



Burnt Store Isles Association

NEWS

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UP & COMING

See inside for details on these events or visit www.bsia.net.

We also post all events on the **BSIA Facebook page** along with great pictures of past events.

Don't forget to sign up on Facebook.

Board Meeting Held Monthly-First Friday of each month:

Until further notice, meetings are held via Zoom with connection information available on the BSIA web site.

BSI Annual Meeting:

Hope to hold a meeting in early November. Details to come.

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From the President

BILL COURTNEY, President

I know that many of us are wondering if the end of the COVID tunnel is in sight or if that's the light of an oncoming surge of new cases? Let's hope and pray that it is the end as we're all weary of masks, limited social interaction and the constant need to be on guard. I feel incredibly fortunate to be living in SW Florida and especially in BSI because at least we've had access to the water, golf courses, our lanais and pools, local parks and beaches, all places to escape for a while. Let's just keep doing what we've been doing for a while longer and see this surge through.

Looking ahead, your Social Director, Donna Nowak, is making plans to hopefully re-start social activities by mid-year, including a Fourth of July lunch, participating in the monthly first Friday mixers at TICC and other activities. In addition, the Board hopes to hold an in-person general membership meeting in early November. The details for all of these and many more activities will be announced as soon as the Board feels it is safe so watch your email!

Another "season" is about over and soon there will be less traffic, fewer lines and no waiting for the sunset view table at your favorite tiki hut in paradise. We'll miss the many friends and neighbors who make the annual trek north but we'll also look forward to welcoming them home in the fall. To all on the road again, we wish you safe travels.

In this time of heightened tensions driven by the COVID pandemic plus a divisive political season, I'd like to urge everyone to be more aware than ever of the impact words, deeds and expressions may have on others, especially our immediate neighbors. The Board has received several member complaints regarding flags and banners that display what many consider obscene or at least offensive foul language. An individual's right to free speech is considered sacrosanct but I'd ask that it be leavened with care and consideration of one's neighbors, friends and children.

It's obvious to all that growth continues at a rapid pace in BSI. Resales are hot with multiple offers on some properties and empty lots continue quickly to fill-in. We've even seen an older home taken down to make room for a newer, larger house. Your Board welcomes all our new neighbors!

As many of you know by now two BSIA Directors, C.J. Metcalfe, Neighborhood Security and Rick Allen, Community Standards, have recently resigned. In C.J.'s case her decision was driven by an incredible opportunity to host a local radio program which made her schedule just too heavy. Rick and his wife Beth have embarked on a six-month long cruise in their boat up the Atlantic ICW, up the Hudson River, through the Erie Canal, into Canada and winding up in Old Saybrook, CT. We wish them both well and thank them heartily for their many contributions to the betterment of BSI.

The good news is that C.J. and Rick were able to find outstanding candidates to fill-in the balance of their 2021 terms. The Board confirmed Tom Tomaszewski as the new Neighborhood Security Director and MJ Lindsey as the new Community Standards Director. Please welcome them aboard.

Finally, we will have quite a few open positions to fill for the 2022 Board as some current officers and board members reach the end of their terms. We'll publish more details in the future but if you have just a few hours each month looking for a good outlet, then please get in touch with me at pres@bsia.net or any of the specific board members at their email addresses on our website.

Thank you for your continued interest in keeping BSI THE premier community on SW Florida.

Best regards,

Bill Courtney
President, Burnt Store Isles Association

BSIA 2021 BOARD

OFFICERS:

President Bill Courtney
 Vice President..... Faith Ferris
 Secretary Dave DeGerome
 Treasurer..... Bill Page

DIRECTORS:

Community Standards..... Mary J. Lindsey
 Legal Liaison/By-Laws Joe Meyer
 Membership/Welcoming..... Ken Williams
 E-Communications. Jenny Anderson
 Neighborhood Security..... Tom Tomaszewski
 Planning..... Mary Boeringer
 Special Projects/Landscaping..... Mary Ann Gilroy
 Social Donna Nowak
 Past President (non voting). Ian Milne

COMMITTEES:

Architectural Faith Ferris
 Membership Directory Janice Kelley
 Newsletter Editor..... Genevieve Ramachandran



SPECIAL PROJECTS ~ Mary Ann Gilroy, Director

Greetings all!

Thanks to all the members of the Burnt Store Isles Association, the beautification project to the monument at the corner of Madrid and Tripoli Drives has been completed! Towles Corporation of SW Florida has graciously donated the materials and labor by filling in and fixing the cracks that had been developing, and repainting the monument. The plantings have also been completed. Special thanks to association member Stephanie Courtney, a Certified Florida Master Naturalist, for donating her time and expertise to design our landscape plan. The aesthetic appeal of that monument area will only improve as the plants mature and fill in.

Shredder Day Proceeded as planned on April 17th with 116 members participating. A total of almost 4,500 lbs of paper was shredded. This is a free service to association members.

I would like to encourage any member who is interested in taking over my duties as board member in charge of special projects come January 1st to please contact me as my term will be up December 31st. Terms are 2 years. Anyone who is interested in finding out what this might entail, please contact me at: special@bsia.net and I will fill you in on what this position entails. I will help you as you take on this role.

SOCIAL NOTES ~ Donna Nowak, Director

The annual garage sale was held on February 13th. Many of you cleaned out your closets and garages and participated in the sale. From the amount of cars in the neighborhood that day, I would say it was a success!

In March, fourteen BSI members went to the Peace River Botanical and Sculpture Garden. It was very informative and relaxing. We were able to walk outdoors on a beautiful day, enjoying the gardens and the company of others. Besides the large and interesting sculptures, our docent (tour guide) explained about the different palm trees (did not know there were so many varieties), what is entailed in becoming a master gardener, and many fun facts about the floral and fauna found in the garden.

We are looking to plan another tour closer to Christmas, as the garden is decorated for the Holidays. Stay tuned!

In April, we planned a scavenger hunt. 20 questions were posted in the weekly email newsletter pertaining to BSI. It was a great way to go out and find things in the neighborhood that may have never been noticed before. The first person (family) who got the most questions right won a \$25 Publix gift card. Congratulations to Mike and Katrina McIntosh!

A July 4th luncheon with the BSIBC (BSI Boat Club) is being planned. There will be more information in the weekly email newsletter as plans are finalized.

As more people get comfortable to gather in larger groups, we are hoping to have our annual BSI picnic and our annual BSI meeting in the Fall. There will be more information as we get closer to October.

Everyone stay safe and have a happy Summer!



E ~ COMMUNICATIONS ~ Jenny Anderson, Director

Weekly bulletins - Our Tuesday Bulletins are back to being weekly and full of news. If you are not receiving the bulletin, please email info@bsia.net

Website - We constantly update our website at www.bsia.net. The menu (the bar on the side of page or three lines on top of the page depending on the device you are using) is where you will find almost everything you need to know about your Association including upcoming Events, Deed Restriction information and the Architectural change form to fill out for any changes you're making to your house.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding communications, bulletins, or the website, please email info@bsia.net. Hoping to see you all soon and in person.



NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY UPDATE

Tom Tomaszewski, Director

Our Neighborhood Security Director, CJ Metcalfe has resigned from the BSIA Board to focus on other pursuits, including hosting a radio show called Making a Difference, which is on local radio WKDW 97.5 FM and on the internet at KDW radio. I am honored to have been selected by the BSIA Board to replace CJ as the new Security Director for the remainder of her term. CJ has done a wonderful job ensuring the safety and community security of the neighborhood and I have big shoes to fill. We wish her all the best and cannot thank her enough for her tireless work on behalf of our Association.

We are fortunate to have a very proactive police force here in Punta Gorda and Chief Pam Davis is big on community outreach and awareness. To that end, the PGPD has a few websites you can use to keep up with all their community efforts. You can find their news website at <https://pgpdfnews.com/>. At the bottom of that page you can sign up for email notifications about any updates they make. You can also find their city website with many helpful links on the left side of the page at <https://www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/government/police>.

The BSIA Community Security Director represents our neighborhood on the Punta Gorda Police Chief's Community Advisory Council. If there are any security or safety issues you would like raised at the monthly meeting, please contact me at security@bsia.net.

Vehicle Burglary and Theft: The City of Punta Gorda continues to see a number of vehicle burglaries and vehicle thefts occurring in our community. Almost all of these crimes can be directly attributed to juvenile groups from outside of Charlotte County. These groups, predominately made up of juvenile males target safe communities where residents are more likely to leave their vehicles unlocked and keys or key fobs inside their cars. These are not professional car thieves who are "hotwiring" vehicles or utilizing high-tech equipment to steal cars. These are juveniles who are simply entering unlocked vehicles and pushing the ignition button. If the vehicle starts, they drive away. If the vehicle is locked or does not start, they move on. Chief Davis asks everyone in our community to assist the PGPD in stopping this activity by always locking your vehicle and never leaving valuables, weapons, or keys in your vehicle. Also, if you see something, do not confront the perpetrator, instead call 911 or the PGPD non-emergency number at 941-639-4111.

Speeding: Speeding has been addressed to the PGPD by several Punta Gorda neighborhoods. Speeders zipping through residential areas can put citizens in fear for their safety, especially if they are pedestrians walking on streets without sidewalks or trying to cross the street, or bicyclists sharing the road with cars. Citizens also fear for the safety of their children and for damage to their property because speeding increases the risk of a crash. Let's all be safe and please be mindful of the speed limits on Punta Gorda streets.

Boating: Boat traffic in SW Florida has increased significantly and with that safety is paramount. As part of their on-going commitment to boater safety, the PGPD Marine Unit will be conducting more safety compliance checks in our waterways. This includes random checks (to include night checks), checks of the boats moored in various locations in the river, and specialized patrols in canals looking for illegal commercial fishing, speeding vessels, and suspicious activity. Now is a good time to ensure your boat registration is up to date and you are in compliance with all federal and state equipment and safety requirements. It's also a good idea to review the rules of the water which govern how boaters operate their vessels.

I look forward to serving as your BSIA Community Security Director and addressing any of your security or safety concerns.



MEMBERSHIP

Ken Williams,
Director

BSIA continues to add new members each month. New construction homes continue to grow also and in the month of March we had 17 existing homes sell—we have many new neighbors!! If you have a new neighbor or know of other new residents in Burnt Store Isles, encourage them to look at the website and join Burnt Store Isles Association. Each new resident receives a welcome packet in the mail. However nothing is better than all of us spreading the word of how great our neighborhood is and of the good work all the association members do for our benefit. This is the best way to stay informed about our wonderful neighborhood! In addition, BSIA member annual dues of \$40 continue to support many activities which benefit our neighborhood.

BSIA helps maintain the Burnt Store Isles deed restrictions, organizes social activities, and provides pertinent information to members through newsletters, electronic bulletin board, Facebook and our website www.BSIA.net. This all adds up to hundreds of BSIA volunteer hours for the continued wellbeing of our neighborhood. Thank you to all our members for supporting Burnt Store Isles with a BSIA membership!

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VICE
PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE
Faith Farris,
Vice President

NEW CONSTRUCTION TOTALS

As you can see throughout Burnt Store Isles the new house building boom continues on. So far this year we have had four new home starts receiving approval, with three more homes waiting upon additional information before approval can be granted. According to the City there are only 196 vacant lots remaining in BSI. And from speaking with builders we know that many more new homes are in various stages of planning and permitting.

COMMUNITY STANDARDS ~ Rick Allen, Director

Just a quick reminder that virtually any change to the exterior appearance of your home requires an approval by the Architectural Review Committee. This includes an exterior color change, new landscaping, replacement windows, fences, driveways and roofs.

The good news is seeking an approval is usually quick and easy!

- Simply navigate to the BSIA.net home page;
- Click on Forms & Applications;
- Scroll down to Architectural Changes;
- Click on the Architectural Change Form download button;
- Print off the form;
- Fill it out;
- Scan the form and any supportin documents;
- Attach the form and documents to an email and send to Standards@BSIA.net.

The Committee will respond promptly.

Comcast Update

Please recall that late last year, Engineer and BSI resident Paul Jones compiled a list of over 190 telephone poles located in BSI with unsightly and in some cases, unsafe cable

concerns. We have been working with Comcast since that time to rectify these issues. We are pleased to advise that by the time you are reading this newsletter, Comcast has promised to have completed all repairs. If there is a pole near you that you believe still needs remediation, please advise Timothy Green at TIMOTHY_GREEN@comcast.com

Hello and Goodbye

This is the last report from our current Community Standards Director, Rick Allen as he has resigned from the Board to pursue a life-long goal. He and wife Beth have embarked on what they expect to be a nearly six month long boat trip up the East coast, into Canada, the Great Lakes and then wind up in Old Saybrook, Connecticut. Internet coverage will be spotty at best so Rick has turned the responsibility to our new Community Standards Director, Mary J. (MJ) Lindsey. We thank Rick for everything he has done for BSI and BSIA, and wish him and Beth fair winds and a following sea. Then, please give a big WELCOME to MJ who brings great experience and enthusiasm to this critical position on the Board.



SECRETARY'S REPORT ~ Dave De Gerome, Secretary

What other publication is out there in addition to the Punta Gorda's Daily Sun Newspaper that can provide you with both historical and current insight and happenings in your community?

Well, it's one that many may not initially think about, but once read, provides you with a fantastic ongoing source of community information to benefit both new and long-standing residents of BSI.

It's your BSIA Minutes, available online monthly at www.BSIA.net !

Over the years and through today, the BSIA Minutes are designed to act both as a record, and as a communications resource, to share monthly with you, as BSIA members:

- Ongoing Board Initiatives regularly taken to support you as a BSI resident, and to help support the positive welfare of the community
- Planning Events, Special Projects and

Functions developed and implemented for you to take advantage of

- Standards Followed to both benefit and safeguard you and the BSI community
- Interactions/Interface of BSIA with the City of Punta Gorda so that you can see the current and upcoming happenings the City and BSI community need to know and plan for
- Construction and Community Standards Activity for you to see what takes place in BSI and the associated activities of the Community Standards and Legal Committees to support ongoing construction and standards initiatives
- Activities and Roles of the Neighborhood Security and Watch Group underway each month to help secure our neighborhood
- And More -----

Take a moment, look at the BSIA Minutes - you may be surprised at what's there!

Burnt Store Isles Association, Inc
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Custom Income Statement 4
From Jan 2021 to Apr 2021
Options: Activity Only

FINANCIAL ROW	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4100 - Membership Dues	\$19,546.82	\$20,026.00	\$479.18
4200 - New Construction Fees	\$2,500.00	\$3,750.00	\$1,250.00
4300 - Directory Ads	\$1,415.00	\$2,307.00	\$892.00
4350 - Newsletter Ads	\$925.00	\$1,500.00	\$575.00
4400 - Interest Income	\$4.09	\$500.00	\$495.91
4610 - Misc. Income	\$295.00	\$0.00	-\$295.00
4700 - Events - Member Paid	\$195.00	\$0.00	-\$195.00
4900 - Income Hedge	\$0.00	-\$1,250.00	-\$1,250.00
Total - Income	\$24,880.91	\$26,833.00	\$1,952.09
Gross Profit	\$24,880.91	\$26,833.00	\$1,952.09
Expense			
6100 - Landscaping Reserve	\$1,127.00	\$1,000.00	-\$127.00
6150 - Landscaping/Property Mgmt	\$2,316.00	\$2,388.00	\$72.00
6300 - Directory Preparation	\$791.69	\$1,090.00	\$298.31
6350 - Newsletter Preparation	\$1,493.76	\$3,900.00	\$2,406.24
6400 - Legal Fees	\$1,304.91	\$1,500.00	\$195.09
6410 - Attorney Fees Reserves	\$0.00	\$1,003.00	\$1,003.00
6420 - Liability Insurance	\$2,602.00	\$2,900.00	\$298.00
6500 - Donation Given	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
6620 - Badges	\$4.08	\$0.00	-\$4.08
6700 - Events Member Paid	\$195.00	\$0.00	-\$195.00
6710 - Events BSIA Paid	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
6730 - Storage Unit Rent	\$185.11	\$188.00	\$2.89
6750 - PO Box Rental	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
6760 - Postage and Delivery	\$133.07	\$500.00	\$366.93
6770 - Safe deposit Rent	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
6800 - Software	\$0.00	\$330.00	\$330.00
6830 - State Fees	\$61.25	\$65.00	\$3.75
6900 - Misc. Expense	\$647.96	\$1,000.00	\$352.04
6910 - Office Supplies	\$84.00	\$300.00	\$216.00
6920 - Surveillance Cameras	\$181.15	\$750.00	\$568.85
6930 - Meeting Room Rent	\$0.00	\$630.00	\$630.00
6940 - Shredder Day	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
6950 - Banners	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Total - Expense	\$11,626.98	\$19,544.00	\$7,917.02
Net Ordinary Income	\$13,253.93	\$7,289.00	-\$5,964.93
Net Income	\$13,253.93	\$7,289.00	-\$5,964.93

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