



UP & COMING

- **Dart Tournament**
Thursday, June 22nd
- **Luncheon at Cass Cay**
Tuesday, July 4th
- ***Ice Cream Social**
August - TBD
- ***Dart Tournament**
September - TBD
- ***Bowling**
October - TBD
- ***Edison Ford Museum**
November - TBD
- **Christmas Party**
December 16th

More details coming soon!

*Events w/o specific dates are subject to change.

See inside for more information, read our weekly e-bulletins, and visit www.bsia.net. We also post all events on the BSIA Facebook page along with great pictures of past events!

~ **Board Meeting Held Monthly** ~
First Friday of each month at 9 am at the Twin Isles Country Club in the upper level casual dining area.

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From the President

BILL PAGE

The Burnt Store Isles Association needs your help. We are a volunteer, not-for-profit organization. Many recognize that we work to maintain community standards and enforce deed restrictions. Additionally, we sponsor a number of social events and services for our members, like Shredder Day and homeowner's insurance seminars. We cannot provide these activities without an active membership.

There are a several ways you can help your BSIA community. The first is to talk to your neighbors and ask them if they are members. If they are not, encourage them to join. The annual cost is only \$45 a year. We currently have approximately 525 household memberships. There are more than 1,100 homes in BSI. As you can see, less than half of the residents are members. After membership, the second source of income is new construction fees. We are rapidly building out the last of the empty lots and will need to either find new revenue or reduce our expenses. An ideal way to increase revenue is to increase our membership. We would need to increase membership by 20% to offset the lost new construction revenue. That would still only have membership at about 50% of total residents. It will be important to increase our membership in the coming years so we can provide the same level of service without increasing our costs.

The second way to help BSIA is to become a Board member. There are 13 Board positions. This year there will be 2 positions for which the current officer is prevented from running again. Those positions are E-Communications and Planning. There are an additional 5 positions where the current term is expiring. The individuals in these positions have not indicated yet if they intend to run again. These positions are Treasurer, Legal, Membership, Special Projects, and Social. Additionally, being a Board member is an excellent way to meet more of your neighbors and generate friendships.

The last way to help BSI is to work on a committee or an event. We are always looking for help planning and staffing our events. You can help with things like Shredder Day, or on the social committee.

Please give some thought on how you can help!

Bill Page, President

BSIA 2023 BOARD

OFFICERS:

President.....Bill Page
 Vice President.....Patricia Iorio
 Secretary.....Charmaine Ponkratz
 Treasurer.....Lee Brandt

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Community Standards.....Faith Ferris
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 E-Communications.....Jenny Anderson
 Neighborhood Security.....David Elkins
 Planning.....Mary Boeringer
 Special Projects/Landscaping.....Kathy Martinelli
 Social.....Wanda Daugherty
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From the VICE PRESIDENT ~ Pat Iorio



New construction requests have been fairly consistent since the start of the year. In the first four months of 2023, nine requests for new construction were reviewed and approved, with several more in the pipeline awaiting permits from the city. Additionally, a request for an addition to an existing home was reviewed and approved.

Approvals for new construction, just as with architectural changes, are based on our deed restrictions, with different criteria for single family and multi-family builds, including things such as square footage and setbacks. Builders must complete the application for new construction and submit this along with the plans for the new construction and a check for \$250. After all this is received, I check the Punta Gorda website for issuance of the permit to build. If this has been issued, then I will proceed with the review of the plans and application. However, without a permit from the city, the application for new construction cannot be approved until a permit is issued.

The builder and the new homeowner are notified of the approval from BSIA once all the criteria are reviewed and approved. Along with this approval, we extend one year of membership to the Burnt Store Isles Association as a courtesy and an incentive to continue membership with BSIA.



E-COMMUNICATIONS ~ Jenny Anderson

As you've seen in the Tuesday Bulletin, I must step away from this position as of January 1, 2024, because it is my fourth year serving. I am looking for a replacement to 'train' before fall and the start of the next membership drive.

PLEASE don't be afraid of the description in the Bulletin. Everything is teachable, the systems are fairly intuitive, and I promise I won't disappear on January 1st and not be available for questions. If you have interest or would like more details, please reach out to me at info@bsia.net

And as always, please take time to read to the end of the Tuesday Bulletins for past info as well as the info that you might need all the time like how to find your city district or how to order a name badge. Also utilize our website to find the answer to many of the questions you may have.



SOCIAL Notes ~ Wanda Daugherty

We had a full schedule of events during the first quarter, but they slowed a bit for April. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our tour of Naples Botanical Gardens due to lack of participation. Hopefully, we can reschedule at a better time later this year.

May was much more successful with a wonderful tour at The Military Heritage Museum, beginning with mimosas, compliments of Su Miscia. Next, everyone headed upstairs for some hands-on Flight Simulator. This is a great educational opportunity to fly a military aircraft in the Ops simulator room. You can experience virtual reality of aviation to the International Space Station and operate military replica weapons in the smokeless laser gun range. On the main level, everyone enjoyed all the replica miniature battlefields and rare items on display. This tour is an amazing learning experience for all ages.

For the month of June, we had a special event just for the ladies who want a bit of sparkle. Barbie Sullivan, our professional Angel Hair gal worked tirelessly making all the ladies sparkle. All who participated visited and enjoyed refreshments while awaiting their turn for some Angel Hair. Big thank you to Donna Stankiewicz for hosting the event. Nearer the end of June, we held our second Dart Tournament at the Ice House. This is always a packed event where everyone is a winner.

Plans are underway for a big 4th of July and much more to come throughout the year. Don't forget to read your weekly news e-bulletin to stay up to date on all happenings in BSIA.



SECRETARY'S REPORT ~ Charmaine Ponkratz



Hello neighbors,

As your secretary, I continue to be honored to serve and am amazed by the contributions so many make to the betterment of our community.

The Bylaws of the organization put forth the responsibilities of the secretary: The Secretary shall record and maintain the minutes of all regular and special meetings of the membership and all meetings of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall issue all correspondence and notices of meetings of BSIA.

To find our minutes, it's just a click away: <https://bsia.net/board-minutes>

The Board of Directors meetings are once again in person, hosted by our neighbor, Twin Isles Country Club, on the first Friday of the month at 9:00 am. All BSIA members are welcome to attend the meetings and every meeting agenda has time dedicated to guest comments.

With hurricane season upon us, I join the many voices encouraging preparedness and praying for a safe season.



SPECIAL PROJECTS ~ Kathy Martinelli

Happy Spring, BSI neighbors!

As Special Projects Director, I am responsible for maintaining the landscaping on the eight entry islands into Burnt Store Isles. The islands are owned by the City of Punta Gorda, but due to labor and money shortfalls, they are unable to maintain the islands.

The city does supply water to irrigate our plants and electricity to highlight the monuments.

Burnt Store Isles Association pays for landscaping services, shrubbery, plants, and stone. We also maintain the two stone monuments, supply flags and various banners that alert us to various events throughout the year.

All of this could not be done without the BSIA membership fee paid by all of us.

Please ask your neighbors who are not members to join our association. This small yearly fee goes so far in keeping our community safe and beautiful.

The four islands on Madrid Blvd have had a facelift with new plantings. Beautiful rows of Ixora should soon be blooming with large orange blossoms. They are hardy and drought resistant to harsh SWFL weather. Other accenting plants are also being planted on the Madrid islands. With a limited budget, we were only able to remove dead plants on the Monaco Islands.

Hopefully next year we will be able to continue to upgrade the plantings along Monaco and add new stone where needed.

Here are a few before and after pictures of the islands.

Please continue to support our BSI COMMUNITY!

P.S. - Shredder Day was another huge success!



-Before-



-After-



PLANNING ~ Mary Boeringer

It's that time of year when many snowbirds are leaving Florida. There is an Away from Home program, which is an invaluable courtesy service offered by the Punta Gorda Police Department to its residents. Its primary benefit is to offer vacationing, seasonal and year round residents assurance that, if a problem exists at their property

for any emergency conditions, the resident or designated key holder can be contacted expeditiously. It is important to note that the Away from Home program is not intended, or designed, to replace home security systems or other security services. Residents can sign up for the program by visiting www.PuntaGordaPolice.com.

Home Watch 101

By George & Barbara Martinez, GMan Home Watch

Who watches your home while you are away for the season or any extended period of time? Here are some important reasons to hire a reliable, trustworthy, and professional home watch service:

Damage Reports: In the aftermath of a weather event like Hurricane Ian, a home watch service can quickly respond to assess, photograph, and report visible storm damage to your property. This time-sensitive reporting can be essential for filing insurance claims and other purposes.

Water Damage: Within 48-72 hours of a water leak, dangerous mold and other microorganisms can begin to grow inside your home and can lead to costly remediation and repairs. A home watch service can assist by alerting you to early signs of harmful water damage.

Air Conditioning Issues: HVAC systems shut down due to a variety of reasons. While you are away, a home watch service can recognize and address simple causes for interruption in your service. These and other actions can minimize cascading effects such as moisture buildup and the development of mildew and mold on walls, ductwork, and furniture inside your home.

Check on Other Service Providers: Is your pool REALLY being cleaned? Is the landscaping company REALLY taking care of your property when you are not there? A knowledgeable home watch company can be your eyes and ears to report on these and other issues that are important to you.

Lastly and most importantly, **homeowner insurance policies** generally cover damage caused by a sudden or accidental occurrence. This coverage may not extend to gradual damage that your insurance company believes happened over a period of more than 14 days. A reliable home watch company can assist in identifying issues as they arise and help keep you within the parameters of your insurance.

GMan Home Watch is a full-service home watch provider serving landlords, seasonal and vacationing homeowners in Punta Gorda.

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Neighborhood Security Update

David Elkins



We made it through the busy driving season with no huge incidents on our streets and at Monaco and Madrid. FDOT is working on 41, as many of us know, and hopefully will be done with that work early this summer. We do have quite a few potholes on Monaco and Madrid, and those are on the city's list to fill ASAP. We have asked the city for more speed limit signs for some of our major in and out streets.

Seasonal Issues with Hurricane Doors and more - PG police have a registration service if you want to let them know you are away for the season and have your hurricane doors and shutters on. Many of you also may want to let your neighbors know you are gone for multiple months; have cameras and other devices in or outside your homes. PG police tell us that they have more break-ins and burglaries in the summer than any time of year because, of course, the thieves know you are not home?? Make sure if you have left any valuables in your home they are either in a safe – or, at the worst, you have a list of them in case of a break-in. We ask all of our year-rounders to be vigilant! If you are using a Homewatch service you can also let the PG police know and we suggest you let your neighbors know too.

PG police tell us that bike/ automobile interaction, which is never good, is on the uptick. With many getting out early in the am for their daily bike ride, or evening during the hotter days, make sure you have lights or reflectors - the automobile usually wins, vs the bike.



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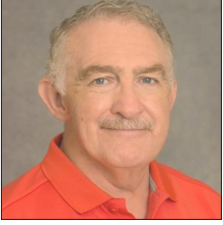
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MEMBERSHIP ~ John Bothwell

Burnt Store Isles is the best place to live on the West Coast of Florida.

Please help us grow our association by talking to your neighbors and inviting them to join BSIA if they are not members. The more members we have, the stronger our collective voices are when talking to city council and the county government.

I know when I'm walking my dog, I tend to meet the same people every day. We share conversation and sometimes a cup of coffee. This is a great time to discuss the Burnt Store Isles Association with your neighbors if they are not already members.

One of the benefits of our association is that helps to maintain and protect the Burnt Store Isles deed restrictions, which is very important when we look at all the new construction. Additionally, we have some great social activities scheduled this summer. This is a great way to meet new people.

Don't forget to check our newsletter, electronic bulletin board, Facebook, and our website, WWW.BSIA.net, to stay informed about everything going on in our community. This is the result of hundreds of hours of volunteers working to protect our community and keep our neighbors well informed and safe.

Thank you to all our members for supporting Burnt Store Isles by being active members of the BSIA.

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COMMUNITY STANDARDS ~ Faith Ferris

Community Standards – Why They Are Important

Community standards are the rules and expectations that guide the behavior and appearance of a group of people who share a common space, such as a neighborhood, a condominium, or a school. Community standards can cover various aspects of living in a community, such as noise levels, parking regulations, landscaping, trash disposal, exterior maintenance, and architectural design.

Our community standards are included in our BSI Deed Restrictions and are important for several reasons. First, they help to maintain the property values of the community by ensuring that each home is well-kept and attractive. A community that looks orderly is more likely to attract buyers than one that looks neglected and uncared for. Second, they enhance the safety of the community by preventing health hazards, fire risks, and vandalism. Third, they promote a positive environment for the community by fostering a sense of pride, respect, and cooperation among its members. A community that has clear and consistent standards that are followed by everyone is more likely to create a harmonious and friendly atmosphere than one that has vague and variable standards that are ignored or violated by some.

Our standards are not meant to restrict or oppress the individuality or creativity of community members. Rather, they are meant to protect and enhance the quality of life and well-being of the whole community. By maintaining community standards, community members can enjoy living in a beautiful, clean, safe, and friendly environment that they can be proud of.



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TREASURER'S REPORT

Lee Brandt

Burnt Store Isles Association, Inc Burnt Store Isles Association Budget vs. Actual From Jan 2023 to Apr 2023

| FINANCIAL ROW | AMOUNT | BUDGET AMOUNT | AMOUNT OVER BUDGET | % OF BUDGET |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense | | | | |
| Income | | | | |
| 4100 - Membership Dues | \$23,223.85 | \$23,500.00 | (\$276.15) | 98.82% |
| 4200 - New Construction Fees | \$1,750.00 | \$3,000.00 | (\$1,250.00) | 58.33% |
| 4300 - Directory Ads | \$1,287.50 | \$2,300.00 | (\$1,012.50) | 55.98% |
| 4350 - Newsletter Ads | \$3,407.01 | \$4,500.00 | (\$1,092.99) | 75.71% |
| 4400 - Interest Income | \$5.70 | \$50.00 | (\$44.30) | 11.40% |
| 4500 - Donations Received | \$1,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 | 0.00% |
| 4600 - 50/50 | \$135.00 | \$0.00 | \$135.00 | 0.00% |
| 4610 - Misc. Income | \$0.00 | \$100.00 | (\$100.00) | 0.00% |
| 4620 - Badges - Member Paid | \$85.17 | \$0.00 | \$85.17 | 0.00% |
| 4700 - Events - Member Paid | \$3,875.00 | \$2,800.00 | \$1,075.00 | 138.39% |
| Total - Income | \$34,769.23 | \$36,250.00 | (\$1,480.77) | 95.92% |
| Gross Profit | \$34,769.23 | \$36,250.00 | (\$1,480.77) | 95.92% |
| Expense | | | | |
| 6100 - Landscaping Reserve | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 | (\$1,000.00) | 0.00% |
| 6150 - Landscaping/Property Mgmt | \$7,254.73 | \$7,690.00 | (\$435.27) | 94.34% |
| 6300 - Directory Preparation | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 | (\$1,000.00) | 0.00% |
| 6350 - Newsletter Preparation | \$1,884.63 | \$4,800.00 | (\$2,915.37) | 39.26% |
| 6400 - Legal Fees | \$437.50 | \$4,000.00 | (\$3,562.50) | 10.94% |
| 6420 - Liability Insurance | \$2,711.35 | \$2,800.00 | (\$88.65) | 96.83% |
| 6500 - Donation Given | \$0.00 | \$250.00 | (\$250.00) | 0.00% |
| 6620 - Badges | \$123.55 | \$50.00 | \$73.55 | 247.10% |
| 6700 - Events Member Paid | \$3,529.00 | \$2,900.00 | \$629.00 | 121.69% |
| 6710 - Events BSIA Paid | \$627.37 | \$2,200.00 | (\$1,572.63) | 28.52% |
| 6730 - Storage Unit Rent | \$216.21 | \$261.64 | (\$45.43) | 82.64% |
| 6750 - PO Box Rental | \$0.00 | \$200.00 | (\$200.00) | 0.00% |
| 6760 - Postage and Delivery | \$266.99 | \$100.00 | \$166.99 | 266.99% |
| 6770 - Safe deposit Rent | \$100.00 | \$100.00 | \$0.00 | 100.00% |
| 6800 - Software | \$104.93 | \$100.00 | \$4.93 | 104.93% |
| 6820 - Web Emails Constant Contact | \$0.00 | \$588.00 | (\$588.00) | 0.00% |
| 6830 - State Fees | \$61.25 | \$65.00 | (\$3.75) | 94.23% |
| 6900 - Misc. Expense | \$99.49 | \$500.00 | (\$400.51) | 19.90% |
| 6920 - Surveillance Cameras | (\$48.00) | \$0.00 | (\$48.00) | 0.00% |
| 6930 - Meeting Room Rent | \$0.00 | \$675.00 | (\$675.00) | 0.00% |
| 6940 - Shredder Day | \$0.00 | \$645.00 | (\$645.00) | 0.00% |
| 6950 - Banners | \$51.46 | \$120.00 | (\$68.54) | 42.88% |
| Total - Expense | \$17,420.46 | \$30,044.64 | (\$12,624.18) | 57.98% |
| Net Ordinary Income | \$17,348.77 | \$6,205.36 | \$11,143.41 | 279.58% |
| Net Income | \$17,348.77 | \$6,205.36 | \$11,143.41 | 279.58% |



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