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Dixie Shamp shows off the mangrove snapper she caught at the Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary Club's Annual Fish-a-thon on September 18. The event was held at the Anger Fishing Pier. More than 50 children participated. Prizes, gift cards and subs were given to all of the children at the free event.

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Around the Town



Tickets are on sale now for the Florida International Air Show, which is returning to Punta Gorda on **Saturday & Sunday, October 16 & 17**. Gates open both days at **9am** and the show takes to the skies at **noon**. Performers include the F-16 Viper Demo Team, Patty Wagstaff, U.S. Special Operations Command Parachute Team, CheffPitts, SBD Dauntless "Lady in Blue", and FG1D Corsair. Tickets are \$25 adult; child ages 2 to 12 \$5; Veteran/Military \$20; Senior \$20; and Family Pack \$50. To see the complete show line-up and purchase tickets, visit www.floridaairshow.com. The event takes place at the Punta Gorda Airport, Challenger Blvd., Punta Gorda. Performer Patti Wagstaff is pictured here.

Cruisin' on Dearborn

In spite of the construction on W. Dearborn Street, *Cruisin' on Dearborn* is still happening. Hundreds of cars and car lovers converge on Dearborn Street for this monthly car show on the first Saturday of the month which is **Saturday, October 2** and runs from **2 to 8pm**. Enjoy music to cruise by and music trivia sponsored by the Old Englewood Village Association. Don't forget to get your raffle tickets for prizes. Free admission and many shops and dining establishments remain open.

First Monday Supper

Gulf Cove United Methodist Church is offering free carry-out dinners on the first Monday of every month. The **October 4th** menu includes pork chops, rice, green beans, and dessert. Dinners can be picked up on **Monday, October 4, between 3:30 and 5:30pm**. You can reserve a meal thru the link on the church's homepage, <https://GulfCoveChurch.com>. You can also reserve a meal by emailing GulfCoveUMC@gmail.com, or calling **697-1747** on **Monday to Thursday, 9am to noon**. Although the meals are free, donations are appreciated. Gulf Cove UMC is located at 1100 S. McCall Road.

Farmers Markets Reopen

It's October and that means Englewood Farmers Markets are opening for another season of providing fresh produce, bakery goods and other culinary delights, clothing, artistic creations, and much more **every Thursday from 9am to 2pm**. The season starts on **Thursday, October 7** in the downtown W. Dearborn Street area. Don't worry – detours will direct you around the W. Dearborn Street Improvement Project construction. The various farmers markets will be in their usual spots, except for the original Englewood Farmers Market that is now located at the corner of W. Dearborn and N. Mango Street (due to construction at the Dearborn Street Plaza). The original Englewood Farmers Market is now under the management of the Rotary Club of Englewood Sunset. Be sure to include visits to the downtown merchants in your shopping excursion.

SHINE Open Enrollment

Counselors from SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) are available to assist with Medicare enrollment on **Thursday, October 7** from **10:30am to noon** at the Englewood Charlotte Library,

3450 N. Access Road. SHINE is a free program offered by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and your local Area Agency on Aging. Join them for a session about Medicare basics and the importance of enrollment periods. For more information about SHINE, visit www.floridashine.org or call **800-963-5337**.

Free Trust Seminars

Kerry Hunter, Trust Development Officer at Englewood Bank & Trust, has scheduled a trio of complimentary Trust and Investment Management Services seminars for October. The seminars take place on **Thursdays, 10-11:30am**, at the Englewood Florida Chamber of Commerce, 601 South Indiana Ave. **Thursday, October 7: Estate-Planning Basics**, presented with Lori Wellbaum Emery of Wellbaum & Emery, P.A. This seminar will review the basic elements of an estate plan, including last will and testament, power of attorney, and health care directives, focusing on the specifics and benefits of each and the pitfalls to avoid. Also covered are planning tools for non-married couples and couples who have remarried. **Thursday, October 14: Estate-Planning Mistakes to Avoid**, presented with Leslie Lohn of the law office of Leslie Lohn, LLC. "Oops" is not a word anyone wants associated with their estate plans. This seminar 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 and apply. **Thursday, October 21: Becoming a Floridian**, presented with Dean Hanewinckel of the law office of Dean Hanewinckel, P.A. This seminar addresses issues that new state residents need to know and examine the checklist you need to complete to become a Floridian, common problems with other states' documents, and some helpful tips. To register for the free seminars, visit www.Englewoodbank.com or contact Hunter at **473-3629** or khunter@ebtfl.com. Due to limited seating, Hunter is asking attendees to let her know if they plan on bringing additional guests.

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Habitat, Under the Big Top
Join Habitat for Humanity South Sarasota County for an evening filled with delicious food, specialty drinks, and plenty of dancing on **Friday, October 8, 6pm**, at the Plantation Golf & Country Club, 500 Rockley Blvd, Venice. Dress is Vintage Circus. The evening will also feature performances, silent auction, photo booth, and an inspiring message from a future Habitat homeowner. Tickets are \$125 per person. Purchase tickets at habitatsouthsarasota.org.

GPS & Marine Navigation Course

The Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 99, Cape Haze is offering a *GPS For Mariners* in-person boating safety course on **Saturday, October 9**. The 8-hour class will be held at the South Gulf Cove HOA pavilion, 14859 Ingraham Blvd., Port Charlotte, **9am to 5pm**. The course is taught by members who patrol and are very familiar with local waters. The course teaches the skills to read a nautical chart, determine depth of water, location, buoys and marker day and night identification, speed-distance-bearing, and the skills to understand and use GPS equipment to determine your location and as an aid to navigate to and from desired destinations. Participants will learn the concept of using and storing waypoints, routes, and tracks

in GPS equipment. Cost for the class is: \$45 per person, \$60 per couple sharing workbook, and \$15 per middle or high school student. For more information and to register for the class, contact Anne Brengle, Public Education Class Coordinator, at uscgauxflotilla99@gmail.com or cell phone **508-717-2613** (voice or text).

Plant Sale & EdFest

Love gardening and looking to add plants to your collection? The UF/IFAS Extension Master Gardener Volunteers of Sarasota are holding their 15th Annual Plant Sale on **Saturday, October 9** from **8:30am to 3pm**. Come browse the plants, shrubs, trees, palms, herbs, and other varieties for sale, most of which are Florida-friendly. Get free plant and landscape advice. No admission charge. Cash or check payment. The location is UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County, Twin Lakes Park, 6700 Clark Road, Sarasota. Learn more at Sarasota.ifas.ufl.edu/plantsale or call **861-5000**. Note: you need to select a time slot for plant shopping which can be done at www.eventbrite.com/uf-ifas-plant-sale-sarasota.

Cooking Matters in Your Community

Plan to attend a free program at the Englewood Charlotte Library about family nutrition on **Thursday, October 14, 2**

to 3pm. Join staff from the UF/IFAS Extension Family Nutrition Program for a free program where you can learn to cook and shop for your family to make healthy, low-cost, easy, and tasty meals. The library is located at 3450 N. Access Road. For more information, call the library at **681-3736**.

Successful Retirement Planning

WealthBridge Capital Management invites you to attend their three-part financial seminar series, *Financial Strategies for Successful Retirement*, to be held on **Thursdays, October 14, 21, & 28, from 6:30 to 8:30pm**, at SCF Venice, 8000 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice. Their registered Certified Financial Planners will bring you important information regarding financial strategies for successful retirement. The following topics will be discussed: financial basics, retirement income, investments, risk management and estate planning. Tuition is \$89 per household. Limited seating available. To register, go to <https://scf.augusoft.net> and then type 14082 into the class search box. You can also call **272-8484** or email ryan.dunlap@wealthbridgecm.com to take advantage of this educational opportunity!

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Toddler & Preschool Crafts

Pick up a craft kit and discover new art mediums to create crafts at home! Available for pick-up, while supplies last.

Patch A Pumpkin Program

Help raise awareness for children struggling with amblyopia (low vision). Starting Oct. 6, parents can pick up a pumpkin patch kit for their kids to learn about amblyopia and design an eye patch to cover one of their jack-O-lantern's eyes! Pumpkin not included. While supplies last.

Cooking Matters in Your Community

October 14, 2-3p.m.
Join staff from UF/IFAS Extension Family Nutrition Program for a discussion about the importance of a healthy diet, followed by a brief cooking demonstration.

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Sarasota Co. Water Quality Update

Register now for the virtual Sarasota County Water Quality Update on **Monday, October 18, 11am to 12:30pm**, online via Zoom. Hear from experts about the science of water quality, local efforts, and opportunities for action. The event is free but you must register at www.eventbrite.com/e/169503283885 to receive your link and save your spot for this limited-capacity event. Learn more about this event at scgov.net/waterqualitysummit.

Florida Lifestyle Fashion Show

Join the Women's Council of Realtors for their *Living the Florida Lifestyle Fashion Show* on **Wednesday, October 20, 5-8pm** at The Twisted Fork, 2208 El Jobean Rd, Port Charlotte. Proceeds will benefit the Homeless Coalition of Charlotte County. Along with the fashion show, there will be chance and silent auctions for great baskets, designer handbags & sunglasses, wine and dine combinations, and more! Individual tickets are \$60 per person. Contact Sharon Rodgers at **716-7731** for ticket and table information.

C.A.R.E. Lunch & Learn

Join C.A.R.E. on **Thursday, October 21 at noon** for a free *Lunch and Learn about Domestic Violence*. Attendees will hear from domestic violence advocates, Charlotte County Sheriff's office, and legal professions. The luncheon will be held at 6868 San Casa Drive. For more information and to RSVP, call **475-6365** or **639-5499**. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and The Center for Abuse and Rape Emergencies (C.A.R.E.) is asking you to help raise awareness around domestic violence locally. C.A.R.E. provides victim services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other violent crimes in Charlotte County, offering "Help | Healing | Hope" to the local community. For more information visit <https://carefl.org> or call **639-5499**.

NCF New Topics Series

The New College Foundation (NCF) announces the 2021-2022 season of *New Topics*, a six-part lecture series showcasing regional and national speakers from a broad range of disciplines exploring topical issues. The series runs seasonally and will be presented via the Zoom platform

for the first two events. A decision to hold the subsequent lectures in person will be made in December. The first lecture will be *From Competitors to Bromance: Using Science to Understand Male Gorilla Social Behavior* with Dr. Austin Leeds on **Thursday, October 21, at 5:30 pm**. Tickets are \$10, and free for New College students, faculty, staff, and alumni. Registration is required and can be made at ncf.edu/new-topics or by calling the New College events hotline at **487-4888**. Reservations must be made at least 48 hours in advance to allow for processing and receipt email for Zoom link.

Dollars for Mammograms Fundraiser

The Treasure Lanes Board Street Bar & Grill is holding its Third Annual Dollars for Mammograms Fundraiser Corn Hole Tournament on **Saturday, October 23 from noon to 11pm**. Check-in is at **noon** and the tournament starts at **1pm**. There will also be basket raffles with tickets 1 for \$10; 3 for \$25. Pre-register for the tournament for \$25; day of event \$30. For more information, call **625-3930**. Treasure Lanes is located at 1059 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte. Dollars for Mammograms is a nonprofit organization that provides no-cost mammograms to area women and men who are uninsured or under-insured and cannot afford the cost of a mammogram. Visit www.dollarsformammograms.org to learn more.

Walk To Prevent Suicide

Charlotte County will hold its *Out of The Darkness Walk* to bring attention to suicide and prevention on **Saturday, October 23**. Registration begins at **8:30am** in Lashley Park, 100 Nesbit Street, Punta Gorda. The walk is **9:30-11am**. Please join walk chairperson, Amy Vogel, and the hundreds of others who have been touched by suicide and its effects on family and friends. Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the US. Please help ensure mental health is looked upon in equal importance to physical health and bring hope to those affected by suicide. Funds raised from the *Out of the Darkness Walk* help fund research, create educational programs, advocate for public policy, and support survivors of suicide loss. Pre-register at afsp.org/CharlotteCo.

UTC Fall Festival

A Fall Festival will be held at The Mall at University Town Center (UTC), **Saturday & Sunday, October 23 & 24, 11am until 6pm**. The carnival will feature local crafters, community performances, a pet costume contest, face painting, food, beer garden, plus much more. A special fall pageant is scheduled for **Sunday, 11am**, and a trunk or treat event will be held **Sunday, 4pm**. Call **727-674-1464** or Brett@FloridaPenguinProductions.com for more details and information. The mall is located at 140 University Town Center Dr., Sarasota.

FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Change

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) insurance rates are changing. The NFIP is implementing a new phased methodology for rating flood insurance policies, which will affect many flood policies locally. The new methodology will enable the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to deliver rates that are actuarially sound, equitable, easier to understand and better reflect a property's flood risk. New policies, beginning **October 1st**, will be subject to the new rating methodology. Existing policyholders eligible for renewal will be able to take advantage of immediate decreases in their premiums. All remaining policies renewing on or after **April 1, 2022**, will be subject to the new rating methodology. Contact your insurance provider to find out



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Sarasota County Penny Sales Tax

The Sarasota County Surtax Advisory Task Force is hosting public input meetings to welcome community feedback on the future of the Penny Sales Tax, which currently funds public safety, transportation, school priorities and other local improvements. Projects include roadway resurfacing, school renovations and new school construction, water quality improvements, sidewalk construction, park and athletic field improvements, library renovations and new library construction, neighborhood improvements, sewer and utility system improvements, and public safety enhancements, which includes fire station construction. Feedback is vital in selecting future projects to address the needs of the community. The current Penny Sales Tax will be up for an extension next year on November 8, 2022. For Englewood residents, the closest public input meeting is at the William H. Jervy Jr. Venice Public Library, 300 Nokomis Ave. S, Venice, on **Thursday, October 28, 6 to 7pm**. Learn more about the history of the Sarasota County Penny Tax and previous projects completed through tax revenues by visiting sarasotacountysurtax.net.

Tropical Nights

Please save the date for the 25th Annual Tropical Nights, the annual Englewood YMCA fundraising event to support the children & families scholarship fund and programming at the Englewood YMCA. This year's event will be held on **Saturday, November 6 at 5pm** at the Palm Island Resort. Enjoy dinner, dancing, and music. There will be a live and silent auction. Cost is \$225 per person. To purchase tickets or for sponsorship opportunities, visit <https://www.ymcaswfl.org/events/tropical-nights-2021>.

Mullet Fest

The date for the Hancock Grills Second Annual Mullet Fest, a family fun day revolving around mullet, is **Saturday, December 4** at the Charlotte County Fairgrounds, 2333 El Jobean Road, Pt. Charlotte. Activities include a mullet smoke-off competition, mullet hair

competition, cast net throwing contest, live music by local musicians, food & drinks, and much more. The event benefits Lemon Bay Conservancy. For more information, visit www.Englewoodmulletfest.com. Interested in being a vendor? Email kori@hancockgrills.com.

Got Gardening Questions?

Charlotte County Master Gardeners are awaiting your questions about gardening in Florida on **Tuesdays, from 10am to noon**, at the Englewood Charlotte Library, 3450 N. Access Road. From tree & shrub care to lawn care, pest & disease solutions, plants, and learning about Florida-Friendly gardening, get solutions for your gardening issues at no cost. For more information, call the library at **681•3736**.

Beach & Shores Advisory Committee Vacancy

The Charlotte County Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee is searching for one volunteer who resides in Charlotte County to fill the at-large vacancy and the unexpired term of Ed Hill. The term is effective immediately and expires Dec. 31, 2022. For information or to obtain an application, email Claudia.Mayo@CharlotteCountyFL.gov.

COVID Vaccines Available

DOH (Department of Health) Sarasota is offering Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 vaccines and have added Pfizer booster vaccines on **Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:30am - 6 pm, and Tuesday and Friday, 8:30am - 4pm**, at the 2200 Ringling Blvd location in Sarasota. Vaccines are also offered **Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 4 pm** at the North Port location, 6950 Outreach Way. Stay up-to-date on vaccine hours and everything COVID-19 by calling **861•5000** or visiting SarasotaHealth.org.

Historical Advisory Committee Vacancies

The Historical Advisory Committee is seeking two volunteers who must be permanent residents of Charlotte County who are interested in preserving the history of Charlotte County. The position calls for these members to serve from different Charlotte County historical organizations. The terms are three years and will be staggered to be

in compliance with Ord. No. 2004-045, Sec. 1-11-69. The HAC's functions, powers and duties include: To evaluate and make recommendations about where historical markers should be established; To review development and construction projects of historical significance; To provide input on potential historic districts; To provide input on historical programs and outreach efforts; To make recommendations on establishing an archives/collection program; To raise funds to preserve historical structures and amenities; To provide recommendations to the board on issues relating to those duties specified above or other duties assigned by the board; and To review and provide input on the capital improvement budget. For information, please contact Morgan.Cook@CharlotteCountyFL.gov.

Caring & Sharing

Annual Grocery Benefit

Tickets for the 20th Annual Grocery Benefit for Dollars for Mammograms, Inc., are now available. There will be three \$350 grocery gift card winners. The drawing is **Monday, November 22** and the winners need not be present to win. Tickets are six for \$5 or eighteen tickets for \$10. Proceeds will benefit Dollars for Mammograms, a non-profit organization, that provides free mammograms to women and men who are unable to afford them. Tickets may be purchased at Key Agency, Inc., Short Stop Printing, RAVE, Key Realty, Grande Aire, Ivy's on Dearborn, Lickity Split Café, Michael Saunders (Irene Slattery), Mike Douglas Plumbing, Rumors Wine Bar, Stevens the Florist South, and Xpertech Auto Repair, Inc. You can also purchase tickets by mailing a check, payable to Dollars for Mammograms, Inc., PO Box 366, Englewood, FL 34295-0366. Your ticket stubs will be filled out and put in the barrel, so enclose your full name, telephone number and email address.

October Blood Drives

The OneBlood "Big Red Bus" blood drive schedule has been published for October in the Englewood area. Make an appointment today to visit the Big Red Bus as blood supplies are low and greatly needed. Donors are requested to visit www.oneblood.org to schedule

an appointment. Please note that blood drives are subject to change at any time. **Saturday, October 2, 10am to 4pm**: Pet Supermarket, 1951 S. McCall Road. **Monday, October 4, 10am to 4pm**: Bealls Outlet, 425 S. Indiana Avenue. **Thursday, October 7, 10am to 4pm**: Englewood Charlotte Library, 3450 N. Access Road. **Friday, October 8, 10am to 4pm**: Bealls, 1500 Placida Road. **Wednesday, October 20, 10am to 4pm**: Winn Dixie Palm Plaza, 1951 S. McCall Road. **Friday, October 22, 10am to 4pm**: Gulf Coast Hardware, 975 S. McCall Road.

Wreath Sponsors Needed

Gulf Pines Memorial Park, an official Wreaths Across America (WAA) location, will host a wreath-laying ceremony, joining more than 2,500 other locations across the country for National Wreaths Across America Day on **Saturday, December 18 at noon**. Coordinated and led by local volunteers, they are currently raising funds to sponsor the placement of 1,350 veterans' wreaths on the headstones of the fallen service members laid to rest in Englewood. This annual event seeks to further the WAA mission of Remember, Honor, Teach, ensuring that the memory of those who served this country endures. To sponsor a wreath, please stop by the Englewood Chamber of Commerce, 601 S. Indiana Avenue or Gulf Pines Memorial Park, 2401 Englewood Road. You may also reach out to Holly Coleman at **474•2413** or Catalina Bakas at **207•752•7797** for sponsorship or volunteer opportunities.

Sports

Sandbar Half Marathon/5K

The YMCA of SW Florida is hosting its annual half marathon, the Sandbar Half Marathon/5K, on **Saturday, October 9**. Runners will enjoy a race route without many turns and a large amount of shade canopy on Manasota Key. You can also participate virtually. Half Marathon start time: **7am**; 5K start is **7:15am**. The race start/stop is the SandBar Tiki & Grille, 1975 Beach Road. For more information and fees, go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/EnglewoodYMCA5k>.

New Hours at Ann & Chuck Dever Park

Charlotte County Community

Services has revised its facility operating hours. New hours for Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park Pool are **Monday through Friday: Lap swim 9am to 7:30pm**, Recreational Swim **10am to 6pm**, and Water Aerobics **9 to 10am**. The pool is open **Saturday 11am to 6pm**, and **closed Sunday**. The Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park Recreation Center will be open **Monday through Friday, 9am to 5pm; Saturday, 10am to 2pm**, and **closed Sunday**. The Tringali Park Recreation Center is **closed** until further notice. For more information, call **681•3760**.

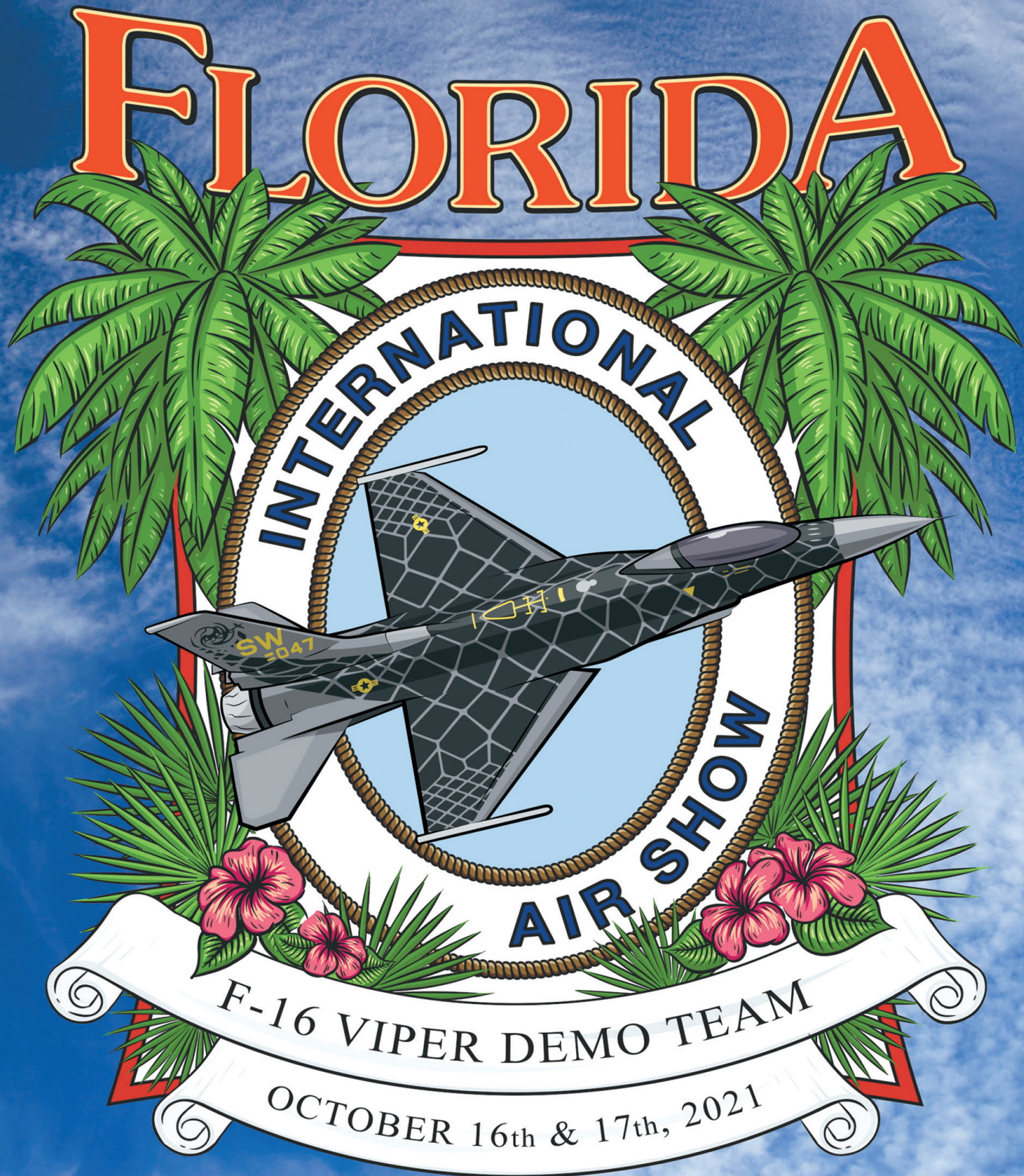
Trick or Trot 5K

Trail Run

Spots are filling up fast for the Subway Zoomer Trick or Trot 5K Trail Run on **Saturday, October 16 at 8am**. Come join fellow ghouls & goblins in this Halloween-themed (costumes encouraged!) 5K trail run through Ann & Chuck Dever Park, 6961 San Casa Drive. Finishers medals for all runners. Fee is \$40 and online registration closes **Wednesday, October 13**. Proceeds benefit The Zoomers Scholarship Fund, Suncoast Humane Society, and Middle/High School Athletics. Register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/Englewood/TrickorTrot5KTrailRun>.

Tour de North Port

Register now for "It's the Green Pumpkin!" 11th Annual Tour de North Port on **Sunday, October 24**. This fun, organized on-road scenic bike ride offers routes of 15, 35, or 65 miles that travel through some of North Port's most beautiful, natural settings featuring the Florida pine flatwoods and the parks that border the Myakkahatchee Creek, with each route having its own color-coded road markings. This is not a race! Breakfast, lunch, and fully stocked rest stops with homemade snacks, and full mobile SAG (support & gear) are included in your registration. Pre-registration cost online by **Friday, October 22** is \$50; race day is \$55. First 400 to register receive a free ride t-shirt and goodie bag. Doors open at **7am** for check-in & breakfast with group starts beginning at **8am**. Start and end location is Imagine School, 2757 Sycamore Street, North Port. For more information & registration, visit www.peoplefortrees.com.



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Hermitage Beach Program

The Hermitage Artist Retreat has announced a new beach program, *Finding Resonance: The Vibrations of Art, Poetry, and Theater*, set for **Friday, October 8 at 6pm** on the Hermitage Beach, 6660 Manasota Key Road. Three Hermitage Fellows – poet Lynnell Edwards, visual artist Nathaniel Donnett, and theater-maker Shayok Misha Chowdhury – share their latest work and discuss the forces that inform their art and cross-disciplinary practices. There is a \$5 registration fee per person, and you can register at hermitageartistretreat.org. Capacity will be limited. Bring your own beach seating. CDC guidelines are followed with social distanced spaces and audience members are required to wear masks at check-in and throughout the program.

Vanya, Sonia, Masha & Spike

Spend a weekend with *Vanya, Sonia, Masha, and Spike* when Charlotte Players present this winner of the 2013 Tony Award for Best Play **Friday, October 8 through Sunday, October 17**. The comedy concerns Vanya and his sister Sonia, who live in a quiet farmhouse in Pennsylvania. Their peace is suddenly disturbed when their movie star sister Masha returns unannounced with her 20-something boy toy Spike. So begins a weekend of rivalry, regret, and raucousness. Show

The Sea Grape Gallery will be featuring two of their artists **Thursday, October 7-Thursday, November 4**. Susan Krasny always has had a love for art. After retiring to Florida, Susan began traveling to art workshops all over the world and those memories are recreated in her work. Susan's palette knife creates texture and layers of color, while her acrylic painting includes playful elements with luminous paint and texture. Her whimsical collages incorporate handmade paper, shells, and other objects. Marlene Jones working with clay, creating beautiful pottery and ceramic art in the 1960s. Recently, Marlene is focusing on creating unique and one-of-a-kind horsehair pottery. Memorial pieces are lovingly created with hairs from a client's beloved horse. The October guest artist is Birgit Tode, a resin artist, who loves to create textured artwork by adding glass, fibers, wood, feathers, or stones into each piece. Birgit's beautiful and unique resin artwork can be viewed on Sea Grape's website at www.seagrapegallery.com. The Sea Grape Gallery is located at 113 W. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda. Hours: **Tuesday-Friday, 10am-4pm**. For more information, call **575-1718**.



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Artist Series Concerts of Sarasota opens its 2021-22 Soiree Series with "Double Reeds Unite," a celebration of the unique sounds and versatility of the oboe and bassoon, featuring oboist Jonathan Gentry and bassoonist Fernando Traba, both principal musicians with the Sarasota Orchestra; and pianist Joseph Holt. The program includes the "Concert Fantasy on Semiramide" by Rossini by Charles Louis Triébert and Eugène Louis-Marie Jancourt, Poulenc's "Trio for Piano, Oboe and Bassoon, and The Wildflower Trio," composer Jenni Brandon's tribute to the beauty and resilience of native plants and to the environmental work of Lady Bird Johnson. Performances take place on **Sunday, October 17, 3 pm**, and **Monday, October 18, 7 pm**, in the music room of the one-of-a-kind Fischer-Weisenborne residence, 7459 Cabbage Palm Ct., Sarasota. Refreshments will be served following each performance. Tickets are \$54 and are available online at www.ArtistSeriesConcerts.org or by calling **306•1202**. Photo: Jonathan Gentry, oboist.

season's program includes such diverse favorites as "Mozart's Magic Flute Overture," "Tchaikovsky's Eugene Onegin Waltz," "Verdi's Triumphal March" from Aida, Harold Arlen's "Over the Rainbow," Dave Brubeck's "Take Five," and more. Reserved seat tickets are \$20 to \$55; \$5 student tickets are available at the door with current student ID. Tickets are available online at www.ArtistSeriesConcerts.org or by calling **306•1202**.

Throwback to the 50s

Take a step back in time as Fishermen's Village features live music in all three sections of the Village on **Saturday, October 9**, from **noon to 4pm**. Musicians will perform your favorites from the 50s, 60s, & 70s. Performers to be featured include Jayar Mack Trio, Legends Band, and CJ & Pearl. Fishermen's Village is located at 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda. Visit www.fishville.com.

Fiction Writers Group

Interested in writing fiction and want to learn more? Join library volunteer Tammie for a discussion about writing fiction on the **second and fourth Saturday of each month** at the Englewood Charlotte Library, 3450 N. Access Road. The group meets from **10:45am to 1pm**. October dates are **October 9 and 23**. The group is free. For more information, please contact Tammie Diehl at tamiamifl@comcast.net.

Don't Look Down

Sarasota's innovative chamber music ensemble, (enSRQ), launches its sixth season with a return to live performance in "Don't Look Down," featuring three works by three young American composers. The concert features Yaz Lancaster's ethereal and reflective "Sequoia." Pianist Conor Hanick returns with the second-ever performance of Chris Cerrone's poignant work, "Don't Look Down," for percussion quartet and piano (named one of The New York Times' Best Pieces of 2020). And, two years in the making, Max Grafe's "Shadow Theatre," composed specifically for enSRQ's artistic directors and founders, George Nickson and Samantha Bennett, and for pianist Hanick, will receive its world premiere. The mainstage



The Englewood Art Center (EAC), a division of Ringling College of Art and Design, currently has exhibitions open to the public in all the EAC galleries. In the Loranger Gallery, the exhibition entitled "Anything Goes" invited local artists to enter artwork created in any medium or style and depicting any subject matter. "Anything Goes" will be open to the public until **Friday, October 22**. The Mitchell Gallery features an exhibition of paintings by the artist David Fithian entitled "Coastal Encounters." David has been a studio artist for decades while also writing, teaching, and curating throughout his arts career. In the Mangrove Gallery, the sculptural work of local artist Julie Randall is on display. Julie manifests her elaborate figures and forms using locally harvested, natural materials. The Members Gallery presents colorful and inspiring artwork from the Summer Young Artists Studios at EAC. These exhibitions will be on view until **Saturday, December 11**. No reception is scheduled for this exhibition series. The Englewood Art Center is open from **9am-4pm, Tuesday through Saturday** and is located at 350 S. McCall Road. For more information, visit www.ringling.edu/EAC or call **474•5548**. Photo: An example of Julie Randall's sculptures.

times are evenings at **7:30pm** and matinees at **2pm**. Tickets are \$22 adult & \$11 student. Purchase tickets online at www.charlotteplayers.org or call **255•1022**. The Charlotte Players Community Theatre Center is located at 1182 Market Circle, Port Charlotte.

Piano Grand Artist Series Concerts of Sarasota kicks off a new live concert season in grand style with the fifth edition of "Piano Grand," featuring four Steinway & Sons concert grand pianos played by four top area pianists (Dr. Joseph Holt, Don Bryn, Thomas Purviance, and Susan Woodruff Versage). The concert is **Saturday, October 9, 4pm**, at the Sarasota Opera House, 61 N. Pineapple Ave., Sarasota. The latest edition of "Piano Grand" promises more of the pianistic bravura, surprises and twists that have made the series an audience favorite. This

CCJS Presents La Lucha On **Monday, October 11** at **7pm**, Charlotte County Jazz Society (CCJS) will open their seven-concert season with *La Lucha*, a Tampa-based trio consisting of three best friends from different parts of the world. Pianist John O'Leary (Mexico), drummer Mark Feinman (United States), and bassist Alejandro Arenas (Colombia), augmented by trumpeter James Suggs, and singer Ona Kirei (born in Spain) venture into a wide variety of styles offering an appealing and fun mix of genres under the jazz umbrella. This concert, and all subsequent offerings, are all held at the Cultural Center's William H. Wakeman III Theater, 2280 Aaron Street, Port Charlotte. Tickets for non-members will be available at the CC box office. CCJS membership is \$50 a year. For the season schedule and more information, visit www.ccjazz.org.

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Body Language: An Exploration of Movement and Poetry
Friday, October 15th @ 6pm • Hermitage Great Lawn
Dancer/choreographer **Jules Downum** facilitates a "Dance 101" workshop. Internationally acclaimed poet and Guggenheim Fellow **Pedro Serrano** explores the use of language on the page and out loud.

What Even Is This? Discovering Surrealist Fiction
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Arts Advocates is pleased to announce its schedule of 2021-22 programs and events, including a pop-up member show in the Arts Advocates Gallery in addition to the continuation of the Sarasota Colony Artists exhibit, monthly programs, and a private tour of the Hermitage Artist Retreat on November 2nd. Non-members are invited to participate. Docent-guided tours of the Sarasota Colony Artists exhibit are offered at 11am on the first Wednesday of each month; the next tour is October 6. Members \$5, non-members \$10. Register at ArtsAdvocates.org. "Flora and Florida," a special Arts Advocates member show featuring Donna Janec Karambelas, runs in conjunction with the Sarasota Colony Artists exhibit on Saturdays through Friday, October 15, and can be viewed during regular gallery hours. The Arts Advocates Gallery, located in the Crossings at Siesta Mall, 3501 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota is open every Saturday, 2 to 5pm. Free admission; just drop in. To learn more and program registration, visit Arts Advocates, or to register for programs, gallery tours, and special events, visit ArtsAdvocates.org.



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International Culture Fest
Enjoy a family fun journey of international food, live performances, culturally oriented vendors, activities and more on **Saturday, October 16** from **noon to 4pm** at Fishermen's Village, 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda. Visit www.fishville.com for more information.



Selby Gardens' annual Orchid Show brings together two of Sarasota's most renowned legacies — orchids and the circus. Presented in collaboration with the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, The Orchid Show 2021 "Aerialists from the Tree Top to the Big Top!" celebrates the breathtaking beauty of orchids in tree-top canopies high above the forest floor with the artistry and spectacle of the circus brought to life through vintage circus posters featuring aerialists. The show runs **Saturday, October 9 through Sunday, November 28** at the downtown Sarasota campus at 1534 Mound Street. For more information, hours, and online ticket purchase, go to www.selby.org. Photo: Adapted vintage circus poster from the Sells Floto Circus & Buffalo Bill Wild West Ty-Bell Sisters Sensational Aerialists.

Dancer, choreographer, and producer Jules Downum facilitates a "Dance 101" workshop on the Hermitage Artist Retreat Great Lawn on **Friday, October 15 at 6pm**. No judgments and no prior experience needed as you start to learn the language of movement through common footwork patterns and dance vocabulary. The use of language will also be explored on the page and out loud by internationally acclaimed bilingual poet and Guggenheim Fellow Pedro Serrano, who shares works in both English and Spanish. Registration fee is \$5. Sign up at www.hermitageartistretreat.org. The Hermitage Artist Retreat is located at 6660 Manasota Key Road. Photo: Jules Downum.



concert, which will also be live-streamed, is **Monday, October 11, 8 pm**, at First Congregational Church, **1031 S. Euclid Ave., Sarasota**. Masks and social distancing will be required. Tickets are \$25 for in-person; \$10 streaming access. More information on ticket packages, including student ticket pricing, is available at www.ensrq.org.

Comedy for a Cause
Don't miss the Charlotte Players' 9th annual Comedy for a Cause on **Friday, October 15** at the Charlotte Harbor Event &

Conference Center, 75 Taylor Street, Punta Gorda. It's the funniest fundraiser around. Enjoy a delicious dinner while local business celebs entertain with side splitting improvisational antics. Tickets for dinner and the show are \$85; show only is \$30. Doors open at **6pm**; show only at **7:15pm**. Tickets are available online at www.charlotteplayers.org or call **255-1022**. The Curtain Call Online Auction is currently underway and will end at 8:30pm during the performance. Fans are invited to visit <https://p2p.onecause.com/comedyforacause>

Book Discussion Group
On the third Wednesday of every month, a book discussion group meets from **6 to 7pm** at the Englewood Charlotte Library to discuss the chosen title. The book for **Wednesday, October 20th** is *The Hate You Give* by Angie Thomas. Participants are responsible for obtaining a copy of the book. The library is located at 3450 N. Access Road. For questions, call the library at **681-3736**.

For Jimmy Buffet Fans
Jimmy Buffet's *Escape to*

Margaritaville returns to the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall in Sarasota on **Friday, October 29 at 7:30pm**. Single tickets are on sale now! *Escape To Margaritaville* is the musical comedy featuring both original songs and your most-loved Jimmy Buffett classics, including *Fins*, *Volcano*, *Cheeseburger in Paradise*, and many more. Tickets are \$42-\$97 and can be purchased at www.VanWezel.org, by calling the box office at **263-6799** or by visiting the box office **Monday-Friday, 10am and 6pm** and **Saturday,**

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10am to 4pm. The Van Wezel is located at 777 N Tamiami Trail, Sarasota.

Hermitage Receives Grant

The Sarasota County Commission awarded the Hermitage Artist Retreat a \$43,598 Tourist Development Cultural/Arts grant to help fund its 2021-2022 community arts and cultural programs. The award-winning creators across all artistic disciplines who stay at the Hermitage provide free public programs that attract thousands of residents and tourists every year. These

programs take place at the Hermitage, 6660 Manasota Key Road, and throughout the region in collaboration with leading arts, cultural, and educational institutions. The Hermitage recently announced that its 2021-2022 programming would continue with an expansion of popular live outdoor events, all with socially distanced seating, as well as added virtual offerings. For more information about the Hermitage, or to register for upcoming Hermitage programs, visit HermitageArtistRetreat.org.



Hermitage Sunsets @ Selby Gardens present "M memoir of a Mime" on **Friday, October 22 at 6pm.** Returning Hermitage Fellow Bill Bowers looks back at his life in the arts and invites you along for the ride! Sharing selections from his in-progress memoir developed at the Hermitage, as well as other writing and performance pieces, "The Great American Mime" brings a modern sensibility to the classic craft as he relives over 30 years on the road as a solo performer. The program will be followed by a Q&A. \$5 registration fee. Register at www.hermitageartistretreat.org. Selby Gardens is located 1534 Mound Street in Sarasota.



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Notable NEIGHBORS

He's A Norman Rockwell Fan

When Englewood resident Ray Hazel talks or writes about matters historical (and sometimes hysterical), he likes to invoke the name of Norman Rockwell, America's most prolific illustrator and painter, known most famously for his cover illustrations for *The Saturday Evening Post* and *Boys' Life*. Rockwell was able to romanticize moments of everyday life in hometown America in a way that struck a chord with viewers—a chord they could play ever afterward in their minds. And Ray recognizes many "Norman Rockwell moments" he experienced in the process of growing up.

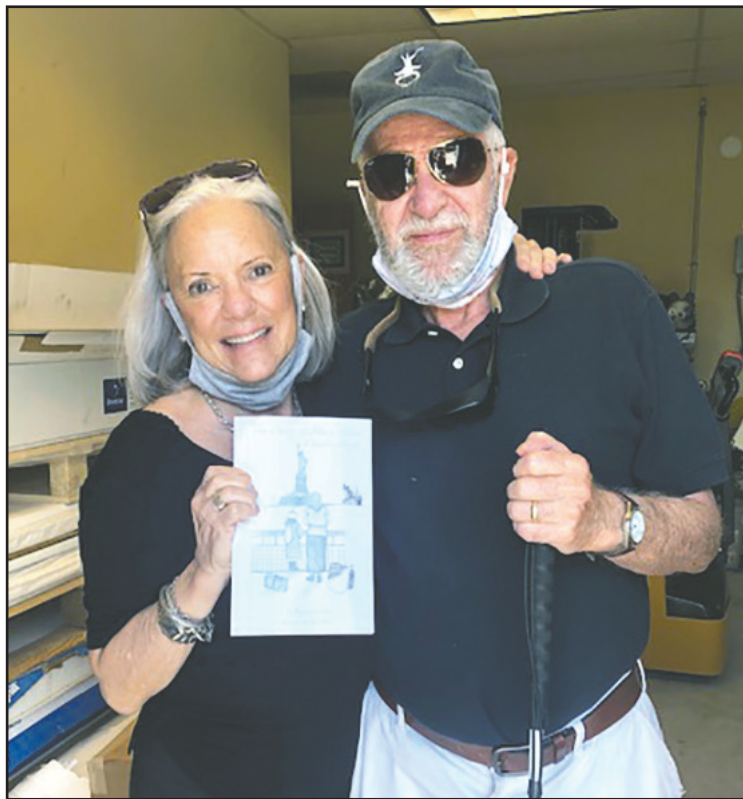
His hometown was Massena, NY, a rural settlement on the St. Lawrence River just south of the Canadian border. It was devoted largely to agriculture, with dairy farms and cow pastures dotting its landscapes, but it was also not far from a large Alcoa Aluminum plant that served as a lighthouse in attracting immigrants from Europe in the years after World War II.

"We lived in a diverse neighborhood," Ray says. "There were people from Poland, Armenia, Italy, Ireland. They had been coming over since the late 1800s and had opportunities

to get decent jobs in the plant or the powerhouse on the river. My friends came from diverse backgrounds, but we didn't hurl epithets at each other—Wop or Mick or Polak. We didn't think of ourselves that way. We were a community. And we kids were free-roaming kids, just like free-roaming chickens. Our parents let us be who we were gonna be."

Ray had no brothers and only one sister, Cindy, who was four years younger, but he was nonetheless born into a large family: His Dad Leon had seven brothers and three sisters, and uncles, aunts and cousins populated the area of Massena he lived in, known locally as Skunk Ridge. Yep. That sounds like something out of Al Capp's comic strip, *Li'l Abner*. But to Ray it was "a neighborhood in the middle of nowhere," filled with Norman Rockwell moments.

He wasn't a great student, he says, because he had other interests. "My youth revolved around nature, sports and school, in that order." He enjoyed playing with his friends and taking long walks through the woods and meadows around Massena with his constant companion, a foxhound named



Ray and Anne celebrate the publication of Ray's latest novel.

Freckles. Ray was good at hockey and baseball, and he admits to being pretty cocky. "My ambition," he says, "was to play shortstop for the New York Yankees, like Phil Rizzuto," a major league baseball hall of famer. He didn't make it, but how many people do? It's good to have high aspirations.

Ray also liked writing and was interested in history. "Our English teacher, Mrs. Austin, got us reading books by Thornton Wilder, John Steinbeck, Ernest Hemingway and Jack London. She allowed me to express myself and be creative in writing. She was an inspiration, except when she threw erasers at us to get our attention."

He graduated from Massena High School in 1961 and went on to Albany Business College, where he earned an associate's degree in business administration. Having worked on the college newspaper, he landed a job with the *Massena Observer* as a cub reporter and got to polish his writing skills. "The trouble was," he says, "they just wanted plain, factual reporting, and I wanted to put some color and creativity into my writing." Eventually it became clear to him that he'd have no career as a reporter—right after he'd had a dust-up with his boss for embellishing the obituaries in the *Observer's* editions and drafting a tongue-in-cheek article promoting a beagle for the Mayor's job.

What to do next? As a kid he had built up a little business raising rabbits and selling both their offspring and their rabbit poop (a useful fertilizer) to the locals in Skunk Ridge. So he gave a try to retail sales, working in a men's shop in Massena. He was good at it and enjoyed it, but it was not the career he wanted, now in his early twenties.

As a nature lover who came from a family of nature lovers, he had taken up nature photography. "I had a passion

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for going into places where no one else would ever go," he says, and he became good enough at capturing the wilderness with his camera that he won numerous awards at juried art shows and held several private showings. "I also kept a diary, and I would jot down interesting things that happened to me. I liked historical fiction, and I knew that someday I would write a historical novel." But writing historical fiction was still far in his future, and he was to face much adversity before he could do so.

There was a failed marriage, and a drinking problem that cost him his job and made him probe his life and lifestyle. But after a five-year struggle he overcame his affliction and was to remain cured for the rest of his life. He got a job at Alcoa as a mill helper and worked his way up the ladder to corporate management, first supervising his fellow

workmen at an ingot plant, then becoming night plant supervisor, later an operating systems supervisor and then moving into R&D for experimental casting and finally becoming an operations specialist in charge of quality assurance for the company. He was successful because he was fair, he was respectful of others—whether they agreed with him or not—and he was a man of his word. Those were traits he valued and would stress in his later writings.

Ray retired in 1998 at age 55. "I had been contributing articles to a lot of magazines, mostly outdoor magazines, and I never wrote about how you do things. I wrote about why you do things," he says. "If you search for why people do things, you find out who they are and what their values are."

He has so far written and published six novels (some of

them illustrated by his partner and soulmate, Anne Butler), all of them based on his personal experience, and all of them stressing the values of love for family, neighbors and our canine friends. "The main characters in my books are immigrants whose families came here," he says. "They made great sacrifices and overcame great adversity to provide a new life for their children and to become good citizens of their new country." He confesses that he's changed some names to protect the innocent ... and the guilty, but all of his settings are historically factual.

Ray is a storyteller, painting heartwarming pictures of life with all its vicissitudes in the 20th century. Words are his paintbrush, and it's not surprising that his works evoke the same emotions as the wondrous illustrations of Norman

Rockwell. If you liked Mr. Rockwell, you'll enjoy what Ray has to say as well.

Ray's novels are available at The Coastal Emporium on Dearborn Street and at Rayhazel.com.

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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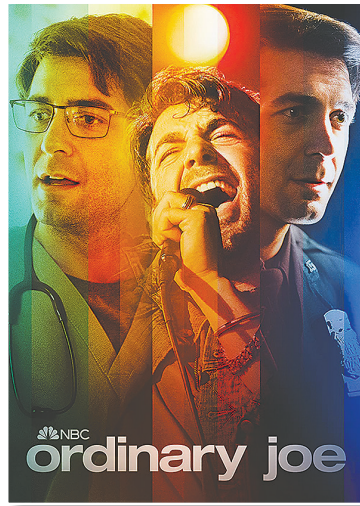
Think back and I bet you can recall that feeling of anticipation for "Fall TV Season." You spent your summer watching re-runs, those dreaded variety shows and series you didn't bother to record, yes record, during the regular season. Occasionally you'd get a *Sonny and Cher Comedy Hour* (1971) or *Northern Exposure* (1990) that hit it big in the summer months. And of course, there's *Seinfeld*. NBC aired the pilot episode in July 1989 and then a four-episode season the following summer with an eye to burning it off. Then it caught on and became the anchor of NBC's Thursday night "Must See TV."

In the early 2000s the networks filled the summer void with reality shows like *Survivor*, *The Amazing Race* and *American Idol*. If you were lucky enough to have HBO, you could spend the summer watching new series like *Sex and the City* (1998) and *Six Feet Under* (2001). And in the summer of 2007, AMC experimented with scripted TV with a little show called *Mad Men*



Today, there is no such thing as "Must See TV." It's more like "Too Much TV." However, the Fall TV season is still a thing, especially for broadcast TV. Here are a few of the shows premiering in September and October. I'll look at streaming shows in a future column.

The Big Leap (Monday, 9 pm on FOX) - I enjoyed the first two episodes of this drama, "inspired by" a British show called *Big Ballet*. On *The Big Leap*, a group of amateur dancers in Detroit get a chance at fame and redemption when they audition for a reality TV show. There's an aging ballet dancer, a cancer survivor, a regular guy with above average moves and our hero Gabby (Simone



Recasner), who abandoned her dancing dream to raise her son etc. I'm loving watching the show's executive producer Nick Blackburn (Scott Foley) manipulate his cast to create drama. If the rest of the cast can rise to the level of Foley and Recasner, *The Big Leap* could be one of the biggest hits of the season

Ordinary Joe (Monday, 10 pm on NBC) - You might remember James Wolk as Bob Benson, the guy you loved to hate on *Mad Men*. Now he's the guy, make that three guys, you love to love. *Ordinary Joe* follows Joe Kimbrea on the three paths he might have taken after college; nurse, police officer and musician. Each story

arc is framed in a different color, an unusual move that helps keep the viewer keep track of the storylines. The first episode was well-written with engaging performances.

La Brea (Tuesday, 9 pm on NBC) - I had to submit this column before the premiere of this sci-fi thriller about a giant sinkhole at the La Brea Tar Pits that opens and takes down a bunch of unfortunate Californians. This isn't normally my cup of tea, but the trailer, pun intended, sucked me in.

Alter Ego (Wednesday, 9pm on FOX) - Sorry, *Celebrity Judges* Alanis Morissette and will.i.am and other judges and a hostess I'm too old to know. This convoluted attempt to milk the success of Fox's hit *The Masked Singer*, is just too much for me. The visuals are weird and the set-up is nuts. I will quote from TV Guide. "Aspiring singers are seen live as computer-generated figures they designed. Meanwhile, as they perform onstage, a motion capture suit and special helmet transmit their movements and facial expressions to their alter ego." Amanda out.

Ghosts (Premieres October 7 at 9 pm on CBS) - I would love to share all the new sitcoms headed to Network TV, but NBC, which brought us everything from *Cheers* to *Friends*, doesn't have a single sitcom on the air this fall. Neither does FOX, which prefers its comedies

animated. CBS however, the home of the recently retired *Big Bang Theory* and its current prequel *Young Sheldon*, is still committed to sitcoms. In *Ghosts*, an upbeat writer finds herself surrounded by spirits in the old New York home she inherits. With so little to choose from in the laughs department, I'll definitely be checking this out.

Queens (Premieres October 19 at 10 pm on ABC) - A 90s girls' group reunites when they have a chance to perform at an awards show after a hot young artist samples their music. Even though I haven't seen *Queens* yet, I have seen Peacock's *Girls5Eva* which has the exact same plot. The difference? *Queens* has fewer jokes and an all-black cast, including singer/actress Brandy as Xplicit Lyrics. Her bandmates are Butter Pecan, Lil Muffin and Professor Sex, so *Queens* wins the name game. I hope both shows succeed and one day form epic Super Group *Queens5Eva*. That show I'll watch.

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Home improvement projects run the gamut from minor repairs to complete overhauls. Replacing exterior siding is one of the most significant home improvement projects homeowners can undertake. Such a project can give homes a completely new look, which is why choice of siding is such an important decision.

Homeowners have many siding options to choose from, and the following guide can help them make the best choice for their homes.

Vinyl siding
Vinyl siding is easily maintained and among the more budget-friendly siding options.

According to the home improvement resource HomeAdvisor, vinyl siding is made from a PVC plastic that does not rot or flake. Siding professionals note that the technology used to create vinyl siding has changed considerably in recent years, making this option more diverse than traditional vinyl siding. So homeowners

turned off by the potentially plastic look of vinyl siding might be surprised at how different modern vinyl siding looks compared to the vinyl siding of yesteryear.

Fiber-cement siding
The home improvement television network HGTV notes that fiber-cement siding has grown in popularity among homeowners in recent years. This material does not require much maintenance and it's non-flammable and resistant to termites. HomeAdvisor notes that fiber-cement siding can create the look of wood, stucco or masonry, making it a versatile option capable of creating various looks. In addition, fiber-cement siding is known for its durability, with some products coming with warranties lasting as long as 50 years.



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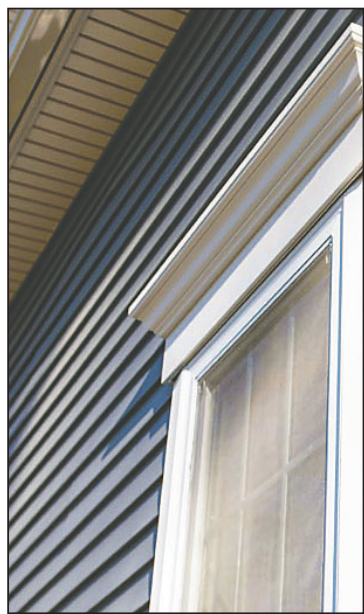
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Wood siding

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Stone and stone-veneer siding

Many homeowners fall in love with the natural appeal of stone, but the price tag, which tends to be costly, may not be as awe-inspiring. HGTV notes that stone can be difficult to add to an existing home, and doing so may drive the price up even further. Stone siding is durable, and there are many options, including solid stone and natural stone cladding, that make this an option capable of providing an array of looks. Stone-veneer siding is less expensive than natural stone and also comes in an array of styles. As is the case with wood, stone siding options are so extensive that homeowners are urged to discuss each one with a siding professional before making their decisions.

These are just a handful of the many siding options homeowners can choose from. Siding can give homes a completely new look, making choice of siding a significant decision worthy of careful consideration.

OCTOBER

South Florida Gardening Calendar



WHAT TO PLANT

Annuals/Bedding plants: Even though temperatures are still warm, begin planting for the cooler months ahead. Impatiens, alyssum, and dianthus are good plants for the fall/winter garden.

Bulbs: Plant agapanthus, rain lily, and Clivia lily now for blooms next spring or summer. Add organic matter to the planting bed for best results.

Herbs: A wide range of herbs can be planted from seed or transplants this month. Some to try include dill, fennel, parsley, and cilantro.

Vegetables: Easy crops that can be grown now include beans, broccoli, carrots, collards, lettuce, green onions, peppers, radishes, spinach, and tomatoes.

WHAT TO DO

Lawns: Control winter weeds in lawns before they appear. Preemergence herbicides must be applied at the right time to be effective. Apply when nighttime temperatures are 55°F–60°F for 4–5 days.

Ornamental trees and shrubs: Fertilize plants that are not performing as desired. This is the last month of the year to fertilize shrubs and trees. Controlled-release fertilizer provides nutrients over a longer period of time.

Lawn fertilization: Fertilize lawns if needed.

Strawberries: Prepare beds and set strawberry plants this month. Strawberries also make a colorful and tasty container

planting. Either way, water daily until plants are established.

Palms: Palms have unique nutritional needs. Select a fertilizer that contains controlled release nitrogen, potassium and magnesium.

Oleanders: Control the oleander caterpillar, which is a year-round resident in South Florida, without harming beneficial insects by pruning off infested leaves or spraying with BT (*Bacillus thuringiensis*).

Twig girdlers: Control twig girdlers by cleaning up and destroying fallen branches that young twig girdlers can use for harborage.



* Information courtesy of the University of Florida IFAS Extension: www.edis.ifas.ufl.edu.

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Halloween Safewalk Seeking Candy Givers

Area businesses, community organizations, groups and individuals are invited to participate in providing the children of Englewood with a safe treat or trick experience! The 25th Annual Halloween Safewalk will take place on **Sunday, October 31, from 5 to 7pm**, on West Dearborn Street. Families will stroll along a route to receive candy and other treats, passed out by businesses

and community groups. The exact route will be determined by construction progress and posted on **Monday, October 25**. The Halloween Safewalk is sponsored by Old Englewood Village Association (OEVA) and the Englewood CRA. Registration for handing out candy is required and must be completed by **Sunday, October 10**. The registration form can be found at <https://englewoodfl.org/upcoming-events/38-halloween-safewalk>. For more information, email Events@OldEnglewood.com or visit the Englewood CRA office at 370 W. Dearborn Street, Suite D.

The items appearing in this column are as accurate as possible. If you have an upcoming event you would like to have considered for "BIZ" please send info and/or photo to The Englewood REVIEW, 370 W Dearborn St, Suite B, Englewood, FL 34223 or englewoodreview@comcast.net.



Winn-Dixie officially unveiled the newly remodeled Sunnybrook Winn-Dixie store and liquor store to the Englewood community with a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 15th. In celebration of the new store and to give back to the local youth and future leaders of the community, Winn-Dixie presented a \$1,000 donation to Myakka River Elementary School during the ceremony. Over the past year, Winn-Dixie (WD) gathered feedback directly from local customers and associates to transform the Sunnybrook store into a convenient shopping destination that is both functional and beautiful for the local Englewood community. The refreshed Sunnybrook store now offers an updated produce department, an expanded deli and bakery, a new Dollar Shop within the store and much more for customers - all at the right price. To explore Winn Dixie online, go to www.winndixie.com. Pictured here (left to right): WD Regional Vice President Jorge Cabo, WD Store Manager Craig Clemons, Myakka River Elementary School Principal Grace Shepard; Myakka River Elementary School Lead Teacher Carrie Dillmore, WD Customer Service Manager Bridget Warner, and WD District Manager Kevin Lane.

The Englewood Florida Chamber of Commerce continues to honor its Milestone Members - those businesses who have been long term chamber members.



The Englewood Chamber of Commerce recognizes Loveland Center as one of their Milestone Members with 35 Years of chamber membership! The Loveland Center is located at 157 Havana Road, Venice. The Center has existed for 50 years to help individuals with developmental disabilities build life skills to help improve their social and daily living skills. Learn more at www.lovelandcenter.org. Pictured here is Chief Philanthropy Officer Jennifer B. Ortiz with Chamber Executive Director Doug Izzo.



Thank you to the Rowley Family for 45 years of Englewood Chamber of Commerce membership! Founder Rex Rowley was the Chamber President 1981-82. Pictured above is son Keith Rowley along with his staff and members of the Chamber's Membership Committee. Rowley Insurance is located at 250 W. Dearborn Street. Phone: **475•7762**. Website: rowleyins.com.

Caregivers at Englewood Community Hospital, 700 Medical Blvd., held a ribbon cutting celebration for a new space dedicated to relaxation and renewal. The purpose of the room is to provide the hospital's caregivers with a quiet place to take a moment away from the often demanding duties for a few minutes of downtime. Caregivers are encouraged to take a peaceful break in the new room and enjoy massage chairs, salt lamps, soothing images of beaches and reef fish, and lavender scented towels. The room is spacious enough for three caregivers to relax, calm nerves and de-stress while still honoring social distancing practices. Donna Shifflett, RN, PCCN has been with the hospital for 11 years. She reflected upon serving patients during a pandemic, "It has been a challenge, of course. I am thankful that we now have a special place to take a break, have time to sit, not think about anything, and relax our mind, soul and body. It'll be like plugging in a phone to recharge." Caregivers at the hospital will have access to the space for relaxation 24/7. Photo: Cutting the ribbon for the relaxation space are (left to right): Andrea Truex, CNO; Donna Shifflett, RN, PCCN; Steve Young, CEO.



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Chaos

By Todd Tracy

Does anyone remember the movie the Fifth Element from 1997, starring Bruce Willis and Milla Jovovich? It was a futuristic thriller where once again good saves our planet from evil. In one memorable scene the villain intentionally pushes a glass off his desktop to demonstrate his chaos theory. Suddenly a flock of cleaning robots spring into action and sweep up the scattered glass while the villain explains how chaos and order are interdependent. Which you must admit is an interesting concept.

For those among us that have never seen chaos on Dearborn Street before, the current street "improvement" must seem shocking. But for the rest of us, the ones that debated putting a fence across 776 to keep the first street improvement to ourselves, this second "breaking" seems a lot less painful.

Living through improvements, especially for our

local businesses, is seldom easy, no matter how great the outcome will be. A fun analogy might be your penny pinching relative who annoyingly came back to visit. Or that neighbor who again brought his pet over for you to watch as he travels. The good, or the bad news, depending on your age, and level of pet appreciation, is that time flies. Relatives leave, neighbors return, and improvement projects get finished before you know it.

Now the point, your Old Englewood Village Association, OEVA, is under construction as well, but not to the point of chaos as some have assumed. Let's back up for a moment. Historically OEVA focused on Dearborn Street, because nearly forty years ago when OEVA was founded, the street was the focus of our community. But even then, Englewood was much more than one street with a handful of pioneering businesses. Nearby was Grove City, Old Grove City, Cape Haze, Rotonda, New Point Comfort, Point of Pines, Englewood Farm Acres, Placida, etc.

Englewood also included what I would call intangible assets. Current examples would include our extensive arts organizations and activities. We have natural resources like the beaches and our waterways. And tourism, while not a true brick-and-mortar business, is a big part of our community. Englewood also has a growing collection of planned communities, love them, or hate them. Most offer tons of resident amenities like recreational, social and entertainment services.

Back to the theme, order from chaos, via improvements. OEVA, like our beloved street and plaza, is being improved. Part of that process has been defining what the community would like our efforts to focus on and who, or what, does OEVA represent? Some believe that OEVA efforts should remain focused on supporting the local businesses by hosting or sponsoring entertaining events intended to draw consumers to the street.

Others want to accomplish the same goal but with a slant

towards art projects. Some want OEVA to become an informational superhighway where our local information is organized, managed, shared, or easily retrieved. Some just want to feel, something, anything, which drives me crazy! Myself, I want two things. To co-manage the downtown with our fellow community organizations for everyone's benefit, and to effectively expand some of Dearborn Street's life into the adjoining walking arts district.

Unlike the glass example, we don't have to break anything to achieve these goals. Best of all, OEVA is already working on them. Part of that process is communicating better so OEVA is improving our already amazing web site, www.OldEnglewood.com, that was created and donated to the organization by our past president, Eric Peterson.

The planned improvements will expand the foundational automation, the ease-of-use features, add a new community blog and link it to several social media outlets. Forums will be expanded for different interest

groups and the organizations planning, sharing, and record storage tools will be improved.

I know this all sounds repetitive and expensive, perhaps even wasteful. Personally, I was hesitant to buy into the concept that OEVA needed a better community tool, because my "smart" phone is basically a paper weight that spends most of the day on my desktop where it belongs. But after some very serious shopping, a remote contractor was hired to expand on Eric's work. This contractor is qualified and professionally managed by a third party.

In closing. Order does seem to be dependent on chaos in some mysterious way. But rest assured that in a very short period of time, the chaos will pass and Englewood will have safer cross walks, better sidewalks, new landscaping, benches, lighting, additional parking, and a downtown plaza to be proud of; not to mention a better OEVA community web site.

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Nature Calls



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EcoQuest Aster!

Participate in the Marie Selby Gardens' Aster EcoQuest Challenge during October. The aster, or sunflower family (Asteraceae), is among the largest flowering plant families, with more than 1,620 genera and over 23,600 species. These plants have a prominent place in everyday life as the family includes many economically important crops (such as sunflowers, safflowers, artichokes, lettuce, and endive), herbs and medicinal varieties (such as calendula, chamomile, echinacea, and tarragon), as well as beautiful ornamentals such as aster, chrysanthemum, cosmos, dahlia, gerbera, marigold, and zinnia. For October, EcoQuest is observing asters in this area. Each month a new EcoQuest Challenge is announced to encourage documentation of a specific species or group of species. So far, more than 200 species of aster have been found in Sarasota and Manatee Counties. Start sharing what you find on the iNaturalist app which you can download on your mobile device or visit iNaturalist.org on your computer. Set up a user account and join the Sarasota-Manatee EcoFlora Project, Asters All Around, and click join. For questions call **366•5731**.

Florida's Freshwater Crisis

Venice Audubon Society presents a virtual program on the freshwater crisis in Florida via Zoom on **Tuesday, October 26, 6 to 8pm**. John Dunn, author of *Drying Up, Florida's Fresh Water Crisis*, untangles the many causes of the state's freshwater problems and the sad history of how the Florida growth machine disrupted and destroyed Florida's natural water systems. He investigates previous and current restoration efforts as well as proposed future solutions, including the "soft path for water" approach that uses green infrastructure to mimic natural hydrology. *Drying Up* is a wake-up call and a hard look at what the future holds for those who call Florida home. He challenges readers to rethink their relationship with water and adopt a new philosophy that compels them to protect the planet's most precious resource. Participate by going to www.veniceaudubon.org/events for the Zoom link.

Family Conservation Center

Expand your family's marine life education and conservation efforts! While attending the Englewood Beach Waterfest races on **Saturday & Sunday, November 20 & 21**, be sure to visit the Family Conservation Center located on Englewood Beach. There is plenty to see and

do, thanks to the participating conservation-oriented groups. Scheduled to participate are Mote Marine Laboratory, FWC Conservation Commission, Peace River Wildlife Center, Barrier Island State Park Society, Wildlife Center of Venice, Josh the Otter Water Safety, Lemon Bay Conservancy, and Sarasota Bay Estuary Program. Mote Marine will have six

exhibits: Florida Watersheds, Marine CSI, Spineless Sea, Turtely Turtles, Radical Reefs and Fin-Tastic Friends. Other children's activities scheduled are face painting, the butterfly encounter, build a boat, sand art, and a scavenger hunt. Hours are **10am to 4pm both days**. The Family Conservation Center is sponsored by Mote Marine and Ron & Matt Smith Insurance Agency. Stay up to date on Facebook at www.facebook.com/events/632361920516562. Visit englewoodbeachwaterfest.com for more information about Englewood Beach Waterfest/OPA World Championship.

Nocturnal Seagrass Trips

Come explore Cedar Point Environmental Park's nocturnal side on **Monday, October 4, 6:15pm**. There will be a short, guided hike through the park down to Lemon Bay where you will wade into the water right at sunset with nets and buckets to see what creatures can be observed living in the seagrass flats! As darkness falls the search will begin for nocturnal animals. The program is \$15 per person, and children must be 8 years or older to attend. Headlamps and glowsticks are provided for the wading portion. Bring a flashlight, drinking water, bug

spray, wear clothing that can get wet and comfortable walking shoes that can also be worn in the water. Limited to 12 participants. This trip will meet behind the Visitor Center at the park, 2300 Placida Road. Register at **475•0769**. Also offered on **Monday, October 18, 6pm!**

Guided Kayak Trip

Cedar Point Environmental Park is once again offering guided kayak trips starting on **Saturday, October 2, 9am**. Enjoy an incredible guided kayak trip to explore the natural beauty and incredible wildlife in Oyster Creek and Lemon Bay. Meet at the Cedar Point visitor center, 2300 Placida Road, at **9am** before heading to the boat ramp located directly across the street from Cedar Point at Oyster Creek Park. This trip is open to all skill levels. The trips are led by CHEC partner Biotica Eco-Tour, who can be reached at **350•4905** or fill out form at www.bioticatours.com to register. Price: \$50 per person, plus tax.

Weather Watchers Wanted

Would you like to be a volunteer weather watcher? Join UF/IFAS for a free online webinar on **Wednesday, October 6 at 1pm**. Learn about the amazing team of citizen scientists at Community



Cape Haze Fishery Conservation Program has won a \$114,058 grant to study the recreational fish nursery habitat within the Cape Haze peninsula from The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The program is a partnership between the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Coastal and Heartland National Estuary Partnership, and Charlotte County. The Cape Haze program, which began in September and will end in August 2022, will look at coastal ponds vulnerable to imminent human development. Recommendations on how to preserve and restore recreational fish nursery habitat will be made by 2028 through revisions of the county's comprehensive planning policy, and guidance for state programs that address hydrologic connectivity. For more information, visit www.CharlotteCountyFl.gov.

Collaborative Rain, Hail & Snow Network. The registration process will be explained, and you will learn what to expect as a volunteer weather watcher. Sarasota County residents may qualify for a free rain gauge after registering to volunteer at cocorahs.org. Register early through ufsarasotaext.eventbrite.com to reserve your spot and receive notice of any changes. For questions or further information about this event, please call 813-731-4968 or email jlebouitz@ufl.edu.

Seagrass Wading Trips

Join Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC) for a free wading adventure through the seagrass beds of Lemon Bay on **Thursday, October 7 & 21, 8am**. You will be guided approximately a half-mile to the wading site, where you 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 reef-safe (no oxybenzone or avobenzone) sunscreen and insect repellent. Bring plenty of drinking water. Advance registration is required at 475-0769. Trips fill up fast! The adventure takes place at Cedar Point Environmental Park, 2300 Placida Road. Meet behind the Visitor Center.

Manasota Scrub Eco-Walk

Enjoy an eco-walk through Manasota Scrub Preserve on **Thursday, October 7 from 9 to 11am**. The eco-walk is hosted the UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County. On this leisurely stroll, learn more about this scrub ecosystem, its plants, and animals, and what makes this area so environmentally important. The walk is free, but you must register at ufsarasotaext.eventbrite.com. Face masks and social distancing are required. Manasota Scrub Preserve is located at 2695 Bridge Street (off Manasota Key Road).

Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC) Nature Walks

On these casual walks with CHEC volunteers, you will search 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. The health and safety policies for CHEC programs are subject to change. For information on programs, mask requirements and Covid-19 safety precautions, please call 475-0769 or email gerald@checflorida.org. Go to www.CHECflorida.org for a complete program calendar.

Friday, October 1, 8am.

Join CHEC on a guided walk through the scrub and pine flatwoods of 217-acre Amberjack Environmental Park off Placida Road. Meet at 6250 Gasparilla Pines Blvd (at the end of the street). Register at 475-0769.

Also offered **Friday, October 22, 8am.**

Tuesday, October 5, 8am.

Join CHEC on a guided walk through the old-growth pine flatwoods and mangrove fringe of 125-acre Oyster Creek/Ann and Chuck Dever Regional Park. Meet at the San Casa entrance at 6791 San Casa Drive. Register at 475-0769. Also offered **Tuesday, October 26, 8am.**

Friday, October 8, 8-10am.

Join CHEC on a guided walk-through

at Tippecanoe II Mitigation Preserve on Joppa Ave., Port Charlotte. This 150-acre preserve is home to several families of the threatened Florida scrub jay. Meet in the parking lot. Call 475-0769 to register.

Friday, October 15, 8am:

Join CHEC on a walk at Bayshore Live Oak Park, 23157 Bayshore Rd, along the shoreline of Charlotte Harbor to explore the various mangrove species found there. Covered will be mangrove identification, general ecology, including special adaptations that allow mangroves to thrive in salty environments, and why mangroves are important and protected in Florida. Meet in the parking lot furthest on the left. Register at 475-0769.

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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 Noon on Friday, September 24. They represent events from October 1 - October 22. 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.

SOME CLASSES MAY REQUIRE MASKS. PLEASE CALL BEFORE ATTENDING.

FRI OCTOBER 1

Almost, Maine Venice Theatre Mainstage, 140 Tampa Ave. W. 7:30pm performances on 9/24, 9/25, 9/28, 9/29, 9/30, 10/1, 10/2, 10/5, 10/6, 10/7, 10/8, 10/9 and 2:00pm Matinees 9/26, 10/3, 10/10. 488-1115

The Mystery of Irma Vep - A Penny Dreadful Venice Theatre - Pinkerton, 140 Tampa Ave. W. Evening Performances 7:30PM 9/24, 9/25, 9/28, 9/29, 9/30, 10/1, 10/2, 10/5, 10/6, 10/7, 10/8, 10/9 Matinee performances 2:00PM 9/26, 10/3, 10/10. www.venicetheatre.org

SAT OCTOBER 2

Fellowship Church Men's Prayer Breakfast 140 Rotonda Blvd W. 1st Sat. of each month 8-9AM 475-7447

Alzheimer's Walk Broadmoor Park-RWA, 646 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda, W, 9AM-12PM 816-678-4045

Blessing of the Animals St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 5265 Placida Rd. 9-10AM 697-4899

St. Vincent dePaul Rummage Sale 25200 Airport Rd., Punta Gorda 9AM-12PM 575-0767

Fellowship Church of Englewood Fall Festival Fellowship Church Campus, 140 Rotonda Blvd. W. 10AM-1PM 475-7447

Cruisin' on Dearborn

Old Englewood Village, Downtown W. Dearborn St. 2-8PM

SUN OCTOBER 3

Fellowship Church Communion Service Fellowship Church Worship Center, 140 Rotonda Blvd. W. 1st Sun. of each month. 8:30 & 10:30AM 475-7447

MON OCTOBER 4

SunCoast Blood Drive Merchants Crossing, 1500 Placida Rd. 10AM-3PM 866-972-5663

First Monday Supper at GCUMC

Gulf Cove United Methodist Church, 1100 McCall Rd. 3:30-5:30PM 697-1747

WED OCTOBER 6

Arts Advocates Gallery Docent Tour Arts Advocates Gallery, 3501 S. Tamiami Trail, Suite 119 Sarasota 11-11:45AM 443-454-2206

St. Francis Women's Guild Card Party St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 5265 Placida Road, Grove City 11AM-2:30PM 697-4899 ext. 6

FRI OCTOBER 8

Kid's Craft Englewood Charlotte Library, 3450 N. Access Rd. 4-5PM 681-3739

Finding Resonance: The Vibrations of Art, Poetry, and Theater Hermitage Artist Retreat, 6660 Manasota Key Rd. 6-7PM hermitageartistretreat.org

SAT OCTOBER 9

Fiction Writers Group Englewood Charlotte Library, 3450 N. Access Rd. 10:45AM-1PM Tamiamifl@comcast.net

SUN OCTOBER 10

K of C Council 7672 Pancake Breakfast St. Francis of Assisi Church, 5265 Placida Rd. 8:30-11:30AM 513-604-4334

MON OCTOBER 11

Reading with the Dogs Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn St. 3:30-4:30PM 681-1225

THURS OCTOBER 14

Englewood Fishing Club Rotonda Community Center, 646 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West, 6:30-8PM 697-3685

MON OCTOBER 18

Englewood Area Orchid Society Meeting St. David's Episcopal Church, 401 S. Broadway 6:30-9PM 697-9237

THURS OCTOBER 21

Fellowship Church Senior Fellowship Worship Center, 140 Rotonda Blvd. W. 11AM-12PM 475-7447

OneBlood Drive Hills Golf & Country Club Marina, 100 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda W, 9AM-2PM 917-579-7770

ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS

EVERY DAY

Englewood Beach Yoga 2100 N. Beach Rd. 8:30-9:30AM 473-0135

MON, TUES, WED

Jubilee Center Food Pantry Jubilee Center at St. David's, 410 S. Broadway, 10AM-12PM 681-3550

MON & THUR

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

MON - FRI

Manasota Beach Yoga Manasota Beach, 8570 Manasota Key Rd. 8-8:35AM & 9-9:35AM 313-0358

Men's Sr (60+) Softball Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 River Rd. 8-10:30AM englewoodseniorsoftball.weebly.com

MON, WED & FRI

Hatha Yoga Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Rd. 9-10AM 861-1980

St. Francis Food Pantry St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 5265 Placida Rd. 9:15-11:15AM 697-4899

Dynamic Walking Fitness Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Rd. 10:30-11:30AM 626-2399

MON - SAT

Yoga Classes Loving Light Yoga Studio, 3455 S. Access Rd. 8AM-6PM 473-0135

Horse Back Riding & Lessons Branded Heart Stables, 1030 Morningside Dr. 10AM-4PM 809-6389

TUES & THURS

Boogie Chair by Laurentz Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Rd. 9-10AM 237-8983

WED & THURS

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

WED & FRI

Table Tennis Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Rd. 9-11AM 861-1980

Line Dancing with Eve American Legion Post 113, 3436 Indiana Rd. 9:30-11:30AM 697-8733

MONDAYS

Zumba with Laurentz Tringali Park, 3460 N. Access Rd. 8:30-9:30AM 237-8983

Forty Carrots Partners in Play Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn St. 10:15AM & 12PM 861-1225

Aqua Zumba with Laurentz Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park Pool, 7001 San Casa Dr. 10:15-11AM 237-8983

Boogie Chair by Laurentz Centennial Park, 1120 O'Donnell Blvd, Pt. Charlotte 11:45AM-12:45PM 237-8983

Music Jam Session Indian Mound Park, 210 Winson Ave. 6-8PM 889-8899

Zumba Gold & Toning Lemon Bay Woman's Club, 51 N. Maple St. 6-7PM 445-1310

TUESDAYS

TOPS FL #0167 Englewood Chamber of Commerce, 601 S. Indiana Ave. (Side Community Room) 8-9AM treecem646@gmail.com

Line Dancing with Eve Rotonda Elks, 303 Rotonda Blvd. East, 10AM-12PM 697-8733

Master Gardeners Englewood Charlotte Library, 3450 N. Access Rd. 10AM-12PM 681-3739

Zumba with Laurentz Woodmere Park, 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice 10:45-11:45AM 237-8983

Fellowship Church Friend to Friend Fellowship Worship Center (REA) 140 Rotonda Blvd. W 1-3PM 475-7447

Knitting & Crocheting Group Englewood Charlotte Library, 3450 N. Access Rd. 1-3PM 681-3739

Tech Help Elsie Quirk Public Library, 100 W. Dearborn St. 1:30-4:30PM Via Zoom appointment. 861-1203

WEDNESDAYS

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

Zumba with Laurentz

Centennial Park, 1120 O'Donnell Blvd, Pt. Charlotte 9-10AM 237-8983

Boogie Chair by Laurentz

Centennial Park, 1120 O'Donnell Blvd, Pt. Charlotte 10:30-11:15AM 237-8983

Wednesday Night Movies

Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn St. 5-7:30PM 861-1225

Celebrate Recovery Fellowship Church of Englewood, 140 Rotonda Blvd. W. 6-8PM 475-7447

THURSDAYS

Crafty Ladies of GCUMC 1100 S. McCall Rd. 9-11:30AM 697-1747

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

Line Dancing with Eve American Legion Post 113, 3436 Indiana Rd., Rotonda 9:30-11:30AM 697-8733

Boogie Chair by Laurentz Woodmere Park, 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd. 10:45-11:45AM 237-8983

Tunes 4 Tots Englewood Charlotte Library, 3450 N Access Rd. 1-1:45PM 681-3739

FRIDAYS

Preschool Prep Englewood Charlotte Library, 3450 N Access Rd. 11AM-12PM 681-3736

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

Contract (Party) Bridge Tringali Park Community Center, 3460 N. Access Rd. 1-4PM 708-431-5807

Country & Western Night

Englewood Elks #2378, 401 N. Indiana Ave. 5-9PM 474-1404

SATURDAYS

Closet of Hope Gulf Cove United Methodist Church, 1100 McCall Rd. 9:30AM-1:30PM 697-1747

Chalk Art Saturdays Englewood Charlotte Library, 3450 N. Access Rd. 10AM-5PM 681-3736

SUNDAYS

Englewood United Methodist Church Worship Services 700 E. Dearborn St. 8AM-12PM 474-5588

Christ Lutheran Church Worship Services 701 N. Indiana Ave. 9:30AM 474-1989

New Vision Church 6401 Sunnybrook Blvd. 9-11AM 475-2906

Gulf Cove United Methodist Church 1100 S. McCall Rd. 8-11AM. Each service also available online at www.GulfCoveChurch.com 697-1747

ECC Sunday Worship Englewood Christian Church, 9600 Gulfstream Blvd. 10:30-11:30AM 475-4973

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

Faith Lutheran Church Worship 551 Rotonda Blvd. West 9:30AM, masks encouraged. 697-3313

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

Gospel Singing in the Park Indian Mound Park, 210 Winson Ave. 2-4PM 889-8899

Women's over-40 Soccer Wellfield Park, 1251 Pinebrook Rd., Venice 4-6PM 494-9633

FC F.U.E.L. Fellowship Church, 140 Rotonda Blvd. W 5-7PM 475-7447

FC BLAST KIDS Fellowship Church Worship Center, 140 Rotonda Blvd. W. 5-7PM 475-7447

Drum Circle Englewood Beach North End 7PM

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Keeping Up with KIDS

Family Fall Festival
Fellowship Church of Englewood & Englewood Community Coalition would like to invite the entire community to the Family Fall Festival on **Saturday, October 2** at Fellowship Church Campus located at 140 Rotonda Blvd. West. This free event is for families with kids from pre-school to middle school ages. The festival starts at **10am and ends at 1pm**. There will be games, crafts, hayrides, pony rides, and lots more! Grilled hot dogs, chips, cookies & cold drinks will be served for lunch and it's all free. Don't miss out on a great family day of outside fun! For more information, please call **475-7447** or log onto fcenglewood.com.

Haunted Halloween Festival
Cedar Point Environmental Park is excited to announce their upcoming Haunted Halloween Festival! These events will occur four **Saturdays** in a row during **October** on **October 9, 16, 23, and 30** from **6 to 9pm**. The event will feature live animals, food trucks, a pumpkin patch, costume contests, a spooky haunted hike, and more! Each week will feature different vendors and activities as well. The admission for the event will be \$5 per person, and parking will be available in the grassy lot at Cedar Point's neighbor Harborside Marine Sales LLC at 2200 Placida Road (across

from Lemon Bay High School). Guest and vendor safety is of the highest priority, so face masks are strongly recommended outdoors and required indoors, regardless of vaccination status. This event status may change due to COVID so please check with Cedar Point Park by calling **475-0765** or emailing gerald@checflorida.org weekdays prior to attending. You can also visit www.CHEC.org and check the calendar.

Read with the Dogs
Children are invited to read with certified pet therapy dogs on the second Monday of every month from **3:30 to 4:30pm** at the Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn Street. This month's program is **Monday, October 11**. The program encourages conversation and develops reading and communication skills. The dogs love the attention, and the kids love the interactions. For more information, call the library at **861-1225**.

Trunk or Treat-Donations
The Englewood YMCA is accepting donations for its annual Trunk-or-Treat event. Volunteers are also needed. Donations and participation will make this year a success so please consider becoming a part of a safe and supervised event. Decorate your car or truck trunk and pass out candy, donate entertainment or bring candy and treats for the event planners



What's 40 feet long, and will soon be roaring into The Bishop Museum of Science and Nature in Bradenton? A *tyrannosaurus rex* – one of more than two dozen life-like dinosaurs that will be in The Bishop's newest experience *Dino Don's DinoVenture*, opening to the public on **Saturday, October 23**. The outdoor exhibition will transport visitors back to the Cretaceous Period, allowing visitors to walk among these roaring, breathing giants in real life. They breathe, blink, and flick their tails. Guests can choose from three different ticket packages: *DinoVenture* only, Museum only, or an all-access pass to both *DinoVenture* and the Museum. Advance tickets are on sale now. The Bishop is located at 201 Tenth Street West, in Bradenton. Visit www.BishopScience.org for more information and tickets. Two T.Rex are awaiting your visit in this photo.

to prepare for passing out to the children. The Trunk-or-Treat free community event will take place **Friday, October 29, 5-8pm**, at 701 Medical Blvd. Please contact Kaytlin Jabour at **475-1234** for more information.

ECC Receives Funding!
The Englewood Community Coalition, Inc. (ECC) was one of the financial grant recipients by the Office of National

Drug Control Policy's Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program that funds community-based coalitions that engage multiple sectors of the community to prevent youth substance use. ECC is a continuation grant recipient, and will receive \$125,000 for one year, which is renewable (depending on performance and availability of funds) for

additional four years for a total of \$625,000 over five years. The DFC Support Program provides grants for five years to community coalitions to strengthen the infrastructure among local partners to create and sustain a reduction in local youth substance use. Recognizing that local problems need local solutions, DFC-funded coalitions



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engage multiple sectors of the community and employ a variety of environmental strategies to address local substance use problems. Three of ECC's outreach projects are

Englewood Drug Free Youth (D-Fy), Fun Night Done Right for middle school age, and a parent participation to curb alcohol misuse called NoOnesHouse. To learn more about the Englewood

Community Coalition, Inc., and the Drug Free Youth programs available to area youth, visit www.ccEnglewood.com or call 681-0091.

Vineland Elementary Students of the Month

Vineland Elementary School recognizes students each month who exhibit the attributes of the Vineland motto: "Where Herons SOAR" - Show respect, Own actions, Accept differences, Realize potential. Pictured here are the September Herons of the Month. Congratulations to these outstanding students! The program is sponsored by the Rotonda West VFW Post 10476. Students receive a ribbon acknowledging their achievement.



Row 1 L to R: Derek Buchillion, Waytt Gencarelli. Row 2 L to R: Logan Alton, Adelina Baquerizo-Lyons, Taydem Mentzer, Caiden Moody, Sagan Brotherton, Isabella Lynch, Audrey Salmon. Row 3 L to R: Liala Dill, Kiersten Abruzzese, Amelia Baldassari, Aria Hendericks, Jace Boriboune.



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Nola's Notes

Blessing of the Animals

You and your pet(s) are invited to attend the Blessing of the Animals at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church on **Saturday, October 2 at 9am**. Father Cory Mayer and Deacon Robert Godlewsky will officiate the Blessing in the Memorial Garden at 5265 Placida Road. St. Francis of Assisi was the patron saint of animals and environment and praised all creatures as brothers and sisters under God. All are welcome!

PetOberfest

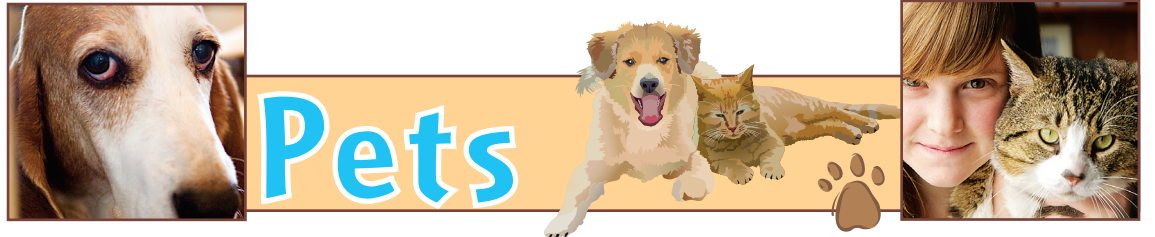
The Animal Welfare League of Charlotte County invites you to their first annual PetOberfest on **Saturday, October 2 from 11am to 3pm**. Join them for food & music, fun & games, tarot readings, adoptable dogs and cats, and purchase tickets for the Gurr & Furr Raffle. The event will be held at the Animal Welfare League, 35319 Drance Street, Port Charlotte. Vendors include the Dank AF Food Truck, Peace River Wildlife Center, PRWC Rescue Garage, SWFLGSD Rescue, Pets Supplies Plus, My Cat Nap Cottage and My Buddies Pet Care. Learn more at www.awlshelter.org.

A Howling for E.A.R.S.

The White Rabbit Saloon invites you to the Third Annual *A Howling for E.A.R.S.* on **Saturday, October 16 at 7pm**. This event benefits Englewood Animal Rescue Sanctuary (E.A.R.S.). Enjoy an evening of food, dancing, live music by Johnny Lee Howard, raffles, 50/50 and a silent auction. Donations for E.A.R.S. are greatly appreciated. Besides monetary donations, the rescue needs bleach, paper towels, dog and cat food, toys, treats, hand sanitizer, cat litter, blankets, and puppy pads. The White Rabbit Saloon is located at 8282 Wiltshire Dr. Phone: **623-5925**.

Hurricane Ida Pups

Suncoast Humane Society is helping rescue pets from Louisiana and Mississippi following the destruction of Hurricane Ida. As of **September 23rd**, there were 11 dogs available for adoption and looking for their forever home. If you are interested in adopting a new family member, visit www.humane.org. For fostering opportunities, email foster@humane.org for more details. Suncoast Humane Society is located at 6781 San Casa Drive. Phone **474-7884**.



Pets



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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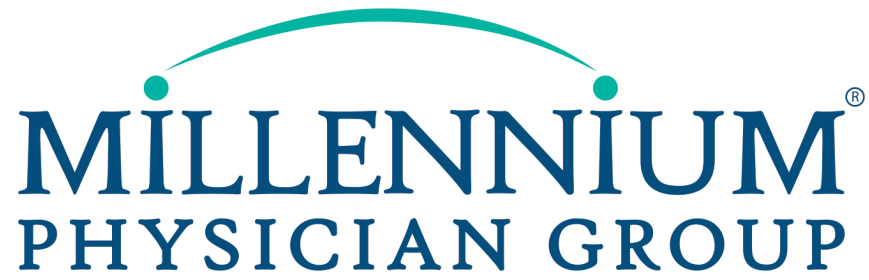
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