



Burnt Store Isles Association NEWS

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UP & COMING

- **BSIA Annual Meeting** --
Tuesday, November 14 @ 3 p.m.
Twin Isles County Club
- **Angel Hair** --
Thursday, November 16
- **Peace River Botanical Gardens** --
November - date TBD
- **Christmas Party** --
December 16
- **Alligator Rum Distillers Tour** --
January 2024 - date TBD
- **10th Yard Sale** --
- **Comedy Hour** --
February 2024 - dates TBD
- **BSIA Annual Picnic** --
March - date TBD

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

One of the things that continues to impress me is the sense of community that we have in Burnt Store Isles. Any time that someone needs help, it seems like volunteers line up to help. Whether it be to clean up after the storm or taking someone to a doctor's appointment, help always seems to be available. However, there is one area where the community could do a better job of helping our neighbors which would require little effort, and could save our neighbors a lot of time, and potentially, money.

The BSIA Board represents all residents of BSI, members, and non-members. With your help, the Board also enforces deed restrictions on all properties. We currently have about half of the properties joining BSIA. This makes getting deed restriction reminders to everyone difficult and expensive. Recently, we have had several neighbors (members and non-members) start to do repairs without BSIA's approval. To correct the situation, it might be as simple as getting BSIA's approval; however that is not always the case. We have had several roof repairs started that did not conform to the BSIA deed restrictions and the subsequent architectural change request was denied. (Please note that not all steel tile roofs are guaranteed to be approved.)

With all of the turmoil from the storm, there are people who are neglecting to get their repairs approved. After your insurance company gives approval, the next step is to select the material and get approval by BSIA. Forgetting this step can be costly and is something that insurance companies will not reimburse you for. **If you have a neighbor that is still working through the Hurricane Ian maze, please politely remind them that any outside work needs to be approved by BSIA before materials are ordered.** A city approved permit does not guarantee that it meets BSIA deed restrictions. Thanks for your help!

Bill Page, President

BSIA 2023 BOARD

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President Bill Page
Vice PresidentPatricia Iorio
Secretary Charmaine Ponkratz
TreasurerLee Brandt

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Community Standards: Faith Ferris
Legal Liaison/By-Laws Brian Bender
Membership/WelcomingWendy Heath
E-Communications Jenny Anderson
Neighborhood SecurityDavid Elkins
PlanningMary Boeringer
Special Projects/LandscapingKathy Martinelli
Social Wanda Daugherty
Past President (non-voting).....Bill Courtney

COMMITTEES:

Architectural..... Faith Ferris
Newsletter & Membership Directory Editor & Publisher Diane Peterson
Advertising Chair.....Dave Elkins

From the VICE PRESIDENT ~ Pat Iorio



Some of you may have wondered about the process for reviewing and approving/denying requests for architectural changes or new construction. Typically, a homeowner submits the request for the architectural change, such as a new roof, to the Standards Director. The contractor or homeowner submits a request for new construction, including additions, such as a new room or garage, to the Vice President.

Each of these types of requests are reviewed for compliance with our BSIA deed restrictions and the key points of the deed restrictions are printed on the request forms as a guide for the homeowner and contractor. However, because of the number of architectural change requests and new construction requests, including additions, a committee is sometimes used to review new requests.

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) is tasked with ensuring compliance with BSIA deed restrictions and policy standards which are designed to maintain the beauty of the community as well as to maintain the property values of the community. This year, more than ever, the ARC has had to be extra vigilant in reviewing requests due to the large number of requests resulting from damages to homes in the community from last year's Hurricane Ian.

The Architectural Review Committee consists of 5 members of the BSIA Board of Directors: Vice President – Chairperson, Current President, Past President, Standards Director and Legal Director. The responsibility of the committee is to approve or deny submitted plans within 30 days of receipt of the application from the homeowner/contractor.

An additional point to keep in mind is that even if you have obtained a permit for your work from the city of Punta Gorda, it is not an automatic approval of your work from BSIA since some of our deed restrictions are stricter and/or give consideration to the aesthetics of a project.

Do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions about this process





SOCIAL Notes ~ Wanda Daugherty

Looking back on the third quarter, I have to say it's been challenging in a fun way. On July 4th we celebrated with the BSI Boat Club at Cass Cay for lunch, music and great friends. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend but I understood it to be another fun 4th celebration, with great food and fellowship. Thank you, Donna Nowak, for your assistance.

Things were a bit calmer in August. The Ice Cream Socials are always a welcome treat during the heat of the summer. Thank you for your support and attendance, and to Su Miscia and Michelle Rhees for taking charge of that event. And a big thank you to the mascot of the evening, Magnum. I hear he thoroughly enjoyed his tasty ice cream treat! This picture says it all as she so sweetly takes his order.



In September, we hit the ground running with two fun and enjoyed-by-all events. First was one I'm not sure was a first, but it definitely won't be the last, for bowling. We all met up at Bowland in Port Charlotte to enjoy pizza and a bit of knocking out a few pins. I lost count of gutter balls, most of which were mine. But we who found the gutters did it with grace and laughter. Last, but not least, was another dart tournament at The Ice House Pub. It was such a hit in June, everyone was ready to schedule another tournament. After the games, accolades were given to the winning dart teams, and if you were lucky enough for your ticket to be drawn, you left with a gift card for the Ice House Pub.

We have several great and different events coming up. Watch for the Escape Room and the Gilded Grape wine tasting. And some crafting time at Bisque It and Hammer & Stain.....there's nothing like giving a loving, handmade item at Christmas time. Speaking of Christmas! Save the date - December 10 - for the annual Christmas Party to be held at the Twin Isles Country Club. Plans are well underway, and we hope to see everyone there!

I want to thank my team and all our wonderful BSIA members who participate and hopefully enjoy our events. Until next time.



SPECIAL PROJECTS ~ Kathy Martinelli

Happy Fall, neighbors!

After a long, hot, dry summer, we are all looking forward to the cooler air and our winter friends returning to BSI.

Our entry islands are in full bloom and look great! Many new plants were added this year and are thriving. Next year we will continue to add additional plantings and some new stone where needed.

BSIA maintains and pays for all the landscaping of our entrance islands. They are city owned, but the city does not have the means to maintain them. Please encourage your neighbors to join BSIA. Our membership fees pay for the landscaping and plants for the entrance to our beautiful neighborhood.

I have been Special Projects Director for the last two years and will be running again for this post in November, for another two years. It has been so fun meeting my neighbors through the BSIA community. Please consider getting involved; we can always use help with the many projects happening in our association.



E-COMMUNICATIONS ~ Jenny Anderson

It's hard to believe this is my final newsletter article as eCommunications Director. When I volunteered for this position back at the end of 2019, I didn't realize how much I'd come to enjoy not only the work but also my fellow Board members. I would encourage every one of you to volunteer to help the Association whenever a call for help is made. It is only by all of us working together that BSI will remain so amazing.

Please take time to look at our website, bsia.net, for just about everything you need to know about the Association. 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. And if you still have questions or concerns and don't know who to contact, send an email to info@bsia.net and your email will get into the right hands.



SECRETARY'S REPORT ~ Charmaine Ponkratz

Hello neighbors,

Thomas Jefferson offered this perspective: "Whenever the people are well-informed, they can be trusted with their own government."

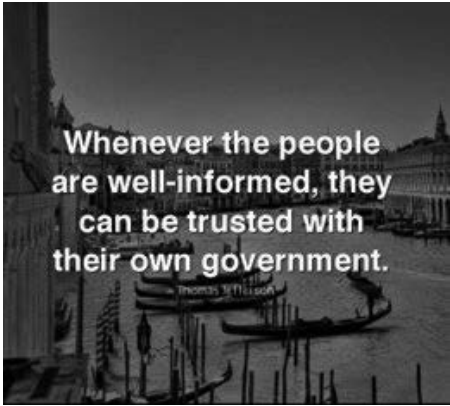
A visit to www.bsia.net opens the door to a wealth of information.

Minutes from the BSIA Board meetings: <https://bsia.net/board-minutes>

Helpful community links: <https://bsia.net/helpful-links>

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

Mark your calendars for the BSIA Annual Meeting on November 14 at 3 o'clock p.m. at the Twin Isles Country Club. Hope to see you there.





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Neighborhood Security Update

David Elkins

Did you know that we have cameras at Monaco, Madrid, and the canal entry to BSI?? These cameras are for your safety and security, and we can monitor traffic and more both in and out of BSI. This equipment takes a beating here in the heat and humidity of our area so when people ask why they should be members of our BSIA HOA, this is one main reason along with many others. If you have neighbors who are not members, I implore you to mention to them that the \$45-a-year dues are well worth it.

On another note - this from the Punta Gorda Police who do a great job for us. There have been a few smash-and-grab vehicle issues in the city - so this is a reminder to lock your cars at night if they are not in your garage. Many of the larger vehicles (Ford 150, for example) don't always fit in your garage so make sure you do lock the vehicle and don't leave any valuables in them at night. As well, with traffic going to ramp up, bikers, walkers and drivers should have their heads on a swivel and drive slowly and safely!!!

Last from the PG police - there will be road closures downtown coming up for special events and Halloween, so be aware of that.

Lastly from me - speeding is always an issue on our main roads here - both residents and the service people. If you do use a pool service or other vendors, please remind them that they should take their time and drive slowly through paradise!! Amazon is pretty good about speeding; the Fed Ex and UPS trucks not so great, and loud too!!! I have actually called both companies on this (not that it did much).

Looking forward to a great holiday season here in Punta Gorda. Be safe!



PLANNING ~ Mary Boeringer

With the summer over, the snowbirds will be returning to enjoy our nice weather.

FYI - to keep abreast of the Land Development Regulations (LDR), you can log on to this website - Land Development Regulations | city of Punta Gorda, fl (www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us). There you will find 3 versions of the land Development Regulations



MEMBERSHIP ~ Wendy Heath

As you who receive this newsletter are aware, Burnt Store Isles is really a wonderful community. As the remnants of Hurricane Idalia scurried past, many of our neighbors were contacting each other to make sure everyone was safe and secure, as well as offering a hand if any kind of assistance was needed.

It's this kind of neighborhood network that makes BSI a positive, fun, and safe living experience. It is also this kind of network that can help increase our membership in BSIA. I have discovered for myself that the most effective way to encourage people to join is by members reaching out, making the acquaintance of new and existing neighbors and just talking about the benefits of membership. Maintaining compliance with the deed restrictions is a primary benefit, as it ultimately protects property values. I am glad of the security cameras which can be utilized in the rare event a police response is called for. There are also many opportunities to have fun meeting up with friends and making new acquaintances at the social events set up throughout the year, such as Darts Night (a personal favorite) or the Spring Picnic.

Remember to check out the newsletter, weekly emailed Bulletin, and the www.bsia.net website to stay up to date about everything going on in Burnt Store Isles. This is the result of volunteers working diligently to protect our community and keep our neighbors well informed and safe. Those who do wish to join our association can sign up online by going to the bsia.net website and scrolling to the Membership link from the menu. Alternatively, I can be contacted at Membership@bsia.net.

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

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COMMUNITY STANDARDS ~ Faith Ferris

CLARIFYING SOME COMMON BSI DEED RESTRICTIONS

The following list of deed restrictions are not all inclusive but those most commonly questioned by Burnt Store Isles neighborhood members.

- Permits issued by the City of Punta Gorda remind contractors that permits do not negate deed restrictions and to check restrictions before starting projects.
- No business or commercial activity shall be conducted without the approval of BSIA.
- Vacation rentals are allowed. (Reminder! owners must be registered with the State of Florida, Charlotte County, and hold a business tax receipt with the City of Punta Gorda before renting).
- All sides of the property surrounding the home are to be maintained and well kept.
- Any architectural change to homes must be approved by BSIA. (Approval or disapproval may be based on aesthetics.) Architectural Change Request Form may be found at: <https://bsia.net/forms-%26-applications>
- All roofing material must look like tile and the nose of the roofing material must have a 1" profile.
- No garage or carport shall be erected which is separate from the main building.
- No trailers, commercial trucks, boats, boat trailers, campers, or mobile homes shall be parked overnight on or adjacent to property.
- No boathouse shall be constructed on or adjacent to lots.
- No animals shall be bred or raised for commercial purposes.
- No animal shall be kept in such a manner as to constitute a nuisance.
- No activity, business or act may become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood.
- All trash containers, oil tanks or bottled gas tanks must not be visible to neighbors on a daily basis.
- No "For Sale" or "For Rent" sign shall be in excess of 6" x 8" in size.

To see full text of all the BSIA Deed Restrictions go to: <https://bsia.net/deed-restrictions>.

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Helpful Lawn Tips by Mike at Punta Gorda Pest Control

We all want to have and enjoy a beautiful green lawn without pests and weeds! There are many things homeowners can do to keep their lawn healthy. Fertilization, weed control, fungus control, and insecticides all play a role in developing and maintaining a healthy turf.

In Florida, we have several ordinances that outline the types of fertilizers that can be used during the different time periods throughout the year. For more information, please see the University of Florida website at <https://ffl.ifas.ufl.edu/resources/apps/fertilizer-ordinances/>. Many fertilizers contain Nitrogen. During the time that this is not allowed, you can use products containing Iron, but do not put these near your home, driveway, or sidewalks. They should be specific to your turf, whether it is Flortam (St. Augustine), which is the most popular and stays relatively green throughout the year, or other types such as Zosia, which is a good turf to have if there is a lot of foot traffic or pets running back and forth. Applying too much fertilizer can actually harm your lawn and the environment. The amounts of Nitrogen, Iron, and Phosphorus are varied through the year. Additives that reduce weeds, control pests, and control fungus should be used so that your lawn does not become weakened. If used improperly, your lawn will be more susceptible to pests which will eat the turf roots and then require an increased usage of insecticides.

For St. Augustine grass, a rotary mower is fine to use as long as the blades are kept sharp and well adjusted. Blades should be sharpened monthly and the grass should be kept at the proper height so the roots can grow deep into the soil. The recommended height is 3.5 to 4 inches. If the turf is cut too short, you will have scalping and the areas will have brown spots. Grass clippings should be left on the lawn as they put nutrients and organic matter back into the soil.

It is very important to properly water your turf. If you have leaf blades that fold, wilt, turn to a blue-gray, or footprints remain visible after walking on the grass, you may not be providing enough moisture. It is recommended to apply $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch of irrigation throughout to hydrate 12 inches of soil. Pop up heads need at least 30 minutes per zone and rotor zones should be set at 40 minutes.

The proper care of your landscape increases your home's value more than 10% and keeps the homeowner's association from knocking at your door. Having a pest control professional treating and assessing your lawn on a monthly basis with the right amount and type of product to provide the fertilization, insecticide, weed control, and fungus control necessary, not only to your turf, but to your shrubs as well, can certainly be helpful to every homeowner. Punta Gorda Pest Control is a locally owned and operated pest control company that provides individualized services for your home, lawn, and shrubs. If we can help you, please give us a call.

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

NOMINEES FOR BOARD POSITIONS

~ Bill Courtney, Nominating Committee Chair ~

As Chair of the Nominating Committee, I would like to present the following members as nominees for election to the Board at the annual membership meeting, for two-year terms, starting January 1, 2023.

Officers:

Treasurer: Lee Brandt, 2nd 2 year term

Directors:

Legal: Brian Bender, 2nd 2 year term

E-Communications: Polly Green, 1st term

Membership: Wendy Heath-Brandt, 1st elected term

Special Projects: Kathy Martinelli, 2nd 2 year term

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**Burnt Store Isles Association
General Membership Meeting Agenda
Twin Isles Country Club - 301 Madrid Blvd
Tuesday November 14, 2023 - 3:00 pm**

Call To Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Call for Quorum

Approval of 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes

2024 Board of Directors Nomination and Voting

2023 Projected Income Statement

2024 Budget Discussion and Approval

Officer's Reports

Director's Reports

Member Comments

Introduce 2024 BSIA Officers and Board of Directors

Adjourn



Burnt Store Isles Association

Notice of Annual Membership Meeting

Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

Twin Isles Country Club

301 Madrid Blvd, Punta Gorda

Attend the meeting to vote on new Board Members and the 2024 budget, and to ask questions or discuss issues important to you and the BSI community.

Bring a canned food item for the St. Vincent de Paul food drive!

Registration is not necessary for attendance at the meeting, but it helps us plan for seating and materials. You may register through the links provided in recent weekly Bulletin emails or complete and mail the form below.

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MEETING RSVP:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

BSIA Address: _____

Primary Email or Phone Number: _____

Total Number Attending the Meeting (Including Yourself): _____

If not registering via the link in the weekly Bulletin, please mail this form to arrive by Nov. 7, 2023 to: BSIA Annual Meeting, PO Box 510956, Punta Gorda.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Lee Brandt

Burnt Store Isles Association, Inc Burnt Store Isles Association Budget vs. Actual From Jan 2024 to Dec 2024

FINANCIAL ROW	AMOUNT	BUDGET AMOUNT	AMOUNT OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4100 - Membership Dues	\$0.00	\$23,500.00	(\$23,500.00)	0.00%
4200 - New Construction Fees	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	(\$2,000.00)	0.00%
4300 - Directory Ads	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	(\$2,500.00)	0.00%
4350 - Newsletter Ads	\$0.00	\$4,500.00	(\$4,500.00)	0.00%
4400 - Interest Income	\$0.00	\$450.00	(\$450.00)	0.00%
4610 - Misc. Income	\$0.00	\$50.00	(\$50.00)	0.00%
4700 - Events - Member Paid	\$0.00	\$2,800.00	(\$2,800.00)	0.00%
Total - Income	\$0.00	\$35,800.00	(\$35,800.00)	0.00%
Gross Profit	\$0.00	\$35,800.00	(\$35,800.00)	0.00%
Expense				
6100 - Landscaping Reserve	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	(\$1,000.00)	0.00%
6150 - Landscaping/Property Mgmt	\$0.00	\$8,520.00	(\$8,520.00)	0.00%
6300 - Directory Preparation	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	(\$1,250.00)	0.00%
6350 - Newsletter Preparation	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	(\$6,000.00)	0.00%
6400 - Legal Fees	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	(\$3,500.00)	0.00%
6420 - Liability Insurance	\$0.00	\$2,800.00	(\$2,800.00)	0.00%
6500 - Donation Given	\$0.00	\$250.00	(\$250.00)	0.00%
6620 - Badges	\$0.00	\$50.00	(\$50.00)	0.00%
6700 - Events Member Paid	\$0.00	\$2,800.00	(\$2,800.00)	0.00%
6710 - Events BSIA Paid	\$0.00	\$2,200.00	(\$2,200.00)	0.00%
6730 - Storage Unit Rent	\$0.00	\$900.00	(\$900.00)	0.00%
6750 - PO Box Rental	\$0.00	\$200.00	(\$200.00)	0.00%
6760 - Postage and Delivery	\$0.00	\$200.00	(\$200.00)	0.00%
6770 - Safe deposit Rent	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)	0.00%
6800 - Software	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)	0.00%
6810 - Web Data Remote Hosting	\$0.00	\$2,600.00	(\$2,600.00)	0.00%
6820 - Web Emails Constant Contact	\$0.00	\$800.00	(\$800.00)	0.00%
6830 - State Fees	\$0.00	\$65.00	(\$65.00)	0.00%
6900 - Misc. Expense	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	(\$1,000.00)	0.00%
6910 - Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)	0.00%
6930 - Meeting Room Rent	\$0.00	\$675.00	(\$675.00)	0.00%
6940 - Shredder Day	\$0.00	\$625.00	(\$625.00)	0.00%
Total - Expense	\$0.00	\$35,735.00	(\$35,735.00)	0.00%
Net Ordinary Income	\$0.00	\$65.00	(\$65.00)	0.00%
Net Income	\$0.00	\$65.00	(\$65.00)	0.00%



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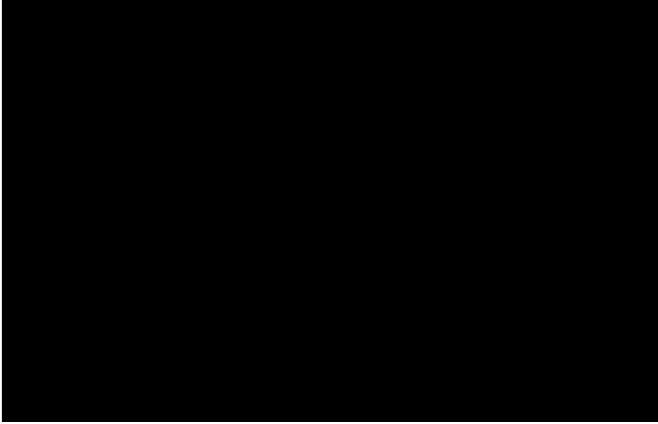
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