

From the Section 22 HOA Board

By Mike McFeeley, President

GEARING UP FOR A STRONG FINISH!

A number of years ago, we embarked on a four-year plan to freshen up and modernize Burnt Store Marina. Many of you participated in focus groups in 2021. Data from the community was gathered, discussions took place, and a plan was hatched. In 2023, a group of owners came together to form the *Vision 2025* group. This group was charged with creating a road map for the future, based upon previous input, marketplace changes, and new communities going up all around us. The goal of the group was twofold; to improve the quality of life for residents through expansion of amenities, and to help maintain and grow property values in an ever increasingly competitive environment. The group consisted of:

Glenna BensonBob HoncharskiArne ArnesenLeslie RoseRob JamrossKelly BeatyCheryl Shaw

Much analysis and discussion took place looking at our present situation, our financial capacity, and the competitive landscape. This group began with no preconceived notions, and certainly no answers. After several months, they presented the working document that has helped guide us upon our multiyear journey. Our community owes this group a tremendous debt of gratitude. They chose to be a part of the solution, and what a solution it has become. The group stressed modernizing, refreshing, and improving the lifestyle of the residents, and rethinking our use of space. Thanks to their work and forward thinking, the following is a partial list of the changes they helped create:

1. We've completely modernized the color scheme and look of Burnt Store Marina. From our front entrance, to the walls surrounding our community, we have a new luxurious look which has received rave reviews. Our new colors continued to include the golf course and Fitness Center and Resort Pool to complete the consistent look.

2. Our 3-year road resurfacing project has begun, which will just add to the look and feel of the community. Our roads have been prioritized, and the work will be done in the late summer to ease congestion. We will also address issues involving the golf course parking area, and the fitness center parking areas as a part of this initiative.

3. Safety is always a high priority, and with visitors to BSM at an all-time high, it's never been more important. Community access and speed control on our roads have been a major focus. We've invested in new cameras to monitor access, and new technology to speed up the processing of guests. In addition, we now have eight speed monitoring signs spread throughout the community to help slow things down. These signs give us the ability to provide speed data to the Lee County Sheriffs to help them target their enforcement to keep the community safe.

4. Landscaping is always an issue, and the new landscaping outside the main entrance, as well as at the fitness center, and various locations around the community have been done to continue our improvement effort. Section 22 along with local HOAs and condo



Burnt Store Armadillo by Rick Read, Mariners Pass

6. Linkside Restaurant and the Burnt Store Marina Country Club is one of the social hubs of the community. Between food, music and social events, this place has something for everyone. In addition to improvements to the outside of the building, the interior also got a facelift. Both in the restaurant, and outside on the lanai, improvements have been made as we continue to explore more and better ways to utilize the space. Garage doors in the lanai will help protect against the elements, and provide relief during warm or cold weather. Outside, the new Tiki 40' x 30' structure will provide shaded seating, and a way to better utilize our outside space. In season, this venue is a musical hotspot that provides free entertainment to everyone. Maintaining this asset and updating the infrastructure is a constant challenge that never ends.

7. The "Dog Park" has become a reality thanks to a lot of hard work from motivated residents who had a vision, and endeavored to see it become a reality. Now we have a place to let our pets run and play, off leash, in a safe environment.

This list is only part of the projects that have been completed thanks to working together. Money is always the major consideration when you undertake these types of initiatives. Our balancing act consists of trying to live within our means, but still continuing to move forward. In an effort to continue this forward thinking, we are looking to engage a consulting/ engineering firm that specializes in land use planning to analyze Burnt Store Marina, and help us create a plan for the next ten years. With all the building going on around us, it is imperative that we take an objective look at where we are today, and how best to move forward as the world changes. This will be a fairly long process, and much more information will follow. The goal will be to have a well thought out plan for the future so our community can budget accordingly and grow in a fiscally responsible way.

A number of other projects are in the works, but still need more time. They include:

associations have worked together to keep BSM looking great.

5. Bids are in, and new back up wells are being dug to protect our community irrigation system and the golf course irrigation system. Water is becoming more and more of an issue in Southwest Florida, and we have a big investment that we need to protect.

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:

- Thomas & Kathy Darrell, 2053 Big Pass Lane, window replacements.
- Allen Hoffman, 405 Islamorada Boulevard, roof replacement.
- Ralph T. Stamper, 601 Islamorada Boulevard, window replacements.
- Jim & Carol Hinch, 5051 Key Largo Circle, window replacements.
- · George & Shirley Peterson, 3217 Sunset Key Circle, window replacements.
- Heidi & Todd Clarke, 3265 Sunset Key Circle, hurricane shutter installation.

*Increase the number of pickleball courts to allow more people to play *Expand our fitness center to accommodate an ever-increasing population

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- Steve & Debra Mathies, 3981 Cape Cole Boulevard, exterior paint.
- Frank & Becky Smith, 4049 Cape Cole Boulevard, lanai maintenance.
- Michael Bird, 4057 Cape Cole Boulevard, hurricane shutter installation.

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, September 23, 9 a.m., Linkside Patio Section 22 HOA Board Workshops -Every Tuesday, 9 a.m., Linkside Patio

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*Work with LCEC to replace our cement street lights with lights that enhance the look of the community

*Extend golf cart paths to cover all three golf courses

*Add more bocce ball courts in the community

*Install a camera that provides constant video of our harbor and sunset views of Charlotte Harbor. This will allow residents, TV stations and house hunters to view BSM in real time

An ARC did you know, moment...

By Barry Groesch, Architectural Review Committee Chair

Did you know...If you would like to install a paver border around your landscaping, an ARC application is required. For all projects go to the **BSM22.org**



Trees provide a beautiful accent throughout our community. Anyone who sees the vibrant colors that explode in the trees throughout the year knows what I am talking about. Palm trees are great, but we are about much much more than that. Hurricanes, insects and age take their toll on trees in Florida. Replacing them needs to have a strategy. We are kicking off a program called "Trees for Life." This program will allow members of the community to donate a tree to be planted at various agreed upon locations throughout Burnt Store Marina. Working with landscapers, the golf course superintendent and amenity teams, we will proactively identify locations that we need to target. Members of the community will then have the ability to make a donation to have a tree planted. We will also be creating a wall of fame to list the donors and the location in the community. Just imagine, showing the grandkids a beautiful Royal Poinsettia that you made possible in honor of someone important to you. It becomes a gift that keeps on giving, and a way to help beautify the community. More information about program will be available shortly. If you aren't involved much in the community, this is how you can help.

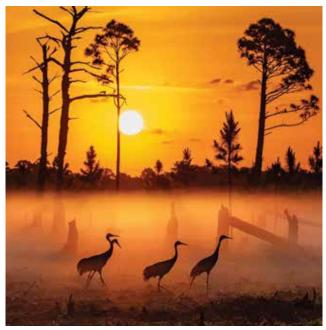
People sometimes wonder why it is important to keep improving our community. Over the last few years, real estate has sold itself, and marketing was not necessary. That all changed in 2024. With over 10,000 homes projected to be built between BSM and Punta Gorda, the competition is heating up. In June 2024, Fox News featured an article from the firm Fast Company which listed Punta Gorda, Florida as one of the 15 "coldest" real estate markets in the country. The

reasons for the cooling down involve many things. Insurance costs, interest rates and previous storm damage are the likely suspects when looking at the downturn. The good news is that this is cyclical. The market will heat up again, but we owe it to our community to do everything in our power to make BSM more marketable. The *Vision 2025* group saw these market changes 18 months ago and, thanks to their leadership, we have and continue to do things that make BSM a diamond in the rough.

The Beacon Newspaper has always been a great community tool to promote things happening in our community, updating us on legislative changes, and promoting new ways to spend our time. We were informed recently that the company that produces *The Beacon* is changing to a digital version of the newspaper. This change will take place in the 4th quarter of this year. The good news is that *The Beacon* isn't going away, in fact, it will be emailed to every resident monthly. This new format will allow more and better use of graphics and a more timely information source. The plan is to have a limited number of hard copies printed to accommodate local realtors and visitors to our community. *The Beacon* team will continue to put the paper together and continue to do the great job we have come to expect.

With summer coming to an end, the Burnt Store Marina that many snowbirds return to will be quite a bit different from the one they left. There are fabulous plans underway for new and exciting events that will take place throughout the coming season. None of this would be possible without the volunteers who put in countless hours, behind the scenes to make this place paradise. The best is yet to come!!

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Inside the Gates Dates

- Sunday, September 1: Deadline for the October Beacon. Article and picture submissions are welcomed. Become part of The Beacon family.
- Tuesday, September 23: 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

- Friday, September 6: Fort Myers River District Art Walk, 1 to 5 p.m. Visit many galleries, exhibitions and performances.
- Saturday, September 14 and Sunday, September 15: Sullivan Street Craft Fair, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Downtown Punta Gorda.
- Saturday, September 14: 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, September 20: 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.
- Saturday, September 21: Key Lime/Tropical Fest. 12 to 8 p.m. Fishermen's Village, 1200 Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda.
- 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.

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.

Burnt Store Marina CC News

By John Abbott,

General Manager, BSMCC

Well, September is here, and we all know what that means... that's right, it's time for football! Linkside café has the Sunday ticket, and is a great place to watch all your favorite teams.

Bring your friends and family over, and enjoy discounted food and beverages, good football and good times. If you are the type that would rather watch the game at home, come by for our delicious breakfast prior to kickoff.

There is a lot more going on at BSMCC this month, beginning with our Labor Day Scramble, Monday September 2, followed by a cookout to celebrate the holiday. The



other golf event in September is a two-person scramble on September 21st for *"Folds of Honor."* A portion of the tournament entry fees will be donated to this great cause, so we hope that everyone will sign up to play.

Our calendar stays full at Linkside with Trivia every Monday, dinner every Tuesday and Friday, and lots of events on Wednesdays and Thursdays including the Republican and Democrat dinners, Bar Bingo, Prime Rib buffet, Pasta night, Ladies night and more. Saturdays we continue to provide live music inside the café, along with pub night food specials. Check out the weekly blast for all the dates and changes to our event schedule. If you do not get the weekly blast, stop by or call the administration office and give us your email address so we can get you on the list. As always, we look forward to seeing everyone at the club!

BSMCC	September	2024	Schedule	of	Events
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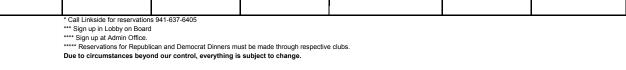
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Woodland Estates Harborside Woods 25101 Kimberly Ct. \$495,000 Pool Home with 3 Beds + 2 Bath + 2 Car Garage.

Enclosed Florida Room + Screened lanai with 1915 Sq Ft & 3000+ Total Sq Ft. Newer Roof & Updated Chef's Kitchen



Burnt Store Lakes 17450 Medillin Ct. \$349,900

Priced to sell! Fantastic location on a quiet street! Spacious 2000+ sq. ft. plan with formal living & dining, a great room combo of kitchen, nook dining, and family room, plus three bedrooms, two baths, lanai, indoor laundry, and a two-car garage.



Burnt Store Lakes 17258 Acapulco Rd #122 \$335,000 Furnished & Updated this 3 bedroom / 2 bath condo boasts 1500+ sq ft of living space with a private garage & lanai. Golf cart friendly community adjacent to Safe Harbor Burnt Store Marina.



Charlotte Harbor 4458 Sibley Bay St \$299,900

Coastal Cottage completely updated and walking distance to Charlotte Harbor & Bayshore Park. 2 Beds / 2 Bath / Screened front and back porch.



Punta Gorda 512 Edmund St. \$180,000 1905 Built Lake front home with 2 beds and 2 baths +

Bocce - That's The Way We Roll!

By Carole Romaine, Independent Home Owner

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



is also a game of leisure to relax and enjoy yourself.

A couple of months ago *The Beacon* published an article about turtles and tortoises. The bocce court shares its space with a tortoise where it has made its home. We enjoy watching the goings on, as it crawls in and out of its home and nibbles on the surrounding grasses and leaves. We have adopted the tortoise as our mascot, but have yet to give it a name.





With only one bocce court, and more and more people becoming interested in the game, we have a tight place to play. Sharing the space with a tortoise is grand, but we look forward to one day finding space within Burnt Store Marina to add additional courts. More people can then join in the fun, and the tortoises will have their own domain.

The bocce court is adjacent to the northeast side of the parking lot at Burnt Store Marina Country Club. You will find an enthusiastic group of bocce players every Tuesday. 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. 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.

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.

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Attention Residents:

Please notify your guests that may be coming in to provide the following information to the gate:

The name of the resident you are coming to see OR The address of the resident you are coming to see.



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 throughtout 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

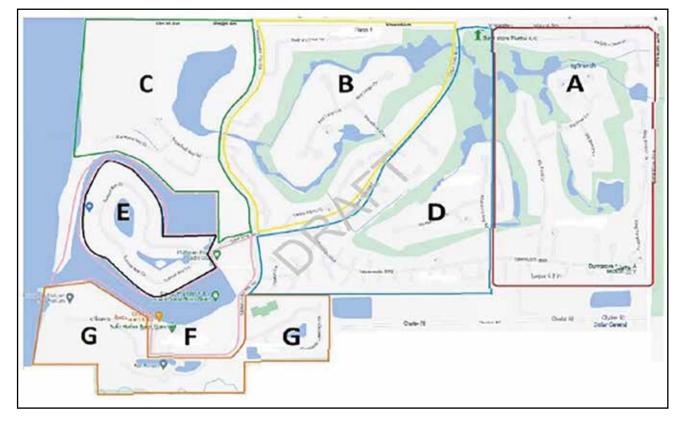
Ron Jones rcjones25@gmail.com 239-839-9820 **Melody Groh** melodygroh@gmail.com 239-839-9829

Zone - C. Diamond Park, Harbor Towers, Marina Towers, North Shore, the Soundings, Sounding Estates

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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**

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Joni Tramontana	
ioni.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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Nancy Coelho	nancyjcoelho@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. **Michele Schochet**

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Zone - G. South Shore, Vista Del Sol, Fitness Center, Courtside Landings, The Resort

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A minimum of two trained CERT members are assigned to each zone. A listing of CERT members, their assignments by zone is above. Members's 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.

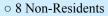
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• 4 Speeding Warnings ○ 1 Resident o 3 Non-Residents • 11 Stop Sign Warnings • 3 Residents









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Fitness, Friends & Fun... Getting Ready for Snowbird Season!

By Cynthia Mathews

Welcome to autumn, one of the "secret" beautiful months before the season officially kicks off. It's a great time to congratulate



yourself on meeting your fitness goals. Yay! The change in season is also a perfect time to set new ones. We are making changes and improvements to the Fitness, Racquet, and Pool Club too. Have you noticed the fresh paint on the outside of our pool buildings and fitness center? It looks great with the new roof.

Our community is thriving – both indoors and outdoors. We live here because it allows us to live such a healthy lifestyle. That's why our club keeps growing and improving. We're committed to improving not just our physical space, including courts and pool facilities, but also our offerings, like classes, programs, and professional coaching.

Our friendly staff will be starting their Snowbird Season hours starting October. Find them on site from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. weekends.

No matter what your workout of choice is, make sure you're including strength training. It keeps bones strong, increases muscle mass, boosts metabolism, and even makes your heart healthier. We have all kinds of strength training classes, and a personal trainer to help our community meet their fitness goals.

In addition to Donna, Leigh Ann, Linda C., Marna and Sandra leading our dynamic aerobics classes, we are happy to announce Laurie S. is joining the team. She is jumping into the gym and the pool to teach aerobics, weights, yoga, and Pilates. Come out to our fantastic pool area and join Barb, Cathy, Deb, Holly, Jim, Linda C., Linda W. and Sandra for their dynamic aqua aerobics' classes.

If you've wandered through the club recently, you've already seen *The Beast*. No Marshawn Lynch isn't in there, but our new machine is! This versatile exercise tool provides an elliptical, stair stepper, and a bicycle workout all in one. Come by and climb on *The Beast*.



The Beast at the Fitness Center

Things are bustling on the courts too. The new tennis viewing area is a great place to cheer our competitive tennis teams. They are growing, with more women joining the teams. Can't wait to see how they do this year! The pickleballers have been active all summer and are now planning to install a covered cooling station with ice and water.

Not only are we providing a healthy hub for our community, but we are also collecting items for the Community Tag sale. The November event is a great way to donate household items, decor, furnishings, sports equipment ... even bikes and kayaks. Regarding clothing donations, we are only accepting women's clothing and footwear.

We have some changes for the upcoming Snowbird season. To better serve our members, guest passes will now be exclusive to club members. Additionally, we've discontinued day passes.



Duck family - Karen Sanderson









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Crockpot Tuscan Garlic Chicken Thighs With Spinach And Sun-Dried Tomatoes

By Jennifer LeClair, Pelican Way

This Tuscan crockpot chicken thighs recipe, from food blogger Eatwell 101, is packed with flavors and so easy to



prepare. By substituting canned "lite coconut milk" for the heavy cream, and using olive oil instead of butter, I made it a healthier recipe, while still keeping it rich tasting, Keto and low carb friendly.

Ingredients:

• 6 - 8 skinless, bone-in chicken thighs – I have used boneless also

- 1 tablespoon olive oil or butter
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup heavy cream or canned "lite" coconut milk
- 1/3 cup chicken broth
- 3/4 cup grated parmesan cheese grated off a block works best – no anti-caking agent
- 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
- 1 teaspoon crushed red chili pepper flakes, optional
- Sea salt and fresh cracked black pepper
- 1/2 cup sun-dried tomatoes (chopped)
- 2 cups spinach (chopped, packed)

Directions:

1. Heat oil or butter in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Add garlic and sauté for about a minute, until fragrant.

2. Add the cream and chicken broth. Bring to a gentle simmer, then set heat to low and simmer for about 10 minutes. The sauce should thicken enough to coat the back of a spoon.

3. Meanwhile, place the chicken thighs at the bottom of your crockpot. Season chicken thighs lightly with Italian seasoning, crushed red chili pepper flakes (if using), sea salt, and black pepper. Top chicken thighs with sun-dried tomatoes.

4. When the cream sauce is ready, lower the heat and whisk in the Parmesan cheese, little by little until smooth. Adjust seasoning for the cream sauce if needed.

5. Pour the cream sauce evenly over the chicken thighs in the crockpot. Try to get as much sauce as possible on top of the chicken thighs and less on the bottom.

6. Cook for 3-4 hours on HIGH or 6-8 hours on LOW. When cooking time is over, gently remove the chicken thighs from the crockpot and set it aside.

7. Turn the crockpot on HIGH if it isn't already. Add the chopped spinach to the crockpot and stir for a few minutes, until the spinach wilts.

8. Return the chicken to the slow cooker, and spoon the liquid, spinach, and sun-dried tomatoes on top, or just pour them over the chicken when serving.

Serve over zucchini noodles or cauliflower rice, or ce, couscous, or pasta of your choice for non-Keto.

Burnt Store Marina Dog Park

By BSM Dog Park Committee

The committee continues to work on the many details of building a great community dog park for our many furry friends and their parents.



The signage has been approved and ordered. The signs will have the rules of the park as well as designating which side is for small dogs, and which side of the park is for the larger dogs.

We want to keep our pets safe. Along with designating secure spaces for different sized dogs, we will make sure all member dogs are vaccinated, and plan to have monthly sanitation services. We are now in the process of hiring a company that will come and sanitize our park. Sanitizing obliterates harmful bacteria and viruses on contact. This is a step up from just deodorizing services which many of the dog parks use. The company we plan on using for this sanitization service uses a safe and effective combination of chlorine, calcium, and oxygen. This blend is highly recognized as the optimal blend to disinfect drinking water and public swimming pools. What sets it apart is its eco-friendly, biodegradable, and non-hazardous nature, making it safe for both humans and animals

We are inching closer and closer to making our dream of a BSM Dog Park a reality. For more information about the BSM Dog Park, please go to the BSM22.org site and click on amenities.



HAVE FUN & ENJOY MEETING NEW FRIENDS

TO BECOME a BSM Dog Park member, you MUST BE a

Section 22 owner or renter:

Go online to https://bsm22.org/dog-park/

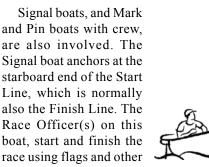
Platinum Point Yacht Club ... **Sailboat Racing Program at PPYC**

By Diane Segger, Vice Commodore

PPYC offers a multitude of on-the-water activities including Kayaking, Lunch Cruises, Inshore and Offshore Fishing, Group Cruising to various ports, and the Sailboat Racing Program. One important fact you may not be aware of is that you don't need a boat to be a member of PPYC, nor to participate in the Sailboat Racing Program. Actually, most of our members do not own a boat. There are many more socializing and fun events always available, that take place within the club itself, that aren't on the water and the club also supports community outreach. This month, we focus on the PPYC Sailboat Racing Program (SRP), an integral part of our nautical tradition.

The regular PPYC sailboat races take place on Mondays, starting in late October and continuing through to the first part of April. They are split into a fall and spring series. The SRP is open to any boat moored in Burnt Store Marina with payment of a fee. In between the two Race Series, PPYC hosts the annual Golden Conch Regatta, first run in 1983. This regatta is also open to any and all racers who wish to register and pay the entrance fee. Some boats come from as far away as Fort Myers and Punta Gorda

The sailboat racing program would not take place without the support of the volunteer race committee. These are folks who show up weekly to perform all of the tasks that make this program possible. Some are certified by US Sailing, either as Race Officers, who can run races, or Judges, who adjudicate the rules of racing. We have a number of members who have completed this certification.



VHF radio communication. The Mark and Pin boats are responsible for deploying inflatable marks, which define the start line and the other rounding marks. All boats also function as Safety Boats, with two or three volunteers on each plus the Captain.

There are currently seven boats with crew racing regularly. If anyone is interested in spending a day on the water, extra crew is sometimes appreciated. Depending upon the task, various levels of training may be required. You don't have to be a PPYC member to participate in racing or the race committee.

If you have a power boat, you may also enjoy anchoring downwind of the Mark Boat with a bagged lunch while observing the sailboats crossing the start and finish line.

If you enjoy sailing, please consider participating in the racing program, either by entering your sailboat in the races, or volunteering in another capacity. Either way, a wonderful experience awaits you. If you are interested in further information, please contact the PPYC Office at 941-63-0733. They can provide you with contact information for the Sailboat Race Committee.





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Burnt Store Marina Beacon

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.

Gardener's Wheelbarrow

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass

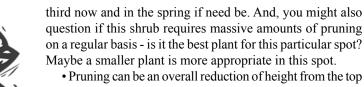
If you have not already done so, prepare your September landscape for possible damaging high winds and torrential downpours from passing tropical storms. September can present a higher probability for hurricanes

in SW Florida. Hurricane season peaks between August and October, with September 10 as the day you're statistically most likely to find a tropical storm somewhere in the Atlantic basin. *Harvey, Hugo, Ike, Irma, Maria*, and our recent *Ian* were all September named storms.

Your gardening check list for September:

• This is your last chance to prune plants that are coldsensitive tropical plants (e.g., hibiscus, ixora, allamanda). This will allow enough time to pass so that new growth can harden off.

• Prune up to one third of the foliage height from shrubs. If your goal is to greatly reduce a shrub's size, prune one



(horizontal), or, it can be the removal of the tallest branches (vertical). Both will reduce height, but the <u>latter method</u> will encourage growth in the center, allow better air flow and give sun an opportunity to reach the interior. The result is a healthier plant with more even distribution, top to bottom, of foliage.

• Those unfamiliar with subtropical plants may decide to constantly shape their shrubs into hedges and boxes. Subtropical and tropical plants are poor subjects for this sort of topiary treatment. It denies them their natural appearance, forces bushy growth only on the tips of the branches and encourages dieback, disease and pests, through the lack of sun and air circulation to the plant's interior. The only plant that we grow locally, that would allow this sort of treatment, is the tiny-leafed ilex schilling.

• You still have time to plant trees, shrubs and turf. Get them in as soon as possible to take advantage of the remaining summer

Tight Lines... Fishing Reports Show a Strong Season

By Jay Lev, Burnt Store Anglers

The fishing is excellent. With hot days, the harbor water temperature is producing excellent bites of most species in the harbor. All day fishing trips are not happening. Anglers leave their docks early in the morning, and after three to four hours of fishing,



return. This should be of no surprise to most, as morning temperatures are a bit cooler. Fishing in the afternoon with temperatures running into the mid to high 90's makes conditions very uncomfortable for humans, not so for fish. Anglers are reporting morning bites to be excellent. Catches of snook, redfish, trout, shark, cobia, gray snapper, jacks, Spanish mackerel and an occasional flounder are all on the bite. Bag limits are very common. Anglers fishing from kayaks are doing great, trolling is producing large mackerel and ladyfish, and the use of live bait is by far the most productive.

While the fish are active in the warmer water, many anglers are reporting problems with the heat. Keep yourself covered from sun exposure. Hats with large brims are a must. Sunscreen applied to your face, hands and other exposed body parts should be used. Lots of cold water to drink at regular intervals is a must. I did not follow my own advice early in the season and found myself in the emergency room being treated for heat exhaustion. In my conversation with the attending physician, she said she had never seen so many cases of illness due to heat exposure. You can enjoy fishing in this type of heat but take care of yourself.

Now back to fishing. Anglers have reported that certain artificial lures have been producing great catches.

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. • The 3- and 4-inch white paddle tail soft plastic lure, used with a chartreuse jig head, is by far the number one lure catching fish. A fast retrieving seems to attract the fish. This lure runs just under the surface with a quarter ounce or lighter jig head. That same paddle tale with a chartreuse tail has also been working.

• If you prefer fishing the surface, the use of a Heddon Saltwater Super Spook lure in the 4-inch model in white or cream color is driving the snook crazy.

• If you prefer hopping an artificial bait along the bottom or under a floating cork, the use of a Gulp Shrimp in penny or natural color in either 3- or 4-inch variety is producing redfish and most of the bottom species.

• If you like to troll at speeds of 2 to 3 knots, use the Clark Squid Spoon in 3 to 3 1/2-inch variety. This trolled spoon is working well. A short piece of wire leader attached to the spoon, and again to a 5-foot monofilament leader will attract the mackerel and ladyfish.

• Don't forget the great shark fishing now going on in the harbor. A stout rod and reel equipped with at least 50-pound line and a three-foot wire shock leader holding an 8/0 or large circle hook will work just fine. A nice chunk of lady fish about three inches wide on that circle hook is the preferred bait. Sending the bait out in a free line drift about 50 to 75 feet from your drifting boat should work just fine. Most sharks will run 20 to 150 pounds, but a 200 to 300 pounder can also show up. Remember never boat a shark. Release the shark at the side of the boat by cutting the wire shock leader. If you use a non-stainless hook, that hook will rust out in a short period of time. A stainless hook is a death penalty if hooked deep. Have fun and watch the heat.

Tight Lines

Key Blvd, 1.26 mile

-0.55 mile

mile

rains. Select plants based on size and sun, shade and drought tolerance. Choose the right plant for the right place.

• Herbs (annual and perennial varieties) are another good bet at this time of year and can be grown inside the lanai cage, where they do well. Pot up sage, sweet marjoram, thyme, basil and rosemary for use in your meal preparation. Herbs need to be pruned frequently.

• If your lawn has dead spots from chinch bugs and you have already treated the area, now is the time to do some renovation. Remove the dead turf runners, smooth out the area and replenish it with topsoil, if the area is relatively small. For larger areas you can purchase plugs from a garden center, filling in with topsoil.

• Fungus and disease can become a problem under wet/ humid and high temperatures. Check your ornamental shrubs and turf for signs, and treat promptly and appropriately.

• Remember: through September 30, the *Summer Fertilizer Ordinance* is in effect. A summer blend of fertilizer *free of nitrogen and phosphorous* is available locally, and can be applied to lawns during this restricted period.

Grammar Tips... Farther or Further?

By the Editors of The Burnt Store Marina Beacon

You didn't listen, did you? You are still saying further, when you really mean farther. Is it because it's easier to say further than with farther?

Farther and further <u>both</u> mean "at a greater distance." They often are used interchangeably in this sense – but they are not quite the same:

Farther refers to *physical* length or distance. It is the comparative form of the word "far" when referring to distance.

Further refers to a non-physical distance, such as amount and time. It can also mean "to a greater degree," or "additional."

Correct: London is *farther* north than Juneau. (Refers to *physical* distance)

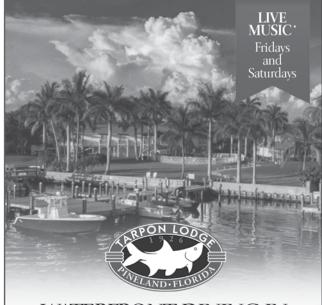
Correct: This plan requires *further* study. (Meaning "additional," refers to amount)

Correct: According to my timetable, we should be *further* along. (Refers to time)

Tip:

Use farther for physical distance and further for non-physical distance. Farther has FAR in it, and "far" relates to physical distance.





• 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

Golf Tips

By Bill Connelly, Manager of Golf Operations

Timing and rhythm are a very important part of a good golf swing. Have you ever watched a

tour professional hit a shot that looked effortless? One of the comments I always hear is that they make it look so easy. One thing that makes it look that way is that they have impeccable timing. They have figured out what tempo works for them, and can repeat it. The next time you are practicing, try swinging a little smoother, and not so fast or hard. The better timing and rhythm that you have, the better the shot will be. • 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

• Matecumbe Key Blvd., Cape Cole Blvd., to South Shore

• Courtside Landings' Loop, start/stop at entrance – 0.48

• Prosperity Point sidewalk loop, start/stop at Matcumbe

• 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.

Be sure to sign up for the Labor Day Scramble on September 2, at 9 a.m. There will also be a twoperson scramble on September 21, benefitting *Folds of Honor*. And remember, there is a 9-hole Scramble every Tuesday at 3 p.m.

We are looking forward to an exciting new season. Please follow us **@burntstoregolf** on Instagram for course updates.

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

Have fun learning to enjoy your game.



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A.N.A.'s Friends Fifth Annual Fashion to a Tea

By Barbara Berman Guardian ad Litem Volunteer and A.N.A.'s Friends Vice President

Southwest Florida currently has many children in the dependency court system, with many in Charlotte County alone. These children, through no fault of their own, have been placed under court supervision, and removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect, or abandonment. These vulnerable children, many of whom live in temporary homes until a safe, permanent solution is achieved, experience many changes, often very rapidly. Their futures are very uncertain, and their young, fragile lives are extremely stressful because they do not know what will happen next.

During this very uncertain time, dedicated, trained Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Volunteers become the "voice" for these children in the courts, their temporary living placements, schools, the case management system, and with other community agencies. In many cases, the GAL volunteer is the one constant in the child's life. Southwest Florida residents, including a number of Burnt Store Marina residents, are currently serving as GAL volunteer advocates.

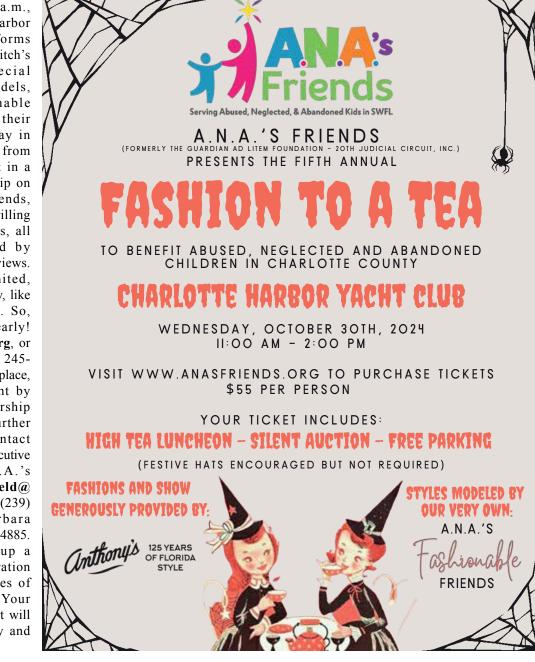
GAL volunteers determine if the child's needs are being met. The volunteers can submit requests on the child's behalf to A.N.A.'s Friends to help stabilize the children. They provide a sense of normalcy with items such as beds, tutoring, clothing, strollers, camps, sports participation, field trips, happier birthdays, and many other things not funded by any other source through the A.N.A.'s Friends Children's Needs Program. All these children want is to find their forever home, and feel like everyone else their age. They want to feel normal, just like their peers. A.N.A.'s Friends raises the funds necessary to meet these needs, and to recruit and train GAL volunteer advocates.

We are thrilled to invite you to a bewitching afternoon at our *Fifth Annual Fashion to a Tea*, enchantingly supporting A.N.A.'s Friends! Join us for a magical blend of fashion and philanthropy, all in the spirit of Halloween and glam, benefiting abused, neglected, and abandoned children in Southwest Florida.

Save the date for October 30 at 11 a.m., as the Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club transforms into a glamorous witch's den for this special occasion. Our models, A.N.A.'s Fashionable Friends, will cast their spell on the runway in spellbinding attire from Anthony's. Delight in a sumptuous lunch, sip on bewitching tea blends, and participate in thrilling raffles and auctions, all while surrounded by mystical waterfront views.

Tickets are limited, and disappear swiftly, like enchanted potions. So, secure your spot early! Visit Anasfriends.org, or contact us at (239) 245-7787 to reserve your place, or arrange payment by check. For sponsorship opportunities or further details, please contact Jessica Stanfield, Executive Director of A.N.A.'s Friends, at jstanfield@ anasfriends.org or (239) 245-7787 or Barbara Berman at (443) 632-4885.

Let's conjure up a spellbinding celebration to brighten the lives of children in need. Your presence and support will create spells of joy and hope!



September Off-Beat Holidays

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass

The 2024 hurricane season is designated to the dates June 1 to November 30. We are in the middle of it! If you were in Burnt Store Marina September 28, 2022, you know how *Hurricane Ian* changed our world in just 24 hours.

September is Disaster Preparedness Month, an annual campaign held every September since 2004, by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Proper planning helps minimize the impact of a disaster to lives and property, and ensures your safety and survival. Disaster Preparedness Month is followed by National Preparedness Day on September 30.

Be sure to check out our Certified Emergency Team – CERT – information online at **BSM22.org**, and elsewhere in this *Beacon* issue.

September 5: *Labor Day* is celebrated the first Monday in September. This day was formally designated a Federal holiday by the U.S Congress on June 28, 1894, to honor the American worker. It was initiated in 1882 by the Central Labor Union in New York City.

September 8, 1565: The first Catholic settlement in America was founded by Spaniard Don Pedro Menendez

It was established to assist veterans returning after WW1. Since then, it has come to aid all veterans. Today there are over 14,000 posts, and 3 million members worldwide.

September 16 – 25: Island Hopper Songwriter Fest Located at The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel, this festival, featuring nationally acclaimed singersongwriters, includes over 100 live performances, more than 60 songwriters, and 20 unique venues! Dates are - Captiva Island - September 20 - 22, Cape Coral – 23 – 24, Downtown Fort Myers - 25 - 26, Fort Myers Beach - 27 – 29; for times and locations, go / to www.islandhopperfest.visitfortmyers.com.

September 21 – October 6: Oktoberfest is a 16-day folk festival celebrated in Munich, Bavaria, Germany. It is also the world's largest Volksfest, which are German events that combine beer festivals with traveling funfairs. Oktoberfest first emerged on October 12, 1910 when King Ludwig I married Princess Therese of Saxe-Hildburghausen. Citizens of Munich celebrated the marriage in fields leading to the city gates. These fields were named 'Theresienwiese' in honor of the Princess. <u>Note that this year</u>, Oktoberfest will be celebrated at the German American Social Club in Cape Coral on October 18 - 20 and 25 - 27.

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.

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

Golf Carts: Always drive your golf cart on the right side of the road. Use hand signals to indicate intention to turn. Always stop at stop signs. Use lanes indicated for the use of bicycles and pedestrians only when neither is present.

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

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September 8: National Ampersand Day is celebrated on each year to honor "&," a Latin character and a logogram that represents the conjunction and. The ampersand has been in use since the first century A.D. Although most people don't give much thought to this symbol, it has a long and illustrious history. The ampersand's origins can be traced back to the Latin word *et*, which means *and*. The letters E and T in this word were occasionally put together to form a ligature (a character consisting of two or more joined letters). The writer saved time by writing the word in this manner, with one letter flowing seamlessly into the next — a type of cursive writing.

September 11: we celebrate National Grandparents Day. Like Mother's Day and Father's Day, there is also a whole day dedicated to our grandparents. Grandparents Day is an opportunity to observe our love and respect for them, and spend some family time together. Congress passed the legislation proclaiming the first Sunday after Labor Day as National Grandparent's Day. On August 3, 1978, Jimmy Carter signed the proclamation, and the day was finally celebrated the following year.

September 16: *American Legion Day*. On this day in 1919, Congress granted the American Legion its charter.

September 17: *National Museum Day* Museums, zoos and cultural centers from all 50 states offer free admission to all Museum Day ticket holders. For tickets and to find a participating museum venue, go to www. smithsonianmag.com/museumday.

September 18, 1947: The U.S. Air Force was established as a separate military service.

September 22: *Autumn* (Sept. 22 - Dec. 20) begins in the Northern Hemisphere with the autumnal equinox. In the Southern Hemisphere today is the beginning of spring.

September 24: National Punctuation Day. This day celebrates the comma, correct usage of quotation marks, periods, semicolons and other exotic ones that very few use today. This is your day to dress up your writing, and amaze us editors with your knowledge of what a semicolon actually does. But please, don't rely on Autocorrect!

September 28, 1542: California was discovered by Portuguese navigator Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo upon his arrival at San Diego Bay.

September 29, 1789: Congress created the United States Army, consisting of 1,000 enlisted men and officers.

Seabreeze Communications: A New Chapter in Community Publishing

By Stephen Miller, Owner, Seabreeze Communications

As many of you may have already heard, Seabreeze Communications is embarking on an exciting new chapter. Over the past few months, we've been quietly preparing for a transformation that will take our community-focused publications to the next level. Today, I'm thrilled to share more details about these changes for *The Beacon* and the benefits they will bring to you, our valued readers.

Building on a Legacy

For nearly 40 years, Seabreeze Communications has been dedicated to serving gated communities across Florida with high-quality, community-specific content. Our mission has always been to connect residents, foster a sense of belonging, and provide a reliable source of local news and information. This legacy is one we are deeply committed to preserving, even as we prepare to introduce significant innovations.

The Move to (mostly) Digital

After careful consideration and planning, we're excited to announce that Seabreeze Communications will be

transitioning to a digital model, with a projected launch in November. This shift reflects our commitment to staying ahead of the curve and ensuring that our publications remain as relevant and accessible as possible in an increasingly digital world.

Some of you may have already heard about this transition, and we're pleased to confirm that these plans are moving forward smoothly. We believe that this new format will not only enhance your reading experience but also bring a host of new features and benefits. We are also going to have some printed copies available at centralized locations throughout the neighborhood.

Why Digital?

The decision to move to a digital format was driven by a desire to offer our readers the best possible experience. Here are some of the key benefits you can look forward to:

• Wider Reach: Each adult in your household will be able to receive their own digital copy, ensuring everyone stays informed.



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• **Timeliness:** With a digital platform, we can reduce lead times, allowing us to deliver more current and relevant content with each issue.

• Interactivity and Engagement: Our digital publications will feature clickable links, embedded videos, and other interactive elements, making the content more engaging and dynamic.

• Year-Round Access: No matter where you are—whether at home or traveling—you'll have access to your community news through our dedicated website.

• **Mobile Accessibility:** You can read our publications on your laptop, tablet, or smartphone, giving you the flexibility to stay connected wherever you are.

What to Expect

In addition to the benefits mentioned above, our new digital format will introduce several exciting features:

• **Dynamic Reader:** You can still flip through the pages of the Beacon with our interactive reader, which will look and feel like a traditional publication while having clickable links and embeddable video.

• Article Breakout: Each article will have the option to be viewed on its own dedicated page, making it easier for you to read, print, and share specific stories.

• Events Page: Stay up-to-date with community happenings through a regularly updated events calendar.

• **Resource Page:** Our comprehensive resource page will help you connect with local providers and businesses more easily.

• Archive of Past Issues: With our searchable archive, you can revisit past issues and articles anytime you like.

• **Community Contributions:** We encourage you to submit your stories, photos, and announcements to be featured in our publications, fostering a deeper connection within the community. **Looking Ahead**

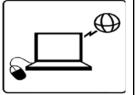
We understand that change can be both exciting and challenging, but we are confident that this transition will bring lasting benefits to our readers and advertisers. As we approach the November launch, we will keep you informed about our progress and any additional details you need to know.

Seabreeze Communications has always been about more than just news; it's about community. We are committed to ensuring that our publications continue to reflect the spirit and vibrancy of the communities we serve, even as we embrace new technologies and formats.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to embarking on this journey with you and making our publications an even more valuable asset to your community. Together, we can ensure that Seabreeze Communications remains a cherished part of your community for many years to come.

BSM22.org -Burnt Store Marina Website Help

To be sure that you are up-to-date on all that is happening in the Burnt Store Marina community, you need to be up-to-date on the use of our website



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When you log in to the "residents' eyes only" section, you will find great contact information for the Certified Response Team (CERT), and what to do in case of emergency. You will also be able to access Section 22 financials, your account information, and the Resident Directory.

To be sure YOUR contact information is up-to-date, you need to log in, or follow directions to register. Then go to Your Profile > Profile Settings. There, you can update your telephone and email information. Then, to OPT IN to the online Resident Directory, turn the BLUE toggles to GRAY.

If you are having problems logging onto the resident section of our website **BSM22.org**, OR, are not receiving Alliant Management email blasts, please contact Alliant Property Management at **apmsupport@alliantproperty. com**, or call (239) 454-1101.

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