



# Burnt Store Isles Association

# NEWS

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## UP & COMING

See inside for details on these events or 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. Don't forget to sign up on Facebook.

### Monthly-- First Friday of each month:

- BSIA Board Meeting, 9am, Twin Isles Country Club



## From the President

**BILL COURTNEY, President**

The first half of 2020 has been unlike anything I, and I suspect you, ever imagined when the Champaign toasts were made on New Year's Eve. As this article is finalized the impact of COVID 19 to Florida, and closer to home in Punta Gorda, is serious but modest in comparison to other parts of the USA such as New York, Chicago and New Orleans. I attribute that in part to the actions we collectively took to follow the guidelines to stay home, eliminate non-essential travel and socially distance when we did have to go out. I can only hope the positive trend continues thru the summer.

I'd like to thank the officers and directors of BSIA for staying engaged in the affairs of our community during this time. We shifted our monthly BSIA Board meeting to Zoom video conferences and did not miss a beat.

For example, traffic was a top priority for the Board in 2020 and I can point to a number of positive results so far, such as additional speed limit signs in BSI, greater attention by the city and police to thru commercial traffic on Tripoli, a proposed ordinance to lower the speed limit to 25 mph on Tripoli

between Monaco and Madrid, and "cross traffic does not stop" signs to be added at key intersections. The Board, along with the city, is also continuing to push FDOT for resolutions to the use of Tripoli as an alternate for northbound Rt. 41.

Another major priority was to complete the underground wiring straw ballot and report the results. As you know, 75% of the ballots were returned and they delivered an unequivocal result against proceeding with the project. The BSIA Board voted unanimously on May 1 to accept the results and recommend in a message to City Council not to move forward. I'd like to thank Chick Petrosino and the members of the committee for five years of hard work to bring this question to a resolution.

And thank you to all members of BSIA for staying engaged in the community. By attending our new virtual Board meetings, donating to a food drive or coming out to mixers and social events (when we are allowed to have them again), your ongoing support makes BSI the premier community in Punta Gorda.

I hope that you have a great summer. Stay safe!

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## BSIA 2020 BOARD

### OFFICERS:

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 Secretary ..... Libby Strong  
 Treasurer ..... Bill Page

### DIRECTORS:

Community Standards ..... Rick Allen  
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 Membership/Welcoming ..... Ken Williams  
 E-Communications ..... Jenny Anderson  
 Community Security ..... CJ Metcalfe  
 Planning ..... Mary Boeringer  
 Special Projects/Landscaping ..... Mary Ann Gilroy  
 Social ..... Donna Nowak  
 Past President (non voting) ..... Ian Milne

### COMMITTEES:

Architectural ..... Mary Jane Wagner  
 Membership Directory ..... Janice Kelly  
 Newsletter Editor ..... Genevieve Ramachandran

## SPECIAL PROJECTS

### Mary Ann Gilroy, Director

Greetings all!

Due to the pandemic and the associated quarantining and social distancing "Shredder Day" was not able to proceed in April as planned. Whether or not it will be held later this year has yet to be determined. Please refer to future newsletters and/or weekly updates for announcements. Please note - banners at the monuments will announce an upcoming event.



Stay safe everyone!

## E~COMMUNICATIONS

### Jenny Anderson, E-Communications Director

Sadly, there has not been much to communicate recently. Normally our Tuesday bulletins would be bursting with news and photos from social events. But that is not the norm right now. We have chosen to only send out communications when there is pertinent information to share. We hope to return to the weekly format after the usual summer lull ends and we can return to whatever normal is once our next Season begins again. If you are not receiving the bulletin, please email [info@bsia.net](mailto:info@bsia.net)

**Website** – I would like to encourage you to explore our website [www.bsia.net](http://www.bsia.net). This is where you will find almost everything you need to know about your Association. The website is kept updated to include news, pictures from events, minutes from board meetings, how to join the association, and links to pay dues. Also, if you plan on making changes to your house or property, including fences and exterior paint color, the website has information on our deed restrictions as well as the architectural change forms that need to be submitted before any changes can be made.

**Facebook** – If you are on Facebook, join our

private Facebook group which is only available to BSIA members. Search for 'Burnt Store Isles Association' and request to join to see posts and photos posted by fellow members and to add posts of your own.

**2020 Membership Directory** – Your dues had to have been be paid by January 31st to be included in the Membership Directory. The Directory was published in mid February and was distributed to all members electronically in the March 3rd email bulletin. If you requested a printed directory and have not received it yet, please email [directory@bsia.net](mailto:directory@bsia.net).

Also, if you ever receive an email that seems to be coming from a BSIA official email address but looks at all suspicious, please email us directly and let us know. In this age of hacking, we want to make sure we are as cyber secure as possible.

BSIA membership has many benefits...if you know a neighbor who does not belong to BSIA encourage them to sign up at [www.bsia.net](http://www.bsia.net) ! If you have any questions or suggestions regarding communication, please email [info@bsia.net](mailto:info@bsia.net).

Hoping you are all healthy and safe.



# SOCIAL NOTES

Donna Nowak, Social Director

Well, what a year it has been so far!

To start with, I hope everyone is safe, healthy and sane after these past several months.

January 2020 started out with a traditional winter Darts Night at the Ice House. All reported they had fun, eating, socializing and pretending they knew how to throw a dart.

In February, we had a social event at Hammer and Stain, a DIY workshop, which is in town on 41 North. Even though the group was small, the results were impressive. They decided we should do it again nearing the Christmas season.

Another event in February, was the very anticipated annual neighborhood yard sale. It was a huge success based on the feedback, the number of homes that signed up, the number of homes that participated but that did not sign up and by the number of cars that were in the neighborhood that day.

In the early part of March, Sunday night darts and dinner went well, a requested second event that was open to members.

As we were planning for the Babcock Ranch Tour in the latter part of March and the annual picnic in April, everything came to a screeching halt caused by the Covid 19 pandemic. The tour and picnic were cancelled, and all other planning ceased.

We did what we needed to be done. We quarantined ourselves by staying home, bought and wore masks, did quick Publix shopping runs, worked on many home projects and watched a lot of TV.

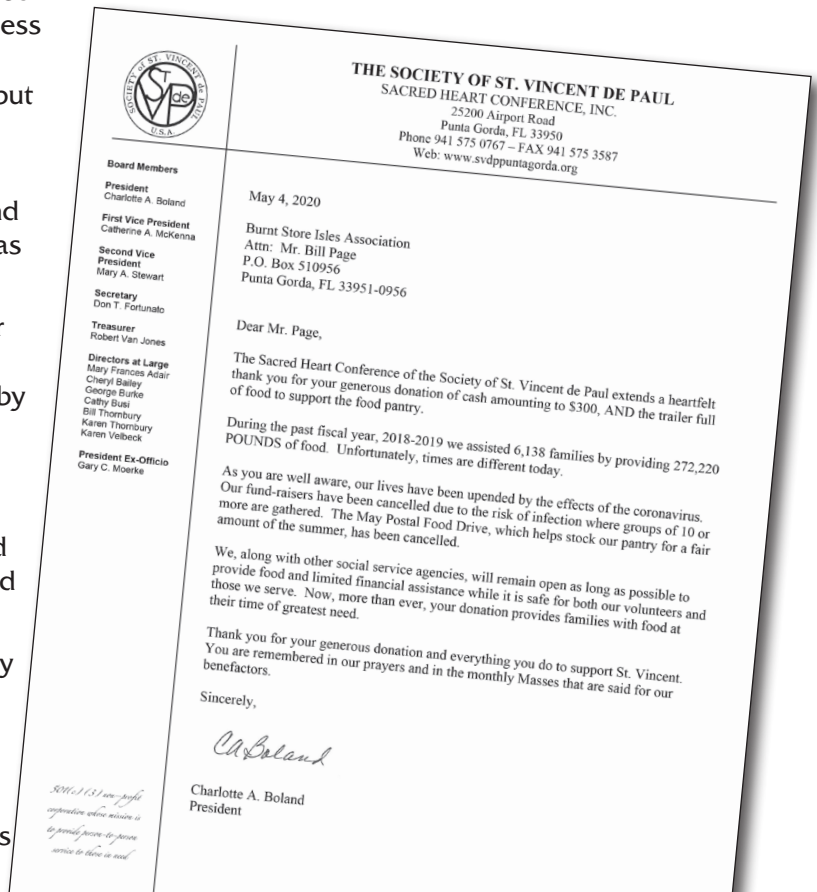
In May, the food pantries in this area were empty and lines formed for hand-out meals. Along with Burnt Store Isles Boat Club, we decided to hold a food drive. On the corner of Tripoli and Monaco, we popped up a tent, made signs, got some help and Wow... the food items and monetary donations

that were given by all neighbors was incredible. We needed to rent a 5x7 box trailer to store and transport it all to St. Vincent DePaul's, the neediest of our local pantries. The generosity and the willingness to help out people in need from this community was overwhelming!

With social distancing in mind, we have planned, along with BSIBC, a 4th of July celebration.

We are hoping to have the annual Spring picnic in the Fall and the Christmas Party in December and other activities in between. (Only time will tell)

Have a great summer and stay well!





## SECURITY UPDATE

C.J. Metcalfe,  
Security Director

The BSIA Board Security Director is constantly in communication with the Punta Gorda Police, Fire, Public Works, and City Council. We strive to keep our neighborhood safe and secure, and we appreciate all cooperation from our neighbors.

### POLICE

Police Chief Pamela Davis is reporting that neighbors are leaving their cars UNLOCKED which has been an opportunity for thieves to steal items from the car. Again and again we ask: Please LOCK YOUR CARS.

### POLICE ACTIVITY

Want to know what's happening around you? The link below will get you to the police activity page.

<https://p2c.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/>

### SPEED SIGNS

Know that speed limit signs of 30mph are being posted around the neighborhood to remind visitors and residents of the maximum speed allowed in BSI. Walkers, bikers, pet owners and drivers have had too many incidences for us not to take action on this. Please observe your speed.

### TRIPOLI between MONACO and MADRID

Please note that soon the speed limit on this section of road could soon be reduced to 25mph. Local residents have complained of the speeders and the commercial traffic on this road. We are currently working with the city for the best resolve to calming traffic on this section of road. The other considerations were speed bumps, islands, and stop signs - none of which were received well.

### SECURITY CAMERAS

Our system was aged, and it was necessary to have some equipment replaced. This was funded by the BSIA membership. We would like to encourage you to spread the word about being a BSIA member to help support the various expenses associated with the continuance of a successful Association and a safer community.



## MEMBERSHIP

Ken Williams,  
Director

Our Membership is Growing!

Our goal is to continue increasing and improving membership, but it can only be done with the help of all BSIA members. Please continue to encourage your neighbors to join the Burnt Store Isles Association. There are many reasons why it is beneficial for all of us to have a strong membership. BSIA, as a large voting bloc, can influence and work with city officials to benefit all residents in Burnt Store Isles. Through enforcement of deed restrictions, our property values are maintained.

Newsletters, our Facebook page and our Website (BSIA.net) keep you updated on our beautiful community and city. Our Facebook page is a closed group for members only and is a great place to communicate with our neighbors or to sell any of your household items. We are an all-volunteer organization working hard to maintain the beauty and value of all property in Burnt Store Isles. Membership in the Association is crucial in maintaining our influence with the city and continuing community camaraderie. These are just a few reasons why becoming a member is important.

Please phone or e-mail any questions or concerns you might have regarding membership. We are all fortunate to be a part of this wonderful community. Our directory has always been popular, and we will continue to provide all members with a yearly on-line directory.

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# VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Faith Farris

## **NEW CONSTRUCTION**

We still have new construction moving forward even during these challenging times. People seeking a beautiful neighborhood recognize the value of buying and building in our well maintained community. Demonstrating our community draw, we have had nine (9) new construction applications for new homes since the start of the New Year and notification from builders of additional applications on the way.

## **KEEPING UP WITH THE TRENDS**

Additionally, the BSIA Board has recognized our community's need to keep up with changing building trends and Punta Gorda City Codes of Ordinances. We also recognize that many of our new owners are out of state and away from the day to day building process of their new homes. Since it is the property owner that is responsible for adhering to the deed restrictions we felt the need to keep them informed when we work directly with the builders.

The BSIA Board goal is to work in the best interest of the BSI community as a whole and for individual property owners. Therefore the BSIA Board has discussed and approved the following subjects and developed Policies and Procedures to carry out the topics identified above.

### **Roofing Material**

Only tile roofs are defined as acceptable per the deed restrictions applicable to properties within Burnt Store Isles. To accommodate members of the community and to retain the architectural integrity of the area, the definition of tile has been expanded to include metal, as well as composite tile, clay, and cement as long as it resembles tile. No shingled roofs, nor flat metal or metal standing seam roofs are considered acceptable.

### **Contacting Property Owners**

Whenever an HOA Office or Director has reason to directly contact or deal with a contractor hired by the BSIA property owner for any reason, the property owner will be copied on all correspondence.

### **Fence Height**

Waive the BSI Deed Restriction, Paragraph 12, which limits fences panels to thirty-six (36) inches in height and follow the City of Punta Gorda Code of Ordinances maximum height of forty-eight (48) inches.

### **Docks**

Waive the BSI Deed Restriction, Paragraph 9, which states in part..."Docks, piers, or mooring post shall not be constructed so as to extend beyond a distance of eight feet from lot line"...to adopting the City of Punta Gorda Code of Ordinances Section 6-6, page 6-3, Paragraph (c) 1. (b) which reads in part..."Freestanding concrete docks protruding no more than ten (10) feet waterward from the seawall"...

### **MORE ON DOCUMENTING**

Additionally, we are in the process of making notations directly in the BSI Deed Restrictions wherever a change has occurred. The notated version will be uploaded on the BSIA website. Additionally, other policy and procedures that have been developed over the years that are not directly related to deed restrictions will be updated and reside on the BSIA website as well.

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# SECRETARY'S REPORT

Libby Strong, Secretary

Although it has been a difficult start to 2020, your Board has been working very hard. We have been holding meetings via Zoom in order to keep things moving along. So far this year we have completed several initiatives. Below is just a sample of what was done.

In January the Board conducted its first meeting of the year with new Board Members. Donna Nowak is the new Social Director, Jenny Anderson is the new E-communications Director and Rick Allen is the new Community Standards Director.

In February we spent a great deal of time going through the traffic issues that have been plaguing BSI for several years. During that meeting the Board brought forth recommendations to the Punta Gorda City Council. The Board proposed "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop" signs to be placed at Monaco and Tripoli as well as Monaco and Madrid. We also proposed painting a 30 mph speed limit sign on Tripoli between Monaco and Madrid. Finally, we proposed painting "Stop Ahead" on pavement with white reflectors on Monaco and Madrid, Monaco and Tripoli and Madrid and Tripoli. There was a great deal discussed and done during the March meeting. For more details,

I would suggest that you go to BSIA.net and review the minutes from this meeting.

During the February meeting the Board also approved new Policy and Procedures regarding Roofing Material. The Board's policy is to send a copy of all correspondence between a contractor and BSIA to the owner of the property. That way the owner knows if we are having a problem with their contractor.

May brought the much anticipated results of the Straw Poll for the Underground Wiring. The Board moved to accept the results and sent the recommendation to the Punta Gorda City Council to not pursue underground wiring for BSI. The City Council has accepted our recommendation and will not move forward.

In May the Board also added a new Policy and Procedure that will allow for a waiver to match the City ordinance for freestanding concrete docks.

So as you can see, even though we have been following all of the CDC guidelines regarding social distancing, we have not been stopped from our business of improving our community.

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# COMMUNITY STANDARDS

Rick Allen, Director

If you are thinking about making any external changes to your home or property, please remember that we live in a deed restricted community and most changes must be approved in order to maintain consistency and the beauty of our piece of paradise. If you are considering any of the following, please complete and submit the Architectural Change Form which can be found in the Quick Links section of the BSIA.net home page.

- Landscape changes;
- Terraces and patios;
- Fences greater than four feet tall and external walls greater than three feet tall;
- Driveway and/or walkway replacement;
- A change in any exterior paint color;
- Installation of a pool, Jacuzzi, hot tub, deck and/or cage.

## Treasurer's Report

Bill Page, Treasurer

From Jan 2020 to Apr 2020

Options: Activity Only

FINANCIAL ROW	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
4100 - Membership Dues	\$19,116.52	\$20,372.00	\$1,255.48
4200 - New Construction Fees	\$2,010.00	\$2,500.00	\$490.00
4300 - Directory Ads	\$2,227.50	\$2,500.00	\$272.50
4350 - Newsletter Ads	\$1,688.80	\$1,500.00	-\$188.80
4400 - Interest Income	\$3.57	\$0.00	-\$3.57
4620 - Badges - Member Paid	\$15.17	\$0.00	-\$15.17
4700 - Events - Member Paid	\$45.00	\$0.00	-\$45.00
<b>Total - Income</b>	<b>\$25,106.56</b>	<b>\$26,872.00</b>	<b>\$1,765.44</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>			
	\$25,106.56	\$26,872.00	\$1,765.44
<b>Expense</b>			
6100 - Landscaping Reserve	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
6150 - Landscaping/Property Mgmt	\$2,316.00	\$2,316.00	\$0.00
6300 - Directory Preparation	\$919.65	\$1,000.00	\$80.35
6350 - Newsletter Preparation	\$1,152.64	\$3,200.00	\$2,047.36
6400 - Legal Fees	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
6410 - Attorney Fees Reserves	\$0.00	\$680.00	\$680.00
6420 - Liability Insurance	\$2,791.00	\$2,750.00	-\$41.00
6500 - Donation Given	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
6710 - Events BSIA Paid	\$53.50	\$800.00	\$746.50
6730 - Storage Unit Rent	\$175.48	\$180.00	\$4.52
6750 - PO Box Rental	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
6760 - Postage and Delivery	\$176.88	\$500.00	\$323.12
6770 - Safe deposit Rent	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
6800 - Software	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
6810 - Web Data Remote Hosting	\$0.00	\$540.00	\$540.00
6820 - Web Emails Constant Contact	\$790.08	\$630.00	-\$160.08
6830 - State Fees	\$61.25	\$65.00	\$3.75
6900 - Misc. Expense	\$940.84	\$1,000.00	\$59.16
6910 - Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
6920 - Surveillance Cameras	\$459.50	\$750.00	\$290.50
6930 - Meeting Room Rent	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
6940 - Shredder Day	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
6950 - Banners	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
6960 - Underground Wiring	\$410.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,590.00
<b>Total - Expense</b>	<b>\$10,346.82</b>	<b>\$20,761.00</b>	<b>\$10,414.18</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$14,759.74</b>	<b>\$6,111.00</b>	<b>-\$8,648.74</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$14,759.74</b>	<b>\$6,111.00</b>	<b>-\$8,648.74</b>



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