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Early Voting & Drop Off Boxes

In Charlotte County, early voting is taking place **through Sunday, November 1 every day from 7am to 7pm**. In Englewood, you can vote early at Mac V. Horton West County Annex, 6868 San Casa Drive. There is a “drop box” for depositing your Vote by Mail Ballot at this location as well. For more information and other drop box locations, visit www.charlottevotes.com. For Sarasota County residents, early voting can be done **daily through Sunday, November 1 from 8:30am to 6:30pm** at eight locations where vote by mail drop boxes are also located. For Englewood residents, the nearest locations are RL Anderson Building, 400 Tamiami Trail South, Venice and Biscayne Plaza, 13640 Tamiami Trail, North Port. For other locations and more information, visit www.sarasotavotes.com.

Boating Safety Class

Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 87 is offering a four session online Boating Skills and Seamanship Class by the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Englewood, FL, **October 26-29**. Sessions



Hurry! The weekend of **October 24-25** is your last chance to attend the 29th annual Pumpkin Festival at Hunsader Farms in Bradenton. This seasonal family favorite event is open **9am to 5pm on Saturday & Sunday, October 24 & 25**. The festival includes live music, craft show, pumpkins, charity pumpkin games, hayrides, pony rides, live shows, homemade ice cream, food galore, rock climbing wall, petting zoo, barnyard playground, fresh produce, banana derby, butter experience, train ride and corn maze. Masks are recommended and there are hand sanitizer stations available. Admission is \$10 with kids age 10 and under free; parking \$5. Some experiences like the maze and train ride have a small additional charge. Hunsader Farms is located at 5500 C.R. 675, Bradenton. Phone **322-2168**. Find out more at www.hunsaderfarms.com.

will be held from **6 to 8pm**. Registration fee is \$35. To register, visit the flotilla website, www.coastguardenglewood.com, click tab for Boating Safety Classes then register at bottom of page. Students are responsible to acquire their book “Boating Skills and Seamanship, 14th edition” available at most book sellers including Amazon. Call

Dane Hahn at **681-0312** for more information

Centennial Partners Meeting

A Charlotte County Centennial Partners meeting is scheduled for **5:30pm Wednesday, October 28** at Punta Gorda Charlotte Library, 401 Shreve St., Punta Gorda. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting will include an update on plans to commemorate the April 23, 2021 Centennial anniversary of the creation of the county. Community organizations are invited to



You're invited! Hancock Grills, a local grill company, is hosting the first Mullet Fest on **Saturday, November 14, 10am to 7pm**, at the Charlotte County Fairgrounds, 2333 El Jobean Road, Port Charlotte. The event will have a mullet smoke-off competition, cast net throwing competition, live music, local arts & crafts and much more, such as face painting and petting zoo for kids. During the mullet judging starting at **1:30pm**, there will also be a mullet hair competition and the cast net throwing competition. Smoked mullet, as well as hamburgers, hot dogs and sausage will be available, prepared on two Hancock Grills Sterling 40 grills. Craft beers by Big Top Brewery of Sarasota. Musicians scheduled include Kenny Rose, Beth Travers, Seamus McCarthy Band, Pure Country and Smoked Mullet Band. Entry is \$5 and includes free parking (no charge for kids 12 and under.) Kori and Brandon Hancock say that Hancock Grills' mission is to bring the community “safely” together and support the local fishery and artists. This is a chance to give back to the community and to raise funds to benefit Lemon Bay Conservancy. Learn more about Lemon Bay Conservancy's mission to protect land and water habitats at lemonbayconservancy.org. For more about the mullet fest, visit www.Englewood-mulletfest.com. Photo: Owner of Hancock Grills, Brandon Hancock, is your host for the Mullet Fest.

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share what they are working on and coordinate activities. The Centennial website, www.CharlotteCounty100.com, provides historical information about the county and features a central calendar of events submitted by community groups. People can also sign up to receive emails about the Centennial. A Facebook page, www.facebook.com/CharlotteCounty100, allows people to share information, events, photos and videos.

Estate-Planning Basics
 Englewood Bank & Trust will be holding an estate-planning seminar on **Thursday, October 29, 10 to 11:30am**, at the Englewood Chamber of Commerce, 601 S. Indiana Avenue. The 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 other pitfalls to avoid. Kerry Hunter, Trust Development Officer for Englewood Bank will be joined by Lori Wellbaum Emery of Wellbaum & Emery, P.A. The seminar is free, but registration is required at www.Englewoodbank.com or call Kerry at **473-3629**.

Halloween Party
 Englewoods on Dearborn Restaurant and Bar is hosting a Halloween Party on **Saturday, October 31, 7 to 11pm**. Paisley Craze will provide the musical treat. Check it out at 362 W. Dearborn Street. You can follow Englewoods on Dearborn on Facebook.

Halloween Party
 Friends of Tiffany Square Bingo is hosting a Halloween Party on **Saturday, October 31, 5 to 8pm** at Tiffany Square Bingo, 2828 S. McCall Road. Enter the costume contest where you could win \$100 for first prize. There is also a Make a Delicious Dessert contest with a first prize of \$50. Judging for the contest will be at **7:30pm**. Party food will be served starting at **5:30pm**. Drawings for wheel spins every 30 minutes. You must be actively playing a machine to be eligible for cash prizes. For more information, call **208-5999**.

Full Moon Yoga
 Come join Loving Light Yoga at Englewood Beach for a gentle yoga flow while watching the sunset as the sky gently darkens and the Full Moon raises on



If you would like to fill a Christmas shoebox for a needy child through Operation Christmas Child, please stop by Pope Insurance at 773 S. Indiana Ave (their new location) to pick up a box. Each box will have a list of suggested items for boys and girls of different ages. Collection Week is **November 16-23rd** so please return your Christmas box to Pope Insurance by **November 13th**. For questions, call **475-6766**. Learn more about Operation Christmas Child at www.operationchristmasshoebox.com.

Saturday, October 31, 6:30-7:30pm. Sunset is at 6:47pm; Moonrise is at 6:58pm. Bring a sheet or blanket and enjoy. Glow sticks will be given out just before class begins. Cost for class \$5. No registration required. Loving Light Yoga offers daily beach yoga classes at the north end of Englewood Beach as well as studio and other special classes. Learn more at www.lovinglightyoga.com.

Sarasota County CARES
 Sarasota County has launched their Coronavirus Relief Fund application process for businesses, individuals and non-profit agencies that have been negatively impacted financially from COVID-19. Help is available in the form of individual grants up to \$5,000 per household and small business and nonprofit grants up to \$49,999.99. The approved grants require no repayment. The allocation amount is \$18.9 million to be used to mitigate the financial impact in the following categories: economic recovery, food, water and housing. For more information or to begin the application process, visit scgov.net/CARES. Instructional videos for the application process are available on the website. In addition, a CARES Funds Call Center is available **Monday through Saturday, 8am to 7pm**, by calling **861-CARE (2273)** or

visit a local library to speak with a CARES Act Ambassador.

Ainger Creek Bridge Repair
 Repairs to the Ainger Creek Bridge on Placida Road are underway. Multiple traffic reconfigurations will occur during the bridge repairs. Warning signs and/or flaggers will be in place to direct traffic. Travelers will begin to experience intermittent, slow-moving traffic, and/or temporary delays within the construction limits and should allow extra time when planning to travel through this area. The Public Works Department reminds motorists to remain alert at all times and to exercise caution when traveling in the vicinity of construction zones. For information, visit www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov.

New Renaissance Festival
 The SunCoast Renaissance Festival is coming to the Sarasota Fairgrounds on weekends during November. This is a new area festival, not to be confused with the Sarasota Medieval Fair which has been cancelled for this year. The SunCoast Renaissance Festival's goal is to bring the finest Renaissance acts in the land to Sarasota. There will be stage shows, live music, artisan merchants and demonstrations. Daily tickets are \$23 for adults, \$20 seniors, \$17 children age 5



With the official end of summer, the Englewood Men's Senior Softball League is back at it in full swing. The Fall season is underway, comprised of six teams with a player protection protocol in place. In addition, for those not able to get on a team, open practice sessions are once again being held every **Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning beginning at 8am** at the Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 River Road. Going in to its 29th year, the league continues to attract players from Englewood, North Port, Venice, Rotonda, Boca Grande and Port Charlotte. "The League's mission is to create an opportunity for men over 60 to play recreational softball" stated Rudy Davis, a member of the league's executive committee. The league is focusing on recruiting more players to the league to add more teams to the Gold and Silver divisions as well as the Bronze division for those over 80 or with otherwise diminishing skills. The practice sessions, which run through the end of December, give players a chance to refresh their skills, and prepare for the upcoming season's draft in early January. "The skill level ranges from first timers to more advanced players, with one common goal...get some exercise and have some fun." said Mark Johnson, newly appointed commissioner of the league, who encourages all to come out and give it a try. For more information, visit the league's website at www.EnglewoodSeniorSoftball.weebly.com. Photo: Randy Harold of the Big Red Machine takes a swing.

to 11. Dates are **November 7-8, 14-15, 21-22 and 27-29**. Gates are open **10am to 6pm**. For entertainment schedule, tickets and more information, visit suncoastrenaissancefestival.com. The fairgrounds is located at 3000 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota.

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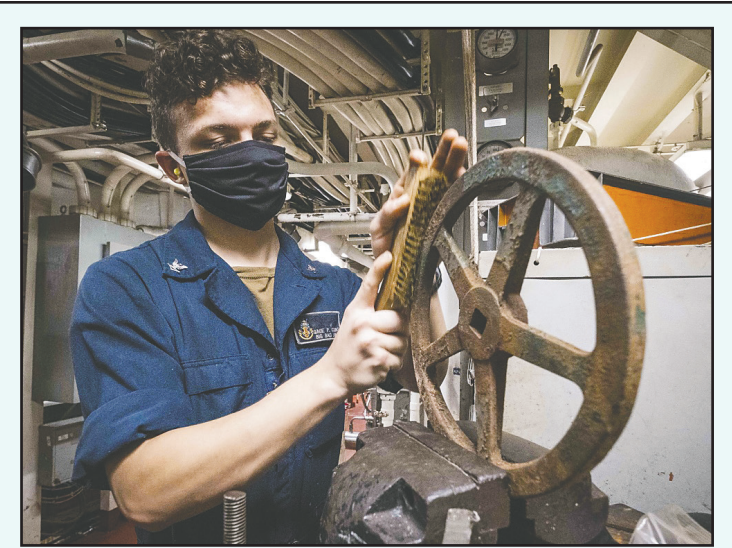
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Dice Run to support Mission 22 on **Saturday, November 7**. The ride starts at Bert's Black Widow Harley, 2224 El Jobean Road in Port Charlotte. Sign up **9am**; run begins at **10:30am**. The object is to roll a seven at each of the five stops and the person with the most sevens wins. Afterwards enjoy "Storm Warning" and free beer, burgers

and dogs at Bert's. Entry fee is \$10, \$10 per passenger and \$10 for extra dice cards. You can win a Combat Vet handmade wooden flag donated by Flags of Valor or a full day boat rental donated by Gasparilla Marina. Tickets are \$10 for each raffle. Mission 22 offers treatment for veterans with PTSD, Traumatic Brain Injury and other issues. For more information, contact Mitch Mesenberg at **740•1842**.

Welcome Home Vietnam Vets

Vietnam Vets will be given their due in a huge celebration to be held **Saturday, November 21** in Port Charlotte. The event was originally scheduled to be held last March but was postponed due to COVID-19. Most of the activities will now be presented on **Friday and Saturday, November 20 & 21**. A notable exception will be the Vietnam Wall "roll call" – the reading of every single name of the more than 58,000 on the Vietnam Wall of Southwest Florida in Punta Gorda starting **Monday, November 16, 8am**. At about **noon on Friday, November 20**, after the last name is read from the roll call, a somber memorial service will be held at the wall, with feature remarks by retired Sgt. 1st Class Melvin Morris, Medal of Honor recipient. A huge kick-off party starts at **2pm** at TT's Tiki Bar, outside the Four Points by Sheraton Punta Gorda Harborside in Punta Gorda. This portion of the event is free and features musical artists the Bandana Band, Bobby G. Rice, James Marvell and Tomey Sellars. On **Saturday morning, November 21**, a



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"Welcome Home Parade" in Port Charlotte leads off the day at **9am**. There will be UH-1 Huey Helicopter Rides at the Charlotte Sports Park **9am to noon**. More than 200 riders are expected to participate in the "Welcome Home Thunder" motorcycle ride starting at **10am** in Port Charlotte and riding to the Charlotte County Fairgrounds. The gates open at **11am** with an afternoon of events scheduled starting at **1pm**. The day culminates with a concert by Lee Greenwood followed by fireworks. Veterans will be admitted at no charge but must register. Tickets for the rest of the public are \$20 for general admission or \$40 for preferred seating. For more details, registration and tickets, go to www.welcomehomevietnamvets2020.org.

[welcomehomevietnamvets2020.org](http://www.welcomehomevietnamvets2020.org).

The Sandlot is Open!

Families and thrill-seekers who don't mind getting a little dirty while having fun can find it at The Sandlot Off-Road Adventure Park now open at the site formerly known as Florida Tracks and Trails. With more than 1,100 acres, it's Florida's newest and largest family-friendly off-road park. Off road vehicles - AT/UTV, motocross riders, dirt bikes, go carts, 4 X 4s – can explore five motocross tracks and 25+ miles of one directional, mixed-use cross-country trails that are designed for riders of all ages and experience levels. Guided tours are also offered to show

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Great Garage Sale

Clean out your closets, gather your unwanted items, and bring them on down to sell at the 3rd Annual Great Garage Sale at the Charlotte Sports Park. Interested vendors can rent a 10-foot by 40-foot space for \$30. Vendors must bring their own tables, chairs and tents. Registration deadline is **Monday, November 30**. There will be free admission for shoppers from **8am to 1pm, Saturday, December 5**. Booth spacing will adhere to CDC guidelines. No food or beverage providers will be on site. The Charlotte Sports Park is located at 2300 El Jobean Road, Port Charlotte. For information, contact Debbie Thibideau at **235-5010** or Debbie.Thibideau@CharlotteCountyFL.gov.

Parking Pass Purchases

For returning seasonal residents and visitors, the payment meters at Englewood Beach and other Charlotte County recreational areas are no longer an option. All transactions must be completed through the Parkmobile app. For frequent users, parking passes are now available for purchase at Charlotte County recreation

centers and pools. Parking passes can also be purchased through the mail, phone, or the tax collector's office. Download the application online at www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov/parks and click Parking & Parking Passes. For information, contact Mike Koenig at **625-7529** or Mike.Koenig@CharlotteCountyFL.gov.

Share What You Know

What do you know that should be shared, something you've learned as you've moved through life? Could be anything - changing a flat bicycle tire, doing something creative in music, art, crafts, or a hobby you are passionate about. Maybe it's something from a job or career... Life Realized is looking for people from all types of backgrounds and experiences the opportunity to do so at The Dearborn Center, 501 W. Dearborn Street. You can teach on-going classes in art, crafts, self-improvement, etc. in their classroom space, present "one-off" mini-lectures on something you know, share life experiences, pivotal moments or revelations in a "TED Talk" style format or introduce members of the Englewood community to your passion, and maybe get them "hooked" as well. The Dearborn Center can provide a large, flexible, indoor or outdoor space configured as needed (mindful of COVID-19 social distancing guidelines). A sound system is available. Call **681-8188** or email Admin@liferealized.org with your ideas and "PRESENTER" in the Subject line. Even if you don't think others would

be interested, run your idea by them; you might just be surprised.

Caring & Sharing

Big Red Bus Blood Drives

OneBlood "Big Red Bus" blood drive dates have been scheduled for **October** and **November** in the Englewood area. Please note, however, that blood drives are subject to change at any time. If you would like to donate blood, appointments are required and can be scheduled at www.oneblood.org. Englewood dates are **Tuesday, October 27, 10am to 3pm**: Palm Plaza, sponsored by Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary, 1951 S. McCall Road; **Sunday, November 1, 9am to 1pm** - Englewood United Methodist Church, 700 E. Dearborn Street; **Sunday, November 1, 2 to 5pm** - Walmart, 2931 S. McCall Road; **Friday, November 6, 10am to 4pm** - Bealls, 1500 Placida Road; **Saturday, November 14, 9am to 1pm** - Symbiont Service, 4372 N. Access Road; **Saturday, November 14, 2 to 5pm** - Pet Supermarket, 1951 S. McCall Road; **Monday, November 16, 10am to 4pm** - Bealls Outlet, 425 S. Indiana Avenue; **Friday, November 20, 11am to 5pm** - Gulf Coast Hardware, 975 S. McCall Road; **Tuesday, November 24, 11am to 5pm** - Winn Dixie, 1951 S. McCall Road; **Sunday, November 29, 11am to 5pm** - Walmart, 2931 S. McCall Road.

Thanksgiving Foods Needed

It's hard to believe Thanksgiving is only a month away! The Jubilee Center, St. David's



*The 45th Anniversary Orchid Show at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens is now underway **through November 29**. Enjoy the spectacular display of living orchids in the Tropical Conservatory with an impressive exhibition of orchid treasures from Selby Gardens' library and preserved collections in the Museum of Botany and the Arts. The show will honor the Garden's founder, Marie Selby, and highlight the accomplishments of the many notable women who have built on her legacy and helped make Selby Gardens home to the best scientifically documented collection of orchids in the world. The Gardens are open **daily, 10am to 5pm**. Tickets are adults \$20 and youth \$10 (members are free.) The campus is located at 1534 Mound Street near downtown Sarasota. For more information, visit www.selby.org.*

Episcopal Church food pantry, has been busy as ever! The numbers of those accessing the pantry have surpassed the numbers served in 2019 so The Jubilee Center is very thankful to be able to continue their ministry of serving those in need in the Englewood Community! Food donations are being sought to be able to provide Thanksgiving boxes of food with fixings for a complete dinner for their clients. Suggested donations include canned ham for single household, small hams (3-4lbs) or turkey breast for small households, larger hams for bigger families, \$10 Publix gift cards, canned sweet potatoes, whole white canned potatoes, instant mashed potatoes, boxed turkey or cornbread stuffing, canned cranberry sauce, turkey or chicken gravy, canned fruit, olives, pickles and canned pumpkin. Donations may be brought to The Jubilee Center, 401 S. Broadway, on **Tuesdays between 10am & noon**. For other times, call **681-3550**.

"Virtual" Volunteers Needed

Now, perhaps more than ever, the mission and impact of Big Brothers Big Sisters are evident and urgent. There is a need for virtual mentoring for children ages 6-14, which consists of providing online/virtual extra help with reading or math or just a friend to talk to. All information sessions, interviews and match meetings are done through video conferencing, and the schedule is flexible based on everyone's availability. Big Brothers Big Sisters provides guidance, coaching and support in ensuring that Bigs have the tools and resources to meet virtually with their Littles. "The young people we serve are likely to bear the heaviest burdens of trauma and economic fallout from the Covid-19 pandemic. They face increased anxiety, stress, fear and worry, including a much greater exposure to adverse childhood experiences," states Joy Mahler, President & CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast. For additional

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Presented with Lori Wellbaum Emery of Wellbaum & Emery, P.A.

Thursday, Nov. 19, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

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While the seminars are free, reservations are required.

Seating is limited to allow for social distancing. Please register online at www.engagewoodbank.com/trustservices/seminars or contact Kerry Hunter at 941-473-3629 or khunter@ebtfl.com.



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Holiday Greetings for Troops

During a time of year when families have empty seats at their tables and deployed troops are missing home, Wreaths Across America Radio (WAAR) airs messages from troops from across the country and overseas, and encourages folks at home to send a holiday greeting to them in the form of an internet radio greeting. The “Holiday Greetings” program provides American military families and civilians the opportunity to extend holiday greetings and thanks to service members and veterans through an international internet radio station at www.wreathscrossamerica.org/radio (hashtag #WreathsRadio.) Anyone can participate by calling 833•369•1351 to record a short holiday greeting. Wreaths Radio will play Holiday Greetings on-air during the holidays **between November 23 and December 31** to help bring families, loved ones, members of the military and Americans closer together for the holiday season.

Sports

LBHS Athletic Golf Scramble

Come and support Lemon Bay High School (LBHS) student athletes! The third Annual Lemon Bay Athletic Golf Scramble is scheduled for **Saturday, October 31** at the Rotonda Golf and Country

Club – Hills Course. All proceeds go to support the student athletes of Lemon Bay High School. Cost is \$75 per person (\$300 per foursome.) Hole sponsorships are \$100. For more information, contact Ryan LaVallee at 474•7702, ext. 3015 or email ryan.lavallee@yourcharlotteschools.net.

“Driving Out Hunger” Golf Scramble

The Homeless Coalition invites you to participate in the 9th Annual “Driving Out Hunger” Fall Golf Scramble on **Saturday, November 21** at the Riverwood Golf Club, 4100 Riverwood Drive in Port Charlotte. This event is a four-person scramble with men’s, women’s, and mixed teams. There will be a delicious continental breakfast and southern-style barbeque lunch. The cost is \$95 per person. The cost includes breakfast, lunch, 25 tickets to the chance auction, two drink tickets, and mulligans for each team. Registration begins at **7:30am** on the day of the event, and shotgun start is at **8:30am**. The Homeless Coalition works toward driving out hunger in the community with their Hot Meals program and weekly Food Pantry. The Pantry distributed food to more than 4,600 people in the last year, of whom 30% were seniors. Please contact Darcy Woods at 627•4313, Ext. 134 or email Darcy.Woods@chomelesscoalition.org to reserve a spot. Your support assists the Homeless Coalition in continuing to provide programs and services to the community residents in greatest need.

MARTIN LUTHER TO PREACH

BY TONI NEWTON

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther, a Catholic priest and professor of theology, nailed his 95 theses on the door of All Saints’ Church in Wittenberg, Germany. At that time, church doors were the equivalent of today’s internet. Dr. Luther’s theses were grievances against the corrupt practices of the Catholic church, including the selling of indulges – for a price, people could buy their way out of purgatory. Dr. Luther’s belief is that people receive salvation only as a gift through their faith in Christ. He also included his belief that, the Bible is the central religious authority, thus the Bible interprets itself. His ideas rapidly gained popularity among the general population and sparked the beginning of the Protestant Reformation.



Great news! On Sunday, October 25 at 9:30 am, at Christ Lutheran Church, 701 N. Indiana Ave., Englewood, Martin Luther will be preaching, and you can hear his side of the story. We’ve been told that he will be travelling from Germany to

Tampa on Lufthansa Airlines. But Dr. Luther doesn’t trust automobiles, so his transportation from Tampa to Englewood will be by ox cart. Go figure!

Following the worship service, meet Pastor Ken Lentz (who bears a remarkable resemblance to Dr. Luther). Pr. Lentz has an impressive curriculum vitae. He attended Trinity Seminary in Columbus, Ohio and earned his doctorate in the field of Reformation and post-Reformation history from the University of Heidelberg, Germany. Pr. Lentz has served churches in several locations including Germany, Ohio, Michigan, California, and Arizona. He served

Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Venice from 1993-2002. He taught World Religions at Henry Ford Community College and church history at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, CA.

Pr. Lentz returned to Florida 2 years ago to be near his family and, presently, lives in Englewood. One of his hobbies is amateur magic and he performs magic every Sunday as a way to highlight the lessons of the day.

So, mark your calendars and set your alarms. An opportunity like this doesn’t come along every week. Oh, wait. Maybe at Christ Lutheran, it does.

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Arts & Entertainment



Andy Sandberg, Artistic Director and CEO of the Hermitage Artist Retreat, recently announced that the organization has welcomed Amy Wallace as the organization's development director and Emily Lane as its grants manager. Wallace joins the organization after serving for six years at New College Foundation. In addition to working closely with Sandberg, Wallace joins a team that includes Hermitage Co-Founder and Program Director Patricia Caswell; Deputy Director and Operations Manager Elizabeth Power; and Executive Assistant/Program Coordinator Michael Salimbene. Sandberg said, "With her impressive experience in fundraising and institutional advancement, her forward-thinking outlook on philanthropy, and her passion for our mission to support artists and the creative process, Amy is going to play a vital role in the bright future of the Hermitage." Lane is a fourth-generation Floridian with a deep connection to the arts, and her career has included higher education, museums, and arts institutions, where she raised millions of dollars for arts, education, scientific and environmental projects, as well as capital campaigns. She spent nearly 15 years at Selby Gardens before starting her own consulting and grants practice. To learn more about the Hermitage, please visit HermitageArtistRetreat.org. Photos (left to right:) Amy Wallace, development director. Emily Lane, grants manager.

Exhibit Reflects Polarized Election

On November 3, Americans will cast their ballots in an unprecedented time of civil unrest, political uncertainty, and proliferating conspiracy theories. The election results will shape this country's political future for years to come. Art Center Sarasota's next all-media, juried exhibition, "Onward

and Upward," will address this polarized election season with politically themed works of art created by artists from around the country. Elizabeth Goodwill, Art Center Sarasota's education director, says a bipartisan, political-themed exhibit has been an Art Center tradition in presidential election years. A jurors' open critique on the Zoom platform is **Tuesday**,

October 27, 6pm; an awards presentation and reception on Zoom is **Thursday, October 29, 6pm**. The exhibit will be available online only, **October 29 through December 31**. For more information, visit www.artsarasota.org or call **365•2032**. You must register for these events. The link to register is available at www.artsarasota.org or email Elizabeth Goodwill at Elizabeth@artsarasota.org.

Classes at Venice Theatre

Another round of adult virtual classes is ready to roll at Venice Theatre starting **October 26**. Offered are The Magic of Ancient Greek Theatre, Original Monologue Writing, Beginning and Immediate Acting for Adults, Scoring the Scene and Insights and Techniques & Tricks – Beginning Directing for Adults. Classes for kids are already underway for this session but more will be offered soon. To explore the adult classes and register, go to www.venicetheatre.org.

Under the Stars Concert

Artist Series Concerts of Sarasota makes its first foray into outdoor concerts with *Under the Stars*, an inspired celebration of opera and musical theatre featuring the voices of soprano Jennifer Kreider and tenor Austin Cripe, **Monday, October 26, 5:30pm**, on the bayfront at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, 900 S. Palm Avenue, Sarasota. Kreider and



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Key Chorale's streaming online season opener "Together We Rise: Celebrating the Resilience of the Human Spirit" brings people together to experience the healing and hope of music. Premiering **October 30th**, The Key Chorale Chamber Singers will present an inspirational program of favorites, uplifting spirituals and music that celebrates the resiliency of the human spirit. The 25-voice Chamber Singers will give the Florida premiere of "Sing Gently" by Eric Whitacre. This concert opens with Joseph Martin's "The Awakening." This piece describes an image of a world without music, a silent dream, before suddenly changing to an outpouring of joy – let the music live! You'll also hear "Sure on this Shining Night," "Can We Sing the Darkness to Light", "Let Music Fill the Air," "Stand by Me," and many more. Soloists Jamal Sarikoki, Amy Connors and Zac Stockman will be featured, as well as two singalongs. The online streaming concert will be available from **October 30th until November 22nd**. Tickets to watch the 90-minute streaming video are \$25 per household; patrons will receive a viewing link that can be activated any time during the streaming run. To purchase, go to keychorale.org.

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Cripe were both prizewinners at Artist Series Concerts' 2016 National Voice Competition. Joined by pianist Joseph Holt, they'll perform favorites by Brahms, Kurt Weill, Jerome Kern and many others. To ensure the safety of audience members, musicians and staff, in addition to the outdoor setting, all seating will be socially distanced, guests' temperatures will be taken upon arrival and masks or face coverings will be required. As a further safeguard, there will be

no "will call" and tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets are \$25 and are available online at ArtistSeriesConcerts.org or by calling **306•1202, Monday – Friday, 10am to 4pm.**

The Vagina Monologues
Venice Theatre presents Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues" – an Obie Award-winning whirlwind tour of a "forbidden zone" through a wildly divergent gathering of female voices. The play runs **Friday, October 30 through**

Sunday, November 1 and seats are \$22. COVID-19 protocols will be in place. The play stars Candace Artim, Laurie Colton and Kim Kollar. The story contains adult content and commentary. Find out more and purchase tickets at www.venicetheatre.org. The box office is currently closed due to COVID-19. Venice Theatre is located at 140 W. Tampa Avenue, Venice.

La Musica at Home
La Musica International Chamber Music Festival, in collaboration with Harbour Productions and Mark of Man Films, is pleased to announce the launch of "La Musica at Home," a monthly series of documentaries exploring the personal lives, musical passions and performances of its renowned musician artists. The series will be available through multiple online platforms, including YouTube and La Musica's website, LaMusicaFestival.org. In the premiere episode, available **October 30th**, viewers get a peek into the world of orchestral bassist Dee Moses through traditional and contemporary performances captured in the recording studio, and candid reflections on his life, work, and collaboration with his dancer/choreographer wife Elsa Valbuena. Subsequent episodes will feature La Musica artistic director and celebrated pianist Derek Han; Ann Hobson Pilot, former principal harpist of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, in collaboration with Sarasota Contemporary Dance; and young piano virtuoso and Yamaha artist Steven Lin, with a special look at the custom piano work of Justin Elliott. To learn more about La Musica and "La Musica at Home," visit LaMusicaFestival.org. La Musica will present its



The Venice Symphony announces that violinist Ross Monroe Winter has joined the orchestra as Associate Concertmaster. Dr. Ross Monroe Winter's career spans four continents and multiple genres as soloist; chamber, orchestral, opera, ballet musician, and educator. He has collaborated with world-class musicians and ensembles and premiered several new works. Currently he is a member of the Richmond Symphony, the IRIS Orchestra and principal second violin of the Wintergreen Festival Orchestra. Dr. Winter is a violin professor at the University of Central Florida's School of Performing Arts and teaches violin and chamber music at the Wintergreen Music Festival & Academy. He is on the violin and chamber music faculty at The Orchestra Project and former Artistic Director of the Midwest Violin Caucus. Winter has worked extensively in film and television. He tutored Oscar-nominee Robert Downey, Jr. for the 2009 film *Sherlock Holmes*, and appeared in the film. Winter will make his debut with The Venice Symphony on a series of virtual concerts, premiering in November. Winter is scheduled to make his live performance debut with the Symphony on **May 1-2, 2021** at "Songs from the Stage and Screen with Linda Eder" at the Venice Performing Arts Center. For more information and a full biography, visit rmwstudio.com. Photo credit Starboard Photography.



The Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall in Sarasota has just announced a premiere outdoor concert event, *Bay Music Live!* On **Saturday, November 14**, *Jah Movement's* signature sound will electrify the lawn and terrace outside of the Van Wezel in this socially distanced, sunset show. The event kicks off at **4pm** with music starting promptly at 4:30pm. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Lawn spaces on the grass accommodating up to two guests are \$35, and lawn spaces on the grass accommodating up to four guests are \$70. Guests reserving lawn spaces are encouraged to bring seating or blankets if they do not want to sit directly on the grass. No stranger to the Van Wezel, *Jah Movement* has headlined *Friday Fest* in past summers at the Hall. They bring a unique flare to their beloved reggae sound, including aspects of R&B, soul and funk. Tickets can be purchased at www.VanWezel.org, by visiting the box office or by calling the box office at **263•6799**. Box office hours are **Monday-Friday, 10am to 4pm**

35th concert season in **April 2021**; tickets go on sale in **January.**

Spanish Flair – Olé
Choral Artists of Sarasota's 42nd season, entitled "Rise Up!" continues with "Spanish Flair," featuring the sounds of Spain as realized by non-Spanish composers, **Sunday, November 15 at 4pm.** The concert will be streamed online and features, among other works, Schumann's *Spanisches Liederspiel* for vocal quartet and piano, songs by Emil Sjögren and instrumental selections by Ravel, Dukas and

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Join Friends of Osprey Junction Trailhead (FOJT) for a FOJT Plein Air Painter Art Exhibit/Critique on **Wednesday, October 28 at 11am**. A grant from the Gulf Coast Community Foundation is underwriting this webinar. This online art exhibition will highlight local Plein Air artists' work created and inspired by the landscape at Osprey Junction Trailhead Park. Plein Air is the practice of rendering nature at the moment and capturing the luminous effects of light and atmosphere. A critique of each piece will address the many styles and techniques that are essential to this distinct method of painting. Presenters are Augusto Argandoña and Pamela Callender. Admission is free, but you must register to receive an invitation for the webinar. Register at https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/5515971814743/WN_v6iGjbCSS565sbNWIt8cjQ or visit www.ojtfriends.com/webinars.



Artist Gloria Urban invites you to attend an exhibit of her work at "Art in the Garden" on **Sunday, October 25, noon to 5pm**. While strolling the gardens, you will view affordable representational coastal landscapes, florals and abstract paintings. Gloria is a local Plein Air artist and you will find many paintings of surrounding local seascapes for your coastal home. There will be a raffle to win one of her paintings, a sale tent, door prizes and refreshments. After exploring with many mediums - watercolor, charcoal, inks, oils and pastels, her favorites are now acrylic and mixed media. "Art in the Garden" will be held at a private residence in South Gulf Cove at 14186 Edsel Drive, Port Charlotte. You can find out more and see examples of Gloria's work at www.gloriaurban.com. All are welcome.

task to earn her wings. Adult tickets are \$22 (plus tax) and may be purchased at www.charlotteplayers.org. The Langdon Theatre is located at 1182 Market Circle, Pt. Charlotte. Box office can be reached at **255-1022**.

The Music Plays Outdoors
After months of planning, listening to community feedback, and making modifications due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Punta Gorda Symphony is excited to announce plans to move forward safely with two programs for the 20/21 season: two outdoor socially-distanced concerts and an online live-streamed lecture series. More performances in the spring will be scheduled if

COVID-19 conditions improve and permit them to do so safely. "There's no substitute for live performance," says Maestro Raffaele Ponti. With musicians and audiences alike yearning for in-person cultural experiences, the Symphony aims to produce outdoor concerts on the following dates in partnership with Florida SouthWestern State College Charlotte Campus. Holiday Pops Outdoors will be **Saturday, December 19 at 11am and 2pm**. Symphony on the Lawn will be **Saturday, February 6 at 11am and 2pm**. Tickets are \$49 for general admission and advance ticketing is required. Go to www.pgsymphony.org for more information.

Artist Series Concert Updates
Like most other organizations, Artist Series Concerts of Sarasota has been forced to postpone, cancel or reschedule nearly all of their world-class musical concerts. A revised 2020/21 schedule was announced **October 12**, and you are asked to visit their website at www.ArtistSeriesConcerts.org to view their 25th anniversary season and purchase tickets.

Bosmans. Spanish Flair features Nicole Smith, soprano; Hannah Boyd, alto; Baron Garriott, tenor; Timothy O'Connor, bass; Betsy Hudson Traba, flute; Natalie Helm, cello; Michael Stewart, piano; and Joseph Holt, piano and narrator. "Concert Insight," featuring a live-streamed, informal chat about the music, composers and themes with Artistic Director Joseph Holt and guests is **Thursday, November 5, 10am**. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.ChoralArtistsSarasota.org or call **387-4900**.

Mom's Gift at Langdon Playhouse
Charlotte Players invites you to discover *Mom's Gift* at the Langdon Playhouse. The play runs **November 6 through November 15**. In this comedy with a heart, Mom has been dead for 11 months and shows up at her husband's birthday party as a ghost with a mission – like Clarence in *It's A Wonderful Life*, she has to accomplish a



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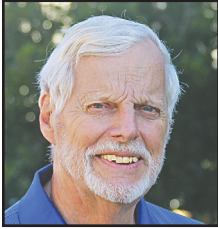
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Notable NEIGHBORS

Things Have Had A Way Of Blossoming For This Guy

At 93 years of age, Richard (Dick) Mayer has had an interesting life, one punctuated from time to time by unusual incidents. You want stories? Dick has many that are worth repeating.

Let's start with his dad, Joseph Mayer. Joe enlisted in America's 213th Aero Squadron to fight in France in World War I, the "war to end all wars" ... and he almost made it. He was aboard the *Tuscania*, which was bringing the first load of American troops to the front on February 5, 1918 when it was sunk by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland. Over 200 American troops were lost, and Joe was one who survived to tell the tale. The *Tuscania* joined its sister ship, the *Titanic* of 1912 and the *Lusitania* of 1914 as maritime disasters that shocked the American public in that decade.

After the war, Joe returned to his home town of Patchogue, N.Y., on the south shore of Long Island, got married, started a family in 1922 with son Rob, added to the family in 1927 with son Dick, and started a farm in 1929—the year the stock market crashed and the Great Depression began. Great timing. Well, Joe started by growing flowers—mostly roses—and the business

continued to bloom throughout the years.

"I started working for my dad in the field when I was five years old," Dick Mayer remembers. He learned to handle a horse and plow, and he could drive a tractor or a truck before he was old enough to have a license. "During World War II, my dad stopped growing flowers and grew vegetables. Every day before school we'd load up a truck with tomato plants and I'd bring them to the grocery store. I'd have maybe 25 flats left over that I'd sell out in front of the grocery store, and people would take them home to start their own victory gardens." Victory gardens were everywhere in those days—even atop the roof of the White House. Incidentally, Dick never got a ticket for his under-age driving. "Remember," he says with a smile, "I always had a few flats of tomato plants in the back of my truck."

When he was 14 Dick joined the newly formed Civil Air Patrol. "I loved flying, and I wanted to be an air cadet," he says. "One of the men in the



Dick and Shirley. Their romance still flowers.

CAP would take me flying two or three days a week, and he taught me to fly. We'd go out over the ocean looking for German submarines. We didn't find any ourselves, but the CAP did." According to official military records, the coastal patrols sighted a total of 173 U-boats during World War II.

"When I was 17, I went to enlist in the Army Air Force. I was sworn in, and they told me that I'd get a notice to report for training two days after I graduated from Patchogue High School," Dick recalls.

Sure enough, he did. The U.S. was rushing to get as many troops as possible ready for Operation Overlord, the invasion of Normandy, and the follow-up drive into Germany. When Dick's group of recruits arrived at their basic training camp in Biloxi, Mississippi (famous now via the Neil Simon play and movie, "Biloxi Blues"), they were assigned to the infantry, not the air force. "Four of my classmates were among those sent to the Normandy landings after three months' training and died in battle," he remembers sadly.

Dick did not go with them. He had applied to be on the camp's boxing team, acquitted himself well, and was held over at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois to participate in a boxing competition when the rest of his basic training class were sent to Europe. Shortly thereafter he was assigned to a small group of airmen who were to serve as airplane mechanics for the European Air Transport Service (EATS). "I didn't know anything about mechanics, but who was I to argue?" he queries.

After landing in LeHavre, Dick's group was sent to Paris and then Wiesbaden, Germany, by which time the war was over. But on the way to Wiesbaden, they stopped at the Dachau concentration camp, which had been converted to a POW camp for German soldiers. "They made us MPs for about three weeks, and we had to help guard the German prisoners. The place was overflowing with them."

In Wiesbaden, Dick was assigned to the motor pool, but he didn't have a lot to do. "I was useless as a mechanic," he swears, but the Air Force officers who had to keep up their flying hours would invite him to come along with them, and they'd let him do some piloting while they were up there. By the time he left Wiesbaden, he had flown to most of the seven EATS bases in Europe and accumulated over 700 hours of flight time. He could pilot a plane, even though he never did get a pilot's license.

Dick also served as an unofficial "procurer" of goods and services for the commanding officer there, negotiating with German nationals for paint or other goods that could be used at the EATS base. On one occasion, he was driving in the countryside and came upon a grave with a

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cross on it and a set of American dogtags dangling from the cross. In talking with the townsfolk nearby, he was told that an American pilot had parachuted from his plane and had been shot when found by German soldiers. The townspeople had buried him and put up the cross and dogtags. Dick reported the grave to the military authorities in Wiesbaden, and eventually the victim was identified, his parents notified, and the body exhumed and returned to the United States for a proper military burial.

During the post-war period in 1946, a thriving black market developed in Germany, and madcap buying and trading went on among the locals and GIs alike: lightbulbs, watches, souvenir weapons, food, almost anything could be gotten in the black market if nowhere else. In this milieu, Dick managed to trade a beautiful rifle for an oddity: the license plate of the service vehicle in which General George S. Patton was killed. "It had his four stars on the plate," Dick says, but the authenticity of that plate has never been

officially validated or discredited to this day. After keeping the plate in a place of honor in his office for years, Dick eventually sold it for a price well below its presumed value, something that, in retrospect, he regrets.

Dick was a staff sergeant when he was honorably discharged in November 1946, and he returned to Patchogue to work on his father's flower farm. That business evolved from growing flowers to wholesale marketing and (in 1960) to retail sales. Dick bought out his brother Rob and ran the company known widely as Mayer Greenhouses & Flower Cottage, Ltd. But it was no cottage industry. It became one of the largest flower businesses in Long Island under Dick's leadership, and one local paper deemed him to be a "flower tycoon." The company is still going today, under the guidance of Dick's son Jeffrey and his wife Lynda.

His success in business led Dick to take on outside responsibilities. For over 40 years he served on the board of the Brookhaven Memorial Hospital, holding positions as



Staff Sgt. Dick Mayer of the European Air Transport Service in Germany, 1946.

treasurer, secretary and finally vice chairman. He was at one time or another president of the Long Island Flower Grower's Association, a board member of the Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the Southern New England Producers Credit Association. He was a busy man, a horticulturist, a banker, a businessman and a philanthropist in

those years.

In 1948 Dick had married his childhood sweetheart, Betty Wilson, and they raised three children (Jeffrey and his sisters, Patricia and Joy) during their 64 years of marriage. "When Betty died, I never thought I'd find another person I wanted to be with," he says. But about eight years ago he met a gal, a former model and a fellow plant lover, whose name was—are you ready for this?—Shirley Flowers. "We met at the country club, and when I asked her what her last name was, she said 'Flowers.' I thought she was putting me on, and I was a little annoyed." Shirley had to make a fuss herself before he finally believed her. Well, love conquers all. They've been inseparable ever since. "She's wonderful," he confesses.

There's yet one more rarity in Dick's life that should be mentioned. About 25 years ago he bought a Rolls Royce—not exactly a vehicle that can be driven around unnoticed. "People either love it and want to find out all about it, or they hate it," he says. "When I first got it, I was coming

out of a side street one time, and a pickup truck pulled up next to me. A woman was driving, and the fellow in the front seat on my side looked like a heavyweight boxer, his muscles bulging and a tattoo on his right arm. He rolled down the window, and I was all tensed up. Then he said, feigning a British accent, 'Pardon me, would you have any Grey Poupon?' I smiled and said, 'But of course!'" It was a perfect repetition of the Heublein ad for Grey Poupon mustard, and Dick escaped unscathed.

That's Dick Mayer for you. It seems like he's had one adventure after another, and he's come out on top every time. You could say his life's been a bed of roses.

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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By Sharyn Lonsdale

2020 should have been the most epic Halloween ever, with October 31 happening on a Saturday under a full moon. Instead, because of COVID-19, it will be a holiday of low-key, creative and alternative celebrations.

While Halloween isn't canceled, there will likely be fewer trick-or-treaters and fewer people willing to open their doors to hand out candy. On the Centers for Disease Control website, cdc.gov, door-to-door trick-or-treating is listed as a "high-risk activity." The CDC suggests the "moderate-risk" activity of "one-way-trick-or-treating" where you leave individually wrapped treat bags at the front of your home. They also list low-risk activities like pumpkin carving, virtual Halloween costume contests, and outdoor scavenger hunts. But if "screaming is involved," the

CDC warns to make sure you stay socially-distanced.

Of course, the biggest Halloween event in Englewood has always been the Safe Walk on Dearborn Street where businesses hand out thousands of pieces of candy to thousands of trick-or-treaters while adults watch the action from restaurants and folding chairs on the sidewalks.

"There is no way we could have the Safe Walk this year," said Nancy McCune, secretary of the Old Englewood Village Association, which organizes the event. "It was just too dangerous to have nearly 5,000 people on Dearborn Street." McCune said 4600 children and adults jammed the street last year and that in addition to the obvious logistical issue, there's liability, as no insurance companies cover viral outbreaks.

OEVA wanted to do something special and is introducing a Halloween Home Decorating Contest. Residents with an Englewood area zip code are invited to decorate their homes and submit photos on the OEVA website, where everyone can vote for their favorite decked-out house. The winning homes will win more than a bag of Tootsie Pops and Snickers. The first place home will receive \$200 in gift certificates from OEVA businesses, with second place winning \$100 in certificates and the next ten taking home \$50 worth.

An online map is available if you want to see the homes in person, or you can check them out online. Voting ends at 8am on October 31. McUne says OEVA businesses are also decorating and voters will decide which ones receive a plaque for their efforts. She says that the goal is for everyone to have fun and credits OEVA's new webmaster Eric Peterson for making the contest possible. For more information, guidelines, a map and voting, visit englewoodfl.org.

Linda Fugitt, Sales and Marketing Director for Grande Aire Services, said when OEVA made the "difficult and necessary" decision to cancel the Safe Walk, the staff at Grande Aire decided to do something for the community's children. Teaming with more than 20 local businesses, Grande Aire decided

to make use of its new location to throw a socially-distanced Halloween Drive-Thru Candy Bash on October 30.

Participating businesses will hand out treats in the parking lot through car windows. Fugitt said even though trick-or-treaters have to stay in their cars, everyone is encouraged to dress up and she hopes people will decorate their vehicles too. Fugitt said they expect at least 500 people and are still accepting donations of candy. For more information and updates, visit Grande Aire Services on Facebook, and to donate, contact Fugitt directly at 941-964-1142.

Halloween Drive-Thru Candy Bash, is scheduled for 3 to 5 pm, October 30 at Grande Aire Services, 1606 Faust Drive, Englewood.

While there may not be trick-or-treaters on Dearborn Street, there will still be some fun, but for adults. Popular 60's cover band Paisley Craze will be playing at Englewood's on Dearborn. Band member Marty Bednar said he and the Sarasota-based band are excited about playing for fans after the band members faced a variety of health problems and of course the COVID-based club closures. Said Bednar, "Things are picking up, venues are learning how to create fun without increased exposure and we're hoping for folk to carefully come out to play!" Guests are encouraged to wear

a costume and to come early as there are no reservations for this event and the best outdoor seating will go fast.

Over by Englewood Beach, the Sandbar Tiki & Grille will bring in two bands to celebrate the holiday. The Jukebox Assassins, led by local guitarist/singer Rob Garcia, will perform with a new line-up for the first time from 1 to 5 pm, offering music fans a chance to enjoy the holiday early, and popular "rock revival band" Stonegrey will take the stage from 7 to 11p.m. The Lighthouse Grill on Stump Pass is hosting rock and blues band SlickWilly Revival, encouraging revelers to dress up in costume.

Whatever you do on Halloween, check first with the venue to see if reservations are available and if there are any COVID-19 related restrictions. And again, Facebook is usually the best place to find the most updated information. One good thing - this is the one time that no matter where you go or how you celebrate, nobody is going to debate your choice to wear a mask.

For the latest guidelines from the CDC on Halloween and the upcoming holidays, visit cdc.gov.

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Summer can be stifling for people confined to indoors as the heat index climbs into triple digits, and poor air quality can adversely affect an individual's health. There are ways to ensure the air inside a home stays healthy all year long.

- Inspect and address any sources of carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide, or CO, is an invisible, odorless gas that can contribute to poor indoor air quality and a host of health problems if it goes undetected in a home. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, potential sources of CO in a home include improperly

vented natural gas appliances, such as stoves and water heaters, gas-powered tools that are used indoors, clogged chimneys, or blocked heating exhaust vents. Men and women can periodically inspect potential sources of CO and address any issues they find while also making sure all CO detectors are properly installed and functioning optimally.

- Inspect HVAC ducts. Ductwork is used to deliver warm or cool air in homes with heating and air conditioning systems. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency notes that much of the dirt in air ducts adheres to the duct surfaces without ever entering living spaces. However, the EPA notes that homeowners



Ducts may need to be serviced by professionals in homes where indoor air quality is poor.

ers should consider having their ducts cleaned if an inspection uncovers substantial visible mold growth. In addition, the EPA recommends homeowners consider cleaning if ducts are infested with vermin or clogged with excessive amounts of dust or debris.

- Avoid chemical cleaning products. Chemical cleaning products may be

great at disinfecting dishes, countertops and other areas in the home, but such items may be toxic and adversely affect indoor air quality. For example, chemicals such as bleach and ammonia, which are used in many commercial cleaning products, can linger in the air, irritating the eyes, nose, throat, and lungs. Homeowners concerned about the quality of air in their homes also can avoid scented products, such as air fresheners and scented detergents, which the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health notes may release volatile organic compounds into the air.

- Inspect bathrooms for mold growth. Mold can grow on surfaces that are routinely wet, and that makes poorly ventilated bathrooms common sources for home mold infestations. Mold can adversely affect indoor air quality when mold spores are released, potentially triggering allergic reactions, asthma attacks and respiratory conditions. After bathing in bathrooms without vents, men and women can open windows so the room dries before mold can grow. In bathrooms with vents, make sure vents are running during baths and showers and afterward until ceilings, walls and floors appear dry.

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by Amanda Glam

Amanda's PICKS

These are tough times for a movie fan and reviewer and her mega-film-fan daughter. The B&B Theatres in Venice, which was in the midst of an impressive renovation, remains closed with no set opening date. On October 9, CineWorld temporarily closed all its Regal cinemas across the United States in order to protect the company from going bankrupt. That means that if you live in Englewood, even if you wanted to go to the movies, you'd either have to drive to Sarasota or Fort Myers.

Regal had actually been open for two months before the closure, and according to the company, due to the safety precautions, not one case of COVID could be traced back to the theaters.

The main reason theaters are closed or like B&B and AMC in danger of bankruptcy, is because there are almost no films available for distribution. Hollywood is holding back its big movies until theaters in Los Angeles and New York are allowed to open. This past week, New York theaters were allowed to open at 25% capacity, but that did not include New York City.

While there are many smaller films destined for the big and small screen this year, most potential blockbusters, including Dune, Black Widow, and the latest 007 movie, No Time to Die, have been pushed back to 2021. Paramount just announced that it was selling Eddie Murphy's star vehicle, Coming 2 America to Amazon Studios. Right now, the only major live-action films headed for the cinema in a normally very crowded December, are Wonder Woman 1984, Death on the Nile, and Free Guy, starring Ryan Reynolds.

Film companies usually call the shots in these situations, unless you are writer/director/critical darling Christopher Nolan. Imagine seeing Nolan's 2017 Oscar-nominee Dunkirk on the small screen. When his



latest mind-bender Tenet was scheduled for release during the COVID crisis, Nolan nixed any streaming option and the film was pushed to September only in theaters. To quote Nolan from an article on Deadline.com, "This is a film whose image and sound really needs to be enjoyed in your theaters on the big screen." That film is still on the big screen and this past week hit \$50 million in domestic ticket sales and nearly \$300 million overseas.

In happier times, Tenet would likely have been chased from the cineplex by now, but with competition like Kid Detective and The War with Grandpa, it was the only movie that Emma and I wanted to see. I was hesitant because Nolan's movies are a tad complicated. I'm still confused from seeing Memento 20 years ago.

Tenet makes Memento look like, well Kid Detective. All I can really tell you is that it takes place in the present, past and the future in more than one country. Kenneth Branagh plays a really bad guy with an Eastern European accent who has come to do really bad things at the request of the future. John David Washington is The Protagonist (yes that's his name) who somehow becomes inverted and gets to time travel and still look incredibly stylish. And speaking of stylish, very tall and well-dressed Kat (Elizabeth Debicki),

for some reason, married evil Branagh who blackmails her, beats her and keeps her son from her while saying, and I kid you not, "If I can't have you, nobody will." Oh, and Robert Pattinson of the Twilight movies, plays a spy or a scientist, or both, who is very handsome and also wears a mean suit.

At about the two-hour mark I got completely lost about who was who as everyone was wearing helmets, if it was the past or future, why the future was so mad at the present, and what exactly were those round metal things that could destroy the world. Don't even ask me what a Tenet is and you better not get me started on the "algorithm."

I will say one thing, Nolan is right, Tenet (PG-13), is a movie for the big screen. When you have car chases, thankfully bloodless battles and opera sieges in at least two dimensions, you need a big screen. The sound is big, if occasionally muffled on purpose (again, don't ask me why), and the cinematography and special effects are extraordinary. Emma and I agreed that if we were watching Tenet on Netflix, we probably would have given up 40 minutes in. However, at home we'd have the option to rewind, which might have helped us understand what was going on.

Finally, I once again credit AMC with a seamless check-in and concessions experience. I felt very safe my entire time at the theater. My only complaint, please update your previews and don't subject me to movies "coming in September."

Tenet



Amanda Glam is a former B-movie queen who appeared in such movies as "Space Shark" and "Horror at Hoosier High" and the British mini-series "What's All This Then?" She has retired to Englewood and is thrilled to share her Hollywood know-how and movie insight with Review readers.

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Chicago Pacific Founders (CPF) and its subsidiaries, CPF Living Communities and Grace Management, Inc., announce the acquisition of Heritage Oaks of Englewood, a 118-unit senior living community located on San Casa Drive. The facility provides quality assisted living and memory care amenities and programming and will continue its full spectrum of services to its residents. The acquisition includes approximately 50 acres adjacent to the senior living community which may be utilized for future development. Investments in the campus will serve to enhance the quality of life for all stakeholders – including residents, families, associates, and prospective residents across the region. Heritage Oaks of Englewood will now be managed by Grace Management, Inc., a nationally recognized leader in the delivery of senior living management services. "We are thrilled to have found Heritage Oaks of Englewood and to expand our presence in the Florida market. We are committed to providing the highest quality of life possible to residents," said John Rijos, CPF Living's President and CEO. Learn more about Grace Management at www.gracemanagement.com. Visit Heritage Oaks at www.heritageoaksliving.com.

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As the governor opened up Florida, there are those of us who have been isolating for a long time and still remain cautious about the risks involved. For those of us who are paying attention to recent information that filters down through the piles of other stuff out there, it can be frightening. On the optimistic side, it is still possible to get out for some fresh air to go fishing without taking unnecessary risks. There are still risks including the sharp spines and teeth of our favorite gamefish, but we understand these issues and can deal with them.

First, a shore angler has to find uncrowded spots along the beach or other shorelines around here. When the season begins, that can be problematic as we welcome millions of visitors. As locals, we have a few advantages we can use. Avoiding weekends is a big one right now. Plan your trip during the week if possible to have the best selection of places to go. As the season progresses, week days and weekends are hard to tell apart by looking at the crowds. Weather also works to our advantage. If a visitor comes to Southwest Florida for three days, they must fish or beach even if it's raining and cold. We can wait it out.

This time of year our gamefish are on the move as waters cool ahead of the winter months. Fish move, along with bait, to warmer waters back in the bays and up the creeks and canals. By the time the Gulf temperatures sink into the lower 60's, most have left the beaches and passes for warmer water and a better menu on the flats. Some species like bluefish, mackerel, flounder and of course sheepshead are not affected as much by colder water and will remain on the beaches for the entire winter. Snook are the most sensitive to temperature



Kim Beery with a jack she caught with a fly rod on the shore.

drop and some will even die if the water sinks into the lower 50's. To avoid the cold, snook will migrate miles up our creeks and rivers into freshwater where spring flows and sunshine on this tannic water help to keep the water warmer.

Speckled sea trout and redfish can't handle this freshwater refuge so they stay back in the bays seeking shallow dark bottom that warms the water on sunny days. A protective stand of mangroves as a windbreak can also help these areas stay warmer. So, an angler's obvious choice is to wade or kayak these warm, protected bays on a higher tide in the middle of the day to find these fish. Kayak anglers have the advantage fishing these shallow bays since many of them have bottoms that are too soft to wade. Always check the firmness of the bottom before wading away from shore or your kayak. It can take an awfully long time to wade 100 yards if you're sinking up to your knees with every step. Floating over a soft mud bottom in a kayak works a lot better. And, an observant angler can use this muddy bottom to find fish. Mullet generally swim in the upper part of the water column

on the flats. If you spook fish off the bottom that throws up a mud cloud, it's probably not a mullet. Redfish generally won't go too far before calming down, so note the direction of the mud trail and head that way making a few long casts ahead of yourself as you go.

This winter, as the temperatures cool, think like a fish. For kayak anglers, find secluded bays with protective mangroves and for wading anglers, adding a shallow firm bottom should get you on some fish. Get out on the water; it's good for the soul. Remember, snook, redfish and trout are catch and release until May 2021.



Kimball and Les Beery, authors of Angler's Guide to SHORE and KAYAK Fishing Southwest Florida, contribute these excerpts from both WATERPROOF books to promote the excellent fishing available in the Englewood area. They are available locally at Old Florida Gallery on West Dearborn, and for download at www.anglerpocketguides.com & www.amazon.com.



Nature Calls

Mangrove Walk

Join Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC) on a walk along the shoreline of Charlotte Harbor to explore the various mangrove species found there on **Tuesday, October 27, 9-10am**. The CHEC guide will cover mangrove identification, general ecology including special adaptations that allow mangroves to thrive in salty environments, and why mangroves are important and protected in Florida. The walk will take place at Bayshore Live Oak Park, 23157 Bayshore Road, Port Charlotte. Reservations are recommended for this FREE program. Call **575-5435**.

Guided Walk

Join Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC) on a free guided walk through Tippecanoe II Mitigation Park on **Thursday, October 29, 9 to 10:30am**. This 150-acre preserve is home to several families of the threatened Florida scrub jay. Be prepared with drinking water, insect repellent and appropriate footwear (trails may be flooded). You must register to participate. The park is located on Joppa Avenue in Port Charlotte. For more information/directions and to register, please call **575-5435**.

Edible Gardening Series

UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County is currently offering a free, lunchtime series on edible gardening. The webinars focus on a different topic each time and you can register for any or all of the 30-minute sessions which are held on **Mondays, at noon**. They start with a 10-minute class and close with a 20-minute open question-and-answer period. Led by sustainable agriculture agent Sarah Bostick, and chemicals in the environment agent Carol Wyatt-Evens, you'll learn about everything from picking what to plant to identifying and managing pests (and beneficial insects). Topics: **October 26** - Sustainable Pest Control: Introduction to sustainable pest control using integrated pest management (IPM) strategies; **November 2** - Mulching: Choosing the right mulch for your vegetable garden; **November 9** - Beneficial Insects: Learn about the many insects beneficial to your garden; **November 16** - Nematodes: Strategies for minimizing damage



Join Friends of Osprey Junction Trailhead (FOJT) for the "Birds of Three Sarasota Habitats" webinar on **Wednesday, November 4 at 11am**. A grant from the Gulf Coast Community Foundation is underwriting this webinar. For many people, identifying birds is overwhelming. Where do you start to look for that "Little Brown Job" that just flew by - on your phone app or bird book? Was it a sparrow, a flycatcher, or maybe it could have been some type of thrasher? Learning about bird habitat preferences can help you find different species places and help identify birds in the habitat you are enjoying now. The presenter is Jeanne Dubi, Acting President of Sarasota Audubon. Dubi's survey of birds of the Celery Fields in Sarasota in 1997 enabled the Sarasota Audubon Society propose and earn Sarasota County's designation of the site as an area of passive use, instead of intense public use. Admission is free, but you must register to receive an invitation for the webinar. To register: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/4315971815644/WN_YUUakaU-R_qa5-eLk6ur9Q or visit www.ojfriends.com/webinars. Photo: A family of tree ducks.

from this microscopic soil pest; **November 23** - Understanding Pesticides: The basics of organic, biological, and conventional pesticides; **November 30** - Watering Your Garden: Best techniques and tools for watering; **December 7** - Fertilizing Your Garden: Understanding what your plants need and how to give it to them and **December 14** - Find and ID Insects: Techniques to locate and identify insects on plants, and tips for taking pictures that can be used by experts for identification. Learn more and register at ufsarasotaext.eventbrite.com or call **861-9810**.

Quads Parcel Protected Sarasota County, the Sarasota Audubon Society and the Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast announced the protection of the 33-acre Quads parcels which buffer the environmentally sensitive Celery Fields. The Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved this unique public-private partnership, which provides the conservation easements on the northeast, southeast and southwest parcels to the Conservation Foundation of the Gulf

Coast and contracted with the Sarasota Audubon Society to manage the sites. "As our community continues to grow, open space becomes more and more important for the environment, our water quality and our way of life. This is a unique partnership, one that offers the opportunity to do something truly special. We appreciate the work of the Sarasota Audubon Society and the Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast, and we're excited to preserve this area for many years to come," said County Commission Chairman Michael Moran. The 440-acre Celery Fields is a nationally recognized destination and a key piece of Sarasota County's stormwater management system. The site, located at 6893 Palmer Blvd., Sarasota, also offers numerous recreational opportunities including walking, running, hiking and other health and fitness activities. More information about the Sarasota Audubon Society and the Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast can be found by visiting their websites. For Sarasota County, visit scgov.net.

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Trunk-n-Treat

Sonrise Baptist Church in Englewood will be holding its annual Trunk-n-Treat on **Saturday, October 31 from 4:30 until 6:30pm**. The church is located at 11050 Wilmington Blvd and the event is free and open to the public. Safe spacing and safety protocols will be in place as children “trunk-n-treat” at each car for goodies. Please make plans to attend and enjoy! For more information, call **475-5363**.

BMX Sunshine State Nationals

Hundreds of racers will gather at the Charlotte BMX track in Punta Gorda’s Carmalita Park **October 23 – 25**, for the USA BMX Sunshine State Nationals. Charlotte County last hosted a USA BMX Sunshine State Nationals event in 2015. An estimated 600 riders in all age groups from across the United States are anticipated to participate in this year’s competition. Growing in popularity, BMX bicycle riding is a family-friendly sport. Each year, USA BMX sanctions and hosts approximately 30 other

national-level events around the country. Event information is available on the track’s website www.charlottebmx.net.

Youth Basketball League

The Englewood YMCA, 701 Medical Blvd., is proud to welcome back Fall Youth Basketball League. The league is open to all youth ages 5 to 13 and runs **November 16 through February 2**. Practices are scheduled for once a week; day/time is assigned based on team placement determined at the **November 14th** Skills Assessment. Game days are held on **Saturdays**. Fees are \$70 for Y members and \$80 for non-members. For more information and to register, call **475-1234**.

Free Meals for Sarasota County Kids

All children age 18 and younger will be provided a free breakfast and lunch at Sarasota County Schools **through December 31**. For in-person learners, a la carte items including extra milk, bottles of water, additional side items or extra entrees will be charged to the student’s account. Remote learners and nonstudents will need to order meals on MySchoolBucks.com before 5pm every Thursday. If you do not have a MySchoolBucks.com account, you will need to create one. Students do not need to be in the vehicle; however, student ID will be required. Meals will be picked up on Tuesdays at your school’s pick-up time. Contact the SCS Food & Nutrition team if you have any questions or special requests at **486-2199**.

Halloween Happenings

The following Trick or Treat events have been announced by the host organizations.

Hallow-Teen at Sarasota County Libraries – a month long celebration of all things spooky at Sarasota County

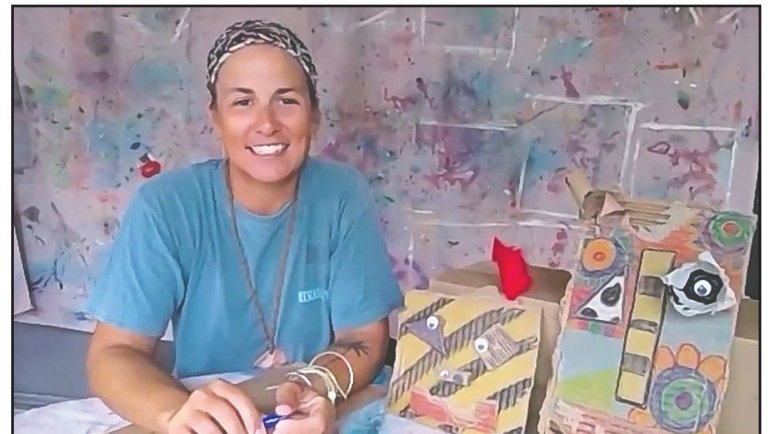


Lemon Bay High School Theater presents “The Addams Family, a New Musical Comedy,” on select dates **Friday October 30 through Sunday, November 8**. The creepy kooky family of sitcom fame is alive and well in their mansion in Central Park. Daughter Wednesday is now 18 and is in love with a “normal” boy and the families seek to become better acquainted during a dinner at the Addams. Evening performances are **7pm** and matinees are **2pm**. 2201 Placida Road. Ticket prices vary according to seat location and may be purchased online at www.onthestage.com/show/lemon-bay-high-school. Photo: Uncle Fester (Mason Quick, center) sings the song “Moon and Me” with (left to right:) Avery Witt, Reilly Huber, Julia Lehman and Madison Hanson.

Libraries with a variety of on-demand and live programs for all ages including county-wide holiday contests, zoom competitions (including trivia & monster makeup), paranormal discussion panels, creepy wildlife, scary story podcasts. Check out the schedule at www.scgov.net/government/departments/libraries or call **681-1225**.

Halloween Drive-Thru

Join Grande Aire Services while they, along with several other local businesses, hand out Halloween candy during their Drive Thru Halloween Candy Bash on **Friday, October 30** between **3 to 5pm**. Decorate your vehicle, wear your favorite costume and participate in the spooky season in a socially distant fashion. No one will be allowed outside their vehicle during this event at Grande Aire Services, 1606 Faust Drive. Grande Aire staff will be in



Englewood Art Center is hosting a four class Zoom online series for young artists on **Wednesdays, 4 to 5:30pm**. The series runs **October 28 through November 18**. Explore a new medium/technique each week with instructor Nicole Moranda to create a one-of-a-kind work of art project. Tuition is \$50. Materials are included in class fee and can be picked up at Englewood Art Center, 350 S. McCall Road. Learn more and register at <https://rcad.augusoft.net/index.cfm>

costume and their building will be decorated. Bring the kids to enjoy a safe trick or treat experience. Please refer to Grande Aire’s Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/GrandeAireServices>) and their Facebook Event: <https://fb.me/e/1h7v0Jk6y> for all formal updates to the general public.

Library Curbside Trick or Treat

Drive by the Charlotte Englewood Library on **Saturday, October 31, 5 to 6pm**, for the kids to pick up a treat bag with Halloween craft, other goodies and candy for the first 50 kids. For more information, visit www.charlottecountyfl.gov

libraries-history or call **681-3736**. The library is located at 3450 S. Access Road.

Family Fall Festival Fellowship Church of Englewood would like to invite the Englewood community to their Family Fall Festival. It will be held **Saturday, October 31st** from **4-6pm** on their campus at 140 Rotonda Blvd West. There will be games, prizes, hayrides, etc. and they will also be serving free hot dogs, chips & drinks. Kids can wear their costume and participate in Trunk or Treat. Invite a friend to come to this fun event and remember it’s all **FREE!** For questions, call **475-7447**.

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Dinner at the Elks

Englewood Elks Lodge, 410 N. Indiana Avenue, invites the public to join them for dinner

on **Thursday, October 29** with music by the 29th Dance Fuzion and on **Friday, October 30** with music by Country Express. The Elks opens at **5pm** with dinner available at **5:30pm**. Reservations will be limited for the safety of all attending. Please RSVP to the office, **Monday - Thursday, 9am to noon, at 474-1404**.

German Fest at the Elks

Embrace all things German when the Englewood Elks celebrate German Fest on **Saturday, November 14** at the Lodge, 410 N. Indiana Avenue. Enjoy German food and music for only \$35 a couple (tax included.) The celebration starts with "attitude adjustment" at **3:30pm**, dining **4-5pm** and then dancing **5 to 8pm**. Ticket sales run **November 2 through 13** and may be purchased in the Elks' office **weekdays 9am to noon**. For questions regarding the event, call Harry at **661-2987**. The Elks can be reached at **474-1404**.

Halloween at the Elks

The Englewood Elks is having a Halloween Party on **Saturday, October 31**. The party starts

at **5pm**; dinner at **5:30pm**. The all-you-can eat dinner menu features bloody eyeball soup, slimy seaweed salad, possum pie (baked basa,) racoon inards (roasted pork loin,) buzzard bait (baked chicken,) witches' fingernails & butter (vegetables) and spiders, snakes & night crawlers for dessert! Music by The Band Torched. There will be a costume contest with cash prizes. Cost: Entry + dinner is \$17; Cover charge \$10. Reservations are limited; RSVP to **474-1404 Monday through Thursday 9am to noon**.

Caffeine & Gasoline

For all you car buffs looking for a place to join other car lovers to discuss your vehicles or just talk, cruise on over the Englewood Square Shopping Center on **Wednesday mornings**. The meet is conveniently located near downtown Englewood, at 445 S. Indiana Avenue - the location for Bealls Outlet, Cribs-To-Go, Sears Hometown, Real Bikes, Richards, Wink's and Stefano's restaurants. Starting at **7:30am**, all makes & models of vehicles from Model T Fords to 2020 corvettes and Mercedes pull into the parking lot for conversation and often have breakfast at Wink's which offers 4 different breakfast specials that day or enjoy coffee & breakfast at Stefano's. There are no



On Saturday, October 17, the ladies from the Rotary Club of Englewood participated in the South Sarasota County Habitat for Humanity's Women Build. The Habitat's goal is to build or renovate safe, decent, affordable, energy efficient homes for those in need. Participating in this year's Women's Build were (l - r:) Julia Mercier, Deborah Hegedus, Karen Current, Janet Shaven and Chris Cameron. To learn more about Habitat for Humanity, visit www.habitatsouthsarasota.org.

memberships, dues or organized agendas - just car buffs having a good time. The group originally met in North Port and about four years ago, a second meeting location was started by Bob Carey at Lemon Bay Shopping Center, 1845 Englewood Road. Simply Yum Yum Bakery served coffee and donuts but when the bakery was temporarily closed due to the owner recovering from a serious accident, the group moved around in search of a new

caffeine fueling station. They were welcomed at Englewood Square with fueling stops at Wink's and Stefano's. Some of the regulars continue to meet at the Lemon Bay Shopping Center where Yum Yum Bakery has reopened, As the number of vehicles increase during season, you will find plenty of car talk at the location you choose. For questions, call Glen at **765-969-7323**.

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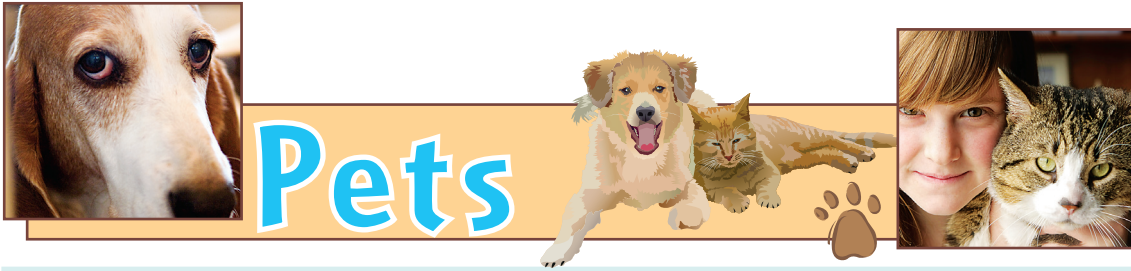
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Introducing **Blossom!** She is full of life and ready to share her companionship with her new forever family. At just one year old, Blossom has so much affection and love to share, and her unique markings just add to her unique personality. Are you the one Blossom is waiting for?



Nutmeg is a 3-year-old male guinea pig that is currently searching for his new forever home at Suncoast Humane Society! He was originally adopted from SHS in 2018 and returned to us last month due to no fault of his own. Small animals' teeth never stop growing and Nutmeg's teeth were extremely overgrown. There are also specific food pellets made for them, along with different chews they can have. These items are an absolute necessity for animals like Nutmeg, because they help to file down their teeth. Although his front teeth were able to be filed down, the back teeth could not be so Nutmeg is on a special diet right now, and needs to be bottle fed every 2-4 hours, along with having chews and toys to keep his teeth filed down. Nutmeg has come out of his shell and is beginning to show more of his cute personality. Every time Nutmeg sees his feeding bottle, he starts to whistle. He loves his feeding times and goes to the bottle on his own now, making the process easy! Nutmeg's ideal environment to recover in is a foster or a forever home, where he can continue to get his scheduled feedings and care. Can you help? If interested, visit www.humane.org or **474•7884**. Written by Fatime Duka, SHS Foster Coordinator.



Ask how you can become a foster home for EARS. To see all the EARS animals, visit us at 145 W. Dearborn, or visit Petfinder.com, or EarsAnimalRescue.com.

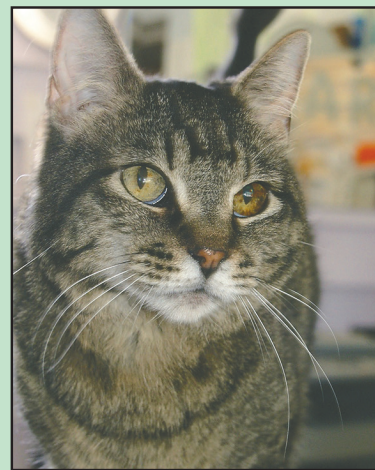
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EARS Animal Rescue's Thrift Store is the shelter's main source of income. The store on Dearborn is open Monday thru Saturday 10am-3pm. We are a 501c3 non-profit organization, so any donation is tax deductible.

Meet **Rico Sauve**. He is a 6-year old, neutered male, brown and white Chihuahua. Rico has lived with other dogs and is a very happy little guy. He loves to be around people and likes affection.



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

EARS Animal Rescue's Thrift Store Is Now Open
Monday through Saturday, 10am to 3pm
353 W. Dearborn Street

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

Strut Your Mutt!

Best Friends Animal Society invites you to Strut Your Mutt on **Saturday, October 24**. Walk anywhere you walk during this fundraising walk hosted locally by partner team Suncoast Humane Society (SHS) that helps to save lives of homeless pets right here in Englewood and beyond. The goal is to raise \$5,000 and you can help by joining the SHS team and walking with them or just make a donation. The fundraiser ends on **October 31**. SHS adopters and fosters can get \$5 off their \$15 registration fee by emailing Lena Hart at lhart@humane.org. To register as part of the SHS team, go to www.humane.org.

Foster Homes Needed

Are you able to provide a temporary loving home for a dog or cat while it waits for a new forever family? EARS (Englewood Animal Rescue Sanctuary) is in desperate need of people willing to open their hearts and homes to provide a temporary refuge for pets in transition. One of the heartbreaking results of COVID-19 is that people are be-

ing evicted or losing their homes, forcing them to surrender their pets. Fosters are immediately needed for medium to large size dogs and also for kittens. EARS covers all costs. Please call EARS at **681•3877**.

EARS Avon Fundraiser

Lacey Brown, who hosts Ronda Quarter Auctions and is a great supporter of Englewood Animal Rescue Sanctuary (EARS), is having an online fundraiser with AVON to benefit EARS **through October 31**. EARS will receive 20% to 35% of her sale proceeds when orders are placed online at avon.com/fundraiser/helpEARS. Shop for yourself, friends and family! To ensure your sale is donated to EARS and that you receive the best sale prices and specials, be sure to register as a customer of Lacey Brown. For more info, contact Lacey at AvonLadyLacey@yahoo.com.

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SUN OCTOBER 25

Art In The Garden South Gulf Cove, 14186 Edsel Drive, 12PM-5PM 610-741-3318

SAT OCTOBER 31

Fellowship Church Family Fall Festival Fellowship Church, 140 Rotonda Blvd. West 4- 6PM 475-7447

MON NOVEMBER 2

Courage Over Cancer Gulf Cove United Methodist Church, 1100 S. McCall Rd. 8AM-3PM 697-1747

MON NOVEMBER 9

Englewood Amateur Radio Club Englewood Chamber of Commerce, 601 S. Indiana Ave. 7PM-8:30PM 474-0662

ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS

EVERY DAY

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

MON, WED, FRI

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

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

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

MON, FRI

Aqua Zumba with Laurentz North Port Aquatic Center, 6205 W. Price Blvd. 10:30-11:30AM 237-8983

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 Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park, 6961 San Casa Dr. 9 AM 237-8983

WED, FRI

Line Dancing (Intermediate) American Legion Post 113, 3436 Indiana Rd 9:30-11:30AM 697-8733

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAY

Zumba with Laurentz North Charlotte Regional Park, 1120 O'Donnell Blvd. 6-7PM 237-8983

THURSDAYS

Thursday Farmers Market The Dearborn Center, 501 W. Dearborn St. 9AM-2PM 500-3443

Beginners/Improvers Line Dancing American Legion Post #113, 3436 Indiana Rd. 9:30-11:30AM 697-8733

Bingo Rotonda Elks Lodge, 303 Rotonda East 6:30-9PM 697-8733

FRIDAYS

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

Line Dance Classes Englewood Elks 401 N. Indiana Ave. 10AM-1PM 661-3799

SATURDAYS

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

SUNDAYS

Gulf Cove UMC Online Worship Services 1100 S. McCall Rd. 10-11AM 697-1747

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

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

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

Faith Lutheran Church Worship 551 Rotonda Blvd. West 9:30 AM, masks required. Drive in Communion 11AM 697-3313

Sunday Farmers Market The Dearborn Center, 501 W. Dearborn St. 10AM-3PM 500-3443

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

FC F.U.E.L. Fellowship Church, 140 Rotonda Blvd. W 4:30-7PM 475-7447

FC BLAST KIDS Fellowship Church Worship Center, 140 Rotonda Blvd. W. 4:30-7PM 475-7447

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