

#### **UP & COMING**

#### -- Angel Hair --

Monday, November 4th Location TBD

#### -- BSIA Annual Meeting --

Thursday, November 14 at 1 p.m. Twin Isles County Club

#### -- BSIA & BSIBC Christmas Party --

December 7 - location TBD

#### -- 2nd Annual Glo-Ride --

December 19

More Details coming soon! Events w/no specific date 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**

Monthly - First Friday of each month at 9 a.m. at the Twin Isles Country Club in the upper level casual dining area.

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# From the President BILL PAGE

This newsletter will contain a lot of information pertaining to the 2024 Annual Meeting and the 2025 budget. I felt it was

important to give you a heads up on the significant challenges that we are facing with the budget and the steps that the Board of Directors are taking in response to these challenges.

The BSIA bylaws require that expenditures over \$4,000 must be approved by the general membership. Most of the members are familiar that we are taking a property owner to court for installing a standing seam metal roof. The BOD did everything possible to avoid this step, including notifying the property owner before installation started, that their new roof did not meet our deed restrictions. While we are hoping for an early, less costly outcome than a full trial, we must be prepared for that situation. Our attorney has given us a range of what it will cost. We are taking a conservative approach and decided that we should budget on the high end so that everyone is prepared for a worst case scenario. The legal cost estimate from our attorney is \$50,000. We have that in the legal reserves, but it will put a serious dent in those funds. It was felt that we have to aggressively defend our deed restrictions or risk having them become unenforceable.

The Board of Directors has been working to put together the rest of the 2025 budget. We are in agreement that we must put together a budget that is both attainable and will help to start replenishing the reserves for the legal fund. We started in the area of expenses. At the time that I am writing this, we have not voted on the final budget. Here are a few of the changes that are being considered. First, reducing the mailed newsletter to once a year tied to the annual meeting requirements. It is felt that the weekly bulletin could be used to help fill that void. We are also looking at reducing the plant replacement budget for the entrances and reducing the subsidizing of some activities.

The last 2 years have seen income drop due to reduced new construction and slightly lower membership. The BOD is currently considering recommending that the annual dues be increased by \$5 to \$50 by check and \$55 if paid by PayPal. Your BoD is doing everything possible to be a good steward with the Association's money.

Bill Page, President

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## 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, 2025.

#### Officers:

President: Bill Page, 2nd 2 year term Vice President: Pat Iorio, 2nd 2 year term

Secretary: OPEN

#### **Directors:**

Community Standards: Faith Ferris, 2nd 2 year term

Security: Dave Elkins, 2nd 2 year term

Social: OPEN

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## RECOMMENDED BYLAW CHANGE

The Board of Directors is recommending that the Director of Planning's title be changed to the Director of Community Relations. This is being done to more accurately reflect the position's interactions with those entities outside of BSIA. The following will be voted on at the annual meeting.

Section 2. Each Director shall be elected to manage and be responsible for one of the following functions via: (1) Membership; (2) Special Projects; (3) Community Relations; (4) Legal Liaison; (5) Social; (6) Neighborhood Security; (7) Community Standards; and (8) E-Communications. The immediate Past President shall remain as a non-voting director as long as he/she remains the immediate Past President.

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT ~ Charmaine Ponkratz

Hello neighbors,

Nearly two years ago when I was honored to be elected to the position of Secretary, it was my pledge to you; to record the proceedings of the Board with transparency, appropriateness, and timeliness.

It was a joy to work shoulder to shoulder with dedicated neighbors who commit their time and talent to advance the purpose of BSIA as it has been established: formed to provide a means for residents and owners of property in Burnt Store Isles to jointly promote the continual improvement of the neighborhood, to protect the common interest of all residents, foster good fellowship, to protect the health, safety and well-being of the residents and owners, to provide educational programs, and to cooperate with other civic groups, owner associations and governmental agencies as they consider plans and programs for the area.

If you have the opportunity to step forward and serve, you will be blessed with new friendships and a broader perspective of this neighborhood we claim as our own tropical paradise. I am reminded of a reflection offered by Anne Frank: "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

Let me close with this tidbit. If you have not visited the BSIA website in some time, you are encouraged to do so: <a href="https://bsia.net/">https://bsia.net/</a>. There is a wealth of information posted. And, if you can't find it there, then take advantage of contacting the Board directly. We will make our best effort to respond: <a href="https://bsia.net/">https://bsia.net/</a> contact-us



## E-COMMUNICATIONS ~ Polly Green

Hello neighbors!

Please take a minute to preview our website at BSIA.net and notice all the updates. We have added Hurricane Aids and Tips, Helpful Links and "Good Things to Know" under "About BSIA". Joanne Fritz has done an amazing job adding information to this site.

If you have any questions and you do not know who to contact, send an email to info@bsia.net.

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# **SOCIAL Notes ~** Wanda Daugherty

I hope everyone had a great summer! In spite of the heat, we did manage several fun

events. In July we celebrated the 4<sup>th</sup> at Cass Cay with the BSI Boat Club. The meal was great as usual, but the highlight

was the recognition of all our members who served in the armed forces. Later in the month, several got together for ice-cream treats at the Working Cow. You can't beat frozen treats anytime!



As we moved into August, we held two more events. First was a tour of the Punta Gorda Charlotte Library, known for its state-of-the-art technology, beautiful facilities, and vibrant community programs. If you missed this tour and have an interest in 3-D printing, sewing, cricut art, CNC machine, laser cutter for engraving and video editing, you need to visit and learn about these items. They have so much more to offer. This tour always has something new.





On the 15<sup>th</sup> of August was the Escape Room, Rumor has it that one group didn't make it out! Everyone attending had a great time. There are some new rooms, so if you think you've escaped them all, you need to go back.

I want to thank those committee members who took charge of several of these events in my absence. Su Miscia, Adele Sedberry, Patti Lekki and Donna Nowak ~ I would be lost without you! We have many events on schedule for October, November, and December. So sharpen your darts, practice



your dancing skills, and string lights on your bikes and be ready. Until next time be safe, be well and God Bless.

# **PLANNING** ~ Bill Courtney

#### COMING TO YOUR MAILBOX SOON!!!!!

A new booklet containing the BSI Deed Restrictions will be mailed soon to every property owner in BSI, regardless

of whether they are members of the Association. Your Board recognizes that we have significant turnover in the community each year, so we try to mail these booklets every couple of years to make sure that everyone has the most accurate information. The same information may be found on the BSIA. NET website.





## **MEMBERSHIP** ~ Wendy Heath

We are entering the time of year when our snowbirding neighbors start to come back. Welcome home! I have missed my friends who went north for the summer, and I will be very glad to see them again.

I am still appealing for your assistance in the matter of encouraging our neighbors who are not members of BSIA to join. We know that there are many good reasons to be members, not least being the ability to defend our deed restrictions and maintain the security of our community. As I mentioned in the weekly emailed Bulletin, I feel it is more effective to have neighbors and friends - familiar faces - provide the information included in the welcome package that I have put together rather than me, a complete stranger. I continue to ask that if you know of new residents to your street or current neighbors who have not joined, please contact me at Membership@bsia.net so I can provide you with the package for you to give out. I thank you sincerely for any assistance you can provide to increase our BSIA membership.

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### **Burnt Store Isles Association**

General Membership Meeting Agenda Twin Isles Country Club - 301 Madrid Blvd Thursday, November 14, 2024 - 1:00 pm

Call To Order & Pledge of Allegiance

**Call for Quorum** 

**Approval of 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes** 

2025 Board of Directors Nomination and Voting

**2024 Projected Income Statement** 

2025 Budget Discussion and Approval

Officer's Reports

**Director's Reports** 

**Member Comments** 

**Introduce 2025 BSIA Officers and Board of Directors** 

**Adjourn** 



# Burnt Store Isles Association Notice of Annual Membership Meeting Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

# Twin Isles Country Club 301 Madrid Blvd., Punta Gorda

Attend the meeting to vote on new Board Members and the 2025 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.

# CUT ALLONG DOTTED LINE AND MAIL IN YOUR RSVP

# 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, 2024 to: BSIA Annual Meeting, PO Box 510956, Punta Gorda.

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# Neighborhood Security Update David Elkins

So our speeding issues here in BSI continue to prevail - about 90% of the speeding and/or violations we pick up on the cameras are residents, and most of the speeding is from residents who live at the further distances from our entrances. Tripoli, Madrid, and

Monaco, of course, carry these vehicles down into the development. At least we have some nice cars doing this with our Mercedes, BMW's, etc.!!

Did you know that the speed limit on Tripoli from Madrid to Monaco is 25mph?? And for the rest of BSI, it is 30mph.

We do have issues with commercial vehicles. Please remind any contractors you hire (and your landscaper) ~ there is a yellow Hummer that is a landscaper, and they fly down the road ~ to go slow!!

Camera Update - the past few summers we have had camera issues, but this year, so far, we are good. If you are wondering where your HOA membership fees go, we do have to periodically do camera work with the heat and humidity taking a toll on the equipment. Let's hope they keep on functioning the way they have been. A big thanks to my neighbor Eric Kirtley who helps with this work. We did use the cameras to track down some vehicles for some police investigations.

Golf Carts on our streets - they need to be registered, have plates and be treated like a car. They should not be on sidewalks (sidewalks are for walking)!! Even if you live near Twin Isles, you are supposed to have your golf cart registered and insured.

NO issues from the water side that we have been called on - you all do know that we have a camera at the canal and can track any vessels that come in and out of BSI that way. This has come in handy in the past.

A reminder that the city code stipulates no on-street parking overnight and no commercial vehicles overnight in driveways and/or on the streets. We always seem to have one or two homes that violate this city code (not BSI).

If you do see something unusual, you should first call the Punta Gorda Police non-emergency number at 941-639-4111.

Thank you to all of our members who support BSI - we are always working to keep the area clean, safe, and well-kept for our residents!!! Please urge your neighbors to join if they are not members.



# **SPECIAL PROJECTS** ~ Kathy Martinelli

Happy Fall Neighbors!

We welcome back our seasonal friends and hopefully some cooler weather soon!

As you know, I manage the landscaping on the entry islands, the maintenance of the monuments, and Shredder Day.

This year we were required to reduce in height the monument on the corner of Madrid and Tripoli Blvds. We looked for other sites to build a new one, but we do not own any land or a right of way that was suitable or met current city codes. Financial constraints were also a factor.

We reduced the current monument and removed the landscaping at the city's request. The project is finally finished. It's not the grand entrance monument our community deserves, but it looks pretty good.





The islands along Madrid Blvd. are in bloom and have been completely restored with new plants. The Monaco Blvd. islands are also looking better with new plants on Island one and removal of some older diseased shrubbery.

The Monaco Monument will get a new coat of paint when the weather cools.

The city owns the entrance islands but will not maintain them. BSIA pays for the maintenance and landscaping. The landscaping budget is BSIA's most expensive line item at \$8700. I have a \$1000 maintenance budget to replace plants and maintain the monuments and flags. Next year, my budget will be reduced to \$450 due to ongoing legal costs.

We are doing everything we can to support our beautiful community ~ we enforce deed restrictions, offer monthly social events, a Holiday Party at Twin Isles Country Club, security cameras at the entrances, weekly e-news bulletins and so much more!

Please ask your neighbors to join BSIA. We desperately need their support!

Thank you!,

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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 Sep 2024

NANCIAL ROW	AMOUNT	BUDGET AMOUNT	AMOUNT OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4100 - Membership Dues	\$22,350.30	\$23,500.00	(\$1,149.70)	95.11%
4200 - New Construction Fees	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	(\$1,000.00)	50.00%
4300 - Directory Ads	\$1,995.00	\$2,500.00	(\$505.00)	79.80%
4350 - Newsletter Ads	\$2,558.20	\$4,500.00	(\$1,941.80)	56.85%
4400 - Interest Income	\$802.77	\$450.00	\$352.77	178.39%
4600 - 50/50	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$175.00	0.00%
4610 - Misc. Income	\$35.00	\$50.00	(\$15.00)	70.00%
4620 - Badges - Member Paid	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$80.00	0.00%
4700 - Events - Member Paid	\$1,708.70	\$2,800.00	(\$1,091.30)	61.03%
Total - Income	\$30,704.97	\$35,800.00	(\$5,095.03)	85.77%
Gross Profit	\$30,704.97	\$35,800.00	(\$5,095.03)	85.77%
Expense				
6100 - Landscaping Replacement	\$2,550.13	\$1,000.00	\$1,550.13	255.019
6150 - Landscaping/Property Mgmt	\$6,390.00	\$6,390.00	\$0.00	100.009
6300 - Directory Preparation	\$1,115.63	\$1,250.00	(\$134.37)	89.259
6350 - Newsletter Preparation	\$3,281.79	\$6,000.00	(\$2,718.21)	54.70
6400 - Legal Fees	\$5,902.83	\$3,500.00	\$2,402.83	168.659
6420 - Liability Insurance	\$3,164.27	\$2,800.00	\$364.27	113.019
6500 - Donation Given	\$0.00	\$250.00	(\$250.00)	0.009
6620 - Badges	\$133.71	\$50.00	\$83.71	267.429
6700 - Events Member Paid	\$1,139.08	\$2,800.00	(\$1,660.92)	40.689
6710 - Events BSIA Paid	\$800.93	\$2,200.00	(\$1,399.07)	36.419
6730 - Storage Unit Rent	\$461.68	\$675.00	(\$213.32)	68.409
6750 - PO Box Rental	\$0.00	\$200.00	(\$200.00)	0.00
6760 - Postage and Delivery	\$21.30	\$200.00	(\$178.70)	10.659
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	\$2,893.02	\$2,600.00	\$293.02	111.279
6820 - Web Emails Constant Contact	\$680.40	\$800.00	(\$119.60)	85.059
6830 - State Fees	\$61.25	\$65.00	(\$3.75)	94.239
6900 - Misc. Expense	\$747.89	\$1,000.00	(\$252.11)	74.79
6910 - Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)	0.00
6920 - Surveillance Cameras	\$77.87	\$0.00	\$77.87	0.00
6930 - Meetting Room Rent	\$0.00	\$675.00	(\$675.00)	0.00
6940 - Shredder Day	\$600.00	\$625.00	(\$25.00)	96.00
6950 - Banners	\$78.93	\$0.00	\$78.93	0.009
Total - Expense	\$30,100.71	\$33,380.00	(\$3,279.29)	90.189
Net Ordinary Income	\$604.26	\$2,420.00	(\$1,815.74)	24.97%
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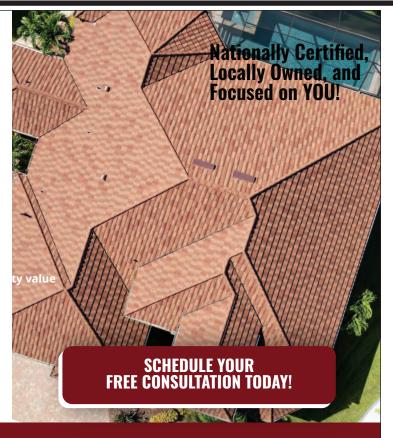








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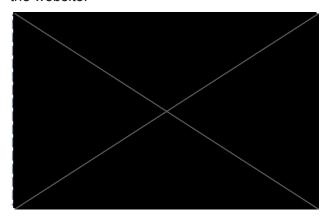
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