

From the Section 22 HOA Board

A Hidden Gem Sparkling in the Heart of Southwest Florida

By Mark Murphy, Secretary

As the summer sun kisses the tranquil waters of Charlotte Harbor, a vibrant community, nestled in the heart of Southwest Florida is buzzing with excitement. Burnt Store Marina, a true diamond in the rough, is gearing up to dazzle the world with its unparalleled charm and allure.

Imagine a morning stroll to the gentle lapping of water against the marina docks, the salty breeze caressing your face, and the promise of endless adventures awaiting you. This is the reality for the fortunate residents of Burnt Store Marina, where life is a delightful dance between luxury and nature's embrace. This is our paradise.

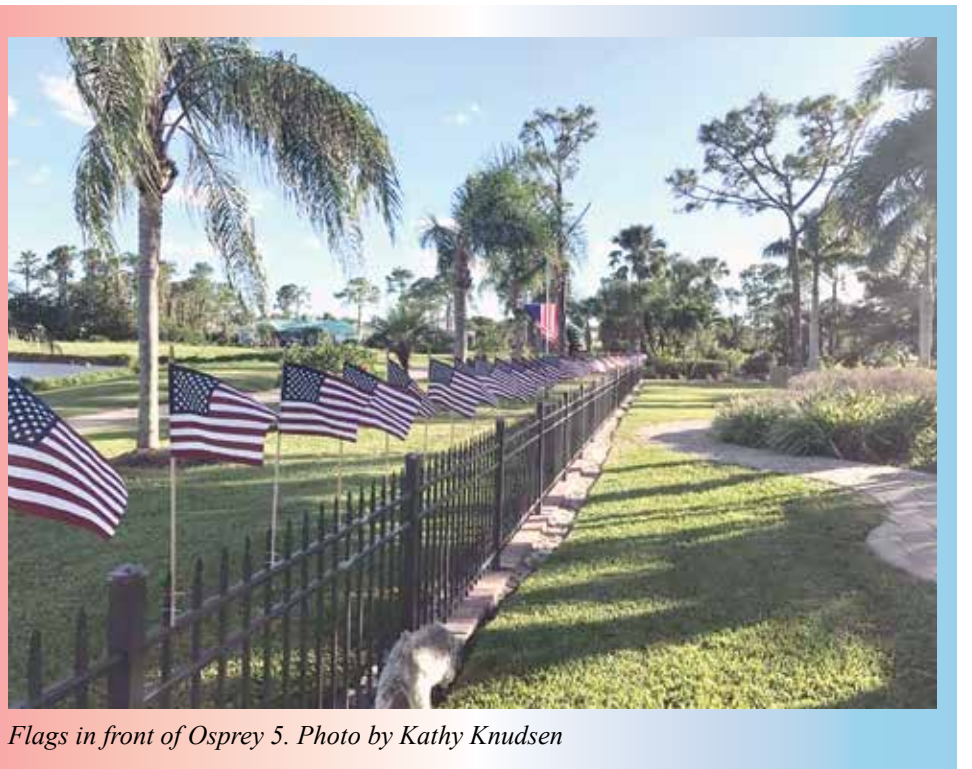
With over 10,000 new residences planned just north of our idyllic oasis, and the ever-growing Cape Coral to the south, Burnt Store Marina stands out as a true gem, offering a unique and coveted lifestyle.

In a world where communities compete fiercely for attention, our Burnt Store Marina location has already captured the hearts of many. From captivating YouTube videos that showcase its beauty, to feature stories in prestigious publications like *Golf Now* magazine, our hidden gem has become sought-after by many new owners and visitors. Even American Airlines has joined in promoting this picturesque spot, and Safe Harbor's regular campaigns further enhance our appeal as a vacation destination. As they say, **Location, Location, Location!**

But the question remains: How can Burnt Store Marina continue to shine brighter than ever, attracting new residents and visitors alike? When it comes to choosing a community location, three factors reign supreme: **price, amenities, and convenience**. Let's look at how our Burnt Store Marina excels in each of these areas.

Price is often the first consideration, but at Burnt Store Marina, we are beyond just a number. It's about the quality of life, the surrounding beauty, and the sense of belonging. With a desirable location and a community that exudes a vibrant charm, buyers are willing to invest in a lifestyle that transcends mere dollars and cents. Burnt Store Marina delivers value for the price in a big way.

Amenities: We are a playground for every passion! Burnt Store Marina is a true oasis of amenities, catering to a diverse range of interests and lifestyles. People looking for a vacation home want fun, and retirees are looking for a lifestyle. Burnt Store Marina has something for just about everyone.



Flags in front of Osprey 5. Photo by Kathy Knudsen

First and foremost, we have the WATER! Recreational access to the waters of Charlotte Harbor and the Gulf stands out as our most significant differentiator. Boating, fishing, dining on the water! Imagine strolling along the miles of walking and biking paths, taking in the beautiful water views and breathtaking sunsets, watching boats glide by, and spotting wildlife in their natural habitat. It's a scene from a postcard, and it's yours to enjoy every day. And there is more...

A few years back, Burnt Store Marina embarked on our rebranding journey. Safe Harbor launched a significant makeover, while Burnt Store Marina Country Club completely rebuilt our golf courses. The rapid rise of pickleball also made a big impact.

Is there any other community in our area that offers as much as Burnt Store Marina? From the sparkling waters that beckon boaters and anglers to the three meticulously maintained 9-hole golf courses, a fitness center, a community pool, eight pickleball courts and four tennis courts, a boat launch, hundreds of wet and dry boat slips, three restaurants, a convenience store, and a yacht club, there's something for everyone. These amenities collectively highlight a lifestyle that resonates with buyers from all corners of the country.

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Architectural Review Committee

By Barry Groesch, Chair

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

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

- Colin Walker, 1609 Islamorada Boulevard, window & exterior door replacements.
- RLJ Investments LLC, 3293 Sunset Key Circle, window replacements.
- Anthony Laska, 24062 Redfish Cove Drive, window replacements.
- Robert Richmond, 1300 Romano Key Circle, window replacements.
- Jennifer Reed, 3236 Sunset Key Circle, hurricane screens.
- Gregory Ballengee, 3253 Sunset Key Circle, window replacements.
- Linda Wessic, 501 Islamorada Boulevard, window replacements, hurricane shutters.
- Myles Anderson, 3913 Cape Cole Boulevard, flag pole installation.
- Joseph R. Baker, 24037 Redfish Cove Drive, exterior door & window replacement.
- Burt & Cheryl Stutchin, 4001 Marianne Key Road, roof replacement.
- Sally Guske & Denise Clements, 2061 King Tarpon Drive, roof replacement.
- David Griffith, 4061 King Tarpon Drive, roof replacement.
- David & Connie Huelsbeck, 3385 Sunset Key Circle, exterior paint.

- Michael J. Macuga, 3393 Sunset Key Circle, exterior paint.
- Rick & Susan Dreher, 3225 Sunset Key Circle, door replacements.
- Rick & Susan Dreher, 3225 Sunset Key Circle, exterior paint.
- Joe & Lois Mouser, 1206 Islamorada Boulevard, window replacements.
- Tim & Val O'Brien, 24611 Dolphin Cove Drive, patio addition.
- Jolene Davis, 1540 Islamorada Boulevard, landscape curbing.
- Nadine Vigdal, 4060 Cobia Estates Drive, exterior paint.
- Alden Pierce, 601 Islamorada Boulevard, Unit 22B, window replacements.
- William D. & Donna H. Sharp, 437 Islamorada Boulevard, exterior paint.
- Robert & Janet Wood, 51 Big Pine Lane, exterior paint.

Section 22 restrictions and applications are available for download at BSM22.org. Submit your ARC applications to your condo association, if applicable, then to Alliant Property Management, 13831 Vector Ave, Fort Myers, FL 33919, Email: apmsupport@alliantproperty.com.

Reminder:

**Section 22 HOA Board Meeting -
Tuesday, July 23, 9 a.m., Linkside Patio**

**Section 22 HOA Board Workshops -
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An ARC did you know, moment...

By Barry Groesch, Architectural Review Committee Chair

Did you know... If you want to add hurricane shutters, an ARC application is required. For all projects, go to the **BSM22.org** website to get your application.



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 Matecumbe 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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Convenience: While Burnt Store Marina may be a tranquil escape, we are far from isolated. With a wealth of shopping, dining, and entertainment options just a short drive away, convenience is never compromised. Also, conveniences typically follow population growth, and with the expected increase in our area, we are well-positioned to benefit from that expansion.

Thankfully, our community offers a diverse array of activities. Without venturing beyond our borders, residents can engage in exercise classes, water aerobics, golf leagues tailored to various skill levels, tennis teams, pickleball round robins, nightly live entertainment and dining at Cass Cay – The Trading Post – and Linkside, book clubs, mah jongg, weekly poker, themed parties, educational opportunities, and the list goes on. This list is sure to keep anyone's calendar full!

For those seeking adventure beyond the community's borders, the nearby Punta Gorda Airport has never been easier to access destinations nationwide, courtesy of Allegiant Airlines' ever-expanding network.

So, where do we go from here? As Burnt Store Marina continues to delight our residents, efforts are underway to protect and enhance this important slice of paradise. From the recently completed color change that lends a fresh, modern look to the community's entrance, building the new tiki hut at Linkside to provide respite from the sun, and the resurfacing of roads to support safety and a good first impression on arrival, every detail is meticulously attended to.

Landscaping is a constant priority, with a collaborative effort among the associations to maintain a luxurious and consistent aesthetic. The new dog park promises to delight both residents and potential buyers, while plans to set up a high-quality 24/7 webcam will allow the world to witness the beauty of Burnt Store Marina in real-time, enticing viewers to come and experience our corner of paradise for themselves.

And as the community grows, so too must its amenities. Addressing capacity challenges on the pickleball courts and in the fitness center is crucial to ensuring that Burnt Store Marina remains a premier destination for active lifestyles.

The future of Burnt Store Marina shines brighter than ever, thanks to the dedication and passion of its residents. With a shared vision of continuous improvement, and a willingness to embrace change, this community is poised to soar to new heights. Together, let's celebrate the sparkling gem that is Burnt Store Marina, a place where dreams come alive and life is lived to the fullest.



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Inside the Gates Dates

- **Monday, July 1:** Deadline for the August *Beacon*. Article and picture submissions are welcomed. Become part of the *Beacon* family.
- **Tuesday, July 23:** Section 22 HOA Board Meeting, Linkside patio, 9 a.m.
- **Every Tuesday:** Section 22 HOA Working Board Meeting, Linkside Café Patio, 9 a.m.
- **Every Tuesday:** Bar code installation, front gate, 1 to 3 p.m.
- **Every Thursday:** Bar code installation, front gate, 9 to 11 a.m.

Outside the Gates Dates

- **Thursday, July 4:** Fishermen’s Village Independence Day Celebration, noon to 10 p.m. 1200 W. Retta Esplanade.
- **Thursday, July 4:** Cape Coral Red, White and Boom. Cape Coral Pkwy, at the foot of the Cape Coral Bridge, 5 to 10 p.m.
- **Friday, July 5:** Fort Myers River District Art Walk, 1 to 5 p.m. Visit many galleries, exhibitions and performances.
- **Saturday, July 13:** 2nd Saturday Dance Party, 2 to 5 p.m. Lessons start at 2 p.m., party starts at 2:45 p.m. Punta Gorda Women’s Club, 118 Sullivan St. \$15 USA Dance Members, \$26 USA Dance Member Couples, \$17 non-members single, \$20 non-members couples. Call Laura for information, 330-501-2366.
- **Friday, July 26:** 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:** Zumba, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association, 2001 Shreve St. Call Cara Peralta for information, 941-276-1887. \$12 per class.
- **Every Thursday:** Fort Myers River District Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Every Saturday:** Punta Gorda Farmers Market, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., downtown. Lots of vendors with fresh fruits and vegetables, live music, crafts and other great buys. Visit nearby murals and enjoy some of the great downtown restaurants.
- **Every Saturday:** Cape Coral Farmers Market, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Clubhouse Square, SE 47th Ter. and SE 10th Pl., Cape Coral.
- **Every Sunday:** Punta Gorda Historical Society’s Farmers Market, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at History Park, 501 Shreve Street. Shop for veggies, meats, plants and gifts. Most Sundays you will be treated to live music by Dave Heveron. When the market closes at 1 p.m., take a guided tour of the gardens at the park. Walk the grounds with Florida native gardener, Starr Zachritz, and learn about Florida’s flora. A \$5 suggested donation gets you a plant to take home. Call 941-380-6814.

Fitness, Friends & Fun...Wrap-up of the Pickleball Season

By Cynthia Mathews

Just because the winter season is over doesn’t mean you won’t find our fun-loving, competitive, Burnt Store Marina players on the courts. Our start times are the same all year – 8 a.m. Monday through Saturday, and 9 a.m. on Sundays. Because we have no formal afternoon round-robin play, our courts are open for drills, dinks, and games. If you’ve been thinking about dinking or learning pickleball, we encourage you to come and check out the game. Paddles are always available to rent. Although most of our pickleball friends have headed back to their summer homes, you can always find players who come out daily to challenge themselves and each other.

It’s our summer season now. Day Pass users can join in our morning games until November 1. Once our high season starts, morning play is limited to Fitness Center members and no Day Passes will be sold. Due to the overwhelming demand for our pickleball facilities, we will no longer allow visitors during our most popular morning hours.

Our Pickleball program is self-sufficient due to the tournaments and fundraisers throughout the high season. We are looking to expand the program to accommodate our growth.

If you’re looking to up your game, we have two dedicated coaches - Ricky Deller and Marty Pickup. They’ll be around all summer for lessons. Give them a call/text or email to get their coaching schedules. We are so lucky to have two great players who are also fabulous instructors. They can break down the movements in innovative ways to help us improve our game. Even if you don’t plan on getting into the tournament circuit, learning the correct way to follow, move, and hit the ball not only makes you a



Jonathan Ralph wins Silver at the US Open



Rob Jamros with 2 medals in this year's US Open



Mary Olsen taking a medal on her birthday at the US Open



Sid Smith and Wanda Lane playing at the US Open in Naples



Barb Jamros and Suzanne Smith competing at the US Open



Julie Kohner and Steve Hocker competing at the Open

better challenger, but helps to keep you safer on the courts. Contact Ricky at 941-623-6632 or Marty at 914-719-2542.

One of our pickleball community members’ generous donation allowed us to purchase a second VAPTR court dryer. Now, we don’t have to let a downpour keep us off the courts. We can dry out the courts twice as fast! We’ve upgraded our seating area and wish to thank the people at

Recycled Plastic Factory, <https://recycledplasticfactory.com>, for replacing our patio table tops and seats that hadn’t lived up to their standard of excellence.

We’re all looking forward to a vibrant, fun-filled 2024-25 season mixing pickleball, food, and camaraderie.

Enjoy your summer wherever you are.

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Tight Lines...Fish and Wildlife Council Announces Winners

By Jay Lev Burnt Store Anglers

For the first time, the Punta Gorda Middle School Fishing Team placed third in the statewide contest, competing against 38 middle school clubs. The club had to complete the study of a statewide curriculum, developed by the State of Florida Fish and Wildlife Council, and then actively participate in the conservation of our local waters. The Burnt Store Anglers have supported the club for the last couple of years. Our members have made cash contributions, and donated many rods, reels, and assorted tackle to help the students have all the necessary equipment to fish, and help conserve our environment.



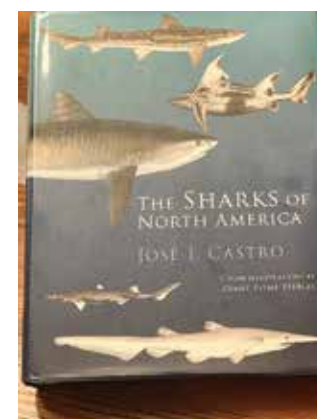
The teaching faculty from the middle school organized the student programs, and invited fishing guides to take the kids on fishing trips. Many community volunteers also worked with the students. The Punta Gorda Fishing Club has over 100 students participating.

Here are some fishing updates near us: Just about all species have been on the bite. Snook and redfish all have been hungry. Anglers have reported snook in the 22-inch, and larger category caught on artificial baits. Sharks have been showing up in just about every area of the harbor. Large schools of baitfish have attracted many species of shark. Chuck Hughes, of the Burnt Store Anglers, made a trip out

to 14-feet of water, just south of the marina. In less than five minutes after sending his shark rig out away from his boat, the reel began screaming line out. Chuck set the hook and for the next 15 minutes, he tangled with a nice hammerhead. Chuck and his crew hooked, and leadered, five sharks. This included a big spinner shark, and three large blacktip sharks.

Exhausted, the crew made it back to the marina after four and a half hours. What a great day.

The sharks of Charlotte Harbor, except for the big three (bull, hammerhead and tiger sharks), are often difficult to identify. A short while ago, I attended a great seminar sponsored by the Southwest Florida Fossil Society featuring world renown shark researcher, Jose Castro. Dr. Castro used the occasion to introduce his new book, *The Sharks of North America*. The book features 135 species that live in the North American waters. Each entry has a beautiful picture of the shark, and his years of research followed with an easy-to-understand description of the shark, and all its identifying features. The 613-page book is written from the experience of this NOAA scientist and Senior Researcher of Mote Marine Labs. Dr. Castro also released beautiful large prints of our local area sharks for those interested in this great visual reference. The book is published by Oxford University Press.



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Platinum Point Yacht Club

By Loretta Steeves, Director

Last month's *Beacon* article focused on part of the PPYC tagline: **Building a club that thrives** - Through maintaining nautical traditions

This month's article will focus on another part of the club's tagline: **Building a club that thrives** - Through sharing our interests and talents

The most readily apparent way in which PPYC members share their interests and talents is through *Music on the Lawn*, and *Songs of Sailors and Sea*. These events, open to the community, give our musically gifted members the opportunity to play and sing together.

These performances are the outcome of what is known as the *PPYC Jam Sessions*. Every other Sunday night, a

variety of musicians come together ... to jam. Old-school rockers, country singers, and those with more lyrical tastes share their gifts. An audience of PPYC music lovers is usually in attendance. Music is known for bringing people together in a joint effort that leads to both community and fun. The music at PPYC clearly fits the bill.

What other interests or talents get shared at PPYC? Have you ever seen the quilts displayed at the *Shrimp Boil*? These quilts are the result of the *PPYC Quilters*, who come together each week to share their craft. These quilters often produce works for local fundraising endeavors. What activity could better testify to the pleasure of sharing talents in community than a quilt?

What if someone's talents, or perhaps just interests, are in the area of art, instead crafts? PPYC holds a 2-hour, member-led *Art Class* every week. If you were someone who didn't get much art instruction in school, you can get your feet, and perhaps your brushes, wet. More experienced artists also progress, as the instructor gives each student's project helpful support. Students often feel that two hours isn't enough time. Perhaps that's because time flies when you're having fun in community.

What if your interests are in staying fit? The club holds a weekly *PPYC Stretch and Balance* class to help members stay active. What about those who want to keep their minds active? PPYC has a member-led *Book Club*. Members meet monthly to discuss the chosen title. Wine has been known to accompany, or perhaps spur, the discussion.

What about those in our membership who like to play games? By far the most serious is the *Bridge Group*. They meet twice a week with the solemnity for which bridge is known. They also hold periodic sessions in beginners' bridge and refresher classes. Somewhat less serious, though none less competitive, are the other PPYC game players. Club members meet at scheduled times to play *Mah Jongg*, *Euchre*, and *Bunco*. Clearly, working together and playing together is at the heart of PPYC.

Finally, this article would be amiss without noting how our nautically inclined members share their on-water interests. *PPYC Sailors* hold a sailboat race every Monday, where members' boats, with their crews, compete. Committee boats hold both spectators and the all-important judges, who arbitrate on racing protocols and what are often photo finishes. The club's *Cruising Group* is known for sharing community spirit, as they sail each month to local marinas for two or three day excursions. The *Kayaking Group* gives another opportunity for shared nautical adventures, as members venture to local waters with rental capabilities.

PPYC is indeed a vibrant and thriving club. The opportunity for members to join together, as they share their interests and talents, is one of the club's hallmarks. That attribute has brought, and continues to bring, club members together for almost forty years.

If you'd like to learn more about joining in the fun at PPYC, stop by the club and meet the office administrator, Dorothy Saviste, on any Monday, Wednesday or Thursday.



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Burnt Store Marina CC News

By John Abbott,
General Manager, BSMCC



Happy birthday America!! That's right, our country turns 248 years old on July 4th, and here at Burnt Store Marina Country Club, we are going to celebrate! We'll start it off with our annual Firecracker Golf Scramble. This is always a great event that features an 18-hole scramble format, followed by a customary Independence Day cookout. The cookout will be for everyone. So if you're not a golfer, or you choose to sleep in instead of golfing, you are still welcome to join us for the afternoon festivities.

We have another fun tournament on July 18, called Beat the Crew. This is a four-person scramble where all teams are gunning to beat the four-man team of Dillan (superintendent) and his assistant Tyler alongside our golf professional, Bill Connelly and myself. You better bring your A-game that day if want to "Beat the Crew," but the good news for you is, we are playing scratch and everyone else gets handicap strokes. This should be a blast, so make sure you get your team signed-up.

The restaurant is busy this month as well. We have lots of events going on including Ladies Disco Night on the 11th, Pasta-bilities on the 15th, Prime Rib Buffet on the 17th, and "Wines of the World" on the 25th. This will be the first of an ongoing series of wine tastings that takes us to different vineyards around the globe.

If you would like to be more informed about everything that is going on at the club, come to the admin office, and give us your email address. We will send you our weekly blast that will keep you up to date. As always, we look forward to seeing everybody at the club!

BSMCC JULY 2024 Schedule of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* No Trivia Margarita Monday \$5.00 Taco Bar	2 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* 2/\$40 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.* July 4th BBQ Firecracker Scramble 9 a.m.***	5 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Dinner 5-8 p.m.*	6 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Pizza, Wings and Things 5-8 p.m. Music by Mark and Kelly
7 Linkside Closed	8 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Trivia 5-8 p.m.	9 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* 2/\$40 Dinner 5-8 p.m.* 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	10 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Bingo 5-8 p.m.****	11 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Ladies Disco Night 5-8 p.m.**** Chain and Ball Entertainment	12 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Dinner 5-8 p.m.*	13 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Pizza, Wings and Things 5-8 p.m. Music by Lori Lee
14 Linkside Closed	15 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* No Trivia Pasta-bilities 5-8 p.m.	16 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* 2/\$40 Dinner 5-8 p.m.* 9 Hole Scramble 3 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.* Beat the Crew 9 a.m.*** Tapas Thursday 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.* Pizza, Wings and Things 5-8 p.m. Music by Kit Jones
21 Linkside Closed	22 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* No Trivia Margarita Monday \$5.00 Taco Bar	23 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* 2/\$40 Dinner 5-8 p.m.* 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	24 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Bingo 5-8 p.m.****	25 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Wine of the World Series #1 5-8 p.m.****	26 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Dinner 5-8 p.m.*	27 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Pizza, Wings and Things 5-8 p.m. Music by Rick Austin
28 Linkside Closed	29 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Trivia 5-8 p.m.	30 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* 2/\$40 Dinner 5-8 p.m.* 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	31 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Weenie Wednesday Hot Dog Buffet 5-8 p.m.			

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***** 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 times have you swung and hit the ball, and it just did not feel solid? It felt like you just slapped at the ball, and it didn't go as far as you wanted, or in the direction you wanted it to go. When that happens, it is usually because you swung with your arms, and had very little body rotation.

As I've told my students in the past, you must make a shoulder turn and rotate your hips. It is imperative that you shift your weight through your swing. Always remember, that when the club goes back, your weight goes back, and when the club goes forward, your weight goes forward with it. Once you get the feeling of shifting your weight and rotating your hips through the swing, you will hit it farther and more solidly than ever before.

Be sure to sign up for the Firecracker Scramble on July 4 at 9 a.m., and for the Beat The Crew Scramble on July 18 at 9 a.m. Also, remember there is a 9-hole Scramble every Tuesday at 3 p.m.

Below are the results of the Memorial Day Scramble:

1st Flight Winners

- Gary Knudsen, Lesley Rose, Steven Hunt, Katharine Knudsen
- Richey Metz, Mike Pandola, Dan Hamel, Thomas Freimark
- Don Price, Cathy Price, Bill Story, Stan Borchers

2nd Flight Winners

- Steve Flagstad, Deb Hodges, Ralph Hodges, Susan Flagstad
- Liz Fitzgerald, Michael Rao, Laura Rao, David Fitzgerald
- Ronald Jones, Melody Groh, Judy Schinneller, Margaret Hiestand

Closest to the Pin:

Pelican #5: Mort Fleishman

Heron #2: Justin McKay

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Please stop in for lunch and some shopping; we love to say hello.

Have fun learning to enjoy your game.



Recipe Box

Watermelon Blueberry Salad

By Jennifer LeClair,
Pelican Way

This festive watermelon blueberry salad with raspberries, blackberries, basil, mozzarella and a simple lemon vinaigrette is perfect for 4th of July celebrations or any hot summer day! It's refreshing, super easy to make and a serious crowd-pleaser.



Ingredients:

- 4 cups watermelon, sliced into 1" cubes
- 2 cups blueberries
- 1 cup raspberries
- 1 cup blackberries
- 8 oz. mozzarella, cubed into 1/2 inch pieces
- 6-8 large basil leaves, sliced thinly

Vinaigrette:

- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tbsp. freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 2 tbsp. champagne vinegar*
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- Pepper to taste

Instructions:

1. Whisk together all ingredients for the vinaigrette.
2. Add watermelon, berries, basil, mozzarella and vinaigrette to a large bowl. Toss well until evenly coated. Serve right away topped with more fresh basil, or refrigerate for 1 hour before serving.

Notes:

*If you don't have champagne vinegar, feel free to substitute with white wine or red wine vinegar. You can also use balsamic.

Feel free to add strawberries and/or cherries if preferred.

It is recommended that you serve this watermelon blueberry salad within a few hours after you make it. As this salad sits in the fridge, the fruits continue to release moisture, making the salad soggy and watery. It still tastes good, but the textures are best when served fresh.

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By Carole Romaine,
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The Bocce League is on a break for the summer season. There were a few exciting bocce's the last day of play. Pat Meyers, new to the game, had her first. Rick Bryan, a seasoned player, also had one, but certainly not his first.

Refereeing a game is a challenging task. From the end and side lines it is a different perspective than when you are directly over the balls. Occasionally, a measuring device is needed to decide which balls are the closest to the pallino. If there is a tie, the point is played again, and no one scores. Remember, the referee is always right!



During the season, play is from 3 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, collected each week for maintenance of equipment, and end of season party and prizes.

The bocce court is adjacent to the northeast side of the parking lot at Burnt Store Marina Country Club.

You are welcome to play bocce at your leisure. There is a guest set of bocce balls in the back of the golf cart barn. It is in an unlocked plastic container clearly marked for general use. Please be sure to return everything back to the cart barn when you are finished playing. So, gather your guests or grandkids, and spend an



Pat Meyers Bocce



Rick happy to roll a Bocce

hour or two having some bocce fun! This is a great activity for younger children that involves coordination, cooperation, and a few rules.

The sun is strongest between 12 and 4 p.m., so playing mornings or early evenings would be more comfortable times to play. Watch for afternoon thunderstorms.

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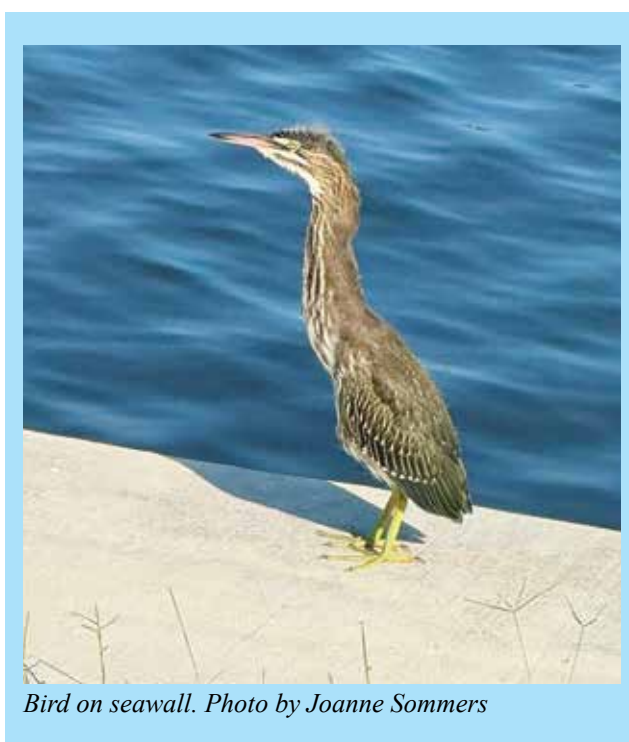
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The open lot at the corner of Cape Cole and Matecumbe is not a dog park. The Commodore residents own the whole part that is landscaped. Please keep your dogs off that property.

And...

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

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 a violation will get you a citation from the Lee County Sherriff's Office.

Effective October 1, 2023, golf carts may not be operated on any "streets" by someone who is under the age of eighteen (18), unless the driver has a valid learner's permit or driver's license. The term "street" is defined by Statute to include "...any privately owned way or place used for vehicular travel..." In other words, the BSM community's roadways would be subject to the legislative change and its new requirements.

- Drivers of golf carts must observe the same rules as those designated for drivers of motor vehicles.
- Drivers must keep their carts on the right side of all streets, and obey all traffic signage.
- No one without a driver's license or learner's permit is allowed to drive on streets within Burnt Store Marina.

Local Artist selected for Pine Island Project

By Debra Bretz, Admirals' Point

Matlacha and Little Pine Island were ravaged by Hurricane Ian. These two communities are still busy rebuilding, and trying to keep the unique artist community vibe they always reflected.

The painted iconic electric poles were always a big part of this artist community. Unfortunately, most of the poles were destroyed during the hurricane. The Little Pine Island Chamber of Commerce and LCEC asked local artists to send in their application and artwork to help repaint the new electric poles on the island.

Our very own local artist, Lynda Vail, was selected to be part of this rebuilding. Below is the artwork that Lynda will be painting for this project.

Lynda Vail is an amazing artist as well as one of the Section 22 board members, Director, and architect of all our community activities and the Liaison for BSMCC.

Congratulations, Lynda!



Rules of the Road

Motor Vehicles: Always drive your vehicle on the right side of the road. There are no "turn lanes" within Burnt Store Marina. Never drive your vehicle in lanes indicated for the use of bicycles and pedestrians.



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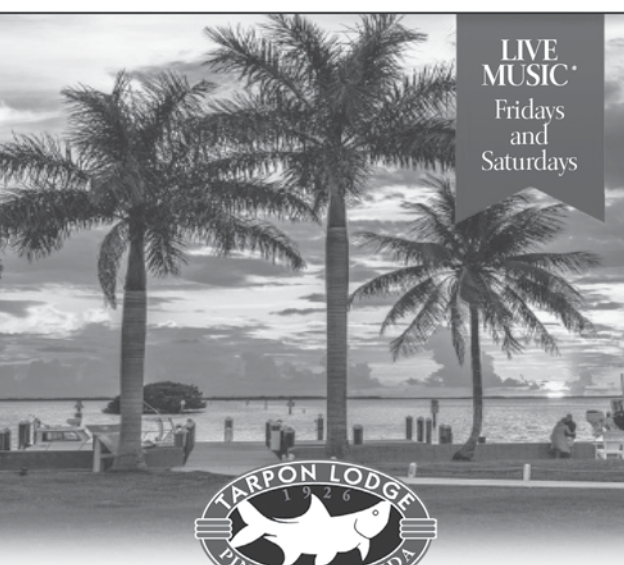
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Pedestrians: Always use lanes provided for bicycles and pedestrians. If there is no lane available, use the left side of the street, facing wheeled traffic. Use caution when crossing streets. Wear reflective clothing and carry a flashlight when walking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



Pelicans roosting on the Spoil Islands. Photo by Karen Sanderson



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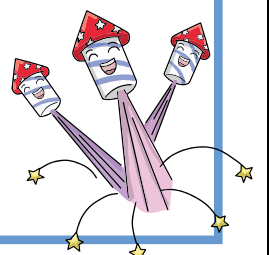
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Pets in Paradise

By Debra Bretz, Admirals' Point

Red, White, and BOOM! July 4th usually involves fireworks to help celebrate this important day in our history. Unfortunately, July 5 is the busiest day of the year for animal shelters, and an increase of 30% in lost pets reported.

Fireworks create loud unexpected noises that dogs and cats do not understand. Loud noises such as fireworks, gun shots, and thunder can cause the "Fight or Flight" response in our pets. Since they cannot see the noise, they cannot fight, so instead their response is to run and hide. Here in Burnt Store Marina we do not keep our pets outside. This allows us to keep them safe from running away to hide from these noises. However, if you are not home when they hear these noises, they may try to find a place to hide in the house or try to leave the house.



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Why are some dogs/cats more afraid than others? Research states that animals, just like people, have varying levels of anxiety. There are some additional personality risks that can come into play, and aging is one factor that will increase the fear risk. Females are more afraid of loud sounds than males. Neutered pets are more afraid than non-neutered pets.

If you are not going to be home during the fireworks this year, and know your pet is fearful of loud noises, keep the TV on for your pet and turn it up louder than normal.

While we typically do not hear a lot of fireworks here in the marina, there are always some households that hold their own firework displays. Consider a thunder vest to help them feel secure, or keep them in a secure room with a place to hide, if needed. If you are walking your dog, keep the collar tight so they cannot bolt and run if a loud noise happens.

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

Burnt Store Marina Dog Park

By BSM Dog Park Committee

The Dog Park Committee continues to work hard this summer on the details of our new BSM Dog Park.



The Section 22 Umbrella Insurance Policy will cover this new amenity, same as the other amenities within BSM. Membership is strictly limited to residents within BSM, and their renters.

The annual membership fee will be \$100 a year, per household. If you have renters, they will be permitted; however, they must still register their own dogs on our site.

If owners/renters, or their dogs, exhibit bad behavior, they will be banned from the park and their money will not be returned.

Below are the rules for our new park. These rules are put in place to ensure a safe environment, and an opportunity for everyone to enjoy the park.

BSMDP Rules/Regulations

- Membership requires a yearly fee, and proof of your dog's most current shots/vaccinations.
- Owners are LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE for their dogs and any injuries caused by them.
- Licensed, inoculated, 4 months and older, non-aggressive dogs allowed. No dogs in heat are allowed.
- Dogs should be leashed BEFORE entering and PRIOR, to leaving the park. OWNERS MUST KEEP THEIR LEASHES WITH THEM.
- Owners MUST CLEAN UP after their dogs including any holes dug.
- DOGS SHOWING AGGRESSION towards people or other animals WILL BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY.

• DO NOT leave dogs unattended or out of sight. Please, no food or treats.

• Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Our Brick Campaign is currently over until next fall. If you would like to advertise your business at the new dog park, we are still collecting money for small advertising banners: 2 X 3 ft = \$500 and large banners: 3 X 5 ft = \$1,000. If you would like to purchase a banner, send a check to Deby Sage at 2090 Matecumbe Key Rd. #1804, Punta Gorda, FL 33955. The check should be made out to BSM 22 Dog Park. We will then contact you to obtain the image/message for your banner.

The committee is still working on many items, and we will continue to keep you updated throughout the summer.

Information about the BSM Dog Park can now be found on the BSM22.org site under amenities.



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Marina Beat

By Jaret Rogers, General Manager Safe Harbor Burnt Store



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— BURNT STORE —

Work in the marina basin continues to progress. The new Cass Cay seawall and boardwalk repair was completed in the spring, and the final hurricane damaged wall, at the marina entrance, is currently being restored.

- **Dock O** should be completed in the early fall. The seawall is almost complete, and the docks have started to go in. We should have one more dock installed in the north basin by early fall.

- **Dock P** is currently in production and will be delivered by late summer. Dock P will be a new timber frame floating dock system with 40-to-50-foot slips.

More exciting news, we have been awarded funds from the Clean Vessel Act. This is a grant from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. This will help us fund adding a sewer pump-out system to most of the south basin docks, and upgrade the fuel dock pump. Phase 1 will include the

fuel dock and Docks D, E F and G. This project is currently underway and should be completed before fall.

There are more upgrades on the list and information about these projects will be distributed as final approvals are granted.

Photos by Rick Reed



Plant of the Month...Caladiums

By Maggie Hart

With lush multi-colored leaves as large as the palm of your hand, caladiums are perfect foliage plants for shady or semi-shady gardens. They seem to be hand-painted, with striking combinations of green, white, pink, and red.

These tropical South American natives thrive in hot, humid weather. And, with a little pampering, they create glorious displays rivaling that of any tropical flowering plant. Caladiums do produce flowers, but they are not showy, and are insignificant. And, because caladiums are natives of the tropics, they crave heat, and only flourish in warm air and soil temperatures...all summer long in south Florida.

You will see potted caladiums in nursery centers RIGHT NOW! You can order an amazing array of tubers earlier in the year from several sources in Florida - they generally come in three sizes: medium (No. 2), large (No. 1), and jumbo. The larger tubers typically produce more

leaves and grow faster. If you order early, you can start your tubers in pots and keep them in a sheltered area if temperatures are still cool. Lake Placid caladium growers are now shipping their bulbs. Some popular vendors are www.caladiumworld.com, www.happinessfarms.com, and www.floridaboyscaladiums.com.



Plan to plant your tubers in filtered sun or shade. Because some have large leaves, keep plants in a spot sheltered from strong winds to avoid damage. Plant in moist, rich, well-drained soil amended by compost or other organic matter. Plant your tubers in garden beds

about 1½ to 2 inches deep, with the pointed end (stem) pointing up. Space plants about 8 to 12 inches apart, based on their size at maturity.

Provide enough moisture throughout the growing season to keep the soil evenly moist. If you allow the soil to dry out, the leaves may yellow and drop. Apply a layer of mulch around your plants to help retain moisture. Caladiums don't need a lot of fertilizer, and using too much can burn the leaves.

Caladiums die back in winter, but you don't need to do anything with them while they are dormant. In the spring, before they come back, apply liquid fertilizer – like Miracle Gro – to the beds and begin keeping the soil moist again.

Now...sit back and enjoy your caladiums, as they come back year after year!

July's Off-Beat Holidays

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass

Welcome to July, one of our hottest months here in Southwest Florida. Needless to say, there are not a lot of outdoor activities this month. But you can still pack up your cooler and get out there!

July 1 - Canada Day, a national holiday in Canada, formerly known as Dominion Day, commemorating the confederation of Upper and Lower Canada and some of the Maritime Provinces into the Dominion of Canada on July 1, 1867.

July 1, 1862 - President Abraham Lincoln signed the *first income tax bill*, levying a 3% income tax on annual incomes of \$600-\$10,000 and a 5% tax on incomes over \$10,000. Also on this day, the Bureau of Internal Revenue was established by an Act of Congress.

July 3 - the start of the *Dog Days of Summer*. "Dog Days" is more than just an old-timey phrase. The Farmer's Almanac describes it as the period of the summer when Sirius, the Dog Star (hence the name), rises each day around the same time as the sun. Or as we know it now, the hot stretch of summer running from July 3 to August 11.

July 4, 1776 - *The Declaration of Independence* was approved by the Continental Congress. And, of course our patriotic summer holiday **Fourth of July!**

July 6, 1885 - Louis Pasteur gave the first successful anti-rabies inoculation to a boy who had been bitten by an infected dog.

July 10, 1973 - The Bahamas gained their *independence* after 250 years as a British Crown Colony.

July 10 -13 - *Red, White and Blue Pensacola Beach Air Show*, Pensacola, Florida

Locals and visitors from all over look forward to the annual Pensacola Beach Air Show held in the summer. The show highlights their hometown heroes — the Blue Angels — the U. S. Navy's flight demonstration squadron stationed at Forrest Sherman Field aboard Naval Air Station Pensacola.

The Blues hold several practice sessions along the beach in the days leading up to the big event on show day. July 10: Breakfast with the Blues starting at approximately 7:30 a.m. July 11: Practice Show – Blue Angels begins at approximately 2 p.m. July 12: Civilian acts begin at noon, Blue Angels – 2 p.m. July 13: Civilian acts begin at noon, Blue Angels – 2 p.m. For information, go to www.visitpensacola.com/things-to-do/blue-angels/air-show.

July 17 - 21 - *Hemingway Days*, Key West, Florida
This festival, celebrates one of Key West's favorite former residents, and offers a Hemingway look-alike contest and a fanciful "running of the bull." For more information, go to fla-keys.com/hemingway-days.

July 22 - *Rat-Catcher's Day* - On the supposed anniversary of the Pied Piper of Hamelin, this day honors exterminators of all shapes, sizes, and species.

July 20, 1969 - A global audience watched on television as *Apollo 11 Astronaut Neil Armstrong took his first step onto the moon*. As he stepped onto the moon's surface he proclaimed, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind" - inadvertently omitting an "a" before "man" and slightly changing the meaning.

July 26 - *Parents' Day* - Did you think you were off the hook for appreciating the people who gave you your life...just because you made it through Mother's Day and Father's Day? Think again.

July 26-28 - *Lake Placid Caladium Festival*, Lake Placid, Florida

A rare small-town festival in the summer, offering arts and crafts, beer garden, food booths, entertainment, a car and bike show, and most of all, featuring the colorful caladiums that this area is best known for. Admission and parking are free.

Festival hours are 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. For more information go to .

July 31, 1790 - *The U.S. Patent Office* first opened its doors. The first U.S. patent was issued to Samuel Hopkins of Vermont for a new method of making pearlsh and potash. The patent was signed by George Washington and Thomas Jefferson.



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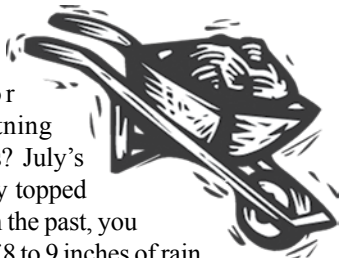
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Gardener's Wheelbarrow

By Maggie Hart,
Mariners Pass



Are you ready for thunderstorms in the lightning capital of the United States? July's average of 23 storms is only topped by August and September. In the past, you could expect precipitation of 8 to 9 inches of rain in July, but last year we only received a little over 4 ½ inches. The weather gurus have forecast a hotter and dryer summer than last year! So, what to do in the garden this month? Maybe hand water your garden...

• **Selecting Plants** – Look around at what is doing well within our community, noting if it's closer to the front entry or the marina. The eastern part (front entry) is cooler in the winter and tends to get more rain. The western section (closer to the water) is more temperate. Then ask yourself about the irrigation water source. Community's irrigation (harsh, salty)? Soundings Lake (low salt)? Will the irrigation water hit the plant leaves (salt burn)? Will the site provide afternoon shade (almost all plants benefit from a bit of relief from the sun)? And last, ask when that gorgeous split-leaf philodendron was planted. The big ones along Islamorada are healthy and vigorous, but all were installed years ago when our irrigation water was far less harsh. The plants literally grew up with the increasingly high TDS in the water. Instead, consider using former stand-bys like the hibiscus and ixora, especially the Nora Grant variety.

• **Plant palms and ornamentals** (tropical and flowering) during the rainy season to ensure a constant supply of moisture to establish healthy root systems. Even though a plant might be listed as "highly salt tolerant," it wasn't raised in the nursery on salty water.

• **Plants native or naturalized to the subtropics** (that's us) are generally drought, heat and salt tolerant. They are tough, but they need good drainage so their roots don't rot during the rainy season.

• **Longevity** is a relative issue with plants under our conditions. Because of the length of our growing season, many shrubs tap out after 5-7 years. As plants age-out they become more vulnerable to disease and pests. Your landscaping plan should be living, and evolving. Plan on replacing plants on a regular basis.

• **Lawns with dead areas** are the result of the extended drought, and may have been affected by snails in the irrigation system - they clog the filters and sprinkler heads. Then along came chinch bugs. Rain brings bugs to the surface where they begin munching. They head to hot spots near hard surfaces that heat up quickly. Use an appropriate insecticide, wait a week or so, remove the dead turf, add topsoil and keep it moist to encourage Floratam grass runners to fill in. Large areas affected? Try Floratam plugs.

• **Mulch** should be at least 2 inches deep, but **not** up against the plant's stalk or trunk, where it will encourage fungus by inhibiting air circulation. Mulch tends to compact

and form a barrier even from water. Where mulch has not broken down, break it up. Try a year without another application if you find build-up.

• **Bougainvillea** – Haven't pruned your bougainvillea? Do it now! The first week of July is the last safe time to prune and yield a great bloom later in the year. Or, if extended age and constant pruning have resulted in a misshapen gnarly mass, it might be time to replace it with a new one.



Photo by Joanne Sommers

Wildlife Caution Notice

Owners are asked to use caution and be aware of local wildlife such as coyotes, bobcats, and alligators.

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

Please watch your pets carefully and keep them on a leash when outside, particularly at dusk, nighttime, and

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

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

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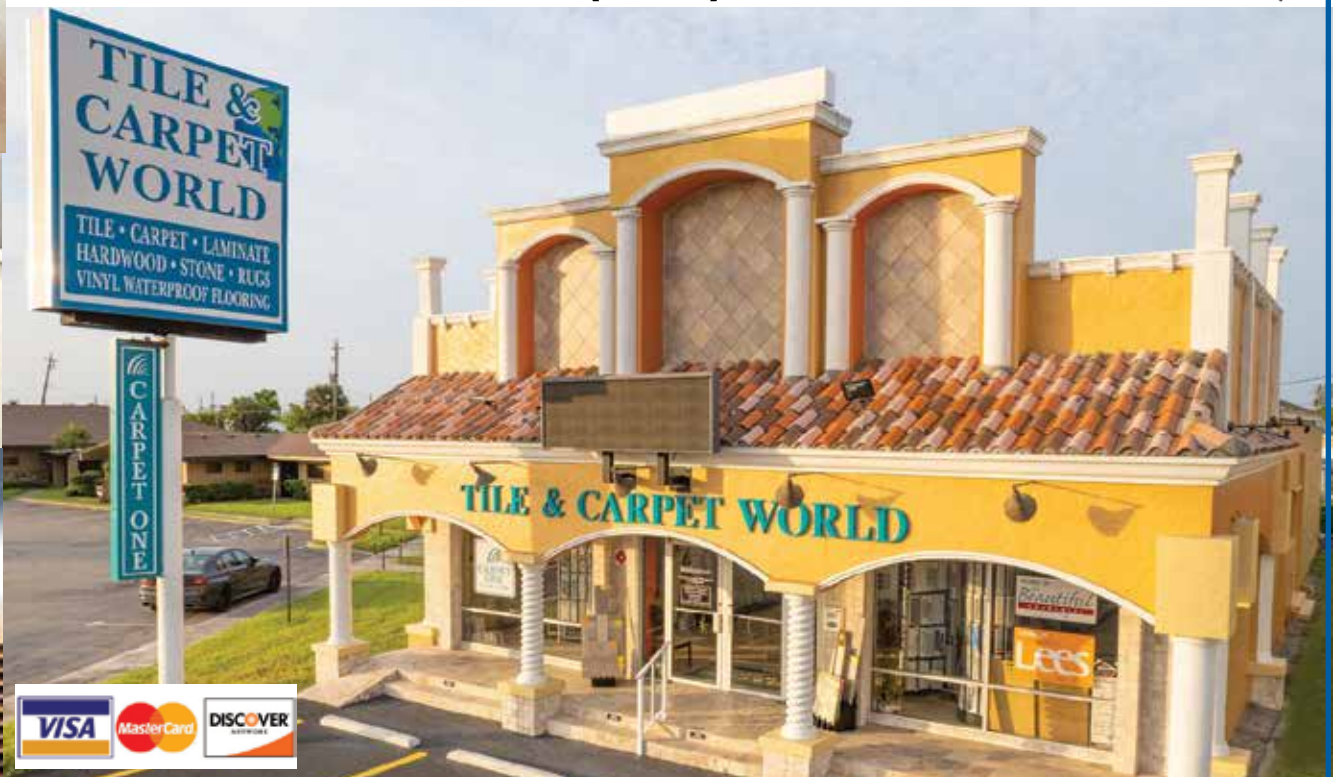
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Fourth Of July Events In Southwest Florida

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The Fort Myers Beach Fourth of July fireworks show begins at approximately 9 p.m. at Times Square. You can bring a beach chair and enjoy the show as the beautiful fireworks light up the night sky! Starting at 8:30 p.m. the Matanzas Pass Bridge will be closed until approximately 11 p.m. Consider taking the Beach Trolley to Fort Myers Beach to enjoy Independence Day! Paid parking is available in the Times Square area. You can also park at one of the Town's beach accesses. The accesses are in various states of repair post *Hurricane Ian*.

Cape Coral – Red White And Boom

The City of Cape Coral Parks and Recreation Department is proud to bring you the largest single-day event in Southwest Florida. Thursday, July 4 from 5 to 10 p.m. "Red, White, and Boom" is a **free** event for attendees.

Join us for Southwest Florida's best fireworks display, national entertainment and fun for the whole family!

The event takes place on Cape Coral Parkway at the foot of Cape Coral Bridge.

To ensure everyone's safety, please remember; no pets (service animals okay), no fireworks and no outside alcohol will be allowed. Lawn chairs are highly encouraged! For more information, go to capeboom.com.



Flags for our Armed Services. Photo by Kathy Knudsen



Bumper crop of bunnies this year. Photo by Joanne Sommers

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As a reminder; If you have not registered on our website, we strongly encourage you to do so! In

addition to reading this and past issues of *The Beacon*, it is a wonderful resource for much more information about the Burnt Store Marina community.



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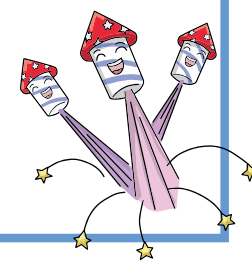
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From The Desk Of Sheriff Carmine Marceno

School Is Out – Drive Cautiously

The Southwest Florida school year has come to an end.

The dynamics of our streets and roadways change dramatically as children play on sidewalks, chase one another and run haphazardly in all directions.



These conditions place an additional and significant burden on those operating motor vehicles.

As always, the Lee County Sheriff's Office requests that all drivers obey speed limits, comply with traffic signals and avoid using electronic devices that serve as distractions.

We have all, to varying degrees, become dependent upon our smart devices and cell phones. Much like other addictions,

we compulsively reach for our cell phones and struggle when we are unable to do so.

While many believe that they have become somewhat "proficient" at using their phones while driving, this practice has become one of society's prevailing perils.

When we consider risky and unhealthy behaviors, we, as humans, have a tendency to believe that the consequences only happen to others ... until it happens to us or to a loved one.

While Florida Statute 316.305 allows law enforcement officers to stop motor vehicles using wireless communication devices and issue citations for drivers who are "manually typing or entering multiple letters, numbers, symbols, or other characters into a wireless communications device or while sending or reading data on such a device for the purpose



of non-voice interpersonal communication, including, but not limited to, communication methods known as texting, emailing, and instant messaging," this means little following a catastrophic incident.

Exercise additional caution when driving on sidestreets and residential roadways. Younger children rarely consider the hazards around them and outdoor games often result in unanticipated darting into the roadway.

Parents and guardians are strongly encouraged to discuss the potential dangers with their children. Younger children should always be supervised while playing outdoors.

Please ... the safety of our children is dependent upon our responsible driving.

Consumer Alert

Hurricane Season 2024: How To Avoid Scams Before And After A Weather Emergency

By Colleen Tressler,

FTC, Division of Consumer and Business Education

Weather forecasters are predicting an active hurricane season, but if you live in large parts of the country — including those hit by tornadoes over Memorial Day weekend — you've probably noticed more active storms of all types. To get started preparing for hurricane season or any storm, while avoiding scams, check [ftc.gov/WeatherEmergencies](https://www.ftc.gov/WeatherEmergencies) for new information to help you spot, avoid and report scams as you prepare for, deal with and recover from extreme weather and natural disasters.

Like all the FTC's free resources, the site is mobile-friendly — giving you ready access to information when and where you need it. When it comes to planning for a possible weather emergency, the more you know — and the earlier

you know it — the better prepared you'll be to avoid weather-related scams and frauds.

To stay ahead of weather-related scammers, here are steps you can take now.

- Update your insurance policy. To avoid surprises later, check to make sure your insurance policy is current and find out what is covered — and what isn't.

- Check out contractors before you need one. Ask people you know and trust for recommendations. Then search online for the company's name with words like "scam" or "complaint."

- Research online sellers before you buy. Unusually low prices are a sign of a scam. If you see an ad for what seems like a familiar company but you're not sure the ad is real, check it out. But go to the company's website using a page you know is real — not the link in the ad.



Spoonbill on Osprey I. Photo by Kathy Knudsen

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\$914,999
Custom Estate 3 Bed, 2.5 Bath Pool home on 1/2 acre of lush privacy. Amazing Kitchen & Lanai!



17253 Naiad Ct
\$729,000
3300+ sq. ft. beautiful pool home that features a new metal roof



16681 Acapulco Rd
\$565,000
Stylish custom-build home nestled in beautiful Burnt Store Lakes community with picturesque landscaping



3321 Sunset Key Cir #408
\$547,000
Gorgeous contemporary remodel with beautiful Harbor views. Turnkey with Hurricane Shutters!



4041 King Tarpon Dr
\$530,000
New Tile Roof with transferable warranty crowns this spacious and well maintained home.



201 Big Pine Lane
\$529,000
Features & upgrades you're looking for, Huge pool deck, plus extra long paved driveway & new Roof



3220 South Shore Dr #23C
\$369,000
Light and Bright Top Floor 2 bed/2 bath Turnkey condo with garage and distant view of Harbor



2037 Matecumbe Key Rd
\$339,000
Rarely Available Marlin Run Villa, Offered Turnkey Furnished and move-in ready!



3160 Matecumbe Key Rd #218
\$277,000
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