



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:

Postponed due to COVID-19.

Shredder Day: April 17, 2021



From the President

BILL COURTNEY, President

Dear Burnt Store Isles Association Members,

Thank you for being a member and thus showing continued support for your Burnt Store Isles Association. Without you there would be no BSIA and without BSIA I think we'd all agree that Burnt Store Isles would be a far different community.

Your Association has always served all residents of Burnt Store Isles by monitoring and maintaining community standards, creating imaginative social events and providing a forum for its membership to voice opinions and desires. In turn, this allows our collective voice to carry weight beyond our community to the City, County and State on issues that could impact our quality of life. It is in that tradition that the 2021 Board of Directors will continue to pursue those goals as its top priorities.

This should be a tremendous year for Burnt Store Isles with many new homes under construction and existing homes enjoying a good resale market. We will have many new neighbors to welcome to our community and BSIA. Please reach out to them, make them feel at home and ask if they've joined BSIA.

Given the ongoing challenges posed by COVID-19, our social calendar will be as robust as the Social Committee can make it in 2021 given the need to be safe and adhere to CDC guidelines. When events are planned they will be announced via our weekly e-bulletin, quarterly newsletter and on our website at www.bsia.net.

This newsletter would not be possible without our advertisers. We thank them for their support and hope that you will support them in turn.

Finally, if you have any ideas, suggestions or comments regarding our community or BSIA, please feel free to contact myself or any of the Board of Directors. Our contact information is listed in this newsletter.

Best regards,

Bill Courtney
President, Burnt Store Isles Association

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BSIA 2021 BOARD

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COMMITTEES:

Architectural Faith Ferris
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SPECIAL PROJECTS

Mary Ann Gilroy, Director



This years "Shredder Day" will take place at Twin Isles Country Club on Saturday, April 17th from 9 am till 12 noon. Bring your documents to be shredded. You may drop them off or watch while they are shredded. Please bring your BSIA membership card with you. However, if you do not have your card we can check the data base for your membership status. This is a free service to BSIA members. All others will be assessed a fee. Masks are required.



Bumper stickers are available to BSIA members for \$5.00 each. Stickers are 4x6 inch ovals with an easy peel off adhesive backing. To request a bumper sticker, submit request to special@bsia.net.

SOCIAL NOTES

Donna Nowak, Social Director

Happy 2021 to everyone!
Hoping all is well and staying safe.

In December we had a Christmas Party combined with BSIBC at Twin Isles Country Club. There were 50 in attendance. The food was delicious, the wait staff very attentive and the entertainment was fabulous. We have already booked our Christmas Party for this year, so stay tuned!

As the new year started without much change in the Covid situation, it came to our attention that the food banks were in dire need. So, we ran another food drive on January 11th. As in the past, the homeowners in BSI came through with very generous donations. We collected 6 SUV loads of food and \$1865 in cash/checks. Our donations

went to St. Vincent de Paul. They were most appreciative.

It is time to clean out the closets and garages! The annual garage sale will be held in February. Everyone participating in the sale will need a permit for the town. Information is on the website.

We will be planning a BSI event to the Punta Gorda Sculpture Gardens in March/April. Information will be available in the weekly email newsletter when the arrangements are finalized.

We decided to postpone the annual picnic to sometime in the Fall. Hopefully by then we will all be comfortable getting together in larger groups.

In the meantime, stay healthy and enjoy the beautiful days we have been having in BSI.

E~COMMUNICATIONS

Jenny Anderson, E-Communications 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- I hope you have played around in our new and improved website at www.bsia.net The bar on the left side of the page 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.



SECURITY UPDATE

C.J. Metcalfe,
Security Director

BSIA memberships help to support various items in and around your neighborhood. Landscaped islands, security cameras, newsletters, bank fees, storage fees and more are not free. We work to maintain Burnt Store Isles the desirable neighborhood we all enjoy and are proud to live in.

To keep updated on current events in Punta Gorda, your Board Security Director attends regular meetings of:

- City Council Agenda Pundit Groups
- Police Chiefs Citizens Advisory Board
- Neighborhood Watch Program
- Charlotte County Task Force
- As well as maintaining the 3 security camera locations
- Receives current updates from the Police Department on area activities

Oh those pesky door hangars and flyers. It is against Punta Gorda City code and Burnt Store Isles for anyone to solicit these items other than for religious or political purposes. A note from the city code officer stated:

As soon as someone reports this, let us know so we can catch them in the act and write them a citation. If we don't witness the violation we cannot write citations. Best we can do is call the number listed (which is a nationwide number) and let them know that soliciting inside Punta Gorda City limits goes against code.

You can contact Nick Falkner, Code Compliance Officer, City of Punta Gorda at 941-575-3346

Police matters:

Recently, BSI had stolen car activity. We encourage you to follow the county wide rule of 9:00p.m. lock everything; cars, doors, etc. If you see something, DO NOT confront, rather call 911 or the non-emergency number 941-639-4111. If you have seen activity in Punta Gorda, and are curious as to the nature of it, you can check out the activity list at: <https://p2c.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/Summary.aspx>

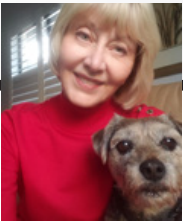
Stay safe!



MEMBERSHIP

Ken Williams,
Director

BSIA continues to add new members each month. With new construction homes filling up the empty lots —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. 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 BSIA.Net. This all adds up to hundreds of BSIA volunteer hours for the continued well-being of our neighborhood. Thank you to all our members for supporting Burnt Store Isles with a BSIA membership! Membership renewals begin in December. You will receive an email (or postal mail if no email is available) if you are a current member and your membership renewal is due. Considering all that BSIA accomplishes for the well-being of our neighborhood, the BSIA dues are money well spent! Again, I hope your 2020 has been safe and I look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood!



VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Faith Farris

HOME PAINT CHOICES

As you know, BSIA is responsible for ensuring that new homes planned for construction or existing homes installing fences, repainting or building extensions meet permit requirements, deed restrictions, and fit within the existing aesthetics of BSI. The color of new construction homes and repainting of existing home are provided to the Architectural Committee as part of the application process via the VP and Standards Director on a request form for approval. While many restrictions are specifically stated in the BSI Deed Restrictions or within city code, paint colors for homes are not specified and therefore become a subjective decision for BSIA in meeting the "aesthetics" of the community.

Our Committee is finding that we are sometimes challenged to deal with trending color pallets for new homes and existing homes.

In the past colors have been fairly quiet, muted and conservative. But the trend is changing and more dramatic color schemes are starting to be requested. So, while we are trying to respect the new trends, we are also trying to maintain reasonable choices that fit our community.

NEW CONSTRUCTION - TOTAL HOMES FOR 2020

As mentioned in our last newsletter, our BSI community is constantly growing with new houses and new neighbors. Our final count of new construction applications from the building community for 2020 was 20 new homes.

CITY OF PUNTA GORDA RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY DEED RESTRICTIONS FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION

Because some builders are unfamiliar with BSIA deed restrictions, BSIA worked with the City of Punta Gorda permit office to change the City permit notification. All builders must apply and receive an approved permit before starting any construction. The City of Punta Gorda added the following notification directly on the front of every building permit issued by the City:

CHECK COMMUNITY DEED RESTRICTIONS BEFORE STARTING PROJECT BECAUSE THIS BUILDING PERMIT IN NO WAY NEGATES DEED RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, IF ANY

Therefore, builders are reminded and held accountable in following our deed restrictions.

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City of Punta Gorda, Florida

PERMIT

THIS CARD TO BE POSTED ON STREET SIDE OF LOT BEFORE WORK IS STARTED
NOTICE: DO NOT ORDER CONCRETE UNLESS INSPECTION IS APPROVED

This Permit shall be void if an inspection has not been called for within a six (6) month period

PRIOR TO REQUESTING A "LINTEL" OR "TIE-BEAM" INSPECTION, THE BUILDER SHALL SUBMIT A CERTIFICATION OF THE FINISHED FLOOR ELEVATION RELATIVE TO SEA LEVEL DATUM ON A SIGNED AND SEALED SURVEY SHOWING ALL BUILDING SETBACKS TO FOUNDATION FROM A CERTIFIED LAND SURVEYOR LICENSED IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA

REVIEWED FOR CODE COMPLIANCE: A PERMIT SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO BE A LICENSE TO PROCEED WITH THE WORK AND SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AUTHORITY TO VIOLATE, CANCEL, ALTER, OR SET ASIDE ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CODE, NOR SHALL SUCH ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT PREVENT THE BUILDING OFFICIAL FROM THEREAFTER REQUIRING A CORRECTION OF ERRORS IN OR IN CONSTRUCTION, OR OF VIOLATIONS OF THE CODE

FOR INSPECTIONS, CALL (941) 575-3327 -

or visit our website: <http://www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/services/building/building-permits-on-line>

CHECK COMMUNITY DEED RESTRICTIONS BEFORE STARTING PROJECT BECAUSE THIS BUILDING PERMIT IN NO WAY NEGATES DEED RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, IF ANY

WARNING TO OWNER: YOUR FAILURE TO RECORD A NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT MAY RESULT IN YOUR PAYING TWICE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO YOUR PROPERTY. IF YOU INTEND TO OBTAIN FINANCING, CONSULT WITH YOUR LENDER OR AN ATTORNEY BEFORE RECORDING YOUR NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT.

BSIA LEGAL LIAISON

Joseph Meyer

Recently there have been several issues that have required legal review and in certain cases referring matters to our outside legal firm. These include the applicability of the deed restrictions to the multifamily/condos within BSI, interpreting deed restrictions, conforming deed restrictions to city codes to eliminate confusion and enforcement of deed restrictions. As a board we are responsible to maintain, interpret and enforce the deed restrictions not only for the members of BSIA but the whole community.

While the multifamily/condos associations have their own deed restrictions and rules they are also subject to the BSI deed restrictions. You may have also noticed we have conformed certain of our deed restrictions to the city requirements. This will help clear up confusion where there were differences. Generally, home owners are very responsive to issue raised by our community standards director or the city code compliance department. However, there are instances where we need to engage legal firm to assist in enforcing the deed restrictions. Please be assured your board is prepared to fully defend the deed restriction. The deed restrictions are on our website and please take the opportunity to review them.

Burnt Store Isles Association, Inc
Burnt Store Isles Association
Custom Income Statement 4
From Jan 2020 to Dec 2020
Options: Activity Only

| FINANCIAL ROW | ACTUAL | BUDGET | VARIANCE |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense | | | |
| Income | | | |
| 4100 - Membership Dues | \$19,903.38 | \$20,372.00 | \$468.62 |
| 4200 - New Construction Fees | \$5,010.00 | \$2,500.00 | -\$2,510.00 |
| 4300 - Directory Ads | \$2,427.50 | \$2,500.00 | \$72.50 |
| 4350 - Newsletter Ads | \$1,688.80 | \$1,500.00 | -\$188.80 |
| 4400 - Interest Income | \$732.84 | \$0.00 | -\$732.84 |
| 4610 - Misc. Income | \$270.00 | \$0.00 | -\$270.00 |
| 4620 - Badges - Member Paid | \$40.00 | \$0.00 | -\$40.00 |
| 4700 - Events - Member Paid | \$45.00 | \$0.00 | -\$45.00 |
| Total - Income | \$30,117.52 | \$26,872.00 | -\$3,245.52 |
| Gross Profit | \$30,117.52 | \$26,872.00 | -\$3,245.52 |
| Expense | | | |
| 6100 - Landscaping Reserve | \$890.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$340.00 |
| 6150 - Landscaping/Property Mgmt | \$6,948.00 | \$6,948.00 | \$0.00 |
| 6300 - Directory Preparation | \$919.65 | \$1,000.00 | \$80.35 |
| 6350 - Newsletter Preparation | \$3,985.87 | \$3,200.00 | -\$785.87 |
| 6400 - Legal Fees | \$2,974.57 | \$500.00 | -\$2,474.57 |
| 6410 - Attorney Fees Reserves | \$0.00 | \$2,037.00 | \$2,037.00 |
| 6420 - Liability Insurance | \$2,999.00 | \$2,750.00 | -\$249.00 |
| 6500 - Donation Given | \$65.00 | \$250.00 | \$185.00 |
| 6620 - Badges | \$48.91 | \$0.00 | -\$48.91 |
| 6710 - Events BSIA Paid | \$767.46 | \$2,000.00 | \$1,232.54 |
| 6730 - Storage Unit Rent | \$526.44 | \$540.00 | \$13.56 |
| 6750 - PO Box Rental | \$218.00 | \$200.00 | -\$18.00 |
| 6760 - Postage and Delivery | \$449.16 | \$500.00 | \$50.84 |
| 6770 - Safe deposit Rent | \$0.00 | \$100.00 | \$100.00 |
| 6800 - Software | \$0.00 | \$150.00 | \$150.00 |
| 6810 - Web Data Remote Hosting | \$1,086.04 | \$540.00 | -\$546.04 |
| 6820 - Web Emails Constant Contact | \$1,409.58 | \$630.00 | -\$779.58 |
| 6830 - State Fees | \$61.25 | \$65.00 | \$3.75 |
| 6900 - Misc. Expense | \$875.40 | \$1,000.00 | \$124.60 |
| 6910 - Office Supplies | \$0.00 | \$300.00 | \$300.00 |
| 6920 - Surveillance Cameras | \$832.93 | \$750.00 | -\$82.93 |
| 6930 - Meeting Room Rent | \$119.92 | \$200.00 | \$80.08 |
| 6940 - Shredder Day | \$510.00 | \$400.00 | -\$110.00 |
| 6950 - Banners | \$0.00 | \$250.00 | \$250.00 |
| 6960 - Underground Wiring | \$3,412.29 | \$3,000.00 | -\$412.29 |
| Total - Expense | \$28,878.47 | \$28,310.00 | -\$568.47 |
| Net Ordinary Income | \$1,239.05 | -\$1,438.00 | -\$2,677.05 |
| Net Income | \$1,239.05 | -\$1,438.00 | -\$2,677.05 |

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PLANNING

Mary Boeringer

The COVID -19 vaccine is available for people age 65 and older. Appointments can be made by going to www.coadfl.org, You can get the latest local covid info at www.cityofpuntagorda.com.

There is still no enforcement of residential signs on residential lots and right-of-way. These will not be enforced until the ordinance is amended. That includes political signs and flags.

The city council staff has been directed to pause the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan and begin the process of preparing for New Land Development regulations. The shift is designed to increase the communities comfort level regarding the proposed changes to the Comprehensive Plan. You can go to the city website to learn more about the differences between the Comprehensive Plan and the Land Development Regulations.

There is going to be a feasibility study by the FDOT to widen Jones Loop road from the railroad tracks to Piper Road to six lanes. We will keep you updated as new developments arise.

Regards,
Mary

COMMUNITY STANDARDS

Rick Allen, Director

As reported in the weekly BSIA newsletter, Comcast has agreed to "clean-up" the jumbles of cable located on many of our utility poles. Unfortunately, Comcast has not kept up with the schedule they originally gave us but they have pledged to pick up the pace of the remedial work.

Phase 1 will involve the remediation of sixteen poles using an outside contractor. The project supervisor is expecting management approval imminently and completion of this phase within two to three weeks.

Each future phase will involve about twenty poles and a time frame of two to three weeks using outside contractors until all of the identified poles have been remediated.

Be assured your Association will continue to press this issue with Comcast until this entire project has been completed.

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