

From the Section 22 HOA Board

By Lynda Vail, Board Member

Oh, my goodness, it's October already, and the season will be here before you know it at Burnt Store Marina. Cooler temperatures are greatly appreciated after another extremely warm summer. We will be welcoming many of our friends and neighbors upon their return to BSM, one of the best places in SWFL. We are unique in the fact that we are a community that we access a variety of businesses; Burnt Store Marina Country Club, Linkside Café, Fitness Center, Trading Post, Cass Cay, Safe Harbor Marina, cart rentals, farmers market, Platinum Point Yacht Club, and various Real Estate Offices all located within our gates. Not to mention, only a cart ride away. We have had a great summer and eagerly await your return.

While you were up north enjoying your family and friends, we have been enduring the heat, playing golf and enjoying Linkside Café and the many amenities available to us. We have also been utilizing this time to work on much needed projects in the community. As you know, water is an integral and essential need to our day-to-day needs. Currently the Irrigation Committee and the Board are obtaining bids for the drilling of much needed wells for water on the golf course and community irrigation. As soon as all the bids are perused, and final decisions made, this project will move forward.

The front entrance sign is completed and ready to welcome us all home! Updating the painting with the new color scheme throughout the community has been completed this summer. Stop by and see the seating and landscaping to the outside of the Fitness Center, as well as the pool area, which has cooled off many during this extremely warm summer. We have seen ongoing efforts in the Marina from the installation of new docks and continued repair, to the damage from *Hurricane Ian*.

Thank goodness the Marina was doused with a great deal of precipitation this summer. Our flora and fauna have been flourishing. The golf course has absorbed all the rain and is a beautiful shade of green. Golf maintenance crews have been working diligently to handle whatever "Mother Nature" has thrown at them. They have completed the bulkhead on Osprey 5, and the tee boxes have been sodded. We all know how popular this hole is, and many of us have missed it while playing Osprey, and look forward to it being utilized soon. There is such a beautiful view from Osprey #6 looking across the irrigation pond.

Here at Linkside Café, the lanai floor has been epoxied, as well as the bar floor inside, which enhances both these areas.

The ladies' bathroom has been updated, thanks to Ladies League and others who donated funds for a much-needed improvement. New toilets, sinks, faucets and countertops have been installed. The walls were painted a complementary color, and the floor tiles were cleaned. We worked with the budget, and it is a welcoming change. Thanks to Melody Groh, Lynda Vail and Kathi McKay for making this project come to fruition. Also, say thanks to Mike Proudfoot, our "BSM Maintenance Man," stepping in and assisting whenever needed. In case you didn't know, he is always working around the Fitness Center, Pool area, Country Club, and anywhere else in the community making things run smoothly once again. Mike lives in our community and has become quite an asset, we are very pleased to have him. When you see him or meet him tell him "Thank You."

Hooray, the Tiki permits are in, and the Tiki Hut and Stage are up. What a unique asset to the Country Club. Without the fans in, the temperature under the Tiki is very comfortable. The lighting has been installed. The trees that were removed to install the tiki were used in the community. There is a landscaping addition behind Osprey 1 and Pelican 1, using palm trees from this area. White paving stones were placed along the perimeter of the patio along with solar paver lights that will alert members/guests of the slight step up into the Tiki Hut. The round tables from the far patio have been placed inside the Tiki, with the picnic tables moved to the other patio. We are currently working on ideas to enhance the additional patio with shade to fit into our outside theme.



New Tiki Hut at BSMCC

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:

- Donald Moore, 2030 King Tarpon Drive, exterior paint.
- David & Kimberly Griffith, 4061 King Tarpon Drive, hurricane shutters.
- Todd & Theresa McLaughlin, 3320 Sugarloaf Key Road, roof/gutter replacement.
- Bill & Elba Brandt, 901 Romano Key Circle, roof replacement.
- Thomas Tiedemann, 1299 Romano Key Circle, hurricane shutters.
- Verlin & Mary Jo Custer, 3985 Cape Cole Boulevard, roof replacement.
- Carolyn Buckenmaier & Albert Short, 24075 Redfish Cove Drive, roof replacement.
- Michael & Desiree Calvelage, 3873 Cape Cole Boulevard, roof/gutter replacement.
- Wayne & Adam & Kathleen Shelton, 3041 Big Pass Lane, garage door screen.

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

Reminder:

**Section 22 HOA Board Meeting -
Tuesday, October 22, 9 a.m., Linkside Patio
Section 22 HOA Board Workshops -
Every Tuesday, 9 a.m., Linkside Patio**

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The Tiki stage will have a platform, and railings attached to it, and ready for our season entertainment. The beverage truck will be moved a little closer to the Tiki with a patio around it and all loose stones will be removed. This outside area will be used to complement all our outside events.

The opening "Thursday Tiki Time" will be on November 7, presenting Deb and the Dynamics, so mark your calendars. As well as the variety of events inside the Country Club we plan on offering outside events for our members. Visit the community website for information on what is available throughout the community this season. There is something for everyone.

The much-awaited Dog Park is in the permitting stages. The committee is ready to move ahead full speed upon approval. Our four-legged friends are eager to run and roam free in the newly fenced in area. Information on the Grand Opening will be released as the project becomes closer to completion.

A program will be implemented to replace the trees that have been damaged by hurricanes on the golf course and throughout the community. The addition of these trees will return our landscape to the standards we intended. Anyone will be able to donate a tree in memory, honor or celebration, to become a living tribute. There will be a list of appropriate trees that you can choose from, and then decide in which available, designated areas to plant the tree. The donator will receive a certificate with various information regarding their tree and location of it. In addition, we plan on having a Donor

Recognition Tree in the foyer of the Country Club that will have donor's name placed on a leaf. Further information on this program will be sent to the community upon completion of all the program details.

Also, the Holidays are right around the corner. Preparations for *Home for the Holidays* have been in the works already. Every year things are getting bigger and better, and this year is no exception. As usual, the *Home for the Holidays* starts with the annual Tree Lighting on December 5, with several new ideas planned. December 6, is the cart parade, with the return of the Raiders, the Fort Myers High School Band to entertain you. This will continue with the Boat Decorating

display in the Marina, as well as the Holiday Golf Scramble, and various other activities in the making. Please look for further information on these and other festivities. We enjoy seeing many children participating and visiting their families. Nothing warms our hearts and spirit more than seeing Christmas through the eyes of a child.

The hustle and bustle here mean many visitors and a great deal of traffic. However, we are very fortunate that Burnt Store Marina has so much to offer all within our community, and so special they're only a "golf cart drive away." We look forward to sharing with you the many experiences that we enjoy throughout the year here at Burnt Store Marina.

An ARC did you know, moment...

By Barry Groesch, Architectural Review Committee Chair

Did you know...If you replace your lanai screening with the same color, an ARC application is **not** required. But, you guessed it, if you change the color, an ARC application is required. For all projects, go to the **BSM22.org** website to get your application.



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BOCCE - That's the Way We Roll

*By Carole Romaine,
Independent Home Owner*

One month to go, and the Bocce League will be officially rolling the balls to get closest to the pallino!! Until then, you are welcome to join a casual group playing to exercise, practice, and improve their skills.



Bocce is a fun, but challenging game with rules to follow. There is one target ball called a pallino. Two teams have four balls each of different colors. As in tennis, there is a foot fault rule. There is a line the player must stand behind when rolling the pallino or a player ball. To start each frame, the roll of the pallino must cross the center court line. If a player's ball rolls the entire length of the court hitting the end rail without hitting a side rail, the pallino, or another ball, it is taken out of play for the remainder of that frame. Join the enthusiastic group to learn more.



Serious Call



The guys talking strategy

The bocce court is adjacent to the northeast side of the parking lot at Burnt Store Marina Country Club. Beginning in November, play is every Tuesday, from 3 to 5 p.m., followed by dinner at Linkside Café, or another local restaurant. Dinner is optional, and you do not have to be a member of Burnt Store Marina Country Club to play bocce. There is a nominal fee of \$1 per player collected each week for maintenance of equipment, and end of season party and prizes. You will find a welcoming group of bocce players every Tuesday. Grab your lawn chair and join the fun, or just come and observe to learn the game.

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!

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

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



New signage at front gate of BSM. Photo by Mike McFeeley

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Mark Your Calendar – Out and About

Inside the Gates Dates

- **Tuesday, October 1:** Deadline for the November *Beacon*. Article and picture submissions are welcomed. Become part of *The Beacon* family.
- **Tuesday, October 22:** 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, October 4:** Fort Myers River District Art Walk, 1 to 5 p.m. Visit many galleries, exhibitions and performances.
- **Saturday, October 11:** 2nd Saturday Flea Market, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association, 2001 Shreve St.
- **Saturday, October 11:** International Culture Fest. 12 to 6 p.m. Fishermen’s Village, 1200 Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda.
- **Saturday, October 11:** 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, October 18:** 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.

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

By John Abbott



Well, September was a fun month here at the club with the football season getting started, and lots of fun events. We thought we should keep the fun going in October, and pack the calendar with great events, and a variety of special dinners.

Pasta night, prime rib buffet, taco night, seafood special Friday, and Two for Tuesday will all be going on this month. Also, the second in our series of “Wines of the World” wine pairings will be on October 17, with a trip to Italy, where we will pair awesome Italian food with delicious Italian wines. Men’s Night and Ladies’ Night are going to

happen simultaneously on October 24, with the men outside and the women inside. On the 31st, we will be having our annual Halloween party with a full buffet, DJ, and prizes for costumes and pumpkin painting.

We have two fun scrambles this month on the golf course. The first will be a Superintendent’s Revenge on the 12th, where our maintenance crew will set up the course with some interesting and often difficult twists. On the 26th, we will have our Halloween Scramble, which is always a fun event.

Make sure you are up-to-date on everything that is going on here, by providing administration with your current email address, so that you receive our “weekly blast” or visit our website at www.bsgac.org. We look forward to seeing you all at the club!

BSMCC October 2024 Schedule of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.* 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	2 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Republican Dinner****	3 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Closed 3 - 8 p.m. Private Party	4 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.*	5 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Pizza, Wings and Things 5 - 8 p.m. Music by Rick Austin
6 Breakfast - Menu 9 - 12 p.m. Lunch 1 - 5 p.m. NFL Game Day	7 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Trivia 5 - 8 p.m.	8 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.* 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	9 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Bingo 5 - 8 p.m.****	10 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Pasta-billies 5 - 8 p.m.*	11 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.*	12 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Superintendent Revenge 9a.m. Pizza, Wings and Things 5 - 8 p.m. Music by Tavo Tiki Tunes
13 Breakfast - Menu 9 - 12 p.m. Lunch 1 - 5 p.m. NFL Game Day	14 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Margarita Monday Taco Buffet 5 - 8 p.m.	15 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.* 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	16 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Prime Rib Buffet 5 - 8 p.m.*	17 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* 2nd Series Wine Tasting 5 - 8 p.m.*	18 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.*	19 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Pizza, Wings and Things 5 - 8 p.m. Music
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27 Breakfast - Menu 9 - 12 p.m. Lunch 1 - 5 p.m. NFL Game Day	28 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Trivia 5 - 8 p.m.	29 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.* 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	30 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Democrat Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.*****	31 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Halloween Party 5 - 8 p.m. Costume & Pumpkin Painting Contests with Prizes		

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Tight Lines...Try Fishing for Grey Snapper, AKA Mangrove Snapper, for an Action-Filled Trip

By Jay Lev Burnt Store Anglers

With water temperatures beginning to cool a bit, the grey snapper has become active and moved into our shallow waters. The grey snapper, also known as the mangrove snapper, is a fun fish to catch, especially if you are on a family outing. Many anglers who are fishing for snook and redfish will find the mangrove snapper is an annoying bait stealer. But, if you are looking to get an hour or two of action-filled fishing, try going after these snappers.



The mangrove snapper is identified as being dark brown or grey in color, with a very long top dorsal fin. This fin is made up of long, very sharp spines, that if you are not careful handling this fish, can cause some pain. Some of these snappers have a blueish line under their eye, and some red faint lines running from the top to the bottom of the fish. On average, these snappers inhabit the shallows and are small. The minimum size in regulations that you can keep is 10 inches. Larger inshore and offshore grey snappers can run as large as 15 to 20 inches and weigh up to 10 pounds. Many of the snappers caught inshore are 12 to 14 inches, but are great little fighting fish. They are also excellent eating fish, if prepared fillet style.

Known as bait stealers, these fish can clean your baited hook in just two or three bites. Fishing for them requires a good deal of bait on hand. Their favorite bait is a small chunk of shrimp. You do not need to spend a small fortune for large, handpicked shrimp, as the smaller shrimp will do just fine. If you do elect to use a larger shrimp, be sure to cut the shrimp into one inch or smaller pieces for your bait. The head section of the shrimp does not usually attract these fish. A chunk of frozen bait squid, also cut about 1 inch in size, works well. In either case, place the bait securely on your hook or it will be gone before you feel the fish biting.

There are many common places to fish for these snappers. Here are some of their favorite hideouts.

- Fishing along docks, the mangrove snapper love to hang out on the shadow side of the dock's pilings usually close to the bottom.

- A second great hideout is the roots of mangrove plants along the shoreline. Usually, the plants located the greatest distance from the shore hold these fish. Don't be afraid to get your bait right in the mangroves, as the snappers will lie in waiting.



Mangrove Snapper. Photo by Jay Lev

- Grass flats, when you can find them, are also a favorite hiding spot. The mangrove snapper usually lies near the edges of the grasses waiting in ambush for a small crab or shrimp.

- Public docks usually hold these guys as well. Be sure you can fish from the dock you have selected, as many public docks are posted as no fishing areas.

The most productive rig for catching the mangrove snapper is a suspended bait floating under a cork or commercial styrofoam float. Many anglers use the same size float when fishing with live bait for snook or redfish. That size works fine, but I prefer the small one-inch float that is easy for the fish to pull, and can be cast artfully between the roots of a mangrove cluster. If you are casting to a grass patch or dock, the larger float gives you the extra weight necessary to beat the wind and current to get to the location you think the fish are holding on. I usually use three feet of 20-pound clear monofilament leader material below my float. I also favor a number 2 hook or a hook up to a 2/0 circle hook. If you are fishing offshore in deeper water around a reef, I recommend a 2/0 to 4/0 size hook for the much larger mangrove snappers found on the reefs. You will need a good-sized ball sinker, fixed above the leader, to get your bait down in deeper water. Many times, I will use a split shoot 1/8-ounce sinker attached to my line above the hook, instead of a float when fishing shallow water. Just watch for line movement that signals the fish has picked up the bait. Finally, the use of a small mid-water casting lure, no larger than 3 inches, can be used to attract the interest of the snapper. Your choice of a favorite lure usually does the trick.

Since these mangrove/grey snappers are abundant, they become a great fish to bring young anglers after, and for the family outing to a waterside park loaded with seawalls and pilings. They are just waiting for you to drop a line baited with a small piece of shrimp into the water.

Tight Lines!



White pelicans are cared for at Punta Gorda Peace River Wildlife Center. Photo by Karen Sanderson



The seastar moves through water using its suction-bottomed tube feet to propel itself forward. Photo from Karen Sanderson.



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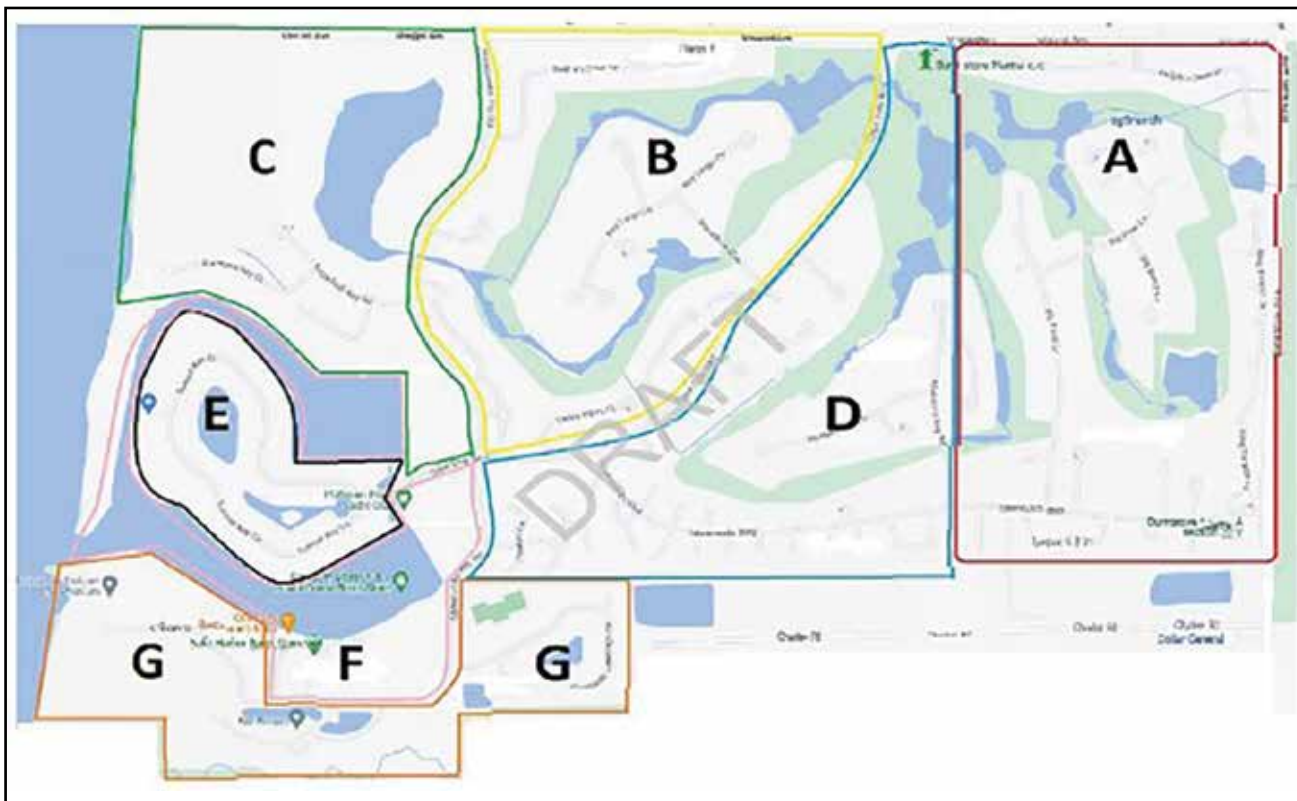


All indications are that Southern Florida will experience a hurricane season with more storms than normal and possibly more intense storms. Accordingly, your Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) continues to prepare for the worst hoping that none of their services will be needed.

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
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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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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
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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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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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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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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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Fit, Fitness & Fun... Welcome to Another Awesome Autumn!

By Cynthia Mathews

After a bustling summer, BSM Fitness, Racquet, and Pool Club is gearing up for the exciting fall season! Our programs, events, and staff have proven so popular that we've had to make some adjustments to our membership policy. **Effective November 1, memberships will be exclusive to Burnt Store Marina residents.** Current members, residing outside of BSM, will be grandfathered in, but there will be a waiting list for new non-resident memberships.



Getting Ready for Season: The Importance of Stretching

Stretching is often overlooked, but it's a crucial part of any fitness routine. Here's a gentle reminder, especially to those fitting in a quick 20-second stretch! Stretching improves flexibility, warms up muscles for activity, and boosts **your overall well-being.** A dedicated 5-minute stretching routine, particularly in the mornings, is a fantastic way to start your day.

New to stretching? Take it slow and consider joining one of our stretching classes. Our instructors will guide you through proper techniques before you get your heart rate up. There are two main types of stretches: static and dynamic. Static stretches involve holding a position for 15-20 seconds, while dynamic stretches incorporate movement. Focus on areas like your hamstrings, hip flexors, lower back, shoulders, and legs.

Benefits of Stretching:

- Increased range of motion
- Reduced stress
- Improved circulation
- Prevention of back pain

Now that you've stretched and (hopefully) touched your toes, let's see what's **On the Courts!**

Tennis

With more teams competing this year, everyone is invited to enjoy our new shaded viewing area! The tennis subcommittee recently completed fundraising for additional seating in this area. A big thank you to everyone who donated, and a special shout-out to Karen Bailey for her successful fundraising campaign.



The tennis subcommittee is excited to connect with the BSM tennis community throughout the upcoming season. Their monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month. Here's a quick introduction to the subcommittee members:

- Kelly Millar – Chair/Tennis Ambassador/Tennis with Kelly-intro to tennis

- Clif Behney – Vice Chair/Tennis Ambassador/Court Maintenance Liaison/Men's League Scheduler
- Jean Terrell – Treasurer/Secretary
- Dorothy Schroeder – Social/E-mail
- Kevin Dolle – Ops Committee Liaison
- Cheri Frank – Newsletter/Beacon/Marketing Liaison
- Beth Seibert – Tennis Community Liaison to the Tennis Subcommittee

Feel free to reach out to Beth with any suggestions or concerns at 585-259-803.

Looking for a game? We offer a variety of options:

- **Mixed Doubles:** Every Wednesday and Friday at 8:00 am (all levels)
- **Round Robin:** Saturdays at 8:00 am
- **Sign up:** Court Reserve

Interested in learning more? Contact our Tennis Ambassadors!

- Clif Behney - 717-639-5676 - cabehney@comcast.net
 - Kelly Millar - 530 - 305-1451 - kellymillar23@yahoo.com
- Want to sharpen your skills? Reach out to our Tennis Pro, Jay Penny, at 413-281-0041.

Pickleball

Pickleball continues to be one of the fastest-growing sports in the country! Come and watch **Open Play** on Monday – Saturday, from 8 to 11 a.m., Sunday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Once you've got that paddle in hand, head out to Picklers and Giggles, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. These beginners make it fun to learn this game. Men's Round Robin is held Tuesdays, Ladies on Wednesdays, and Mixed Doubles on Thursdays, all events are from 1 - 3 p.m.

We are fortunate to have two great coaches on site. Let them help you become a better player! They teach ALL LEVELS. Ricky Deller - 941-623-6632 and Marty Pickup - 914-719-2542, martinpickup@live.com.

Beautiful Upgrades and Upcoming Events

We're thrilled to unveil the club's fresh new look thanks to recent renovations, including a new paint job, roof, and a fantastic tennis viewing area with upgraded shade umbrellas. Special thanks go to our very own "MacGyvers," Jim Zachacz and John Rootes. These two volunteered countless hours to make our fitness center even safer and more beautiful. Give them a big thank you when you see them!



Mark your calendars! Our annual **Community Tag Sale** is just around the corner on November 2. Proceeds from this event go directly towards further improvements for the club. Donate those unwanted items cluttering your closet or garage! We're looking for household items, women's fitness attire, and gently used sports shoes. Donations will be accepted until October 26.



Dining Venues

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Water spout in Charlotte Harbor. Photo by Jerry Newmin

2024 Veterans Day Events at BSM “Salute to our Military “Past and Present”

We are excited to announce final plans for our veterans fundraising events to benefit *Wish for Our Heroes* are complete. *Wish for Our Heroes* is a national 501(c)(3) organization that grants wishes around the world. Through 2023, *Wish for Our Heroes* has provided more than \$30 million in assistance to our heroes, across all 50 states and 4 foreign nations (where U.S. troops are serving). *Wish for Our Heroes* has partnered with many corporations to inch closer to its ultimate goal, granting one wish for every deserving military member. One hundred percent of all proceeds from the 2024 weekend activities benefit *Wish for Our Heroes*.



Since inception in 2010, Burnt Store Marina Veterans Day events have raised more than \$500,000 for *Wish for Our Heroes*, a charity dedicated to assisting active-duty and veteran

military families struggling with basic needs, such as food, shelter, transportation, child needs, and medical expenses.

Many thanks to the community members of Burnt Store Marina who have supported *Wish for Our Heroes* through their generosity, volunteer work and participation in these events. What once started over a dinner conversation has grown to a weekend of fundraising events here in Burnt Store Marina.

- 2010 - The Memorial Day Weekend, Golf Tournament & Silent Auction raised \$9,300
- 2011 - The Memorial Day Weekend, Golf Tournament, Silent Auction & Steve McOmber event raised \$17,000
- 2012 - Veterans Weekend Golf Tournament & Steve McOmber event raised \$8,300
- 2013 - Veterans Weekend Golf Tournament & Steve McOmber event raised \$10,011
- 2014 - Veterans Weekend Golf Tournament & Cass Cay event raised \$23,515
- 2015 - Veterans Weekend Golf Tournament & Cass Cay event raised \$33,603
- 2016 - Veterans Weekend Golf Tournament & Cass Cay event raised \$34,300
- 2017 - Veterans Weekend Golf Tournament & Cass Cay event raised \$35,312
- 2018 - Veterans Weekend Golf Tournament & Cass Cay event raised \$61,171
- 2019 - Veterans Weekend Golf Tournament & Cass Cay event raised \$56,043
- 2020 - Veterans Breakfast raised \$860. (All other events were cancelled due to the pandemic.)
- 2021 - March Golf Event raised \$9,116
- 2021 - Veterans Weekend Golf Tournament & Cass Cay event raised \$131,647
- 2022 - All events were cancelled due to hurricane IAN.
- 2023 - Veterans Weekend Golf Tournament & Cass Cay event raised \$110,000

All proceeds raised at Burnt Store Marina contribute to assisting Florida military families with basic needs such as food, shelter, transportation, child needs, and medical expenses. Last year in the state of Florida, *Wish for Our Heroes* assisted 82 military families. The charity granted 18 wishes (\$24,000), and focused on food insecurity in military families, 14 wishes (\$26,000) to address home-related issues, 8 wishes (\$16,000) focused on auto repairs, 31 (\$38,000) wishes focused on child needs, and 11 wishes (\$9,000) focused on uncovered medical needs for Florida military families.

All Events Are Open to the Public

Come join the volunteers who make these events possible, for some entertainment and drink specials to kick off the weekend at the **Pre-party, Friday November 8 from 6 – 9 p.m. @ Cass Cay Restaurant.**

Then, beginning at 8 a.m., get up early on Saturday, November 9, to show your patriotism, and watch Cliff Behney, flag-bearer, as he marches down Islamorada Boulevard, carrying the American flag - from the main entrance of Burnt Store Marina to Cass Cay Restaurant. We encourage those interested to march with him, or follow him by golf cart, and join us at the Veteran’s Day Breakfast immediately following.

The Veteran’s Day Breakfast, Saturday, November 9 @ Cass Cay Restaurant.

This event is held every year to honor our Veterans who served our country. Even if you are not a veteran, please join us in honoring and remembering those who have given so much for our freedom. Tickets for Veterans are just \$6.00 and non-veterans \$15.00.

Plan to join us that evening for the event you will not want to miss, **Heroes Dinner at Cass Cay Restaurant, Saturday, November 9.** We will have great entertainment from Single Shot Steve Flagg, great food, 50/50, Auctions and more. This event will be limited to 200 people. Regular tickets are \$60 (doors open at 5 p.m.). VIP tickets are \$125, which include: reserved seating on the deck, early entrance at 4 p.m., entertainment from Capt. Rick, unlimited beer, wine and house liquor, and first priority in line at the buffet.

On **Sunday, November 10 @ Burnt Store Marina Country Club** join us for the **Heroes Classic Golf Tournament.** Plan on a great day of golf, food, games on the course, 50/50, entertainment and more. A single player golf ticket is \$100 or \$400 for your foursome. You can sign your foursome up for the golf event at the BSMCC main office, during office hours. You must pay in full \$400 for your foursome, and provide a list of names to register for this event or register online.

400 Club Tickets – ON SALE NOW. Only 400 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$25/each, for a chance to win up to 5 CASH prizes: 1st Prize - \$2,000, 2nd Prize - \$1,000, 3rd Prize - \$675, 4th Prize \$340 and 5th Prize \$125. Drawing will be held at Cass Cay Restaurant on Saturday, November 9 at the Heroes Dinner. You do not need to be present to win.

For event information, and to purchase tickets to these amazing, visit our website at Burntstoreveterans.org, or purchase tickets at Cass Cay Restaurant on October 25 between 12 and 2 p.m., and 4 – 6 p.m.

If you are interested in getting more involved as a volunteer, serving on the committee, or becoming a sponsor or donor, please send your name, email & phone number to Michele Goldman at magslp10@yahoo.com or call her at (518)469-7357.

THANK YOU for your continued support, and most importantly, a huge THANK YOU to all the active-duty military and veterans. You are the **HEROES**. Thank you for your service.

Burnt Store Marina Dog Park

By BSM Dog Park Committee

Hopefully, by the time you read this article in the October *Beacon*, the fencing for the dog park will be in place. Also, the online application to join the BSM Barking Lot Dog Park should also be available for our residents at BSM22.org/dogpark.

We are still waiting for our potable water permit, and a few other important items. This has been a lesson in patience for the committee. The picture below is courtesy of Lori Luscher, Dog Park committee member. Ron Seals Landscaping group has been doing a great job helping prepare the grounds for us.



The annual **BSM Barking Lot’s Halloween Pet Contest** will be held again this year at the Tiki Hut outside of the Trading Post/Cass Cay. This is for BSM residents only. Below are the details.

- Tuesday, October 29, 4-5:30 p.m.
- 50/50 Raffle
- Contest categories: Best costume for large dogs, best costume for small dogs, best owner/pet costume, funniest costume.
- Prizes: 2 Annual Memberships (worth \$100 each) and 2 BSM Barking Lot “Run of the Park” for an hour so you can have the entire park reserved for just you and your dog’s friends to have a puppy party!

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 to the BSM22.org site and look under amenities.



Barn Owl at Punta Gorda Peace River. Photo by Karen Sanderson

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October's Off Beat Holidays and Adventures

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass

Because the Autumn Equinox was September 22, our nights are getting longer, and our days are getting shorter...and, definitely cooler. October may be the **best** month of the year in Florida. We begin to get more and more outdoor festivals. Recognized holidays in October include Rosh Hashana (October 2), Yom Kippur (October 11), Columbus Day (October 14), Sweetest Day (October 19) and, of course, Halloween (October 31). Some are religious, some are historic, and some are invented to sell more candy and greeting cards. There is no end to man's imagination for an excuse to celebrate...and, before you venture out, be sure to check the October calendars and events for BSMCC, Platinum Point Yacht Club and the Burnt Store Marina Fitness, Racquet and Pool Club!

October 1, 1908 - Henry Ford's Model T, a "universal car" designed for the masses, went on sale for the first time.

October 3, 1990 - After 45 years of Cold War division, East and West Germany were reunited as the Federal Republic of Germany.

October 12, 1492 - After a 33-day voyage, Christopher Columbus made his first landfall in the New World in the Bahamas. He named the first land sighted as El Salvador, claiming it in the name of the Spanish Crown. Columbus was seeking a western sea route from Europe to Asia and believed he had found an island of the Indies. He thus called the first island natives he met, 'Indians.'

October 13, 1884 - Greenwich was established as the universal time from which standard times throughout the world are calculated.

October 11 - 15: 50th Annual Bicycle Festival, Mount Dora. Attracting over 1,000 cyclists of all ages, this is a 3-day weekend ride with multiple routes, food and festivities; a friendly ghost

ride, crushing hill climbs, and 14 routes. 341 N. Alexander St. 352-383-2165. mountdorabicyclevestival.com

October 17 - 20: Biketoberfest, Daytona Beach. Thousands of motorcycles will be roaring throughout Daytona Beach and beyond for the 32th anniversary of Biketoberfest. Hubs include Main Street, Beach Street and events at Daytona International Speedway, as well as the Harley-Davidson Entertainment Center and Destination Daytona on U.S. 1. Attractions include motorcycle shows, live music, scenic rides, vendors and more. 386-255-0415. daytonabeach.com/Biketoberfest

October 18 - 27: Fantasy Fest, Key West. A 10-day celebration that's been in going on since 1979. The theme this year is "90s NEON Cosmic Carnival," and includes costume competitions, promenades, street fairs and a grand parade featuring marching groups and lavish floats. This event is not for the "faint of heart." For information, go to fantasyfest.com.

October 21, 1879 - Thomas Edison successfully tested an electric incandescent lamp with a carbonized filament at his laboratory in Menlo Park, New Jersey, keeping it lit for over 13 hours.

October 24, 1861 - The first transcontinental telegram in America was sent from San Francisco to Washington, addressed to President Abraham Lincoln from the Chief Justice of California.

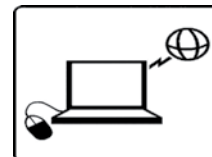
October 26, 1825 - The Erie Canal opened as the first major man-made waterway in America, linking Lake Erie with the Hudson River, bypassing the British-controlled lower St. Lawrence. The canal cost over \$7 million and took eight years to complete.

October 27, 1904 - The New York City subway began operating, running from City Hall to West 145th Street, the first underground and underwater rail system in the world.

October 30, 1990 - For the first time since the Ice Age, Great Britain was connected to the European continent, via a new rail tunnel under the English Channel.

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.



Our website lists your Section 22 Board of Directors and how to contact them. In addition, there is news about your amenities, and document and forms. You will also find a copy of the current *Beacon*, as well as previous issues. And, you can check out clubs and organizations, and the vendors who service our community.

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.

Gardener's Wheelbarrow

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass

Temperatures will finally begin to cool down in October, and most likely rains will diminish. October begins our dry season. The weather should be much more comfortable to get out and clean up the areas you left alone because it was too hot outside to work.



The shortening days of fall have a special effect on popular seasonal plants like poinsettias, Christmas cactus, kalanchoes and chrysanthemums. They start producing their flower buds at this time. Make sure that these plants don't receive any night light, or they may not bloom.

October's Checklist:

- Once summer's rains diminish, supplemental watering will be required for new plantings.
- Check your irrigation system's coverage. Whether from Mother Nature or from irrigation, the total amount of water in a 7-day period should be 1-1.5 inches. Watering twice a week is optimum.
- Temperature-wise, it's a great time to plant annuals, perennials, herbs, shrubs and trees; but rainfall is not reliable. You will probably need to hand water anything newly planted.
- Plan ahead...look for the "Burnt Store Marina: Landscaping Plants" document on the www.bsm22.org website. Click on Documents & Forms > Landscape Committee > BSM Landscaping Plants. This list will give you a better idea of what plant species do best here.
- Do a little research - if you are putting in new plants, check for sun/shade, drought and salt tolerance. And equally important, be aware of potential size of your plant choice before putting it into your landscape plan.

- Apply a high quality slow-release fertilizer to your turf, trees (including fruit-bearing and palms), shrubs, herbaceous perennials and annuals.

- When the temperature is below 80-85 degrees, apply herbicide to your turf to kill weeds. Look for sod webworm infestations and treat accordingly.

- Time to mulch! Organic mulch breaks down to enrich our crummy soil with nutrients, adding fiber to retain moisture and texture for roots to grab onto and aerate the soil. Be certain your organic mulch isn't building up year after year. Rake and break it up to redistribute it.

- **Rocks are becoming a new trend.** Though they do not help to make better soil, and can increase the soil temperatures, they create a fresh, clean look. If you decide to use them, the optimum depth is 2-3".

- **Palm Demise** - A soil-borne fungus that kills a variety of palms is ganoderma butt rot. Older fronds will droop and hang parallel to the trunk, new growth will be smaller and pale and the new spear will die before opening up. Look at the base of the tree for the shelf-like conk or fungus. There is nothing that can be done to turn this around. Eventually, the palm will die. Ganoderma attacks all species of palms, and remains in the soil, after the affected palm is removed, for years. **It is not recommended that a palm of any type be planted in the remaining soil.** Only palms are affected by this fungus.

- **Palmetto Weevil** - though very fond of the Canary Island date palm, it will also go after the Bismarck and coconut palms. There is a preventive treatment, but it must be applied BEFORE the weevil drills into the palm to lay its eggs. Your landscape maintenance contractor will be able to apply appropriate insecticide.

Burnt Store Road Coalition Update

By John Flemming, Chairman

On September 10, the Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting. An important agenda item was a request to rezone a 43-acre lot opposite Peppercorn Road, on Burnt Store Road. The land is owned by Pirate Harbor residents, Laura and Bill Fisher. They have been working with the Burnt Store Road Coalition since 2023. They want to put in much-needed commercial projects like a supermarket, 24-hour medical clinic and professional buildings.

The Charlotte County staff is against this project, and we feel they are biased in their opinion. Community support is needed, especially from the Marina, which has purposely been excluded in discussions.

Also, the project to update the 2005 area plan is underway. On September 16, staff from Charlotte, Lee, Cape Coral, and Punta Gorda are participating. Charlotte County is represented by Manager Hector Flores, Punta Gorda by Mitch Austin, Lee County by Manager Dave Harner, and Cape Coral by Whyatt Daltry.

The 5-1/5 mile stretch of Burnt Store Road from the county line to Van Buren has been repaired, and repaved. We are still

working with Dave Scott and Commissioner Kevin Ruane on the road widening project. So far there is no contractor identified. To read about the most recent resurfacing of Burnt Store Road in Lee County, go to the website of *The Cape Coral Breeze* at: <https://www.capecoralbreeze.com/news/local-news/2024/08/19/corridor-coalition-hails-burnt-store-resurfacing/>

Finally, on September 24, the Charlotte County Commissioners will have voted on an application to rezone 4 parcels of land to accommodate 1000 homes or 466 homes and 100,000 square feet of commercial land. We oppose this, as the area experiences constant flooding which impacts the Marina.

This is a call out to all residents of the Burnt Store Road Coalition communities to contact their county officials. Let them know your concerns about traffic, zoning, and their impact on the Burnt Store Road corridor. Contact them at: Commissioner Kevan Ruanne - dist1@leegov.com; Commissioner Brian Hamman - dist5@leegov.com; and Lee County Director of Transportation Robert Price - rprice@leegov.com.

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Platinum Point Yacht Club...Shrimp Boil

By, Kellee Gabel

Where were you on November 15, 2023? Over 350 of us were gathered together for the event that has come to welcome the Burnt Store Marina community back for the season – the **Platinum Point Yacht Club Community Shrimp Boil**. If you were among the fortunate attendees, perhaps you remember that the weather forecast predicted something just short of a tropical storm – set to arrive on the day of the Shrimp Boil.

The previously booked tent had arrived and had been set up the day before the event. The PPLYC volunteer crew was scheduled to set up tables and chairs and to arrange the lighting. However, it soon became clear that the local meteorologist's forecast was accurate, and this maelstrom was likely to arrive right at the time of the party. *What was PPLYC to do?*

In typical PPLYC fashion, the volunteer committee sprang into action and began to formulate alternative plans. The Commodore and Event Co-Chairs decided to move everything *inside the club*. At first, it wasn't clear that option was even available. So the event committee quickly

got down to measuring and mapping a floor plan to fit dinner seating and food service within the club's interior, alongside the Christmas market, bakery, silent auction, musicians, and raffles. Everyone rose to the occasion. It could not have gone more smoothly, and yes, the bad weather arrived as predicted.

Our intrepid PPLYC parking lot attendants, shuttle drivers, and outdoor greeters did their jobs remarkably cheerfully, and the vast majority of our guests made their way to the club, ready to party. Our valiant cooking crew, who had to complete their tasks outside in the storm, managed their tasks with tremendous grace. Such PPLYC teamwork is just one testimony to the results a grassroots family can attain.

During the event, 180 pounds of shrimp, 70 pounds of sausage, and 150 pounds of potatoes were served with corn, to create a typical southern shrimp boil. The committee found room for the Bake Sale, with its homemade breads, pies, tarts, cookies, and pastries. The Christmas Market included a wide variety of jewelry, home accessories, artwork, and collectibles. And let's not forget the two Boat Loads of Wine Raffle, that sent two lucky winners home with enough wine for the entire season. The club was abuzz with community comradery, and fun was had by all – despite the weather.

So the all-important question is: *Where will you be on November 20, 2024?* Please come join us at this year's **PPYC Community Shrimp Boil** – to be held once again in our beautiful waterside clubhouse.



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Blood Donation News

By Ann Singer, Admiral's Point

BSM Blood Drive Schedule for 2024-2025

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November 11 January 13 March 10

The Big Red Bus from ONEBLOOD will be coming to Burnt Store Marina Monday, November 11 from 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. We look forward to seeing our veteran donors and meeting many new Burnt Store area residents. There will be incentive gifts for all donors. Each successful donor will receive a \$20 eGift card, 6 reusable cups and a Chick-fil-A card for a free chicken sandwich.

Generally, healthy people age 16 or older, and who weigh at least 110 pounds can donate blood. A photo ID is required. To learn more about the importance of blood donation, and how donors can target the power of their blood type, visit ONEBLOOD.ORG. All donors receive a wellness checkup of blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, a cholesterol screening, plus a surprise gift. One of three people will need blood in their lifetime. Blood that is donated on this day will likely be transfused within two to three days. The turnaround is that fast, the need is constant. Blood is made up



of four main components: red blood cells, platelets, plasma, and white blood cells. Each whole blood donation has the potential to save up to three lives.

The bus is located in the Cass Cay/Trading Post parking lot. To make an appointment go online, call, or just walk in the day of the drive. Now is a good time to schedule an appointment, or if you have questions, please call Ann Singer at 319-290-5955 or Jo Bucci at 941-445- 8260. To schedule online, log onto ONEBLOOD.ORG. Establish a username and password, and follow directions to schedule. Walk-ins are always welcome. Remember to bring a photo ID. Be sure to eat before you donate and drink lots of fluids before and after.

Thanks from Ann Singer and Jo Bucci, volunteers

Dragon Boat...Want to give it a try?

By Lori Lusher, Prosperity Point

Looking for a wonderful way to get some fresh air, make new friends and get an amazing workout? Dragon boating literally changed my life. Sounds crazy but you would be surprised.

Yes, I tried the usual ways to get in shape walking, Pilates, exercise classes. Nothing was working for me. I tried Dragon boating and was hooked. Dragon boating takes you to a place you think of nothing else, just your team and your position, "all in" as you would say.

Our team is mixed of men and women, all levels of experience. We have a fabulous mix of personalities who cheer each other on, in the boat and out. We practice regularly, 3 mornings a week. It is a commitment that we all enjoy. Our end goal, besides the camaraderie and upper body workout, is to win medals at races throughout the state, sometimes racing in the world championships.

The team is comprised of 22 people in the boat, including a steersperson, drummer, and 20 paddlers. The boat is 40 feet long. We have medaled across Florida this past season, **UNDEFEATED!**

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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.

- **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.

Golf Tip of the Month

By Bill Connelly,
Manager of Golf Operations



While playing a round of golf, I have been asked many times, "Does the ball make a difference?" After a golfer asked this question, he hit a pitch shot that did not stop and ran 10 feet past the hole. I tossed him my ball and asked him to hit the same shot, which he did. The ball which I had tossed him stopped sooner and left him with a 3-foot putt.

Yes, the golf ball does make a difference. All good players through the years have constantly experimented with new balls coming out to see if the new ball plays better than the ones they are using. It may surprise you to know that all balls are not alike. The only things that all balls have in common are size and weight. Golf balls differ in many ways such as dimple sizes and numbers, cover material, inner cover material, core size and core material. All these factors control spin rate, so...

Golf Tip of the Month: The Ball trajectory and curvature. In summary, you can see that golf balls are very different from one another. Choosing the right ball for you will help you to improve your score. Many golfers like Titleist's Pro VI. I am also impressed with Bridgestone's Precept Laddie. This is a very good ball at a very good price. I suggest that you find a ball that you can stop around the greens when it lands. Stopping a ball around and on the green is harder than making a ball run. You also need to find a ball that will give you the best trajectory for your game. Controlling your trajectory will control your distance and your game will become more consistent.

Remember to sign up for the Superintendent's Revenge Scramble on the 12th, the Halloween Scramble on the 26th, and, of course, the Tuesday 9-hole Scramble each Tuesday at 3 p.m.

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