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From the Section 22 HOA

What Makes Burnt Store Marina such a Special Community?

By Jon Ackerson, Board Member

Community is defined as “a group of people living in the same place having a particular characteristic in common.” Also, “a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests and goals.” Those definitions tell part of the story, but our little slice of paradise is a lot more. We genuinely believe that we have the best of all worlds. We have weather, water, recreational opportunities and social outlets that give us an advantage over almost every community. The real key that makes Burnt Store Marina a truly magical place is of course the PEOPLE. We have a great mix of ages, backgrounds and interests that allows anyone to be able to fit right in.

As you dig deeper into our community, it becomes very apparent that one particular quality stands out. What truly makes us great is the sense of “volunteerism” that permeates the community. Whether you volunteer on local condo boards, recreational committees, community wide endeavors or Section 22 work groups, the real secret sauce that makes this place run is Volunteers.

For all of you who already give your time and talent at any level, thank you. You are a huge part of the legacy of giving that has been around since this community began. If you aren’t involved in anything, why? Volunteers give their time in various ways to make things better, save everyone money and improve our community. They work for everyone else, which is a very honorable thing. We are fortunate to have more givers than takers, but there is still room for improvement.

On a Section 22 level, we always have a variety of projects from infrastructure, to landscape, to irrigation, to building that is going on at any given time. This list is never ending because upgrading and updating our community is always necessary. In a community like ours, there is always a lot of hidden talent that is willing to help if asked, but we don’t know who to ask. Everyone in this community came from somewhere and has talents that could be of great help to everyone. With that being said, we are looking to build our “Community Chest” which is like a rolodex on names and expertise that is available to assist with various projects. Our needs are great, and we could use some help. Below is an example of skills that we are in need of:

ARCHITECTURAL	ENGINEERING	ACCOUNTING	TECHNOLOGY
WEB DESIGN	MARKETING	DECORATING	SPACE PLANNING
OFFICE ADMINISTRATION		CONSTRUCTION	LANDSCAPING

We know many of you are retired, and we aren’t looking to put you back to work. We are looking for specific help on specific projects. This is your chance to get involved. It doesn’t matter if you are seasonal or full time. If you are willing to share your talents and give your time, we want to know who you are.

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 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:

- Joel & Marilyn Spector, 4011 Cobia Estates Drive, roof replacement.
- Richard & Deborah Read, 3997 Cape Cole Boulevard, landscaping.
- Nancy Parenti, 3353 Sunset Key Circle, window replacements.
- Edward Giroux, 3301 Sugarloaf Key Road, hurricane shutter installation.
- Alan & Kathy Huffman, 4080 Cape Cole Boulevard, roof replacement.
- Steve & Donna Wilkes, 3282 Sunset Key Circle, Unit B, 102, sliding door replacements.
- Ian Fowler, 4083 Cape Cole Boulevard, window replacements.
- JVFL LLC, 24511 Dolphin Cove Drive, exterior paint.



A single summer flower brightens the day. Photo by Karen Sanderson, Esplanade

As new homes are springing up all over Southwest Florida, we will forever be looking at ways to improve our community to stay competitive. It won’t happen by itself. We need everyone to help where you can add value. By joining the “Community Chest” you will be stepping up, and helping to continue the legacy that started many years ago. Your name and skill summary will be added to a list that will be available to the Section 22 Board for input on specific projects. We need your advice. You won’t be making decisions, overseeing projects or worrying about budgets. You will be helping us make sure that the money we spend is reasonable and necessary.

Getting involved is easy. All you need to do is send an email to Jon Ackerson at jon@ackersonpsc.com. Give your name and contact information and a brief summary of the areas you can help. This information will be added to our “Community Chest” and accessed as needed in the coming months. If you have questions and want to discuss it, call me at 502-777-9833.

To all of you that already got involved, thank you for your service to the community. For those that have never volunteered to help, this is a great way to put your toe in the water. Thank you in advance for stepping up, we are only just starting to transform this community. With your help, the sky is the limit.

- Leonel & Amy Perez, 2071 King Tarpon Drive, door replacement.
- Dennis Douglas, 3205 Sunset Key Circle, exterior paint.
- Robert & Ann Mansfield, 3273 Sunset Key Circle, roof replacement.

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

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**Section 22 HOA Board Meeting -
Tuesday, August 27, 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 would like to update your exterior light fixtures, an ARC application is required. For all projects, go to the **BSM22.org** website to get your application.



Platinum Point Yacht Club

PLATINUM POINT YACHT CLUB

Forty Years of Building a Club That Thrives Through

- maintaining nautical traditions
- sharing our interests and talents
- expanding our minds

ppycbsm.org

By Loretta Steeves, Director

The *Beacon* articles in June and July focused on the beginning of the Platinum Point Yacht Club slogan:

- Building a club that thrives through
- maintaining nautical traditions
 - sharing our interests and talents

This month's article will explore the final part of the tagline:

- through expanding our minds

The most apparent way in which PPYC strives to expand the minds of its members is through monthly educational events. Last November's event helped club members remain up-to-date with a forward-thinking seminar on electric cars. The presenter described the current marketplace, the features of electric vehicles, and considerations for the electric vehicle owner.

December's presentations looked to helping PPYC members stay healthy. One of our resident doctors provided a quick refresher on how to use the club's AED (Automated External Defibrillator). Another member, trained as both a senior fitness coach, and as a nutrition specialist, stressed the importance of keeping our bodies moving and maintaining muscle mass. These tips provided needed incentive for many PPYC New Years' resolutions.

January and February helped PPYC members expand their minds by reading informative books by well-known authors. Author Michael Tougais was back by popular demand, to speak about his book *Above and Beyond*, the untold story of the Cuban Missile Crisis. Touglas chronicled the thirteen harrowing days of the Cuban Missile Crisis, and outlined the steps President Kennedy took to decide on a course of action, which ultimately resulted in the removal of the nuclear missiles without triggering Armageddon.

In February, Author Robert N. Macomber told the little-known story of the relationship of the sailing ship *America*

and the Civil War. The *America* had bested Britain's finest yachts in 1851 and subsequently became the namesake for the America's Cup Race. But, during the Civil War the ship played instrumental roles in defending America's harbors – by fighting on *both sides* of the conflict.

February and March saw two seminars that were open to the community and co-sponsored with Safe Harbor. First was a **Boat Safety Seminar** that discussed appropriate safety gear, and safety protocols when on the water. In March, Jeff and Jean from "Two Can Sail" helped sailors learn about staying safe while at sea. Later, the couple turned their attention to **Hurricane Preparedness**. This information helped both sailors and non-sailors stay safe in the event of a storm.

Finally, PPYC members can expand their minds digitally. Tech help is available every Friday from 10 a.m. till noon. Members come with questions about their computers, tablets, and cell phones. Some of our tech savvy members help those who need assistance to remain in communication with very savvy grandkids.

PPYC's desire to expand members' knowledge and reach, is also seen in our attempts to connect with the wider community of Punta Gorda, especially those with fewer resources. The PPYC Charitable Boating Foundation was formed in 2014. The foundation provides educational opportunities relating to boating and other marine topics. Our contributions support educational boating programs, especially for youth and veterans. The highly successful "Kids on the Water" event has helped several hundred children gain access to the waters of Charlotte Harbor, primarily on boats owned by members of PPYC.

And when the holidays roll around, the members of PPYC, along with residents from Burnt Store Marina, will again be partnering with East Elementary School to provide Christmas presents. Last Christmas, PPYC provided gifts for 40 children from 19 families. These wrapped gifts and monetary donations helped to make a better Christmas for many children.

Platinum Point Yacht Club is known to be a place where members join together to enjoy the water, and have fun. But it is also a place where members learn and grow together, as they expand their minds and their contribution to the greater community.

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Inside the Gates Dates

- **Thursday, August 1:** Deadline for the September *Beacon*. Article and picture submissions are welcomed. Become part of the *Beacon* family.
- **Tuesday, August 27:** Section 22 HOA Board Meeting, Linkside Café, 9 a.m.
- **Every Tuesday:** Section 22 HOA Working Board Meeting, Linkside Café, 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

- **Saturday, August 3:** Fishermen’s Village Tiki Fest, noon to 6 p.m. Specialty food, vendors, shopping. 1200 W. Retta Esplanade.
- **Saturday, August 3:** Flip Flop Ball, 6 to 10 p.m. Summer-themed vibes with relaxed beach theme. The Tiki’s at Four Points by Sheraton, 33 Tamiami Tr, Punta Gorda. Admission TBD.
- **Friday, August 2:** Fort Myers River District Art Walk, 1 to 5 p.m. Visit many galleries, exhibitions and performances.
- **Saturday, August 10:** 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, August 16:** 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 noon., 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.

Golf Tip of the Month

By Bill Connelly, Manager of Golf Operations



As the summer months continue, we will experience more heat and humidity. Along with heat and humidity, we have almost daily rain storms. This time of the year is what the maintenance staff calls the growing season. The greens are mowed daily, and the tees and fairways are mowed more often. Special projects are also done this time of year, so the maintenance staff stays quite busy.

With that being said, we golfers can do our part to help out. When you are playing, please make sure to put sand in your divots, (on the tee and in the fairway). On the greens, you need to repair two ball marks - your own mark and any other you might see.

Finally, the most important thing you can do to help keep the course in great shape is to please adhere to the CART PATH ONLY rule when the course is wet. If there are no cart paths on a particular hole, please try to stay in the rough or on dry areas. If you do your part this time of year, the golf course will stay in great shape for the season. Thank you for all of your help!

Be sure to sign up for the Goofy Golf Scramble on August 10, and for the Nine, Wine & Dine Scramble on August 22. Also, remember there is a 9-hole Scramble every Tuesday at 3 p.m.

Follow us on Instagram @burntstoregolf for course updates.

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

Have fun learning to enjoy your game.

Burnt Store Marina CC News

By John Abbott, General Manager, BSMCC



Well, the dog days of summer are definitely here, although it felt like they got here in June. It’s hot, but we aren’t going to let that slow us down here at the club. We have lots of fun events scheduled this month, beginning on the golf course August 10, with the “Goofy Golf Scramble” tournament. This is always a fun event, with lots of unique gimmicks and games that you don’t normally have in a round of golf. There will be a “Nine, Wine & Dine” Scramble on August 22, which is exactly what it sounds like. This is a great opportunity to get out in the afternoon and enjoy a little golf, food and drink, and good times with old and new friends.

Linkside has a full calendar this month, kicked off by Taco Thursday on the 1st that will be a Mexican Buffet with discounted margaritas. Each Saturday, through the month of August, we will have live music, as well as our Pizza, Wings & Things menu. Other event nights in August include, a Pasta Buffet on the 15th, a Prime Rib Buffet on August 21, and our “Wines of the World #2” dinner series on August 29. If you didn’t make it to the first one, you missed a great night with foods and wines paired from the Andean region of South America. Trivia and bingo nights will continue this month, as will our Tuesday and Friday dinner nights and specials. So, if you’re in town, there’s plenty to choose from.

Have a wonderful August, and as always, we look forward to seeing you all at the club!

BSMCC August 2024 Schedule of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Taco Thursday 1/2 price Margaritas 5-8 p.m.*	2 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Dinner 5-8 p.m.*	3 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Pizza, Wings and Things 5-8 p.m. Music by Lori Lee
4 Linkside Closed	5 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Trivia 5-8 p.m.	6 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* 2/\$40 Dinner 5-8 p.m.* 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	7 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Republican Dinner****	8 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Thirsty Thursday 1/2 price appetizers 5-8 p.m.*	9 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Dinner 5-8 p.m.*	10 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Pizza, Wings and Things 5-8 p.m. Music by Tommy Barr Goofy Golf Scramble**
11 Linkside Closed	12 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Trivia 5-8 p.m.	13 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* 2/\$40 Dinner 5-8 p.m.* 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	14 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Bingo 5-8 p.m.****	15 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Pasta-billies 5-8 p.m.*	16 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Dinner 5-8 p.m.*	17 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Pizza, Wings and Things 5-8 p.m. Music by Jukebox Dreams
18 Linkside Closed	19 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Trivia 5-8 p.m.	20 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* 2/\$40 Dinner 5-8 p.m.* 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	21 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Prime Rib Buffet 5-8 p.m.*	22 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Nine Wine & Dine 9 Holes of Golf + Dinner 3 p.m.***	23 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Dinner 5-8 p.m.*	24 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Pizza, Wings and Things 5-8 p.m. Music by Rick Austin
25 Linkside Closed	26 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Trivia 5-8 p.m.	27 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* 2/\$40 Dinner 5-8 p.m.* 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	28 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Weenie Wednesday Hot Dog Buffet 5-8 p.m.	29 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Wines of the World Series 2 5-8 p.m.*	30 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Dinner 5-8 p.m.*	31 Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Pizza, Wings and Things 5-8 p.m. Music by Capt'n Rick

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Fitness, Friends & Fun...It's Renewal Season

By Cynthia Mathews

When you read any real estate description of properties in Burnt Store Marina (or Burnt Store Lakes) the fine qualities of our fitness center are extolled. From the expansive and upgraded resort pool area, to the varied and evolving aerobics, strength, stretch, and dance classes, and our competitive court sports, our fitness center is a hub of activity all year long. While our amazing facilities are what bring people in, it's our staff and patrons who make our fitness center such a community asset.

Our hundreds of members not only have active lifestyles, but they are friendly and fun-loving. In addition to workouts, classes, and free play, our members host numerous community and fitness center events.

We continue to upgrade our facilities. Not just the new roofs, tennis viewing area, and landscaping, but our latest gym machine arrived, and it's a combination stair-stepper and elliptical exerciser. We offer free introductory pickleball and tennis classes during the season, and one of our staff members will be happy to show off our classes and amenities.

Because of high demand during peak season (November 1 – April 30), we are restructuring our day passes for this



upcoming season. Non-members will no longer be able to purchase day passes or 10-day passes during peak season. All Burnt Store Marina residents may buy 7-day pool passes for their houseguests. Good for four people each, the passes will be valid for seven consecutive days. As always, fitness center members may purchase guest passes for their house guests.

Connect with us

Visit our website: bsm22.org, or our Facebook page BSM Fitness and Racquet. Remember, we have a variety of indoor dance, fitness, stretch and strengthening classes Monday through Saturday. We also have aqua aerobics with eight instructors, each with their own flair.

Connect with Tennis

Check out the Facebook page at BSM Tennis. Reach out to our Tennis Ambassadors, Kelly Millar (530-305-1451, kellymillar23@yahoo.com) or Clif Behney (717-639-5676, cabehney@comcast.net) to get more information on this growing sport.

Members can sign up on Court Reserve for the Mixed Doubles play scheduled for 8 a.m. Wednesday and Friday, and the 8 a.m. Saturday's Round Robin. Looking for private lessons or group clinics? Talk to our coach, Jay Penny (413-281-0041, jaypenny1@aol.com).

Connect with Pickleball

Find out the latest at the BSM Pickleballers Facebook page.

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Hurricane Season is Here...ARE YOU READY?

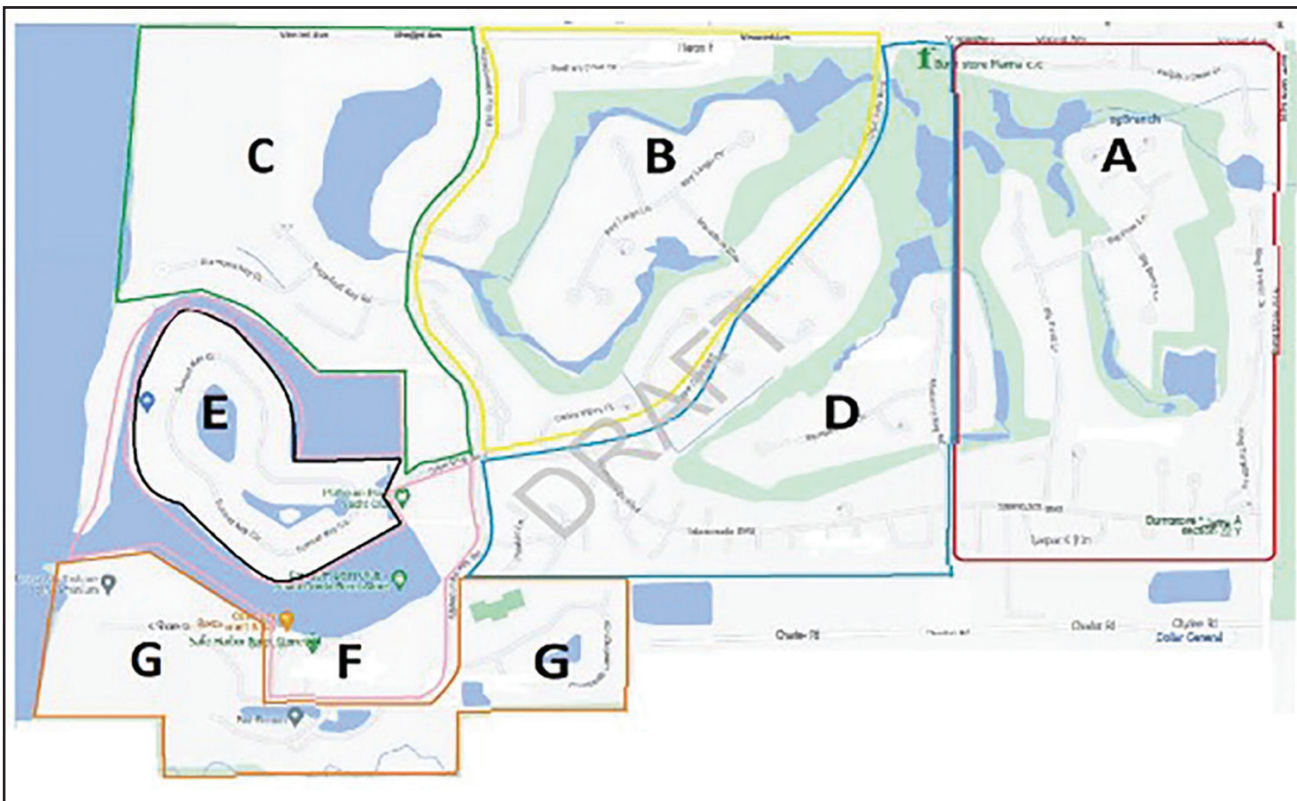


All indications are that Southern Florida will experience a hurricane season with more storms than normal and possibly more intense storms. Accordingly, your Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) continues to prepare for the worst hoping that none of their services will be needed.

Twenty full-time residents of BSM have completed their emergency response training in conjunction with the Cape Coral Fire Department. This includes 8-10 hours of online training, plus a full day of hands-on training at the Cape Coral Fire Department. CERT is to augment local and state emergency response agencies with first on the scene information gathering, prioritizing and communication. Our teams are trained to support emergency responders, not replace them. Training includes life-saving measures and techniques to prolong life and minimize suffering until emergency responders arrive on the scene.

CERT members are assigned duties throughout the marina with specific areas of responsibility. The CERT map below designates seven CERT Zones A to G.

BSM Zone Location Map



CERT HOA Zone Definitions and CERT Zone Contacts

Zone - A. Big Pine Lane, Big Pass Lane, Dolphin Cove, Esplanade, King Tarpon, Little Pine Estates, Marlin Run, Marlin Run II, Spinnaker Club, Tarpon Pass, Tarpon Pass II, Yellowfin Bay, Yellowfin Cove, Gaspar Key Lane, Capstan Club, Big Bend, Golf Fox, Sailfish Pass
Gene Lastfogel glastfogel@gmail.com 804-334-3344

Zone - B. Admirals Point, Admirals Point I & 2, Admiralty Village, Cobia Villas, Marlin Run III, Redfish Cove, Marathon Way, Key Largo Circle, Sable Key, Key Largo Lane, Cobia Estates, Hibiscus Cove Court
Ron Jones rcjones25@gmail.com 239-839-9820
Melody Groh melodygroh@gmail.com 239-839-9829

Zone - C. Diamond Park, Harbor Towers, Marina Towers, North Shore, the Soundings, Sounding Estates
Jack Butler jbutlerx2@gmail.com 248-701-1379
Darrell Berge dibsails@mninter.net 763-300-2717

Zone - D. Commodore Club, Courtside Landings I, II & III, Egret Point, Halyard Club, Linkside Way, Romano Key Circle, Mariners Pass, Pelican Way, Rudder Club, Linkside Drive
Ralph Tramontana 1548BSB@gmail.com 412-469-0751
Joni Tramontana joni.tramontana@gmail.com 412-916-7274

ZONE - E. Emerald Isle, Grand Isle, 1 & 2, Grand Isle 3 & 4, Sunset Key 1 & 2, Topaz Cove
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Barbie Newmin extixeno@aol.com 619-307-1382
Mary Ellen DiPonzio mediponzio@gmail.com 941-661-8217
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Jack Luscher jluscher@outlook.com 516-523-4025
Nancy Coelho nancycoelho@gmail.com 401-598-7309

Zone - F. Keel Club, Platinum Point Yacht Club, Safe Harbor Marina, Cass Cay, The Trading Post, Freedom Boat Club. **The Safe Harbor emergency contact number is 888-333-1135.**
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Eric Forster boots@svdWLn.com 408-623-5853 South Basin
David Power dpower4227@gmail.com 941-807-1981 North Basin
Tom Akins akinstk@gmail.com 941-639-8654 North Basin

Zone - G. South Shore, Vista Del Sol, Fitness Center, Courtside Landings, The Resort
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Michele Schochet asocks@svaelan.com 408-623-5853
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Entry Management

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Mark Murphy murphfsacct@gmail.com 631-804-2365

A minimum of two trained CERT members are assigned to each zone. A listing of CERT members, their assignments by zone is above. Members' cell phone numbers and email contact information is also listed above. Residents are encouraged to retain the contact information for team members in your zone for future reference. Your CERT members will be dressed in green volunteer hats or helmets, reflective jackets or shirts.

CERT team members will carry Motorola two-way radios for communication with fellow team members throughout the community. **Remember, Burnt Store Marina & Country Club (BSMCC) will act as the staging area in the event of an emergency.** BSMCC has upgraded its electrical generator capability, and should be able to support food storage, and charging electrical devices in the event of a power outage. In case of an emergency and the loss of power and/or cell phone coverage, all residents are encouraged to go to the BSMCC to receive updates and post communication announcements. There will also be satellite communication capabilities for communication outside of the disaster area during emergencies.

Sheriff's Report – June 2024

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 - 1 Resident
 - 6 Non-Residents
- 6 Stop Sign Warnings
 - 1 Resident
 - 5 Non-Residents

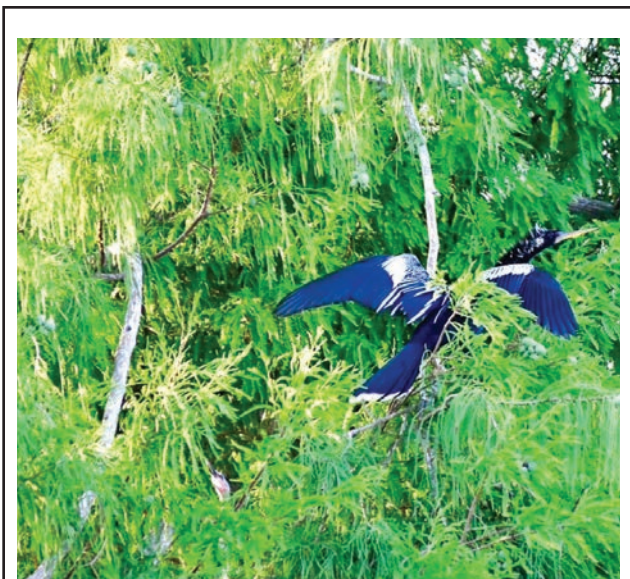


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Tight Lines...Anglers Work To Stop The Spread Of Invasive Species

Jay Lev, Burnt Store Anglers

On a recent trip up north, I decided to visit several fishing locations in northern Florida, Georgia, Alabama, and the Carolinas. I got to visit with several of the Fish and Wildlife Officers while they were on patrol. I decided to ask as many officers as I could about what fish were on the bite. In each state our conversation got around to the problem they were having with the invasion of non-native species. In each state, the problem of the invasion of non-native fish, and other marine mollusks, was becoming a very big and real problem. It is a problem to the point that several states are offering rewards for the capture, and removal of these invasive species.



The most recognized problem for Florida is the lionfish. Anglers and divers alike are seeing large numbers of these fish invading both inshore and offshore reefs. The lionfish is a very exotic looking fish, usually not growing to more than five pounds. They tend to kill off many species of fish that are native to Florida waters. Each year, in the published booklet of fishing regulations put out by the state, is an article about removing the lionfish both by diving for them or catching them on rod and reel. Thousands have been removed from Florida waters by anglers and divers, but the invasion still seems to be very strong.

Each of the states mentioned above has seen the effects of the invasion of these lionfish. Besides these invasive fish, each of our southern states is now having issues in the freshwater lakes, and ponds with a nasty fish known as a snakehead. This invasive fish has the markings of many of our poisonous snakes. They are long slender fish, usually dark in color with pointed heads and a good set of teeth. The snakehead can run upwards to 10 pounds, but usually average around 3 to 5 pounds.

Burnt Store Marina has had our share of these snakehead fish showing up. In a golf and fishing contest run by the Burnt Store Anglers, and fishing with special permission on the ponds of the golf course, several snakehead fish were caught during the tournament. Paula Alton, a resident of Burnt Store Lakes and an avid fisherman, caught the tournament winning "Largest

Fish," which turned out to be a big snakehead fish. It took a while to land the fish and then have it identified. All anglers fishing in the tournament were surprised to see such a nasty fish come out of our ponds. These fish have also come out of the retention ponds along Burnt Store Road. One of the scariest identifications of a snakehead was made by my wife while walking our dog along Islamorada Blvd. here in the Marina. To everyone's surprise, swimming along one of the runoff ditches that connect the sewer system, a large snakehead fish was trying to swim along the overflowing ditch filled with about a foot of rainwater. We removed the fish, and could only believe that it had come from the runoff pipes connecting the golf course ponds.



Snakehead Fish



Lionfish

Another invasive fish, identified all along the southern states, is the flathead catfish. This invasive species will eat just about anything that swims in our lakes, ponds and streams, many of which connect to our harbor. These fish grow to be very large. When they spawn, you may see hundreds of small black baby fish swimming together in a school. They overpopulate just about every marine and aquatic body of water they are found in.

Anglers often ask, what they can do to reduce this problem of invasive species? First, never move the fish to another marine aquatic environment. They will reproduce and destroy that area. Second, kill the invasive species, and remove the fish from the environment. Do not kill and throw back into the environment from which you caught the fish. Keep a trash bag in your tackle box or boat, and dispose of the fish in an appropriate trash receptacle. Many Fish and Wildlife organizations will have provided disposal cans for this purpose. Wildlife Officers want to hear about these invasive fish catches. Keep their phone number handy. You can find a reporting number in any of the state's booklets on fishing regulations.

Tight Lines



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By Carole Romaine,
Independent Home Owner

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Most people know that bocce is associated with Italy. Italian bocce is also called Boccie, Bocci and Boccia. The French call the game Piquant or Pequante, and the English call the game Lawn Bowling. Whatever you call the game, give it a try. You are certain to enjoy the socializing and challenge among friends. Bocce popularity is growing. Some of the new communities in the Burnt Store area are building bocce courts for their residents.

You will find an enthusiastic group playing bocce 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. 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 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 the unlocked plastic container clearly marked for general use. Please be sure to return the equipment back to the cart barn when you are finished playing. So, gather your guests or grandchildren, and spend a couple of hours having some bocce fun!

For more information, and to be added to the email contact list, please contact Connie and Dave Huelsbeck at huelsbed@bellsouth.net.



Connie and Dave Huelsbeck's family watch the fun



Dave explains the game to the family



Duck with babies. Photo by Joanne Sommers

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 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.

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.

August Beacon Word Search

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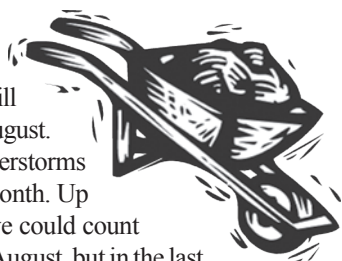


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Gardener's Wheelbarrow

By Maggie Hart,
Mariners Pass



Daily heat and humidity will continue with the arrival of August. We can expect rain and thunderstorms for about two thirds of the month. Up until about four years ago, we could count on about 12 inches of rain in August, but in the last four years, we have received remarkably less. Let's hope that the rain we started getting in June this year continues! If it does, everything should be growing rampantly...ornamental plants, weeds, fungus and critters. Now is when you must do frequent walks around the yard to see how your landscape is faring. It's amazing what can happen, seemingly overnight.

We are now in the middle of hurricane season. If you were here in August 13, 2004, you definitely remember *Hurricane Charley*. If you are feeling anxious about nearby palms, trees and large shrubs - **think** before you prune! Only remove branches and fronds that are dead, weak or diseased. "Hurricane" cuts are not beneficial and can actually compromise a palm. Radical pruning in palms weakens them by exposing the growing bud to the elements and reducing their ability to photosynthesize. Palms with the **most** fronds survive high winds best. Trees and large shrubs that are severely pruned produce weak, clustered growth that is easily broken.

August Checklist:

- Do your ornamental plants look pale? Lots of rainfall leaches the soil's nutrients. Feed the soil with a high quality, slow-release fertilizer with micronutrients. However, **no nitrogen or phosphorous should be applied during the rainy season - by Florida law.**
- Pruning - You may have noticed your tropical plants have

doubled in size since you looked at them yesterday. This is *their* time of the year. It's OK to do some pruning now, not waiting until the usual fall pruning, but be judicious. Do not prune out more than **one third** of the growth.

- Turf - Be watchful for damage caused by both chinch bugs and white grubs. Apply an approved insecticide for our high summer temperatures.

- This is the last month to put in new plants, and still be able to take advantage of summer rains. Native plants are best because of their adaptability. Remember to put in plants with their crown just above the ground level and then mulch. But keep mulch away from the stem or trunk - it will cause rotting. Wondering about what to plant? Go to **BSM22.org** and review the Landscape Committee's document, "BSM Landscaping Plants," for a list of appropriate plants for our location.

Even tried and true plants will struggle with pests and diseases. Know when a plant is in trouble, identify the culprit, determine the amount of possible damage and the possible solutions. **Chemicals aren't always needed.** For example, if you see small black grasshoppers chewing on your crinums... knock them off and stomp on them. This is quick and effective. If you wait until they mature into the very large and colorful adult lubber grasshopper, there isn't a chemical that will work... and they're tougher to catch and messier to squash. A few aphids on new growth? Prune out the eating zone, or go back to squashing with your gloved hand. The birds are also quite effective at eliminating insects.

Plants that like the heat, like ginger, bird of paradise and ixora are thriving now, looking their best and adding color to your landscape. Heat-loving greenery include natal plum, philodendron and sea grape. These are the ones you want to plant to keep your landscape attractive all year.

Grammar Tips... Punctuation

By the Editors of the Beacon

In Germany, around 1439, goldsmith Johannes Gutenberg invented the printing press, which started a printing revolution that lasted until the end of the 20th Century. Before this method of mass printing, the written word was produced in a very time-consuming fashion - by hand. Very few people possessed written documents - nor were many capable of reading them.

How did those less fortunate learn the news, learn history or enjoy stories? There was the minister at church, the town crier or an actor in a play.

And how did these "readers" know how to pause, exclaim, question or know that the thought or idea had been completed? **Punctuation.**

In the western world, Aristophanes (approximately 446 BC) proposed that writers use three types of dots to allocate the appropriate pause between formal parts of speech. A dot located in the middle denoted a short pause like a comma, the bottom was for an intermediate pause like a colon, and the top was for a pause much like a full stop. With this, a reader would know when to pause and for how long to produce cohesive and understandable speech.

Since these ancient Greek times, and especially after the invention of the printing press, punctuation has gotten more intricate and complex. Over the years there have been many deletions, changes and additions. In 1966, the French author Hervé Bazin proposed a series of six innovative punctuation marks in his book, *Plumons l'Oiseau*, that, among others, included the "irony point" (*point d'ironie*: ¶), the "love point" (*point d'amour*: ♡), the "authority point" (*point d'autorité*: †) and the "doubt point" (*point de doute*: ?). Did he go a little too far in these additions? These marks never caught on.

So, remember to use punctuation marks sparingly and thoughtfully. Your punctuation can completely change the meaning of a sentence, as noted in the 1885 edition of *The American Printer* about a British children's saying: Charles the First walked and talked half an hour after his head was cut off.

With a semi-colon and a comma added it reads: Charles the First walked and talked; half an hour after, his head was cut off. But here's one for today... Let's eat Grandma! All you need here is a comma... Let's eat, Grandma!

Burnt Store Marina 2024 Veterans Day Events - SAVE THE DATE!

By Michele Goldman, chair

For the fourteenth consecutive year, Burnt Store Marina will host a series of events over the Veterans Day weekend to raise money for local veterans-in-need. WISH for OUR HEROES FOUNDATION, is a national 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to assisting military families and veterans with basic needs.

The following events have been scheduled:

- November 9: Veterans Day Breakfast and Heroes Dinner & Fundraiser at Cass Cay Restaurant



- November 10: Golf Tournament & Fundraiser, Burnt Store Marina Country Club

Tickets will be available for purchase online at **www.burntstoreveterans.org**, and on-site at Burnt Store Marina Country Club, starting October 1. For questions, sponsorship information, or any other inquiries, contact Michele Goldman at (518) 469-7357.

To date, Burnt Store events have raised more than \$700,000 for military families struggling with basic needs. Burnt Store is excited to carry on a long-standing tradition of assisting our nation's heroes by continuing to raise money for those in-need.

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.

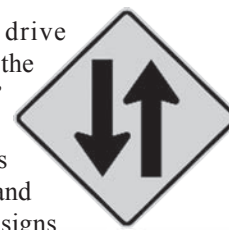
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- Cape Cole Blvd., golf clubhouse gate arm to Islamorada Blvd. - 0.60 mile
- Cape Cole Blvd., golf club gate arm to Matecumbe Key entry - 0.72 mile
- Matecumbe Key Blvd., construction entrance to Cape Cole Blvd., 0.72 mile

- 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.

Rules of the Road

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



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

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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.

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Pets in Paradise

By Debra Bretz, Admirals' Point

Florida has two Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holidays a year. The first one was in June, and the second one is coming up August 24 - September 6.

The purpose is to help people save a little money, while purchasing additional items for possible evacuations, or the aftermath of a tropical storm/hurricane. Every little bit helps. Supplies necessary for an evacuation or post-storm care of our furry family members, are on the list of items exempt from sales tax during this holiday.

It is the responsibility of the stores or on-line retailers to know which items are exempt from sales tax and the dates. However, I would encourage you to also know. Take a picture of the following list with your phone, and set a reminder of the tax-exempt dates. This will allow you to have the list with you while in a store or buying online.



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- Portable kennels or pet carriers with a sales price of \$100 or less per item.
- Over the counter pet medication with a sales price of \$100 or less.
- Pet beds with a sales price of \$40 or less per item.
- Cat litter that weighs 25 or fewer pounds and with a sales price of \$25 or less.
- Leashes, collars, and muzzles with a sales price of \$20 or less per item.
- Pet pads with a sales price of \$20 or less per box or package.
- Manual can openers with a sales price of \$15 or less per item.
- Collapsible or travel-sized food bowls or water bowls with a sales price of \$15 or less per item.
- Cat litter pans with a sales price of \$15 or less per item.

- Pet waste disposal bags with a sales price of \$15 or less per package.
- Hamster or rabbit substrate with a sales price of \$15 or less per package.
- Cans or pouches of wet dog or cat food with a sales price of \$10 or less per can or pouch or the equivalent if sold in a box or case.

If buying on-line from Chewy or Amazon, be sure to check if there are shipping charges. Those charges increase the total sales price of an item, and could cause you to lose your tax-exempt status on that item.

We all hope this is an uneventful hurricane season. Hope for the best and prepare for the worst. Saving money on your pet supplies is always a welcome perk, no matter the reason.

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

Our Dog Park is making progress this summer. We finally had a county hearing on the permit to build the two fences. This now allows our fencing contractor to start work.



Seals Landscaping is clearing the land, and removing all obstacles in our way. Once that is completed, we will lay the sod. We have been working on obtaining our own irrigation meter and wi-fi for our key fobs. Amazing how long this process has taken! The signs, benches, automatic watering bowls, pergolas, and dog waste stations will be the last to be put in place.

The first order for bricks was sent in, and we already have a few that have been delivered. Our first order was 110

bricks! Thank you everyone!! I have attached a picture of the first brick we received. We will begin taking brick orders again in the fall.

We all look forward to an opening date. We have been working on our dog park website for our residents to sign up to be a member, and pay the fee online. We will also have in-person sign-up opportunities in the fall, which will allow our members to pay with cash or check. More to come next month.

The winner of the auction to name the dog park in April has given us the name, BSM Barking Lot. What a great dog park name for our furry friends to gather and play.

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



Dog Park Brick

Florida Dragonflies

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass

We started seeing these beautiful creatures in June... now the open areas are full of dragonflies!

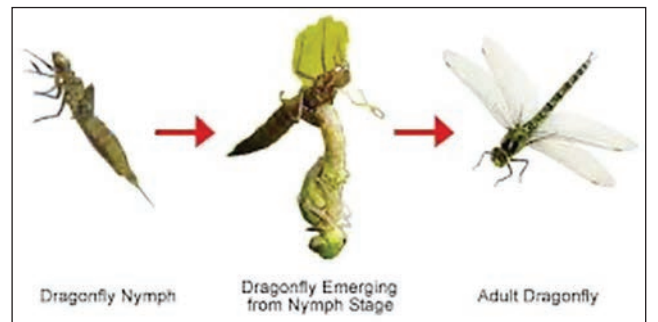


The dragonfly's life-cycle revolves around water, so it is no surprise that Florida has more than 150 species. They come in many colors – black, blue, green and red being most common. Dragonflies don't have a stinger, so they won't sting you. They do, however, have teeth. So, a bite is possible. Dragonflies aren't an aggressive insect, but they can bite out of self-defense when they feel threatened.

Dragonflies are most numerous during the summer. However, certain species come out earlier, some can only be seen in the spring, their flight seasons starting in late April or early May, and finished by mid-June. Most lay their eggs in mud or water. Nymphs hatch within a few weeks, and then live in water for up to two years, therefore, dragonflies are especially numerous near bodies of water. Thanks to our warm and humid climate, many species in Florida are here year-round. Dragonflies live two years as nymphs, and three to six months as adults.

After months, or even years in the water, dragonflies transform into one of the fastest and most agile flying insects. Their four broad wings combine with large, discriminating eyes to create an efficient visual predator. Because they hunt by sight, dragonflies are most active, and most often seen on sunny days. They will usually be found around ponds, streams, drainage ditches or other wet or marshy areas.

You see more dragonfly activity during midafternoons because they are most active during the warmest part of the day. In the morning, dragonflies can often be found perched on reeds and grass stalks at the water's edge.



Dragonflies are natural predators of mosquitoes. In fact, they eat them at all stages of life. An individual dragonfly can eat hundreds of mosquitoes each day. Regardless of species, all dragonflies are voracious insect predators. Many can be seen scouting over ponds or parking lots, feasting on midges and mosquitoes. Others perch on branches or reeds, waiting to ambush the next fly to pass by.

When we see what seems like swarms of dragonflies, we're often told that they are purposely dropped by helicopter to control the mosquitoes. The rumor undoubtedly is continued because it's a fairly common sight to see swarms of dragonflies zipping, darting and hovering throughout the area. Dragonflies are commonly called 'mosquito hawks' and actually are voracious predators of the pesky bugs. But, according to spokesmen for local mosquito control, dropping them by helicopter isn't practical, too difficult, and just isn't done. This is what we call our own little urban myth. The biggest reason we have a large number of dragonflies in our area is mostly due to water proximity.

Next time you see one zip across your yard, consider saying thanks to the dragonfly for helping to control the pest population.



Flamingos resting. Photo by Karen Sanderson, Esplanade



Killdeer bird nesting on eggs in flowerbed. Photo by Roberta Beaty, Admiral's Point

August Beacon Word Search

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August Off-Beat Holidays

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass

Welcome to August – one of the hottest and most humid months here in southwest Florida. We welcome a number of historic events to this month, but not many Florida outside festivals and events – though there are some. Read on...

August 2, 1776 - In Philadelphia, most of the 55 members of the Continental Congress signed the parchment copy of the **Declaration of Independence**.

August 3, 1492 - Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, with three ships, Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria. Seeking a westerly route to the Far East, he instead landed on October 12 in the Bahamas, thinking it was an outlying Japanese island.

August 8 – 11- 27th Annual Key West Lobster Fest

An all-things lobster celebration in, where else? Key West! Some attractions are: August 8 -Lobster Boil, 6 – 8 p.m.; August 9 – Pool Party at Marker Resort, 3 – 6 p.m.; August 9 - Lobster Duval Street Pub Crawl, 8 p.m. – 12 a.m.; August 10 – Street Fair & Free Concert, 12 p.m. – 11 p.m.; Aug 11 – Lobster Brunch 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. For Information go to keywestlobsterfest.com

August 11-16, 1965 - Six days of riots began in the Watts area of Los Angeles, triggered by an incident between a white member of the California Highway Patrol and an African American motorist. Thirty-four deaths were reported, and more than 3,000 people were arrested. Damage to property was listed at \$40 million.

August 13 - International Left-handers Day was created in 1992 by the Left-Handers Club, which states this event is when “left-handers everywhere can celebrate their sinistrality (left-handedness) and increase public awareness of the advantages and disadvantages of being left-handed.”

August 15, 1969 - Woodstock began in a field near Yasgur’s Farm at Bethel, New York. The three-day concert featured 24 rock bands and drew a crowd of more than 300,000 young people. “Woodstock” came to symbolize the counter-culture movement of the 1960’s.

August 16, 1896 - Gold was discovered in Rabbit Creek, a tributary of the Klondike River in Alaska, resulting in the Great Klondike Gold Rush.

August 19 - World Photography Day was created in 2009 by Australian Photographer Korske Ara, with the intent to share, communicate, and unite communities through photographs. In 2010, worldphotoday.org hosted an online photo gallery with 270 photographs. Visitors from over 100 countries visited the site. It has grown each year. This date coincides with the invention of the *Daguerreotype*, a photographic process developed by Joseph Nicéphore Niépce and Louis Daguerre in 1837. On January 9, 1839, The French Academy of Sciences announced the daguerreotype process. And on August 19, 1839, the French government purchased the patent and announced the invention as a gift “Free to the World.”

August 24 – Coke Zero Sugar 400, Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, Florida This is a NASCAR Cup Series featuring stock cars from all over the world. For information, go to daytonainternationalspeedway.com

August 24 - 25, 1814 - During the War of 1812, Washington, D.C., was invaded by British forces that burned the Capitol, the White House, and most other public buildings along with many private homes. The burning was in retaliation for the earlier American burning of York (Toronto).

August 26, 1883 - One of the most catastrophic volcanic eruptions in recorded history occurred on the Indonesian island of Krakatoa. Explosions were heard 2,000 miles away. Tidal waves 120 ft. high killed 36,000 persons on nearby islands, while five cubic miles of earth were blasted into the air up to a height of 50 miles.

August 28, 1963 - The March on Washington occurred as over 250,000 persons attended a Civil Rights rally in Washington, D.C., at which Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. made his now-famous *I Have a Dream* speech.

August 31, 1997 - Britain’s Princess Diana died at age 36 from massive internal injuries suffered in a high-speed car crash, reportedly after being pursued by photographers. The crash occurred shortly after midnight in Paris inside a tunnel along the Seine River at the Pont de l’Alma bridge, less than a half mile north of the Eiffel Tower.



Recipe Box

Caramel Apple Grapes

By Jennifer LeClair, Pelican Way

Looking for a healthy and tasty snack. Caramel Apple Grapes from Food Blogger “BellyFull” are the perfect snack! Grapes dipped in caramel and then in nuts or crushed cookie crumbs. A little treat that tastes like caramel apples in every bite. Great for parties, game day, bridal showers, or any occasion.



Ingredients:

- 50 seedless green grapes, wiped completely dry
- 1 cup caramel bits
- 2 tablespoons heavy cream
- 1 cup salted peanuts or cashews, crushed finely
- toothpicks or pretzel sticks (if making days ahead for a party use toothpicks as pretzel sticks will get soggy after a day or so).

Instructions:

Poke toothpicks (or pretzel stick if using) into your grapes; set aside.

In a small pot, over medium-low heat, combine the caramel bits and cream. Stir until melted. Reduce heat to lowest setting just to keep warm.

Dip the grapes into the caramel sauce and then into the crushed nuts or cookie crumbs. Place on a plate to set. Repeat until all the grapes are used.

That’s it! Pop ‘em into your mouth and enjoy!

Notes:

Grapes should be completely dry. Make sure your grapes are completely dry or the caramel won’t stick to them.

Don’t like nuts? No problem. Dip them in crushed up toffee bits, coconut flakes, cookie crumbs, or graham crackers instead!

Make them boozy. For an adult version, soak the grapes in vodka first for 24 hours.



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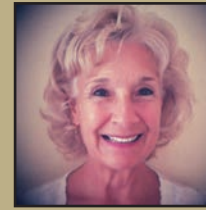
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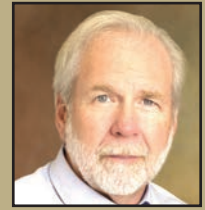
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