies beyond that payoff date? Section 22 HOA will be the sole owner of vibrant, well-run amenities, a testament to our community's engagement and management success. Yet, day-to-day challenges persist, requiring ongoing attention and investment.

As new developments sprout along Burnt Store Road, we will not try to compete with them, but we should not lose long-term BSM homeowners because our AAs are rundown and broken. Vision 2025 (although perhaps 2026/2027) will chart our course forward, drawing on



Happy Mother's Day! Gallinules (Moorhens) along Pelican #8. By Rick Read

the expertise and insights of our community members. Projects such as expanding the fitness center, adding more courts, extending our cart paths on the golf course, and a grandchildren's playground are ideas that have merit, but will take time, planning and money.

It was not that long ago we had no grass on the golf course, Linkside Café was open two nights a week, and pickleball was a curiosity. There is no question that the AAs add to our property values, and our quality of life. Our goal as a Board, and as fellow homeowners is to elevate BSM each year.

Finally, from the beginning of 2023, we are posting financials for Section 22, BSMCC, Fitness Center, Irrigation, and by the end of this year the BSM Dog Park. Those that are still reading probably are interested in them. They are on the [bsm22.org](http://bsm22.org) resident portal, and I welcome questions about them at our monthly Board meetings.

# Architectural Review Committee

By Barry Groesch, Chair

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

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


- Robert & Ann Mansfield, 3273 Sunset Key Circle, roof replacement.
- Jennifer Calenda, 23965 Vincent Avenue, hurricane shutters.
- Anthony Laska, 24062 Redfish Cove Drive, pool cage replacement.
- Thomas Paschke, 3801 Cobia Villas Court, hurricane shutters.
- William & Nancy Siegmund, 3332 Sunset Key Circle #B, lanai window enclosure.
- Charlie & Beth Kuntzleman, 3304 #D Sunset Key Circle, lanai window replacement.
- Dean Wiley, 3261 Sunset Key Circle, window replacements.
- Kimberly Blair, 3369 Sunset Key Circle, exterior paint.
- Keith Shorr, 3091 King Tarpon Drive, exterior paint.
- Keith Shorr, 3091 King Tarpon Drive, roof replacement.
- Rick & Susan Dreher, 3225 Sunset Key Circle, window replacements.
- Richard & Penny Bagwell, 3981 Key Largo Lane, pool cage update.
- Judy Gannaway, 1532 Islamorada Boulevard, landscape curbing.
- Paul & Meg Crowley, 4010 Big Pass Lane, landscape update.
- David & Anita Field, 5020 Key Largo Lane, roof replacement.
- Steven Mayo, 4005 Cape Cole Boulevard, roof replacement.
- Tim & Lynne Parsons, 1621 Islamorada Boulevard, landscape curbing.
- Jim & Karen Zachacz, 1524 Islamorada Boulevard, landscape curbing.
- SK1 Homeowners Association, 3285 Sunset Key Circle, tree removal.
- Sean Hurley, 24621 Dolphin Cove Drive, roof replacement.
- Randolph Clarkson, 3953 Cape Cole Boulevard, roof replacement.
- Robert & Sara Washicheck, 3949 Cape Cole Boulevard, exterior trim change.
- Barbara Simeri, 3020 Big Bend Circle, roof replacement.

- Barbara Simeri, 3020 Big Bend Circle, screen color change.
  - James & Ann Butler, 1311 Marathon Way, exterior paint.
  - Lori Luscher, 3416 Sunset Key Circle Unit B, window replacements.
  - Kevin & Evelyn Kazacos, 3070 Big Bend Circle, exterior door replacements.
  - William B. Burns, 4041 Cape Cole Boulevard, window replacements.
- Section 22 restrictions and applications are available for download at [BSM22.org](http://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](mailto:apmsupport@alliantproperty.com).

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

By Barry Groesch, Architectural Review Committee Chair

Did you know... When replacing exterior doors or windows, an ARC application is required. For all projects, go to the [BSM22.org](http://BSM22.org) website to get your application.



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Section 22 HOA Board Meeting -  
**Tuesday, May 28, 9 a.m., Linkside Patio**  
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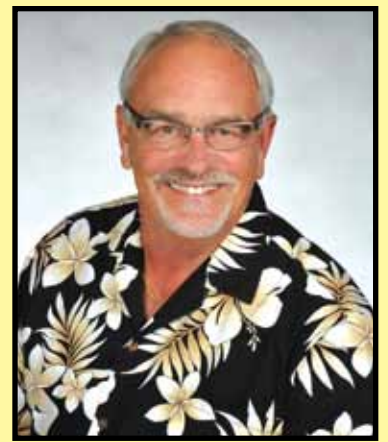
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## Inside the Gates Dates

- **Wednesday, May 1:** Deadline for the June *Beacon*. Article and picture submissions are welcomed. Become part of the *Beacon* family.
- **Tuesday, May 28:** Section 22 HOA Board Meeting, Linkside patio, 9 a.m.
- **Every Tuesday:** Section 22 HOA Board Workshop, Linkside patio, 9 a.m.
- **Every Tuesday:** Bar code installation, front gate, 1 to 3 p.m.
- **Every Thursday:** Bar code installation, front gate, 9 to 11 a.m.
- **Every Friday:** Farmers Market, PPYC parking lot, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Outside the Gates Dates

- **Friday, May 3:** Fort Myers River District Art Walk, 1 to 5 p.m. Visit many galleries, exhibitions and performances.
- **Saturday, May 11:** 2nd Saturday Dance Party, 2 to 5 p.m. Punta Gorda Women’s Club, 118 Sullivan St., Punta Gorda. \$15 for USA Dance Members single, \$25 for a couple, for non-members \$17 single and \$30 per couple. Punta Gorda Women’s Club, 118 Sullivan St., Punta Gorda
- **Friday, May 17:** Fort Myers River District Music Walk, 5 to 9 p.m. Local and regional musicians line the street with music from jazz to blues to rock and roll.
- **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.
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- **Every Thursday:** Fort Myers River District Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Every Saturday:** Punta Gorda Farmers Market, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., downtown. Lots of vendors with fresh fruits and vegetables, live music, crafts and other great buys. Visit nearby murals and enjoy some of the great downtown restaurants.
- **Every Saturday:** Cape Coral Farmers Market, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Clubhouse Square, SE 47th Ter. and SE 10th Pl., Cape Coral.
- **Every Sunday:** Punta Gorda Historical Society’s Farmers Market, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at History Park, 501 Shreve Street. Shop for veggies, meats, plants and gifts. Most Sundays you will be treated to live music by Dave Heveron. When the market closes at 1 p.m., take a guided tour of the gardens at the park. Walk the grounds with Florida native gardener, Starr Zachritz, and learn about Florida’s flora. A \$5 suggested donation gets you a plant to take home. Call 941-380-6814.

# Bocce - That’s The Way We Roll!

By Carole Romaine,  
Independent Home Owner

The bocce group gathered one day last month to dedicate a new bench to Lou Paolillo. Lou was a long-time supporter and player of bocce.

Our goal is to introduce the joy and competition of bocce to more people. It is easy to learn, but challenging. Bocce is a wonderful game to stay active socially and physically.

So what is a bocce? Most of you know the basic rules of the game. There are two teams, green and red. A coin toss decides which team will start. The pallino, the small white target ball, is rolled first. Then the two teams take turns attempting to roll their red or green ball as close to the pallino as possible. This



Lou Paolillo’s memorial bench



Jay and Mark-Bocce Boys

sometimes results in the ball touching, or kissing, the pallino. This kiss is called a baci. If this ‘kiss’ is not interrupted after all balls have been rolled then this results in two points for that team, and a high-five for the team member that rolled it!

Congratulations to Jay Cramer and Mark Kremper for rolling a bocce or baci last month.

The bocce court is adjacent to the northeast side of the parking lot at Burnt Store Marina Country Club. Play is from 2:30 to 5 p.m., followed by dinner at Linkside Café or other local restaurants. Dinner is optional, and you do not have to be a member of Burnt Store Marina Country Club to play bocce.

You will find an enthusiastic group of bocce players every Tuesday. Grab your lawn chair and join the fun. There is a nominal fee of \$1 per player, collected each week for maintenance of equipment, and end of season prizes.

For more information, and to be added to the email contact list, please contact Connie and Dave Huelsbeck at [huelsbed@bellsouth.net](mailto:huelsbed@bellsouth.net).

## 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.

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# Elevating Community Access and Security

By Mark Murphy, PGI Section 22 BOD

The Entry Management Team, led by Major Andrew Scott and Jim Fitzgerald, is steadfastly committed to efficiency and excellence. It ensures smooth access for all guests, vendors and contractors while prioritizing exemplary customer service.

Community access is the critical responsibility of the entry management team. Though not classified as traditional security personnel, our Entry Management Agents function as ambassadors of hospitality, dedicated to delivering a warm and professional welcome to every entrant into our community. The management team trains agents on how BSM operations work to ensure a positive and smooth entry for our residents and guests. Despite their efforts, the team can encounter language barriers, and incomplete information from visitors or service providers. Major Scott emphasizes the importance of providing accurate details to the agents, that are crucial for expediting pass processing and avoiding delays and confusion in entry logistics. Providing proper identification, and other related information, can be especially important if you have guests or renters who will be at BSM for an extended period.

BSM Site Manager Andrew Scott has had 14 years of service to Burnt Store. Jim Fitzgerald, the Supervisor, is coming up on 16 years of service in June. Both have been critical in continuously developing and maintaining the community's access control and entry management standards. Their roles extend far beyond overseeing entry operations.

Their multifaceted responsibilities encompass agent training, traffic calming strategies, vendor management, supply procurement, access database administration, and fostering essential community relations with the Lee County Sheriff's deputies and senior command. They also maintain relationships with the Cape Coral Fire Department and other services to BSM. Their extensive experience and dedication ensure that essential aspects of our community's operations are seamless.

Andrew Scott and Jim Fitzgerald remain committed to elevating BSM's access control and entry management standards through a proactive and customer-centric approach. Their management style and the community's support foster a sense of belonging, making Burnt Store Marina a genuine "home away from home" for residents, visitors, and staff alike.



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# Burnt Store Road Expansion Program Update

By Jerry Newmin, Section 22 HOA BOD

A meeting with Don Scott, Director, Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and D’Juan Harris, Director, Charlotte County MPO, Michael Strohecker, former Manager, Cape Coral Traffic Department, and Jerry Newmin was held on March 18. This meeting was to discuss the latest planning and timeframe for expansion of Burnt Store Road to four lanes (and ultimately six lanes) between Vincent Avenue and Van Buren Blvd. in Cape Coral in Lee County.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is in the process of completing the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study that was viewed by the public in August, 2022. FDOT expects to complete the PD&E study by the end of the year. FDOT is also starting the Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase soon, and will take the project to 60% roadway design plans, where the project will then be turned over to Lee County for completion. The PD&E is funded with Federal and Lee County funding and this phase will start later this year. The PD&E study, up to 60%, is projected to be completed by the end of 2025. With the 60% design plans for the roadway, the county can begin acquiring needed rights-of-way, according to the plans. Once completed, the PD&E plan will be finalized and construction could start, depending upon utility installation, relocation issues and funding. It is estimated to take approximately 2 years to complete. The construction of the project will most likely be done in segments, due to the high cost and available funding. No determination has been made on the segments, or from which end the project would first start. This may be dependent upon on Charlotte County projects and funding availability.

A traffic light or round-a-bout at the intersection of Burnt Store Road and Vincent Avenue is under consideration, but

is not finalized in the plans. FDOT is hiring consultants to perform an Intersection Control Evaluation analysis. This analysis will look at all intersection devices regarding traffic signalization, round-a-bout, directional median openings, and any other type of device in the traffic engineer’s toolbox. Results of this analysis will become available for review by both counties and will be posted on their web sites for public use. The 1,000 feet of roadway north of the Charlotte/ Lee County line presents unique problems, which will be addressed in this analysis.

Charlotte County Public Works has initiated a transportation study to assess a preferred future East/West roadway alignment to connect Burnt Store Road to US 41. The study analyzed alternate alignments, access management, typical sections, preliminary right-of-way, and storm retention needs associated with the proposed roadway alternatives. The study indicated that the east/west connection would become a need within the 2030 to 2035 timeframe. Traffic modeling assessments indicated that the east/west connection would need to be widened from two lanes to four lanes by 2045, and segments of Burnt Store Road, with available right-of-way to within median, will need to be widened to six lanes by 2045 as well.

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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.

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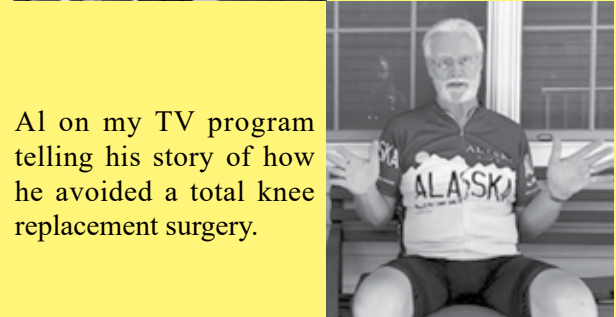
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# Developments – Lee County Burnt Store Road Corridor – Part 1

By Graham Segger, Independent Home Owner

In January 2024, I wrote an article for *The Beacon* describing the development activity happening along the Charlotte County section of Burnt Store Road. This month I turn to the Cape Coral stretch of the road between Vincent Road and the current northern limit of the four lane expansion. There is an abundance of both conservation land and undeveloped private land along this stretch of road. This summary will focus mainly on announced initiatives, whether approved or not. See also Chapter 16 of my book, *Where Do We Live?*, for more information about this stretch of the highway. Next month (June 2024), in Part 2 I will examine development along the southern four lane stretch of Burnt Store Road.

## Conservation Land:

Directly across from Burnt Store Marina is the Yucca Pens Unit of the Fred C. Babcock / Cecil M. Webb Wildlife Management Area (owned by the State of Florida). The Yucca Pens Unit has almost one mile of frontage on Burnt Store Road in two segments as noted on Map 1, and extensive lands east of the road. The Yucca Pens Unit covers 14,500 acres in total, straddling the Charlotte – Lee County Line (only the Lee County portion is shown on Map 1).

The lake reflected above between the two Yucca Pens frontages on Burnt Store Road is part of a 120 acre property owned by CC Land Development Company. The municipal address is 4751 Burnt Store Road, and it has been referred to in the past as Burnt Store Acres, perhaps suggesting future development plans.

On the west side of Burnt Store Road, south of Burnt Store Marina, is another large tract of conservation land, also owned by the State. This tract, outlined on Map 2, is part of the Charlotte Harbor Preserve State Park that surrounds much of the east and west sides of Charlotte Harbor. Lee County also has several parcels in this area, some of it assembled as part of their Conservation 20/20 Fund initiative (see Map 2).

Note 1 - Across from the Dollar General the property owner, SVR, LLC, has requested a rezoning of the subject 35.49 acre parcel from AG-2 to MXPD to permit the development of a 354-unit multi-family development and a maximum of 222,900 square feet of commercial uses.

## Encore Tranquility Lakes RV Resort

After close to ten years of planning and development, the Encore Tranquility Lakes RV Resort is now open with 150 pads for motor homes and RVs, and potential for another 350 pads in future phases. It has a clubhouse, pickleball courts, swimming pools and exercise room, and is situated around 90 acres of lakes (see lower center of Map 2).

Across from Tranquility Lakes, the Lee County Electric Cooperative has recently purchased 19 acres which will be used in part to build a much needed new sub-station to service the corridor and the new Hudson Creek development.

## Burnt Store Recycling Property

In 2021 Burnt Store 316 LLC purchased the approximately 311 acres surrounding the Burnt Store Yard Waste Recycling business at 3500 and 3620 Burnt Store Road. Their plans for the property have not been publicly disclosed. A previous development concept contemplated 600 water front lots around the eight man-made lakes (see center left of Map 3).

## Hudson Creek

In Chapter 17 – Who Was Mr. Zemel? of *Where Do We Live?*, I described the sale of 1,483 acres east of Burnt Store Road by the Zemel family to GA-Pinnacle Cape Coral LLC for \$3.0 million in 2016. That land is now the core of a 1,745 acre multi-purpose development proposal to be called Hudson Creek. The zoned and permitted property is listed for sale for \$125 million and as of April 20, 2024 was designated as “under contract” on the broker website - <https://properties.lsicompanies.com/s/detail/a0M6e00000MG46yEAD>.

Hudson Creek is earmarked for 3,500 residential units (2,500 single family & 1,000 multi-family), as well as 500,000 square feet of commercial uses, with roughly 622 acres of the property to function as wetland and upland preserve. The commercial zoning is located along Burnt Store Road and the plan calls for five entrances off Burnt Store Road between Sand Road and Caloosa Parkway (south of Sanctuary Estates and across from Cape Recycling). If this development proceeds before the Lee County portion of the Burnt Store Road widening project is completed, it could introduce some significant new traffic challenges. There are substantial barriers that must be cleared before construction begins. The developer must bring roads and utilities into the property and acquire plat approvals and building permits from the City of Cape Coral. Completion will be many years in the future.

## Janis Road to Gator Slough

There are three ownership groups with substantial land holdings along the east side of Burnt Store Road south of the Hudson Creek land and between the communications tower opposite Janis Road and Gator Slough (see Map 3). These have all been the subject of various development proposals over the years, and two of them are currently listed for sale by their owners through commercial realtors.

All three have either lakes or other conservation easements on them. Burnt Store Ltd. owns 267 acres, which include the communications tower and several large lakes created by aggregate removal. The second, which is listed for sale, is 153 acres (92 acres zoned Neighborhood Commercial) south of the tower. The third, also listed for sale, consists of 127 acres which straddle Gator Slough where the four lane stretch of Burnt Store Road currently begins.

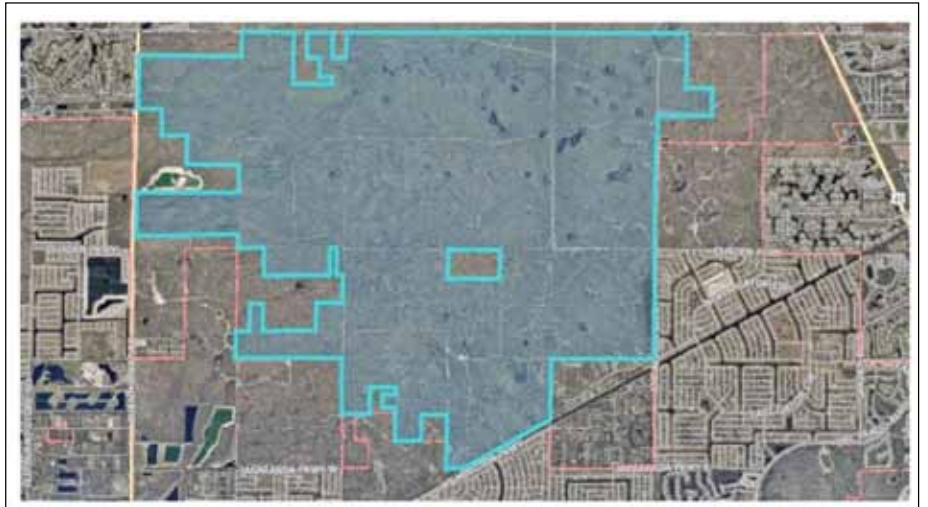
The City of Cape Coral owns much of the land on the west side of Burnt Store Road along this stretch, owned formerly by Thieman Enterprises who had planned to develop it.

## Summary:

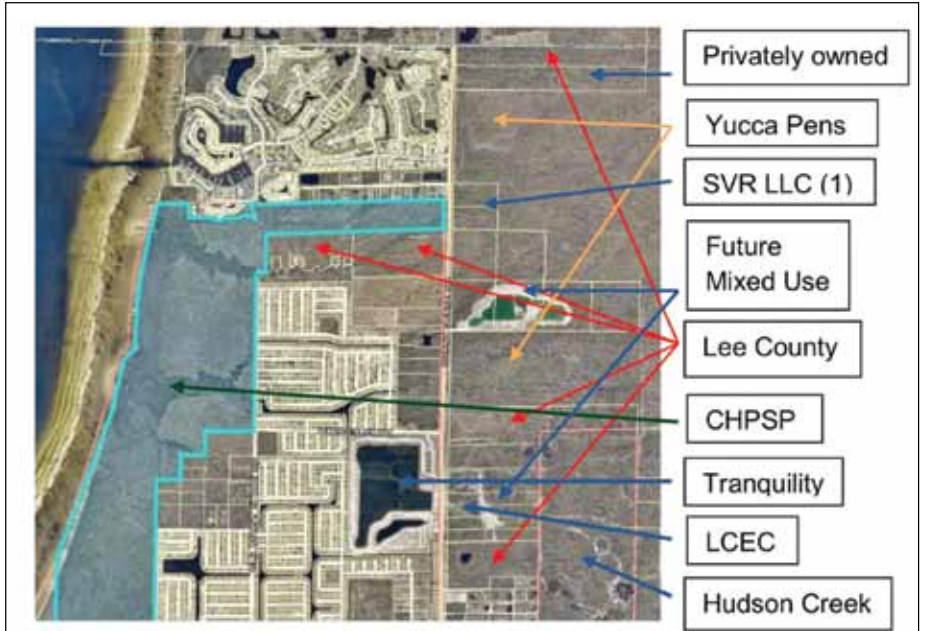
Most of the major developments described above are still a few years in the future and face various approval steps. They will undoubtedly have transformational impacts on the area and its traffic patterns. In my opinion, it is essential that Lee County fast track the completion of the expansion of Burnt Store Road to four lanes to accommodate this growth. See article by Jerry Newmin, elsewhere in this month’s *Beacon*, for more information about the status of that project.

Sources: Lee County Property Appraiser website; Lee County Economic Development GIS Hub; Cape Coral Zoning Map; Northwest Cape Coral Neighborhood Association website, various commercial realtor listings, developer websites, and local news reporting.

Future updates to this article will be posted to the following webpage as new announcements are made – <https://grahamsegger.com/lee-county-cape-coral-developments-along-burnt-store-road/> - or scan the following QR code with your mobile phone.



Map 1 - Outlined area is the Lee County portion of the Yucca Pens Unit (LEEPA)



Map 2 – Charlotte Harbor Preserve S.P. and Other nearby Parcels



Map 3 – Hudson Creek Proposal (courtesy LSI Companies)

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## Recipe Box

### Easy Sopapilla Cheesecake Bars

*By Jennifer LeClair,  
Pelican Way*

If you are unfamiliar with Sopapillas, they are a light flaky pastry-type bread served with cinnamon sugar or honey, typically served as a dessert in Mexican restaurants. This recipe, from [Cakescottage.com](http://Cakescottage.com), serves 16-24 and is very easy to prepare, incredibly delicious and ideal for any occasion. Whether you need a treat for your card games or bunco, or a dessert for family and friends, these bars have got you covered.



**Ingredients:**

- 2 (8 oz.) cans of Pillsbury crescent rolls
- 2 (8 oz.) packages of cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup of granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon of vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 4 Tablespoons of granulated sugar
- 1 Tablespoon of cinnamon

**Instructions:**

- Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
- Spray a 9x13 baking dish with cooking spray.
- Press 1 can of the crescent rolls to the bottom of the dish, making sure to reach the edges and pinching seams together.
- Bake the first layer of crescent roll dough until just done, no more than 5-8 minutes.
- Combine softened cream cheese, sugar, and vanilla.
- Spread mixture over crescent roll layer.
- Roll the remaining crescent roll over the top, stretch to the edges and pinch the seams to seal.
- Brush the melted butter across the entire top of the crescent roll (using all the butter).
- Sprinkle the top with the 1 Tablespoon of cinnamon and the 4 Tablespoons of sugar.
- Bake for about 30 minutes or until golden brown.
- Cool and slice into bars. They can be eaten warm or chilled.
- Store in the refrigerator.

## Lee County Leash Laws and Doggie Etiquette



It is a Lee County law, as well as a Burnt Store Marina rule, that all dogs are to be on leashes whenever outside residences.

The open lot at the corner of Cape Cole and Matecumbe is not a dog park. The Commodore residents own the whole part that is landscaped. Please keep your dogs off that property.

**And...**

It is good manners and common courtesy to pick up after your pets.

## Sheriff's Report - March 2024

- 18 Speeding Warnings
  - 5 Residents
  - 13 Non-Residents
- 16 Stop Sign Warnings
  - 10 Residents
  - 6 Non-Residents
- Improper Passing, Improper Equipment, No Passing, Expired Registration/Tags/Loud Noise
- 4 Citations, 8 Warnings
  - 4 Residents
  - 8 Non-Residents



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# Fitness, Friends & Fun... Wrap Up of Snowbird Season

By Cynthia Mathews

“What a year! Not only are we on track to exceed all club membership records, but we have completed many upgrades,” said Steve Hocker, Fitness Center Operations Chairman.



“You may have noticed some of the aesthetic improvements in and around the fitness center. Our most recent changes include the lush, upgraded landscaping surrounding the lovely new tennis viewing area. Not only is this a great addition to our facility, but a great place to sit and socialize while cheering on your team,” comments Glenna Benson, co-chair of the marketing committee and an avid participant in many fitness classes.

There are more people than ever involved with our Fitness Club. Manager, Jen Tait, reports that as of March 2024, we have 757 members, and are on track to exceed all prior club records. “This is amazing news in that it means we are contributing to building a healthy, fit, BSM community with our wide range of offerings. We are also self-sustaining in that our revenue now exceeds our operating costs. The plan is to continue to look at the needs of our members. Of course, we need to expand the building to accommodate our growing needs and population. I am very fortunate to have an amazing staff, from the front desk staff to our instructors, personal trainer, a tennis pro, and two pickleball pros. We couldn’t be as successful as we are without the help of many helping hands,” said Jen Tait. She loves that this healthy community has the gym buzzing from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. for aqua and exercise classes and for opportunities to meet new friends.

We have completed many upgrades. The complete facelift for the spacious resort pool is an elegant space to relax and unwind. Projects include a new seawall, patio landscaping, umbrellas, lighting, a new roof, and spa repairs.

Too popular? “The challenge comes when we outgrow the facilities that we have available to us, and that is the position we find ourselves in today,” remarked Benson. Through coordinated efforts and regular communications, our Section 22 Board of Directors are fully aware of our challenges and are working with our Fitness Club to find solutions to the expansion plan’s needs. Our Operations Committee started when Section 22 bought the marina amenities and includes fitness club members and liaisons from the other (marketing, tennis, and pickleball) committees.

We need a larger building to accommodate our classes, more workout areas, and additional pickleball courts. We’ve got more tennis teams and pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the USA, especially amongst the age group who live in BSM. And the BSM pickleball community has built quite a reputation in the area. People looking to buy real estate consider BSM because of the pickleball program that has been built here! The adage **Build it and they will come** seems highly relevant to our current situation.

What is next? The Ops Committee, with fitness management, are reviewing existing and potential new equipment plans for next season. “We expect membership to stay strong, knowing a long-term plan for building and court expansions will stay on the Sec 22 agenda. The marketing committee is keenly aware of overcrowding issues and suggested day pass limits to keep member satisfaction a priority. Fitness center financials are positive and with a solid plan, will stay that way,” said Benson.

Meanwhile, the marketing is focusing on retention. We are slated to add more afternoon classes, as we listen to the wants and needs of our members.

Our Burnt Store Marina Fitness, Racquet & Pool Club brings people together. Glenna speaks from her own experience. “When we bought here 10 years ago, we didn’t know anyone. The fitness classes provided an opportunity to meet people. Today, many are good friends.”



Inside and around the fitness center was out with the old and in with the new. We have a new roof (pool too!), two new water heaters, aerobics room floor, hand weights, weight bench covers, upgraded air conditioning in the aerobics room, new electrical service to the tennis shed, new tennis court benches and landscaping around our courts.

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# Burnt Store Marina Dog Park



By BSM Dog Park Committee

On March 30, the BSM Dog Park Committee held a groundbreaking event to kick off the start of another great amenity for BSM residents. The Section 22 BOD were in attendance, as well as lots of excited residents. This event was followed by a Dog Trot to the Tiki Hut, live music, an auction, and great food and drinks.

The goal of the committee was to raise \$18,500 to cover half the cost of constructing the dog park. As of the writing of this article, we have raised over \$26,000! So now the work begins. The permits have been requested, the landscape crew has begun clearing the land, we are sourcing benches and

shade options. The committee will be meeting to discuss and decide on membership rules, dog park regulations and hours of operation.

We will continue to have some annual events that were popular with our residents as we were raising funds for the park. With these annual fundraisers and the membership dues, the BSM Dog Park will be totally self-sustaining. Events include:

- Halloween Pet/Owner Contest
- Yappy Hour with Santa at Christmas
- Easter Egg Hunt

Bricks and banners will continue to be sold through the fall of 2024. Information about the BSM Dog Park can now be found on the [BSM22.org](http://BSM22.org) site under amenities.



Sec. 22 BOD at dog park groundbreaking



Celebration party at Tiki Hut

## Enjoying Your Walk

By Jan McLaughlin, Former Beacon Editor

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

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

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

- Admiral's Point loop (includes Key Largo Lane Circle, Sable Key Circle and Key Largo Circle) start/stop at Marathon & Cape Cole Blvd., 1.06 mile
- Tarpon Pass loop, start/stop at Islamorada Blvd., 0.76 mile

Wonderful resources for walkers abound on the Internet. These sites offer a wide selection of audio music apps for beginners to advanced walkers, exercise videos, gear (including shoes), accessories and resource information.

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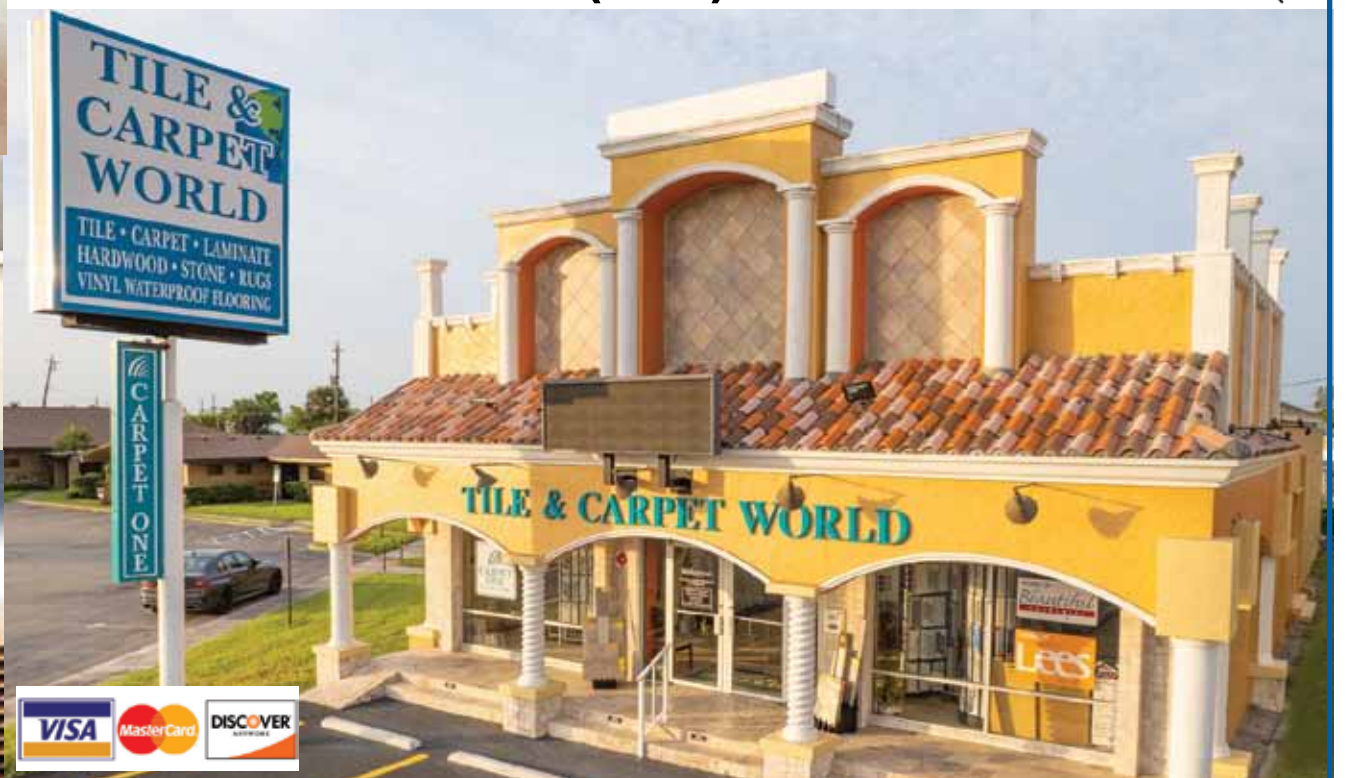
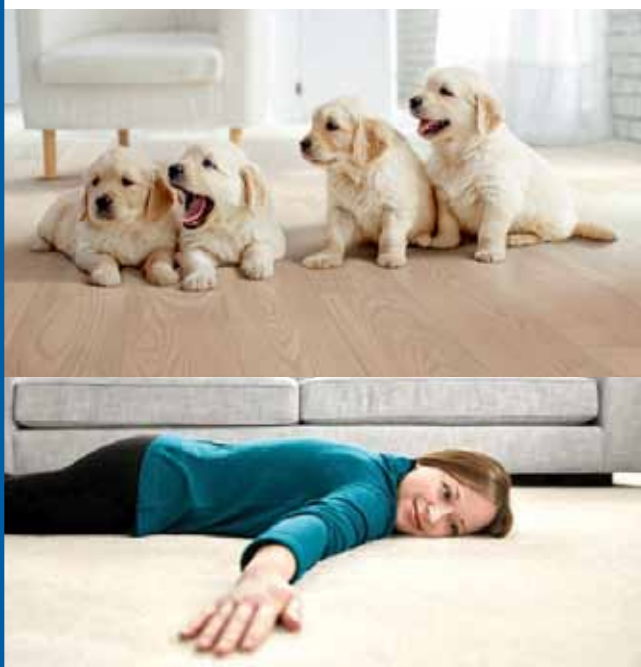
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**For more on hurricane plans visit: [www.ready.gov/plan](http://www.ready.gov/plan)**

**Prepare a disaster supply kit:**

- 3-day supply of non-perishable food and bottled water
- Manual can opener (for food)
- Flashlights, portable radio, and extra batteries
- Phone charger and back up batteries



- First aid kit & medication (minimum of one week supply)
- Extra cash
- Pet food and supplies
- Important documents such as insurance policies
- Fuel for generators

With Hurricane season quickly approaching, June through November, the time to prepare is NOW! We know how bad a Cat 5 storm can be, so get ready. Being prepared will help get us through major storm events a bit easier. The Burnt Store Marina Emergency Preparedness Group offers you some recommendations. Prepare for the worst and hope for the best.

**For more on a disaster supply kit visit: [www.ready.gov/kit](http://www.ready.gov/kit), or obtain a copy of WINK Hurricane guide and/or other local hurricane preparation guides.**

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Lee County Humane Society	239-332-0364
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Florida Marine Patrol (toll free 24 hours/day)	1-800-342-5367

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**Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**

22 full time BSM residents are CERT team members. Working directly with the Cape Coral Fire Department, members are assigned in pairs to service all areas (ZONES) in BSM. CERT members will be noticeable by their green shirts and CERT hats. They are trained in First-aid, CardioPulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and are here to guide you through natural disasters. Use the drop-down memo on the [BSM22.org](http://BSM22.org) web site for more information, such as areas (ZONES) nearest CERT member and contact information. You can also find a list of AED locations within the community on the [bsm22.org](http://bsm22.org) web site. CERT teams provide aid and assistance until emergency response agencies arrive on the scene.

The power equipment at the Burnt Store Country Club and main gate have been beefed up and will be supplied with adequate fuel. The Country Club will also serve as the communication center if phone and internet service fail in the marina.

Please take some time to look at this new addition to your resources and help prepare for hurricane season! In case of a weather emergency and you provide or need help, your CERT staging area is the Country Club.



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# Keep Informed...Lee County Sheriff's Citizens Academy

Our PGI Section 22 HOA Board member, Lynda Vail, has worked hard to help educate our community about our safety. She organized Crime Prevention Programs, which were presented in February and March. Hopefully, these programs will be repeated, because it's so important to be informed on this subject.

If you missed these classes, you, as residents of Lee County, are invited to learn about the Lee County Sheriff's Office by participating in the agency's popular Citizens Academy. Join them, and get a first-hand look at how our officers enforce the law as well as protect and serve.

The Academy is a 12-week program with classes held on Tuesday nights from 6 - 9:15 p.m. Class size is limited. Best of all, there is no cost to attend. Classes provide an in-depth view into numerous areas of law enforcement and are intended to enhance understanding, communication and partnerships between citizens and the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

Highlights include presentations from the following Units: SWAT, Aviation, Major Crimes, Corrections, Public Information and Economic Crimes. Demonstrations include Active Shooter, K9 and the Bomb Squad.

Participants also receive gun safety training at the Lee County Gun Range.

To participate, you must be at least 18 years of age, a resident of Lee County and have no felony convictions. Go to <https://www.sheriffleefl.org/citizens-academy-application/> to fill out and submit the application form electronically. Questions should be directed to Citizens Academy Coordinator, Tony Schall at (239) 258-3215 or email [tschall@sheriffleefl.org](mailto:tschall@sheriffleefl.org).



## Platinum Point Yacht Club

By Loretta Steeves, Director

The question: *Why join a yacht club?* had never occurred to me...until we moved to Southwest Florida. Though my husband and I had been longtime boaters, we had never joined a yacht club or even considered joining one, until we found Platinum Point Yacht Club.

Like many of you, we ended up in Burnt Store Marina on a whim that turned out to be one of the best decisions we ever made. Here's how our version of the fairytale played out. We were doing the Great Loop, a boat trip that goes around the eastern third of the United States. Our trip took one year and a day.

On our trip we met a couple who had some friends in Punta Gorda, so they had stopped here. They liked it so much that they convinced us to take a look. We did, and then continued our journey. Several months later, the real estate agent we had met with emailed us about a house. We bought it without ever coming to see it.

And that's when the thought of joining PPYC came up. The first thing that appealed to us was the overnight cruises. The idea of having other sailors who already knew the waters really appealed to us. While traveling the Great Loop, we had always said, "nothing beats local knowledge."

But even more than that, we liked the idea of cruising with like-minded sailors. And that's just what PPYC offers. Each month there is a club-organized cruise to a different marina. Two cruise leaders plan out who brings which night for docktails (that's what cruisers call happy hour),

an evening outing to a local restaurant, and coffee and breakfast in the morning. Just as we found on the Great Loop, these communal boating experiences are the heart and soul of sailing.

The other boating experiences offered by PPYC also played a big part in getting us to think about joining a yacht club. Nothing beats the group boating provided in a raft-up. PPYC has several each year, including my favorite, a sunset-moonrise raft-up, at the time when sunset and moonrise coincide. (And the best part, like on any raft-up, is that you can bring other non-boaters along.)

Another favorite group-boating opportunity is the lunch cruises. Again, a cruise leader handles the details, and we all sail to a local on-water restaurant for lunch. The most recent was to Cabbage Key. And once again, many PPYC non-boaters come along for the ride.

The icing on the cake that swung us toward joining was the desire to participate in nautical traditions. PPYC's Fleet Week with its *Blessing of the Fleet* boat parade is a well-known example. As is the *Eight Bells Ceremony* to honor PPYC members who have passed during the year and the *Commodore's Ball*. And make sure to be back in time for the *Sundowner Ceremony* to be held on October 27, 2024 to celebrate PPYC's 40-year ruby anniversary.

Once we did join, we re-learned what we already knew from the Great Loop—if there's one thing about boaters, they like to get together and have fun. That's why there's weekly Friday happy hours. That's why there's monthly sunset social

pot lucks and grill nights. That's why there's a themed party each month that often includes another well-known boater tendency – dancing. And that's why you often see PPYC members hanging out together to enjoy the magical view from the harbor view deck.

So, while my husband and I had never thought of joining a yacht club because we feared it might be stuffy or expensive, we found out that PPYC is definitely neither. We don't have the costs of a large staff because we are run by a board of directors and volunteers. Nobody who ever stepped through the door would ever use the word "stuffy."



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# Pets in Paradise

By Debra Bretz, Admirals' Point

## Hurricane Prep for Our Furry Family Members

Next month starts the six-month hurricane season in Florida. It feels like it just ended, but here we go again. It is never too early to start thinking about what supplies you need for you and your pet, whether you decide to evacuate or ride out the storm. Whichever you choose, never leave your pet behind. They depend on you.

All experts recommend you have enough supplies for one week for each pet. That includes water, food, medications, sturdy leashes, their medical records, and a carrier/transport. Also have pictures of your pet that you can share in case you become separated. All items should be kept in an airtight container that is easily transported.



Tiffany Shotts



Lacey Schloop



Patches Gregory



Sophie Punt

Hundreds of animals end up in shelters after a natural disaster. Animals that do not have chips embedded for identification purposes may never be reunited with their pet parents. The pet has the trauma of the disaster, new surroundings, and loss of their owners. Our local animal shelters filled up after Hurricane Ian. Animal shelter organizations across the country came to help alleviate the massive overcrowding. These organizations took these animals to help find them new homes in their area if they could not be reunited with their owners.

Please consider having your pet ID chipped, and make sure that your information registered with the chip is up to date. I found the company that made the ID Chip for my dog on my initial paperwork when we adopted her. When I checked it, I found it contained an old email address that I was able to update. The company was called Reunite. Two other popular companies are Petfinder and 24PetConnect. If you are unsure of yours, your vet can scan and find the chip number and manufacturer. Then go to that website and ensure the data is still accurate. Home addresses, phone numbers and vets often change. Let's make sure our pets can find their way home.

The BSM Dog Park has broken ground and, on the way to becoming a great new area for our pets to play. Stay tuned to BSM Dog Park Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2049904375354320>, or go to [BSM.org](http://BSM.org) and look under amenities for any new events.

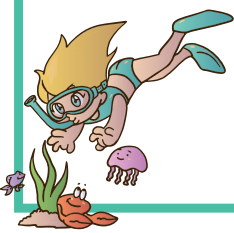


Here are a few of our four-legged residents. Send me pictures of your furry family member to add in future editions. My email address is [debrabretz@gmail.com](mailto:debrabretz@gmail.com).

## May Word Search

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## Save Your Knees!

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My question for anyone who has had a similar experience, did your doctor inform you of the American Medical Association Journal, JAMA randomized clinical trial that studied the safety and effectiveness of steroid injections for chronic knee pain? In this study they took 140 participants with chronic knee pain and split them up into two groups. The control group got a saline solution injection and the treated group got the steroid injection. The injections were given every three months for two years. At the end of the two years they compared notes. The pain level for both groups did not improve much. It was about equal for both groups. *However, what they did find was that the treated group who received all of the steroid injections had a significant loss of cartilage between the knee joint as compared to the saline group.*

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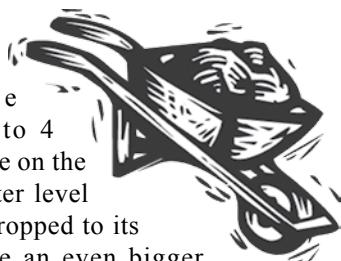
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# Gardener's Wheelbarrow

By Maggie Hart,  
Mariners Pass



During May, we SHOULD get about 3 to 4 inches of rainfall. If you're on the irrigation system, the water level in the aquifer will have dropped to its lowest, and salts become an even bigger problem in May. They also accumulate in the soil. We count on the rains to not only dilute the water source, but also to flush some of the salts from the soil.

As for temperature predictions, historically the highs will be in the 90s, give or take 5 degrees.

### Monthly Checklist:

- Help out your plants with organic mulch, keeping it away from the stems or trunks of plants.
- The pruning you should have done in March and April produces tender young foliage...just right for aphids, mealy bugs, scale etc. Spray with *Organocide* or a similar horticultural control, following the directions. A non-organic product that provides systemic control for up to 12 months with a single application is *Bayer's Advanced Tree & Shrub Insect Control*. It is mixed with water and poured into the ground around the plant. The roots soak up the insecticide into the leaves. Any insect

that sucks or chews on the leaves will die. (Note: recent articles have pointed to honey bees picking up systemic insecticides through pollen collection. For this reason I'm less enthusiastic in my recommendation of this product for flowering plants.)

- Black sooty mold on a plant's leaves indicates that plant, or one above or next to it has a sucking insect feasting away. The insect secretes honeydew, which then attracts ants and the mold is the result from the honeydew.
- **Oleander caterpillars will be active.** They are orange with black tufts of hair all over. Do not touch them! They are poisonous. Spray/dust the plant very thoroughly with BT (*Bacillus thuringiensis*), Dipel or Thuricide. The caterpillars can quickly defoliate the shrubs. React ASAP to hit the youngest instar (phase) of the caterpillar.
- Herbicides can burn turf when the air temperature is above 85 degrees. Beware!
- To take advantage of the summer rains, hold off planting trees and palms until the rainy season, June – October. Even then, some supplemental hose watering will probably be required.
- Fertilize everything with a slow release, complete fertilizer. If a plant is in dire need of fertilizer, broadcast the dry fertilizer and then spray on liquid *Miracle-Gro*. The liquid will take almost immediate effect but last only

a couple of weeks. Meanwhile the dry fertilizer will begin to break down and provide its long-term benefits.

- Flowering plants should be pruned up to one third when flowering has ceased. This includes bougainvillea. Water and scatter the surrounding area with a slow-release fertilizer after pruning.
- **Hurricane season** begins in June. Look for any tree, palm or large shrub limbs that are damaged, dead or weak from disease. Remove them. This does NOT mean removing healthy growth.
- You should consider fire-resistant plants for landscaping around your home. These include agave, aloe, guava, ligustrum, pittosporum, bird of paradise, African iris, lantana, liriope, cape honeysuckle, star jasmine, society garlic, vinca major and minor, Indian hawthorne, viburnum.

# Blood Donation News

By Ann Singer, Admiral's Point

Thank you, thank you for supporting the March 18 blood drive! Burnt Store residents, visitors, neighbors and friends answered the call. The Big Red Bus had a steady business throughout the day. We had 33 volunteers donate 25 units of blood. Each donation can save up to 3 lives, so that means 75 patients could benefit from the lifesaving efforts of blood donors from the Burnt Store Marina drive.

I cannot emphasize the importance of making an appointment for your donation time. Our donors are doing a great job of utilizing the OneBlood website to make appointments. The blood draw dates are posted months in advance, giving donors the opportunity to reserve a choice time. If you have any questions, call Ann Singer at 319-290-5955 or Jo Bucci at 941-445-8260.

OneBlood expresses gratitude to all for your generosity and dedication to this program. **The next blood drive in Burnt Store will not be until fall. Please mark these dates on your calendar.**

Always on a Monday

November 11, 2024; January 13 and March 10, 2025

All drives are 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Many ask "If I donated in the March 18 blood drive, when can I donate again?" Drives are scheduled so you have 56 days between. This is the law in the United States.

**If traveling this summer, you are eligible to donate at the earliest in the USA on May 13. September 16 is the last day to donate, if giving November 11 in BSM.**

### THANKS TO OUR 33 MARCH VOLUNTEERS

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# "Thank You Notes" To BSM Blood Donors

By Ann Singer, Admiral's Point

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. Please read these notes from people who were recipients of blood from ONE BLOOD.

"Hi! Thank you so much for taking the time to donate blood. I came to the hospital with extreme anemia. This unit of blood (along with others) helps me feel so much better. I am thankful for people like you."

"Dear Donor, thank you so much for your gift of blood! Your sacrifice has made a difference in my life today. I

came into the hospital in need, and now, thanks to your kindness, I am gaining more strength. I pray God blesses you more than you could ever ask or think!"

"Thank you for your selfless donation. I never expected to need a transfusion. However, that was beyond my control, and with your donation, I was able to receive what I needed on a timely basis. I am on the road to recovery, and I thank you for your contribution to making that possible. Take care and may Good bless you."

"Thank you for your donation. It has contributed to keeping me alive through my diagnosis of Leukemia. It is greatly appreciated by myself and my loved ones."

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# A Poem After Moving to Florida in July

By Rick Read, Mariners Pass

Hello sonny ... hello daughter ... here we are at ... Punta Gorda.

No old friends ... no new neighbors ... snowbirds gone ... just alligators!

It's so humid ... temps past 90s ... outside's awful ... holy schnidees!

Moving boxes ... fill garage & hall ... our car won't fit ... until the fall.

The drier quit ... refrig is dead ... leaks of water ... we're full of dread.

Stove's on order ... washer too ... hope new ones come ... before you do!

Wait a minute ... it's nice outside ... snowbirds landing ... what a vibe!

Jimmy Buffett ... at the diner ... all is looking ... so much finer.

Drive your cart to the marina, to see what you can see.  
There's scores of boats, birds, and manatees.  
If golf is your pleasure, there's holes of 27.  
Keep the ball out of water, and you'll be in heaven.

Bocce ball, pickleball, and tennis are around.  
Mah Jongg, poker, and bingo abound.  
Tribute bands, food trucks and restaurants are here.  
Always served with liquor, wine, or beer.

The people may be old, but they're active and nice.  
It's like having "cheeseburger in paradise!"  
So come on down, on a plane or a bus.  
The first night is free, if you stay with us.  
Boxes may be here, but we promise to dust!

"Wasting away in Margaritaville" is no one's line.  
But there's no snow, and you can't shovel sunshine.  
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# Burnt Store Marina CC News

By John Abbott,  
General Manager, BSMCC



Now that May is here and the season is ending, it is a great time to reflect on everything that has happened here over the last year. The club got more than the beginnings of a makeover with new AC units, new carpet in Linkside Café, a new roof, protective storm screens on the lanai, new artwork in the dining room, security cameras throughout, and a new paint job on the clubhouse & cart barn. The kitchen got a new oven and steamer, and a new kegerator for the bar.

On the golf course, we had the bulkhead on Osprey #9 rebuilt, a new motor for the course irrigation pump installed, we remodeled the bathrooms, got a new roof on Osprey #5 bathroom, new cart path on Heron #2, and new bag rack and sand box outside the proshop. Also, on the course, there was a changing of the guard for both ladies and men in the Club Championship with Ralph Smith and Kelly Millar both taking the title of "Club Champion" for the first time.

The list of all the great events, dinners and golf tournaments that we have had over the past year is too long to spell out in this article, but I can tell you that the calendar has been more than full. Our staff & volunteers did a great job in making sure that everyone had an enjoyable experience at all of them. Every week, the management staff gets together and discusses what we did well the previous week, and where we can improve. So, moving forward each and every event, tournament and dinner will only get better.

Now, let's take a look forward at what May has in store. We are getting the floors in the lanai re-surfaced, so the restaurant will be closed May 13 to 20, but the rest of the calendar is full. Monday trivia, and Wednesday bar bingo will still be happening with a prime rib buffet night thrown in the mix. Thursday night food trucks have ended, so we have filled them with pasta night, happy hour, ladies night and a bourbon dinner. Saturday, 2 for \$40 dinner specials with live music will continue, and our Tuesday and Friday dinners will still highlight the calendar. Check out the weekly blast for all that's happening, and for any changes to the schedule. We look forward to seeing you all at the club!



Diane Segger Orchids



No ball-hawking on Pelican 8. Photo by Jane Moen



Eagle picture by Bob Singer

## BSMCC MAY 2024 Schedule of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Republican Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.*****	2 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Pasta-billy Buffet 5 - 8 p.m.*	3 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/*	4 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Kentucky Derby 4 - 7:30 p.m.****
5 Breakfast Menu 9 - 11 a.m. Cinco DeMayo	6 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Trivia 5 - 8 p.m.***	7 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.* 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	8 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Bingo **** 5:30 - 8 p.m.	9 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Golf Shoot out 1 p.m. Happy Hour 3 - 6 p.m. Chefs Specials	10 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.**/*	11 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m. Rick Austin
12 Breakfast Menu 9 - 11 a.m. Lunch 12 - 3 p.m.	13 CLOSED Oasis Food Truck Open 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.	14 CLOSED Oasis Food Truck Open 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	15 CLOSED Oasis Food Truck Open 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.	16 CLOSED Oasis Food Truck Open 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.	17 CLOSED Oasis Food Truck Open 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.	18 CLOSED Oasis Food Truck Open 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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26 Breakfast Menu 9 - 11 a.m. Lunch 12 - 3 p.m.	27 Memorial Day Scramble 7:45 a.m. Cookout 12 p.m. Linkside Closed 2 p.m.	28 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.* 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	29 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Bingo**** 5:30 - 8 p.m.	30 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Bourbon Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.****	31 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* 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.

## Golf Tip of the Month

By Bill Connelly,  
Manager of Golf Operations



How many of us will get a bucket of balls, go to the range, and hit that bucketful as fast as we can, without actually practicing anything? Hitting a bucket of balls, on a consistent basis, is a good way to maintain your golf swing. One thing that I do when I get a chance to go practice, is to always practice with a purpose. I may not hit a lot of balls, but every swing has a purpose. Whatever you are working on, make sure to incorporate it into your practice session.

One thing you can do that will help is learn to read your divots:

- If your divot is facing left, most likely the ball is going right. That is caused by your swing going outside in or "over the top." To correct your slice, try pulling the club down with your front side. This promotes an inside to out swing.

- If the divot faces too far to the right, then you are swinging too far inside. To correct, that try bringing the club straight back instead of snatching it inside right off the ball.

Start spending the majority of your practice time on and around the putting green. Once you start concentrating on making more putts, and improving your short game in general, you won't have to spend so much time on the driving range hitting ball after ball.

Be sure to sign up for the Golf Shoot-Out on Thursday, May 9 at 1 p.m., and the Memorial Day scramble at 7:45 a.m. on May 27. Remember the weekly 9-hole scramble every Tuesday at 3 p.m.

Below are the results of the Member Appreciation Scramble:

### 1st Flight Winners

1. Tom Wright, Bob Vail, Sue Wright, Lynda Vail
2. Mike Nowicki, Tony D'arminio, John Jannotti, Joe Mouser
3. Bill Stanford, Helen Kendall, Pierre LaFond, Beth Tannous

### 2nd Flight Winners

1. Bruce Bach, Ruth Dufour, Bernie Dufour, Beverly Bach
2. Ron Knotts, Steven Thompson, Ellen Thompson
3. Phyllis Love, Raymond Love, Marg MacDougall, Carole Romaine

### 3rd Flight Winners

1. Ted Bailey, Bill Sweet, Kim Sweet, Eva Bailey
2. Jim Pursley, Mort Fleishman, Paula Allton, Rhea Fleishman
3. Gary Wiczorek, Gordon Fogg, Lynn Powers, Cheryl Fogg

### Closest to the Pin:

**Pelican #5:** Dan Lone

**Osprey #4:** Greg Beaton

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# Tight Lines... Fisherman All Over the Harbor Are Walking the Dog

By Jay Lev, Burnt Store Anglers

As the weather becomes more humid and warmer, anglers are turning to the number one technique for catching fish in the harbor, known as "Walking the Dog." This special technique is used frequently when the water warms and fish, who have been inactive, crash onto the surface after artificial baits. During the cool water period, snook, redfish and trout will be more active in the middle and lower columns of water. Usually feeding toward the bottom, they do not have to use too much energy chasing surface bait. The lure best suited for this technique is known as the "spook." The lure, as pictured in the photo, is shaped like a round dowel. These top water lures come in four sizes - 2 1/2, 3 1/2, 4 1/2, and 5 inches.



able to swing left to right with just a short twitch of the fishing rod tip moving from left to right. The value of this lure is its ability to disturb the water from left to right as it is retrieved. The speed of your retrieval is totally based on achieving the left to right action of the lure.

Snook like a faster retrieve of the lure, while redfish like the lure to retrieve a little slower. The **spook** is best fished by casting it very close to the mangroves, letting it settle for a moment and then start your retrieve. If fishing from the shore, look for sand holes, which are bare spots on the bottom, and retrieve the **spook** across the bare spot with a good deal of lure action. This lure



usually draws fish off the bottom, and they attack the lure with a good deal of speed. With the lure being constructed with two matching treble hooks, the fish usually gets hooked with a real hard upward jerk by the angler to set the hook.

The lure is manufactured by several companies. The best design favored by anglers is the **spook** designed and sold by the *Heddon Lure Company*. Their model comes with heavy hooks and a ball bearing built into the lure for great noise attraction. A model called the super spook which measures five inches is also great for tarpon and cobia. The favored colors of these lures are pale yellow and white, blue, and white and red and white. Soon you will find your favorite color as many are made.

All our local tackle shops have this lure. Fishin' Franks, Pine Island Bait and Tackle, Daves Bait and Tackle, Walmart, and Lehrs Economy Tackle, to name a few. Have fun "Walking the dog."

Tight Lines

## May's Off-Beat Holidays

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass

The month of May is too full of historic events and holidays to list here, but here is a taste:

**May 1** - Observed as *May Day*, a holiday and spring festival since ancient times, also observed in socialist countries as a workers' holiday or Labor Day.

**May 2** - *World Password Day* (1st Thursday): Change those old passwords today!

**May 4** - *Star Wars Day*... May the fourth be with you!

**May 5** - Celebrated in Mexico as *Cinco de Mayo*, a national holiday in remembrance of the Battle of Puebla in 1862, in which Mexican troops under General Ignacio Zaragoza, outnumbered three to one, defeated the invading French forces of Napoleon III.

**May 5, 1865** - *Decoration Day* was first observed in the U.S., with the tradition of decorating soldiers' graves from the Civil War with flowers. The observance date was later moved to May 30th and included American graves from World War I and World War II, and became better known as Memorial Day. In 1971, Congress moved Memorial Day to the last Monday in May, thus creating a three-day holiday weekend.

**May 4, 1494** - During his second journey of exploration in the New World, Christopher Columbus discovered Jamaica.

**May 7, 1915** - The British passenger ship *Lusitania* was torpedoed by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland, losing 1,198 of its 1,924 passengers, including 114 Americans. The attack hastened neutral America's entry into World War I.

**May 10, 1869** - The newly constructed tracks of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railways were first linked at Promontory Point, Utah. A golden spike was driven by Leland Stanford, president of the Central Pacific, to celebrate the linkage. It is said that he missed the spike on his first swing which brought roars of laughter from men who had driven thousands upon thousands of spikes themselves.

**May 12** - *Mother's Day* - Mother's Day has become a day that focuses on recognizing mothers' and mother figures' roles. Mother's Day has also become an increasingly important event for businesses in recent years. This is particularly true of restaurants and companies that manufacture and sell cards and gift items. It is always celebrated on the 2nd Sunday in May.

**May 13, 1846** - At the request of President James K. Polk, Congress declared war on Mexico. The controversial struggle eventually cost the lives of 11,300 U.S. soldiers and resulted in the annexation of lands that became parts of Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, California, Utah and Colorado. The war ended in 1848 with the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo.

**May 14, 1804** - Meriwether Lewis and William Clark departed St. Louis on their expedition to explore the Northwest. They arrived at the Pacific coast of Oregon in November of 1805 and returned to St. Louis in September of 1806, completing a journey of about 6,000 miles.

**May 17, 1875** - The first *Kentucky Derby* horse race took place at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky.

**May 18** - *Armed Forces Day* - The observance as we know it today was formalized by President John F. Kennedy

in 1961 when he officially proclaimed the third Saturday of May 1961 and the third Saturday of May in each succeeding year as Armed Forces Day. This day, we celebrate all of our active-duty military.

**May 20, 1862** - President Abraham Lincoln signed the *Homestead Act* opening millions of acres of government owned land in the West to "homesteaders" who could acquire up to 160 acres by living on the land and cultivating it for five years, paying just \$1.25 per acre.

**May 22** - *National Maritime Day* - 91 years ago, Congress declared National Maritime Day to commemorate the American steamship Savannah's voyage from the United States to England, marking the first successful crossing of the Atlantic Ocean with steam propulsion. On National Maritime Day, we honor the thousands of dedicated merchant mariners who serve on United States vessels around the world.

**May 23** - *National Lucky Penny Day* - For centuries, finding a penny has been considered a good omen, an event that suggested something good would happen to the finder. National Lucky Penny Day is all about celebrating this simple superstition and doing what we can to make sure some good does, in fact, come of finding pennies.

**May 27** - *Memorial Day* - Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May. It was formerly known as Decoration Day and commemorates all men and women who have died in military service for the United States. Many people visit cemeteries and memorials on Memorial Day and it is traditionally seen as the start of the summer season.

**May 30, 1783** - The *Pennsylvania Evening Post* became the first daily newspaper published in America.

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