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Ian Wolinsky, aka "The Gourmet Gardeners" was invited to Englewood Elementary School to help the students plant their garden. Read about the students' garden on page 28. *Photo provided*

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"Always remember you are braver than you think and stronger than you believe." This is one of 50 inspirational quotations that is showcased at Embracing Our Differences' 20th annual outdoor art exhibit, entitled "Embracing Kindness." The exhibit is now on display in Butler Park, 6205 W. Price Blvd. in North Port until **Wednesday, April 19**. The exhibit features 50 billboard-sized images created by local, national, and international artists, writers and students reflecting their interpretations of the theme "enriching lives through diversity and inclusion." For more information about Embracing Our Differences, call **941-404-5710** or visit www.embracingourdifferences.org. Pictured here is the Best-in-Show, Adult: "We Are All Pearls" by Whitney de Araújo of Brazil.

EUMC Easter Events
Englewood United Methodist Church, 700 E. Dearborn Street, invites the community to attend all its Easter and Holy Week events. There will be a Good Friday Service at **6:30 pm on Friday, April 7**. The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be **Saturday, April 8 at 10 am**. Register online at www.Englewoodumc.net/events/ or call **941-474-5588, ext. 258**. Easter Sunday Resurrection Worship Services on **Sunday, April 9** will be at **8 am** and **11 am** (traditional) and **9:30 am** (contemporary). For more information, call the office at **941-474-5588**.

Holy Week at Gulf Cove UMC
Gulf Cove United Methodist Church wishes everybody a spiritual and healthy Easter Season and invites you to worship services during Holy Week. The Good Friday Service will be held on **April 7 at 6 pm**; in this ancient service, darkness will be increased by gradually extinguishing candles, to symbolize the coming darkness of Jesus' death. The Sunday Easter services will be held on **April 9**; a Sunrise meditative service will start at **6:45 am** (please bring a chair and bug

spray); the Easter message can be heard at **8 am** and **11 am** with traditional music, or at **9:30 am** with contemporary music. The church is located at 1100 South McCall Road, in the Gulf Cove area of Port Charlotte. Most worship services can also be viewed online by going to the church's homepage, www.gulfcovechurch.com. The church can be reached at **941-697-1747**.

Easter at Community Presbyterian Church
Community Presbyterian Church, 405 S. McCall Road, invites you to worship with them during their Easter week services. The Good Friday service on **Friday, April 7 at noon** will include special music by a cellist. Easter Sunday service with music by the chancel choir and trumpets is **Sunday, April 9 at 10 am**. You are also welcome to attend weekly Sunday worship services at **10 am** which include a message by Pastor Scott Andrews, organ, hymns, choir, handbells, children's message and communion on the first Sunday of the month. Services are also available online at www.cpcenglewood.com. For more information, call **941-474-9579** or email cpcenglewood@gmail.com. Follow on Facebook – [\[munitypresbyterianenglewood.com\]\(http://www.munitypresbyterianenglewood.com\).](http://www.facebook.com-</p>
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St. David's Easter Worship
St. David's Episcopal Church invites you to attend their Good Friday Service at **noon** on **Friday, April 7**, and the Easter service at **9 am** on **Sunday, April 9**. St. David's is located at 401 S. Broadway. Church phone: **941-474-3140**.

Good Friday Concert
Fellowship Church will be having a free Good Friday Concert on **Friday, April 7, 4 pm**, at their Worship Center, 140 Rotonda Blvd. West. Come and celebrate the Risen Savior with songs by Paster Garry Clark and Fellowship Saltwater Worship Band & Praise Singers. After the concert, there will be a communion service. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call **941-475-7447** or www.fcenglewood.com.

Easter Egg Beach Cleanup
Help clean up Englewood Beach on **Saturday, April 8, 4:30 to 6:30 pm**, and even win a prize. Join Gaspar's Dive N Board for a fun Easter themed beach cleanup. Meet at Englewood Beach pavilion #2, 2095 Beach Road. Collection bins,

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but you are welcome to bring your own, too. Coffee and donuts will be served. All are welcome. Church website: www.gccengagewood.org.

Easter at Fellowship Church
Fellowship Church would love for you to celebrate Easter Sunday with them on **April 9th**. At **7 am** there will be a SonRise Service on the bayside of Englewood Beach (Chadwick Park, 2100 N. Beach Road) with live music by Fellowship Saltwater Worship Band & Praise Singers and a great message from Pastor Garry Clark. Enjoy refreshments afterward. At **8:30 am** and **10:30 am** there will be a Resurrection Service with incredible music featuring Pastor Garry Clark and the Fellowship Saltwater Worship Band & Praise Team at the Worship Center, 140 Rotonda Blvd. West. Refreshments served between services. You can also live stream it on watchfelive.com or on their Facebook Page. At **5:30 pm** there will be an Easter Cookout, Communion & Baptism Celebration at Englewood Beach, 2095 N. Beach Road. All are welcome! For more information, please call the church office **941-475-7447** or log on at www.fcengagewood.com.

Easter Yoga
Loving Light Yoga invites you to join them for a peaceful & joyful yoga practice with the sounds of quartz crystal bowls on Easter morning, **Sunday, April 9**, from **8:30 to 9:30 am**, at the north end of Englewood Beach, 2095 N. Beach Road. Bring a blanket or towel for seating. Donation \$5. For more information, email Lata at lata528@gmail.com.

their choir and the hand-bell choir. You may bring a flower to add to the "Flowering Cross". All are welcome, 551 Rotonda Blvd. W., Rotonda. For more information, call **941-697-3313** or www.alivingfaith.org.

Easter Sunrise Service
Sonrise Baptist Church invites the community to their annual Easter Sunrise Service on **Sunday, April 9 at 7:30 am**, followed by breakfast. Sonrise Baptist Church is located at 11050 Willmington Blvd. For more information, call **941-475-5363**.

Easter Sunrise Service
Grace Community Church of Englewood invites you to an Easter Sunrise Service on **Sunday, April 9, 7 am**, at Indian Mound Park, 210 Winson Avenue. Chairs will be provided

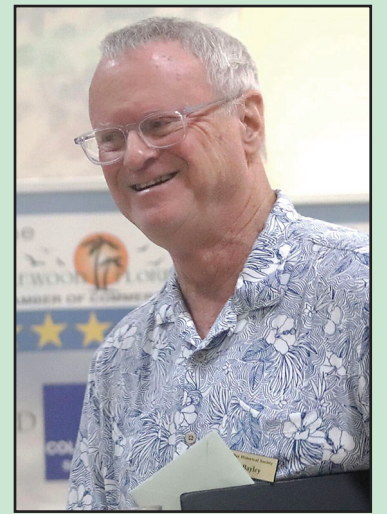
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gloves, and grabbers will be provided. Make sure to bring a reusable water bottle. The person who collects the most trash gets to open a giant Easter egg with prizes. Everyone is welcome! This is a family friendly event and perfect for earning volunteer hours. For more information, call **941-698-0499**.

Easter Services

You are invited to attend Faith Lutheran Church's Holy Week services on **Good Friday, April 7 at 6 pm**. There will be three services on **Easter Sunday, April 9**, beginning with the "Son-Rise" service at **7 am** outside in the Memorial Garden. Chairs will be provided. Following that, indoor services will be held at **8:30 am & 10:30 am**. Music will be provided by

*The Sarasota Alliance for Historic Preservation, in collaboration with the History & Preservation Coalition of Sarasota County, has announced the 2023 Heritage Awards for Sarasota County. Of the awards announced, Don Bayley of the Lemon Bay Historical Society was selected as the Lillian Burns Individual Achievement award winner. This award is conferred upon an individual who has made profound contributions to the history and preservation movement in Sarasota County. Bayley was chosen for the following contributions. For the Lemon Bay Historical Society, he worked with the Board in fundraising to move and save the historic Green Street Church; applied for and received a historical preservation grant; produced a video "Moving the Church in the Middle of the Night" and updated the Society's website and social media with the progress of saving the iconic building; and prepares press releases for Society events and updates the Society's website and social media. In connection to the Englewood Museum, he compiled, edited and published "Monty's Stories", a collection of remembrances of growing up in Englewood in the 1950s and 60s, written by the late Monty Birdsey; serving as Vice President for the museum, he researched, wrote and prepared exhibits on several topics of Lemon Bay history, including the "Chicago Connection", "Hygeia: from Movie Stars to Mosquitoes", "The City of Englewood", and "The Lampp Brothers"; and recently researched and wrote a 25-page application for a Charlotte County historical marker on New Point Comfort. Bayley is also involved with the Friends of Sarasota County History Center, History & Preservation Coalition of Sarasota County, and the Sarasota County Centennial Committee 2021. Bayley and the other winners will be honored on **Saturday, May 6, 4pm**, at the Heritage Awards ceremony at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, 777 N. Tamiami Trail in Sarasota. For tickets, go to www.eventbrite.com.*



Lunch & Learn Series

The second part of the 34th annual Monday Lecture Series at the Manasota Beach Club (MBC) is currently underway. Owner/Manager Sidney "Buff" Crampton says, "While the lecture series has always focused on area ecological and historic/preservation issues, this year we felt obligated to discuss

the impact of the hurricane." On **April 10**, Tony Clements, Sarasota County Manager of Natural Areas, describes the "Impact of Hurricane Ian on County Parks & Trails". On **April 17**, Erin Dean, PhD, Professor of Anthropology, New College of Florida, speaks on "Exploring Coastal Resilience Via Oral History." Finally, on

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April 24, Jack Sanzalone, USCG Master Captain, Waterline Column, Sun News Media, addresses, "Lessons Learned: Gulf Coast Boating and Water Quality." The public is welcome to join the annual "Lunch and Learn" series. Manasota Beach Club is located at 7660 Manasota Key Road and the presentations are from **noon until 1:30 pm.** The cost is \$35, plus taxes/gratuity for talk and lunch buffet. All presentations are outside. Reservations are required due to limited seating. Contact Manasota Beach Club at **941-474-2614** or visit www.manasotabeachclub.com.

The Banyan's Companions
Elsie Quirk Library presents a free lecture on "The Banyan's Companions: A Lecture About Nature's Wonders" on **Tuesday, April 11 at 10:30 am.** Speaker Corky Dalton will discuss the intriguing life cycle of banyan and strangler figs with the Banyan's "companions" - song birds, cabbage palms, and a tiny wasp. The library is located at 100 W. Dearborn Street. For more information, call **941-861-1225.**

Health in Motion Bus
The Florida Department of Health in Sarasota, Health in Motion staff, will be on-site at the Elsie Quirk Library parking lot, 100 W. Dearborn Street, on **Tuesday, April 11 from noon to 4pm.** They can provide no-cost health screenings and referrals for general health and wellness. No appointments needed. For more information, contact Cathy Jones at **941-861-2873.**

Bible Readathon
The 14th annual Venice Bible Readathon starts on **Tuesday, April 11 at 7 pm.** You are invited to praise and worship together at the Centennial Park gazebo, 200 W. Venice Avenue, Venice. Reading of the Bible in its entirety begins at **8 pm** and continues for 90 hours until **Saturday, April 15.** To sign up to volunteer to read, go to www.venice.bibleadathon.org or call Sandy Black at **941-702-2000.**

Insect Photography
The Mangrove Chapter of the FL Native Plant Society will host "Insect Photography", an educational program presented by Florida Master Naturalist Captain Josh Olive, on **Tuesday, April 11, 1 to 3 pm,** at Lemon Bay Park & Environmental Center, 570 Bay Park Blvd. Plants attract insects with many different lifestyles - including

pollinators, sap suckers, leaf eaters, and predators. All these insects are fascinating and even beautiful in an alien way. Josh will discuss methods for approaching, photographing, and identifying these wonderful creatures. Meet at the Environmental Center. For more information, email mangrovechapter@fnps.org.

Maximizing Bond Income
Kerry Hunter, Trust Development Officer at Englewood Bank & Trust, and Portfolio Manager Chris Eckstrom, MBA, are offering a complimentary seminar, "Maximize Bond Income with Low Risk", on **Tuesday, April 11, 10 am,** at Englewood Bank & Trust Gulf Cove (near Home Depot), 12651 S. McCall Road. Bonds can be riskier than stocks, so learning how best to build your bond reserve with quality choices is imperative. Learn how to prudently select and value how much you should place in bonds to protect your income needs during bear markets. To register, visit www.Englewoodbank.com or contact Hunter at **941-473-3629** or khunter@ebtfl.com.

Coffee with a Cop
Charlotte County Sheriff's Office invites you to have Coffee with a Cop on **Tuesday, April 11 from 8 to 10 am** at the Metro Diner, 1720 Tamiami Trail, Suite 100, Port Charlotte. For more information, call **941-639-2101.**

Chef Warren Presents
The Friends of the Englewood Charlotte Library will host a presentation by Chef Warren on **Wednesday, April 12 at 2 pm** in the Community Building located at Tringali Park, 3460 N. Access Road. Chef Warren will demonstrate the making of an Indian cuisine dish, with samples for all. Admission is free. For more information, call the Englewood Charlotte Library at **941-681-3736.**

Earth Day Craft
All ages are welcome to celebrate Earth Day by planting a seed. At this program at the Elsie Quirk Library on **Wednesday, April 12, 3:30 pm,** you will decorate a clay pot and then plant a seed. You'll learn about healthy and sustainable ways to grow your own food and participate in trivia questions for an Earth Day prize. The library is located at 100 W. Dearborn Street. For more information, call **941-861-1225.**

Becoming a Floridian
Considering being domiciled in Florida or have moved here from another state to benefit fully from homestead law, no state income tax and favorable estate planning codes? Will your out-of-state documents work in Florida as you had planned? On **Thursday, April 13 at 10 am,** join Dean Hanewinkel of the Law Office of Dean Hanewinkel, P.A., to explore your checklist to be a Floridian, common problems with other states' documents, and some helpful tips. This free informative seminar, offered by Englewood Bank & Trust, will be held at the Englewood Chamber of Commerce, 601 S. Indiana Avenue. To register, visit www.Englewoodbank.com or contact Hunter at **941-473-3629** or khunter@ebtfl.com.

Charlotte County Boat Show
The 22nd Annual Charlotte County Boat Show returns to the Charlotte County Fairgrounds **Thursday-Sunday, April 13-16, 10 am to 5 pm.** The show features hundreds of boats plus marine accessories and services. A new feature is the "Be in the Know Zone" where you can get valuable boating info and learn fishing tips & tricks from local fishing expert "Fishin' Frank". Admission is \$5 adults; kids 15 & under are free. The Fairgrounds are located at 2333 El Jobean Road, Port Charlotte.

Punta Gorda Shrimp & Music Festival
Outdoor food and fun await at the annual Punta Gorda Shrimp & Music Festival, **April 14-16,** at Laishley Park, 100 Nesbit Street, *Continued on page 6*



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Englewood Charlotte Library staff and volunteers were recognized during the week of March 20th by the Friends of the Englewood Charlotte Library for their outstanding service throughout the year. Surprises and small gifts were presented each day, showing appreciation to these hardworking individuals. Pictured here are (left to right): Brian Forsythe, Cathy Edwards, Dorothy Carter, and Alberta Bair.

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Punta Gorda. Choose entrees (seafood, meat, and vegetarian) cooked fresh onsite. Live music featuring these scheduled performers: “David Chastain Band”, the “Big Bad Wolves”, “Hurricane Shane Band”, “Undr3ed Band”, “22N”, “Billy Rice Band”, “Dead Set Florida”, “K-Luv & United Funk Foundation”, “Thunder Beach”, “Nigel Mack & the Blues Attack”, and “Memphis Lightning”. Arts & crafts marketplace. Hours: **Friday 4 to 10 pm; Saturday 11 am to 10 pm, and Sunday 11 am to 6 pm.** Free general admission. For more information, call **941-487-8061**.

World Circus Day

Come one, come all to World Circus Day at The Ringling to celebrate the rich history of the circus arts on **Saturday, April 15**. Enjoy free admission to the Circus Museum and Bayfront Gardens (Museum of Art & Ca d’Zan not included). Juggling Party at **11 am**. Family Art Making **10:30 am to 3 pm**. Buster Bailey archival film footage of the circus **10 am to 3 pm**. The Ringling is located at 5401 Bay Shore Road, Sarasota. Visit www.ringling.org for more information.

Groovin’ in the Gardens

Peace River Gardens is having a seventies-themed night in the botanical & sculpture gardens on **Sunday, April 16, 6 to 8 pm**. There will be a disco dance-off competition, limbo contest,

raffle items, Leoma Lovegrove’s marketplace, and more. Dance the night away in your grooviest 70s costume! Tickets are \$50 members & \$60 non-members and include the taco bar and two drink tickets. Purchase tickets online at www.Eventbrite.com. Peace River Gardens is located at 5827 Riverside Drive, Punta Gorda.

Aging Services Conversation

The Area Agency on Aging for SWFL (AAASWFL) is inviting area residents and service providers in Sarasota County to share public comment about Aging Services in Southwest Florida. Comments shared will serve to inform AAASWFL’s strategic plan and service goals for the next four years. AAASWFL is hosting a Town Hall Meeting on **Monday, April 17, 10 –11 am**, at the Dwyer Room in Center Place Health, 1900 Brother Geenen Way, Sarasota. For more information or to register your attendance, please call Sarah Gualco at **239-652-6926**.

Boating Skills Course

The Englewood Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering a Boating Skills and Seamanship course **Monday-Thursday, April 17 - 20 from 5:45 pm** until approximately **8 pm**, on-line via Zoom. The cost of this course is \$45. This course qualifies the U.S. Coast Guard and Florida Certifications, is nationally recognized in all 50 states by NASBLA and is designed for both the experienced and

the novice boater. Anyone interested should go to www.coastguardenglewood.com, click on Safe Boating Classes, and select the Registration link.

Free Admission Day

The Florida Holocaust Museum, 55 Fifth Street South, St. Pete, invites the community to visit the Museum for free on **Tuesday, April 18, 10 am to 5 pm**, in observance of Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day). The museum will also offer a virtual lecture featuring Dr. Zachary Mazur titled “The 1943 Warsaw Ghetto Uprising” at **11:30 am**. Link www.facebook.com/TheFHM. A commemoration service will begin at **5:30 pm** followed by Holocaust survivor, Roland Levi. Visit www.TheFHM.org to reserve your tickets.

Resilience Documentary

The documentary, “Resilience: The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope”, will be held **Wednesday, April 19 from 11 am to 1 pm** at The Family Services Center located at 12500 Gibraltar Drive, Port Charlotte. This hour-long documentary looks at the science of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and prevention and treatment of toxic stress, now understood to be one of the largest public health issues facing this generation and a leading cause of everything from heart disease and cancer to substance abuse and depression. The documentary is designed to spread a message of awareness but, more importantly, hope. A virtual option is also being offered for those who are unable to attend the event in person. Please email kaci.brooks-lynch@flhealth.gov to register.

Charlotte County Govt. Academy

Charlotte County Government Academy is a one-day course scheduled for **8 am to 5 pm on Wednesday, April 19**. This course is recommended to anyone who wants to know more about local government. The free program presents the services provided by departments under the Board of County Commissioners. Learn about public works, transit, human services, parks & recreation, and much more. Government Academy will be held at Centennial Park Recreation Center, 1120 Centennial Blvd. in Port Charlotte. Register online at www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov/Academy or by phone

941-623-1092. Space is limited and registration closes **Sunday, April 9** or when full. For more information, call the Public Information Office at **941-623-1092**.

Planting Florida-Friendly Trees

To compliment Arbor Month, UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County is hosting a workshop on Florida-friendly trees that thrive in the Suncoast region of Florida on **Wednesday, April 19, 1 to 2:30 pm**, at the North Port Public Library, 13800 Tamiami Trail, North Port. Find out what trees are right for your location and how to plant and care for them. Participants will receive a native tree for planting. There is a \$3 service fee for the workshop. Register through www.Eventbrite.com. For questions, call **941-861-5000**.

Estate Planning Mistakes

“Oops” is not a word someone wants associated with their estate plans. Englewood Bank & Trust presents a free seminar, “Estate Planning Mistakes”, on **Thursday, April 20, 10 am**, at the Englewood Chamber of Commerce, 601 S. Indiana Avenue. This seminar, presented with Leslie Lohn of the Law Office of Leslie Lohn, LLC, will discuss the basics of estate planning, including last will and testament and power of attorney, and offer examples of real-life mistakes to learn from. To register, visit www.EnglewoodBank.com or contact Kerry Hunter at **941-473-3629** or khunter@ebtfl.com.

Sailor Circus Spring Show

Fasten your seat belt and let Sailor Circus Academy students take you on a journey “Around the World in 80 Days – Circus Style”. Join the students on a dizzying international journey on land, sea, and air. Performances run **Thursday-Sunday, April 20-23**, at the Sailor Circus Arena, 2075 Bahia Vista Street, Sarasota. **Thursday & Friday** performances at **7 pm, Saturday at 2 pm and 7 pm, and Sunday at 1 pm and 5 pm**. Reserved seats are \$20-\$40 and may be purchased at www.CircusArts.org or call **941-355-9805**.

Barn Sale at GCUMC

Find your treasures at the Men’s Club Barn Sale at Gulf Cove United Methodist Church on **Friday and Saturday, April 21 and 22, from 9 am to 2 pm** each day. Gulf Cove UMC is located at 1100 S. McCall Road in the Gulf Cove area of Port Charlotte.

For more information, contact the church at **941-697-1747** or GulfCoveUMC@gmail.com.

Photography Field Trip

Charlotte County Libraries & History is offering a free photography field trip, “Photo Phactory”, on **Friday, April 21, noon to 2 pm**. All skill levels are welcome to learn more about photography and practicing your skills. Meet at Gilchrist Park, 400 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda. The field trip will also include Ponce de Leon Park. Call **941-764-5562** for more information.

Mister G – Multicultural Musician

Latin Grammy Award winning multicultural musician, children’s author, environmental activist & educator, Ben Gundersheimer, “Mister G”, will present a free program on **Saturday, April 22, 10:30 am**, at the Jacaranda Library, 4143 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice. His program includes a literacy component fusing together music and storytelling, blending entertainment with education. For more information, call **941-861-1260**.

Classic Car Show/Book Sale

Port Charlotte Library and the Florida West Coast Car Club are partnering up to host a Classic Car Show and book sale on **Saturday, April 22, 10 am to 2pm**, at the Port Charlotte Library, 2280 Aaron Street, Port Charlotte. There will be raffles, food trucks, and trophies, plus a book sale. \$10 entry donation for car participation. Free admission for spectators. For car participation, call **941-497-4995**.

Earth Day Celebration

Join CHEC for a free family fun Earth Day Celebration on **Saturday, April 22, 1 to 4 pm**, at Cedar Point Environmental Park, 2300 Placida Road. There will be guided hikes, crafts, games, door prize raffle, animal encounters, and environmental keynote speakers. This event will feature support for different local environmental and conservation projects. The event will center around the visitor center. For more information, call **941-475-0769** or email Tome@checlorida.org.

Craft Beer Fest

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Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association. Tickets available online via www.Eventbrite.com. Proceeds help support local ProStart/Culinary High School scholarships. Fishermen's Village is located at 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda. www.fishermensvillage.com.

Sharks Tooth Festival

The Venice Sharks Tooth Festival will be **Saturday & Sunday, April 22 & 23**, at Centennial Park, 200 W. Venice Avenue, Venice. It's an exciting weekend filled with live music, delicious food, fossil vendors, craft & jewelry vendors, educational speakers, and fun activities for the whole family. It is free and open to the public. Hours are **Saturday 10 am to 8 pm & Sunday 10 am to 5 pm**. Hosted by Venice MainStreet. For more information, go to www.venicesharkstoothfestival.com.

Earth Day at the Arboretum

In honor of Earth Day, Venice City Arborist & Arboretum volunteers will provide information about trees (including a tree giveaway), butterfly gardens, composting, and rain barrel display from **9 to 11 am, Saturday, April 22** in West Blalock Park, 401 Pensacola Road, Venice. There will be children's activities, including a Tinkergarten and nature scavenger hunt. Arboretum tours are **9 am and 10 am**. Free and open to the public.

Earth Day & Scrub-Jay Fest

This year's Earth Day Festival at Oscar Scherer State Park will welcome the annual Scrub-Jay Festival in the celebration on

Saturday, April 22, 10 am to 3 pm. Enjoy live music, a photo contest exhibit, guided hikes, kids' activities & games, food vendors, and family-friendly booths & exhibitors. A scrub jay presentation will include a Q & A. Park entry & event are free. Fee for tram tours. Oscar Scherer State Park is located at 1843 S. Tamiami Trail, Osprey.

FloFest, Florida Lifestyle

"FloFest, Florida Lifestyle & Cannabis Culture", comes to the Charlotte County Fairgrounds on **Saturday, April 22, noon to 7 pm**. There will be live music featuring several bands, "Smokin' Pipes" car show, food trucks, cannabis chefs, live art, and lots of vendors. Bring your own blanket & chairs. General admission is \$20 and VIP admission is \$75. The fairgrounds are located at 2333 El Jobean Road, Port Charlotte. For more information, go to www.Potlucksrq.com.

Moonlight Movie

Fun for the whole family! Swim under the stars and enjoy watching a movie on a giant screen while swimming in the pool at Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park Pool, 7001 San Casa Drive, on **Saturday, April 22**. Gates open at **7 pm** and movie begins at **sunset**. \$3 per person. Event by Charlotte County Parks & Recreation.

Classic Car Show

The 19th annual Classic Car Show hosted by Kimal Lumber will be **Sunday, April 23, 9 am to 1 pm**, at the Venice Community Center, 326 Nokomis Avenue South, Venice. Check out a variety of

classic cars and support John Hopkins All Children's Hospital & Ronald McDonald House. There will be gift basket raffles, 50/50, food & drink, plus music. To enter a car, go to www.kimallumber.com/carshow.

Swimming Lessons

Learn-to-swim lessons for all ages are being offered at the Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park pool, 7001 San Casa Drive. Classes are held **Tuesday through Friday** for two weeks with eight half-hour lessons for only \$45. Upcoming sessions are **April 24-May 4** and **May 15-25**. Ages six months to adult. Scholarships available. Call **941-681-3743** for more information or visit www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov/pools.

Windows & Word Tips

Learn some basic tips and tricks about how to navigate through Microsoft Windows and Word on **Friday, April 25, 2 to 3 pm**, at the Englewood Charlotte Library, 3450 N. Access Road. Please register online through the event calendar at <https://charlottefl.ent.sirsi.net> or call **941-681-3736**.

Family Tree Maker Workshop

The Englewood Genealogical Society is offering a free workshop on Family Tree Maker software on **Wednesday, April 26, 10:15 am to 12:45 pm**, at the Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn Street. Your questions about Family Tree Maker software will be answered and as well as recommendations for efficient use. This workshop will also be available via Zoom. Visit www.egsfl.org for more information and the link to register via Zoom.

Arbor Day Event

UF/IFAS Extension Charlotte County will be hosting an Arbor Day event from **9 am-1 pm, Friday, April 28** at Centennial Park Recreation Center located at 1120 Centennial Blvd., in Port Charlotte. Register and attend one of the education sessions and receive a free tree. Master Gardeners will be available to answer gardening questions. "Plant a Tree on Arbor Day" is open for registration at www.Eventbrite.com. For information, contact Holly Bates at **941-764-4340**.

Shred Event & Food Drive

Englewood Area Board of REALTORS® will host a post-tax-day drive-through Shred and Food Drive Event on **Saturday, April 29** from **9 am to noon** in their office parking lot at 3952 N. Access Road. In exchange for the shredding service, event volunteers will accept donations of non-perishable food items, baby supplies (including diapers) and cash. All donations collected will benefit the St. David's Jubilee Center. Shredding services are being provided by Stericycle. Participants may bring up to four banker-sized boxes of material to be processed. Representatives from Burnt Store Title & Escrow, Hughes Exterminators, Lake Michigan Credit Union (LMCU) and Michael J. Looney Electrical Contractor – local affiliates of the Board who are underwriting the event – will also be on hand to greet patrons and to hand out promotional swag. For more information, call **941-474-6664**.

Big Truck Day

The 27th annual Big Truck Day



Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast is excited to welcome award-winning author and historian, Jason Vuic, as their 2023 Nature Lecturer. Author of "The Swamp Peddlers" – a tale of misguided land development in Florida during the grow-at-any-cost 1950s and '60s, Vuic will dive into the history of the "installment land sales industry," which seemingly appeared out of nowhere to sell billions of dollars of Florida residential property, sight unseen, to retiring northerners. This captivating program takes place at **11:30 am on Wednesday, April 19**, at Michael's On East, 1212 S. East Avenue, Sarasota. Tickets are \$125 and available at www.conservation-foundation.com/naturelecture.

will be **Saturday, April 29, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm**, at CoolToday Park, 18800 W. Villages Parkway, Venice. Come pull the levers, honk the horns, and explore over 25 trucks. There will also be a craft area, pedal cars, inflatables, surrey rides, and tours of CoolToday Park. This event is free and open to the public. Presented by Sarasota County Parks and the Atlanta Braves. Visit www.scgov.net/

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Build a Wall of Resilience

The 2023 Leadership Englewood class is having a sculpture created to highlight the resilience shown by the Englewood community in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian. The class is asking local businesses and community members to donate a brick for the sculpture's base. These bricks will be called "The Wall of Resilience" and will be located around the sculpture at Chadwick Park on Englewood Beach. This is an excellent way to showcase your business, create a memorial or celebrate your resilient Englewood family. The brick options will be a 4"x8" and include three lines of text with 20 characters per line, including spaces for a \$250 donation, or an 8"x8" with your logo or text with 20 characters per line, including spaces, for a \$1,500 donation. Sales are open through **Monday, May 1** at www.Englewoodchamber.com or call the Englewood Chamber of Commerce at **941-474-5511**.

Englewood Bike Clinic

Come repair your bike with assistance from maintenance advisors on the **first Tuesday of every month from 10 am to noon** at The Jubilee Center at St. David's, 401 S. Broadway. This service is free and repair options include fixing flat tires, brake pad replacements, broken spokes/bent wheels, shifter adjustments, and more. Tools and parts are provided upon request. **Tuesday, May 2** is the next clinic. This program is an outreach of the Community Health Action Team (CHAT) of the Florida Department of Health in Sarasota County.

Englewood Farmers Markets

What does Thursday mean in Englewood? It's Farmers Market Day on West Dearborn

Street. The Englewood Farmers Markets offer everything from fresh produce to bakery goods, seafood, live plants, jewelry, handmade goods, and treats for the dog. There is also live music for your enjoyment. The outdoor markets are open **every Thursday** (October thru May) from **9 am to 1 pm** in the 300 block of West Dearborn Street.

Ian Repair Project Map

The Charlotte County Public Works Department has launched an interactive map providing information on the status of Hurricane Ian repairs of county facilities and infrastructure. The map displays the projects' location, description, and status. To view the map, visit www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov/ianroadrepairs.

Caring & Sharing

Volunteers Needed

Englewood Meals on Wheels, an all-volunteer run social services organization, needs volunteers for substitute driving and to provide office help. EMOW is located at 400 Loma Linda on the campus of Community Presbyterian Church, and provides older Americans who are home-bound, nutritious meals and safety checks. For information call Volunteer Coordinator Terri Lawson at **571-243-8458**. Follow on Facebook: Englewood Meals on Wheels.

Chair-ity Auction & Fundraiser

Take a seat for Kids Needs of Englewood. Everyone is welcome to participate and show their creative talents as they repurpose chairs into a unique piece of art that will be auctioned off to benefit Kids Needs. For this event, the chairs will be received **Saturday, April 15** at the Englewood Art Center, 350 S. McCall Road, where they will be on display from **April 18th to the 28th**. Each chair will

have a silent auction sheet on it. There will also be online bidding at www.KidsNeedsEnglewood.org. On **Friday, April 28, 6 to 9 pm**, come join the Chair-ity Celebration in the courtyard of the Old Florida Outdoor Center, 463 W. Dearborn Street, with the opportunity to place last bids. Enjoy live music, food, drinks, and fun. For more information, call **941-445-0819** or email zigamazoo@yahoo.com.

Book Donations Needed

The Friends of Englewood Charlotte Library are seeking donations of gently used books to replenish their bookstore shelves and are also planning a giant book sale later this year. Monies generated by book sales are applied to various library programs as well as high school scholarships. Donations may be dropped off at the bookstore located within the library, 3450 N. Access Road, during bookstore hours (**Monday-Friday, 10 am to 4 pm** and **Saturday, 10 am to 1 pm**). All donations are tax-deductible. Also, if anyone may have empty storage space in a building or garage in close proximity to the library to store donated books, please call **941-681-3779**.

OneBlood Blood Drives

The following OneBlood "Big Red Bus" blood drives have been scheduled in the Englewood area during the month of **April**. Please note that blood drives are subject to change at any time.

Donors are requested to visit the OneBlood website, www.oneblood.org, to schedule an appointment. **Friday, April 7, 10 am to 3 pm**: Walmart, 2931 S. McCall Road. **Sunday, April 9, 9 am to 2 pm**: Publix-Merchants Crossing, 1500 Placida Road. **Monday, April 10, 10 am to 3 pm**: Bealls Outlet, 425 S. Indiana Avenue. **Thursday, April 13, 8 am to 2 pm**: Oyster Creek Community, 6651 Oriole Blvd. **Tuesday, April 18, 10 am to 3 pm**: Centennial Bank, 1450 Placida Road. **Thursday, April 20, 7:30 am to 1:30 pm**: Lemon Bay High School, 2201 Placida Road. **Sunday, April 23, 10 am to 4 pm**: Walmart, 2931 S. McCall Road. **Friday, April 28, 11 am to 5 pm**: Publix-Merchants Crossing, 1500 Placida Road.

Sports

Fairway to Heaven Golf Fundraiser

The Rotary Club of Englewood Sunset is hosting a golf tournament on **April 28-29** at Long Marsh Golf Course, 20 White Marsh Road, in memory of Kale Dailey. Enjoy a gala dinner on **Friday, April 28** at **6 pm** and tee off at the golf tournament on **Saturday, April 29** at **10 am**. All money raised

will go towards benefiting the Englewood community. Tickets start at \$150. Learn more and purchase tickets at www.daileyproject.org.

Sharky's Ride the Beaches

The 19th Sharky's Ride the Beaches will take place on **Sunday, April 30** at Sharky's on the Pier, 1600 Harbor Drive, Venice. There are three scenic bicycle rides to choose from: 15-mile, 35-mile, and 70-mile. All rides include breakfast and a BBQ lunch. The first group starts at **7:30 am**. Register early as there is a 1,000-participant limit. Cost: \$65. Online registration at <https://raceroster.com>. Ride the Beaches supports three charities: Team Tony, Friends of the Legacy Trail, and the Livestrong Foundation. For more information, contact Wendy Kuhns at **941-726-0014**.

The items appearing in this column are as accurate as possible. Please call the listed numbers for confirmation and further information. If you have an upcoming event you would like to have considered for "Around the Town" please send info and/or photo to The Englewood REVIEW, 370 W Dearborn St, Suite B, Englewood, FL 34223, or email: englewoodreview@comcast.net.

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Arts & Entertainment

Andrew Lloyd Webber Tribute

The “Best of Broadway” pays tribute to Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber on **Saturday, April 8, 7 pm**, at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center, 701 Carmalita Street, Punta Gorda. Grammy Award nominee Terry Barber, considered one of the best countertenors in the world, will sing such favorites as “The Music of the Night”, “Gethsemane”, “Memory”, and “Love Changes Everything”.



Tickets are \$39 and may be purchased online at <https://goldentertainment.us/events>.

Artist Colony Ensemble Concert

The Artist Colony in Englewood, Florida will host a free concert with the Artist Colony Ensemble and Twinkle Toes Dancers on **Tuesday, April 11, 5 to 7 pm**, at Pioneer Plaza, 325 W. Dearborn Street. Grab your chairs, pack your dinner or order to go from one of the area restaurants, and spend the evening. Follow the Artist Colony on Facebook.

Songs Across America

Lemon Bay Playhouse presents “Jimmy Mazz – Songs Across America” on **Saturday, April 15, 7:30 pm**, at the Playhouse, 96 W. Dearborn Street. “Songs

Hermitage Artistic Director and CEO Andy Sandberg took to the stage on March 20th as the featured performer at Sarasota’s iconic Van Wezel Hall to raise nearly \$200,000 for the Hermitage following the impact of Hurricane Ian. He was joined by Tony Award nominee Jeannette Bayardelle, Tony Award nominee Laura Bell Bundy, Lortel Award winner Leslie Rodriguez Kritzer, and Sarasota’s own Ann Morrison, and Raleigh Mosely II to celebrate the Hermitage’s 20th Anniversary Season, with music direction by Hermitage Fellow and 2023 Grammy Award nominee Rona Siddiqui.

Across America” is a fantastic musical journey and tribute to the music from many of the cities and states that Jimmy has visited over the years. Reserved seat tickets are \$25 and may be purchased online at www.lemonbayplayhouse.com or call the box office at **941•475•6756**.

Evening Under the Stars

The State College of Florida (SCF) Foundation presents its annual musical event, “Evening Under the Stars”, on **Saturday, April 15, 5:30 pm**, at the SCF Venice Campus, 8000 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice. This year’s theme is “Oh, What a Night”. Enjoy the beautiful sounds of the SCF Presidential Jazz Band and rousing performances by the Pops Orchestra. A fireworks show will conclude the night. General admission lawn tickets are \$30; pre-order through www.Eventbrite.com. Day of general admission lawn tickets are \$35. VIP tickets are also available. Bring your own coolers and chairs. For questions, call **941•752•5390**.

Charlotte Players Auction

The Charlotte Players would like to invite you to a fun-filled, cruise themed, benefit event at the Langdon Playhouse on **Thursday, April 13**. They are auctioning off a European River Cruise, a Total Wine & More party package, plus more. There will also be door prizes and refreshments. Bidding starts at



The Hermitage Artist Retreat is pleased to announce the second annual concert in the Ruby E. Crosby Alumni Music Series at the Hermitage, featuring award-winning composer and lyricist Zoe Sarnak. This year’s event on Wednesday, April 26 at 7 pm will be presented in partnership with the Nathan Benderson Park Conservancy. Sarnak is a New York City-based Hermitage alum whose songs and musicals have premiered throughout New York, Los Angeles, and across the United States. Joined by Sarasota-based vocalists and musicians, Sarnak will perform her original songs, including some of her latest work. Presented by the water at Nathan Benderson Park, this outdoor event is open to the public with a \$5/person registration fee. Tickets may be reserved at www.HermitageArtistRetreat.org. Nathan Benderson Park is located at 5851 Nathan Benderson Circle, Sarasota.

\$1,000 for an 8-day, 7-night river voyage. “Boarding” begins at **7 pm** and you “leave port” at **7:30 pm**. The event is free and no advanced ticketing is required. For more detailed information, go to www.charlotteplayers.org or call **941•255•1022**. The Langdon Playhouse is located at 1182 Market Circle Place, Port Charlotte.

Englestock Music Festival

The first annual Englestock Music Festival is set for **Saturday, April 15, 2 to 11 pm**, at Pioneer Plaza, 325 W. Dearborn Street. Come out to support Lemon Bay High School

Arts Department and Suncoast Humane Society with a full day of great food, amazing live music, beer, wine, and vendors, with a secret musical surprise. Also, raffles and 50/50. The music line-up will be “The Filthy Heathens”, “Southbound 75”, “Twinkle”, and “Maiden Cane”. Tickets are \$25 in advance and online; \$30 at the gate. The VIP section is available for \$100 and includes free food and beer. Tickets may be purchased online at www.eventbrite.com. The event is organized by the Widows Sons Knights of the East.

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Putting Sarasota On The Map

2023 Hermitage Greenfield Prize Winner in Visual Art Sandy Rodriguez plans to use her commission to create a panoramic exhibition, the centerpiece of which will be a new large-scale map that depicts the southeastern topography and coastline of the U.S. marked by stories of resistance from the colonial period to the present. In an engaging visual conversation on **Saturday, April 15 at 2 pm**, Rodriguez will show examples of her work that resonate thematically and discuss her process. She will be joined by Hermitage Alum and Greenfield Prize juror for this year, Anne Patterson, as well as fellow juror and Creative Capital President and Executive Director Christine Kuan. The program will be held at the Hermitage Palm House, 6660 Manasota Key Road. Registration is \$5 per person, and you can register at www.hermitageartistretreat.org.

Street Dance Pioneer

2023 Hermitage Greenfield Prize Winner in Dance & Choreography Rennie Harris believes that hip-hop is the most important original expression of a new generation. He has dedicated his life and his company, Rennie Harris Puremovement, to preserving and celebrating hip-hop



Mark your calendar so you don't miss the last Artist Colony gathering of the season at Pioneer Plaza, 325 W. Dearborn Street. The artists will hold their outdoor gallery on **Wednesday, April 19 from 10 am to 3 pm**. Participating artists offer a selection of original art, perfect for gifts. Along with the artist galleries will be the Artist Colony Ensemble on the Plaza stage. Come hear a little classical and easy listening music while you visit with and watch the artists creating art. Or bring your chair and lunch, sit back, and enjoy the day with the Ensemble. The Artist Colony will resume in the fall. The watercolor is by Susan Gruschow.

culture through workshops, demonstrations, and public performances. On Saturday, **April 15 at 6 pm**, he will be joined in conversation by Brooklyn Academy of Music's Executive Producer Emeritus and a longtime friend of the Hermitage, Joseph V. Melillo, as well as fellow juror Charmaine Warren, founder of Black Dance Stories, and will share insights

into his remarkable career bringing street dance to stages all around the world, and how being the first ever recipient of the Hermitage Greenfield Prize in dance will shape his new work, "Losing my Religion". The program takes place on the Hermitage beach, 6660 Manasota Key Road. Bring your own seating. Registration is required at www.hermitageartistretreat.org (\$5 per person).

Mozart's "Requiem" Choral Artists of Sarasota presents Mozart's "Requiem," **Sunday, April 16, 7 pm**, at Church of the Redeemer, 222 S. Palm Avenue, Sarasota. In this concert, passages of life are expressed through the beauty of majestic choral music featured in Bach's "Cantata 104", "Du Hirte Israel, höre" ("You Shepherd of Israel, hear"), a setting of the "Twenty-Third Psalm," paired with Mozart's "Requiem," a poignant and dramatic contemplation of eternity. Tickets are \$35; students \$5. A "Meet the Music" session with Maestro Joseph Holt is **Thursday, April 13, 5:30-7 pm**, at Art to Walk On, 16 South Palm Avenue in downtown Sarasota. The event, free to all ticket holders for the concert, includes a wine and hors d'oeuvre reception and a presentation by Holt with vocal soloists highlighting the program. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.ChoralArtistsSarasota.org or call **941-387-4900**.



Venice Musicale's Suncoast Duo Pianists will present "Music for Spring" on **Saturday, April 22, 3 pm**, in the Venice Library community room, 300 Nokomis Avenue South, Venice. This concert is free and open to the public. Donations will be gratefully accepted to support the Venice Musicale scholarship program. Learn more about Venice Musicale at www.venicemusical.org. Pictured here are Duo Pianists: top row (l-r) Mary Egbertson, Betty Badawi; bottom row (l-r) Sybil Broh, Cynthia Schein.

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Lemon Bay Playhouse, 96 W. Dearborn Street, presents "The Amateur Killer". This show will run from **Wednesday, April 26 – Sunday, May 14**. In this murder mystery thriller, Daniel is letting his personal history with Lucas affect their relationship. Daniel is directing the production of "Adieu" for the local Amateur Dramatic Society, but it's his knowledge of Lucas's affair with Natalie that will lead to murder. Show starts on time at **7:30 pm Wednesday through Saturday and 2 pm on Sundays**. No late seating. Reserved seat tickets are \$25. Student tickets are available at \$18 each. Visit www.lemonbayplayhouse.com or you can also call the box office **Monday-Friday, 10 am to 2 pm, at 941-475-6756**. Cast Photo: Standing (L-R): Topher Ruble, Leo Dominique, Tan Selby, Mike Levasseur, Mike Gilbert. Seated (L-R): Carol Warren (Director), Jill Houghton, Pam Leon, Nancy Lord, Mariah Phillips, Donna Hadley (Stage Manager).



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"1976" by ensembleNewSRQ
ensembleNewSRQ will take to the Sarasota Opera House stage to present its concluding concert of the season. "1976" features 40 musicians, who will perform a double bill of contemporary classics, both composed in 1976. "Frankenstein," by HK Gruber is a "pan-demonium" that sets Viennese children's rhymes in a setting with a "chansonnier" (or narrator), who pushes his delivery toward the realm of performance art and an orchestra that plays instruments outside their job descriptions. The second piece, Louis Andriessen's iconic and groundbreaking "De Staat" uses passages from Plato to illustrate the connection between music, politics, and social class. The concert is **Monday, April 17, 7:30 pm**, at Sarasota Opera House, 61 North Pineapple Avenue, Sarasota. Single tickets are \$25. For more information on ticket packages and single tickets, including student ticket pricing, visit www.ensrq.org.

Love, Lies, & the Doctor's Dilemma

"Love, Lies, and the Doctor's Dilemma" will be presented by Charlotte Players from **Thursday, April 20 through Sunday, April 30**. Joan Scheller lives with the great love of her life, Sandy. In an effort to hide their relationship from her overbearing sister-in-law, she introduces him as her psychiatrist. One little white lie leads to another. Before long, Vinny the Enforcer, a quintessential Italian mobster, masquerades as her security guard, while her son, Chris, is forced to wear a dress and

become her daughter Christina. Further complications occur when her new neighbor, Rachael, whose life appears to be a series of catastrophes, creates chaos and confusion wherever she goes. Curtain time is **7:30 pm evenings and 2 pm matinees**. Tickets are \$25 adult and students \$13. Purchase tickets online at www.charlotteplayers.org or call **941-255-1022**. The Langdon Playhouse is located at 1182 Market Circle, Port Charlotte.

Fairytales and Flutes

The last concerts of the season for the Venice Symphony are set for **Friday & Saturday, April 13 & 14** at the Venice Performing Arts Center, One Indian Avenue, Venice. "Fairytales and Flutes" features one of the greatest flute players of the time, Jim Walker, former principal flute of the Los Angeles Philharmonic. He solos on Mozart's "Flute Concerto in G Major," John Williams' "The Face of Pan," and Mancini's "Pennywhistle Jig". William Walton's "The Wise Virgins Suite", music from Tchaikovsky's "Sleeping Beauty", and Mendelssohn's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" round out the concert. Concert times are **7:30 pm Friday and 3:30 pm Saturday**. Tickets are \$43-\$58 and may be purchased online at www.thevenicesymphony.org.

Venice Theatre Presents

Venice Theatre, 200 W. Venice Avenue, Venice, presents two touching tales of compassion when "Graceland" and "Asleep on the Wind" come to the stage **Friday, April 21 through**

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The Brothers Doobie will recreate the sound and style of the world-famous Doobie Brothers for one night only at the Venice Community Center on **Tuesday, April 18 at 7:30 pm**. The Brothers Doobie covers a catalog of hits spanning both the Johnston and McDonald eras. Tickets for The Brothers Doobie are \$38 and are available at www.venicetheatre.org or by calling **941-488-1115**. Seating is general admission, and a refreshment bar will be open. The Venice Community Center is located at 326 Nokomis Ave. in Venice.

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Sunday, May 7. "Graceland" is a poignant, sometimes humorous, story about Rootie and Bev, two ardent Elvis Presley fans, who camp out at the entrance of his Graceland mansion prior to its opening as a public museum. The women vie to be the first to step into the sacred space for compelling personal reasons. "Asleep on the Wind" is a heart-melting preamble to "Graceland." Rootie, ten years earlier, is with her favorite brother Beau in their "special place" that Rootie speaks about in "Graceland." Beau shares life-changing news that informs why Rootie must go to Graceland a decade later. Evening performances start at **7:30 pm** and matinees at **2 pm**. Tickets are \$28 adult and \$15 youth. Purchase tickets online at www.venicetheatre.org.

From Broadway to Opera
The Venice Chorale presents "Harmony from Broadway to Opera" on **Saturday, April 23, 7 pm**, at the Venice Performing Arts Center, One Indian Avenue, Venice. The Chorale's Apprentice Chorus and Youth Chorus will be featured. Enjoy music from "Candide", "Phantom of the Opera", "Wicked", "Madame

Butterfly", and many more. Tickets are \$20-\$25 and may be purchased online at www.veniceperformingartscenter.com or call **941-218-0627**.

Artist Sought for Sculpture
As part of their class legacy project, the 2023 Leadership Englewood class is seeking an artist to create a sculpture dedicated to Charlotte County and it will be installed at Chadwick Park. This sculpture will not only memorialize the efforts of the LE23 waterway cleanups, but the resilience of the Englewood community embodied through the recovery from Hurricane Ian. Sculpture requirements include the theme of resilience and should be interactive for attendees. The artist should propose a name, UV protection coating required, hurricane debris percentage to be incorporated (28% preferred), height between 5 and 7 feet with base maximum not to exceed 7.5 feet, and able to withstand the elements. The project budget includes all project costs, including artist's fee and expenses. The application deadline is **Monday, May 1**. The application and more details can be found at www.Englewoodchamber.com.

Patriotic Pops Concert
Save the date for this year's Patriotic Pops Concert. The Venice Symphony presents its fourth annual Patriotic Pops and Fireworks Concert on **Saturday, May 27 at 7:30 pm** at CoolToday Park, 18800 S. West Villages Pkwy, Venice. Music

Director Troy Quinn will lead the orchestra in an inspiring concert that will feature classic music from the great American songbook, films, and an Armed Forces Medley. The program includes "Hymn to the Fallen" from "Saving Private Ryan", A George M. Cohan Overture,

"God Bless the U.S.A." and more. Vocalists Liberty Voices will accompany the orchestra. A spectacular fireworks display will follow the concert. Gates open at **5:30 pm**. Tickets are on sale at the CoolToday box office (**941-413-5000**) and at www.Ticketmaster.com.



The oldest continuing music organization in Venice, Venice Musicale, finishes its 71st season with a free concert performance by this year's winning scholarship students. You are invited to come and share the talents of this year's student scholarship winners on **Tuesday, April 25, 7 pm**, at St. Mark's Church, 508 Riviera Street, Venice. Their mission of providing monetary support to promising music students for continuing studies has seen Venice Musicale give support to young area musicians in excess of \$250,000 since the scholarship program began. For information about Venice Musicale, please visit www.VeniceMusicale.org.

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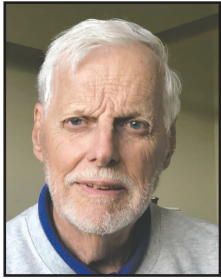
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Notable NEIGHBORS

He Went From Moppet To Mentor

The story of Englewood's Paul Powers could have been written by Charles Dickens. He grew up in Milford, Massachusetts in a family of modest means, and his childhood was not what one would call ideal. His parents were strict disciplinarians. He recalls that "my father was the High Lord Executioner, and my mother was the Chief Prosecutor. It was a very conflicted household, and I was glad to get out of there when I was 18." He was labeled an "indifferent" student in elementary school, who got good grades in the courses he liked and poor grades in the others. His father decided that he needed to be subjected to some stricter handling by the nuns at Marian High School in Framingham, a Catholic institution, and he got it. There was no time for sports,

and he had what he calls "a regular schedule of detentions" for real or alleged rules infractions, which frequently caused him to miss the school bus. He had to hitchhike home, because his parents wouldn't make the 90-minute roundtrip ride to the school and back. "Their attitude was that I got in trouble, so it was up to me to deal with the consequences." It was a harsh lesson, but a valuable one.

Paul did find relief in music. He was a member of the high school band while still in grade school, and he played the organ in church on Sundays. He graduated from high school in 1970, when the unpopular war in Vietnam was in full swing. He was interested in politics and thought he might like to get a law degree, but he knew his name was coming up at the local U.S. Army draft board, and rather than get

drafted, he volunteered for the U.S. Marine Corps. Say what? Well, there was a method in his madness. Having survived the disciplinary trials of his parents and the nuns, he was ready for some REAL

discipline in the military. He got it at Paris Island in basic training and Camp Lejeune in combat



Dr. Paul displays an array of his published works.

training. "I started at the bottom as a buck private and worked my way up to a noncom rank in 13 months. It was good for me,"

he says. "I got over my fear of heights and risk-taking, and built my confidence in myself." It made him a man.

Though his unit was deployed to Nam, he missed out through a typical military mix-up, and he ended up at Camp Pendleton in sunny southern California as a communications specialist. While there he found time to take a couple of night school courses for college credit as well. Paul was released from active duty in 1972 (though he didn't get his honorable discharge until he completed another four years in the inactive reserve). When he got home he applied to Harvard University under the GI Bill and was accepted, but he felt out of place in its Ivy League way of life and the strong antiwar atmosphere there. After one semester he switched to the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. It was a move that changed his life and career.

At UMass he got a single room under a work/study program, and as a Massachusetts veteran his tuition was waived. "All I had to do was pay for my meals," he recalls, so he had the

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financial means to keep on going to school – earning a bachelor’s degree in psychology in 1974, a master’s degree in psychology in 1975 and a doctorate in psychology in 1979. That gave him status and opportunity: a doctorate degree is a key that will open many doors. He would just have to decide which door – or doors – to open.

Paul gained valuable experience in cognitive behavioral therapy during his years at UMass by working with patients at the nearby Veterans Administration hospital in Northampton. Most patients were being treated for what was called post-traumatic stress disorder or PTSD. “What I learned is that PTSD is not a disorder, it is a *natural reaction* to stress, just as pulling your finger away from a hot stove is. If we could get the patient to accept that premise and then get involved in any activity to occupy his time and thoughts, he could get through it.” It was a valuable lesson that could be applied to many situations: accept your condition as a natural reaction and do something about it. “We were getting them jobs, apprenticeships, getting them out of the hospital and not coming back. In 1977 the head of the VA authorized a study of all its hospitals, and we had the lowest recidivism rate in the country. A colleague and I wrote up our program, and the VA assigned us to visit all its hospitals in the country – he in the west and me in the east – and tell them what we were doing. The VA turned me into a consultant!”

Paul did a postdoctoral year

in Boston and took a part-time job with University Center, Inc., a private practice firm that did vocational counseling and management training. When his boss at the firm retired in 1981, Paul left too. “He was my chief, my companion, my mentor,” he avers. “There was nothing there for me once he left.” While getting his license from the state that year, Paul noticed a lot of errors and inconsistencies in the process, and he wrote an article criticizing it. Lo and behold, he soon got a call from Governor Ed King’s office, asking him to come in and talk to the Governor himself. The visit resulted in his getting appointed to the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Psychology. While it was a nonpaying assignment, it was a feather in his hat that added to his experience and visibility in the field of management psychology.

After leaving UCI, Paul connected with the owner of a successful employment agency who was starting a separate entity called Keystone Associates, which would provide outplacement counseling and assistance for executives who had been fired or resigned their job in a dispute. It was a new field then, and over a period of three years it gave Paul experience and contacts with high-level executives at companies large and small.

He left Keystone in 1985, the year he married Linda Spitzer, a commercial artist and designer and a friend of his secretary at Keystone. “Our first date was on August 10, 1984, and I married

her a year later on August 10,” he recalls. “She was, and still is, the nicest person I have ever met.” That’s at least one reason they’re still together after 37 years and counting.

Paul’s next job was with an executive search company, Fenwick, which had clients mostly in the high-tech sector, many of them located along Route 128 in the Bedford/Lexington area. This was in one sense a complete switch from outplacement. Now he was helping owners and senior executives find highly qualified men and women to join their firm. This involved consulting with them on their needs, finding and interviewing candidates, arranging for them to meet their potential boss, winnowing the list of candidates, doing extensive background checks on the final few candidates in some cases, and helping in the negotiations in many cases. It also involved extensive travel to visit the candidates in their home cities. “I spent time in every airline club in the country,” Paul swears. But it was a lucrative business, it broadened Paul’s experience and kept him in touch with high-level executives around the country.

In 1988 he decided to go into business for himself. His company: Dr. Paul Powers, Management Psychologist. A lot of his contacts were young

and new in business, who understood the technology but were inexperienced in solving the many problems of personnel management that come up in business. “I became in effect their consigliere, offering them counsel,” he says. “One of my clients told me, ‘I pay you to be around because I enjoy your company, you keep me from being stupid, and you’re cheaper than a lawyer.’”

Paul’s business thrived, and it found him giving seminars, making appearances on TV and radio and writing articles, newsletters and books – his first one entitled “Love Your Job,” a perfect metaphor for his philosophy. During that time, he says he and Linda “made an active decision to spend about 10 percent of our time on pro-bono activities that were in line with our values. Being our own bosses gave us the flexibility and time to do that, and it gave us both a lot of personal satisfaction.” But in 2006, after 25-plus years of full-time activity, he and Linda decided to cut back a bit. They sold their house in Wellesley and moved to the small town of Englewood, Florida. “We love it here,” he says. “It’s got music, beaches, some good restaurants, and it’s close to Venice and Sarasota, which have many excellent cultural and social activities to offer.”

But “cutting back” is strictly a relative term. Having already established himself as an author, a motivational speaker and a frequent guest on television and radio shows, he became what he calls a “retirement coach” as well, offering his expertise to those folks entering their golden years. His just-published humorous book on becoming a husband is one example. Another is an e-newsletter he’s created entitled “LifeMap,” giving common-sense advice on spending your efforts. Some sample topics: “Remembrance & Appreciation,” “The Gift of Laughter,” “Four-day Work Week,” and “Social Connections = Better Health.”

Suffice it to say that Paul’s not done, but he has lived a life that took him from a troubled beginning to one of fulfillment and success. Even Charles Dickens himself couldn’t have sketched the scenario any better.

Dean Laux is exploring interesting folks living in our community. If you know of anyone with an interesting background please send an email to: tomnewton@englewoodreview.com. Include the person’s name, contact info and give a brief description of the person’s background.



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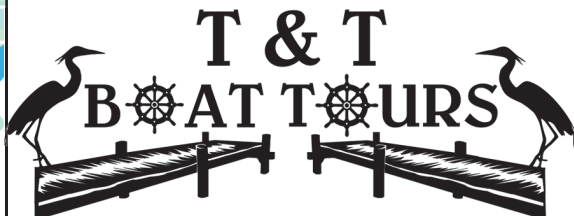
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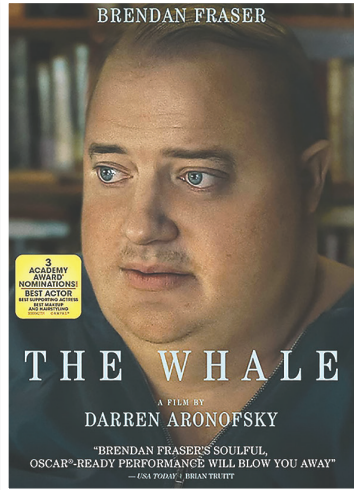
THE WHALE

A highlight of this year's awards season was watching Brendan Fraser, star of *The Mummy* and *George of the Jungle*, win big for his comeback role in *The Whale*. You couldn't help but be moved by his emotional speeches even if like most people, you hadn't seen the movie.

I finally did see *The Whale* on demand this weekend, and have to agree with most critics that Fraser is great, but the film, not so much.

Fraser plays Charlie, a morbidly obese man who refuses to seek medical care even though he knows he's dying of heart disease. *The Whale* is based on a play by Samuel D. Hunter and the film feels like a play, as it takes place entirely in Charlie's house. He's visited by his loyal friend and nurse Liz, a door-to-door missionary, and eventually and his estranged 17-year-old daughter, Ellie.

At first, you'll spend a lot of time staring at Fraser and marveling at the magic of the Oscar-winning movie make-up and prosthetics that transform his appearance. It takes everything for Charlie to move from the couch to the kitchen or bathroom. He lumbers. He wheezes. His friend and nurse Liz (Hong Chau) begs him to go



to the hospital or he will die but he refuses to go. Charlie is a bit of a martyr.

We learn that Charlie left his wife and child to be with the man he loved, whose death, it is implied, led to Charlie's eating disorder. In an effort to make things right, Charlie reaches out to Ellie after many years. What he gets is an angry, mean-spirited, snarky, teenager who as a bonus is flunking out of school. And boy is she mad at Dad! Charlie promises that he will rewrite her essays to keep her from failing, and give her money if she keeps visiting.

But *The Whale* isn't about an annoying girl who hates her dad and everyone else on the planet. It's about watching Brendan Fraser inhabit and maneuver

this enormous body, which is fascinating and a bit creepy at the same time. It's difficult to watch Charlie eat, like he is battling his food, and to watch him use a pulley to get out of bed. Every move is difficult, deliberate and potentially dangerous. But thanks to Fraser, it's believable.

Charlie's only goal is to set things right with his daughter, who he insists is amazing. But the only thing she's amazing at is scowling, stomping and brooding. Deeper in the movie we learn more about their history, and we learn about Charlie's partner, but it was tough for me to feel bad for Charlie or Ellie. I did feel for Liz, and for Charlie's ex-wife (the always great Samantha Morton) who arrives later in the movie for a moving scene and validation that Ellie is "evil."

Fraser deserves all the praise and prizes he received for *The Whale*, as does Chau who was nominated for an Oscar and is the most authentic character in the movie. Too bad *The Whale* isn't as good as they are.

The Whale



BABYLON

In 2016's musical drama *La La Land*, Director Damian Chazelle exquisitely captured modern day Hollywood and took



home the Best Director Oscar. So, the studio handed him an \$80 million budget, creative control and a stellar cast to do the same with 1920's Hollywood. But in this case, bigger is definitely not better.

Babylon flopped big-time and is available on Paramount+. It follows the trajectory of several characters who may or may not be based on actual film legends. Margot Robbie plays brash silent starlet Nellie LaRoy (maybe Clara Bow). Brad Pitt is hard-drinking, oft-married fading movie idol Jack Conrad (maybe John Gilbert). Diego Calva is Manny, your standard ambitious new guy who works his way to the top.

The movie name-drops real Hollywood legends like Irving Thalberg, Mabel Normand

and Gary Cooper and an early scene depicts the Fatty Arbuckle scandal. I give Chazelle credit for including the difficulties faced by minorities in Hollywood. I just wish that Li Jun Li as the cool and sophisticated Lady Fay Zhu (maybe Anna May Wong) and Jovan Adepo as Sydney Palmer, a talented Black musician, had more screen time.

The characters are potentially compelling but with nobody to keep Chazelle in check, *Babylon* constantly runs off the rails. There is so much screaming, swearing, running and releasing of body fluids that the story gets lost. And in an extraordinarily bold and questionable move, Chazelle throws in the song "Singin' in the Rain" reminding us of a movie that told the story about Hollywood in the time of talkies so much better, and *Babylon* ends with multiple clips from that classic movie. Ouch.

Babylon is an ambitious, showy, chaotic, sprawling film with moments of brilliance, especially a montage at the very end, a fabulous soundtrack and eye-popping production values, but ultimately, it's a chaotic, overlong, noisy mess. Give me Singin' in the Rain any day.

Babylon



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Myakkahatchee Creek Nature Walk

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Gopher Tortoise Day

Join Sarasota Parks, Recreation & Natural Resources on a gopher tortoise trek and learn about the 100+ gopher tortoises at Lemon Bay Park, what they eat, where they live, and more. This informative walk is on **Monday, April 10, 9 am to noon**, at Lemon Bay Park, 570 Bay Park Blvd. For more information, call **311**.

Shorebird Stewardship Program

Volunteers are needed for the Stump Pass Beach State Park Volunteer Shorebird Stewardship Program. The primary role of volunteer coastal shorebird stewards is to assist the Florida Park Service with providing outreach and education to park visitors in a friendly and inviting manner. Stewards will need to become familiarized with shorebird species, shorebird biology, and Stump Pass State Park's flora and fauna and should expect a variety of questions from park visitors. Shifts are **Saturdays and Sundays, 10 am to 1 pm and 1 pm to 4 pm** at the southern end of Stump Pass State Park. A training webinar will be held on **Friday, April 14 at 2 pm** with speakers from the Florida Wildlife Commission, Florida Parks Society, and Audubon. A link to the webinar will be sent upon registration. For more information and to register, contact Samantha Spooner at **239-633-1654** or Spooner@FloridaDEP.gov.

Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC) Activities

On these casual walks with CHEC volunteers, you will search for and learn about plants, animals, fungi, and

more that live in Charlotte County preserves. Prepare for each walk with plenty of water, insect repellent, sunscreen, and clothing that will protect you from insects and plants. **Advance registration is required.** For more information on programs, please call **941-475-0769** or email tome@checflorida.org. Go to www.CHECflorida.org for a complete program calendar.

Oyster Creek Park

Join CHEC on a guided walk through the old-growth pine flatwoods, scrub habitat, and mangrove fringe of the 250-acre Oyster Creek Environmental Park, 2333 Placida Road, on **Saturday, April 8 at 9 am**. Meet at the parking lot located near Lemon Bay High School. Please call **941-475-0769** to register or for more information. Also offered **Saturday, April 29 at 9 am**.

Amberjack Environmental Park

Join CHEC on a guided walk through the scrub and pine flatwoods of 225-acre Amberjack Environmental Park on **Monday, April 10 at 9 am**. Meet at 6250 Gasparilla Pines Blvd., where the street dead ends. Please call **941-475-0769** to register or for more information. Also offered **Wednesday, April 19 at 9 am**.

Bill Coy Preserve

Join CHEC at **9 am, Wednesday, April 12**, for a guided walk through the 81-acre Bill Coy Preserve. The scrubby flatwoods and mangrove swamp border Buck Creek, which flows into Lemon Bay. Meet in the parking lot at 5350 Placida Road. For more information and to register, call **941-475-0769**.

Seagrass Wading Trip

Join CHEC for a free wading adventure through the seagrass beds of Lemon Bay on **Friday, April 14**. All participants will be guided approximately a half-mile to the wading site, where they will collect and view creatures of the bay. Participants will need to wear closed-toe shoes and clothes that may get wet during the trip. Participants are also encouraged to wear sunscreen and insect repellent and to bring plenty of drinking water. Meet outside the Cedar Point Visitor Center, 2300 Placida Road, at **9 am**. Advance registration is

required. Trips fill up fast! Email Tome@checflorida.org or call **941-475-0769**.

Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park

Join CHEC on a guided walk through the old-growth pine flatwoods and mangrove fringe of 125-acre Ann and Chuck Dever Regional Park on **Saturday, April 15 at 9 am**. Meet at the San Casa entrance, 6791 San Casa Drive. For registration, email Tome@checflorida.org or call **941-475-0769**.

Tippecanoe II Mitigation Preserve

Join CHEC on a guided walk on **Monday, April 17 at 9 am** through Tippecanoe II Mitigation Preserve, 16259 Joppa Avenue, Port Charlotte. This 150-acre preserve is home to several families of the threatened Florida scrub jay. Meet in the parking lot. Please call **941-475-0769** to register or for more information.

Tippecanoe Environmental Park

Join CHEC at **9 am, Monday, April 24**, on a guided walk through 308-acre Tippecanoe Environmental Park, 2400 El Jobean Road, Pt. Charlotte. This Charlotte County park includes habitats such as scrub, pine flatwoods, marsh, and wetlands. Meet behind the Charlotte County Sports Park. Please call **941-475-0769** to register or for more information.

Nighttime Seagrass Wading Trip

Embrace your inner nocturnal side and join CHEC on **Tuesday, April 25** for a two-hour nighttime wading adventure through the seagrass beds of Lemon Bay! Search for, catch & release sea creatures in Lemon Bay. Learn about unique aquatic plants and animals with help from a CHEC Naturalist. Program fee is \$15 per person. Advance registration is required. Meet outside the Cedar Point Visitor Center, 2300 Placida Road, at **6:30 pm**. For registration contact Tome@checflorida.org or call **941-475-0769**.

Bayshore Live Oak Park

Join CHEC on a walk, **Wednesday, April 26 at 9 am**, at Bayshore Live Oak Park, 23157 Bayshore Road, Pt. Charlotte, along the shoreline of Charlotte

Harbor, to explore the various mangrove species found there. Mangrove identification will be covered, and you will learn about special adaptations that allow mangroves to thrive in salty environments and why mangroves are important and protected in Florida. Meet at the playground. Please call 941-475-0769 to register or for more information.

Mangrove Chapter Activities
The mission of the Florida Native Plant Society (FNPS) is to promote the preservation, conservation, and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida. The Mangrove Chapter serves Charlotte County and southern Sarasota County. For more information, contact them at mangrovechapter@fnps.org.

Circus Hammock Preserve Walk
Join Jeff Weber, Sarasota County Parks Environmental Specialist, for a guided walk at Circus Hammock Preserve on **Saturday, April 15, 9 to 11 am**. This 22-acre preserve is located at 4572 17th Street in Sarasota, just west of the 17th Street Paw Park. Seasonally

dry conditions make this the ideal time of year to explore this shady hardwood swamp forest in search of spring blooms. Those with binoculars may also see a migrating warbler or two! Park along the road shoulder on the west side of the entrance road. Meet at the preserve entrance. Mosquitoes shouldn't be too bad, but you may want to bring insect repellent, just in case. For information email mangrovechapter@fnps.org.

Sunset Stroll
Join Dave and Linda Manley from the Mangrove Chapter of the FL Native Plant Society on **Wednesday, April 19, 4:30-5:30 pm**, for a Sunset Stroll at Lemon Bay Environmental Park, 570 Bay Park Blvd. While Lemon Bay is a large park, the stroll will cross the footbridge and walk only the grassy, lightly shaded pine flatwoods trail. At the footbridge you will see water-loving plants such as golden canna, giant leather fern, and scarlet rosemallow. As you walk into the drier areas, you should see bloodleaf, dotted smartweed, and candyroot. Meet at the nature center. For more information email mangrovechapter@fnps.org.

LBC Guided Nature Walks
The free guided nature walks shown below are sponsored by Lemon Bay Conservancy and will be held at Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve, 3120 Gasparilla Pines Blvd., Englewood. Please come prepared for a hike. The preserve can be "buggy" this time of year. Consider wearing long sleeves and long pants. Water, a hat, sunscreen, bug spray and hiking shoes are recommended. Some people like to bring a walking pole. Binoculars are useful for observing more distant birds and other animals.

Birding Tour
Ken Blackshaw will lead a social birding tour on **Wednesday, April 5, 8 to 11 am**. (Also offered on **Wednesday, April 12 at 8 am**.) Birders of all levels are encouraged and welcome to join to marvel and uncover little or lesser-known facts about the birds at Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve. Ken has been birding for nearly 70 years all over the world. He has written and edited numerous books and was fortunate to have Edith Andrews as his mentor. Please bring your binoculars, cameras, water bottles, sunscreen, and bug

repellent. All participants should wear comfortable, protective attire, especially footwear. Meet at the kiosk area.

Pond Walk
Join Steve & Tonya Bramlage on a guided tour of the east side ponds at Wildflower Preserve on **Saturday, April 8 at 9 am**. You will observe how both upland and aquatic plants thrive in this compact, dense, eco-friendly environment. Springtime provides an outstanding show of various native flowers, butterflies, plants, birds, wildlife, and more. Bring binoculars, cameras, water bottle, sunscreen, and bug repellent. Wear comfortable, protective attire, especially footwear. The walk is suitable for all.

Butterfly Habitat Tour
Maura Qualls and Ann Weaver will lead a monthly walking tour through the Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve Butterfly Habitat on **Thursday, April 13, 9 to 10 am**. Join them to examine the many nectar and host plants, flowers, and pollinators that are present in the garden, both native and Florida-friendly. There will be a discussion on how you can establish your own native

butterfly and pollinator habitat. Meet at the members entrance area.

Tarpon Pull
You are welcome to attend the monthly Tarpon Pull on **Saturday, April 15, 8 to 11 am**. The team will meet by the equipment shed at the Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve to load the equipment in the Jon boat. Volunteers may park in the lot at the Preserve and then walk to the pond area or drive directly over to Fiddlers Green Condominiums and use their designated car park. The net pull will begin promptly at **8:30 am** starting at the smaller of the two ponds. Participants are encouraged to bring along waders, gloves, a hat, a water bottle, and insect repellent. No experience is required. Photographers are needed and always welcome to participate.

Labyrinth Training Session
For those of you interested in learning more about the Labyrinth on the Hill at Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve and becoming a volunteer guide, Anne Bonney will offer a Docent Training session at the Labyrinth

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Labyrinth Tour
Anne Bonney will lead a guided tour of the Labyrinth on the Hill at Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve on **Wednesday, April 26, 9 to 10 am**. Anne is a founding member of the Pilgrim's Landing Labyrinth on Cape Cod and is a member of the faculty and

Board of Directors of Veriditas, known widely as the International Organization of the modern Labyrinth movement. This will be an introspective, instructional, inspirational journey through the seven circuits of the new Labyrinth on the Hill. All are welcome. Participants are invited to

journal, video, photograph, and wear protective footwear. Meet at kiosk area.

Guided Butterfly Expedition
James Peterfeso will lead a guided butterfly expedition at Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve on **Saturday, April 29 at 9 am**. It starts at the Butterfly Habitat and

continues onward to the preserve trails. The grassy areas near Hosman, Moorhen, and Verna's ponds will be explored. Please bring your binoculars, cameras, water bottles, sunscreen, and bug repellent. All participants should wear comfortable, protective attire, especially footwear.

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Kim Beery with a bass caught in a Rotonda canal.

Of course, shore fishing is an alternative on windy days. That includes both salt and freshwater spots. The persistent red tide has finally diminished and blown out to sea. This opens up the beaches for anglers hoping to find live fish. Many fish died but lots of them survived and are again showing up along our beaches. There are a couple of things you need to know first.

One thing is that Florida beaches are public property but only up to the high tide line. So, just stay down by the water on the wet or smooth sand to avoid conflicts with beach properties that claim a private beach. Your best access points are public beaches where you can park, get to the water and fish, avoiding swimmers while also avoiding private properties.

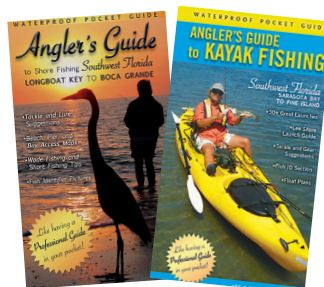
Another thing we want folks to know as they visit our beaches this spring is to wear protective footwear on the dry sand areas. After Hurricane Ian, lots of debris including broken glass, metal, nails, and screws littered the beach and not all of

it has been found and removed. Another hazard requiring sandals is the presence of dead fish skeletons from the red tide event we recently experienced. Lying partially buried in the sand, needle sharp fish bones can poke you with putrefied, bacteria covered stuff you really don't want to deal with.

Even though the red tide has dissipated, it still caused a mass die off of fish at all levels in the food chain. Starting with sand fleas and coquina at the bottom of the food chain, which were nearly wiped out. It will take time for the surf to scrub the sand of toxins so these organisms can return. Until then, bring shrimp or blanched sand fleas from the bait store if you're planning a fish fry, though we encourage catch and release to help our fish populations recover.

We recently began a search of good, accessible bass lakes in this area for shore fishing and were surprised at the number of bass in the ponds at Ann Dever Regional Park off of San Casa

Drive. The pond south of the swimming pool was the best, but mostly smaller fish were released. We were encouraged though and plan to return soon to find the larger bass that must be there too. Due to the vegetation on the bottom of these ponds, a lightly weighted or unweighted plastic worm rigged weedless was a good choice in the middle of the day. At sunset, there was more surface activity suggesting a popping bug with a fly rod might be something else to try.




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Club Chatter

Fashion Show Fundraiser
 GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club will be having a fashion show and fundraiser on **Saturday, April 15 at 11:30 am.** at the Rotonda West Community Center, 646 Rotonda Circle. Proceeds will benefit the club's projects, as well as The Literacy Center for Dyslexia, located at 695 Old Englewood. Fashions are provided by Off the Wave, 409 W. Dearborn Street. Tickets are \$35, which includes lunch,

dessert, and a mimosa. Purchase tickets by contacting Rachele Adler at **941-697-5303** or email racheleadler22@gmail.com. You can also purchase tickets at Off the Wave or The Literacy Center for Dyslexia. The Literacy Center for Dyslexia provides support and training for both students and teachers.

membership meeting on **Wednesday, April 26, 1:30 to 3:30 pm**, at the Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn Street. The presentation will be on using Family Search. The meeting is free and open to the public. This presentation will also be available via Zoom. Visit www.egsfl.org for more information and the link to register via Zoom.

Englewood Genealogy Society
 The Englewood Genealogy Society will hold its April

Democratic Club Cleans Up
 On March 18th, fourteen



The Englewood Sailing Association continues its mission to instill confidence, character, and community by teaching the skill of sailing to youngsters and adults. The students of ESA's recent Adult Learn to Sail class cheerfully show off their graduation certificates after attending a four-day class at the sailing center at Indian Mound Park on Lemon Bay. The 20 year all-volunteer, not for profit, sailing organization offers classes for youth and adults conducted by experienced members who volunteer their time and expertise in sailing. ESA plans another Adult Learn to Sail class in **November** and will also offer three Learn to Sail Summer Camps for youth, 10-17 years, scheduled in **June** and **July**. Early registration will be accepted now. The ability to swim is the only requirement. For more detailed information, check the website at englewoodsailing.org. Pictured are (L-R) Pamela Coleman, David Costanzo, Edward Keenan, Laura Kouba, Peter Koube, Dave Cruise, Ruth Manners, Elizabeth Baker, ESA President C.H. Ritt, Clint Baker, Alan Fraser, Mansour Khol, Maureen Butler, and Anne Silloway.
 Photo by John Bass.

Englewood Sailing Association is still the non-profit, all volunteer organization which has grown from its humble beginnings of 8 members and 6 boats to the 79 members today and 40 boats. With the mission of building confidence, character, and community through sailing, the organization has seen many changes and improvements over the last 20 years. The latest improvement is due to the donation of a 27 ft. Catalina Sailboat. It allowed Englewood Sailing to offer a Coastal Cruising Course starting April 1st. The club also received the donation of a Boston Whaler power boat this year which will be used as a safety boat. For more information about the organization and courses offered, check the website at englewoodsailing.org



All members who volunteered their time during the year received a new PFD for their contribution. A few volunteers pictured here are L-R Bob Childers, Craig Borton, CH Ritt, President, Mark Bowen, Norm Starr and Hugh Moore.

volunteers from the Englewood Democratic Club joined forces to conduct their regularly scheduled clean-up of Pine Street from Dearborn Street to the Charlotte County line. They bagged eighty-five pounds of trash and twenty-five pounds of recyclables. The Club "adopted" this stretch of Pine Street two years ago. Keeping it clean is one of the many initiatives of the Club and its Environmental Committee. The Club has over 100 members and hosts monthly gatherings for new and old members as well as guests. For more information, please visit englewooddemclub.org/ or email englewooddemclub@gmail.com.

Adult Learner Scholarships

The Business and Professional Women of Englewood and Venice is offering Adult Learner Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000. An Adult Learner is a woman who is currently enrolled in or re-entering college or a technical training program. Applicant must identify as

female and be a resident of Charlotte or Sarasota County. Deadline for mailing applications is **April 30, 2023**. Scholarship information and application are on the website: www.bpwev.org.

W. Charlotte Republican Club

The West Charlotte County Republican Club Social meets on the **first Tuesday** of every month at **4:30 pm** at the End Zone Sports Grille, 2440 S. McCall Road. The public is invited.

Garden Club Offers Scholarships

Interested in a scholarship? If you are a sophomore or junior at a Florida college or enrolled in a technical program with a major in landscape design, horticulture, conservation, or environmental studies, then Lemon Bay Garden Club is interested in you. For a scholarship application, contact lemonbaygardenclub1@gmail.com.

Democratic Club Hosts CPR Training

On March 27th, the Englewood Democratic Club hosted 58



HCA Florida Englewood Hospital recently received a very special donation from the Englewood Moose Lodge 1933. Each year, members of the lodge donate more than 600 plush Tommy the Moose dolls to the hospital. The dolls provide children and other patients with comfort during times of stress, uncertainty, or anxiety. Englewood Moose Lodge representative John Bienkowski explained, "It makes it a little easier for the kids and gives them something to hold on to, it seems to calm them. Tommy Moose is an international figure for the Moose Lodge." "We use the Tommy Moose dolls to calm children down or even patients with dementia," said Catherine Bienkowski, John's daughter who works at the hospital as an Emergency Department Registrar. "We are so grateful to the Moose Lodge for their donation of the Moose dolls."

fellow citizens at the Englewood Chamber of Commerce as five members of the Englewood Fire Department Rescue Team delivered an informative, lively refresher course on critical safety issues. Topics included an overview of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), signs of stroke, the Heimlich maneuver, and tips on fire safety in the home. This was a non-partisan free event sponsored by the Englewood Democratic Club where all were welcomed. For information on the Englewood Democratic Club, please visit englewooddemclub.org.

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The Englewood Amateur Radio Club (EARS) recently took part in a nationwide communications exercise called "The Winter Field Day." There were three stations in operation, using single sideband, Morse code, and various digital communications modes, and they also experimented tracking amateur radio communications satellites as they passed overhead. They even had a kite supporting an antenna, getting it up higher to support various "line-of-sight" communications modes. Although the Winter Field Day is not intended to be a competition, the clubs are ranked and in the off-the-grid winter environment, the club contacted 182 other ham stations on three continents. There were 4,996 Winter Field Day reports and EARS score was 223rd on that list. Pictured here are (l-r): Doug Vanderlaan-K8RFT, Jon Pelland-W1JP, Bob McAlister-KN4RKC, Bill Dolan-W2CWL, and Jim Grimes-KD8OCW.

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Keeping Up with KIDS

Garden Crafting

Cedar Point Environmental Park presents Evergreen Saturdays Garden Crafting for kids ages 6 to 10 on Saturday, April 8, 9 am to noon. Kids will learn how a garden is planted and maintained, and design & build

garden crafts with friends. \$20 per child. To register, email Mel@CHECFlorida.org or call 941•475•0769. Cedar Point is located at 2300 Placida Road.

Easter Egg Hunt
Englewood United Methodist

Church is hosting their annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 8** starting at **10 am**. There will be games, bounce houses, music, food, crafts, and a spectacular Egg Hunt for children 11 years old and younger. Registration begins at **9 am**. Bring your empty basket and join the festive event at 700 E. Dearborn Street. You can register online at www.Englewoodumc.net/events/ or call the church office at **941•474•5588, ext. 258**.

Hippity Hoppity Event
Drive through the Centennial Park baseball fields parking lot, located at 1185 Centennial Blvd., Port Charlotte, from **9-11 am, Saturday, April 8**, to see the Easter Bunny and other characters, receive bags filled with Easter eggs, and have a chance to win one of many golden eggs that can be redeemed for special prizes. Additional stations will be in the Easter themed park drive-through course where sponsors from the community will be handing out other Easter related items and treats as well. This is a free event. For information, contact Antwan Allen at **941•627•1074** or Antwan. Allen@charlottecountyfl.gov.

LBHS Presents "Sweeney Todd"
Lemon Bay High School Theatre Troupe 0257 completes its 22-23 season with Stephen Sondheim's Dark Comedy Thriller, "Sweeney Todd", coming to the Lemon Bay Performing Arts Center at Lemon Bay High School, 2201 Placida Road, on **April 13 – 15**. Sweeney Todd has become a bloody, worldwide success



If you asked people what Florida's biggest income producer is, you would probably hear tourism but right up there alongside is agriculture. Introducing kids to agriculture and horticulture is part of the curriculum at Englewood Elementary School and recently students participated in the revitalization and replanting of the school garden. At the invitation of teacher Mary Sanchez, Ian Wolinsky, aka "The Gourmet Gardener", visited to help oversee the planting of a warm season garden. Students from all grades participated in amending the soil and planting vegetables and herbs using the square foot method. Students would also pick an Everglades tomato from existing vines and plant the seeds to watch it germinate and grow at home. A volunteer Master Gardener will provide advice as the garden matures. Teachers will incorporate lessons based on gardening using math, science, and social studies. This gardening endeavor is made possible by donations of supplies and plants by the Master Gardeners of Sarasota County, GoMulch, Joyce Colmer of the Dearborn Street Market, and Ian Wolinsky. A solar unit to power the irrigation system is on their wish list. Ian Wolinsky is an expert in Sustainable Agriculture and is passionate about teaching kids and adults about where food comes from and instilling a desire for sustainable agriculture. He has overseen similar school programs in Broward County. You can find him at his gardening booth at the Dearborn Street Farmers Market and he is eager to share his knowledge. Learn more about him at www.thegourmetgardeners.org.



Art Center Sarasota is once again encouraging young children and teens to set their inner artists free at its summertime art camps. The ten weekly sessions run **May 30 to August 4**. Creative Kids serves children, ages 6 to 10; Emerging Arts is for aspiring artists, ages 11 to 15. The camps are **Mondays through Fridays, 9:30 am to 3 pm**, at Art Center Sarasota, 707 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. Fees are \$250 per week for Art Center Sarasota members with a family membership; \$300 per week for non-members. Art supplies are included; participants will also receive a free art camp t-shirt. Sibling discounts and scholarships are available upon request. For more information about Art Center Sarasota's summer art camps, visit www.artsarasota.org or call **941-365-2032**.

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and has now been adapted for high school performers in the Sweeney Todd School Edition. An infamous tale, Sweeney Todd, an unjustly exiled barber returns to nineteenth-century London, seeking vengeance against the lecherous judge who framed him and ravaged his young wife. The road to revenge leads Todd to Mrs. Lovett, a resourceful proprietress of a failing pie shop, above which he opens a new barber practice. Mrs. Lovett's luck sharply shifts when Todd's thirst for blood inspires the integration of an ingredient into her meat pies that has the people of London lining up... and the carnage has only just begun! Viewer discretion is advised. Show times are as follows: **Thursday, April 13 at 7 pm, Friday, April 14 at 7 pm, and Saturday, April 15 at 1 pm and 7:30 pm.** Tickets are \$20. The box office will be open one hour prior to each performance. Tickets can also be purchased at www.showtix4u.com/event-details/70101.

Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead
Kids ages 7 to 12 are invited to come to the Englewood Charlotte Library for a full hour of S.T.E.A.M.-tastic fun

on the **second Friday of the month from 4:30 to 5:30 pm.** Explore new concepts in science, technology, engineering, art, and math. The next S.T.E.A.M. event is **Friday, April 14.** Registration required online at <https://charlottefl.ent.sirsi.net> or call **941-681-3736.** The library is located at 3450 N. Access Road.

Youth Bike Safety Event
Gear up for the Youth Bike Safety Event scheduled for **Saturday, April 15, 8 am to noon,** at Port Charlotte High School, 18200 Cochran Blvd., Port Charlotte. The free event will include equipment giveaways, refreshments, raffles, and a bike rodeo. The Charlotte County Sheriff's Office will participate, along with Charlotte County Public Schools and the Punta Gorda Police Department.

Suncoast Remake Learning Days
Charlotte County Libraries will be participating in Suncoast Remake Learning Days, a 10-day festival of free, hands-on learning events for children and families from **Friday, April 21 through Sunday, April 30.** Suncoast Remake Learning Days events are designed to be hands-



April Fool's Day is often celebrated with practical jokes and hoaxes, but in the Girl Scout tradition of doing good deeds, Juniors and Cadettes from Troop 617 of Englewood recently commemorated the day with community service, making special cupcakes for the clients of Englewood Meals on Wheels. With the help of volunteer Catalina DeOcampo Bakas, 15 girls, who are in grades four through seven, decorated more than 200 cupcakes to look like corn on the cob, spaghetti and meatballs, peas and carrots, and more. Pictured in front of Meals on Wheels volunteers are, from left, Samantha M, Abigail C, Rylee H, and Arabella Z. The troop, led by Nicole Hopkins and Pam Cataloni, meets at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Local Girl Scouts have been making cupcakes periodically for Meals on Wheels since 2012.

on, relevant, and engaging educational experiences for youth (Pre-K through high school) and their families, caregivers, and

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educators. The events are free. In addition, there are professional development sessions for school, out-of-school, childcare, and nontraditional educators. The following events are being offered. Earth Day Celebration on **Saturday, April 22, 11 am to 1 pm**, at the Port Charlotte Library, 2280 Aaron Street, Port Charlotte, features interactive S.T.E.A.M. activities. Explore the Library on **Wednesday, April 26, 4 to 6 pm**, at the Punta Gorda Charlotte Library, 401 Shreve Street, Punta Gorda, includes a scavenger hunt, Makerspace, and video games. Art for All Ages: **Saturday, April 29, 10 am to 1 pm**, at the Port Charlotte Library where you will celebrate art in all forms. Website: charlottefl.ent.sirsi.net.

Multi-Sensory Earth Day
This Earth Day, engage with nature using all your senses. Selby Gardens at Historic Spanish Point Campus is offering fun, hands-on learning activities for all ages on **Saturday, April 22, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm**, as part of Suncoast Remake Learning Days. Explore your

senses through stations like a “guess the scent” challenge, a color change experiment, and more. There will be a plant scavenger hunt, make-and-take craft, and a butterfly house. The event is free and open to the public. No registration needed. Historic Spanish Point is located at 401 N. Tamiami Trail, Osprey. For more information, call **941-366-5731**.

Family Art Day
Bring the whole family and participate in free art projects led by professional artists on **Saturday, April 22, 9 am to noon**, at Creative Liberties Artist Studios and Gallery, 927 N. Lime Avenue, Sarasota. This month enjoy creating art with mosaic/ assemblage/acrylic artist Traci Kegerreis. Learn more at www.creativeliberties.net.

Swimming Lessons
Learn-to-swim lessons for all ages are being offered at the Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park pool, 7001 San Casa Drive. Classes are held **Tuesday through Friday** for two weeks with eight half-hour lessons for only \$45. Upcoming sessions are **April 24-May 4** and **May 15-25**. Ages six months to

adult. Scholarships available. Call **941-681-3743** for more information or visit www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov/pools.

Swimming Lessons at the YMCA
Learn to swim at the Englewood YMCA, 701 Medical Blvd. Swim lessons are available for children ages six months to 12 years old. The next session of classes starts the week of **April 24th**. Member cost is \$80; non-member is \$160. For more information, contact the YMCA at **941-475-1234** or online at <https://bit.ly/3lsxTGO>.

Cedar Point Summer Camp
Cedar Point Environmental Park invites kids, ages 6 to 10, to join them for summer camp, **July 10 through August 4**. Camp is in session **Monday – Friday, 9am to 3pm**, and kids will embark on a new adventure each week with a field trip, outdoor excursions, water activities, crafts, games, and more. **July 10 – July 14:** The Wild, Wild West Florida. Become a young master naturalist through wilderness skills. **July 17 – July 21:** Hey, Now You’re an Allstar! From the stars of the sea to the stars of the sky, explore Florida’s

aquatic creatures and learn all about star navigation. **July 24 – July 28:** Build Your Own Pollinator Garden. Learn the fundamentals of gardening from various pollinators’ perspectives. **July 31 – August 4:** Fossilized Stone Age. Go back in time to explore Florida’s ancient tales, fossilized dinosaur bones, and more. Program fee is \$150/week per child. Pre-care is offered **8 to 9 am** and post-care between **3 to 4 pm**. To register, contact Mel@checFlorida.org or call **941-475-0769**. Cedar Point is located at 2300 Placida Road.

Lemon Drops Theater Camp
Lemon Bay Playhouse will be holding The Lemon Drops Children’s Theater Camp this summer, **July 10-July 29, from 9 am to noon, Monday through Friday**. The three-week camp, led by Cheryl Hastings, will include developing acting skills through team building exercises, theater games, improvisations, arts and crafts, and rehearsals. All campers will have a role in the play “The Nightly News Nightmare”, to be presented the evenings of **July 28 & 29**. The camp is limited to 21 students ages 8 to 14. If a

child has been a camper before and “aged out”, they may still enroll. The cost is \$210 per camper. Scholarships available. Applications can be found at www.lemonbayplayhouse.com or picked up at the box office, 96 W. Dearborn Street, **weekdays 10 am to 2 pm**.

Opera Summer Camp
Sarasota Youth Opera invites young people between the ages of 8 and 18 to explore the exciting world of opera through its annual Summer Camp. Led by a team of season professionals, the camp runs on weekdays from **June 12 to June 23** from **10 am to 4 pm** with a one or two-week session available for children aged 8 to 10. The camp takes place at the Sarasota Opera House, located at 61 N. Pineapple Avenue, Sarasota. Tuition fees vary according to age and session with tuition assistance available. The program is designed for all skill levels with no audition required. The registration deadline is **Monday, May 15th**.

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Calendar *at a Glance*

These are the shortened calendar events that were added to our website www.Englewoodreview.com as of Friday, March 31. They represent events from April 7 – April 30. For the most up-to-date listings and to read about these events in full detail, visit our online calendar. All listings in our "Calendar At A Glance" must be entered on our website. Click on Calendar and fill out Event Submission Form.

PLEASE NOTE: POSTED EVENTS MUST BE OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

FRIDAY APRIL 7

Good Friday Service Faith Lutheran Church, 551 Rotonda Blvd. W., Rotonda, 6PM, 941-697-3313

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Gulf Cove United Methodist Church, 1100 S. McCall Road 6-7PM, 941-697-1747 gulfcoveumc@gmail.com

SAT APRIL 8

American Bombshell Concert

A modern day twist on the Andrews Sisters. American Legion Post 113, 3436 Indiana Rd., Rotonda, 1-3PM. Open to the public, \$20 donation (cash only). For info/reservations 941-697-3616

SUN APRIL 9

FC BLAST Youth Bible Study

Fellowship Church, call for location, 4:30-6:30PM 941-475-7447 dina@fellowshipenglewood.com

FC YFF/& BLAST KIDS

Fellowship Church Young Families Fellowship at Rotonda Park, 100 Rotonda Blvd. E. 4:30-6:30PM 941-475-7447 dina@fellowshipenglewood.com

TUE APRIL 11

Wading Adventures Gasparilla Island State Park, 880 Belcher

Rd, Boca Grande. Explore Charlotte Harbor Estuary, 9:30AM-Noon. Open to all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. Adults \$10, kids 6-11 \$5. RSVP <http://www.bips.org>. 941-964-0060 infoatbips@gmail.com

Health in Motion Bus Elsie Quirk Public Library 12- 4PM, The Health in motion staff will be in the parking lot to provide no-cost health screening and referrals, no appointments needed, 100 W. Dearborn Street.

Friend-to-Friend, Fellowship

Worship Center, 140 Rotonda Blvd. W., 1-3PM 941-475-7447

Englewood Amateur Radio Society

Meeting Englewood Chamber of Commerce, 601 S. Indiana Avenue 7-8:30 PM All are welcome. 941-474-0662 info@Earsradioclub.org

THUR APRIL 13

Wading Adventures Gasparilla Island State Park, 880 Belcher Rd, Boca Grande. Explore Charlotte Harbor Estuary, 9:30AM-Noon. Open to all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. Adults \$10, kids 6-11 \$5. RSVP www.bips.org. 941-964-0060 infoatbips@gmail.com

FRI APRIL 14

Aleshea Harris Presents

Playwright & 2021 Hermitage Greenfield Prize Winner Aleshea Harris at the Jane B. Cook Theater (FSU Asolo Center for Performing Arts), 5555 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. 5:30-6:30PM. Registration required at www.HermitageArtistRetreat.org, \$5 registration fee.

SAT APRIL 15

Sandy Rodriguez: Putting

Sarasota on the Map. Sandy plans to use her commission to create a panoramic exhibition, the centerpiece of which will be a new large-scale map that depicts the southeastern topography and coastline of the U.S. marked by stories of resistance from the colonial period to the present. 2-3PM, registration is required at HermitageArtistRetreat.org (\$5 registration fee). Hermitage Campus, Palm House, 6660 Manasota Key Rd.

Pasta Dinner St Raphael Catholic Church, 770 Kilbourne Ave. 5- 7PM Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Take-outs available. 941-474-9595

Rennie Harris: Street Dance Pioneer. Harris shares insights

into his remarkable career bringing street dance to stages all around the world., 6-7PM. Registration is required at HermitageArtistRetreat.org (\$5/person registration fee). The Hermitage Beach, 6660 Manasota Key Road, Englewood, 941-475-2098

SUN APRIL 16

FC Blast Pool Party at the Ann and Chuck Dever Regional Park Pool from 2-5PM, free water & chips, wear sunscreen and bring a towel. 7001 San Casa Drive, Englewood, 941-475-7447 jen@fellowshipenglewood.com

APRIL 17-20

Boating Safety Course The Englewood Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering a Boating Skills and Seamanship course, on-line via Zoom. The cost of this course is \$45. Go to www.coastguardenglewood.com, click on Safe Boating Classes, and click the Registration link, 908-268-3261

MON APRIL 17

Orchid Society Meeting St David's Episcopal Church 401 S. Broadway 6:30-8:30PM Jamishane06@hotmail.com

TUE APRIL 18

The Brothers Doobie Inspired by the Brothers' superior song writing, The Brothers Doobie delivers powerful harmonies and a fun-filled high-energy performance 7:30-9:30PM at Venice Community Center, 326 Nokomis Ave, Venice, 941-488-1115 www.venicethetre.org

WED APRIL 19

Artist Colony at Pioneer Plaza, 325 Dearborn St. 10AM-3PM browse area artists selling their artwork on the first and third Wednesdays of the month thru April.

THUR APRIL 20

Senior Fellowship Fellowship Church of Englewood 140 Rotonda Blvd. W. 11AM-12PM 941-475-7447 dina@fellowshipenglewood.com

APRIL 21-MAY 7

Graceland a touching comedy about Rootie and Bev, two ardent superfans of Elvis Presley

a generation apart in age. At the Raymond Center, Venice Theatre, 140 Tampa Avenue W. Evenings at 7:30PM, Matinees at 2PM, tickets \$15-\$28.

SAT APRIL 22

Moonlight Movie Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Pool, 7001 San CasaFun for the whole family! Swim under the stars and enjoy watching a movie on a giant screen, 7PM, \$3/person

SUN APRIL 23

FC BLAST Youth Bible Study Fellowship Church, call for location, 4:30-6:30PM 941-475-7447 jen@fellowshipenglewood.com

Teen Improv Troupe Performance

"The Teenyboppers", bring laughter to the community at the Venice Theatre - Pinkerton 7:30-9:30PM, tickets online at www.venicetheatre.org, 941-488-1115

WED APRIL 26

Alzheimer's and Dementia

Caregiver's Support Group, Englewood United Methodist Church, 700 E. Dearborn Street 9-10:30 AM. Meets 4th Wednesday of the month, 941-474-5588

SAT APRIL 29

Shred & Food Drive Event

Englewood Board of Realtors, 9AM-Noon, 3952 N. Access Road, donations of non-perishable food items, baby supplies and cash accepted to benefit St. David's Jubilee Center, 941-474-6664

SUN APRIL 30

50 Years After: A Tribute to the Woodstock Generation Venice Performing Arts Center, One Indian Ave, Venice, 7:30-9:30PM www.venicetheatre.org

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MON & WED

Zumba Fitness with Denise
Rotonda Elks, 303 Rotonda Blvd. E.
9:30 -10:30 AM. \$7 a class.
Bring water. 941-268-8086

MON & THURS

Englewood Community Care Clinic
Mac Horton West County Annex,
6868 San Casa Dr.
5-8PM 941-681-2081

MON, WED & FRI

Hatha Yoga Englewood Sports
Complex, 1300 S. River Rd. 9-10AM
\$5/class 941-861-1980
loverly@scgov.net

Table Tennis Englewood Sports
Complex, 1300 S. River Rd.
\$2 to play 9-11AM 941-861-1980
loverly@scgov.net

St. Francis Food Pantry Drive
through service open to those in
need, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic
Church, 9:15-11:30AM 5265
Placida Road, Grove City
941-697-4899

Dynamic Walk Fitness
Englewood Sports Complex,
1300 S. River Rd. 10:30-11:30AM
\$5/class 941-861-1980
loverly@scgov.net

MON - THURS

Super Kids Martial Arts
Englewood Sports Complex,
1300 S. River Rd. 12 and under
6-7PM, 13 and up 7-8PM
941-258-7254 loverly@scgov.net

MON - FRI

Men's Senior Softball (60+)
Englewood Sports Complex,
1300 S. River Rd. 8-11AM
717-982-8456

MON - SAT

Manasota Beach Yoga
8570 Manasota Key Rd. 8:30AM
All abilities and ages. Bring a
blanket. 941-313-0358
info@katiadietze.com

TUES & THURS

Boogie Chair by LAURENTZ
Englewood Sports Complex,
1300 S. River Rd. 9-10AM
941-237-8983
lalitenors410@gmail.com

Open Play Pickleball
Englewood Sports Complex,
1300 S. River Rd. 10:30AM-12PM
\$2 to play 941-861-1980
loverly@scgov.net

TUES - FRI

Open Play Pickleball
Englewood Sports Complex,
1300 S. River Rd. 12:30-2PM
\$2 to play 941-861-1980
loverly@scgov.net

WED & THURS

**Englewood Helping Hand Food
Pantry** Englewood United
Methodist Church, 700 E. Dearborn
St. 8AM-1PM 941-474-5864

WED & FRI

Immediate Line Dancing American
Legion Post 113, 3436 Indiana Rd.,
Rotonda 9:30-11:30AM. \$5/class
941-697-8733
moraghan@comcast.net

MONDAYS

Zumba with Laurentz
118 Sullivan St., Punta Gorda
10:45-11:45AM 941-237-8983

Spaghetti Dinner
American Legion Post 113,
3436 Indiana Rd., Rotonda W.
5-7PM 941-697-3616

Music Jam Session Indian Mound
Park, 210 Winson Ave. 5-8PM
941-889-8899 rosharo1@hotmail.com

Venetian Harmony Chorus
Christ Lutheran Church, 701 N.
Indiana Ave. 6:30PM. A women's
a cappella chorus meets weekly.
Visitors welcome. 941-525-2376
venetianharmony@yahoo.com

TUESDAYS

Line Dancing Lemon Bay Woman's
Club. 51 N. Maple St, 9:30-11AM,
\$4/class 941-474-9762

Jubilee Center Clothes Closet
401 S. Broadway, Free Clothing
10AM-12PM 941-681-3550

Line Dancing with Eve Rotonda Elks,
303 Rotonda Blvd E., 9:30-11:30PM
\$5/class 941-697-8733
moraghan@comcast.net

Beginner Tai Chi Venice Community
Center, 326 Nokomis Ave., Venice.
10:30-11:30AM 941-492-2167

Fellowship Church Friend-to-Friend,
Fellowship Worship Center,
140 Rotonda Blvd. W., 1-3PM
941-475-7447

Open Mic Garden Party The Open
Studio, 380 Old Englewood Rd.
5:30-8:30PM Musicians/Singers bring
your instruments.
941-473-8977
bonnie@comprocomputers.net

Writers on the Air 12735 US 41,
North Port 5:30-6:30PM
Free Open Mic for writers, poets,
comedians. Sign up 5:30PM. Airst
on 97.5 FM 501C-3, Sundays at
3:04PM. Lschell2@verizon.net,
941-223-1262

WEDNESDAYS

Englewood Car Crazy Englewood
Square Shopping Center,
445 S. Indiana Ave. 8-10AM

TOPS Meeting Englewood United
Methodist Church,
700 E. Dearborn St.
8:00-9:30AM 941-662-8079
overbyathome@gmail.com

Aqua Zumba with April Ann and
Chuck Dever Pool, 6791 San Casa
Dr. 10:15-11:15AM \$7/class
603-620-4027
all4fitness@comcast.net

Grief Share Support Group
Fellowship Church, Worship Center
140 Rotonda Blvd. W. 4-6PM 941-
475-7447

Celebrate Recovery
Fellowship Church of Englewood,
140 Rotonda Blvd. W. 6-8PM
941-475-7447
dina@fellowshipenglewood.com

Wednesday Night Bible Study
Englewood Christian Church,
9600 Gulfstream Blvd.
6-7PM 941-475-4973

THURSDAYS

Farmers Markets W. Dearborn St.
Area, 300 to 500 block of
W. Dearborn St. 9AM-1:00 PM

Zumba Toning with Denise
303 Rotonda Blvd. E., 9:30-10:30AM
\$7 a class. Bring 2 light hand-
weights and water.
941-268-8086

Line Dance Club Christ Lutheran
Church, 701 N. Indiana Ave.
9:30-11:30AM 941-474-6027

Boogie Chair by Laurentz
Centennial Park, 1120 Centennial
Blvd., 11AM-12PM 941-237-8983

Sunset Yoga with Crystal Bowls
Englewood Beach, 2100 N. Beach
Road, 6:45-7:45 PM, donation \$5

FRIDAYS

Boogie Chair By Laurentz
Rotonda Elks, 303 Rotonda
Blvd E., 9-10AM 941-237-8983
lalitenors410@gmail.com

Beginner Tai Chi Christ Lutheran
Church, 701 N. Indiana Ave.
10-11AM 941-492-2167

Lemon Bay Woodcarvers
Community Presbyterian Church
Kastner Hall, 405 S. McCall Rd.
12-3PM 941-473-0626

Jewelry Classes Englewood Arts
Alliance, 452 West Dearborn
Street, 1-4PM, a different wire
related jewelry class each week,
845-242-1869

**Dinner/Music - American Legion
Post 113** 3436 Indiana Rd.,
5-9:30PM 941-697-3616

SATURDAYS

Closet of Hope Gulf Cove United
Methodist Church, 1100 McCall Rd.
9:30AM-12PM 941-697-1747

Zumba Fitness with Denise Lem-
on Bay Woman's Club, 51 North
Maple Street, 9-10AM, \$7/class,
941-268-8086

Cornhole - American Legion Post
113, 3436 Indiana Rd., 12:30PM-
3PM 941-697-3616

Adventures with Needle Felt
Arts Alliance of Lemon Bay,
452 W. Dearborn St., 1-4PM
Reservations req. 412-477-8658

SUNDAYS

Christ Lutheran Church
701 N. Indiana Ave.
9:30AM 941-474-1989
tommaryanne@centurylink.net

Englewood Christian Church
9600 Gulfstream Blvd. Bible Study,
9:15AM; Service, 10:30AM
941-475-4973

Sunday Morning Bible Study
Englewood Christian Church
9600 Gulfstream Blvd.
9:15-10:15AM 941-475-4973

**Englewood United Methodist
Church**, 700 E. Dearborn St.
8AM, 9:30AM, 11AM. Also
available online at
www.englewoodumc.net
941-474-5588

Community Presbyterian Church
405 S. McCall Rd. 10AM First
Sunday Communion, online at
www.cpcenglewood.com
941-474-9579

Faith Lutheran Church Worship
551 Rotonda Blvd. West
Easter Sunrise Service 7AM
Services 8:30AM and 10:30AM.
941-697-3313

Fellowship Church Worship Center,
140 Rotonda Blvd. W. 8:30AM and
10:30AM 941-475-7447

Gulf Cove United Methodist Church
1100 S. McCall Rd.
Easter Sunrise Service 6:45AM
Services 8AM, 9:30AM & 11AM.
Online: www.GulfCoveChurch.com
941-697-1747

Living Hope Church
881 South River Rd. 10AM
941-460-8506

New Vision Church
6401 Sunnybrook Blvd.
10AM 941-475-2906

St. David's Episcopal Church
401 S. Broadway, 9AM
941-474-3140

Gospel Singing Indian Mound Park,
210 Winson Ave. 3-5PM
941-889-8899
rosharo1@hotmail.com

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Englewood Beach, north end

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DOGS at WORK

MEET: Mabel, the shop dog for Waterways Englewood Paddlesports, 501 W. Dearborn Street.

Pedigree and Age: Two-year-old blue tick Coonhound/beagle mix.

Likes: Soft guitar music, kids, and when the AC unit kicks on.

Dislikes: Realistic looking squeaky toys and when Dad leaves to go get coffee in the morning.

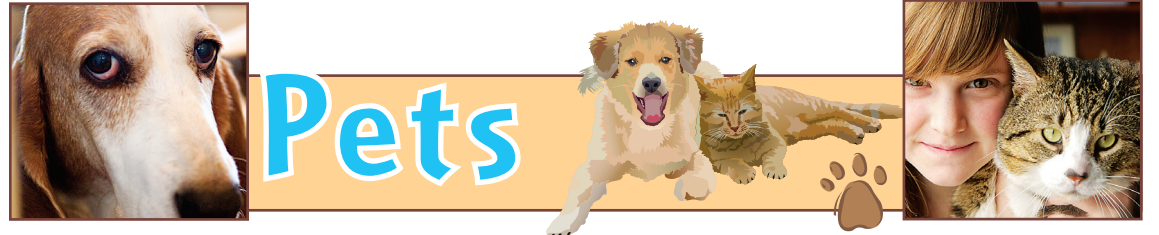
Pet Peeves: Getting my nails trimmed.

Office Jobs: Official mascot and greeter.

How Did You Acquire Your Human? I

found him during the lockdown when he needed me the most.

Owner Remarks: She's actually a child trapped in the body of a dog, and we don't know how to help lift the curse and return her to normal!




SUNCOAST
HUMANE SOCIETY

These are just a few of the many animals waiting for adoption. You can see all of Suncoast Humane Society's adoptable animals by visiting their Website, www.humane.org.

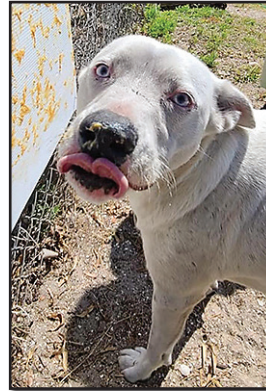
Meet & Greet and Adoption Hours (By appointment only)

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Contact our Adoption Specialists at 941-474-7884 x 419

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Hi, my name is **Bolt**. I must let you know that I love to go for walks, as well as just relax with a person on the couch. I am very happy-go-lucky. I thrive on attention from the people I meet. Give me all the pets and love and I'll melt into your heart.



Hello, I'm **Tilly**. With me patience is a virtue. I am a shy girl while I'm getting used to my new family and surroundings. I will be happiest in a quiet home, spending quality time with you from my distance, while I get my bearings. I enjoy finding a sneaky spot to cuddle up in and take my naps. I would prefer a home that I can do my own thing in. My big eyes and adorable face will surely make you fall in love!



Dog Adoption Event

Suncoast Humane Society will be holding an adoption event on **Saturday, April 8, 10 am to 2 pm**, at Ace Hardware West Villages, 12236 Mercado Drive, Venice. There will be pups looking for their forever homes and rounded up proceeds from purchases will go straight to Suncoast. For more information, call Suncoast Humane Society at **941-474-7884**.

Dog Gone Egg Hunt

Dog owners are invited to bring their furry friends and a basket to hunt for treat-filled eggs together on **Wednesday, April 12, 5:30 pm**, at the Canine Club Dog Park, 6442 Appomattox Drive, North Port. When your pup touches an egg with its nose, into your basket it goes. All dogs in attendance must be with their owner on a leash and have up-to-date vaccinations to hunt for dog-approved treat-filled eggs. Admission and parking are free. Don't forget to bring your dog a basket. For more information, call **941-429-7275, option 2**.

Heartworm Disease – Take It Seriously

Suncoast Humane Society wants to educate the public about Heartworm Disease and why prevention medication is important, year-round. Heartworm Disease is serious and results in severe lung and heart failure, other organ damage, and death in mainly dogs, cats, and ferrets. It is caused by a parasitic worm that spreads through the bite of a mosquito. The worms mature into adults, mate, and produce offspring while living inside a dog. Dogs go through excruciating pain. Heartworm preventives work by treating heartworms that already infected the pet within the past month or longer; meanwhile, preventatives need to be given on time, every time to be effective. That's why the American Heartworm Society recommends year-round heartworm prevention for pets. Treatment is both expensive and complex. Suncoast Humane Society does offer heartworm treatment options and heartworm prevention medications. To schedule an appointment, call **941-474-7884, ext. 415**.



EARS
Englewood Animal
Rescue Sanctuary

Ask how you can become a foster home for EARS. To see all the EARS animals, visit us at 500 N. Indiana Ave. (SR776), or visit Petfinder.com, or EarsAnimalRescue.com. For information, call 941-681-3877.

Adoptions events are at EARS Tuesday thru Saturday, 10a.m.-3:00p.m.

All of EARS pets are spayed or neutered, vaccinated and micro-chipped in your name.

Animal Rescue & Pet Food Store

500 N. Indiana Ave. • 681-3877 (FURR)

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 10am - 3pm

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Bobbi Austin

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Adam is a handsome gray neutered male kitten who is only 11 months old. He has sleek gray fur and a wonderful playful personality.

EARS Animal Rescue's Thrift Store Has Moved!

Our new home is at **280 S McCall Road**

Monday through Saturday, 10am to 3pm PH: 941-460-6757

Donations of clothes and housewares are needed to help the EARS animals.

EARS Animal Rescue's Thrift Store is the shelter's main source of income. We are a 501c3 non-profit organization, so any donation is tax deductible.



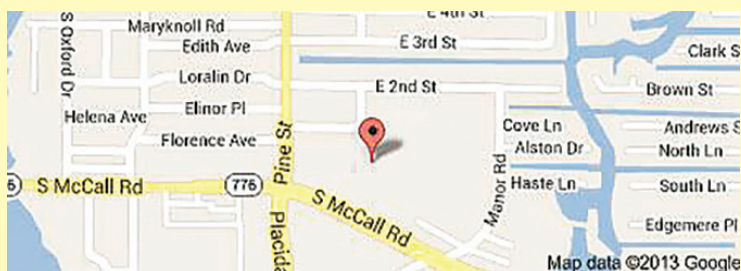


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