



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.

Annual Membership Meeting
Punta Gorda Isles Civic Center
November 18, 2019

BSIA Christmas Party
Twin Isles Country Club
December 14, 2019

2020 Planned Activities:
February- Neighborhood Yard Sale
March--BSIA annual picnic
April--Shredder day

Make sure to check our Website as well as Facebook for these and other upcoming dates as they become available.

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.

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From the President

BILL COURTNEY, President

Because this edition is the last printed newsletter of the year I thought I'd look at bit back on 2019. I think this year has been extremely important for Burnt Store Isles and for Punta Gorda in general. In BSI, we have seen the continuation of a strong trend in new construction, with several new companies building here for the first time and water front lots increasingly in demand. Coupled with a robust re-sale market, this reinforces the desirability of our community as a great place to live, and your BSIA Board believes maintaining this image is our primary mission.

As a voluntary HOA it is still a mystery to me why more owners don't join (it can't be the \$40) but the fact is that we continued to gain members thanks to hard work by our membership director, Ken Williams. Among the many highlights of the year that you'll read about in this newsletter, one has been the variety and great success of our social events organized by Su Miscia and her committee. Another was restarting the Neighborhood Watch program by C.J. Metcalfe, our security director. She has much of BSI covered but could use some additional block captains, if you are interested please get in touch with her.

Also during the past year your officers and members of the Board of Directors have been busy meeting

with local and city officials, attending briefings and generally remaining active in the community where ever and whenever necessary to help ensure that our community interests and views are heard.

This has been an important year for Punta Gorda for many reasons; perhaps chief of among them will be the impact of Sunseeker Resort on our town and the drafting of a new city-wide master plan. As I write this article the wide-ranging master plan has not been formally adopted by the City Council but it is obvious even now that it will have a tremendous impact not only on the city but our immediate BSI neighborhood as well. Our concerns about development along Jones Loop Road, the hazards of the intersection of Rt. 41 and Burnt Store Road and traffic on Tripoli between Madrid and Monaco were all voiced by your Board during the design charrettes held by Dover Kohl.

Your Board will be participating in the ongoing discussions of the new masterplan and I implore you to join as well in person or via this link, <http://www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/government/citywide-master-plan>.

With this I will close and thank each of you for the support you've shown to the officers and Board of Directors this year. Let us know how you'd like to get involved to help make 2020 even better!

BSIA 2019 BOARD

OFFICERS:

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

DIRECTORS:

Community Standards..... Mary Jane Wagner
 Legal Liaison/By-Laws Joe Meyer
 Membership/Welcoming..... Ken Williams
 E-Communications..... Nancy Granum
 Community Security. CJ Metcalfe
 Planning..... Mary Boeringer
 Special Projects/Landscaping. Maryann Gilroy
 Social..... Su Miscia
 Past President (non voting)..... Ian Milne

COMMITTEES:

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

BSIA Directory and Newsletter Advertisers

The advertisers in the BSIA directory and newsletter help support our neighborhood organization with their advertising dollars. As a thank-you to these advertisers BSIA has invited them to attend the November mixer with our members. In addition, there will be a table with information from these businesses. The mixer is Friday, November 1 beginning at 4:30 p.m. at Twin Isles Country Club. Please join us on this date to find out more about these local businesses!



SOCIAL NOTES

Su Miscia, Social Director

So hard it is to believe this year is winding down and we are talking “3rd Quarter” already with notes and activities. Many of you have fortunately met new friends from our events and hopefully your BSI experience is a happier one as a result of it. It is difficult to say what was our BEST of the year, but hope most of you enjoyed our annual yard sale (A February thing), the darts, the tours from Rum ones to Babcock and the Peace River Eco boat trip. Our picnic was at CHEC this past year, under the screens away from the bugs. In July, we shared the 4th with the Boat Club at Hurricane Charley’s and everyone is reserving their spot for next year. More recently we had our FIRST ANNUAL Ice Cream Social at the Working Cow, a unique jewelry making lesson, and sponsored a Hurricane Preparedness

lecture at TICC. To review, you can check the BSIA website or BSIA Facebook.

So now, a look ahead brings us to another holiday season. Save 12/14/19 for our already reserved HOLIDAY PARTY and GRAB BAG event, running concurrent with our BSI HOLIDAY house and neighborhood light contest. A sneak hint preview is that “trees” and “cul de sacs” will be our award winner categories. Talk it up with your neighbors if you live on or near a cul de sac street and plan ahead.

I personally need to say to ALL of you how wonderful my 4 years as Social Director have been. With my creative committee of Joanne, Janet, Joan, Joann, Rita, Barb, and sometimes Michelle. Thank all of you and all BSIA members for helping all of us make our neighborhood fun and proud to live in.



E~COMMUNICATIONS

Nancy Granum, Social Director

One essential task for BSIA is to provide members with current and accurate information about the organization and the Burnt Store Isles neighborhood. E-communications supports this endeavor by publishing the Bulletin Board email, maintaining the member email address database, maintaining the BSIA website, and conducting periodic surveys. In addition to providing information to members, e-communications supports other BSIA activities by administering electronic registrations and dues renewals.

Bulletin Board email: The Bulletin Board is sent, via email, only to BSIA members and is used to communicate information pertinent to living in Burnt Store Isles and BSIA activities. During the winter season the Bulletin Board is emailed every Tuesday. During summer months, when BSI has a slower pace, the electronic Bulletin Board is sent, on Tuesday, once or twice a month. If you are not receiving the Bulletin Board, please email info@bsia.net.

www.bsia.net: The BSIA website contains almost everything you want to know about

BSIA. For example, if you know a neighbor who wants to join BSIA-- refer them to the website; joining is quick and easy with an online form and credit card. If you need an Architectural Change Form for upcoming improvements to your house this can be found on the website. In other words, the best place to start when looking for information related to BSIA is the website.

Membership Renewal for 2020: In December members will receive an email with a link to pay 2020 dues by credit card. This is done through Paypal, but you do not need a Paypal account to use a credit card. In addition, there will be a 'Quick Link' on the home page of www.bsia.net to pay dues by credit card or printing a form to mail. For those members that have requested notice by mail a printed invoice will be mailed.

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! If you have any questions or suggestions regarding communication, please email info@bsia.net.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY INFORMATION

BSIA Membership Directories will again be provided electronically to all members and a printed copy is available on request. If you would like a printed directory, please email directory@bsia.net or sign up for a printed copy at the annual meeting on November 18th, 2019.

Dues must be paid by Jan. 31, 2020 for a member to be included in the 2020 Membership Directory and it will be available in late February.



Faith Ferris Vice President

Hello Neighbors!

One of the VP's duties besides acting as back-up in the President's absence, is to Act as the chairperson of the Architectural Review Committee for new construction. In 2018 BSI had 21 new home starts and so far in 2019 there have been 10 new homes planned. The committee communicates with over 25 different builders.

As you know and I am sure appreciate, BSI is a deed restricted community. The deed restrictions mandate that all proposed new construction requires approval of the Burnt Store Isles Association (BSIA) Board of Directors. The Association is responsible for ensuring that new homes planned for construction meet permit requirements, deed restrictions, and fit within the existing aesthetics of BSI.

Builders are required to submit an application fee of \$250.00. The fee includes review and approval of specific documentation and any needed site visits. The new homeowner will also receive a one-year complimentary membership in BSIA when the homeowner takes possession of the new home. If the home is to be used by the builder as a "Model Home" there is an additional \$500 fee. The fees collected are used for BSIA budgeted items such as:

entrance landscaping maintenance, BSIA web site, surveillance camera maintenance, shredder day costs for members, annual meeting room rental etc.

The following items are considered by the Architectural Review Committee before giving written preliminary approval to the builder:

- Building permit has been issued by the City.
- Review of plans and written assurance from the builder that:
 - A single-family home is planned.
 - An attached garage is planned.
 - Color and trim keeps with the existing aesthetics of BSI.
 - The roof is cement tile or metal that looks like tile.
 - The driveway is either cement or pavers.
 - There is at a minimum 1200 square feet of living area.
 - The home style is in keeping with the existing aesthetics of BSI.
 - The landscape and sprinkler plan is submitted to the City for approval.

Building progress is monitored by the Architectural Review Committee throughout the process via visual inspection. Final written approval is given to the builder upon completion of home if all deed requirements have been met.

Deed restrictions, application information, and fee requirements are addressed on the BISA web site. We have an excellent working relationship with our building contractors and intend to work hard to continue to foster those relationships in the future. Repeat builders are usually familiar with our application and fee requirements. However, new builders and sometimes repeat builders need reminding that our deed restrictions require approval before building starts. In those cases a letter is sent to the builder and property owner as a reminder.

In addition to new home monitoring and tracking, the Community Standards Director

responsibilities fall under the Architectural Committee as well. The Standards Director enforces the deed restrictions on existing homes. Any homeowner in BSI is required and expected to submit an application to the Standards Director for any exterior remodeling projects to ensure that plans meet BSI deed restrictions. There were 33 projects submitted for review in 2018 and 25 submitted so far in 2019.

This position also reports violations of BSIA deed restrictions to the City of Punta Gorda when code compliance is compromised. The Standards Director also coordinates with City in regards to the mowing of vacant lots and any other matters pertaining to the beautification of Burnt Store Isles.

As you can see, BSIA is diligent in protecting and maintaining the beauty and value of our neighborhood.

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SECURITY UPDATE

C.J. Metcalfe, Security Director

Keeping our neighborhood safe and secure is a priority of the Security Directors position. In so doing, a number of programs and improvements have been implemented over the past year, which the Security Director is involved in.

Punta Gorda Police Chief Advisory Board: is a monthly meeting where neighboring representatives gather to discuss safety and security issues with the Chief and her staff. We offer suggestions and make requests of the Police department to keep our neighborhood to the standards we all enjoy. Various programs the Police Department holds, are discussed and often we participate in. The “Neighborhood Watch Program” has been given a make-over, with new procedures and policies put in place. The Security Director keeps a direct line of communication with the Police Department.

Entrance Security Cameras: The Security Director is responsible for maintaining all the security cameras. The camera are property of BSIA. Police notify us when access to the cameras is needed by the deparment. The Police

Department has our full cooperation, and the cameras helped solve several stolen cars over the past year. Please LOCK your cars!

Resident Security Cameras: The Security Director reached out to our neighborhood, obtaining permission from various residents for the Police Department to contact them directly to view recorded footage, should they need this to gain information.

Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce: At present, the Security Director developed the BSIA Membership Card program, where members receive discounts via Merchant Coupons found on our website. These same Merchant relationships were developed through our Chamber participation by BSIA in our City. We hope to grow this discount program for our residents.

Monthly Board Meetings: The Security Director actively participates in monthly BSIA Board meetings. It is a pleasure to serve with our fellow board members. Together, we focus on keeping Burnt Store Isles the desirable neighborhood it is.



LEGAL LIAISON REPORT

Joe Meyer

It is hard to believe it has been almost a year since I was elected to my position as Legal Liaison and only two years since we moved to BSI. This position coordinates activity between the association and our law firm along with conducting our own research to keep our legal costs low. This last year has been a real learning experience for me both in terms of the

operation of the association and its current needs. This includes reviewing alternatives for the concerns related to speeding in BSI, enforcement of deed restrictions and applicability of the BSI deed restrictions to the various condo associations. Soon we will be turning our attention to the underground wiring proposal. The coming year looks to be an interesting one.



SPECIAL PROJECTS

Mary Ann Gilroy, Director

Greetings and happy fall to all!

As board member in charge of special projects, my duties include overseeing the maintenance and landscaping of the entrance islands and the coordination of "Shredder Day."

The BSIA "Shredder Day" was held again this past May at Twin Isles Country Club and it was a great success with 122 members taking part! For those of you not familiar with shredder day, it is a perk to our members who may, at no additional cost, bring unneeded private

documents to the designated area to be securely shredded and disposed of while you wait. It is the aim of the association to provide this service after "tax day" in April. Next year's "Shredder Day" is scheduled for April 18th.

If you have any questions or ideas regarding special projects or the association in general, please contact me by email at: special@bsia.net or by mail at: c/o Burnt Store Isles Association, PO Box 510956, Punta Gorda, FL 33950



MEMBERSHIP

Ken Williams, Director

I am pleased to report that our membership is rising. I would like to thank everyone for spreading the word about all the valuable things our volunteers do for our wonderful community. Things like security cameras at our entrances, maintaining a working relationship with our local law enforcement, enforcement of deed restrictions and city zoning codes

and many more great things I don't have the space to name.

My focus has been directed to new residents that probably are not aware of the many accomplishments of Burnt Store Isles Association.

Please help spread the word and encourage all residents to join now.

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Burnt Store Isles Association Annual Membership Meeting

Monday, November 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association
2001 Shreve St, Punta Gorda, FL
(Same Location as Last Year!)

Attend the meeting to vote on new Board Members
and approve the 2020 budget.

Bring a canned food item for the food drive!

**The agenda is printed on the back of this notice and
the proposed 2020 Budget follows.**

Registration is not necessary for attendance at the meeting, but it helps us plan for seating and materials. You may register at www.bsia.net or through the links provided in recent Weekly Bulletin Board emails or complete and mail the form below.

Cut Here

Meeting Registration:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Primary Email: _____

Total Number Attending the Meeting (Including Yourself): _____

Please mail to: BSIA, PO Box 510956, Punta Gorda FL 33951-0956

**BSIA General Membership Meeting Agenda
Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association Building
2001 Shreve St, Punta Gorda, FL**

Monday, November 18th – 6:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Board of Directors Nomination and Voting

Current Candidates Are:

Treasurer – Bill Page (second term)

Special Projects – Mary Ann Gilroy (second term)

Membership – Ken Williams (appointed by the Board 2019)

Planning – Mary Boeringer (appointed by the Board 2019)

E-communications – Jennifer Anderson

Standards – Rick Allen

Social –

Officer's Reports

President – Bill Courtney

Vice President, Faith Ferris

Treasurer, Bill Page

Secretary, Libby Strong

Director's Reports

E-Communication, Nancy Granum

Membership, Ken Williams

Planning, Mary Boeringer

Security, CJ Metcalfe

Social, Su Miscia

Special Projects, Mary Ann Gilroy

Legal Liaison, Joe Meyer

Committee Reports

Underground Wiring Initiative – Chick Petrosino

Member Comments

Adjourn

Treasurer's Report

Bill Page, Treasurer

PROPOSED BUDGET

<u>INCOME:</u>	<u>2019 APPROVED</u>	<u>2020 PROPOSED</u>	<u>Difference</u> <u>2020 vs 2019</u>
50/50	0	0	0
BADGES - MEMBER PAID	0	0	0
DIRECTORY ADS	1,200	2,500	1,300
DONATIONS RECEIVED	0	0	0
EVENTS - MEMBER PAID	0	0	0
INTEREST INCOME	0	0	0
MEMBERSHIP DUES	19,385	20,372	987
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	0	0	0
NEW CONSTRUCTION FEES	2,500	2,500	0
NEWSLETTER ADS	1,000	1,500	500
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>24,085</u>	<u>26,872</u>	<u>2,787</u>
<u>EXPENSES:</u>			
UNDERGROUND WIRING	0	3,000	(3,000)
ATTORNEY FEES RESERVE	1,940	2,037	(97)
BADGES	0	0	0
BANNERS	500	250	250
DIRECTORY PREPARATION	1,200	1,000	200
DONATION GIVEN	250	250	0
EVENTS BSIA PAID	2,000	2,000	0
EVENTS MEMBER PAID	0	0	0
LANDSCAPING RESERVE	1,000	1,000	0
LANDSCAPING/PROPERTY MAINT	6,660	6,948	(288)
LEGAL FEES	1,000	500	500
LIABILITY INSURANCE	2,700	2,750	(50)
MEETING ROOM RENTAL	250	200	50
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	1,200	1,000	200
NEWSLETTER PREPARATION	1,500	3,200	(1,700)
OFFICE SUPPLIES	200	300	(100)
PO BOX RENT	90	200	(110)
POSTAGE AND DELIVERY	500	500	0
SAFE DEPOSIT RENT	0	100	(100)
SHREDDER DAY	400	400	0
SOFTWARE	150	150	0
STATE FEES	65	65	0
STORAGE UNIT RENT	540	540	0
SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS	750	750	0
WEB DATA REMOTE HOSTING	540	540	0
WEB EMAILS CONSTANT CONTACT	630	630	0
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	<u>24,065</u>	<u>28,310</u>	<u>(4,245)</u>

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Free Educational Seminars

A series of FREE seminars to give you a trust officer's perspective on many important issues, presented by Christine A. Hause, Vice President of Trust and Investment Management Services. The seminars are from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the bank's Punta Gorda office, 2331 Tamiami Trail.

Are You Prepared to be a Floridian?

Tuesday, November 12

Are You Prepared with Exchange Traded Funds vs. Mutual Funds?

Wednesday, November 13

Are You Prepared for Family Controlling Your Finances?

Thursday, November 14

Seminars are free, but seating is limited. Please RSVP at any branch office or by contacting Ashley at 941-235-5110 or rsvp@csbftfl.com.

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