



# Burnt Store Isles Association NEWS

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## UP & COMING

• **4th of July at Cass Cay!** ~

Monday, July 4, 1-4 pm  
Lunch Buffet & DJ Music  
on the deck!

• **Christmas Dinner & Dance** ~

Saturday, December 10th  
Music by Heart & Soul!

See inside for more information, read our weekly e-bulletins, and visit [www.bsia.net](http://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 a.m. at the Twin Isles Country Club in the upper level casual dining area.



## From the President

### BILL COURTNEY

Not sure why, but May reminds me of the song lyric from the musical Camelot: "It's May, It's May, that lovely month when everyone goes blissfully astray." I guess maybe I am thinking about the snowbirds as they travel back north and our little town getting back to its "blissful" self.

It is a joyous time of year with the weather warming up, the days stretching out and our community coming alive. Masks have, for the most part, come off, and while we still need to be vigilant about new variant outbreaks, it's great to be able to gather once more with friends and neighbors.

As you will read in the following pages, your Board has been very busy the last several months improving the look, the security, and the stature of our community. I hope that you take the time to read the minutes of our Board meetings as they are compiled by Dave De Gerome, our secretary, and posted on our website, [www.bsia.net](http://www.bsia.net). If you haven't, I encourage you to check them out because I think that you will be surprised at the breadth of issues that we cover each month.

The print newsletter will take a summer break after the next issue and be back in October, but the e-bulletin and our website will continue to alert you to the latest news and developments. One item to look for in your mailbox later this spring will be a printed copy of the BSI deed restrictions. We are mailing a booklet to all BSI property owners as a ready reference and a reminder that the deed restrictions apply regardless of whether or not you are a member of BSIA.

Finally, thank you for being a member and for your support. There will be several positions on your BSIA Board coming open the end of the year due to term limits. There will be more details later, but if you have a few hours a month to spare in support of your community, please contact me at [pres@bsia.net](mailto:pres@bsia.net) and let's talk.

Be safe, be well and be happy.

Regards,

Bill Courtney  
President, BSIA

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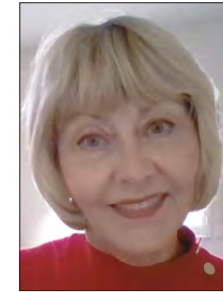
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 Social.....Wanda Daugherty  
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Architectural.....Faith Ferris  
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## From the VICE PRESIDENT ~ Faith Ferris

### MODEL HOMES IN OUR MODEL COMMUNITY

Maybe you have noticed that we have a few houses in BSIA being used as model homes. Typically these houses are shown by appointment only and not just open to the public. So far, the existing model homes are owned by property owners who will eventually be moving into the home at a future time. These home owners have leased their newly built homes back to the builder to be used as a model home until they are in a position to become resident neighbors.

Builders pay a fee to BSIA for the opportunity to showcase a model home in BSIA. These models are used to showcase a builder's originality and workmanship. They can demonstrate how the builder's homes are constructed, why particular features are included and how a floor plan can be tailored to fit a homeowner's needs. A model is also an ideal way for a builder to present or introduce the latest trends, newest features, and product options, as well as the most recently developed building techniques.

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## E-COMMUNICATIONS ~ Jenny Anderson

Weekly bulletins- I hope you read and enjoy our Tuesday Bulletins as they are your best source for timely BSIA news. Be sure to look at the bottom of the Bulletin. There will be some items from recent Bulletins but there will always be the permanent info that you may need – like links to the Directory and Newsletter, our emergency preparedness plan, how to get BSI car stickers and our Sherwin-Williams paint discount plan. If you are not receiving the bulletin, please email [info@bsia.net](mailto:info@bsia.net).

Website- We constantly update our website at [www.bsia.net](http://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 Board meeting minutes, 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](mailto:info@bsia.net). Also, let me know about any changes in any of your contact information so that you can be kept up to date on all things BSIA.



## SPECIAL PROJECTS ~ Kathy Martinelli

We've had a busy year so far!

We had a cleanup day in February at the entrance islands where volunteers trimmed and removed dead and diseased shrubbery.

Also in February, BSIA had the irrigation systems repaired on all eight entrance islands. Flowers, shrubs, and trees on the islands are all flourishing with the extra water. Birds of Paradise, plumeria and bougainvillea are all blooming. The City of Punta Gorda joined in and painted the island curbing bright yellow for better visibility.

Next year the Association will install more shrubbery and plants on the islands to enhance the current landscaping.

In April, the two anchors received a new coat of white paint to freshen them up.

Our annual Shredder Day was held on April 16th at Twin Isles Country Club. It was a busy day; we recycled over 2 tons of paper. Over 100 neighbors took advantage of this free service to all BSIA members.

All of this couldn't have been done without the support of our members.

Membership fees paid for the irrigation to be repaired, landscaping costs, painting the anchors, and holding our annual Shredder Day!

Thank you for your continued support!

### BSIA History:

The entrance islands were installed in 1995 to slow the traffic entering BSI from route 41.



## SOCIAL Notes ~ Wanda Daugherty

As we wind down activities for the 2nd quarter, I have to stop and think how fast time is flying by. It's so nice to have such great turnout for all our events as we rock through 2022. The annual picnic on March 19th was another great success, with over 80 members in attendance. I want to thank everyone who prepared the covered dishes. They were all delicious.....I sampled them all, more than once. Also, a big thank you to Bill Courtney, BSIA President, and my husband Rick Daugherty, as they worked tirelessly over the open fire grilling burgers and dogs. Not to say they didn't have numerous samples as they worked.

For all who volunteered to help set up and worked hard to clean up, I want to thank you again. Events like this couldn't happen without you. But equally important, Linda Powell gave the invocation so eloquently; without her words of praise and thanks it would not have been as special a day!



On April 21st we held a tour of the Punta Gorda Charlotte Library. I toured the library three years ago, after it opened, with our homeowners' association, and was really impressed. This tour was even more informative. After touring the full facility, we were shown how to utilize the library's website more efficiently. Jennifer, with the Historical Society, spoke with us as well, explaining how to search the historical archives. There is so much history in Punta Gorda/Charlotte County; thanks to her we can do online research to broaden our knowledge and better understand just how Punta Gorda was founded. We had a full group. If you missed this event and would like to tour the library, please contact me at [social@bsia.net](mailto:social@bsia.net). I will be happy to schedule another tour.

On May 26th we held the hot weather event.....ICE CREAM! Everyone loves ice cream, and The Working Cow is hard to beat. This is always a relaxing time to enjoy a cool treat and visit with our neighbors. Don't worry...we plan to do this again before fall, so bring your best date for a "buy one-get one free" ice cream.

We have Darts slated for June. On July 4th we will celebrate at Cass Cay for lunch and music with the BSI Boat Club. I can't give all our secrets away, but we have two events planned that no one on my team remembers having been done before, plus a non-event "?????" I've been sworn to secrecy. So read your weekly emails, get involved and enjoy group activities we couldn't do during Covid.



## SECRETARY'S REPORT ~ Dave De Gerome

To share background and provide you insight, Diane Peterson, who is both BSIA's Newsletter and Directory Editor and Publisher, periodically asks each of us who are on the BSIA Board to contribute an article for the Newsletter. Our individual contributions are to be on a topic that we believe will be of either interest, informative, and/or provide a benefit to the BSI Community and you as a BSIA Member.

In this light, since the beginning of my Board participation in January 2021, for me individually, with each article that I was requested to contribute, I had asked myself what can I, as Secretary, say that might really be worth your time and have value to you. Well, in looking back, my small contributions have centered around what the BSIA Minutes are and what information they can provide to you.

This time though, I'd like to take a different approach, and one that is personal: From my wife, Karen, and me to you, so here we go:

What brought my wife and I to Punta Gorda in 2018 and particularly to Burnt Store Isles was how this community stood out as **Very Special** – it was beautiful, everyone had respect both for one another and for their neighborhood, people looked out for one another, people when I first moved here commented how the community was safe relative to many other communities and definitely safer than the community where I grew up in the North East, the landscaping here was fantastic, the amazing waterways here made my previous boating experience in the North East look like child's play, the building structures – both residential and commercial looked so fantastic and vibrant here, the skylines were amazing with clouds that go up for miles and miles and left to right 360 degrees all around you, there was no litter nor was there trash, there were no honking horns, and there were many more smiles on peoples' faces here than in the North East, neighbors here waved to one another in passing, and each day saw people jogging/walking/bike riding in the neighborhood – that was a fantastic sight to experience, and not easily performed where we came from in the North East, and I could go on and on here!

OK, so what is it **now** like for Karen and me vs. when we first moved here in 2018? Well, there's not a single difference other than to take each one of the above paragraph's "**past tense**" verbs, and turn them into "**present tense**" verbs, while, for all of the above **adjectives**, merely make them even more grand and descriptive based on what we've further experienced about the community! Yes, Karen and I laugh, saying that our decision to move here to BSI "**is the one thing we did right in our lives**"!

To conclude, and next here on to the most important part of this note to share with you:

"I say thank you, yes, my sincere thank you, for it's because of each of you and what you've done, and continue to do, here in BSI and in the Punta Gorda Community that makes living here so wonderful and special! For comparison, up in Orlando there is a Disney residential community called "Celebration", that is absolutely beautiful and stunning! It is one place that reminds me of BSI, but for which I believe BSI has it beat hands down – because BSI has heart and that comes from you! If you look during this past year at many of the national and syndicated publications/media, they're talking about this newly found remarkable place called "The Gulf Coast of Florida" and further, in a number of news media, specifically about this place called "Punta Gorda" as the "hidden gem", the "secret of Florida", the "best place" to consider for residential living. And it's because of you and your contributions!"

"Thank you for BSI and Punta Gorda!"



## Neighborhood Security Update Tom Tomaszewski

### BSIA Quarterly Security Update

I want to give everyone a shoutout for helping to keep Burnt Store Isles one of the safest neighborhoods in Punta Gorda. Your security-mindedness and vigilance are greatly appreciated by the Punta Gorda Police Department. Let's not let our guard down. Remember, if you see something happening that appears unusual, your instinct is probably right. It's best to report it and let the Punta Gorda Police Department (PGPD) investigate. You can either call the PGPD non-emergency number at 941-639-4111, or in an emergency, call 911.

Recently, several Charlotte County residents in the area of Deep Creek Boulevard had their unlocked vehicles burglarized. Although we have not seen a car theft crew operating in BSI for several months, the Deep Creek report reminds us they are still operating in the area. Punta Gorda Police Chief Davis asks that you continue to keep your car doors locked and not leave valuables or key fobs in your vehicles.

### BSI Security Camera System Replacement Update

I'm pleased to announce we have completed the project to replace all BSI camera systems within the budget allocated at the 9 November BSIA Annual Meeting. Central to the project was the replacement of the equipment boxes which had rusted due to the high Florida humidity. Special thanks to local Armorforge LLC for fabricating our new equipment boxes of aluminum. The new boxes offer a secure, dry environment to house our new equipment that should stand up to the harsh Florida environment for many years to come. I would also like to thank our neighbor and BSIA member, Dan Pearson, who donated his invaluable technical assistance in programming and installing the new camera systems.

Our cameras are a very important tool for the PGPD to develop forensic evidence if a crime is committed in the neighborhood. Our cameras help to keep the neighborhood safe, keep the crime rate down, and catch criminals.

Your personal home security cameras are also important to the security of our neighborhood. If your cameras catch unusual or unlawful activity, the Punta Gorda Police Department would appreciate if you could share that video with them. This can be done anonymously by contacting the PGPD non-emergency number at 941-639-4111, or you can contact me at security@bsia.net.

### BSIA Neighborhood Watch Program

BSIA supports the Punta Gorda Police Department's Neighborhood Watch Program and encourages you to volunteer to join the initiative to help make our community safer. If you are interested in joining the program, please contact the BSIA Security Director at security@bsia.net.

### Punta Gorda Police Chief's Citizen Advisory Council

As your representative on the Punta Gorda Police Chief's Community Advisory Council, if there are any security or safety issues you would like me to raise to the PGPD Chief at the monthly meeting, please contact me at security@bsia.net.

Neighborhood Security Update, continued

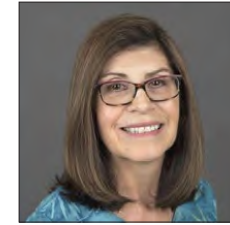
**Speed Limits**

Recently there has been an uptick in traffic incidents in the neighborhood involving speeding and the running of stop signs. Between automobile and bike traffic, pedestrians, lawn and pool services, delivery trucks, and construction crews, BSI streets are extremely busy. With all this activity in play, it is critical that everyone take extra care and follow all traffic laws and regulations to ensure the safety of everyone in the neighborhood. As a continuing reminder, the speed limit on Tripoli Blvd. between Madrid Blvd. and Monaco Dr. is 25 miles per hour. The speed limit on all other streets within BSI is 30 miles per hour.



**MEMBERSHIP ~ John Bothwell**

Great news! By my count, as of today, because we are adding new members weekly, we have 507 members. I have been dropping off new member packets to new members at their new homes. They receive information on joining BSIA, the boat club, Twin Isles, and other community information. Remember to add the 4th of July BSIA event to your calendar; it will be a great party.



**COMMUNITY STANDARDS ~ Patricia Iorio**

Burnt Store Isles Association has welcomed many new members this year who may not be aware that BSIA is responsible for enforcement of our deed restrictions, including city ordinances which affect our community. The deed restrictions can be found on our website and will be mailed to all our members this spring.

In general, any change to the exterior of a home or property within Burnt Store Isles, must be approved by the Architectural Review Committee before any work is started. Some examples of changes which require approval are: changing exterior paint colors (remember our 33% discount at Sherwin Williams), adding a fence or solar panels, replacing doors or windows, adding shutters or screens, replacing a roof and changing or adding new landscaping.

Applying for approval is easy. Just download the Architectural Review Form from the BSIA website, under the Forms and Applications section, print and fill it out, include any sketches or drawings or color samples. Include your permit number or copy of the permit obtained by you or the contractor from the city and email to Standards@BSIA.net. Your request will be reviewed promptly. Alternatively, you could contact me directly at the email above or call me 978-875-1313 with questions. I will do my best to help you through the process and answer your questions.

Thank you for helping to keep Burnt Store Isles a beautiful community!



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# TREASURER'S REPORT ~ Lee Brandt

## Burnt Store Isles Association, Inc Burnt Store Isles Association Budget vs. Actual From Jan 2022 to Apr 2022

FINANCIAL ROW	AMOUNT	BUDGET AMOUNT	AMOUNT OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
4100 - Membership Dues	\$22,768.06	\$23,625.00	(\$856.94)	96.37%
4200 - New Construction Fees	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	(\$2,000.00)	33.33%
4300 - Directory Ads	\$2,124.50	\$2,307.00	(\$182.50)	92.09%
4350 - Newsletter Ads	\$3,589.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,089.00	239.27%
4400 - Interest Income	\$5.63	\$150.00	(\$144.37)	3.75%
4500 - Donations Received	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	0.00%
4600 - 50/50	\$227.00	\$0.00	\$227.00	0.00%
4610 - Misc. Income	\$155.00	\$100.00	\$55.00	155.00%
4620 - Badges - Member Paid	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	0.00%
4700 - Events - Member Paid	\$3,395.00	\$1,594.00	\$1,801.00	212.99%
<b>Total - Income</b>	<b>\$33,304.19</b>	<b>\$32,276.00</b>	<b>\$1,028.19</b>	<b>103.19%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$33,304.19</b>	<b>\$32,276.00</b>	<b>\$1,028.19</b>	<b>103.19%</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
6100 - Landscaping Reserve	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	(\$1,000.00)	0.00%
6150 - Landscaping/Property Mgmt	\$3,784.12	\$2,504.00	\$1,280.12	151.12%
6300 - Directory Preparation	\$894.95	\$1,145.00	(\$250.05)	78.16%
6350 - Newsletter Preparation	\$1,443.09	\$4,095.00	(\$2,651.91)	35.24%
6400 - Legal Fees	\$545.00	\$3,000.00	(\$2,455.00)	18.17%
6420 - Liability Insurance	\$2,616.97	\$2,900.00	(\$283.03)	90.24%
6500 - Donation Given	\$165.85	\$250.00	(\$84.15)	66.34%
6620 - Badges	\$20.33	\$0.00	\$20.33	0.00%
6700 - Events Member Paid	\$3,160.00	\$1,594.00	\$1,566.00	198.24%
6710 - Events BSIA Paid	\$450.95	\$800.00	(\$349.05)	56.37%
6730 - Storage Unit Rent	\$215.14	\$192.00	\$23.14	112.05%
6750 - PO Box Rental	\$100.00	\$200.00	(\$100.00)	50.00%
6760 - Postage and Delivery	\$13.45	\$525.00	(\$511.55)	2.56%
6770 - Safe deposit Rent	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)	0.00%
6800 - Software	\$0.00	\$935.00	(\$935.00)	0.00%
6810 - Web Data Remote Hosting	\$0.00	\$588.00	(\$588.00)	0.00%
6820 - Web Emails Constant Contact	\$1,054.08	\$0.00	\$1,054.08	0.00%
6830 - State Fees	\$61.25	\$65.00	(\$3.75)	94.23%
6900 - Misc. Expense	\$175.00	\$1,050.00	(\$875.00)	16.67%
6920 - Surveillance Cameras	\$1,585.87	\$6,280.00	(\$4,694.13)	25.25%
6930 - Meeting Room Rent	\$0.00	\$630.00	(\$630.00)	0.00%
6940 - Shredder Day	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	100.00%
6950 - Banners	\$0.00	\$250.00	(\$250.00)	0.00%
6970 - Mass Mailings	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	(\$2,000.00)	0.00%
<b>Total - Expense</b>	<b>\$16,886.05</b>	<b>\$30,703.00</b>	<b>(\$13,816.95)</b>	<b>55.00%</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$16,418.14</b>	<b>\$1,573.00</b>	<b>\$14,845.14</b>	<b>1,043.75%</b>
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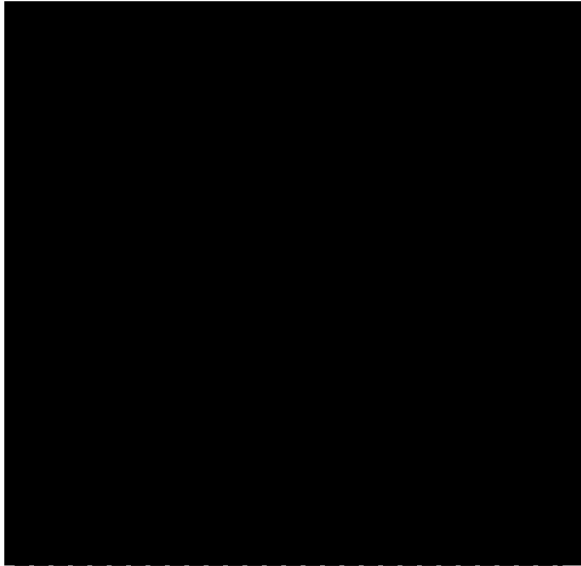
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