



Burnt Store Isles Association

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UP & COMING

November 7, 2011

**Annual
Membership Meeting
with Elections**

Place:
**Burnt Store
Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall**

Time:
7:00 PM

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From the President

CHARLIE COUNCIL

My tenure as BSI Association President will soon end, and as this is my last opportunity to communicate with you through our newsletter in that role, I thought I would provide you with an overview of the challenges faced and accomplishments made by the Association over the past two years.

In reviewing Board agendas and minutes, I am surprised at the number of issues and challenges, which we have addressed, settled, and then almost forgotten. Past Boards have had their serious challenges: underground electric service; a proposed Super Wal-Mart; sidewalks on Tripoli; out of town mullet fishermen, etc. Those Boards confronted the issues and working with members achieved satisfactory results. This Board has had to face a number of formidable problems as well.

Over the last two years, the BSIA Board was called upon to confront serious attempts to modify and expand existing residences in a manner felt to be contrary to community standards and not in keeping with the spirit of our deed restrictions. The Board also had to react to a developer's proposal to build a major multi-family rental property in BSI. An inordinate amount of time and effort was spent by the Board on these issues. Happily, resolutions in line with Board thinking on maintaining community standards, has been achieved in each case. An important element of the strong

position taken by the Board in these matters was to send a clear signal of the Association's intent to protect the deed restrictions and architectural standards of the community.

While dealing with the above issues, the Board also tackled several other projects, problems and issues, while making improvements in both the appearance of our community and quality of our life here in BSI:

- We followed through on a city project to eliminate the serious flooding condition on San Rocco, which had been in the discussion stage for several years. That project is finally well underway and will be completed by year end.
- BSI as well as other communities in Punta Gorda were plagued last year with home solicitors. Working with City Council we were able to influence creation of a City Ordinance banning such solicitation.
- The country's economic condition has spawned foreclosure and abandonment of properties. While not as serious an issue in BSI as in other local communities we do have properties which have become blight on the neighborhood. Recognizing the limited role of the city to confront the problem, the Board approved a policy implementing the right of the Association, granted under our deed restrictions, to enter on the property and take whatever action necessary to bring the property up to community standard.

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The 2011 Board Members are:

STARTING LEFT REAR: **Brian Stirling** (Planning),
Joe Sabatino (Past President), **Bob Huff** (Security),
Ken Lampkin (Community Standards),
Doug Rhees (Special Projects), **Mike Huston** (Legal);

FRONT: **Audrey Young** (Secretary),
Genny Ramachandran (Membership),
Charlie Council (President), and **Cynthia Council** (Social).

Theresa Murtha (Vice-President), and
Bill Bareither (Treasurer) are absent from the group photo.

At the Board

(Highlights from recent BSIA Directors Meetings held the first Friday of the month at Regions Bank.

For full minutes of meetings, please go to BSIA.net)

July 2011

- Charlie Council reported on Airport Authority meeting.
- Doug Rhees reported on entryway upgrade finished under budget.
- Donna Aveck reported that she would be converting to Constant Contact for communications.
- Theresa Murtha was appointed Chair for nominating committee.
- Discussion of letter from property owner of 3541 Tripoli. No response.

August 2011

- Ken Lampkin reported on status of new homes being built on Andora and St. Florent.
- The Board discussed ascertaining that contractors submit plans to ARB for approval before commencing construction – ARB to consider additional steps to insure builders are aware of requirements.
- Discussion of building sign policies took place.
- Discussion of abandoned property at 359 Monaco took place.
- Doug Rhees updated Board on Entranceway project now complete and discussed possibility of replacing foxtails with queens.
- Donna Aveck reviewed Constant Contact and Board approved motion for additional contract for website maintenance.

September 2011

- Charlie Council discussed request for water sampling volunteers passed onto the BSIBC.
- Theresa Murtha reported that a nominating committee had been formed.
- Policy approved that BSIA would intervene to clean up properties that have been abandoned.
- Policy approved regarding signage on spec and model homes during construction.
- Further discussion on Doug Rhees proposal regarding Queen Palms took place. Decision tabled until next meeting.

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Keeping Up Appearances

Doug Rhees, Director
of Special Projects

Plants Get Old, Too!

Many of the homes in BSIA were constructed 10 or more years ago. While this is young by Florida standards, it might mean it's time to review landscaping. Those beautiful little plants and trees so carefully nurtured during their first few years may have become giants, out sizing other landscaping.

We all get used to our plant friends and sometimes don't even realize how oversized they have become. One perfect example of this is the white bird of paradise. There

are many other species that overgrow their attractiveness by size or location. If you notice one of these in your yardscape, it is morally OK to remove and replace it without guilt. It is fun to plan a little change in your outdoor appearance, try something new, plant one of those plants you keep thinking you don't have a place for. Be sure to check with your nursery for various plant needs (light, water, feeding). Remember the professional landscaper's adage: "Right Plant, Right Place."

While you are at it, check out the cul-de-sac at the end of your street. Perhaps it could use a little TLC too. For these cul-de-sacs, the city of Punta Gorda will help by supplying mulch, fertilizer, (now is the time) and some plants where needed. They will also spray your cul-de-sac for weeds. Let me know if you would like to take advantage of their aid. Email: dougrhees@gmail.com.

Welcome New Members of BSIA

Joseph & Dianne Aloise
609 Zafra Ct.

Chuck & Peggy Modglin
3779 Tripoli Blvd.

Robert & Lindy Moore
307 Segovia Dr.

Nils & Francine Martinson
606 Candia Ct.

Thomas & Nancy Svehla
446 Valletta Ct.

A special thank you to the REGIONS BANK,
1410 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda
for allowing the BSIA Board to use their conference room
for our monthly meetings free of charge.

Thanksgiving Food and Cash Donations for Area Food Banks

Just a reminder, BSIA is asking members to please donate boxed food or canned good items at the membership meeting on November 7. These items along with frozen turkeys will be delivered to the area food banks in time for the Thanksgiving holiday.

If you have been too busy or are unable to go shopping, there will be a donation box available so that the social committee can purchase the frozen turkeys. Please open your hearts and wallets for this cause, so that even the less fortunate can have a special day.

Cynthia Council, Social Chair BSIA

Mark Your Calendar

November 7

Membership Meeting and
Elections

December 9

Annual Holiday Party

December 11

Lighted Boat Parade
with BSIBC

January 18, 2012

Casino Trip to Immokalee

February 14, 2012

Broadway Palm
Dinner Theater

March 2012

Membership Dinner
Meeting

Buffet and Dart
Tournament

New Members Welcome
Wine and Cheese Party

April 14, 2012

Picnic at Ponce Park



Cynthia Council
Social Director

Social Events Spotlight

Cynthia Council, Social Director

Recent Highlights

A Buffet and Dart Tournament was held at the Ice House in Punta Gorda. What a great time, 44 members attended. Brenda Townsend deserves a special thank you for arranging this successful event. Prizes were given out courtesy of the Ice House. This event was well received and we have had many requests to hold another tournament. This will most likely take place in the spring.

Visani Dinner and Show: Janice Zeitz once again did all the work in arranging this fun evening. We had 41 members attend, all enjoying the show and good food.

Coming Up

November 7, 2011: Membership Meeting and Elections will be held at Fellowship Hall, Burnt Store Isles Presbyterian Church. Time 7 P.M. Coffee and Dessert will be provided. We are requesting each member to please bring a canned or boxed food to donate to the area food banks.

December 9, 2011: The Annual Holiday Party will be held at the Villas of Burnt Store Isles Club House, starting at 6 PM and will continue as long as you can stay. BYOB and an appetizer to share. Please bring a boxed food or canned goods for the area food banks. Watch for flyer on the web-site, and RSVP no later than December 4, 2011 to Cynthia Council, 3721 Albacete Circle, or call 575-8997.

December 11, 2011: Lighted Boat Parade: With BSIBC, please watch for flyer on web-site.

January 18, 2012: Casino Trip to Immokalee: We will depart via Bus from the Muscle Car Museum Parking lot promptly at 9:30 A.M. Price \$25.00 P/P, no refunds. You will receive \$30.00 in free play and a \$5.00 food voucher. RSVP to Phyllis Johnson 3746 Albacete Circle or call 637-8906 no later than January 10, 2012. Please watch for flyer on web-site.

February 14, 2012: Broadway Palm Dinner Theater: The Four Lads. BSIA has secured 40 tickets for this show. Seating Stage Level "B". Place: Broadway Palm Theater, Ft. Myers, Fl. Cost \$50.00 P/P. This includes show, buffet dinner, coffee or iced tea, tax and gratuity. No refunds. Buffet seating Time 5:30 P.M. We already have reservations for this show, so if you are interested do not hesitate, as tickets are limited. RSVP to Cynthia Council, 3721 Albacete Circle, or call 575-8997 no later than January 13, 2012. Please watch for flyer on web-site.

March Dates to be Determined: Information will follow regarding Membership Dinner Meeting, New Members Welcome Wine and Cheese Party, and Buffet and Dart Tournament as soon as arrangements are made, so watch the web-site.

April 14, 2012: Picnic at Ponce Park: Arrangements have been made to reserve the Park. Information will follow in the coming months.



Question of the Quarter

Mike Huston
Legal Liaison

QUESTION:

What signs are allowed in BSI?

ANSWER:

The short answer is that only two types of signs are allowed in BSI: (a) the small (not in excess of 6" by 8") "For Sale" or "For Rent" signs and (b) other signs approved in writing by BSIA.

The BSI Deed Restrictions contain a special provision governing signs in BSI. Section 18 provides:

"No signs shall be erected or displayed on this property or on any structure, except that Grantor [BSIA] may allow a sign to be erected at its discretion, if the placement and character form and size of such sign is first approved in writing by the Grantor [BSIA]. This provision shall not apply to "For Sale" or "For Rent" signs which may be displayed. There shall not be, however, more than one "For Sale" sign on any property under contiguous ownership, and no "For Sale" or "For Rent" sign shall be in excess of 6" x 8" in size".

In order to put owners, contractors and developers on notice as to the type of signs BSIA will approve and the restrictions that BSIA will impose on such signs, the BSIA Board has adopted three Policies. The first Policy, originally adopted by the BSIA Board in 2004 and subsequently amended in 2007, relates to model home signs. The second Policy, originally adopted by the BSIA Board in 2006 and subsequently amended in 2007, relates to open house signs. The third Policy, recently adopted by the BSIA Board at its September, 2011 meeting, relates to construction signs. All three of these Policies are available for review on the BSIA website, www.bsia.com, by clicking on "Policies & Procedures" in the "Quick Links" box.

The Policies for model home signs and construction signs are very similar in that they set

forth restrictions on the type of signs allowed and establish a procedure to be followed to obtain BSIA approval for a specific sign before the sign can be erected or displayed. Both require that the person desiring to install such a sign submit a request for approval of the sign, accompanied by a site plan showing the location of the sign and an architectural or other render of the proposed sign. The request for approval of a model home sign or a construction sign should be submitted to BSIA at least 45 days prior to the time the person desires to erect the sign. The Policy for open house signs imposes limits on such signs, but does not require prior approval of BSIA before the sign is erected.

BSIA has not formally adopted a policy concerning political signs. Rather, BSIA has generally followed the policies of the City concerning the type of political signs that can be displayed and the length of time they can be displayed. Also, BSIA has not yet adopted a formal policy concerning the small signs frequently displayed by contractors doing roof repairs, window repairs, etc. Persons displaying such signs are generally informed that they must be removed as soon as the work is done.

Thus, if an owner, contractor or developer desires to place a sign on a lot in BSI, other than a small "For Sale" or "For Rent" sign, they should review the Policies adopted by BSIA and, if one is applicable, closely follow the requirements set forth in the Policy, including, where necessary, seeking approval of BSIA for the sign. Remember the basic rule is that you cannot erect or display a sign in BSI without the approval of BSIA.

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2011 Board Election From the Nominating Committee

Theresa H. Murtha, Nominating Committee Chair

Over the past month or so the nominating committee has worked with members of the community to identify candidates for the upcoming 2012 BSIA Board. I would like to thank Mike Huston, Gary Brewster and Sandy Miskell for serving on this committee. I would also like to thank all of you – you know who you are – who contributed to this process.

As I know from personally having served on the Board for three years, there are many challenges that the group of people who serve Burnt Store Isles on the board of directors have to face and deal with. But facing these challenges and serving ones community can be a very gratifying and rewarding experience. I am happy to report that the nominating committee has identified some terrific individuals who have agreed to serve your community in 2012 and take up the future challenges and opportunities in BSI.

These nominees care enough about where we have chosen to live to serve each of us with their time and talents to protect our property and the BSIA community through our deed restrictions.

November 7th is our election evening. It is important that you attend the meeting so we have a quorum for the election and you can personally thank those who are volunteering for these important roles.

The nominating committee wishes to thank the nominees listed below for volunteering to serve on the 2012 BSIA Board if elected. Officers would serve for a one-year term, directors' two-year term.

Incumbents:

Treasurer – **Bill Bareither**

Social Director – **Cynthia Council**

Community Security Director – **Bob Hutt**

New Nominees:

President – **Doug Rhees** (Currently Special Projects Director)

Vice-President – **Rick Doll**

Secretary – **Grace DeWeese**

Special Projects Director – **Robert Moore**

Legal Liaison – **Kay Matthews**

Bios of the nominees follow.

President

Douglas Rhees

Doug and his wife Michelle spent two years searching for an ideal retirement location on both the east and west coast of southern Florida. They chose Burnt Store Isles because of its attractive and up-to-date appearance, the sense of community they felt and observed here, and the water views and access to Charlotte Harbor.

Doug is retired from a medical company he started in the early 80s. He attended both Ohio University and Ohio State University starting in pre-veterinary medicine and later switching to a business school major. His career in the medical field began in sales progressing through regional management then national sales and marketing management positions. He started Rhees Medical Inc. in Columbus Ohio and enjoyed successfully operating his organization for almost 30 years.

In addition to his business interests he also served

as president of a sport tournament fishing club and for four years on the board of directors of the 1500 member Columbus Ski Club.

Since his retirement January 2010 he has enjoyed boating, fishing, golf, photography and meeting and making many new friends. Currently he serves on the BSIA Board with responsibilities for special projects and is a testing volunteer for the Punta Gorda canal water monitoring program.

His past business and civic experience will serve him well as president of BSIA.

Vice-President

Rick Doll

My name is Rick Doll and I am a candidate for Vice President of the Burnt Store Isles Association.

My wife, Michelle, and I purchased our home on Panarea Drive in June of 2004 and took occupancy two weeks prior to hurricane Charley. We had looked at real estate in the

Punta Gorda area for some time. The beautiful waterfront homes and community deed restrictions kept drawing us to Burnt Store Isles.

I was born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio. I received a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Cincinnati. I then worked for the Kroger Company in grocery store management for several years. While working at Kroger's, I volunteered one day a week in a special education program for students with orthopedic and cognitive disabilities. As a result of that experience, I completed my master's degree in special education and school administration and worked as a special education classroom teacher, district-wide special education administrator and elementary principal. I retired as principal in 2004.

Michelle and I have been "snowbirds" since her retirement in 2008 and enjoy sharing our home and beautiful community with family and friends. We still maintain a condo in Cincinnati in order to spend Christmas and summers with our two sons and their families, including four grandchildren (Jennie, 16; Audrey, 10; Eli, 2; Jason, 9 months). We also spend time at a vacation condo on Lake Erie, a boating and fishing community in northern Ohio.

I am a member of the Burnt Store Isles Boat Club and a tennis member of the Twin Isles Country Club. I enjoy boating, fishing, golf, tennis and carpentry. I look forward to becoming involved in the activities and events sponsored by our homeowner's association.

Treasurer

Bill Bareither

My name is Bill Bareither and I am running for a second term as Treasurer. I have lived in Burnt Store Isles since 2003, after retiring from three successful businesses that we started and operated in Michigan prior to retirement.

Prior to the Treasurer position, I was Planning Director for the Association.

Sue and I were both raised in Cincinnati, Ohio and have two children and two grandchildren. We lived in Cincinnati until General Electric started moving us around. After 22 years of that kind of life I left the company and moved to Michigan to pursue our dreams of being in business for ourselves.

Don't Miss the Monthly Mixers!

BSIA/BSIBC members are invited to Twin Isles County Club for a monthly mixer. The first Friday of the month, come at 4:30 P.M and enjoy a cash bar with happy-hour drink prices. BSIA and BSIBC members are invited to dine afterward in the dining room. Credit cards accepted. Casual attire collared shirts and no jeans.

Secretary **Grace DeWeese**

We moved to Punta Gorda in 2001 from Madison, Wisconsin. Punta Gorda became our place in the sun. Our dream list looked a little like this; great weather, small town feeling, good medical facilities. We fell in love with Burnt Store Isles community and bought a waterfront lot here in 2000. We found a builder that was willing to let me use my drafting skills to change the floor plan that we decided on.

The drafting talent was acquired while getting a degree in Interior design and was perfected when becoming a kitchen designer.

I always loved art type hobbies, shortly after settling here, I registered at the art center for painting classes. I painted the Boca Grande light house that is on Gasparilla Island and the Fishing Pier on Pine Island. Other paintings are of butterflies and flowers. Three acrylic paintings were selected to be displayed at the art center and two drawings were used in the Charlotte Sun. This year creating jewelry of natural stone and Swarovski crystals has been a fun hobby. Sewing is another satisfying craft.

After settling in Burnt Store Isles, we found many good friends here. The main ingredient of our community is our resident's friendliness. The Twin Isles Club has very good food with a gorgeous view of the golf course. The well kept greenways and lush tropical plantings that are bordering





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some of properties add to the picturesque quaintness of our community. Being a real estate agent for several years, I have visited many communities around our area & have to say that our community is, shall we say, "the most pleasing of all". It is a treat just to walk through our neighborhood as each property is unique. Burnt Store Isles is the perfect place to call home.

I received my real estate license in 2003. I am a member of two real estate boards: the Charlotte County Board of Realtors & the Fort Myers Board of Realtors. This gives access to all of SW Florida's real estate data for selling and buying real estate.

In the past I have been involved in raising funds for different charities. I have given of my time to take care of disabled children and the elderly in a hospital environment. I volunteered to watch children 4 hours per week for a state program with a year commitment. These experiences have shaped the way I look at life; each day is a blessing, so enjoy life while you can.

I am married to my wonderful husband Carroll DeWeese and between us; we have 5 adult children, 8 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren.

Social Director

Cynthia Council

I am a retired critical care nurse. My husband Charlie and I moved to BSI in July, 2005 from New Jersey. Since living on Amelia Island in the 80's, Florida has been our retirement destination of choice.

I served previously on the BSIA social committee and for the past two years have been Social Director. I look forward to continuing the momentum established by our committee which has seen many new and unique activities made available to our members. These activities, while social in nature, do help to develop a sense of community with our association membership.

Director of Special Projects

Robert Moore

My wife Lindy and I moved to Punta Gorda in August of 2010 from Dacula GA (suburb of Atlanta). We live on Segovia Drive in BSI with our two dogs, Charlie and Maggie. We are full-time residents. I retired from UPS with 39 years of service. Love saltwater fishing and golf.

Legal Liaison

Kay Matthews

Moved To Florida: 1992

Originally From: Pennsylvania but also lived in California. Kay was raised in a career military family (Marine Corp)

Interests: Arts, Animals (Animal Rights Activist), Dancing, Golf, Tennis, Acting, Poker, Boating & Gaming

Past Affiliations: Ladies Golf Team at St. Andrews Country Club

Tennis Team, North Hampton, Pennsylvania

Current Affiliations: St. Andrews Country Club

Twin Isles Country Club

Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club

Elks Club

Positions Held: Decorating Committee's

Membership Committee

Designing Ladies

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Farewell from Joe Sabatino – Past President

It is hard to believe that seven years have passed since I first joined the BSIA Board (completing my term in December).

I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank each of you for providing me the chance to serve you and our community. I had the opportunity to serve under the able leadership of Dave Phelan, Bill Hughes, Chick Petrosino and most recently Charlie Council. I want to thank them and all the dedicated BOD members that have graciously volunteered their time and energy to make BSI a much better place to live.

Their accomplishments include: creatively dealing with the rebuilding efforts after Hurricane Charlie, enhanced entryways on both Monaco and Madrid, no fishing ordinance, great website - the envy of many organizations, dynamic social committee - with numerous activities throughout the year, new drainage improvements on San Rocco, and most recently garage expansions - working diligently to satisfy the desires of homeowners while meeting the needs of the overall BSI community.

The list goes on and on, but you get the idea.

Working together for our neighbors and community your BOD has made a positive impact and is respected as an important voice in the city of Punta Gorda.

If you are contacted to serve on the Board or a committee please do so.

I also want to extend a personal invitation to you to not only attend our Annual Membership Meeting on Nov. 7, 2011, but to bring along a neighbor who is not currently a member of the Association to learn first hand what a wonderful asset your homeowners organization is.

Together as friends and neighbors we will continue to make Burnt Store Isles the #1 residential community in our area.

Sincerely,
Joe Sabatino



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