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The Beacon

A Look Inside

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Tis the Season

**BSM RESIDENT
ARTIST WINS
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TIGHT LINES...

How Big Was the
Shark I Caught?

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From the Section 22 HOA Board

MIKE MCFEELEY, PRESIDENT

As 2024 comes to a close, it is a great time to reflect on our accomplishments over the past year, celebrate the great people who contribute so much to our community, and commit to the future opportunities that will continue our upward trajectory. 2024 was a year of "Transformation."

In January, the Board of Directors committed to an aggressive plan for infrastructure improvements, community updating and lifestyle enhancements. In a community that is over 25 years old, there was no shortage of places to invest money. Thanks to the Vision 2025 team, under the leadership of Glenna Benson, we had our first blueprint to help us focus.

Our initial focus was to do the things that "HAD" to be done. These are the expensive fixes that nobody wants to do, but if left undone can have a tremendously negative economic impact. Projects like securing the bulkheads around the community irrigation pond, road resurfacing or drilling new wells don't sound very sexy for sure. These are all necessary if we want to keep our landscape

beautiful, have nice roads that are free from potholes, and insure we can continue to replenish our water supply. These three initiatives alone cost us almost \$900,000. The road resurfacing is a three-year project, continuing in the summer of 2025 and 2026. We signed the contracts on the wells, which are scheduled to be done in January 2025.

Many of our projects this year involved updating antiquated equipment at Linkside Café, the fitness center, the resort pool and our irrigation pump house. Our community amenities are aging, and many of these buildings still have original equipment. Things like air conditioners, pool heaters, kitchen appliances, and water pumps all stopped working right when we thought we were finished. It's kind of like what we all run into at home or with our vehicles, except that there are a lot more things to go wrong. Fortunately, we made it through all these challenges, and still have a healthy financial story to tell.

We are blessed to live in a beautiful community that

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affords us the opportunity to experience the best of lifestyles. Whether it is boating, golf, pickleball, tennis or socializing, Burnt Store Marina has something for everyone. Our community made a big investment in 2017 to purchase the golf course, restaurant, tennis and fitness center, community irrigation and the resort pool. In early 2026, that note should be retired and we will own these assets outright. This investment gave us control over these assets, and the ability to chart our own future. Even with all of the building going on around us, nobody will have what we have at BSM. With these purchases come the responsibility of upkeep and improvement. Our fresh new look, together with outstanding landscape enhancements, make our community a showplace. Maintaining this high level of luxury is a challenge that will require creativity and forward thinking.

2024 also gave us a chance to do a few “FUN” things. I define fun things as investments that improve our lifestyle and quality of life. If you haven’t been over to Linkside and seen the new tiki huts, you will be impressed. The new structures enhance the esthetic appeal, provide much needed shade, and expand our ability to create new dining opportunities. Add to this a new sound system for outside music, and we have created an oasis that allows everyone to enjoy the beautiful outdoors. Inside the lanai we have refinished the floor, provided hurricane shutters on part of the lanai and hopefully, in the near future (county permitting pending), will have glass garage doors finally installed on the rest of the lanai to provide protection and greater comfort in any weather. The Linkside ladies’ restroom was updated and new chairs in the lanai were purchased. This place is rapidly becoming the “hub” of the community.

Much work has been done at the fitness center, pickleball and tennis facilities including resurfacing courts, shade covers installed, and a new tennis viewing area. Landscaping continues to be done and more changes are forthcoming. Inside the fitness center new flooring was installed in the aerobics room, and new air conditioning was installed. Also, some new pieces of equipment have been purchased.

The long-awaited Burnt Store Marina dog park (Barking Lot) became a reality in November. The dog park project began with former Section 22 President Joe Averdick pushing the discussion. Under the leadership of Debbie Sage and a fabulous team of volunteers, they brought this project from the idea stage to completion. Getting the fences up is just the beginning. This group continues to fundraise, and plans for improving the facility are exciting. Real estate investors and realtors strongly support the investment in a dog park. This newest amenity is another differentiator between BSM and many other communities.

Hurricanes Helene and Milton threw a couple of unwanted challenges at our community.

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REMINDER

Section 22 HOA Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 24 at 9 a.m. | Location: Linkside Patio

Section 22 HOA Annual Meeting

Tuesday, January 28 | Location: TBA

Section 22 HOA Board Workshops

Every Tuesday at 9 a.m. | Location: Linkside Patio

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The storm surges caused significant damage to many docks, boats, vehicles and some houses. Other parts of the country fared much worse, but it still hurts when anyone has water intrusion or damage to their homes. Fortunately, we had no reports of anyone getting hurt. The community came together quickly helping one another, clearing away neighborhood debris, and dozens of residents stepped up immediately to clean up the amenity areas. The CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) was mobilized and ready to provide support where needed. Our community access gates were up and running in 24 hours thanks to Major Scott and his team. Major Scott literally rode his bicycle to BSM because some roads were impassable. That dedication was also apparent as Steve Hocker, Jen Tait and John Abbott worked with their teams before the storm to secure everything. We had some damage in the community, but thanks to good planning and hard work before the storm, we were able to avoid big losses.

We started the year with 18 financial priorities. As prices soared and labor was in short supply not all of these goals were achieved. In the coming year, we will discuss a number of large projects that will need to be approved and funded.

Those projects include:

- * Add two new pickleball courts
- * Expand parking at the fitness center
- * Secure permanent access to the irrigation pump house
- * Expand the size of the fitness center
- * Extend the cart paths to include the whole golf course
- * Update the street lights from the industrial ones currently, to a more architectural style
- * Convert existing irrigation meters to a blue tooth system

These are just some of the plans that have already been discussed, but not yet implemented. There will be other projects we don't know about yet. Rest assured, something else will break. Planning for the future but anticipating the unexpected is a necessity.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank the many volunteers that make Burnt Store Marina a great place to live. I can't mention them all, and I apologize if I forget someone, but here goes: Maggie Hart and her team on *The Beacon* and the *Resident Directory* work all year to bring you information. Barry Groesch and his ARC (architectural review committee)

work tirelessly to maintain our community to the highest standard. Steve Hocker and his fitness center ops team work all year to maintain and improve all our facilities. Lynda Vail, who is a valued section 22 board member, is also a huge reason that we have so many social activities over at Linkside. Together with teammate Kathy Knudsen, they have put together an entire season of food trucks and music on Thursday nights, and with Chef Seth, have put together a fantastic schedule of dinners and events all the way through May 2025. Bob Paul and the gang at the golf course have been running great leagues and golf events for years. Rich Hallowell, the sexiest man in Burnt Store, who runs the Men's golf league and Sue Wright who handles the ladies' league. All of these people are leaders who decided that there was a need, and chose to step up. When I talk about stepping up, two people stand out because of their time, effort and talent given to enhance our community. Rocky Mansfield and Mike Lemon are in a league of their own. Whether responding to water main breaks in the middle of the night, supervising the many projects we have going on in the community, overseeing hurricane clean up, managing

construction projects or putting jobs out to bid, these two guys do it all. Rocky's focus is on the irrigation, which is almost a full-time job between the billing, infrastructure and the maintenance of our waterways. Mike oversees virtually every construction, maintenance, and landscaping project in BSM. These guys are the real stars along with a great supporting cast. Thank you doesn't seem quite enough. Our community owes all of these people listed, and many not listed, a tremendous debt of gratitude. Without all these people, we would pay a lot more for a

lot less. Burnt Store Marina wouldn't be half of what it is.

There are four Board of Director seats coming vacant in January. If you've ever thought you'd like to get involved with helping to steer the community, this may be your chance. Please submit your name and information to Alliant Management. We need great people to help maintain great community.

Lastly I want to thank the Board of Directors for all their work. Jerry Newmin, Lynda Vail, Mark Murphy, Mike Sage, Greg Beaton and Jon Ackerson

have been involved behind the scenes on everything that has taken place. They meet weekly all year to oversee progress and help solve problems. Their commitment to this community and willingness to get involved is commendable. It is my firm belief that we are heading in the right direction and the best is yet to come!

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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.

DID YOU KNOW?



An ARC did you know, moment...

Did you know...when replacing exterior doors or windows an ARC application **is** required. For all projects, go to the **BSM22.org** website to get your application.



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

- Linda Alesi & Rick Chapman, 57 Big Pine Lane, hurricane shutter installation.
- Linda Alesi & Rick Chapman, 57 Big Pine Lane, front door replacement.
- Julie Lindahl, 3170 Matecumbe Key Road #137, window and door replacements.
- Charles & Patricia Lynch, 3255 Sugarloaf Key Road, window replacements.
- John Walkley, 2030 Matecumbe Key Road, hurricane shutter installation.
- Joseph R. Baker, 24037 Redfish Cove Road, exterior paint.
- Stephanie Hunt, 2081 King Tarpon Drive, exterior paint.
- Peter Gillen, 221 Islamorada Boulevard, sliding door replacement.
- George & Shirley Peterson, 3217 Sunset Key Circle, window replacements.
- Frank M. & Becky K. Smith, 4049 Cape Cole Boulevard, window and door replacements.
- John & Patricia Neely, 237 Islamorada Boulevard, windows and door replacements.

Burnt Store Marina CC News

JOHN ABBOTT, GENERAL MANAGER, BSMCC



Well, the Holiday Season is upon us, and there is no shortage of fun holiday events going on in the neighborhood, and here at the club. This year "Pet Pics with Santa," at the Safe Harbor Tiki Hut will be the kickoff, which will be on Wednesday the 4th, followed by the tree lighting on Thursday the 5th. The Cart Parade is on Friday, December 6, and will end back here at Linkside Café, where we will be having a Buffet dinner for all the parade participants and their friends. Saturday the 7th, we will be having our annual Holiday Scramble Golf Tournament, which always has a great turnout, so make sure you get signed up early.

Other neighborhood events include the Home Decorating Contest, the Boat Decorating Contest and the Third Annual Outdoor Holiday Movie here at the club on December 21st. Hannukah is late this year, so we will be featuring Hannukah specials at Linkside Café at the Friday night dinner on the 27th.

Our Thursday food truck & music nights kick back into gear on December 12, with four trucks and music by the "Cheese Brothers." "Remedy" will be here on December 19, and to round out the year we will be hosting the "Gilded Lily Band" on the 26th.

There are lots of events in the month of December, including a ladies' fashion show, pasta-bilities, prime rib buffet dinner, the Holiday Backwards Golf Scramble and our year ending New Year's Eve dinner dance.

Make sure to check the weekly blast so you can stay informed of all the fun things that are going on. If you are not receiving the blast, and would like to, stop by the administration office, and we will put you on our mailing list. We hope all of you have a wonderful Holiday Season, and we look forward to seeing you at the club!



**Check out the next page
for our Events Calendar!**

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BSMCC December 2024 Schedule of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
1 Breakfast - Menu 9 - 12 p.m. Lunch 1pm  NFL Game Day 1 - 7 p.m.	2 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Trivia 5 - 8 p.m. Members Only	3 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.* 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	4 Lunch 11 a.m. *3 p.m. Republican Dinner*** Pet Pics with Santa 3 - 5 p.m. Safe Harbour Tiki
8 Breakfast - Menu 9 - 12 p.m. Lunch  11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* NFL Game Day 1 - 7 p.m.	9 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Trivia 5 - 8 p.m. Members Only	10 Linkside Closed Private Event Oasis Open 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	11 Mahjong Xmas Luncheon Private Bar Bingo*** 5 - 8 p.m. Members Only
15 Breakfast - Menu 9 - 12 p.m. Lunch  11 a.m - 3 p.m.. NFL Game Day 1 - 7 p.m.	16 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Trivia 5 - 8 p.m. Members Only	17 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.* 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	18 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Ladies League Xmas Brunch Prime Rib Dinner* 5 - 8 p.m.
22 Breakfast - Menu 9 - 12 p.m. Lunch  1 - 5 p.m. NFL Game Day 1 - 7 p.m.	23 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Trivia 5 - 8 p.m. Members Only	24 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Christmas Eve Linkside Closed 3 p.m.	25 Merry Christmas! 
29 Breakfast - Menu 9 - 12 p.m. Lunch  1 - 5 p.m. NFL Game Day 1 - 7 p.m.	30 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Trivia 5 - 8 p.m. Members Only	31 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* New Year's Eve Linkside Closed 3 p.m. NYE Dinner Dance* 5 - 9 p.m.	

* Call Linkside for reservations 941-639-4151


*** Sign up in Lobby on Board

**** Sign up at Admin Office.

***** Reservations for Republican and Democrat Dinners must be made through respective clubs.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, everything is subject to change.

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	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	5 Lunch 11 a.m - 3 p.m.* Pasta-bilities* 5 - 8 p.m. Tree Lighting 4 p.m. Safe Harbour Tiki	6 Lunch 11 a.m - 3 p.m.* Holiday Buffet* 5 - 8 p.m.* Holiday Cart Parade 5 p.m.	7 Pancake Breakfast 8 - 11 a.m. Safe Harbour Tiki 9-hole Santa Scramble 2 p.m.*** 2 for \$40 - 5 - 8 p.m.* Music by Rick Austin Boat Decorating 5 p.m.
ch	12 Ladies Fashion Show*** 11 a.m - 3 p.m. Food Trucks 5 - 8 p.m. Cheese Brothers Private Party Linkside	13 Lunch 11 a.m - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.*	14 Lunch 11 a.m - 3 p.m.* Holiday Backwards Scramble -9 a.m. Linkside closed 3 p.m. Private Party
unch	19 Lunch 11 a.m - 3 p.m.* Food Trucks 5 - 8 p.m. Music by Remedy	20 Lunch 11 a.m - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.*	21 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Holiday Childrens Crafts 4 p.m. Holiday Movie Night & BBQ 5 p.m. All at BSMCC
	26 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Food Trucks 5 - 8 p.m. Music - Guided Lily Band	27 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Hanukkah Special Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.* 	28 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* 2 for \$40* 5 - 8 p.m. Music by Chris Terp Solo

Home for the Holidays events shown in Green - Open to the Public!!

Dinners & Events at BSMCC are open to members first.



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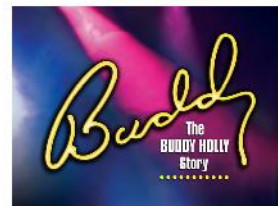


November 22 - December 25



Ebenezer Scrooge and his infamous "Bah, Humbug!" takes the stage in this beloved musical. Scrooge is visited by the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future to show him cheerful memories from his past, cruel realities from his present and the very likely future. Scrooge learns important lessons about his impact on the lives of others, especially Bob Cratchit and his ailing son, Tiny Tim. This classic story captures the essence of the holidays and is perfect entertainment for the entire family.

December 31 - February 15



More than 50 years after "the music died," the story of this true rock and roll icon comes to life in this musical journey through Buddy's impressive rise to fame. Buddy's original sound and dazzling talent are highlighted with live renditions of his greatest hits. You'll be dancing in the aisles and cheering for more when you hear over 20 Buddy Holly hits including *Maybe Baby*, *Every Day*, *Peggy Sue*, *That'll be the Day*, *Oh Boy*, *Rave On* plus Ritchie Valens' *La Bamba* and The Big Boppers' *Chantilly Lace*.

Dates may be subject to change.



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Fitness, Friends & Fun...Tis the Season To Be Thankful, Fa la la la la

CYNDI MATTHEWS



Tis the Season to welcome back our snowbirds! We're thrilled to welcome you back to the Burnt Store Fitness Club! We have social events, tournaments, and off-campus happenings on tap. This fun-loving group is so full of life!

A quick reminder: Sign up for classes and events on Court

Reserve. Wristbands and entry fobs are connected to your account, so there is no sharing. This year, we have color-coded guest wristbands. Your guests will need to check in at the front desk daily.

We are pleased to offer more Tai Chi classes at noon on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. We have oodles of classes (like line dancing) and events throughout

the season. Community members are encouraged to check with our knowledgeable staff on our happenings. There are opportunities for your friends to participate in some of the fitness center activities, please check with the staff to learn of any activities that are open to non-members.

The season is full of miracles, despite the frustration and

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Tennis Liaison - Kevin Dolle; and Kelly Beaty,
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loss due to the two hurricanes. We are truly thankful for our staff, coaches, and members. Located above are our committee members who work behind the scenes to make our fitness club sensational.

Our pickleball group hosted their first pickleball social with a Halloween theme – see the pics on page 17!

This month's theme is about staying healthy during the holiday. So, I've reinvented The Twelve Days of Christmas just for our fantastic Burnt Store Fitness Club members. Health is a gift you give and reap every day.

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS



Twelve Drummers Drumming

Having been a drummer (drumming), I can tell you that having strong arms, forearms, wrists, and finger strength matters. Aside from holding a racquet, paddle, club, oar, and handle for our action-packed competitions, we don't

often think about hand and wrist strength, but we should. Stretching and strengthening can be as simple as squeezing a ball, flexing and extending your wrists, or moving them in circles.



Eleven Pipers Piping

Piping - blowing in a musical instrument - makes me think about breathing and the importance of breathing. We do it all the time, and don't think about it much until it's misbehaving. Now is the perfect time to sit up straight, put your shoulders back, close your eyes, and pay attention to your inhales and exhales.

Ten Lords a-Leaping



Do you recall how much fun it was being a kid at recess? Playing with friends, jumping rope, and hopscotch. Maybe it's time to incorporate some balance or dynamic leg training. Maybe start with the flamingo. That's simply standing on one leg. Science says that because it's got so many components – balance, core, leg, brain, back, hips

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– it is a fitness marker. How long can you play flamingo? Recommendations are age dependent. If you're under 40 - 43 seconds; in your 40s - 40 seconds; in your 50s - 37 seconds; in your 60s - 30 seconds in your 70s - 18 to 19 seconds; and over 80 - 5 seconds.

Nine Ladies Dancing

This one is simple. From Thursday nights at the golf course, to any time there is live music in the marina, it's easy to find ladies dancing. Probably more than nine of us. Also, we have line dancing.



Eight Maids-a-Milking

Milk, yogurt, ice cream, and cheese – those over 70 should be getting 3.5 servings of dairy daily. What's a serving? 6 ounces of yogurt, 2 slices of cheese, or 8 ounces of milk. Try incorporating low-fat dairy products into your daily diet.

Seven Swans a-Swimming



Have you taken the time to enjoy just how lovely our pool, spa, and lush relaxation area are? Maybe now is the time to check out those water aerobics classes you've been telling each other that you'll try one day. Make today the day.



Six Geese a-Laying

Geese. I don't like them. They snapped at me when I was a toddler. I carry a little bit of that fear with me. So, I challenge each of you to face something that scares you. Put your feet in the sea, try a soft-shell crab (*actually* don't unless you like crunching on an exoskeleton), climb something, or go somewhere. Feel proud of your accomplishment!

Five Golden Rings



There are a couple of ways to look at these lovely golden rings. 1 - as though they are donuts, calamari, or onion rings. Yum. Think about savoring the nourishment you give your body. 2 - Golden rings are symbolic of prosperity. Not only do we live around Prosperity Point, but we are fortunate enough to live surrounded by one of the most beautiful environments in the world. Give thanks.

Four Calling Birds



We live with an abundance of winged wildlife. They are mesmerizing. Take a few moments to watch the osprey gracefully glide and the pelicans look for chum by the marina fuel dock. Grab your kayak and binoculars and go birdwatching!

If you like flying, add some Superman to your morning stretching.



Three French Hens

Symbols for Faith, Hope, and Charity, we all should be thoughtful of the lucky fortune cookies that brought us here. It's time to remember to be grateful and support our community and our neighbors who are suffering loss.



Two Turtle Doves

There was too much symbolism with these turtle doves, so we were going with the local turtles and tortoises. While they can slow down our drives, they are a cool part of our ecosystem. These little cuties are threatened and endangered. Part of what makes them important is their digging. Because they move so much earth, hundreds of other animals benefit.

Partridge in a Pear Tree



A lot is going on in our world. From familial to international. There are mini-to maxi-disasters on so many levels. Without realizing it, sometimes we can become melancholy about how the world looks. We can lose that spark and that spirit. Let's take a moment and bring some calm to the chaos. Try some mindfulness meditation or deep breathing exercises.

The TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS



BSM Pickleballers Took Home the Medals!!!

Congratulations to the BSM pickleball players
who played in the Senior Games in Englewood!

Burnt Store Marina Pickleballers took the courts,
and we are not sure there were any medals left
for the players from other areas:

TAKING GOLD:

Rob Jamros in Men's Doubles

Diana Moore & Leigh Anne Hall in Women's
Doubles

Ron Jonson in Men's Doubles

Rob Jamros in Mixed Doubles

Mary Olsen & John Selvaggio in Mixed Doubles

TAKING SILVER:

Patty Erickson & Lori Meier





Mark Your Calendar – Out and About

INSIDE THE GATES DATES

Sunday, December 1: Deadline for the January *Beacon*. Article and picture submissions are welcomed.

Become part of *The Beacon* family.

Tuesday, December 24: 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.

Every Friday: BSM Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Platinum Point Yacht Club parking lot.

OUTSIDE THE GATES DATES

Saturday and Sunday, November 30 and December 1: Sullivan Street Craft Fair, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday, December 6: Fort Myers River District Art Walk, 1 to 5 p.m. Visit many galleries, exhibitions and performances.

Friday, December 6: December Artisan Market, 5 to 9 p.m. First and Hendry, Fort Myers River District. Come see a variety of arts and crafts and holiday gifts.

Friday, December 13: 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, December 14: 2nd Saturday Flea Market, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association, 2001 Shreve St.

Saturday, December 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, \$25 USA Dance Member Couples, \$17 non-members single, \$30 non-members couples. Call Laura for information, 330-501-2366.

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 Wednesday: Long Lunch Sightseeing & Culinary Tours. Walk through Punta Gorda & experience local specialties and view the downtown area. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$49 per person. Contact: <https://swfloridawalkingtours.com/tours-2/long-lunch-tour/> for information and reservations.

Every Thursday: Fort Myers River District Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Every Saturday: Punta Gorda Farmers Market, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., downtown. Lots of vendors with fresh fruits and vegetables, live music, crafts and other great buys. Visit nearby murals and enjoy some of the great downtown restaurants.

Every Saturday: Cape Coral Farmers Market, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Clubhouse Square, SE 47th Ter. and SE 10th Pl., Cape Coral.

Every Saturday: Saturday Night Ghost Stories, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Stroll around looking at Punta Gorda's most haunted sites with storyteller guides. Adults \$29, children 19 and under \$19.
Contact: <https://swfloridawalkingtours.com/tours-2/hauntsofhistorytour/> for information and reservations.

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.



Platinum Point Yacht Club

LORETTA STEEVES, DIRECTOR

Fall is always a very busy time at Platinum Point Yacht Club (PPYC), but this year has been exceptionally lively. The **40th Anniversary Celebration and Sundowner Ceremony**, held on October 27, honored PPYC's 40 years of commitment to boating in Lee County. County Commissioner, Kevin Ruane, Vice Chairman of District 1, had planned to attend the event but, because of extenuating circumstances caused by the two hurricanes, was unable to attend. The official Proclamation was read by Commodore Greg Broxterman and declared:



GREG BROXTERMAN READING PROCLAMATION

"WHEREAS, Platinum Point Yacht Club has provided a welcoming harbor for sailors, boaters, and yachting enthusiasts, fostering a love for the sea and a commitment to nautical excellence; community

involvement; and the club has continuously promoted the values of sportsmanship, safety, and environmental stewardship within the boating community. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida do hereby proclaim October 27, 2024 as Platinum Point Yacht Club Day.

The celebration was a tribute to all that PPYC has brought and continues to bring to Burnt Store Marina and the traditions of boating.

The next big event of the fall was the **PPYC Annual Meeting and Welcome Back Dinner** on November 9. The baton was passed from current Commodore Greg Broxterman to new Commodore Diane Segger. The annual budget was reviewed by Treasurer Greg Jordan, and assured that once again, all projects had come in on time and on budget. But, as always, PPYC is about its members, who came together to review, reflect, and establish our objectives for the coming year.

That daytime event was quickly followed by the evening event titled **Home in Paradise**. (PPYC volunteers are masters at quickly transforming our beautiful waterfront clubhouse from one type of event to another). This type of membership involvement builds the comradery, for which PPYC is known. The dinner was catered by Luigi's and featured music by artist Denise Marie. Since the club had sustained only minimal impact from *Hurricanes Helene and Milton*, the festivities were especially joyous. The food was delicious, the music infectious, and a great time was had as we marked the beginning of the 2024-2025 PPYC season.

The next fall event followed closely on the heels of the annual meeting, the **PPYC Shrimp Boil/Let the Good Times Roll** was held on November 20. The feast brought the entire Burnt Store Community together to kick off the season. There was great food, musical entertainment, a Christmas market full of

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delightful gift ideas, a bake sale with loaded tasty treats, and a silent auction of very creative items and experiences. And let's not forget the two boatloads of wine. This Southern tradition of a Shrimp Boil provides the perfect opportunity for PPYC to welcome the entire community to join in our club's sense of comradery.

We have also been working with our Burnt Store Marina neighbors to bring holiday joy to 23 families at East Elementary School. Work on the **Adopt-A-Child** project

started in August with the school counselor and Social Worker identifying the neediest families. Early in December, each child in the family will receive several gifts including clothing and toys. Because of the generosity of this community, we truly make a difference in the lives of these families.

Finally, Platinum Point Yacht Club had also opened the doors to the community on November 17 at an **Open House**. A fall promotion was rolled out with a discount of

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.

\$250 off the Initiation fee plus a PPYC tote bag and cap or visor. This offer is available for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2025. If you'd like to be part of the fun at PPYC, please see Dorothy Schroeder, our Club Administrator, on-site Mondays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays or call her at 941-639-0733.

PPYC – A Place to Belong.



Marina Beat

JARET ROGERS, GENERAL MANAGER
SAFE HARBOR BURNT STORE

HELLO MARINA COMMUNITY!

We're excited to bring you the latest updates on our marina's ongoing repair and enhancement projects, all aimed at creating a safer, more enjoyable space for our Members and visitors.

Fixed Dock Repair Progress

Our team has begun the repair work on the fixed docks, which sustained hurricane damage. Crews are working diligently to complete these repairs promptly. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work to restore full functionality.

Arrival of Two New Floating Docks in December

We are thrilled to announce that two brand-new replacement floating docks are scheduled to arrive this December! These modern, stable docks will expand our current docking capacity, and provide a more adaptable docking experience. We'll continue to keep you updated on their installation timeline as we approach their arrival.

Demolition of Destroyed Docks

To make way for the new installations, the destroyed docks will soon be demolished. This preparatory work is essential for creating a safe, clean environment for our new docks.

South Basin Seawall and Boardwalk Replacement

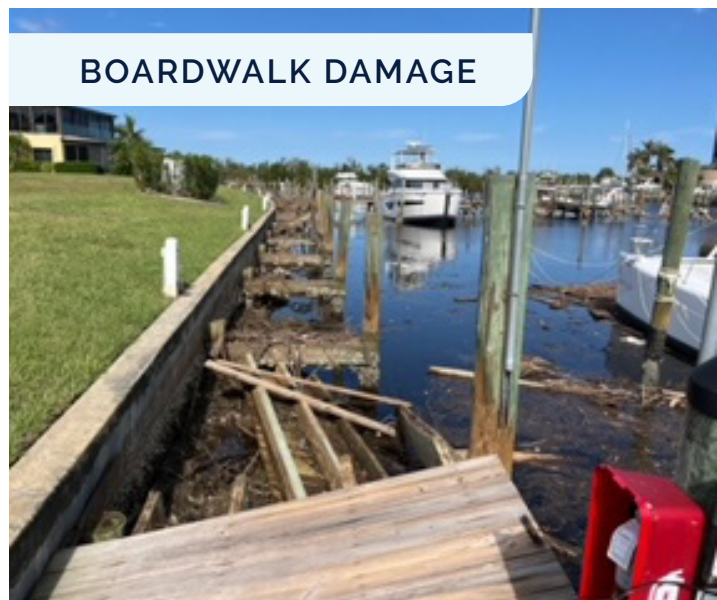
Looking ahead, we have a significant upgrade planned for the south basin, with both the seawall and boardwalk set for replacement in the first quarter of 2025. This combined project will improve the overall experience along the waterfront. The new seawall will protect against erosion, and withstand adverse weather conditions, while the boardwalk will be upgraded to enhance accessibility, aesthetics, and comfort for all marina visitors.

Thank you all for your continued support as we work to make the marina a safe, modern, and a welcoming place. Stay tuned for further updates, and don't hesitate to reach out with questions.

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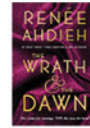


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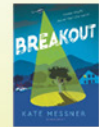
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NORTH BASIN DAMAGE



Home for the Holidays

EVENT CALENDAR

DECEMBER 4: Pet Pics with Santa

Safe Harbor Tiki – 4 – 6 p.m. Contact Deby Sage
– debysage@gmail.com

DECEMBER 5: Tree Lighting Ceremony

Cass Cay – 4 p.m. Contact Pat Elliott
– jamespellott@gmail.com

DECEMBER 6: Cart Parade

BSMCC – 5 p.m. (Prizes) Contact Lynda Vail to
register – lyndamac55@aol.com

DECEMBER 7: Pancake Breakfast Holiday

Safe Harbor Tiki. Contact Kelly Edwards (Sailtime)
– kelly@swyachts.com

DECEMBER 7: 9-Hole Holiday Golf Scramble

Open to all – 2 p.m. Contact Lesley Rose
– steveandlesley@yahoo.com

DECEMBER 7: Boat Decorating Contest (prizes)

Safe Harbor Marina – 5 p.m. Contact Jaret Rogers
to register – jrogers@shmarinas.com

DECEMBER 21: Holiday Children's Crafts

BSMCC – 4 p.m. Contact Lynda Vail to register
– lyndamac55@aol.com

DECEMBER 21: Holiday Children's Movie

BSMCC – 5:15 p.m. Contact Lynda Vail
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ALL DECEMBER: Home Decorating Contest
(prizes) – Register by December 1 – Contact Kathy
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A map of all home and boat entrants will be sent
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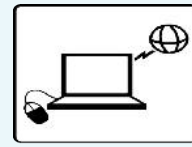
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To be sure that you are up to date on all that is happening in the Burnt Store Marina community, you need to be up-to-date on the use of our website.

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. 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.

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• 7 Stop Sign Warnings

- 3 Residents
- 4 Non-Residents

• 9 Other Infractions

- Expired Insurance
- No seat belt
- Shattered Windshield
- Expired Registration X3
- Suspended License
- No trailer tag
- Obstructed tag



RULES OF THE ROAD

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

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

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.



Meet Mr. Bigus

In our community, a beloved plastic figure has perched atop our Main Gate visitor lane barrier for nearly five years—Mr. Bigus, the cheerful Entry Management bird. This charming main gate mascot has become a symbol of welcome for our community's residents and guests! Mr. Bigus officially welcomes you home!

A veteran of many hurricanes, Mr. Bigus faced unexpected challenges this time. During *Hurricane Milton*, Mr. Bigus loosened from his perch and fell off the barrier, leaving a noticeable absence that sparked concern among locals. An urgent search party was quickly assembled when word spread about his disappearance. Community members rallied together, combing the area at the main gate until they joyfully found him nearby!

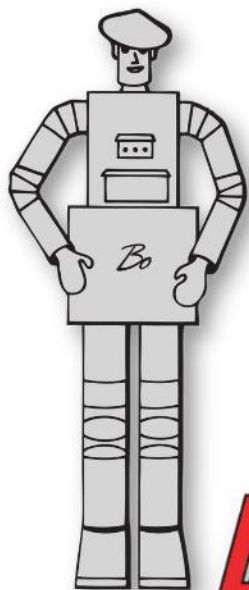
The following week was filled with worry and affection for banded up Mr. Bigus. Finally, after Major Scott gathered the necessary supplies to reattach him securely, the little fellow is back on his perch where he belongs! The relief was palpable as residents and regular visitors rejoiced at his return, proving that sometimes the little things—like a cheerful plastic bird—can bring a community together and signal the storm is behind us!

So, next time you pass by the visitor gate, take a moment to say hello to Mr. Bigus. He may be made of plastic, but he's got a heartwarming story that reminds us of all the little joys in our everyday lives here in our slice of paradise!

“ A special thanks to resident Joe Bigus, who, five years ago, found our little friend in the roadway and cleaned him up for us. We could have never anticipated the joy the bird brings to many. Thanks, Joe for helping create a legacy!

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RICK READ, MARINERS PASS

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Audubon chapters provide all of that. There are multiple opportunities every month. Our local Audubon chapter has several events this month, plus a New Year's Day walk. Participation is free. You do not have to be a member. Registration is not required.

You can visit the website for the full picture. Or, you can also contact fellow BSM resident Rick Read at 574-870-2695 for information or car-pooling.

Come along – it's fun!

- **Every Saturday, 8:30 a.m.,**

Nature Walk at Audubon Pennington Park, 1153 Alton Rd, Port Charlotte.

- **Saturday, December 14, 7 a.m.,**

Christmas Bird Count. Contact us for team & location assignment.

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REDDISH EGRET



• **Thursday, December 19, 6:15 p.m.,**
Monthly program meeting, with Mary Lundeburg's Shorebird Photography and potluck dinner. At Regional Realtors Education Center, 3320 Loveland Blvd, Port Charlotte.

• **Wednesday, January 1, 8 a.m.,**
New Year's Walkabout at Ollie's Pond, 18235 Avon Ave, Port Charlotte.

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For more information, go to:
www.peaceriveraudubonsociety.org.

Blood Donation News

ANN SINGER, ADMIRAL'S POINT

BSM Blood Drive Schedule for 2025

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January 13 and March 10, 2025



DON'T MISS THE BUS IN 2025

If you have never donated blood before, now is a great time to start. January is National Blood Donor Month, making it the perfect time to start making blood donation a habit. It only takes a little of your time, and you will literally be helping give someone a second chance at life. The Big Red Bus from ONEBLOOD will be coming to Burnt Store Marina Monday, January 13, 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 long sleeved OneBlood shirt, \$20 eGift card, and a Chick-fil-A card for a free chicken sandwich.

ONEBLOOD is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) community asset responsible for providing safe, available and affordable blood to more than 300 hospital partners and their patients throughout Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama.

There are many blood donation locations and hospital closures due to *Hurricane Helene* and *Hurricane Milton*. While all blood types are needed, there is an increased need for O Negative and O Positive blood, as well as Platelet donations.

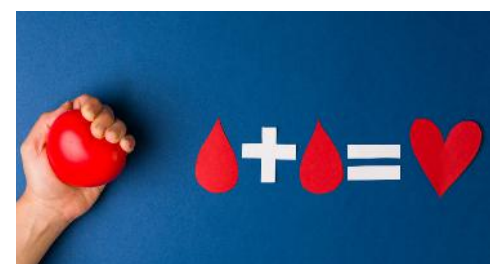
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Enjoying Your Walk

JAN MCLAUGHLIN, FORMER
BEACON EDITOR

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

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- Matecumbe Key Blvd., Cape Cole Blvd., to South Shore – 0.55 mile
- Courtside Landings' Loop, start/stop at entrance – 0.48 mile
- Prosperity Point sidewalk loop, start/stop at Matcumbe Key Blvd, 1.26 mile
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Burnt Store Marina Dog Park

BSM DOG PARK COMMITTEE



The BSM Dog Park Committee members held the second annual Woof O Ween Pet Costume Contest and Party on October 29. Many of our four-legged residents and their owners came out to participate and share in the fun. See the pictures of this year's winners on page 35.

The BSM Dog Park will officially open on December 1 to residents who sign up for membership. It is easy to download the membership form from our website **bsm22.org/dog-park**. Add your information, vaccination records and photos. Scan all of it and send to Linda C at fuzzy2727@comcast.net. Checks can be made out to PGI22-HOA with BSM Barking Lot in the subject line on bottom left corner. Send checks to Deby Sage at 2090 Matecumbe Key Rd. #1804, Punta Gorda, FL 33955, or you can wait and pay through your Alliant/Vantaca portal on the BSM website. Make sure you note on your membership form which way you are paying.

Thanks to all the committee members who have worked tirelessly for the past 1.5 years to make this day happen, and to all our residents who supported this new amenity by showing up and giving so much of your time and money. WE DID IT!!!!

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Bocce is also a Paralympic sport since 1984, allowing athletes with severe disabilities to compete in wheelchairs. This gives them the opportunity to improve dexterity, coordination, and build stronger muscles.

The bocce court is adjacent to the northeast side of the parking lot at Burnt Store Marina Country Club. Play is from 3 to 5 p.m. every Tuesday, followed by dinner at Linkside Café, or other local restaurants. Dinner is optional, and you do not have to be a member of Burnt Store Marina Country Club to play bocce.

You will find an enthusiastic group of bocce players every Tuesday. Grab your lawn chair and join the fun. There is a nominal fee of \$1 collected each week for maintenance of equipment, and end of season party and prizes. Our goal is to introduce the joy and competition of bocce to more people. It is easy to learn, but challenging. Bocce is a wonderful game to stay active socially and physically.



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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!



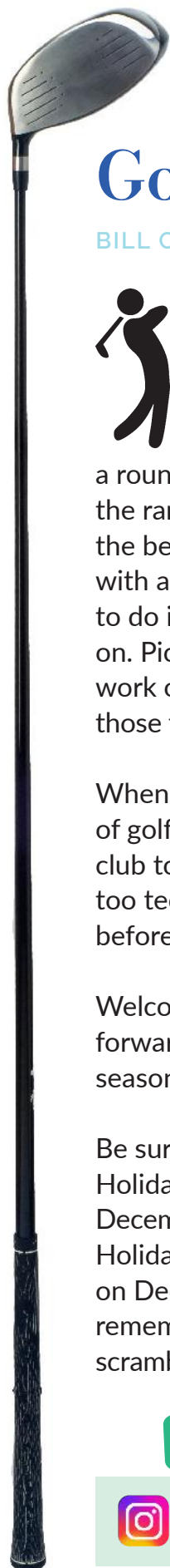
DINERS

BSM Resident Artist Wins 1st Place

On October 24, awards were presented at the Punta Gorda Visual Arts Center for the “Expressions of Gratitude” exhibit. The theme of the exhibit was to highlight the power of positive affirmation, exploring the numerous ways gratitude can be represented and shared through creativity.

Congratulations are extended BSM resident artist, Bob Wolfe, who took First Place for his “Ibises at Topaz Cove.”





Golf Tips

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With the season upon us, it is a good time to discuss how to properly practice and warm up for a round of golf. When you go to the range for a practice session, the best thing to do is practice with a purpose. The first thing to do is have a target to focus on. Pick one or two things to work on, and concentrate only on those things during your session.

When warming up for a round of golf, focus on swinging the club to loosen up and do not get too technical with your swing before the round.

Welcome back and we look forward to seeing everyone this season!

Be sure to sign up for the Holiday Santa Scramble on December 7, at 2 p.m., and the Holiday Backwards Scramble on December 14, at 9 a.m. Also, remember the weekly 9-hole scramble every Tuesday at 3 p.m.

Below are the results of the Halloween Scramble.

1st Flight Winners:

1. Charlie Currao, Joe Mouser, Rich Hollowell
2. Don Price, Cathy Price, Lorie Davis, Steve Risius
3. Craig Holcomb, Charlie Cooper, Gene Lastfogel, Bill Loewes

2nd Flight Winners:

1. Steve Flagstad, Robert Bretz, Susan Flagstad, Ralph Hodges
2. Don Lone, Karen Lone, Bob Keyworth, Sue Peters
3. Shirley Peterson, George Peterson, Cherie Hammer, Lee Hammer

Closest to the Pin:

Heron #4 Scott Mellor
Pelican #5 Ellen Thompson

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

Have fun learning to enjoy your game.

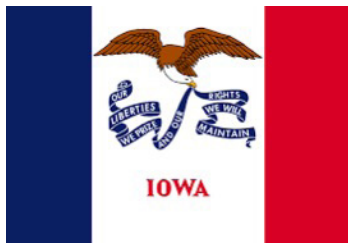


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Rules for Driving Golf Carts



There has been some confusion about operating golf carts in Burnt Store Marina. Please be aware that there are rules for golf cart use, and a violation will get you a citation from the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

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



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



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Tight Lines...How Big Was the Shark I Caught?

JAY LEV, BURNT STORE ANGLERS

With the rapid change in weather patterns, barometric pressure has driven many species of fish into wild feeding habits. Usually ahead of a change in pressure, migratory fish begin an exciting feeding pattern. Several anglers who have managed to get out into the harbor and avoid the floating debris, have reported that they have caught more sharks than usual. Unless you are experienced at tail roping a shark, and carefully holding on to the leader dangling from the shark's mouth, getting an exact measurement of your catch is an estimate, at best. An example, the size and weight of the blue shark, a very slender and long shark, is often mistaken for a shark of several hundred pounds by the angler. In fact, an eight-foot blue shark usually weighs around 135 pounds.

I have spent a great deal of time researching the factors of weight versus size in the shark population. I found a very interesting study published by the Apex Predators Program of NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service. This service collects shark tagging

information from commercial and recreational anglers that includes shark identification, weight and length. The research team put together a chart of predicted weights in pounds based on the shark's fork length. The fork length is the measurement from the tip of the shark's nose to the base of the shark's tail. To many anglers surprise, the five-hundred-pound shark (estimate made by the angler) is more like 150 lbs.

I have reported the fork length of several species of sharks at a length many anglers reported as the actual weight. I have selected the length of six feet to use in reporting actual weights from the data provided by the APEX PREDATOR PROGRAM. Below are some of the reported weights from the study.

○ Mako Shark	147 lbs.
○ Pointer Shark	138 lbs.
○ Dusky Shark	144 lbs.
○ Sand bar Shark	157 lbs.
○ Tiger Shark	132 lbs.
○ White Shark	159 lbs.
○ Hammerhead Shark	114 lbs.

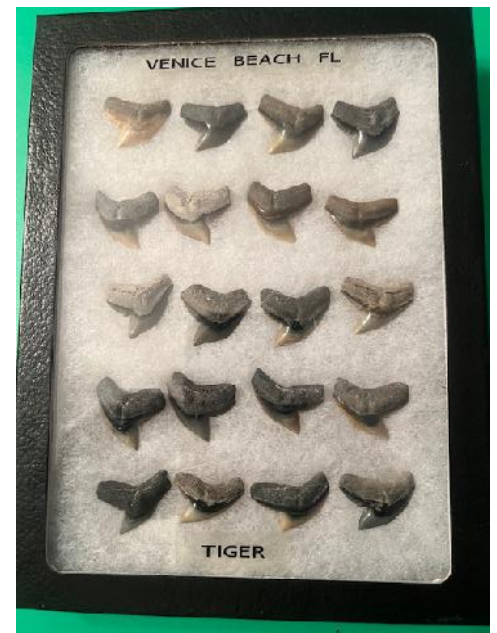
Other studies have looked at the teeth of sharks and the rings of growth found in the vertebrae of sharks to help determine age and weight. For example, the legendary Megalodon, which died out about two to three million years ago, gave birth to a baby shark of six feet long, based on the measurement of its vertebrae and teeth. Other earlier species of sharks were determined, through teeth and vertebrae studies, to be substantially the same in length and weight as their modern variety. You will find in this article several pictures of modern and prehistoric teeth that have been used in weight and length studies. These specimens are from the collection of Jay and Sue Lev and have been used in research studies by many marine biologists. The teeth have been collected from species found off Montauk, Long Island; Aurora, North Carolina; Calvert Cliffs of Maryland; local beaches in Florida; and from the construction widening project of upper Burnt Store Road.



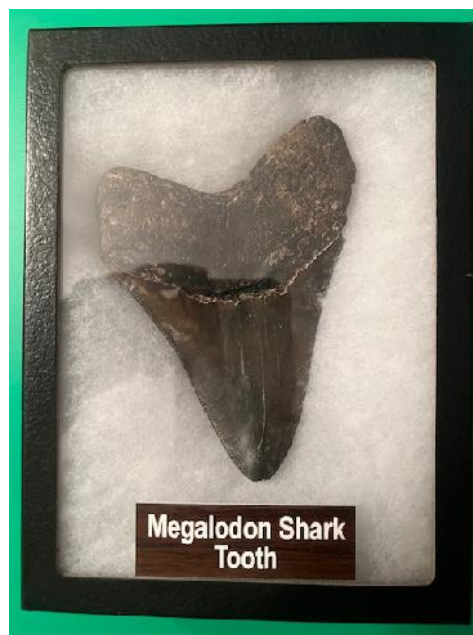
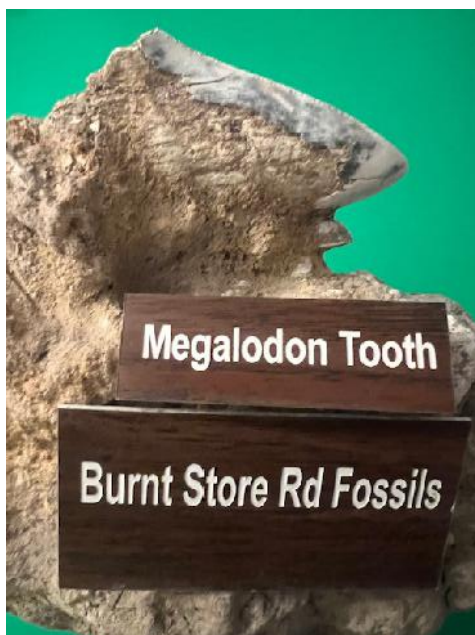
The range of sharks is worldwide and for the most part, research has shown a good basis for determining a real weight to length estimate.

When catching a shark don't lose the fun of estimating the length of the shark. A little fisherman's white lie can lead to some great conversation. Always remember, you can find the true weight and possible length through some of the many outstanding research reported in the literature about the evolution of sharks.

Tight lines



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Gardener's Wheelbarrow

MAGGIE HART, MARINERS PASS

The month of December will generally be dry, with two inches of rain if we're lucky. December's daytime temperatures are usually warm, ranging from 66 to 85; and lows from 43 to 72. But, this is a month when frost can also occur. The bottom line? Be prepared for anything and watch for plants drying out if there is heat combined with wind.

This month's garden checklist: keep plants and turf adequately hydrated and guard tender tropicals (including orchids) from low temperatures.

- Tropicals – This is not their favorite season. No need to call in the paramedics if you see some yellowing and loss of foliage due to cooler temperatures. When it turns chilly and there's rain, brown spot can appear on the leaves of ixora and croton.
- Frost predicted? Water your plants and, if necessary, cover them (**no plastic!**). Remember to remove the covering by 10 a.m. so that daytime temperatures don't cook your plants. To be on the safe side, orchids should be brought in or protected if temperatures are predicted to drop below 50 degrees.

- Potted poinsettias need to be watered, but should not be allowed to get too wet. They do best with at least 14 hours of light per day.
- Christmas cacti and kalanchoes are best watered every two to three weeks. Once they bloom, they require lots of light, but very little water – and no fertilizer.
- Cages, pools, proximity to a wall, a rotating ceiling fan...all will moderate temperatures. The coldest temperature will occur around 6 – 6:30 a.m. It only takes a few minutes of cold, not freezing temperatures, to substantially harm or kill tropical plants.
- Pruning – Forget it, especially if it's a frost-sensitive plant. Pruning encourages tender new growth. You can safely prune again in March.

GARDEN CHECKLIST

Keep plants and turf adequately hydrated and guard tender tropicals (including orchids) from low temperatures.



- Annuals – Remove dead flowers to encourage continued flowering.
- Spring flowering shrubs – Be certain they have adequate moisture. They're using this time to develop their flower buds.
- This is not a good time to plant something new for your garden. If you do, they should be shrubs, annuals and perennials. Using your hose, water them in well and continue to provide water a few times a week to supplement the irrigation system.
- At this time of year established plants have definitely slowed down their growth rate and consequently require less of everything... water, fertilizer and pruning. Water less frequently, but deeply, to encourage deep healthy roots.

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December's Special Plant... Poinsettia

MAGGIE HART, MARINERS PASS

So, for that holiday gift exchange, you ended up with a potted poinsettia. It's very pretty, but what do you do with it now, and...what do you know about them?

Poinsettias are native to Mexico, and are a popular holiday plant because of their colorful bracts (leaves). Poinsettia flowers are actually made up of the bracts, which look like petals, and the tiny yellow flowers in the center, called cyathia.

Used for decorating during the winter holidays, they are also attractive as green plants throughout the year. Most people are interested in making their green poinsettia colorful again and ready for the holidays. **This is not easy**, because it requires excluding light from the plant for a period of time while keeping the plant healthy. The reduction in light prevents the plant from producing

chlorophyll, the pigment that makes plant parts green. This changes the bracts to red, pink or white, depending on the variety. Poinsettias change color in response to the shorter days of winter.

Dr. Leonard Perry, Extension professor emeritus at the University of Vermont and author of *Caring for Your Poinsettia Year-Round*, created a poinsettia-care calendar based on the holidays of the year. It is formulated for inside potted plants, but can be used as a guide if you have transplanted or put the pot outside.

New Year's Day: Fertilize if you see new growth. Continue to provide adequate light and water for prolonged bloom for several weeks. Never over-water, and be sure pot drains properly. If there is decorative paper that prevents air and light getting to the plant, remove it.

Valentine's Day: Check the plant for signs of insects, such as white fly, and manage them if you find them. If it has become long and leggy, cut back to about five inches tall to promote more compact growth. You can also transplant it directly into your garden.

St. Patrick's Day: Prune off faded and dried parts of the plant. Remove leaves from the soil surface, and add a little more potting soil if the roots are visible. Keep the plant in a bright, sunny window or area outside.

“ Poinsettia flowers are actually made up of the bracts, which look like petals, and the tiny yellow flowers in the center, called cyathia.





Memorial Day: Trim off two to three inches to promote side branching. If you continue growing your poinsettia as a potted plant, transplant into another container.

Father's Day: Move the plant outside and place it in indirect light.

Fourth of July: Trim the plant again and move it into full sun. Continue to water and fertilize, increasing the amount to accelerate growth.

Labor Day: Make sure your plant is in a spot that gets at least six hours of direct light daily, preferably more. As new growth begins, reduce the fertilizer.

Fall equinox: Starting on or near September 21, give the plant 16 hours of uninterrupted darkness and 8 hours of bright light every day. Note that during the dark period, the plant cannot receive even the slightest bit of light at *any time*.

Thanksgiving: Discontinue the short day/long night treatment. Put the plant in a sunny area that gets at least six hours of direct light.

December Holidays: Enjoy your "new" poinsettia. Start the cycle all over again after the new year.

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December Off Beat Holidays

MAGGIE HART, MARINERS PASS

December got its name from the Latin word decem (meaning ten) because it was originally the tenth month of the year in the Roman calendar, which began in March.

If you were born in December, you are lucky to have a choice of three gems: blue topaz, turquoise and tanzanite. Blue is the color for December, and the traditional birthstone list also includes zircon and lapis lazuli.

The December birth flowers are the narcissus (paperwhite) and the holly.

December birth signs of the zodiac are Sagittarius (December 1 - 21) and Capricorn December 22-31). Strengths of Sagittarius include generosity, idealism, and a great sense of humor. Weaknesses are that they can be very impatient, and will say anything no matter how undiplomatic. Capricorns' strengths include disciplined self-control and

good management. Weaknesses can include being a know-it-all, unforgiving, condescending and expecting the worst

The December holidays can bring on extra pounds, and in addition to the most well-known days celebrated with food, there is National Pie Day (December 1), National Fritters Day (December 2), National Cookie Day (December 4), National Cotton Candy Day (December 7), National Ice Cream Day (December 13) and National Maple Syrup Day (December 13). The list goes on....

Here are some historic days to remember:

December 1, 1941 - The American Civil Air Patrol (CAP), a U.S. Air Force auxiliary, was founded as Director of Civilian Defense, former New York Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, signed the formal order. The CAP currently provides aerospace education, a CAP

cadet program, and emergency services such as locating missing aircraft.

December 2, 1942 - Physicists led by Enrico Fermi carried out the world's first successful nuclear chain reaction at the University of Chicago.

December 5, 1492 - Haiti was discovered by Christopher Columbus.

December 5, 1933 - The 18th Amendment (Prohibition Amendment) to the U.S. Constitution was repealed. For nearly 14 years, since January 29, 1920, it had outlawed the manufacture, transportation, and sale of alcoholic beverages in the U.S.

December 6, 1917 - Two ships collided at Halifax, Nova Scotia, resulting in an explosion that killed more than 1,500 persons and injured 8,000. The Norwegian ship *Imo* collided with the French munitions ship

Mont Blanc which was loaded with supplies for the war in Europe, including 5,000 tons of TNT. A tidal wave caused by the explosion destroyed much of the city.

December 13, 1642 - New Zealand was discovered by Dutch navigator Abel Tasman of the Dutch East India Company.

December 14, 1918 - British women voted for the first time in a general election and were allowed to run for office.

December 16, 1773 - The Boston Tea Party occurred as colonial activists disguised as Mohawk Indians boarded British ships anchored in Boston Harbor and dumped 342 containers of expensive tea into the water.

December 17, 1903 - After three years of experimentation, Orville and Wilbur Wright achieved the first powered, controlled airplane flights. They made four flights near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, the longest lasting about a minute.

December 23, 1947 - The transistor was invented at Bell Laboratories by John Bardeen, Walter Brattain and William Shockley, who shared the Nobel

Prize for their invention which sparked a worldwide revolution in electronics.

December 25th - Christmas Day, commemorating the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. Although the exact date of his birth is not known, it has been celebrated on December 25th by the Western (Roman Catholic) Church since 336 A.D.

December 25 - January 2 - Chanukah begins the eight-day Jewish festival, also known as the festival of lights. On each day a Menorah (an eight branched candelabra) is lit with an ascending number of candles to match the day. The reason for Chanukah is based on the story of the Maccabees battle with the Greeks. It is told that one pure bottle of olive oil lasted for eight days in the Holy Temple. It should have lasted only for the first day.

December 26 - Boxing Day in the United Kingdom and many other countries, a day of gift giving when boxes of food, clothing and other gifts are traditionally given to employees, tradespeople and other service providers.

December 26 - January 1 - Kwanzaa, an African American family observance established in 1966 celebrating traditional African harvest festivals, focusing on family unity, with a community harvest feast on the seventh day. Kwanzaa means "first fruit" in Swahili.

December 31, 1879 - Thomas Edison provided the first public demonstration of his electric incandescent lamp at his laboratory in Menlo Park, New Jersey.





CHRISTMAS CHARCUTERIE WREATH

BASIC INGREDIENTS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS CHARCUTERIE WREATH

- **Cherry or Grape Tomatoes** – Look for red, unblemished tomatoes
- **Greek Olives** – Pitted olives work best. A combination of black and green looks festive.
- **Small Fresh Mozzarella Balls** – Look for an 8-ounce package or cut an 8 oz. block or either fresh or regular mozzarella into cubes
- **Sliced Salami** – Mini-sliced salami is the perfect size. However using larger salami and folding it into quarters adds some depth to your board
- **Fresh Rosemary and/or Sage** – These sprigs add greenery to the “wreath.”



Recipe Box

JENNIFER LECLAIR, PELICAN WAY

Making a **Christmas Charcuterie Wreath** is an easy and fun holiday appetizer idea. Antipasto skewers arranged into a festive wreath shape then decorated with rosemary will be a show stopping dish for all of your parties and feasts.

This Antipasto Wreath is perfect for bringing to a party or dinner. It travels well, and can be prepared ahead of time. This is less a recipe and more of a basic how-to. Gather all of your favorite antipasto foods, skewer them on large toothpicks then arrange into a wreath shape. It is so, so easy, but makes a big impact on that holiday appetizer table. Plus it is a great way to serve antipasto.



You can be versatile in what you use. I also used small wooden skewers for the large toothpicks.

For my wreath I used: Salami, Mozzarella, Fontina, Dill Havarti, Green Olives, Black Olives, Marinated Artichokes, Roasted Red Peppers, Mini Pickles, Tomatoes, and Rosemary Sprigs.

I have also drizzled a balsamic glaze lightly over the skewers.

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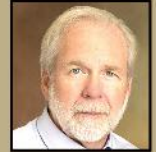
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