



# BURNT STORE LAKES

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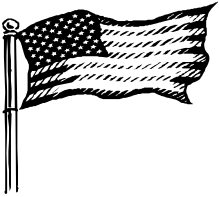
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## NEWSLETTER MAY 2008



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As of this writing, our community is faced with a considerable challenge. The fact that many residences are vacant due to a lack of tenants, bankruptcy or foreclosure, has caused these properties to be neglected. I have been cautioned not to use the word "blight", but lack of maintenance does cause a blighted situation to occur.

Why has this happened in Burnt Store Lakes - - a viable community with nearby amenities that contribute to a Florida Lifestyle? At the beginning of the building boom, many builders sought to invest in Burnt Store Lakes. Some had solid reputations and some had tainted histories as evidenced by articles in the Wall Street Journal, and other media. Specifically reported was poor quality construction and questionable mortgage practices. Your Board of Directors went forward with the Architectural Review Committee's (ARC) recommendation to enforce strict standards for building and landscape requirements, as well as ensure that all future building is "insured" by means of a performance and completion bond or escrow agreement whereby monies are made available for completion of a house, or demolition, whichever becomes necessary.

Your Board continues to enforce the Deed Restrictions; however, without the help of all residents, both tenants and owners, community property values cannot be maintained at a desirable level. While the Board of directors continues to note and act upon all violations the weight of responsibility remains with individual property owners. When the Board is required to take legal action for Deed Restriction enforcement,

the cost could move into the thousands of dollars.

There are many better, more positive way in which to utilize assessment funds. Your Board continues to look toward improving the aesthetics of our community, but also to enhance the amenities with consideration of an expanded park facility as well as play equipment and outlets for all ages, including an alternate location for a boat ramp facility. The Long Range Planning Committee is charged with the responsibility of developing a Master Plan to include park amenities and expansion of the recreational paths. Your Board is currently working with the County to re-design the Cape Horn entrance utilizing pre-approved funds to construct an entrance sign, add lighting and enhance the appearance of the Cape Horn entrance off Burnt Store Rd. The Board and ARC are cooperating with CDC for their plans to build a shopping center just north of Cape Horn. Rest assured, upscale design and businesses are planned for this area.

Our ambiance is a drawing card for many homeowners and tenants, with nearby activities and amenities that depict the Florida Lifestyle. Some of the best advice often comes from friendly neighbors reminding each other of the Deed Restrictions and community standards we all agreed to when moving into Burnt Store Lakes. Given everyone's involvement, Burnt Store Lakes will continue to be one of the most attractive developments in the south Burnt Store corridor., thus ensuring our property values.

Jim Brown, President  
Board of Directors

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Your Property Owner's Association is living within its budget. Our dues collection rate is fairly close to that of last year in spite of the slow down in the economy. We are seeing some foreclosures and bankruptcies which may cause receivables to creep up and will continue to lien properties where it is appropriate.

Monthly reports from our accountant are on file in the BSLPOA office. Specific questions may be addressed to me by calling (941) 637-6268.

Bill Fruit, Treasurer

## ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF DIRECTORS



The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday October 18, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. at the Burnt Store Presbyterian Church at 11330 Burnt Store Road in Punta Gorda. An Annual Meeting Picnic in the BSLPOA park is planned immediately following the meeting.

At the June 10, 2008 Board of Director's meeting, the **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** will be appointed. Anyone interested in serving on the **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** should contact the POA office (941-639-5881). This five-member Committee will solicit those property owners who may be interested in filling one of the four (4) open positions this year. Those Directors whose (two-year) terms that are expiring are Bill Fruit, Dave Chilcote, Steve Steidel, and Peg Varga.

It is time to consider service to your community in this very important capacity. Those who would like to be considered as a Candidate by the Nominating Committee should submit your name and brief biography, and a letter of intent, including the reason for wanting to serve a two-year term before June 10, 2008.

For your information, each Director is assigned an area of responsibility. Your acquaintance or expertise in the following areas may assist in your decision to run for the position of Director:

ARCHITECTURE REVIEW, BEAUTIFICATION & ENHANCEMENT, COMMUNICATIONS, COMMUNITY STANDARDS, DRAINAGE & MAINTENANCE, LONG RANGE PLANNING, and SAFETY & PREPAREDNESS.

The Nominating Committee will present its Slate of Candidates to the Board of Directors for adoption at the August 12, 2008 meeting. Since Candidate information must be included in the Annual Meeting packet, sufficient time for compilation, printing and mailing must be allocated. Therefore, a mandated deadline for receipt of information is necessary for August 1, 2008. The Annual Meeting packet is scheduled for mailing to all property owners of record no later than September 10, 2008.

Questions? Contact the POA office at (941) 639-5881 or e-mail at [bslpoa@sunline.net](mailto:bslpoa@sunline.net).



## ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

Remember to contact the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) when you make changes to enhance the outside appearance of your home.

Application for new home construction and multi-family units should be made to ARC prior to applying to Charlotte County for permitting. The office and ARC can assist you through the process and provide you with local contractor information.

Beware of contractors without valid qualifications! Always research your contractor thoroughly prior to signing your contract as this type of contract is extremely difficult to cancel, and virtually impossible to void. It is recommended that an attorney review your contract prior to signing. For other services, such as "handyman", landscaping or irrigation, be sure to check the contractor's status and specific use for the license they carry. A landscape contractor that advertises irrigation services may not be licensed for irrigation installation or repair. Contact the Charlotte County Building Dept. for contractor inquiries.

Peg Varga, Director



## BEAUTIFICATION & ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

The lighting and landscaping at the Cape Horn roundabouts are complete; one remaining task includes the evaluation and installation of various plants to provide seasonal color. This Committee, chaired by Ron Norsell, is taking on the project of removal and replacement of the dead Washingtonian palms along Cape Horn, Santa Inez, Vincent, and Peppercorn roads. A major project is the expansion of the pavilion at Lowell Thompson Memorial Park. The expanded facility will double the existing pavilion size. The timing of this project allowed us to take advantage of a competitive construction market and position us to accommodate the increasing needs of our growing community. To this end, the addition of playground equipment is being evaluated; subject to development of a master site plan for the park.

A fresher, more inviting main entrance (Cape Horn Blvd) is being developed for Board consideration. Further, the Committee will evaluate the new main entrance signage, as well as the required safety postings (lakes, alligators, private property etc.) at eight additional locations. The idea is to coordinate the aesthetics of the mandatory and elective signage within our community.

Rob Hancik, Director

## COMMUNICATIONS

This Newsletter marks the first full year's operation of your Association's newest area of responsibility—Communications. The goal of this new section is to coordinate the methods through which the Association provides information to its membership. The four methods making up Communications include the Resident Directory, Newsletter, Internet Website, and the newly created Community Information Network (CIN).



**Community Information Network:** Feedback from the membership indicates that CIN has become an effective method to promptly inform our residents about urgent notices, Association business, and community-related activities. CIN messages are distributed as e-mails through a secure list maintained at the POA office. If you use e-mail and are not receiving CIN messages, please contact the POA office. To review previous CIN messages visit the POA website at [www.bslpoa.org](http://www.bslpoa.org) and click on either the Alerts or Notifications tabs.

**Website:** Plans are underway to further modernize the POA website. The objective of this "makeover" is to make the website more responsive to members' needs and serve as a central point for community information. Members are encouraged to view the current site: [www.bslpoa.org](http://www.bslpoa.org) and share ideas about what a new site should contain. Comments can be made to Director Steve Steidel (505-8661), the POA office (639-5881), or [bslpoa@sunline.net](mailto:bslpoa@sunline.net).

**Newsletter:** Beginning with this edition, the BSLPOA Newsletter will be published twice a year - in May and November.

**Resident Directory:** As noted elsewhere in this publication, please inform the POA office if you do not want identifying information (name & address, telephone number or e-mail address) to appear in the next issue of the Directory.

Steve Steidel, Director

## COMMUNITY STANDARDS

### PARKING RVs & TRAILERS

Please contact the office for a Temporary Waiver from Deed Restrictions (form) to place a trailer, boat or RV in your driveway for a few days. The Waiver from Deed Restrictions is time-limited to 21 days (no more than 3 consecutive days) per year. Please remember that all vehicles, trailers and/or boats are NOT allowed to be parked on vacant lots, next to your house, or in the County right of way.





The following represents issues addressed by the Board of Directors in the past six months as they relate to Community Standards:

Vehicle/Parking violations	25; 22 resolved
Trailers/RVs	15; 13 resolved
Boats	10; 7 resolved
Landscaping	65; 53 resolved
Other land issues	15; 12 resolved
Fences	7; 6 resolved
Miscellaneous	15; 12 resolved



## DRAINAGE & MAINTENANCE

Your Board of Directors continues to actively address maintenance issues related to poor drainage areas in our community. The final stage of a three-year program at the Osprey drainage canal between Vellum and Burnt Store Road was recently completed by re-shaping and seeding the banks of the waterway. Other areas of attention included excavation and clean out of the drainage "finger" behind Block 921 Lots 1, 2 & 3 at Eagle Lake, the culvert located on Asmara Ct off of Peppercorn was dug out and the grate was repaired. The deep drainage swale next to Block 925, Lot 5 was improved by the installation of 65 feet of piping; adding fill and re-grading for proper water flow and to ease maintenance mowing.

The entire length of the drainage ditch between Julian Ct and San Rafael Rd was re-graded. As a continuation of this project, funds were approved to clean out and re-grade the swale between Juarez Ct and Sol Ct, to be completed in May or June.

One final area under consideration is the greenbelt and drainage swale behind San Edmundo in the area of Block 832 Lots 1 through 5.

Please contact the office staff if you know of a drainage area in need of attention.

Springtime mowing of the undeveloped lots, greenbelts, and County right of ways began April 21st. Subsequent mowing is scheduled for the first week in June, July, August, September, October, and either November OR December of 2008. The current 2-year contract ends on September 30th. Con-

tract bids are solicited for mowing and maintenance of our entrances, the park, round-abouts as well as lake quality during the month of June for budget consideration.

The continued maintenance of the four greenbelt quadrants abutting Bear Branch Creek will resume in June or July.

Please see a related article elsewhere in this Newsletter for information about the eradication of an invasive plant species, the Brazilian Pepper tree.

Bill Fruit & Scottie Pitser, Directors



## LAKES REPORT

Aquatics Systems, our lakes management contractor, measures the oxygen levels in all of our lakes. As hoped for, our modified aeration system has been doing its job. According to plan, Pelican, Heron and Eagle lakes were stocked with Shell-crackers/Bluegills in March for the purpose of providing a natural predator for the red midge larvae and fly in the deeper sections of these lakes. In addition, Aquatics Systems has a mapped plan to spray the shallow finger areas of these lakes with a larvacide. The goal is an attempt to control the activity level of these pesky little insects. It is not believed these insects can be totally eliminated, but can certainly be reduced to a tolerable level.

Many of you have noticed the large flocks of ducks inhabiting our lakes this season. They are here because of the high water quality level, and thus provide a good environment for desirable weed growth, which these ducks feed upon.

Lack of rain and decreased water levels contributed to the difficulties encountered for a successful Littoral plant program. Many of the plants did not survive; most unsuitable to our lake conditions was the Golden Canna. Last November, 60 % of the littorals were replanted at no cost to residents with unfortunate results. As part of an on-going search for success and improvement of the shoreline and midge control, Aquatics Systems will begin "experimental site"



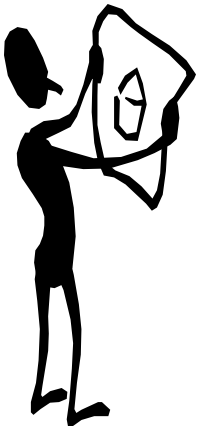
littoral plantings this spring in order to determine the best possible plantings for our lake conditions.

The Lakes Committee would like everyone to remember that fishing in our lakes is for property owners and their guests only. Be watchful for folks fishing without permission as they may also be scouting homes for illegal purposes. Further, be observant for persons seeking to dump refuse from any source, into our lakes. Please call the Sheriff's office immediately and if possible, get a license tag number or some type of identification to assist in identifying these persons.

Scottie Pitser, Director



## LONG - RANGE PLANNING



The Long Range Planning Committee, chaired by Dick Kopsack, is currently working with professionals from Charlotte County to undertake a Master Plan design to include enhancement of our park facility. Further, the Committee plans to detail an overall plan for enhancements throughout Burnt Store Lakes that will provide a potential schedule for expansion of the existing recrea-

tional paths, water and sewer provision to the park, and determination of accessibility locations for boating on the lakes. Members of this committee meet monthly and include Bob Reichert, John Van Eps, Aimee Schneider, Juliet Jones, Marianne San Juan, Lauren Catalano and Frank Bishop. Your input is both valued and appreciated, please contact the office if you would like to become a part of this long term planning group.

Jim Brown, Director

## SAFETY & PREPAREDNESS

Safety & Security is, of course, a personal matter for each person living in Burnt Store Lakes.



In the words of Wayne Sallade', Director of Emergency Management for Charlotte County, "Emergency Management is not one person or office, it is a teamwork concept that brings all members of a community together." Such was the case on March 26 when residents of Burnt Store Marina and Burnt Store Lakes gathered to hear Mr. Sallade' present on emergency preparedness. Hurricanes Wilma, Katrina, Dennis, Ivan, Charley and others increased our awareness toward being prepared and served as powerful reminders of the awesome force of these destructive storms.

The Charlotte County Office of Emergency Management provides an All Hazards Guide (available June 1, 2008) to assist residents in preparing a personal or family disaster plan. In addition to valuable hurricane hazard preparation strategies, the guidebook contains guiding principles for tropical weather basics, flood insurance, a self home inspection, CERT/Storm readiness, hazardous materials, roof repair, County information map and much, much more. You are encouraged to visit the Office of Emergency Management at 26571 Airport Road to pick up a guide June 1, or call for additional information at 941-833-4000. You may visit the webpage by going to: [www.charlottefl.com/emergency](http://www.charlottefl.com/emergency).



## Community Emergency Response Team

One of the resources available to the Burnt Store Lakes community is the "Community Emergency Response Team - CERT".

The CERT training programs is a national standardized training course offered to anyone, and is recommended by Charlotte County EMS (Emergency Management Services). The purpose of CERT training is to give the EMS personnel additional eyes, ears and assistance in the area of a disaster so that their workers can concentrate on the most severely damaged areas. The training is FREE and conducted over a four (4) or eight (8) week period.

The Safety & Preparedness Committee would like to add you to the current group of interested persons. for the next available class. The date is yet undetermined. You will be notified once class dates are determined. Please contact the office to add your name, or you may call 613-2299 to obtain more information about the CERT training program.

Dave Chilcote, Director



### South Charlotte County Coalition

The SCCC continues to meet on a monthly basis at the PGI Civic Association on Shreve St. in Punta Gorda. It is important that BSLPOA be represented in this group as south Charlotte County issues are paramount in their mission.

As noted in prior communications, the SCCC continues to pursue widening of Burnt Store Rd. Current economic conditions both in the private and public sector have hampered our efforts. The private sector, absent new construction, will not fund their road frontage. Government pleads lack of available resources due to recent tax legislation. It is SCCC's obligation to continue to lobby for road improvement on the basis of traffic safety and hurricane evacuation.

SCCC has on its guest speaker agenda, invitations to political candidates for City, County, and Federal offices. At these forums, attendance will be open to the public.

Jim Brown, Director



**FY 10/1/08-9/30/09  
ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS  
DETERMINED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING  
WILL BE BILLED NO LATER THAN  
10/31/08.**

<b>DUE DATE:</b>	<b>NOV 15, 2008</b>
<b>INTEREST :</b>	<b>DEC 1, 2008</b>
<b>LIENS FILED</b>	<b>JAN 1, 2009</b>

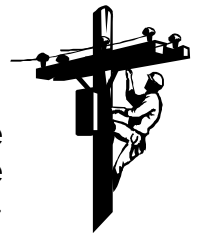
\*Interest will be charged, and Liens filed on all unpaid balances per these dates.

## BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETINGS

**Did you know that Board of Director Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each Month at the Burnt Store Presbyterian Church?**

The 6:00 pm meetings are open to all BSL property owners. You are encouraged to attend. Your presence is welcome, and your ideas and input are appreciated during Open Forum.

### UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC UPDATE



We formed a committee within BSL 2 years ago to explore the process of converting OVERHEAD ELECTRIC DELIVERY to UNDERGROUND (UED). NO POLES and NO WIRES.

Our efforts have put BSL in a position to make this conversion at the most reasonable cost we will ever likely achieve. We have found a better, more cost acceptable method to pay for the conversion. We recently met with Florida Power & Light (FPL) and Charlotte County Public Works and are glad to inform you that the County can provide a 5 or 10 or even 20 year payment plan. This plan would be an alternative to an upfront plan for all members of our Property Owners Association.

Conversion to UED is not an inexpensive process. However, could be the most financially beneficial project this community will do. Think of it as a ONE TIME INVESTMENT in security and safety for you and your neighbors. An insurance policy and added value for all property owners.

How much do you or will you spend EVERY YEAR on homeowners and flood insurance??? Add that up over 5, 10 or 20 years. Even with all this

money spent on insurance, if a utility pole falls on your home or live wires fall and start a home on fire, we still pay a LARGE DEDUCTIBLE to fix the house. Add all these insurance costs together and you will see that UED is really a comparatively low cost program. With UED we have a ONE TIME Beautification and Insurance policy for our entire community with NO DEDUCTIBLES. Furthermore, we are working to have a 5% Line Item Discount on all Home Owners policies for homes in communities with UED.

Florida Power & Light (FPL), with the blessing of the Florida Public Service Commission is NOW offering a Government Adjustment Factor (GAF) discount of 25% off the standard cost of conversion, for a limited time (offer expires October 2008) for entire communities that choose to initiate the conversion process. Previously, the UE Committee was totally an exploratory group. Now, we are proud to say, we are Champions of this beautification and excellent safety program. However, we must act soon to make this happen at the lowest cost possible. FPL is under mandate to "harden" the overhead electric delivery system. This results in FPL proceeding with the installation of more and larger (45ft) and thicker poles placed at every other lot down Cape Horn Blvd. This process will continue as needed along other streets.

The UED Committee needs to refine expectations and overall costs, and develop a timetable for necessary actions. We will keep you informed through future bulletins.

We ask that you think ahead now and support a conversion to UED within BSL. What will our future look like???

Respectfully Submitted,  
UE Committee



## BOAT RAMP

The Boat Ramp project is presently on hold. Our request for permits, etc. at the San Edmundo location has been withdrawn on the advice of the engineer who was handling our application. An alternate, and probably better, site is now being considered.

Bill Fruit, Director



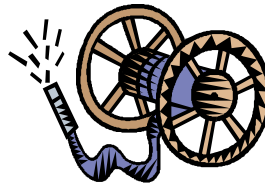
## RESIDENT DIRECTORY

The 2008 edition of the Resident Directory will soon be heading off to the printer. If any BSL property owner **DOES NOT** want some or all of their identifying information listed in the Directory, the POA office must be informed no later than May 12, 2008.

Specifically, please inform the office if you wish to omit any or all of the following: name, address, telephone number, e-mail address.

While the Resident Directory is a helpful source of information for all members, the POA recognizes individual privacy concerns and will observe those concerns when so notified. Remember to submit your request by May 12, 2008.

As a reminder, the Resident Directory is intended for personal resident use only.



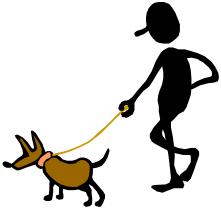
## WATER RESTRICTIONS

The Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) extended the Phase II Water Shortage Order through June 30, 2008. The once per week schedule applies to **ALL PROPERTIES** and **ALL WATER SOURCES**:

If your address or house number ends in:

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|--------|-------------------------|
| 0 or 1 | Water only on Monday    |
| 2 or 3 | Water only on Tuesday   |
| 4 or 5 | Water only on Wednesday |
| 6 or 7 | Water only on Thursday  |
| 8 or 9 | Water only on Friday    |

Personal vehicle washing is limited to once per week. Power washing is allowed to remove mold from roofs and driveways or to prepare a surface for painting. Any hose used should have a shut-off nozzle.



## DOG OWNERS

The office receives numerous calls on a weekly basis about dogs running throughout the neighborhood. We remind everyone that Charlotte County has a "Leash Law" and that all dogs must be restrained on a leash when outside. **Animal Control** may be reached at (941) 764-4320.

Remember to bring your "scoop" and "baggie" when out walking your dog, in consideration of your neighbors and your community.

## RENTAL POLICY

Thank you to all property owners for submitting your rental registrations! Occupants are now able to receive newsletters and other community information and we are happy to welcome new residents to our community. As a reminder, maintenance of the property and adherence to the deed restrictions is the responsibility of the property owners. Please contact the office if you need additional forms or information. \*\*\*All "For Rent" signs must meet the same requirements as "For Sale" signs. The maximum size allowed per Deed Restrictions is 4" X 6". Experience has shown that larger signs do not produce larger results, and as people drive through the community, they become experienced with looking for and locating appropriate signage. Thank you for your cooperation in meeting this standard.



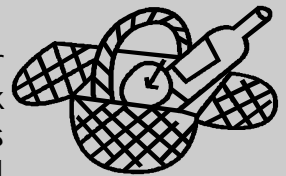
reduce drink costs; and improve the cocktail hour. In keeping the overall cost the same as last year, \$48.00 per person, we believe we have been able to do all that and more at the brand new *Kings Gate Country Club in Port Charlotte*.

There will be plenty of room, with "around the dance floor seating" for Lake folks and their guests. Make your reservations by November 28: this date is not flexible as the facility requires full payment in advance. Please note that tables of 8 will be accommodated.

## REMEMBER TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SATURDAY DECEMBER 6, 2008!

## POTLUCK PICNICS

Thanks to all of our hosts who made the Potluck Picnics so successful this year. The picnics were well attended by 50-60 people who played "Bunco", "Mah Jong", danced to the "Electric Slide", and celebrated St. Patrick's Day in style.



After a summer break, the next two picnics will be held in September and November. In October, your Board of Directors will host the "Annual Meeting Picnic" after the Annual Meeting on October 18, 2008. **Hosts are needed for the September and November picnic.** The dates will be determined by the Host. Planning is the easy part, and resident participation and support is what makes these events so successful! Thanks again to everyone, and especially to Sunny for her continued participation in the community's "communication link". For information on how you may host a future Potluck, please contact me at [karentarpon@comcast.net](mailto:karentarpon@comcast.net).

Karen Bishop, Potluck Coordinator

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Saturday December 6, 2008.**

The Burnt Store Lakes Holiday Committee has been hard at work to make our annual dinner dance special for everyone.

Our goal was to return to the first Saturday night in December for this event;



## BRAZILIAN PEPPER TREES

The State of Florida designated the Brazilian Pepper tree as a foreign, invasive plant species to be eradicated. In 1996, the Association initiated a project to remove the species as it formed an impenetrable jungle, reducing the quantity of beneficial plant life in many locations

throughout the community.

Dale DeKraker has led many volunteers on the quest to eradicate pepper trees on the north side of the development, with the goal being to work toward the southern end. It is necessary to once again consider removal of the pepper trees from the island at Ibis Lake as well as other greenbelt locations.

Due to the large number of birds that roost at the island, the area will be assessed after the nesting season has concluded, and before the berries show. New to the pepper tree removal team are Charlie Davenport, Paul Garrett, Karl Millerschoen, Terry Tattar and Ray Zink. Thank you, gentlemen, for your efforts.

Board of Directors

## Neighborhood Watch



Your Neighborhood Watch implemented a vehicle identification program last month. The program provides Lakes' residents with two unique stickers for application to the windshield and rear window, left side, down low. This allows Neighborhood Watch members, when walking, jogging, biking or in vehicles, to easily identify residents or owners and discriminate from vehicles that may not belong. If 20% of the vehicles moving through BSL have a BSL sticker displayed, the efforts of Community Watch are improved by the same amount. 100% participation is hoped for in this voluntary program. Participation not only increases the effectiveness of Community Watch, but will also assist local law enforcement as they respond to calls reporting suspicious behavior. The office has indicated a terrific response to this program as residents go in weekly to pick up their stickers. If you have not done so already, please stop in to make your request.

The Neighborhood Watch is organized through the Charlotte County Sheriff's Department and is made up of volunteers. The vehicle identification program offers a potentially great benefit to Burnt Store Lakes. If you have any questions, please give me a call at (941) 639-3057.

Dave Prins  
Neighborhood Watch Coordinator



## HURRICANE SEASON

### 2008

#### APPROVED NAMES FOR THE 2008 SEASON

ARTHUR	LAURA
BERTHA	MARCO
CRISTOBAL	NANA
DOLLY	OMAR
EDOUARD	PALOMA
FAY	RENE
GUSTAV	SALLY
HANNA	TEDDY
IKE	VICKY
JOSEPHINE	WILFRED
KYLE	

A Hurricane Watch means it is time to put the early stages of your plan into effect. A Hurricane Warning means you should rush your plans to completion. A 72 Hour Disaster Survival Kit (other events such as brush fires, floods and tornadoes have the potential to disrupt our daily lives) should include, per person: canned or other non-perishable food, a manual can opener, drinking water— one gallon per day, per person, baby needs, medicine, first aid kit, battery operated radio or television, flashlight, extra batteries, blankets, pillows, lawn chairs, sanitary supplies, cards, books, etc, and pet foods.

Charlotte County EMS has excellent materials available to address all of your Hurricane Season queries. Contact them at (941) 505-4620 or visit them on the web: [www.charlottefl.com/emergency](http://www.charlottefl.com/emergency).

#### Other useful sites include:

[www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)      [www.floridadisaster.org](http://www.floridadisaster.org)  
[www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov)      [www.srh.noaa.gov/tbw/](http://www.srh.noaa.gov/tbw/)

#### Other information:

For Emergency Information dial 211.  
The American Red Cross (941) 629-4345

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**RE MINDER**

**BSLPOA ANNUAL MEETING  
9:00 A.M.**

**Saturday October 18, 2008**

**Held At:**

**Burnt Store Presbyterian Church**

**11330 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda FL 33955-1402**

**Annual Meeting Picnic to follow immediately after at the Lowell Thompson  
Memorial Park, located just south of Saragossa Lane.**

**\*\*Watch for important Annual Meeting documents to arrive in September.**

**\*\*Submit your Candidates for the Board of Directors by August 1, 2008.**

**\*\*Send in your email/directory changes by May 12, 2008.**

**\*\*Annual assessments are due upon receipt and begin interest accrual after December 1.**

