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From the Section 22 HOA Board

LYNDA VAIL, DIRECTOR

The Section 22 Board would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year! We welcome 2025 with renewal and growth here at Burnt Store Marina. As we recover from celebrating, I am sure you're reflecting on your New Year's Resolution. May all our troubles during the coming year be as short as our "New Year's Resolutions."

During the past year numerous improvements have been completed, and we "thank" all that have assisted in making these projects come to fruition. There is also more to do, and we are moving in the right direction. We look with open minds as we move into the future. With each and every day that goes by, we will face situations and changes that we must adapt to. "The secret of change is to focus all our energy, not in fighting old, but on building new," Dan Millman.

Most of us spend January 1st walking through our lives,

room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched, and balancing our list, not looking at flaws, but for "potential." The Section 22 BOD spends most of their time trying to accomplish the same thing on a daily basis. "Potential" is my word for the New Year. "Potential" is defined as someone's or something's ability to develop, achieve or succeed. "To reach your greatest potential you'll have to fight your greatest fears."- Anonymous. As we moved on through the year, Sec. 22 BOD has dealt with fears about making decisions that affect everyone and approached each one with the future in mind. The Board has recently hired Morris-Depew Associates for site planning services within our community. They will be looking at all our amenities and property within our gates for the "potential" of expanding what is here. All of our amenities and

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Being positive in our New Year's Resolution is so important. Focusing on making our lives, family and homes better, brings us strength and happiness. There is a great deal to be thankful for moving ahead into 2025. Hurricane season has passed and we "dodged the bullet" for the most part. Some of us are still recovering from *Hurricane Ian*, and we were hit with two more hurricanes, however we are all moving forward. Using our time to be a little more productive, and branching out to support and help others has been proven to

bring you happiness. Also, being close to others can boost your mood.

In the days to come let's find ways to expand where it is needed, and enhance our daily lives. Improving our home and wellbeing can also bring opportunities and adventures. Let's welcome change, embrace working together and making Burnt Store Marina extraordinary.

Burnt Store Marina is unique, not for just what we have here, but the special people that live here. Here's to a bright New Year and a fond farewell to the old; here's to the things that

are yet to come, and to the memories we hold; here's to the friends who are here, and the new friends that will join us.

REMINDER

Section 22 HOA Annual Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 28 at 10 a.m.

Location: Burnt Store Presbyterian Church

Section 22 HOA Board Workshops

Every Tuesday at 9 a.m.

Location: Linkside Patio

WELCOME to 2025!!!

MIKE MCFEELEY, PRESIDENT, PGI SECTION 22 BOD

As the President of PGI Section 22, I am excited about our prospects for the future and proud of the accomplishments we have achieved this past year. First, I want to thank the many wonderful people who volunteer to make our community great. We are a community of volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make BSM a place to be proud of. Whether you volunteer to help your local COA/HOA, you help

with the fitness center, golf course, Linkside, irrigation or Section 22 issues, you are a major reason why Burnt Store Marina is a fabulous place to live. Everybody needs to ask themselves, "How can I help?" There are no free rides.

The Section 22 board is made up of a group of individuals who spend a lot of time trying to get things accomplished that ultimately benefit everyone in the community. This is an active

board, not passive figurehead positions. Board members choose projects to get involved with, and then take the lead to get things done. They work as a part of a team and volunteer countless hours until the initiative is complete. They get no notoriety for what they do, and often get grief for things they have nothing to do with. I think it is important for you to know a little about what your board does. I know there are things that I have left out, but I

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want to recognize some of their accomplishments.

Jerry Newmin, Vice President, has been on the board 3 years. In 2024 he has spent his time forming the CERT (certified emergency response team) which is new for our community. CERT team members have been trained in CPR, trained on the AED machine, and mobilized during *Hurricane Milton*. When no emergency responders are available, this group is here to help. Jerry is also actively involved with evaluating roads for the 3-year resurfacing project, works closely with Major

Scott on access management issues and is helping to lead the team working with the community planning firm to put together a comprehensive development plan of the future. Jerry's other major involvement is with the Burnt Store Road Coalition, which is fighting to improve Burnt Store Road. Jerry represents BSM in meetings with the Coalition, Lee County politicians and the planning commission.

Greg Beaton, Treasurer, has been on the board 2 years. The Burnt Store Marina community, along with the country club,

fitness facility and community irrigation has a \$5,000,000 budget. This means that the treasurer is constantly looking at expenses, revenues and reserve accounts to make sure they are all correct. This is almost a full-time job. Alliant Property Management company handles much of the back-office work, but it is ultimately the treasurer who oversees everything. Greg also works as board liaison with the fitness center operations group, works as a liaison with the BSMCC, and is involved

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with the community development initiative.

Mark Murphy, Secretary, has been on the board 2 years. Mark serves as the liaison with the community access team. Burnt Store Marina spends over \$400,000 per year on community access, making it our largest expenditure. Mark interacts daily, along with Jerry Newmin, with issues ranging from staff, equipment, and security-type issues. Community access is a 24/7/365 job under the leadership of Major Andy Scott and his capable team. Mark stays in constant communication with Major Scott to ensure smooth access control for our community. Mark also has spent numerous hours this year on legal and contract issues that the Section 22 board gets involved in. Lastly, Mark is driving the project to find a place to install online cameras that will show off our beautiful harbor and serve as a marketing tool to promote BSM.

Lynda Vail, at large member, has been on the board for 2 years. She is the primary liaison with Burnt Store Marina Country Club. Lynda is intimately involved with every social function that happens at Linkside, or at the golf course. Whether it's planning, decorating, coordinating

entertainment, or scheduling food trucks, Lynda has her hand in it. In addition to the Club, Lynda also oversees community decorations that you see throughout, as well as coordinating all the events involved with "Home for the Holidays."

Mike Sage, at large member, has been on the board for one year. Mike, along with his wife Deby, have spent hundreds of hours helping to make the dog park a reality. He met with contractors, vendors, and landscapers to help transform a vacant plot of land into something that adds value to our residents, and also to our properties. Mike has also been actively involved in all the legal issues that regularly come up. From depositions to mediations, Mike has been involved with all of them, and is uniquely qualified to help us navigate complicated legal issues. Mike, along with Jerry Newmin, and Greg Beaton, is also conducting the meetings and interviews with the community planning consulting team that is mapping out a plan for future development within the community.

These board members meet every Tuesday in a working meeting, and then go out to do the work listed above. To have a professional management

company handling all these issues would cost a significant amount of money. The board does it because they care. I can't overstate the importance of having a board of directors that is willing to listen to the community, and then do all the heavy lifting required to produce results. It is critical that we elect people willing to share their time and talent to make our community great.

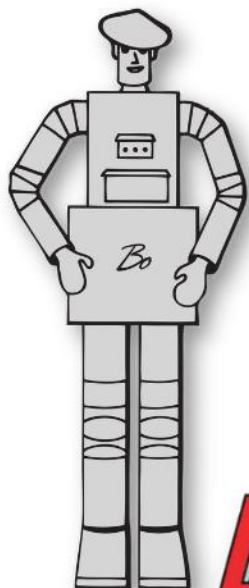
On January 28, 10 a.m., at the Burnt Store Presbyterian Church, we will have our annual community meeting as well as the election of officers. There are four board seats being determined. Please plan on attending and learning more about the things happening right here in our community.

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Mark Your Calendar – Out and About

INSIDE THE GATES DATES

Wednesday, January 1: Deadline for the February *Beacon*. Article and picture submissions are welcomed. Become part of *The Beacon* family.

Tuesday, January 28: Section 22 HOA Annual Meeting, Burnt Store Presbyterian Church, 10 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

Friday, January 3: Fort Myers River District Art Walk, 1 to 5 p.m. Visit many galleries, exhibitions and performances.

Saturday, January 11: 2nd Saturday Flea Market, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association, 2001 Shreve St.

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

Friday, January 17: 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 and Sunday, January 18 and January 19: Sullivan Street Craft Fair, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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.

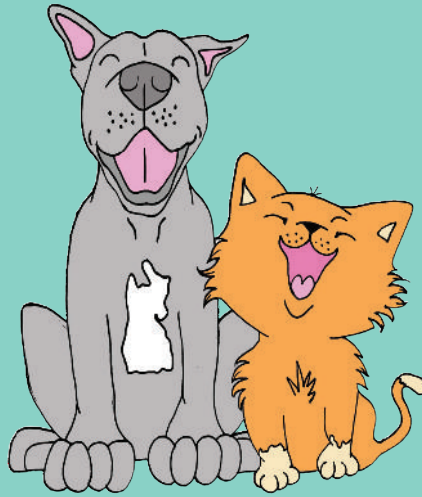
Every Wednesday: Long Lunch Sightseeing & Culinary Tours. Walk through Punta Gorda & experience local specialties and view the downtown area. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$49 per person. Contact: <https://swfloridawalkingtours.com/tours-2/long-lunch-tour/> for information and reservations.

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

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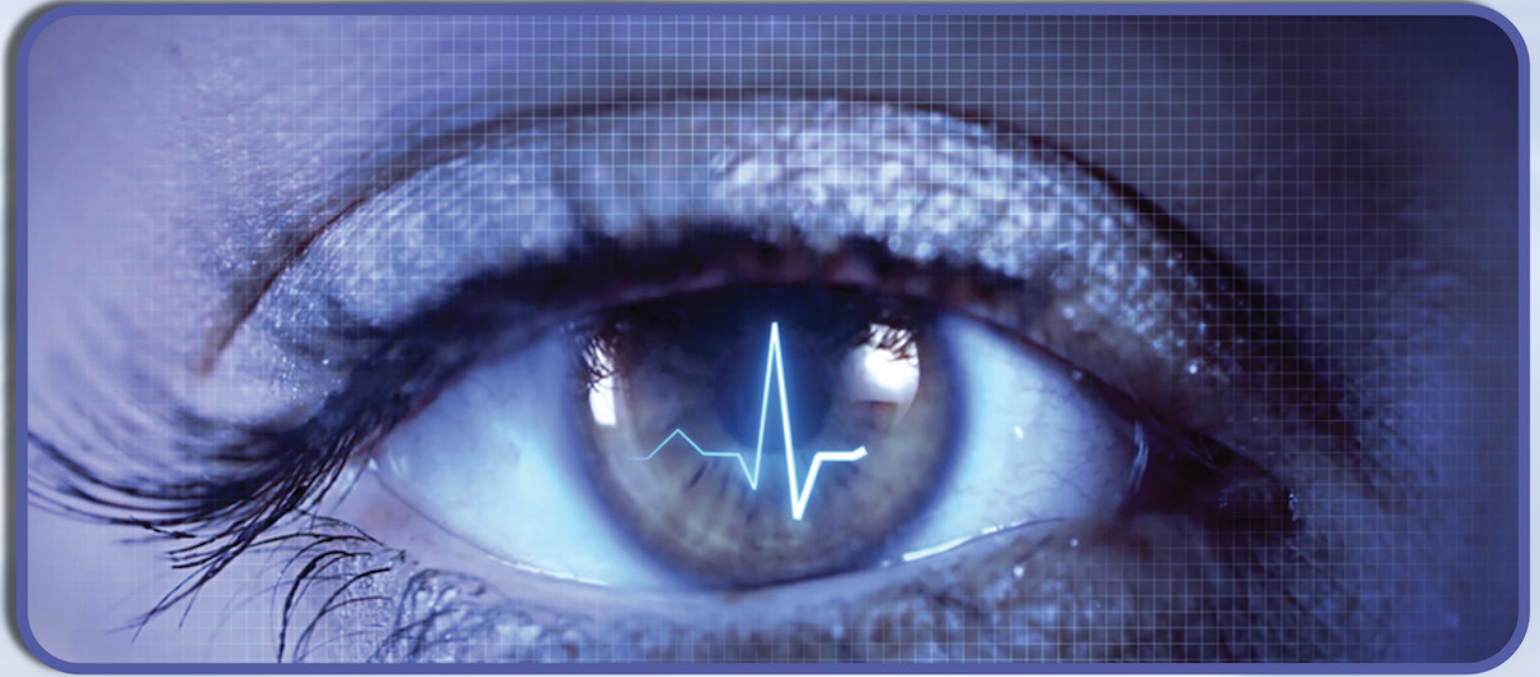
Every Sunday: Punta Gorda Historical Society's Farmers Market, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at History Park, 501 Shreve Street. Shop for veggies, meats, plants and gifts. Most Sundays you will be treated to live music by Dave Heveron. When the market closes at 1 p.m., take a guided tour of the gardens at the 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.

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Burnt Store Marina CC News

JOHN ABBOTT, GENERAL MANAGER, BSMCC



Happy New Year Everyone!

On behalf of the entire Burnt Store Marina Country Club staff, I want to wish a safe, happy & healthy 2025 to all of you and your families.

Well, another fantastic holiday season is behind us, but the good news is that the seasonal fun is just beginning here at BSMCC. Our January calendar is full of events beginning with our annual "Hangover Scramble" on New Year's Day at 10 a.m. that includes lots of Bloody Marys, golf, food and fun. Next up on the golf course, is the "Texas Hold-em Scramble" on January 11, at 9 a.m., followed the next Saturday by the nine-hole "Shootout" on the 18th, at 1 p.m., which if you've never played in a shootout, 10 players start and one player is eliminated every hole until there is only one player left. This is always a lot of fun, so make sure you sign up!

There is a lot going on in the restaurant this month as well, with trivia every Monday night, breakfast buffet and NFL on Sundays, themed dinners including Bourbon night and Prime rib buffet, Friday seafood specials and Saturday 2 for \$40 specials. We have a variety of food trucks here every Thursday in the month of January, accompanied by live music and cocktails. Everybody is welcome to come out and enjoy the fun, but a few things to remember are no coolers, no outside alcohol and bring chairs.

For those of you who are still considering a social membership at the club, this is a great time to join. Our seasonal social membership gives you the ability to play golf in most tournaments and leagues, advanced reservations for all special events, 15% discount on golf and merchandise, 15% discount on food & beverage in the restaurant, and more.

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BSMCC January 2025 Schedule of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			1 Hangover Scramble 10 a.m. Linkside closed @ 3 p.m. Happy New Year!
5 Breakfast - Menu 9 - 12 p.m. Lunch  11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* NFL Game Day 1 - 7 p.m.	6 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Trivia 5 - 8 p.m. Members Only	7 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.* 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Republican Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.
12 Breakfast - Menu 9 - 12 p.m. Lunch 11a.m - 3 p.m.. Private Party @ 3 p.m.	13 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Trivia 5 - 8 p.m. Members Only	14 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.* 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	15 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Bingo 5 - 8 p.m.
19 Breakfast - Menu 9 - 12 p.m. Lunch  1 - 5 p.m. NFL Game Day 1 - 7 p.m.	20 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Trivia 5 - 8 p.m. Members Only	21 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.* 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	22 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Prime Rib Buffet 5 -8 p.m. Res Requested
26 Breakfast - Menu 9 - 12 p.m. Lunch  1 - 5 p.m. NFL Game Day 1 - 7 p.m.	27 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Trivia 5 - 8 p.m. Members Only	28 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.* 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.***	29 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Bourbon Dinner 5 -8 p.m. Res Requested

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

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	2 Lunch 11 a.m - 3 p.m.* Food Trucks 5 - 8 p.m. Music by Flora Unplugged Trio	3 Lunch 11 a.m - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.*	4 Lunch 11 a.m - 3 p.m.* Dinner 2 for \$40 - 5 - 8 p.m.* Music by Darren Bates
	9 11 a.m - 3 p.m. Food Trucks 5 - 8 p.m. Music by Jeff Becker Band	10 Lunch 11 a.m - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.*	11 Lunch 11 a.m - 3 p.m.* Texas Hold'em Scramble 9 a.m. Dinner 2 for \$40 - 5 - 8 p.m.* Music by Rick Austin
	16 Lunch 11 a.m - 3 p.m.* Food Trucks 5 - 8 p.m. Music by Tropical Ave	17 Lunch 11 a.m - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.*	18 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Shootout - 1 p.m. Dinner 2 for \$40 - 5 - 8 p.m.* Music by Fred Montana
	23 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Food Trucks 5 - 8 p.m. Music - JJ & the Bad Habits	24 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Reverse Raffle Ticket Sales on Lanai at 5 p.m. Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.*	25 Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 2 for \$40* 5 - 8 p.m. Music by Linda & Kelley "Plus One"
	30 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Food Trucks 5 - 8 p.m. Music - TBD	31 Lunch 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.*	

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

Dinners & Events at BSMCC are open to members first.

Fitness, Friends & Fun...Happy, Healthy New Year

CYNDI MATTHEWS



Happy New Year, friends! As we flip the calendar to 2025, let's take a moment to reflect on the past year and set our intentions for the one ahead. Remember that feeling of accomplishment when you reach a fitness goal? Let's recreate that magic this year!

We all know the adage nothing ventured, nothing gained. Wait, that's not it – No Goal, No Gain, or following the Goal-den Rule. Without goals how are you going to know where you're going? Setting goals isn't just about the destination; it's about the journey.

Why Goals Matter

- **Motivation:** Clear goals provide direction and purpose.
- **Progress:** Tracking your progress helps you stay on track and celebrate milestones.
- **Confidence:** Achieving smaller goals boosts your self-belief.
- **Focus:** Goals can help you stay focused on what's important.
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- **Productivity:** A healthier lifestyle can improve overall productivity. Remember the early worm catches the goal.

Let's Get Started

The fitness center is here to support your fitness journey with a variety of weekly classes and social events. There are many ways to create and start working towards your fitness goals. Here, it's easy to feel supported by classmates and teammates. Why not start 2025 with a workout buddy? The first best reason is accountability. We can all use a friend to help us stay on track. Together, you two can set and regularly meet to check your progress. With a workout partner, you can talk about challenges and celebrate successes.

Day Passes Discontinued

In a concerted effort to serve the best interests of our full-time and seasonal members, we have discontinued the day pass. To keep our

highly popular and impacted programs available to our community, offering day passes is counterproductive. We understand this may be inconvenient, but it's necessary to protect the quality of our programs.

Tennis, Anyone?

If you're a tennis enthusiast or looking to pick up a new hobby, join our tennis community. Our recent Turkey Tennis Tournament was a blast, and we're always looking for new players. The first annual Turkey Tennis Tourney had it all! Pictured are Division 1 winners: Kelly Millar & Tom Schmitz; Division 2 winners: Kim Behney & Kelly Beaty; and Division 3 winners: Dorothy Schroder & Jamie Jones. Contact Elaine Kehoe at (518) 534-4612 to learn more.

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Platinum Point Yacht Club... The Changing of the Watch

GRAHAM SEGGER, MEMBER

The *Changing of the Watch* is a time-honored maritime tradition. The term “watch” can refer to a shift worked on a ship, or in yacht club parlance, it is the term of office for the volunteer Board of Directors. November 9, 2024 marked the Annual Meeting of Platinum Point Yacht Club with reports on the prior year activities and the changeover of the Board. Greg Broxterman, who has very ably led PPYC over the past year, has assumed the role of Past-Commodore. The new PPYC Commodore is Diane Segger, who has previously filled the roles of Vice-Commodore, Rear-Commodore, and board member, and has led many initiatives at the club including the Shrimp Boil, Commodore’s Ball, Golf Cart Poker Run, Landscape Committee and many more. Drew Myers is the new Vice-Commodore (water activities) and Katie Sauer has assumed the Rear-Commodore role (land activities). Mary Ann Sarno is the new Treasurer replacing Greg Jordan, who has served in that position for a number of years. Sue Smith continues as Secretary, rounding out the Flag Officers (executive committee).



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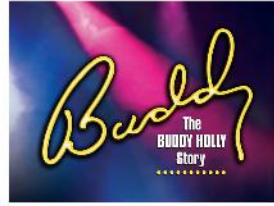
Special thanks were extended to Vanessa Jordan, Greg Jordan and Cynthia Ramsey, who have completed their terms on the Board of Directors. The annual meeting was also an opportunity to confer the Distinguished Service Award, which this year went to Clarke and Sharon Mundhenke. In the evening a fun “Home in Paradise” themed dinner and dance was held at the clubhouse.

Some of the on-water activities at the club were slightly

curtailed this past fall due to lingering hurricane related challenges, but the kayak group had a couple of successful outings. There were successful cruises to Sanibel Marina and Pink Shell Beach Resort. The sailboat racing season got off to a great start, and a number of members decorated their boats for Home for the Holidays. The Golden Conch Regatta will be held on the weekend of January 18 and 19, and we expect many boats to come down from Punta Gorda and Charlotte Harbor for the racing and awards luncheon.

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This Tony Award-winning musical comedy follows Bobby Child, a young banker who dreams of being a star. Sent to foreclose on a failing theater, Bobby falls for the theater owner's daughter. To win her heart and save the theater, Bobby disguises himself as a famous Broadway producer, but confusion and hilarity ensue when the real producer shows up, along

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Fortunately for all PPYC members, the majority of monthly activities are land based. In November there was an Education Evening where we learned about Bitcoin and Crypto Currencies, just in time to watch them take flight again. Music evenings are a key feature at the club, and this past fall we had two evenings with Trop Rock phenom, John Frinzi, several with member John Sauer, and the popular Jam Night where members get together to entertain their fellow members. Look forward to Music on the Lawn, which is open to the public on February 2. Art and stretch classes, Friday morning tech support, Bridge, Mah Jongg, Bunco, book club, grill nights, sunset socials, Friday happy hour, golf scrambles, and movie nights were enjoyed by many.

Other recent signature events included the Shrimp Boil, Adopt a Child charity initiative and Trim-a-Tree. It's also not too early to start planning your attendance at the Annual Valentine's Day Pancake Breakfast. Ticket prices have been held at \$8 in advance (\$9 at the door), and are now available at the

club Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. The Progressive Dinner will be held this year on January 25.

The next Membership Committee Open House will be held from 3 to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 12. All are welcome.



NOVEMBER 20, 2024 PPYC SHRIMP BOIL

2025 Annual Valentine's Day

Community Pancake Breakfast



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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
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- 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 had a soft opening on December

1st for all dog park members. The grand opening for the BSM Barking Lot will be Sunday, January 26, from 2 to 3 p.m. Jaco Bester, Burnt Store Presbyterian minister, has graciously agreed to provide the Dog Park and Dog Pet Blessing beginning at 2:15 p.m. Following the blessing, the Lee County Canine Unit will be here to give us a demonstration of their amazing skills.

For residents of BSM that would like to become members, follow the steps below.

1. Download the membership form from our website: bsm22.org/dog-park
2. Add your information, vaccination records and photos. Scan all of it and send to Linda C at fuzzy2727@comcast.net.
3. 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.

Membership is \$100 per household not per dog. If our fob system is not up and running when you pay for your membership, you will be given the park's entrance code to gain entrance.

For members' safety, and to keep noise down for the surrounding neighborhood, the Park will be open at 9 a.m. and close 30 minutes before dusk daily. The fobs will only be enabled during those time periods. Until we have the fob system installed, it is up to each member to keep to this schedule.

“ WOOF! WOOF! ”





Happiest Holidays



PICTURED LEFT: SANTA PICS WITH PETS

PICTURED ABOVE: NEW DOG PARK – THE ADVENTURE BEGINS

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Happy New Year! Best wishes to all for a happy and healthy 2025!

As a New Year's resolution come join new and old friends in a healthy activity and friendly competition.

A bocce ball touching the pallino is known as a "baci" or "kiss". The team is awarded two points if they remain touching at the end of the frame. New friend, Sue McDonald, joined the bocce league, and had the first baci for the season. This gave her team two points to win the game. Jerry Newmin and Rick Bryant also had their first baci of the season. Kiss, Kiss, Kiss!

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.

The first few months of the season have been active. We have had over a dozen people playing each week. Barbie Newmin is the bocce group interim leader, and has instituted a few changes. The group is using the TeamReach app for communications. If you want to be involved and informed (and included in the dinner reservations!) go to the App Store and download the TeamReach app. Please put in both names if you are a couple. Other changes include Dee Pozar as tech support. She will help you join the bocce group using the app. Also on the management team is Teresa Cramer as treasurer, and Jerry Newmin as the team statistician.

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 and have dinner. 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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Blood Donation News

ANN SINGER, ADMIRAL'S POINT



Congratulations Burnt Store Marina Donors! We broke Our record On November 11 with donors giving 35 units of blood. ONEBLOOD expresses their gratitude for your lifesaving efforts.

Our next drive is on **Monday, January 13**. As long as you are signing up for this drive, it's not too early to sign up for the **March 10 Blood Donation Day!**

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. **Our drive is on 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. Each successful donor will receive a OneBlood St. Patrick's T-shirt, \$20 eGift card, and a Chick-fil-A gift card for a free chicken sandwich.

The bus is located in the Cass Cay/Trading Post parking lot. Make an appointment 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. To schedule online, log onto **ONEBLOOD.ORG**, establish a username/password, and follow directions to schedule. Walk-ins are always welcome. However, during this time of year, I highly recommend making an appointment. Remember to bring a photo ID. Be sure to eat before you donate, and drink lots of fluids before and after. Invite your neighbors and friends to join you!

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JAMAL GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

For nearly a year, Jamal has been undergoing apheresis therapy to treat his low oxygen levels, a symptom of his sickle cell disease. Monthly apheresis treatments replace his sickled blood with fresh cells that are able to carry oxygen throughout his body.

Before beginning the therapy, Jamal's heart was pumping blood twice as fast, depleting his body's oxygen supply quickly. He was tired and slept a lot. His friends said he wasn't himself. But, after he received a transfusion, everything is different.

"I have more energy, I'm more alert," Jamal said. "I'm able to get out of the house, spend time with my family and friends. I can return to life again – return to normal."

Jamal has been receiving blood transfusions for a long time. Doctors diagnosed him with sickle cell at 6 months old. He experienced his first pain crisis at about 1 year old. He continued having them until age 10, when a stroke led to a change in his medication that left him crisis free until the age of 22.

"I'll receive one or two units of blood to increase my healthy cells and shorten the crisis," he said, "It really helps me out."

On rare occasions, Jamal will require a blood exchange. The process of removing his sickled blood and replacing it with eight units of donated blood used to take all day. Now, it only takes a few hours.

“ I have more energy, I'm more alert, I'm able to get out of the house, spend time with my family and friends. I can return to life again – return to normal.

Whether he is receiving one unit or eight, Jamal said the blood donations make a tremendous difference in his life, and he is so thankful for those who are willing to give.

"It's nothing but a miracle," he said.

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CAESAR WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA

Caesar isn't like most 8-year-olds.

He's excellent at math – he was on a third-grade level at age 5. He's an exceptional violinist – he met and played for the famous violinist Itzhak Perlman in September 2016. He speaks seven languages – including Russian, Hebrew and German.

He also has sickle cell anemia. Caesar endured three strokes brought on by his sickle cell in just two years.

The National Geographic did a documentary about him after the third stroke that left the child prodigy temporarily paralyzed at age 5. He has had to relearn how to walk, how to play the violin, how to hold his pencil to do math problems.

"These days, Caesar is learning to ride a bike, and he's back to playing violin pretty well," said his father, Lucas. "But Caesar keeps practicing so he can be even better than before. The music has helped keep Caesar motivated to continue the difficult work required to retrain his body."

Each month, Caesar and his father make the two-hour drive from Winston-Salem to Atrium Health's Levine Children's in Charlotte for the blood transfusions that keep Caesar from suffering another stroke. The most nerve-wracking part of their day is waiting for the blood. If the blood is not available and ready, their full day at the hospital can turn into an overnight stay.

There are only a few donors whose blood type is compatible with Caesar's very specific requirements. That makes each trip to Charlotte

terrifying for his father, who relies solely on the kindness of strangers to provide the lifesaving blood his son needs.

"When I make the drive to Charlotte, sometimes I really feel sick," Lucas said. "When I'm back home and I open the garage and park the car, it's like I was holding my breath the entire time. When I'm sitting in that parked car, I know I did my job. And I thank the donors for helping to finish this small chapter of our lives. If we don't have the blood, the whole thing is jeopardized."

After Caesar's second stroke, he needed a blood exchange. That meant doctors needed multiple units of his very specific blood type, fast. Caesar's mother, Aline, said it took 24 hours to get the blood he needed.

"Sometimes, it's like we take it for granted," Aline said. "We come here and we have the blood for him. It's so nice, right? But what if the blood isn't available? Right now, we know four people out of the pool of donors can donate to him. It's just four people. If one of them gets sick ..."

Caesar's parents know that if donors realized what an impact they were making on the lives of local patients, they would never stop donating. Lucas was a blood donor himself for a long time while he lived in Brazil.

“...what if the blood isn't available? Right now, we know four people out of the pool of donors can donate to him.”

"I was so proud," he said. "I was doing something good. But I never imagined I would ever have

a son who had sickle cell. I was not donating thinking anything like that.”

The hope for Caesar is that he can receive a bone marrow transplant from the saved umbilical cord blood of his younger sister, Helen. The family has everything for the transplant, except the money required to make the expensive procedure happen. While they wait for the transplant, the family continues to make monthly trips to Charlotte to spare Caesar from more pain crises brought on by his blood disorder.

“He’s a very heroic boy,” Lucas said. “Not because he’s my son. But he’s a heroic boy.”

ELLIE KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA

Since January of 2019, I have been the recipient of many blood transfusions due to a very bad case of anemia and iron deficiency that I constantly suffer from. Every time I received a transfusion, I have wanted to thank those who have been brave and healthy enough to be able to save someone’s life, like mine.

CORBYN JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

Seven-year-old Corbyn was born with Beta Thalassemia Major (Beta Thal), which is similar to sickle cell anemia but more severe. Because of a mutation on his Beta chain, his body needs blood transfusions to help increase his hemoglobin levels. He receives routine transfusions every two to three weeks.

Corbyn was first diagnosed when he was 14 months old. Since his diagnosis, he has had more than 100 blood transfusions! His treatment

doesn’t end there. Between transfusions Corbyn must undergo chelation therapy, a treatment to help remove iron from his organs to maintain healthy levels.

The only cure for Corbyn was a bone marrow transplant from a matching sibling. However, when his sister was born, she was not a match. Corbyn will have to maintain his treatment regimen for the rest of his life. Not the sort of burden you would expect a seven-year-old to endure.

His amazing parents recently traveled to China to adopt a brother, Cai, who has the exact same condition as Corbyn! The two brothers will be able keep each other company during their frequent, long, lifesaving transfusion sessions and share a bond of brotherhood along the way.

Corbyn is completely dependent on lifesaving blood, and the brothers remain grateful every day for all the donors who share their power to give them the gift of life.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

June 2020 - Corbyn and Cai’s mom, Lynzie, recently shared this update: “The boys are doing great! They are still being transfused every 2-3 weeks, and thanks to our gracious donors, they are able to live a child-filled fun life! Corbyn is playing flag football, on safety patrol and joined the SWAT team at his school! Cai is playing basketball and on his school’s math team! They are #ThrivingWithThal, thanks to our heroes, blood donors!”



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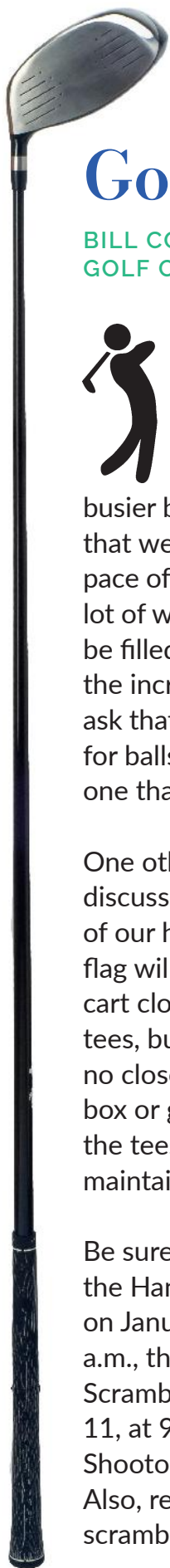
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Golf Tips

BILL CONNELLY, MANAGER OF GOLF OPERATIONS



Season is now in full swing. With all of our friends returning from the North, the golf course is getting busier by the day. One of the things that we must keep in mind is the pace of play. I know that we have a lot of water on the course that may be filled with golf balls, but due to the increased amount of play, we ask that you limit your time looking for balls to only trying to find the one that you hit in there.

One other thing that I would like to discuss is the guidelines for the use of our handicap flags. The handicap flag will allow you to park your cart closer to the greens and the tees, but the cart may be parked no closer than 15 feet to the tee box or green. This is to ensure that the tees and greens are able to be maintained at the highest quality.

Be sure to sign up for the Hangover Scramble on January 1, at 10 a.m., the Texas Hold-em Scramble on January 11, at 9 a.m., and the nine-hole Shootout on January 18, at 1 p.m. Also, remember the weekly 9-hole scramble every Tuesday at 3 p.m.



Below are the results of the Cookin' the Turkey Scramble played November 23.

1st Flight Winners

1. Gary Crandall, Tom Wright, Sue Wright, Karen Crandall
2. Charlie Currao, John Jannotti, Jim Restivo, Joe Mouser
3. John Mellor, Alan Huffman, Charlie Cooper, Debra Lehmann

2nd Flight Winners

1. Orlan Rustin, Mark Vandekerkhove, Pierre Lafond, Josh Hull
2. Dan Walton, Mare Miller, William Plawecki, John Walton
3. Brad Baker, Ted Bailey, Lori Baker, Eva Bailey

3rd Flight Winners

1. Lisa Hoffer, Liz Fitzgerald, Bill Story, David Fitzgerald
2. Kelly Millar, John Millar, Steve Risius
3. Stan Rogers, Kimm Dewitt, Loriann Rogers, Angie Dewitt

CLOSEST TO THE TURKEY:

Heron #2: Charlie Currao

Osprey #4: Josh Jull

Below are the results of the Home for the Holidays 9-hole Santa Scramble played December 7.

Heron:

1. Tom Wright, Gordon Fogg, Sue Wright, Cheryl Fogg
2. Steve Flagstad, John Hudoba, Sharon Hudoba, Susan Flagstad

Pelican:

1. Gary Crandall, David Fitzgerald, Karen Crandall, Liz Fitzgerald
2. Tim Ormsby, Bard Baker, Lori Baker, Becky Ormsby

Osprey:

1. Dan Lone, Jay Barnhart, Kathy Barnhart, Karen Lone
2. Bob Lapsley, Vince Roby, Charlie O'Connor, Wendy Whelan

CLOSEST TO SANTA:

Heron: Bob Keyworth

Pelican: Glenn Dombrowski

Osprey: Dan Lone and Janocha

CLOSEST TO ELF:

Heron: Ruth Dufour

Pelican: Bob Vail

Osprey: Terri Scott

We look forward to seeing everyone back this season. Hope everybody had a wonderful holiday.

Follow us on Instagram **@burntstoregolf** for course updates.

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

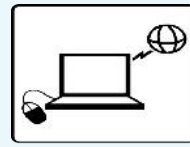
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BSM22.ORG - BURNT STORE MARINA WEBSITE HELP

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. 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 did not receive the current digital issue of the BSM *Beacon*, you need to go to **<https://bsmbeacon.seabreezecom munications.com/about/>**. Once there, you can input your information to subscribe, and receive future emailed copies. Please note: by contract with PGI Section 22 HOA, your email will not be used in any other way by Seabreeze Communications.

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Peace River Audubon Society (PRAS)

RICK READ, BURNT STORE RESIDENT AND AUDUBON SOCIETY MEMBER

Happy New Year! What is the first bird you saw after waking up on the first day of the New Year?

Share that joy with your friends and neighbors. Hopefully, you knew about the walk at Ollie's Pond from last month's Beacon, and were able to participate.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Wednesday, January 1, 8 a.m.,** New Year's walkabout at Ollie's Pond, 18235 Avon Ave, Port Charlotte.
- **Thursday, January 16, Monthly Program:** Refreshments 6:15 p.m. followed by the program, "The Purple Martin Story," at 7 p.m., at Regional Realtors Education Center, 3320 Loveland Blvd., Port Charlotte.
- **Saturday, January 18, 8:30 a.m.,** Purple Martin gourd array demo and walkabout at Cedar Point Environmental Park, 2300 Placida Rd., Englewood.
- **Tuesday, February 11, 8 a.m.,** walkabout at Deer Prairie Creek Preserve, 10201 S. Tamiami Trail, Northport.
- **Every Saturday, 8:30 a.m.,** Nature Walk at Audubon Pennington Park, 1153 Alton Rd., Port Charlotte.

You do not have to be a member of PRAS to join us. Participation is free and registration is not required. Visit the website at <https://www.peaceriveraudubonsociety.org> for all the details, or give me a call: Rick Read, BSM resident, at 574-870-2695 for information or car-pooling.





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Tight Lines...A Fishing Lesson Learned from the Best

JAY LEV, BURNT STORE ANGLERS

It was May 11, 2011, and sixteen members of the Burnt Store Anglers gathered for the beginning of their training to become certified judges for the Guy Harvey Ultimate Shark Tournament. This tournament would begin in our marina. Each boat fishing in the tournament was required to have one judge on their boat to certify that the catch was properly identified, measured and photographed before it was tagged and released. All the members of the Anglers were a little nervous as the national news media sent teams to join the training, and there would be several camera boats following the teams. The N.Y. Times sent its sportswriter along with many local news outlets. The staff of Mote Marine Shark Lab were going to be our trainers. Since all the trainers also have lectured in major universities, we were about to get a great experience.

The training began with showing the trainees a picture of a big shark. We were asked to identify the shark. Of the Burnt Store Anglers, only two got the correct answer. It was a five-gill shark. Suddenly,

all in attendance refocused and knew they were about to learn a great deal about Apex Predators. The training included shark identification, handling, measuring, setting up the correct tackle, shark hook removal safety, and just about anything you can imagine about shark fishing. At the very end of a long day of learning, the Mote Marine Staff presented each Burnt Store Angler, who participated in the training, with a beautiful certificate of certification.

The next morning, most of the newly trained judges were assigned to a fishing team to carry out their judging responsibilities. At 6 a.m., the horn was sounded and the teams shot off to their special fishing spots. At 6:30 a.m., the marine radio began to crackle, and the first shark was reported caught just several hundred yards outside the marina entrance. It was identified as a small lemon shark. Later that morning, about six of the tournament boats began reporting that boat 8 had hooked a giant shark in eight feet of water, and the team was

working hard to get the shark to the boat. The judge on the boat called the Tournament Boat to get the camera boat and research boat out to the coordinates he presented. They also said to get Mote Marine out to the area as soon as possible. Everyone was really getting curious until one of the stand-by boats got on the radio and gave the following information. "The shark has been identified. It is a 14-foot great Hammerhead, possibly a new all tackle world record." After many hours of fighting that fish, it was finally tail roped alongside the boat. It was much bigger than 14 feet and the Burnt Store Angler Judge on board that tournament boat went to work carefully applying all the proper measurements.

Since this tournament was a catch and release tournament, the crew wanted to be sure that the fish was not harmed and would survive its release. They were directed by the tournament research team to keep it alive, as the lab at Mote Marine was sending its top scientists down to deal with this rare fish.





RECORD BREAKING HAMMERHEAD CAUGHT IN CHARLOTTE HARBOR

With their trip down to our marina troubled with traffic, by the time they arrived the fish had died. Everyone was very upset. Upon arrival, the Mote team made arrangements for the fish to be transported to their lab for official measurements and research. Later that evening it was announced to have weighed 1,262 pounds, a new world record caught on rod and reel, here in our backyard, Charlotte Harbor. Captain Bucky, as he is known, was the new holder of a certified world record shark.

“ Later that evening it was announced to have weighed 1,262 pounds, a new world record caught on rod and reel, here in our backyard, Charlotte Harbor.

The boats judge was highly complimented for implementing all the required procedures. The fish is now mounted and hanging over the interior entrance to the Mote Marine Laboratory.

Anyone interested in a local shark fishing trip here in

Charlotte Harbor? Be sure to leave your spinning rod at home in favor of a rod and reel certified as an IGFA 80 to unlimited class designed rod and reel.

Tight Lines



TACO SOUP

(EASY 7 CAN RECIPE)

INGREDIENTS

- 1 lb. lean ground beef (or ground chicken or ground turkey)
- 1 large onion chopped
- 1 envelope 1 oz. ranch salad dressing and seasoning mix
- 1 envelope 1.25 oz. taco seasoning mix
- 1 can 14.5 oz. chicken broth
- 1 14.5 oz. can diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 10 oz. can of Original Rotel diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 15.25 oz. can of whole kernel corn, undrained
- 1 16 oz. can chili beans, undrained
- 1 15.5 oz. can black beans, drained & rinsed
- 1 16 oz. can pinto beans, drained & rinsed
- Shredded cheese, sour cream, diced green onion, sliced jalapeno, diced avocado, diced tomatoes, chopped cilantro, sliced black olives, tortilla chips or strips (optional garnishes)

DIRECTIONS

1. Brown the meat and onion over medium heat. Drain grease.
2. Add in seasoning mixes, chicken broth, diced tomatoes, Rotel diced tomatoes, corn, chili beans, black beans and pinto beans.
3. Bring up to a boil over medium high heat.
4. Reduce heat and simmer, at least 30 minutes, stirring occasionally.
5. Serve warm with your favorite taco toppings such as shredded cheese, sour cream and diced green onion.

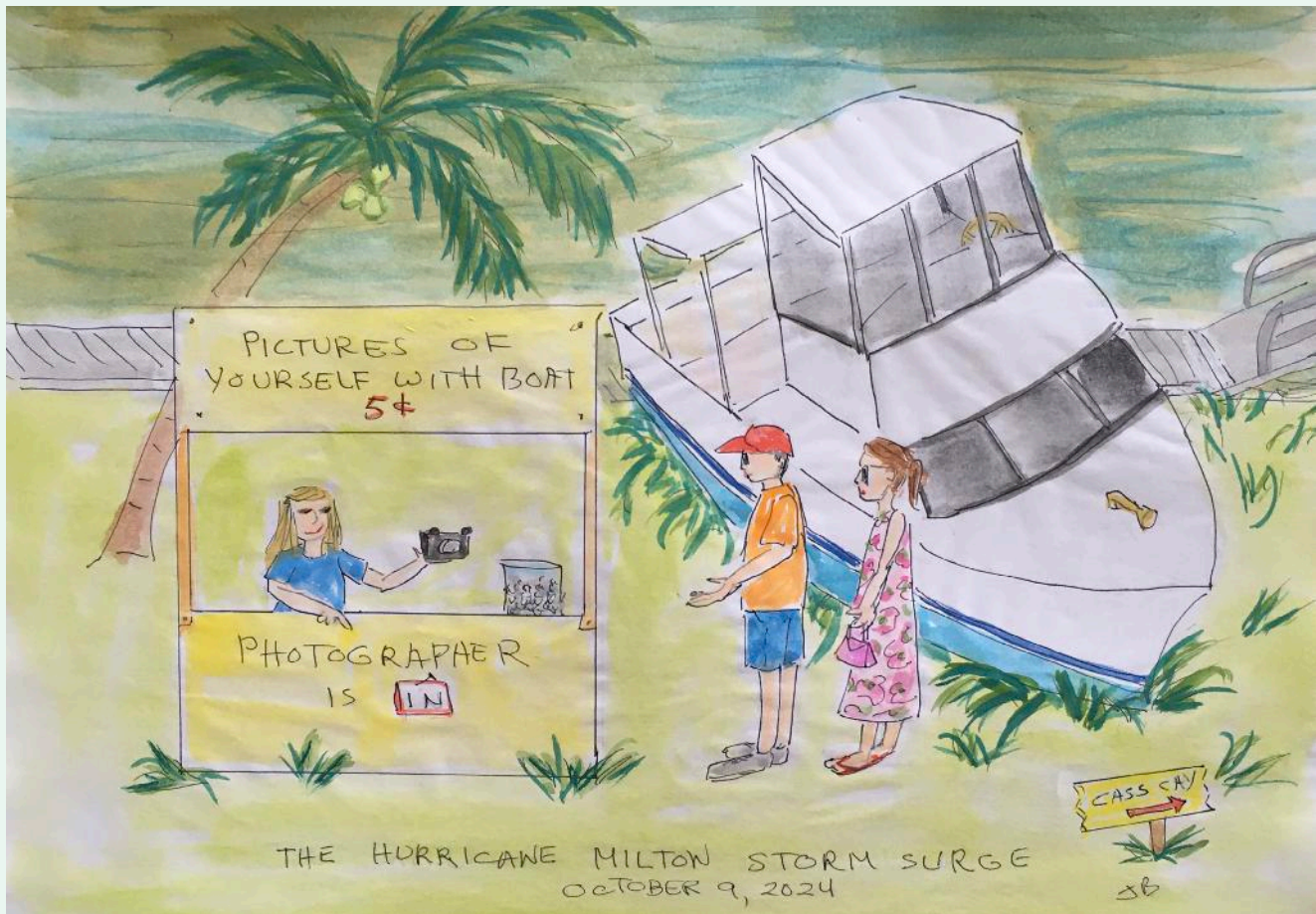


Recipe Box

JENNIFER LECLAIR, PELICAN WAY

I don't know about you, but after all the holiday fixin's I'm ready for something that's simple to make, lower in fat and calories, healthy yet delicious, to start the New Year off. If you're in the mood for a delicious and easy soup, this recipe is for you. Made with just 7 cans of ingredients, it's a simple one-pot meal that the whole family will love. Plus, by using a taco seasoning mix and ranch seasoning mix, no measuring is required. You'll love this no-fuss recipe that only requires minimal effort. The hardest part is browning the meat, chopping an onion, opening cans and rinsing some beans. Everything else is literally dump into the pot and go. It is essentially fool proof and has very little cleanup.





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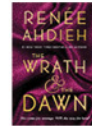


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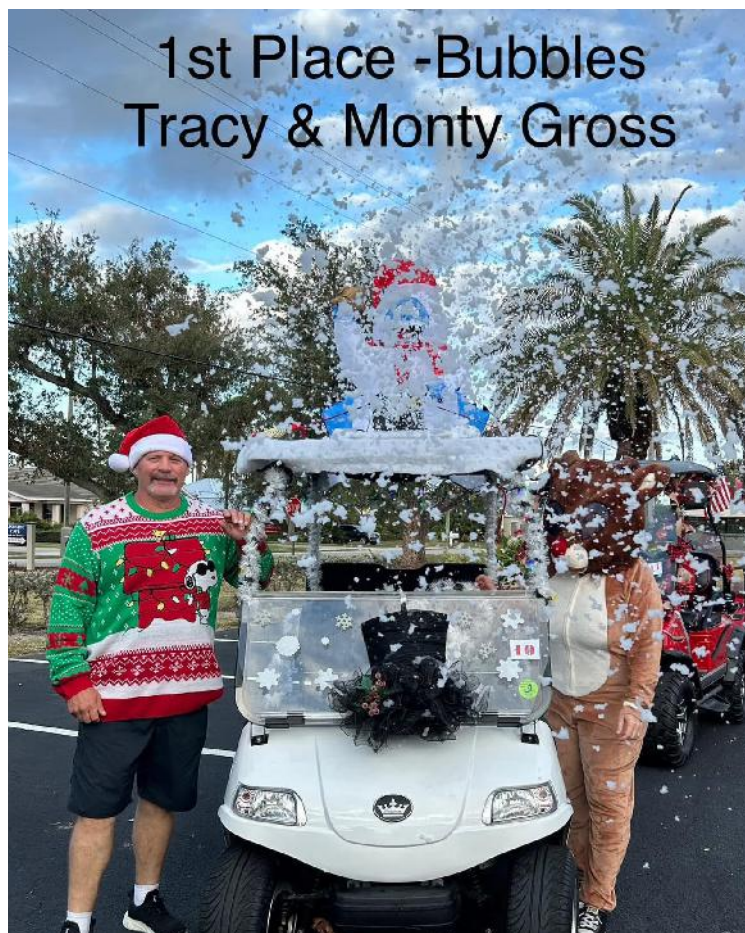


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BSM Cart Parade Winners



1st Place -Bubbles
Tracy & Monty Gross



2nd Place - FEMA
Connie Jackson

FIRST PLACE

Bubbles by Tracy & Monty Gross

SECOND PLACE

FEMA By Connie Jackson

THIRD PLACE

Elfing Around by David Barrat & Family

Congratulations!



3rd. - Elfing Around
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BSM Cart Parade Personalities



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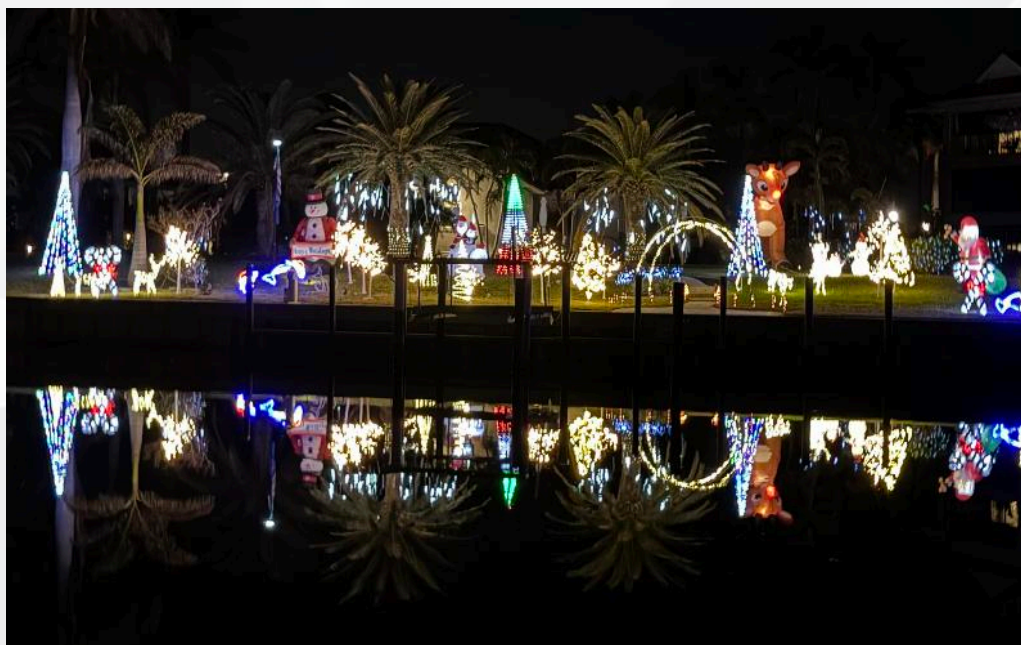
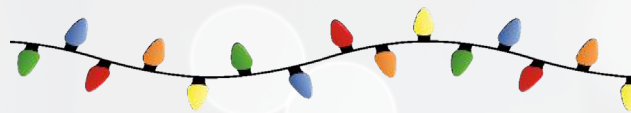
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Bicycles: Always ride your bicycle on the right side of the road, even if there is no “bike lane” available. Use hand signals to indicate intention to turn. Always stop at stop signs. Never exceed the posted speed limit.

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

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

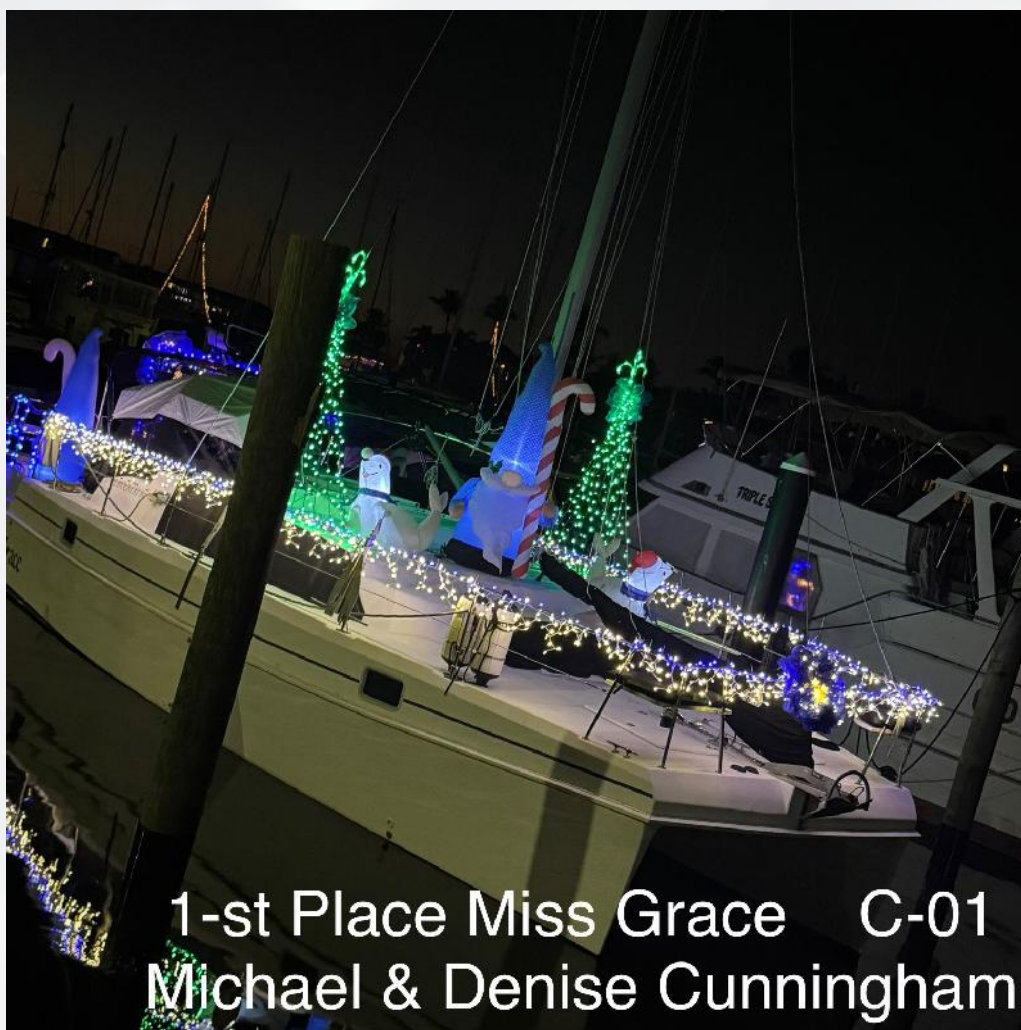
Home for the Holidays



1ST PLACE RACHELLE & BRAD JENSEN



2ND PLACE GLEN & JEANNE DOBBS



1-st Place Miss Grace C-01
Michael & Denise Cunningham



2nd Place - Creative
John & Jeri

HOLIDAY HOME AND BOAT CONTEST WINNERS

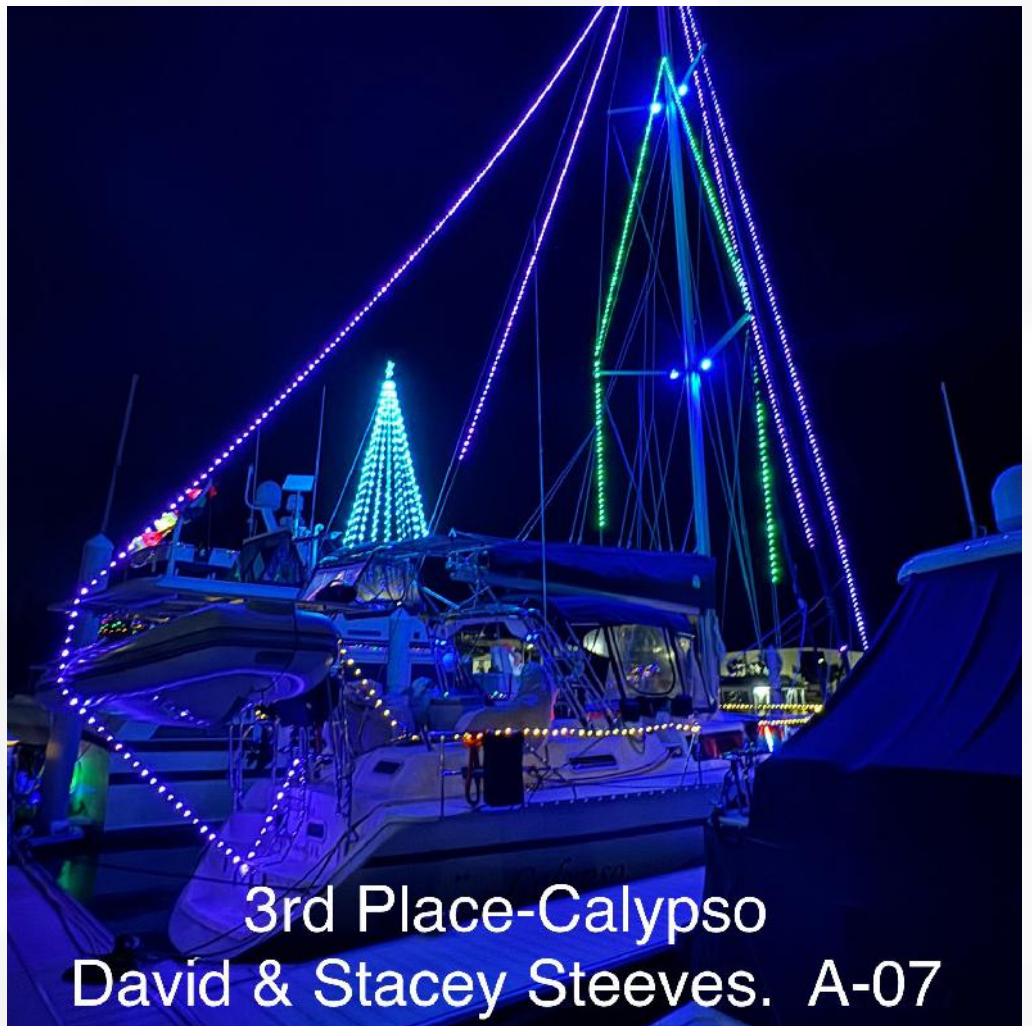


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Architectural Review Committee

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, including 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.

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...interior modifications like a bathroom or kitchen **do not** require an ARC application. If you replace an exterior window with this project, an ARC application is required. For all projects, go to the **BSM22.org** website to get your application.

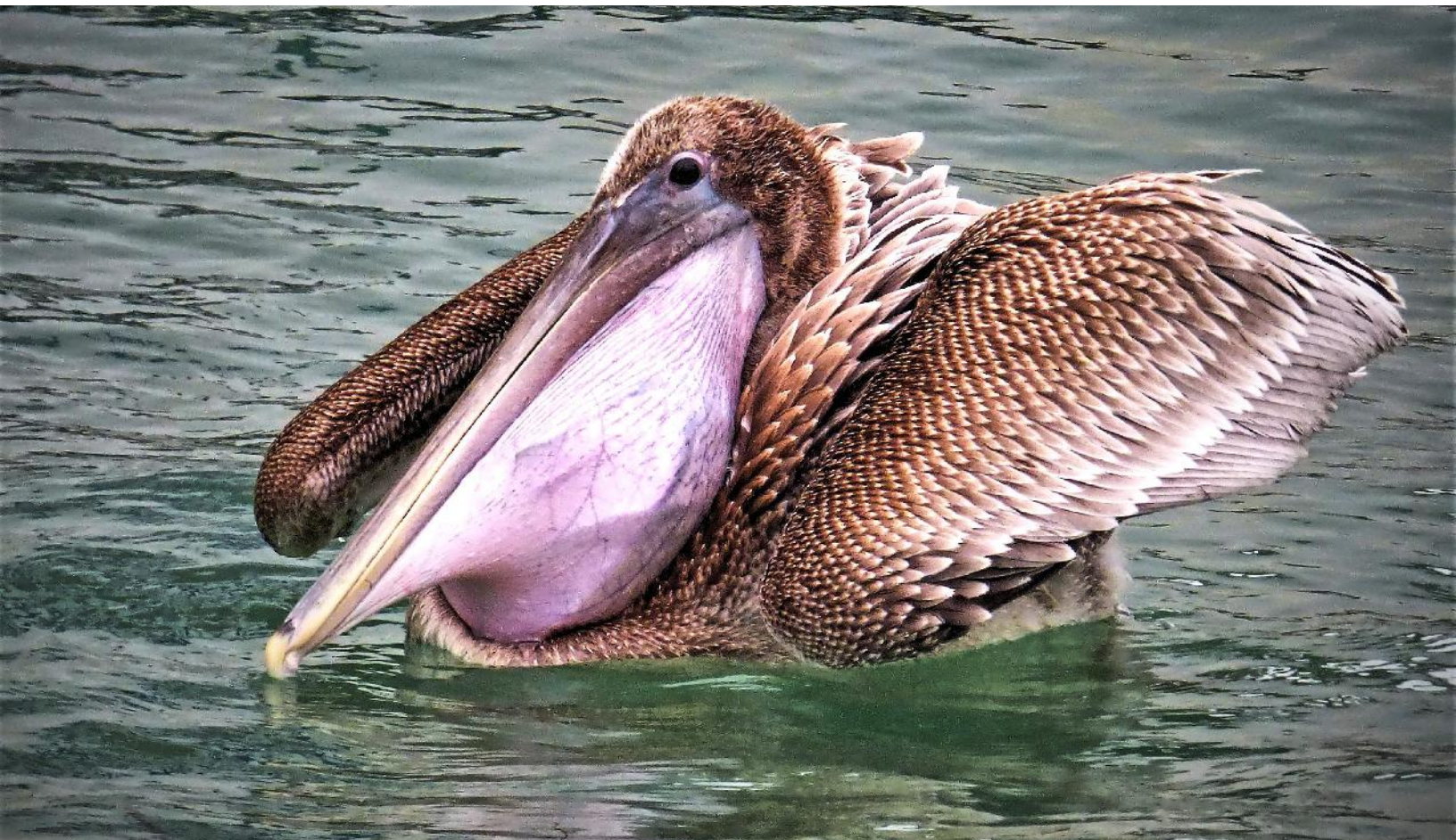


The following applications were approved last month by the Section 22 HOA ARC:

- Frank M. & Becky K. Smith, 4049 Cape Cole Boulevard, front door paint.
- R. Patrick & Kathy Kollker, 4010 Cobia Estates Drive, exterior paint.
- Carolyn S. Buckenmaier, 24075 Redfish Cove Drive, exterior paint.
- James Hegy, 4081 Cobia Estates Drive, exterior paint.
- Nancy Harrison, 2000 Matecumbe Key Road, hurricane shutter installation.
- David & Karen Eaton, 3011 Big Pass Lane, window replacement.
- John Salvaggio, 4075 Cape Cole Boulevard, hurricane shutter installation.
- Platinum Point Yacht Club, 3601 Cape Cole Boulevard, signage.
- Douglas & Carlene Russell, 4011 King Tarpon Drive, exterior paint.



📷 LITTLE GREEN HERON BY KAREN SANDERSON, ESPLANADE



📷 PELICAN'S GULAR POUCH CAPTURES FOOD BY KAREN SANDERSON, ESPLANADE

Where Do We Live – Burnt Store Road Book Update and eBook Special Offer

GRAHAM SEGGER, INDEPENDENT HOME OWNER

Where Do We Live? Research by a Seasonal Resident of Burnt Store Road is a book first written back in 2014 and 2015, which outlines the history and geography of Burnt Store Road. Topics included the history of the original Burnt Store (established in 1846) and the evolution of the Burnt Store Road area both before and after that date.

An eBook version was published by the Burnt Store-PPYC Charitable Boating Foundation (the Foundation) in 2015, followed in 2016 by a full-color paperback version. All proceeds from the sale of the books were donated to the charitable operations of the Foundation. In 2017 a second print run was published in black and

white and in January 2022, a third edition was printed. Each edition contained minor updates and incremental additions to the material. All print copies have now sold out, but a 2022 eBook version is still available for purchase for \$9.50 online at: <https://wheredowelive.com>.

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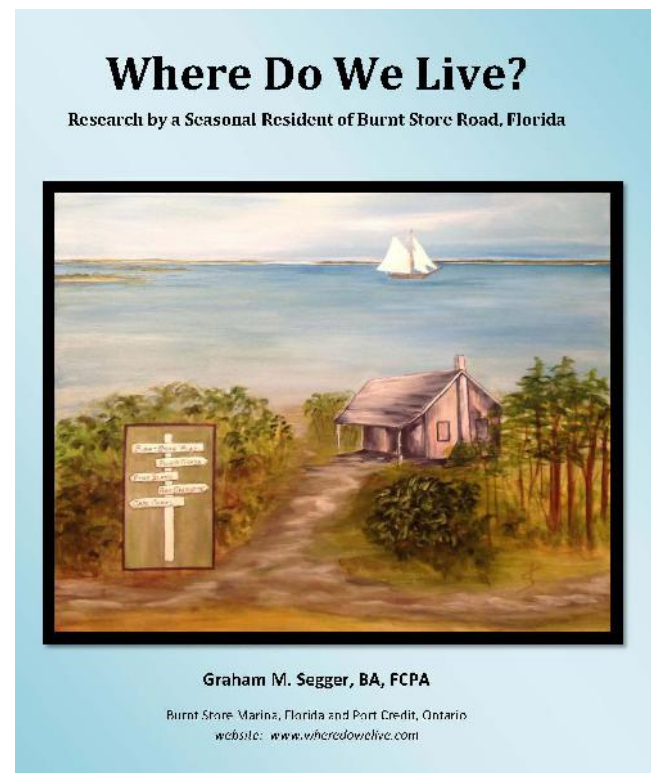
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River for the Boys & Girls Club of Charlotte County (BGCCC), Coast Guard youth training sessions, and on-water experiences for BGCCC hosted by Platinum Point Yacht Club members.

With all the changes that are occurring along the Burnt Store Road corridor, it has been determined that the book would benefit from a fairly major overhaul before being printed again. That project has begun, but is staggering along at a fairly leisurely pace – no promises, when it will be complete! To differentiate the updated book from previous copies, the title will be changed to the more descriptive *Where Do We Live: The Burnt Store Road Book*.

“ Anyone who purchases a \$9.50 eBook will be entitled to a \$5 discount on the new print edition of *Where Do We Live* when it is published later in 2025.

I am writing this over Cyber Monday/Giving Tuesday, so I am in the mood to offer a bargain to all readers. Anyone who purchases a \$9.50 eBook will be entitled to a \$5 discount on the new print edition of *Where Do We Live* when it is published later in 2025. This offer will only be available direct through the charitable Foundation to protect the retail book distributors. The link, again, is: <https://wheredowelive.com>.

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.



Gardener's Wheelbarrow

MAGGIE HART, MARINERS PASS

Growing zones are U.S. Department of Agriculture designations to indicate average minimum temperatures.

BSM is located in subtropical zone 9b/10a, which is a transition area. Because we are in a transition area, we can experience extreme swings in temperatures, sometimes as much as 60 degrees within a month's time. The most cold sensitive areas of BSM are the far eastern (along Burnt Store Rd.) and northern (Vincent Ave.) sections. Areas closer to the harbor experience the modifying effects of Charlotte Harbor. A true *tropical* plant shows distress when temperatures fall below 50 degrees. We can experience lows that will kill a tropical plant to the ground, but if the roots survive, the plant will rejuvenate. But all it takes is two consecutive mornings of 32 degrees for just 15 minutes each to severely damage tropical foliage.

DID YOU KNOW?

A true tropical plant shows distress when the temperatures fall below 50 degrees.

Life expectancy for our local shrubs varies from 3 - 7 years. Surprised? This is what happens:

- Our growing period is almost year-round. A 5-year-old plant here is equal to about a 10 - 15 year old plant grown in zones 4a-5b (Michigan) or 6b-7b (Mid-Atlantic) because their growing period is approximately a third or half the length of ours.
- Weather forecasters have said this could be a wet winter. I've no idea what to tell you. Historically, we should be well into the dry season and reliant on irrigation water.
- Pruning also takes its toll on our plants. Because of our long growing season, pruning occurs several times a year. It may temporarily reduce the size of the plant, but it also sends a message to **grow!** Producing leaves, flowers and seeds requires large amounts of energy. Our plants are constantly running marathons, month after month.

As plants age-out they become stressed, diseased and die. Replace them with plants that can better handle the salt, and are better suited site-wise for the location, thereby requiring less pruning.

January's "to do" list:

- **Ornamentals** – If you're going to plant, you must also commit to watering with your **hose** every other day for a couple weeks (then slackening off to a couple times a week, then once a week, etc.) Tropical palms will do better when planted during the summer months.
- **Annuals** – Plant, but take the time to prep the soil well. Mound the soil with a substantial amount of annual mix (contains vermiculite, sand and ground mulch), sprinkle with Osmocote (fertilizer) and a fungicide. Then plant your annuals. Mounding the soil will elevate the plants so they are more easily seen, keep them from getting wet "feet" and provide adequate good soil to settle their roots into.
- **Pruning** – If you have a **deciduous** tree (e.g. frangipani/plumeria) now is the time to do any required reshaping. Fertilizing – Hold off fertilizing turf and other cold sensitive plants.



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New Words and Phrases from 2024

Does your vocabulary need a little updating? Yes, there are some words and phrases created in the past year that are used by the "In Crowd."

The Cambridge Dictionary's 2024 word of the year:

Manifest - to use methods such as visualization and affirmation to help you imagine achieving something you want, in the belief that doing so will make it more likely to happen.

Here are some more for you to chew on:

Nepo baby - a person who gains success or opportunities through familial connections, especially a child of a famous parent (such as an actor, musician, entrepreneur, or politician)

Touch Grass - to participate in normal activities in the real world especially as opposed to online experiences and interactions

IYKYK - Written abbreviation for "if you know you know," used on social media and in text messages, to show that

there is a shared joke or shared knowledge with the reader that other people might not understand.

Enshittification - The gradual degradation of an online platform or service's functionality, as part of a cycle in which the platform or service



first offers benefits to users to attract them, then pursues more and more profits at the expense of users.

Bed rotting - The practice of spending many hours in bed during the day, often with snacks or an electronic device, as a voluntary retreat from activity or stress.

Girl dinner - An often attractively presented collection of snacks that involve little preparation, such as small quantities of cold cuts, cheese, fruit, cherry tomatoes, etc., deemed sufficient to constitute a meal for one.

Mid - Mediocre, unimpressive, or disappointing.

Bussin' - Great; wonderful; amazing.

The ick - A sudden feeling of disgust or dislike, often in response to the actions of another person.

Pretty privilege - An unearned and mostly unacknowledged societal advantage that a person has by fitting into the beauty standards of their culture.

Barbiecore - An aesthetic, or style featuring playful pink outfits, accessories, decor, etc., celebrating and modeled on the wardrobe of the Barbie doll.

Quishing - The scam of phishing via QR code.

Resenteeism - To continue doing your job but resent it. This blend of resent and absenteeism is appearing in business journalism.

Gymfluencer - a social media influencer whose content is focused on fitness or bodybuilding.

Cocktail party problem (also cocktail party effect) - the difficulty of focusing on one voice when there are multiple speakers in the room. This term from audiology is now being used with reference to AI.

Vampire - a vampire device or vampire appliance is one which uses energy even when not in use. This is a new, adjective sense of an existing word.

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JANUARY

January's Off Beat Holiday Adventures

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January, as the first month of the new year, gives us a chance to start over. Forget the bad, and turn last year's good into great. New Year's Day is the most celebrated holiday around the world – a time for new ideas, new friends, new activities and challenges. Make every day in January a celebration!

January 1, 1776: During the American Revolution, George Washington unveiled the Grand Union Flag, the first national flag in America.

January 1, 1901: The Commonwealth of Australia was founded as six former British colonies became six states with Edmund Barton as the first prime minister.

January 1, 1975: During the Watergate scandal, former top aides to President Nixon including former Attorney General John Mitchell,

Domestic Affairs Advisor John Ehrlichman and Chief of Staff H.R. Haldeman, were found guilty of obstruction of justice.

January 3, 1959: Alaska was admitted as the 49th U.S. state with a land mass almost one-fifth the size of the lower 48 states together.

January 4: *National Trivia Day* is observed across the United States. The word trivia is plural for the word trivium. In ancient times, the term "trivia" was appropriated to mean something very new. Over time, the word "trivia" has come to refer to obscure and arcane bits of dry knowledge, as well as nostalgic remembrances of pop culture.

Nostalgic college students in the 1960s, along with others, began to informally trade questions and answers about the popular culture of their youth. After writing trivia columns, Columbia

University students created the earliest inter-collegiate quiz bowls that tested culturally (and emotionally) significant, and virtually useless information, which they dubbed trivia contests. In North America, the game *Trivial Pursuit* peaked in 1984 – over 20 million games were sold.

January 5, 1972: President Richard Nixon signed a bill approving \$5.5 billion over six years to build and test the NASA space shuttle.

January 6 is a big day in New Orleans. It marks three things: Twelfth Night, The Epiphany, and the beginning of the *Carnival Season*. While many people believe that Mardi Gras is a one-day event, it's an actual season, from January 6 through February 25 (Fat Tuesday, also called Mardi Gras).

January 7, 1714: A patent was issued for the first typewriter

designed by British inventor Henry Mill “for the impressing or transcribing of letters singly or progressively one after another, as in writing.”

January 8, 1987: The Dow Jones industrial average first topped the 2,000 mark.

January 10, 1912: The flying boat airplane, invented by Glenn Curtiss, made its first flight at Hammondsport, New York.

January 16-19: *Fellsmere Frog Leg Festival*, Fellsmere, Florida. Hop on over to this annual event, where highlights include: yummy frog’s leg and gator tail dinners, frog jumping contests, hot legs contests, carnival rides, Red Neck Olympics, live music and booths featuring the work of unique craftsmen and artisans. This funky festival has been happening for over 20 years. Food choices start with one frog leg (a frog pop on a stick for \$3) up to a gator-tail and frog leg dinner for \$14. Entrance and parking are free. 22 South Orange St., Fellsmere, FL 32948. Web: froglegfestival.com

January 18 & 19: 47th Annual *Central Florida Scottish Highland Games*, Winter Springs, FL.

Fans of Scottish heritage and culture will love this jam-packed schedule of Highland dancing, bagpipes, archery, shortbread and whiskey tasting, face painting and other Scot-centric fun. Advance tickets available online. Located at Central Winds Park, 1000 Central Winds Drive (East SR434), Winter Springs 32708. Web: flascot.com

January 18 & 19: *Florida Manatee Festival*, Crystal River, Florida. This event is an open house at Three Sisters Spring, where manatees are easy to see and watch in the clear spring water. Festival activities include music on three stages, a Kid Zone, free access and shuttle to Three Sisters Springs and a wine and beer garden. Manatee Boat Tours into Kings Bay and other favorite hangouts of the manatees are available from the City Pier at the end of Third Street. Web: gomanateefest.com

January 20: *Martin Luther King Day*, celebrates the birthday of Martin Luther King, January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia. As an African American civil rights leader, he spoke eloquently and stressed nonviolent methods to

achieve equality, receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. King was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968. In 1983, the third Monday in January was designated a legal holiday in the U.S. to celebrate his birthday.

January 20, 1945: Franklin Delano Roosevelt was inaugurated to an unprecedented fourth term as president of the United States. He had served since 1933.

January 21, 1954: The *USS Nautilus*, the world’s first nuclear powered submarine, was launched at Groton, Connecticut.

January 23: *National Handwriting Day* is an opportunity to reintroduce yourself to a pen or pencil and a piece of paper. In this day of computers, more information, notes, and letters are sent back and forth via a keyboard and cyberspace. This holiday was established in 1977 by, you guessed it, the Writing Instrument Manufacturers Association. According to their website “The purpose of National Handwriting Day is to alert the public to the importance of handwriting.”

January 24, 1895: Hawaii's monarchy ended as Queen Liliuokalani was forced to abdicate. Hawaii was then annexed by the U.S. And remained a territory until statehood was granted in 1959.

January 24, 1848: The *California Gold Rush* began with the accidental discovery of gold near Coloma during construction of a Sutter's sawmill. An announcement by President Polk later in the year caused a national sensation and resulted in a flood of "Forty-niners" seeking quick wealth.

January 25, 1961: President John F. Kennedy conducted the first live-televised presidential news conference, five days after taking office.

January 27: *Kumquat Festival*, Dade City, Florida. The historic downtown in Dade City fills for this free event celebrating the tangy little fruit grown locally. Along with dozens of booths and live entertainment, a highlight is tasting kumquat treats, from kumquat pie to kumquat cookies to kumquat salsa. Festivities include Car & Truck Show, Kid's Corral, and Quilt Show.

Web: dadecitychamber.org/annual-kumquat-festival

January 28, 1915: *The U.S. Coast Guard* was created by an Act of Congress, combining the Life Saving Service and the Revenue Cutter Service.

January 29, 1919: *The 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution* (Prohibition Amendment) was ratified. For nearly 14 years, until December 5, 1933, the manufacture, transportation, and sale of alcoholic beverages were illegal in the United States. The Amendment had the unexpected result of causing enormous growth of organized crime which provided bootleg liquor to thirsty Americans.



Sheriff's Report November 2024

- **14 Speeding Warnings**
 - 6 Residents
 - 8 Non-Residents
- **10 Stop Sign Warnings**
 - 6 Residents
 - 4 Non-Residents
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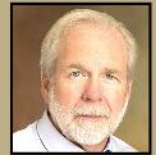
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