



# 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.

**Neighborhood Yard Sale**  
February 15, 2020

**2020 Planned Activities:**  
March--BSIA annual picnic  
April--Shredder day

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

- BSIA Board Meeting, 9am, Twin Isles Country Club
- Mixer with the Burnt Store Isles Boat Club, 4:30 pm, Twin Isles Country Club. Members of the Association are welcome to stay for dinner, but need reservations. To make reservations, call 941-637-1232.



## From the President

**BILL COURTNEY, President**

Happy 2020! I hope that the first quarter of the new decade (or the last of the old depending on who you believe) is treating you well and finds you in good spirits. This will be an interesting year, locally and nationally so I hope that it comes into focus quickly. (I just couldn't resist at least one "20/20" pun.)

As you know BSIA started the New Year off with a community meeting on January 21 at Burnt Store Presbyterian Church where the Underground Wiring Initiative Committee presented the final proposal from FPL and Comcast to take all the current overhead wiring off the wooden poles and bury them underground. It is a very complex project with many details to consider. Among them of course is the cost but also the improvement to FPL's response time after a storm and the improved aesthetics of our community.

I'd like to thank the entire Underground Committee and its chair Frank "Chick" Petrosino for their efforts over the last five years since this initiative was started. They have put in hundreds of hours of work, attended countless meetings and poured over reams of paper all in the quest to have Burnt Store Isles remain the premier and most sought after community in SW Florida.

I hope that you took the time to attend the meeting or reviewed the materials posted on the BSIA website because the future of the project is now completely in your hands. The next critical step is for you to return the straw ballot when you receive it in the mail and cast your vote whether or not we should request the City Council to move forward with the next steps in the project.

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## BSIA 2019 BOARD

### OFFICERS:

President ..... Bill Courtney  
 Vice President ..... Faith Ferris  
 Secretary ..... Libby Strong  
 Treasurer ..... Bill Page

### DIRECTORS:

Community Standards..... Rick Allen  
 Legal Liaison/By-Laws ..... Joe Meyer  
 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

Free Service to BSIA  
Members:



This years "Shredder Day" will take place at Twin Isles Country Club on Saturday, April 18th from 9 am till 12 noon. Bring your documents to be shredded. You may drop them off or wait 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.



## MEMBERSHIP

### Ken Williams, Director

### Happy New Year... 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 BSIA. There are too many reasons to list 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 living in Burnt Store Isles. Through enforcement of deed restrictions, our property values are maintained. Newsletters, 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 unwanted 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. With all of our upcoming events it is a really good time to be a Burnt Store Isles Association member.

Our directory has always been popular, and we will continue to provide all members with a yearly on-line directory.

## SOCIAL NOTES

Donna Nowak, Social Director

Not only the year, but the decade has changed, as well as your old and new Social Directors of BSIA. . A big thank you to Su Miscia for her four years leading our Social Committee and for building a tradition of many great activities.

The 2019 BSIA Event calendar included a great variety of activities, ending with a bang-up holiday party on 12/14 at Twin Isles and a festival of lights in viewing the gorgeous decorated homes and yards in our neighborhood. If you did not see them the Kassandra cul-de-sac, the trees at 4012 Bastia Ct. and at 3006 Castellanos were the winners. Maybe this year we'll have a winner for who gets lights up first, but watch your BSIA news!

BIG plans are underway in 2020 to keep all of you busy every month. Be sure to check the advance notices and sign-ups that are in every Tuesday's E-communications newsletter and on our Facebook Page. So far in January, we've held a silver jewelry bracelet-making luncheon and the long awaited DART night at the Icehouse. Always refer to webpage news or [www.bsia.net](http://www.bsia.net) for added information and pictures.

February is traditionally the BIG NEIGHBORHOOD yard sale month, this year it was on 2/15/20. You can't believe the traffic on our streets that day! Participation is always a highlight. It is also a GREAT DAY to meet other BSIA residents out and about.

Stay tuned for NEW events as they roll out and you will need 20-20 vision for our 2020 scheduled activities. Contact us at [social@bsia.net](mailto:social@bsia.net)

Finally, Did you know that not all of your neighbors are members of BSIA? Somehow many residents now don't feel the same need to help our community with security cameras on streets and at the lock for boats or need not chip in for maintenance on the 7 entrance islands as you. Perhaps it is because they are only here for a few months. But our Social Committee feels that it is each of our responsibilities to convince the non-members join BSIA. Approach your neighbor, talk with them about what we do and help them decide to join! Membership forms are available on our website, [www.bsia.net](http://www.bsia.net). Or they can contact our Membership Director, Ken Williams at [membership@bsia.net](mailto:membership@bsia.net).



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# E~COMMUNICATIONS

## Jenny Anderson, E-Communications Director

One of the main duties of BSIA is to provide members with timely and accurate information about our organization and neighborhood.

E-communications supports this by publishing the Weekly Bulletin Board email, updating the BSIA website, and assisting with maintaining accurate information for the emails, Directory, and this newsletter.

**Bulletin Board email**-- BSIA communicates with members primarily through the electronic Tuesday Bulletin Board which is sent only to the email address(s) you provided to BSIA when joining or renewing your membership. If you don't see the Tuesday Bulletin Board in your email inbox, check the other folders in your email or do an email search for 'BSIA'. If you still don't find this correspondence, please email 'info@bsia.net' and we will try to track down the problem!

**On the Website** www.bsia.net you will find almost everything you need to know about your association. The website includes information on deed restrictions, upcoming events, pictures from events, and much more information including architectural change forms, how to join the association, and how to pay dues.

**2020 Membership Directory**--Dues must be paid by January 31st to be included in the Membership Directory. Electronic directories were available via a link printed in the Tuesday Bulletin Board on February 19 and 26. If you requested, in advance, a printed directory that was mailed to you in late February. If you would like a printed directory, please email [directory@bsia.net](mailto:directory@bsia.net) with this request.

The last several years another directory has been mailed to residents in Burnt Store Isles. It has many more advertisements and it is NOT the official BSIA membership directory. The BSIA

directory has a BSIA logo on the front this year to easily distinguish it from the 'fake' directory.

The Directory will be published in mid-February and is distributed to all members electronically.

**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.

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).

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## SECURITY UPDATE

C.J. Metcalfe, Security Director

Keeping our neighborhood safe and secure are the main goals of the Security Director for our Association. This includes several responsibilities such as; attending the Police Chief Advisory Council, working one on one with the Police and Fire departments as situations arise and prevention of future situations, maintenance/access to entrance security cameras (which are totally funded by Association members), heading up the Neighborhood Watch program, and alerting residents of issues.

### SOLICITATIONS

Solicitors are NOT allowed in BSI. If someone knocks on your door, or leaves promotional material on your property, act on the violation immediately as follows.

1. File a complaint with the Code Compliance office
  - a. David McCarty, Code Compliance Supervisor  
dmccarty@cityofpungotadafl.com  
941-575-3381
2. Call the Police Department non-emergency number and report it- 941-639-4111

The only exceptions are political and some religious organizations are permitted to solicit.

Per City Code:

**Sec. 3-5. Posting bills, etc.**  
**It shall be unlawful for any person to post any bills or other advertising matter upon any permanent or temporary structure or building, pole or tree located in any street, park, or other public way or place within the corporate limites of the City.**

My concern is that material left at an empty house, tell thieves where to go. The littering aspect of left solicitation is not acceptable for our neighborhood. Let's work together to stop the violators!

### ANIMALS

All animals outside of a building or house are to be on a leash. There should be no free roaming domestic animals of any sort. If you see a violation, again call Code Compliance and the Police.

**As always, if you see something.....  
say something!**

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# COMMUNITY STANDARDS

Rick Allen, Director

## About Our Deed Restrictions!

Every time we drive into our beautiful Burnt Store Isles community, we are greeted with a sign that reminds us that we live in a deed restricted waterfront and golf community. What exactly does that mean and why did we agree to be “restricted”?

What it means is all of the property owners within BSI have agreed to give up certain rights typically held by a property owner in exchange for the safety and emotional comfort of knowing that home sizes, styles, colors, landscaping, uses and activities that we are used to within BSI will remain into the future. During the buying process, we all made the decision to be restricted as a trade-off for the guarantee of the status quo.

For many of us, buying our home in BSI represented our first purchase of Florida real property. For some of us, we may have purchased a building lot or a home before we were ready to make the move and we wanted the comfort of knowing that nothing about the place we had chosen to make our new home would drastically change.

As the lawyers would say, the deed restrictions are covenants granted by Punta Gorda Isles, Inc. (the original owner of BSI) and those covenants run with the land in perpetuity. The covenants contain certain strict prohibitions and allow certain activities with the discretionary approval of the Burnt Store Isles Association, which is

charged with the enforcement of the covenants with the goal of maintaining the overall quality of our piece of paradise.

The deed restrictions are set forth in an eleven page document which can be found by clicking on a link on the BSIA home page (bsia.net). The document covers land use, business activities, landscaping, building plans, specifications and locations, boats, recreation vehicles, seawalls, animals, nuisances, refuse, clothes drying, signs and displays and maintenance.

If you are contemplating an activity or a change to your home, we encourage you to review the Deed Restrictions document for next steps. If you are unsure as to whether your activity or change requires approval, please do not hesitate to send an email to me at standards@bsia.net in order to find out. I will respond as quickly as possible. If you want to make a change that requires approval, please complete the Application for Architectural Change Form and email it to me along with any pictures or plans that will help expedite the approval process. Please know that our sole objective is to collectively maintain what we have and not to inhibit a homeowner’s choices on what will make you happy.

Please note that our approvals only pertain to the BSI deed restrictions. BSI is located within the confines of the City of Punta Gorda and certain approvals and permits may have to be obtained from the City.

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# Treasurer's Report

Bill Page, Treasurer

## **Treasurer's Report** **From 1/1/2019 to 12/31/2019**

Check Book Balance	\$9,029.12
Savings Account Balance	\$11,115.48
Cert of Deposit Balance	\$40,000.00
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$60,144.60</b>

### **Income**

50/50 Raffle	80.00
Directory Ads	2,450.00
Events - Member Paid	3,808.50
Interest Income	49.09
Membership Dues	19,877.20
Miscellaneous Income	115.00
New Construction Fees	3,890.00
Newsletter Ads	1,584.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$31,853.79</b>

### **Expense**

Badges	-115.36
Directory Preparation	-743.67
Events - BSIA Paid	-1,750.00
Events - Paid by Members	-3,779.32
Landscape/Property Maintenance	-6,655.00
Legal Fees	-610.32
Liability Insurance	-2,836.81
Meeting Room Rental	-310.66
Miscellaneous Expense	-2,073.33
Newsletter Preparation	-2,452.88
Office Supplies	-224.25
P.O. Box Rent	-106.00
Postage and Delivery	-218.30
Shredder Day (1 per year)	-400.00
State Fees	-61.25
Storage Unit Rent	-500.76
Surveillance Cameras	-637.36
Web Data Remote Hosting	-540.00
Web Emails Constant Contact	-588.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>-\$24,603.27</b>

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