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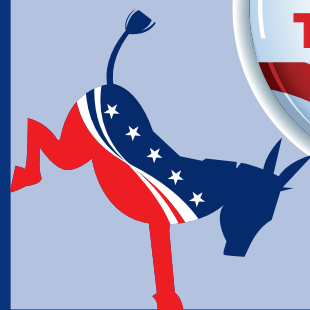


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# Around the Town

## Avoiding Contractor Fraud

Charlotte County Commission Chairman Bill Truex will host a workshop on avoiding contractor fraud at 9am, Thursday, October 15 in Room 119 of the Charlotte County Administration Center, 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte. Presenters will be discussing contracts, complaints, fraud prosecution and more. Panelists include Charlotte County Community Development Director Ben Bailey, Charlotte County Sheriff Bill Prummell, 20th Judicial Circuit State Attorney Amira Fox, Federal Association for Insurance Reform President Paul Handerman and real estate attorney Ernest W. Sturges, Jr. Commissioner Truex will offer consumer advice for those looking to hire a contractor. The workshop will be televised on the county's television channel, CC-TV (Comcast, channel 20 or 97 or CenturyLink Prism, channel 96) and streamed live on the county Facebook page, Facebook.com/CharlotteCountyFlorida. Viewers can also watch a livestream on the county website. Visit CharlotteCountyFL.gov and click CC-TV. The event is free and open to the public. For information, contact Diane



Life Realized, formerly known as The Open Studio, announces that they are back and moving in their new space at The Dearborn Center, located at 501 W. Dearborn Street. There is plenty of room for a retail area, classes, workshops and seminars of all kinds and musical events. Life Realized envisions their new complex becoming a community anchor on the west end of Dearborn Street. The Sunday Farmers Market, open **Sundays 10am to 3pm** year-round, is now joined by a **Thursday Farmers Market, 9am to 2pm**. A variety of events, classes, seminars and workshops are coming soon, such as Fermentation workshops, water painting classes and open mic opportunities. Find out more by visiting <https://liferealized.org>, Facebook @LifeRealizedEnglewood, call **681-8188** or email [admin@liferealized.org](mailto:admin@liferealized.org).

Whidden at **743-1298** or Diane. Whidden@CharlotteCountyFL.gov.

### GCUMC Online Services

All are invited to join the Gulf Cove United Methodist Church's live-streaming worship services on Sundays. The **8am** and **11am**

services are traditional, and the **9:30am** service is contemporary. Just go to the church's website, [www.GulfCoveChurch.com](http://www.GulfCoveChurch.com), and click the Worship Online button on the left side of its homepage. The church can be reached at **697-1747** or [GulfCoveUMC@gmail.com](mailto:GulfCoveUMC@gmail.com).

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Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, the Lemon Bay Historical Society has had to cancel its traditional monthly community programs. Fundraising events also had to be canceled. The Society is responsible for maintaining the historic Green Street Church building and its property. To help fund general operating expenses, the Historical Society has received a \$5,000 CARES grant from Florida Humanities. These expenses include lawn mowing, water, electricity, landscaping maintenance, insurance, taxes, building upkeep, etc. In 1985, the Lemon Bay Historical Society was officially incorporated as a non-profit organization whose mission was "for the specific purposes of perpetuating the legacy of the past and honoring the pioneer settlers of the Lemon Bay area." The Lemon Bay Historical Society welcomes new members. You do not need to be a historian to join, just someone interested in preserving the history of Englewood. For information visit: <https://lemonbayhistory.com/about-us/>

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As a beachgoer or boater along Englewood Beach and Blind Pass (Middle) Beach, you have probably noticed a working barge filled with huge boulders placing those rocks on the water bottom. You are witnessing the last phase of the Manasota Key Beach Nourishment Project that has widened the badly eroded shore portion of Manasota Key beachfront. It was noted in the extensive surveys done prior to the project that the limestone rock shelf offshore was exposed due to the severe sand erosion along the shore and played a role in the continuing erosion of the shoreline. That rock shelf needed to be covered up to help mitigate future erosion after the sand nourishment project. It was determined that 3.9 acres of rock needed to be added to help contain the sand. Two sections of the water bottom were permitted to fulfill the requirement of constructing a rock reef about 1/4 mile offshore and placement as close to the Gulf floor as possible (about 20 to 22 feet below the water surface.) For boaters, this means they will have an anticipated clearance of 17 to 18 feet and in a few years enjoy the byproduct of great fishing. Surveys show the reefs will not interfere with the archaeological site off Manasota Key. The company performing the work is Cayo, LLC out of Texas. Boulders are delivered to the nearest deep-water receiving site which is Tampa Bay and brought down by barge to the work area, a trip that takes the barge about 18 hours. As of September 23rd, the fourth barge load was being placed which brings the rock reef to about 25% completion. The process was started on August 6, 2020 and the anticipated completion date is February 2021. For curious boaters and watercraft passing the barge, please remember that the area around the barge is a construction zone and to stay a safe distance away to minimize wake as this disturbs the construction barge doing its work. For more information about the project, contact Matt Logan, Project Manager, Charlotte County Public Works Engineering Division at [Matthew.Logan@charlottecountyfl.gov](mailto:Matthew.Logan@charlottecountyfl.gov) or call 575-3610. Photo by Michael Poff of Coastal Engineering.

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stores and dine late into the night on **Thursday, October 22 from 5 to 7pm**. Hosted by Venice MainStreet. For more information, go to [www.visitvenicefl.org/calendar/](http://www.visitvenicefl.org/calendar/)

### 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 will be held from **6 to 8pm**. Registration fee is \$35. To register, visit the flotilla website, [www.coastguardenglewood.com](http://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

**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.engagewoodbank.com](http://www.engagewoodbank.com) or call Kerry at **473-3629**.

### Sustainable Communities Workshop

Register now for the online 15th Annual Sustainable Communities Workshop on **Thursday, October 29, 9am to 4pm**. "Transitioning to New Ways Forward" will safely bring the community together to discuss sustainability priorities in this virtual event. Showcased

will be strategies for healthy, resilient, thriving communities. Expert speakers will provide up-to-date information on several different sustainability topics with breakout sessions. Offered by UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County. Registration is \$10; student tickets are \$5. Register at [uflarasotaext.eventbrite.com](http://uflarasotaext.eventbrite.com) for the **9am to 4pm** workshop. For more information, visit [www.scgov.net/SustainableCommunities](http://www.scgov.net/SustainableCommunities) or call **861-5000** and ask for Sustainable Communities Workshop.

### Local History Tours

Learn about the history of Englewood on one of the tours hosted by the Englewood Museum. The free tours will be resuming for the season on **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30am** starting **Tuesday, October 20**. The tour will take you through historic locations of Olde Englewood Village including Lemon Bay Garden Club, Artist Acres, the Lampp House (Englewood Museum),



# Celebration!

## Grandmother Gets Front Row Seat at Surprise Wedding



The married couple, Jason and Gianna, with Grandma Margaret.

The year 2020 has not been a good year for most people, including Margaret Huerta, but on September 12th, all the year's negativity faded into nothing when she was surprised to find herself the guest of honor at her granddaughter's wedding with a front row seat viewing the ceremony through the visitation window at Grand Villa where she is currently recovering from fall injuries. Margaret has always been close with her granddaughter, Gianna Huerta, the daughter of her deceased son. However, Gianna does not reside locally and told her grandmother that she was getting engaged and wanted to visit her. Margaret wished she could attend the wedding but due to her health and COVID, realized it was impossible.

Gianna wanted her beloved grandmother at her wedding, too, and the family approached Grand Villa to see if Grand Villa could assist in making that wish come true. With only four days before the anticipated ceremony, Grand Villa pulled out all the stops, providing chairs and an arbor so a wedding ceremony could be performed outside with Margaret watching through the visitation window. Margaret's daughter, Cathleen Raspatello, who lives locally, purchased a cake, corsages, flowers and other items needed for the ceremony. Grand Villa opened their beauty shop especially for Margaret that morning and Margaret "dolloed up" in anticipation of Gianna's visit. She then learned to her surprise and delight that Gianna was arriving in her wedding dress with her fiancé from Canada, Jason Volk, along with other family members and was going to hold her wedding ceremony that day at Grand Villa! The raindrops that fell that afternoon were only additional tears of joy along with those experienced by Margaret, the Grand Villa staff and family members that attended the ceremony. The wedding cake was topped with a miniature bottle of tequila to represent Gianna's deceased father, as a shot of tequila at any function was a family tradition. The bridal couple cut and ate the first slice of cake in front of the window and then the cake was returned inside for Margaret and the Grand Villa staff to enjoy. Because of health and safety guidelines due to COVID, only essential & compassionate care personnel and fully shielded designed family members are permitted contact with residents so Gianna, properly shielded was able to hug her grandmother in person. The bridal couple will hold their full-scale wedding next year in Canada.

Margaret is a resident of Rotonda Lakes and had four children. She has currently 11 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and 3 5/8 (one on the way) great-great grandchildren. And with this wedding, she may be adding to those totals in the future. Margaret's family can not express their gratitude to Grand Villa for their assistance in making Margaret's and Gianna's wish become a reality. And everyone loves a wedding! You can see a video clip and additional photos on Grand Villa's Facebook page and also on WINK TV's website as the news station did a story on the wedding after learning about it.

Lemon Bay Woman's Club, Cherokee Park, Englewood Elementary School, Veterans Memorial and Englewood Park. The tours start at Old Florida Gallery & Outdoor Center, 463 W. Dearborn Street. For reservations, call 460-1561. Masks will be required during the ride on large golf carts.

### SOLID 7 Dice Run

Come out and have a fun day participating in the SOLID 7 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 or sponsorship opportunities, contact Mesenberg at 740-1842.

### Picnic on Lemon Bay

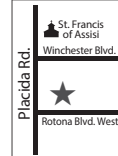
The public is invited to the Englewood Chamber's "Sunset Serenade-A Picnic on Lemon Bay." The community event will be held **Saturday, November 14** on the grounds of Keller Williams Realty Gold, 1160 S. McCall Road. Tickets are \$100 each and are on sale online:

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United Way of Charlotte County (UWCC) will be hosting its annual Campaign Kickoff and Day of Caring at **9am Thursday October 22** at the Port Charlotte Town Center parking lot near the old Sears Auto Center. Community members are invited to attend. This year's annual Day of Caring to support local nonprofit agencies has a different format this year. "This year we are asking you to serve in a different way," said Angie Matthiessen, Executive Director of UWCC. "Our agencies have given so much these past several months. Can you help restock their bare shelves so they can continue to do the good work that is still desperately needed in Charlotte County?" UWCC is asking the community to "Stock Our Shelves" and donations may be dropped off through a contact-less drive through from **9 to 11am** during the event. Every dollar that local nonprofit agencies do not have to spend on stamps, copy paper, school supplies, personal care products, non-perishable food items, et cetera, is a dollar that will go back into providing services to help residents. There are a few hands-on projects available as well, including carpet cleaning, gardening, and packaging holiday gift bags for seniors. To see a list of items needed and projects available, visit [www.unitedwayccfl.org/dayofcaring](http://www.unitedwayccfl.org/dayofcaring).

www.LemonBayPicnic.Com. The event will be held **4:30 to 8pm**, allowing for a picture-perfect sunset on Lemon Bay. The Chamber's fundraiser is happening this year in place of the Chamber's signature event the "Manasota Mystique." This November's event will

look differently but have the same mission...to give back and support the community. Approximately \$175,000 has been raised for local charities resulting from the eight (8) previous Manasota Mystiques. The charity to benefit from the November fundraiser will be

## BOCA CARES for Community

On September 22nd, Boca Royale Cares Community Fund presented checks to two local non-profit organizations. Englewood Elementary PTA received \$10,000 and Venice Area Pregnancy Care Center received a check for \$2,000 (see facing page). Venice Area Pregnancy Care Center is a volunteer organization that provides families with newborn children critical supplies such as cribs, car seats, diapers, layettes and other equipment. Learn more about them at VAPCC.org. Englewood Elementary School PTA provides support to teachers and students, most recently raising funds for classroom air purifiers. Boca Cares is a charitable fund established in 2018 to provide an opportunity for the Boca Royale Community to support local charities. Boca Cares has donated over \$62,000 to area charities as of September 1st, 2020.

Receiving the check for \$10,000 for Englewood Elementary are PTA Secretary Jen Alexander (left) and PTA President Emily Wheeler with Boca Care Board members (l-r:) Bruce Vogt, Vice President; Jane Kopper-Woodward, Board member; John Catterson, President; and Craig Casto, Treasurer.

the Englewood YMCA. Guests will enjoy the sounds of solo musicians and entertainment acts. Ticket price includes picnic

style food along with beer and wine. The food will be provided by local favorites Farlow's on the Water and Lock n' Key along with desserts by Mango Bistro. Sponsorship opportunities are available, and the event committee is seeking donations for an online auction. "All CDC guidelines will be followed, the event will be mask friendly and a limited number of tickets will be sold. This event will be casual and allow friends and neighbors to be outside and social distance while still enjoying great local

entertainment and the beautiful view of Lemon Bay," said Chamber Interim Executive Director, Kim Parks.

### "Outsiders Guide" Wins Again

The latest in a string of recent wins for the Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach VCB was announced recently when the Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach Outsider's Guide was awarded second place in the Southeastern Outdoor Press Association (SEOPA) Excellence in Craft (EIC) Awards. The SEOPA EIC Awards recognizes outstanding communicators for their journalism excellence in writing for and about the outdoors. This year's competition included 263 entries in more than a dozen categories, ranging from print, web and broadcast medium, and were judged by more than 40 experts in the outdoor industry. An extension of the Bureau's "Outsiders Welcome (BACK)" marketing campaign, the 98-page Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach Outsider's Guide is used by the VCB to promote the destination's tourism offerings and is the primary fulfillment piece for those expressing interest in visiting the area. Find a link for your copy of the Outsiders Guide at [www.pureflorida.com](http://www.pureflorida.com).

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Receiving the \$2,000 check for Venice Area Pregnancy Care Center was Ann Brozosky (left) with Boca Care Board members (l-r:) Bruce Vogt, Vice President; Jane Kopper-Woodward, Board member; John Catterson, President; and Craig Casto, Treasurer.

of County Commissioners is seeking volunteers for the following appointments. The Agricultural & Natural Resources Advisory Committee is searching for one member with expertise in commodity production. Email Diane.Clim@charlottecountyfl.gov or call 743-1956. The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee is searching for one citizen-at-large and one citizen to serve in various capacities. For more information, call 205-2161 or email Colleen.Turner@CharlotteCountyFL.gov. The MSBU/TU Advisory Board is seeking volunteers who must be both a property owner within and reside within the unit for various units. Needed is one member for the Street & Drainage Units for Englewood East, Gardens of Gulf Cove, Grove City, Gulf Cove, Manasota Key, Placida Area, Rotonda West and South Gulf Cove; Rotonda Heights (two members,) Rotonda Sands North (three members,) Rotonda Lake, (five members;) and for South Gulf Cove Waterway Unit (one member) and Gulf Cove Waterway Unit (two members.) Submit applications to CC Public Works Department, 7000 Florida Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950, call 575-3600 or email MSBU-TU@CharlotteCountyFL.gov.

**Caring & Sharing**

**Big Red Bus Blood Drives**  
OneBlood “Big Red Bus” blood drive dates have been scheduled for **October** 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](http://www.oneblood.org). Englewood dates are **Tuesday, October 13, 10am to 4pm**: Englewood Charlotte Library, 3450 N. Access Road; **Monday, October 19, 10am to 4pm**: Bealls Outlet, 425 S. Indiana Avenue; **Tuesday, October 20, 10am to 4pm**: Bealls, 1500 Placida Road; **Wednesday, October 21, 10am to 3pm**: Key Agency, 1201 S. McCall Road and **Tuesday, October 27, 10am to 3pm**: Palm Plaza, sponsored by Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary, 1951 S. McCall Road.

**Need Help with Bills?**

The Charlotte CARES program provides assistance to Charlotte County residents who have suffered financial crisis due to COVID-19. The COAD (Charlotte County Community Organizations Active in Disaster) has been offering online access to assistance with rent or mortgage, utilities and other needs since March 17<sup>th</sup>. Applicants must meet income requirements and be a Charlotte County resident. You can submit applications through [www.coadfl.org](http://www.coadfl.org). You will need photo ID, birth certificates (for children) and social security cards. Also proof of loss of income due to COVID, copy of lease/mortgage statement, childcare or dependent adult daycare statement/bill, utility bills, and W-9 for landlord/dependent care provider. To apply or find out more, visit [www.coadfl.org](http://www.coadfl.org) or call 2-1-1 or 205-2161.

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# Would You Like Some Culture with Your Coffee?

By Chris Cameron

Hey, Englewood! On Monday, October 12th, there is a new coffee shop opening on Dearborn Street that will offer you some local culture experience along with your morning beverage. The name, *Culture Coffee*, reflects the desire and vision of owner Dan Klein to bring his customers a taste of Englewood arts and music when visiting his shop at 405 W. Dearborn Street.



Dan Klein, owner of Culture Coffee, is ready to serve you your favorite morning beverage.

Due to health issues, the owners of Irving's Coffee and Creamery needed to close and warmly embraced the sale of their shop to Dan, who will retain many of Irving's customers' favorite beverages as well as introduce new drinks and baked goods. He plans to continue to serve Big Olaf ice

cream and his baked goods will be purchased from local bakers. Enjoy specialty coffee and espresso drinks, teas, hot cocoa, milkshakes and breakfast sandwiches and other snacks with an expanded menu in the future as he discovers what his customers like.

The shop's new décor is contemporary, clean and crisp. The walls will be covered with the work of local artists and available for sale. Area musicians will be invited, in the upcoming future, to provide live music to add to your experience. Dan wants to create a small,

cozy atmosphere where everyone feels welcome and part of the Englewood community.

Dan is from New Jersey where he managed a small café in that state before moving to Colorado and managed a chain of gift stores. He missed

serving coffee in that café's cozy environment where he interacted with customers and there was a sense of community. Visiting his parents in Englewood made him want to be a part of the Dearborn Street area revitalization and help build that community environment here in Englewood. Dan is a big supporter of local art and music, and he wants his shop to reflect that, too.

Culture Coffee will be an inviting warm location to meet to enjoy refreshments in the "flavor" of the Englewood community. Culture Coffee is for everyone, he stresses, families with kids, young professionals, seniors and visitors. The shop will be open daily from 6:30am to 2pm with expanded hours in the future. You can reach the shop at 460•8542 and also visit Culture Coffee online at [www.CultureCoffeeFL.com](http://www.CultureCoffeeFL.com) or Facebook and Instagram at @CultureCoffeeFL.

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# Arts & Entertainment



The Hermitage Artist Retreat and Marie Selby Botanical Gardens announce a new collaboration, "Hermitage Sunsets @ Selby Gardens," launching with a five-program series as part of the 2020-2021 season. The outdoor series features performances and talks by Hermitage artists-in-residence and alumni. Four will take place at Selby Gardens' downtown Sarasota campus; one will be at Selby Gardens Historic Spanish Point campus. The series premieres with "Triple Current: Music of Arabia & America," featuring the celebrated composer, santur player, jazz trumpeter and vocalist Amir ElSaffar, on **Friday, October 23, 6pm**, on the northern grounds of the Selby Gardens Event Center, 1534 Mound Street, Sarasota. Admission is free, but registration is required at [HermitageArtistRetreat.org](http://HermitageArtistRetreat.org). Capacity will be limited to accommodate safe social distancing, so early reservations are recommended. Masks are strongly encouraged.

## The Tams in Concert

On **Saturday, October 17 at 7:30pm**, CoolToday Park will once again host fan favorites, *The Tams*. It will be another fun, socially distanced, outdoor concert at CoolToday Park, 18800 South West Villages Parkway, Venice. *The Tams* have been entertaining fans and performing for over 50 years. They are known for hits such as "Be Young, Be Foolish, Be Happy" and "What Kind of Fool." Expect a fun and exciting show for everyone with music styles that have been classified as a mixture of Beach Music, R&B and "smooth soul." General Admission spots are available for \$60, include 4 tickets and are "first come, first serve" locations. Lawn chairs

and blankets are encouraged. Seats are not included in general admission spots. Ten by ten feet (10' x 10') grass-lined spaces will be available to accommodate groups of 4, socially distanced six feet apart. Cool Today Park full-service bar and concessions will be available. Parking is free. Gates open at **5:30pm**, live music at **6pm** and *The Tams* at **7:30pm**. Tickets are available online via [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com). For more information, call **413-5000**.

## Songs of Johnny Mercer

Venice Theatre invites you to their Cabaret event to enjoy "Moon River, The Songs of Johnny Mercer" starring John Lariviere. Performances are **Saturday, October 17 at 7:30pm** and **Sunday, October**

## Hermitage Beach Programs

The Hermitage Artist Retreat announces the return of its popular beachfront series with "Genius Loci: A Sense of Place in Story, Music, & Poetry," **Friday, October 9, 6pm**, at the Hermitage Beach, 6660 Manasota Key Road. This outdoor event features three Hermitage artists-in-residence: composer and bassist Michael Kurth, poet Lynnell Edwards, and author Justin Torres. In Edwards' book of poetry *This Great Green Valley* and Torres' book and film "We the Animals," each captures the sense of place of their childhoods. Composer and bassist Michael Kurth, meanwhile, defines his place as the bottom staff of an orchestral score. As the sun sets over the Gulf of Mexico, Edwards and Torres will read from their celebrated works, and Kurth will delight audiences with his string bass and bass ukulele. Admission is free but registration is required at [HermitageArtistRetreat.org](http://HermitageArtistRetreat.org). Capacity will be limited to accommodate safe social distancing, so early reservations are recommended. Masks are strongly encouraged.

**18 at 2pm**. Seats are \$22. Venice Theatre wants attendees to know that COVID-19 protocols will be in place. For more information and tickets, visit [www.venicetheatre.org](http://www.venicetheatre.org).

## Mom's Gift at Langdon Playhouse

Charlotte Players invites you to discover *Mom's Gift* at the



Nancy Dellamura, Sumi-e artist, received a Merit Award in the juried "Harvest Moon" Show at the Venice Art Center for her ink painting "Rock and Wild Orchid." According to Wikipedia, Ink wash painting, or sumi-e, is a type of East Asian brush painting that uses black ink (used in East Asian calligraphy) in different concentrations. Emerging in Tang dynasty China, it, and associated stylistic features, overturned earlier, more realistic techniques. Nancy may also be recognized as one of the instructors for the Beginner Tai Chi classes held by Englewood Community Hospital that were suspended due to COVID-19.

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

## Van Wezel Presents

Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, Sarasota, announces that single

show tickets are now on sale for *The Simon and Garfunkel Story*, an immersive concert-style theatre show that chronicles the journey shared by the folk-rock duo, Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel. The productions will be **Friday, February 12 at 8pm** (tickets \$27 to \$72.) Paul Anka performs his *Greatest Hits: His Way* on **Wednesday, March 17 at 8pm** (Tickets \$32 to \$132.) Tickets for these shows along with other productions can be purchased at [www.VanWezel.org](http://www.VanWezel.org), by calling the box office at **263-6799** or by visiting the box office located at 777 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, **Monday-Friday between 10am to 4pm**.

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Installing a security system may be the goal of homeowners looking to protect themselves and their belongings. Thanks to availability of new, user-friendly products, do-it-yourselfers can, in many instances, install their own home security systems.



Safety.com says smart home integration, mobile apps and wireless connectivity are hallmarks of modern DIY home security systems. Many have the same components as traditional home security systems, but do not require professional installation or monitoring, even though such options are available.

When shopping for home security systems, people can look for the following features to compare offerings.

- **Cameras:** Working in conjunction with sensors, cameras can provide an eye on activity in and outside of a home, adding another layer of protection.
- **Smart features:** With smart home connectivity, security systems can be engaged and turned off from remote locations.

Many DIY versions of home security systems work wirelessly and can be set up in a relatively short period of time. While wired systems use existing electric and telephone lines to connect security components, wireless systems connect components to a main panel via radio frequency. One of the benefits of wireless tech is that it enables DIYers to add components and replace them as needed without major hassle. In addition, wireless security systems do not require construction during the installation process.

More and more homeowners are embracing DIY home security systems to keep their homes safe.

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**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*).

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# State Moves on to Phase 3 and More

By Sharyn Lonsdale

On September 26, Governor Ron DeSantis declared that Florida would be moving on to Phase 3 of reopening the state after the COVID-19 crisis. What does that mean for restaurants and their customers?

Restaurants and bars that had been operating at 50% capacity with social distancing guidelines are now allowed to operate at full capacity. Businesses can still require customers to wear masks, but DeSantis said, "all outstanding fines and penalties that have been applied against individuals are suspended."

While many restaurants will take advantage of the ruling, others are hesitating to embrace Phase 3, as are some diners. Some good news, the ruling does allow many restaurants to move part-time employees back to full-time and hire more staff.

The announcement on Facebook that *Lock N' Key* and sister restaurant the *SandBar Tiki & Grille* would be operating at full-capacity while maintaining strict sanitization policies, was met with plenty of customer love. Staff will continue to wear face coverings at both locations. Fans of the *Lock 'N Key* are also celebrating the return of its popular happy hour. Both restaurants offer large outdoor seating areas.

*Farlow's on the Water* promises that the Phase 3 dining experience will be just like Phase 2 except it will allow the reopening of some indoor tables. On its Facebook page, *Farlow's* vows to continue to maintain social distancing, keeping partitions in place, and to follow CDC recommendations, including keeping disposable menus, and having staff wear masks. The restaurant will also maintain strict sanitization procedures and will continue to take reservations, and also has plenty of outdoor seating.

Over at *Prime Time*, the restaurant is back open at 100%, however, one area will remain available for diners who want to social distance. Diners who prefer that room will need to ask to sit there. Staff will continue to wear masks and guests are requested to also wear face coverings in common areas in the restaurant. Parties of five or more can reserve regular or socially-distanced dining in advance. Outdoor dining is also available.

Marie Laforge said even though it would mean more revenue, she's passing on moving *Mango Bistro* on to Phase 3. The Dearborn Street eatery will remain at 50% capacity with social distancing and continue to offer take-out and delivery. The restaurant expanded its outdoor dining area, added Laforge, "We also are all wearing masks and are asking our customers to do the same. We feel obliged to keep our employees and their families safe."

That's good news for patrons like Diana Legg who said she plans to stay with restaurants who are "still following safety measures" and Kama Strombeck who when not eating at home, prefers take-out or dining at off-hours to avoid crowds. "We love all the area restaurants and want them to do well, but not at the risk of getting sick," said Strombeck.

They may want to join Tammy McShane's new Facebook group "*COVID Responsible Restaurants and Businesses in Englewood and Surroundings*." McShane, who lives in North Port, started the group to offer one page with current information on restaurants and businesses from Sarasota to Punta Gorda. "Not that one choice is better than another, but there are a lot of people who aren't ready to jump into a restaurant that is

wall-to-wall people where you don't have to wear masks," said McShane." She is requesting that group members share their experiences but keep politics off the page. She also encourages restaurant owners to share what they are doing to offer customers a safe environment, even if they are moving on to Phase 3.

Only you know how comfortable you are when dining out. For the most up-to-date information, call the restaurant to see your options and if possible, reserve your preferred seating area.

### Zeke's Reopens

After a six-month COVID-19 shutdown, *Zeke's Uptown Bar & Grill* on West Dearborn Street, finally reopened on September 23 for breakfast and lunch, Wednesday through Monday, with expanded outdoor seating, indoor dining improvement and most of its original staff. At press time *Zeke's* was planning to open for dinner again soon. The new menu features old favorites and new items, including "immunity-boosting COVID-19 Cocktails spiked with quinine and zinc."

### Let's Eat! Englewood is a great success!

Englewood's annual restaurant promotion event, *Let's Eat! Englewood*, just concluded on October 1, although many participating restaurants continued to offer the special \$13 lunch and \$26 dinner menus beyond that date. "This year the campaign was needed more than ever," said Kim Parks, Interim Director of the Englewood Florida Chamber of Commerce. "The fact that most offered carry-out, curbside and/or delivery added to the "Let's Eat" experience." Parks said that while the final numbers weren't in yet, she expected Let's Eat-Englewood to generate more than \$100,000 in added business.

If you have restaurant news and updates you would like to share, please email Sharyn Lonsdale at sharyn111@gmail.com with subject line DISH.



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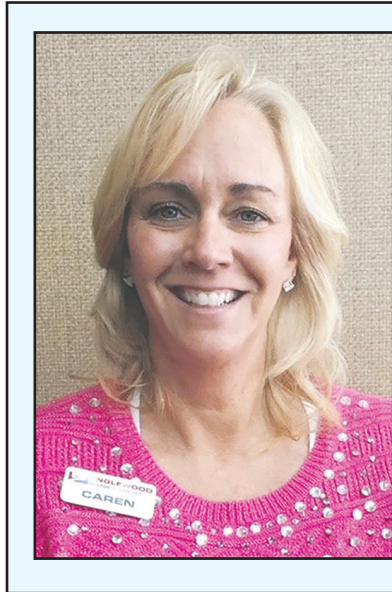
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# TAKING CARE of Business

## Business of The Year Winners

The Englewood Florida Chamber of Commerce, in unison with the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce and Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce has announced that it will name each of its members as a 2020 Business of the Year. The Englewood Florida Chamber of Commerce will present its awards on January 28th. Jonathan Varner, with Wampler Varner Insurance Group and current board president of the Englewood Chamber, could not agree more. "It's always an honor to recognize excellence in business, now more than ever, and the Englewood Chamber looks forward to continuing that tradition in early 2021." For further information, call the Englewood Chamber at 474-5511.



Englewood Bank & Trust Branch Operations Manager Caren Moody is celebrating her 10th anniversary with the bank. She began as a part-time teller in 2010, then moved into another retail banking position. She has been Branch Operations Manager at the main office, 1111 S. McCall Road, since 2015. Originally from North Carolina, Moody graduated from East Carolina University and started her career working as a military recreation specialist, providing support services for military personnel for eight years. She has lived in Florida for over 17 years. Happy Anniversary, Caren!

## New Tourism Director

Charlotte County government is pleased to announce the appointment of Sean Doherty as Tourism Director effective Sept. 23. He will spearhead the

tourism marketing efforts of the Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach Visitor & Convention Bureau. "I've been honored to serve Charlotte County while working alongside a team of dedicated

professionals in the tourism department. Over the past 15 years we've overcome a variety of obstacles while still elevating the Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach brand to new heights. I look forward to the challenge of continuing that trajectory and leading the department to the next level," Doherty said. A native Floridian, Doherty holds a master's degree in sports management from the University of Florida. He is a 2016 graduate of Leadership Charlotte and serves on the board of directors for the Charlotte Players and the Gulf Island Coast chapter of the Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association. He is recognized as a certified sports event executive by the Sports Events & Tourism Association. He and his wife Tonya live in Gulf Cove with their two daughters.

The VCB's mission is to brand, market, and sell the area as Florida's premier ecotourism, leisure, sports, and meeting and conference destination for the continual economic benefit of the community. Information on Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach is available at PureFlorida.com.

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## Dearborn Street and Old Englewood Village

By Eric Peterson, OEVA Director

## CHANGING TIMES...

Just like so many things that we've all grown to love about Englewood, but have been cancelled due to COVID-19, this year's *Halloween Safe Walk* has been cancelled too. There is still too much concern for the safety and well-being of our residents, merchants and visitors.

The Old Englewood Village Association (OEVA) is here to help our local businesses prosper and engage this community that we call our home. So, looking for a different way to drive traffic to our local businesses, the board discussed options to safely allow our residents to enjoy Halloween, explore our community, and maybe discover areas and businesses that they didn't realize existed.

Hoping to engage everyone in Englewood, OEVA came up with a home and business Halloween decorating contest. People are invited to decorate their homes and/or business and submit their creation for judging. The week of Halloween, the public will be invited to

drive by the participating homes and businesses, view the spectacular Halloween decorations, then vote safely via their mobile device of choice, for their favorites!

The winners (the highest vote getters) of the Home Decorating category will be awarded gift certificates to local businesses in the amount of \$250 for first place, \$100 for second place, and \$50 for each of the next 10 runners up. The top three businesses will receive plaques that they can proudly hang in their business and show off their status as one of the best decorated businesses. The gift certificates were purchased by OEVA directly from our member businesses. And we hope that our visitors will stop by and visit our local merchants.

Entry is free. Go to OEVA's new website <https://EnglewoodFL.org>, click on the Halloween Decorating Contest banner and



then filling out the form and submitting a photo. Deadline for entry is midnight, October 24, 2020.

Voting will also be done through OEVA's new website: <https://EnglewoodFL.org>. Visit the website prior to voting and then click on "Add to Home Screen" on their smartphone. The site will turn into an app. From there you can get a map which directs you to the entries. Once you've visited all of the entries you can then vote via the app. Voting is free and takes place from October 26 through

8am October 31. Each device may vote only once for their three favorite homes and three favorite businesses.

The Rules are: that you are the primary resident or are business owner of the property being submitted. All information is required including a photo of your decorated property.

Deadline for entry is midnight on Saturday October

24. Decorations must be Halloween themed. Political themes or signs will be disqualified. All entries must remain decorated through October 31, and all entries must be within the 34223, 34224, 33946 and 33947 zip codes.

The Old Englewood Village Association reserves the right to reject entries with missing, incorrect, misleading, or disqualifying information; missing photo, or inappropriate themes.

So, when your home or business is decorated, take a photo and submit your entry. You can keep on decorating even after you submit.

On another note, there are still other happenings on Dearborn. We've got two Farmer's Markets! On Thursdays, we have the Englewood Farmers Market, which is designed to promote local Florida growers and agriculturally related products with a focus on our four core values of nutritional health, education, sustainability, and sense of community. Right nearby we have the Dearborn Market where you can find a wide array of organic produce, artisan cheeses, pies and more. Both Thursday events run from 9am to 2pm. The Sunday Farmers Market runs every Sunday from 10am to 3pm, brings in not just wonderful produce, but arts, crafts, and live music.

*Enjoy Englewood and enjoy Old Englewood Village!*



# Club Chatter

**Let's Go to the Sock Hop!**  
Englewood Elks is holding a Sock Hop on **Tuesday, October 13!** Come out and be ready to dance to some oldies but

goodies. Doors open at **4:30pm** with music starting at **6pm**. The DJ is Michael D. Amore (lead singer of the Capris.) Cover charge \$10. Dining availability

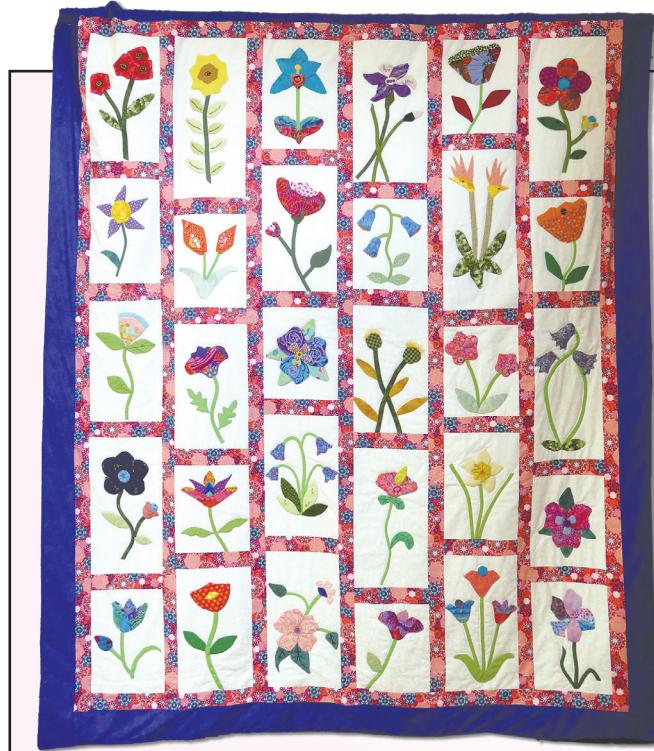


The Business and Professional Women of Englewood and Venice (BPWEV) welcomed two new members at their monthly dinner meeting held at Plantation Golf and Country Club on September 15th. Debra Wolfe and Helena Cao are looking forward to being involved with the many projects that BPWEV has planned for this year. The 60th anniversary of BPWEV as well as the Annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser benefiting Adult Learner Scholarships and BPWEV will be held at Rumours new wine bar and wine shop on **Friday October 16**. Tickets available at [www.bpwev.org](http://www.bpwev.org). BPWEV meets every third Thursday of each month at Plantation Golf and Country Club in Venice. The mission of BPWEV is: "To achieve equity for all women through Advocacy, Education and Information". All meetings are open to the public, and guests are welcomed. Information available at [www.bpwev.org](http://www.bpwev.org). Pictured (left to right:) Morian Chmielak, President, Debbie Wolfe and Helena Cao - new members, Debra Straw - 2nd Vice President.

with limited menu. For reservations, call the Englewood Elks at **474-1404, Monday-Thursday, 9am to noon**. The Englewood Elks is located at 401 N. Indiana Avenue.

**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 **5-8pm**. 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**

Dr. Christopher Cortman, a Florida licensed psychologist since 1985, will be the speaker at the Business and Professional Women of Englewood and Venice (BPWEV) dinner monthly meeting on **Tuesday, October 20 at 5:30pm** at the Plantation Golf and Country Club. The public is invited to hear Dr. Cortman's 'edu-tainment' presentation, as he prides himself on providing an 'educational' experience riddled with humor that keeps the audience involved and 'entertained'. He has created a safe haven for emotional healing in Sarasota County and is the on-call psychologist for Venice Regional Bayfront Health. He is the published author of three books: "Your Mind: An Owner's Manual for a Better Life: 10 Simple Truths That Will Set You Free," "Take Control of your Anxiety" and "Keep Pain in the Past: Getting Over Trauma, Grief" and "The Worst Thing That's Ever Happened to You." Reservations and more information available at [www.bpwev.org](http://www.bpwev.org). The mission of BPWEV is "To achieve equity for all women through Advocacy, Education and Information".



Mark your calendar for the upcoming Lemon Bay Woman's Club Fall Bazaar scheduled for **November 12-14**, but you don't have to wait until the event to purchase raffle tickets for prizes such as the beautiful hand-stitched queen size quilt pictured here. The Bazaar will feature crafts, useful kitchen items and gift ideas for yourself and the holiday season. They are also stocked with books for sale because their book sale was cancelled earlier this year due to COVID-19. Proceeds from book sales are used for scholarships to Lemon Bay High School students. Tickets are a \$3 donation or 2 for \$5. Along with the quilt created by the club members, other prizes will be a traditional Christmas wreath and quilted wall hanging. Tickets may be purchased at the clubhouse at 51 N. Maple Street (corner of Coconut & Maple) on **Monday mornings 9am to noon**. For more information, call the clubhouse at **474-9762**.

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# Nature Calls

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Gardening Series: Florida Growing Seasons, Topic One of series. **Tuesday, October 13, 10am** – Green Cleaning Your Home. **Wednesday, October 14, 10am** – Composting. **Thursday, October 15, 9am** – Florida

Snakes. **Saturday, October 17, 10am**, Rain Barrel Workshop. **Tuesday, October 20, 10:30am** – Creating Your Edible Garden. **Wednesday, October 21,**

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If you were one of the beachgoers and boaters who frequented the southern end of Stump Pass Beach State Park during this year's bird nesting season, you may be interested in the bird nesting season report results from the Bird Stewarding Program. Audubon, Charlotte County and Friends of Stump Pass (FOSP) trained 33 people to be bird stewards and monitor the nesting site on Stump Pass. Because of the closure of the state park due to COVID-19, it was nearly impossible for the bird stewards to carry out their daily walks for site monitoring and answering questions, so the program was put on hold. Bird steward program chairs Mary Lundeberg and Carol McCoy continued to monitor the nesting area. In July there were about 150 least terns on the site. At one point, 18 fledged chicks were counted, as well as several downy and feathered chicks. Because of a tropical storm which wiped out several eggs early in the season, some terns re-nested. Another seven or more chicks

became flight capable later in August. A conservative estimate is that the terns at Stump Pass Beach State Park fledged about 25 least tern chicks this summer, as well as two Wilson's plover chicks. A highlight of the summer was the female American oystercatcher that rested around Marker 10, and also near the edge of the terns' territory from March until late August. A grant request by Lundeberg and McCoy to CHNEP (Coastal & Heartland National Estuary Partnership) was funded and used to create materials for the public and bird stewards. Lundeberg and McCoy wrote a 44-page book to be distributed to families on the beach next season, *A Tale of a Tern*, and a ten-page field guide to be used by bird stewards for species identification. The book will be available soon to the public and details will be announced when it is ready. In this photo by Mary Lundeberg, a least tern chick jumps for joy as its parent returns to the nest with a fish. Photo by Mary Lundeberg

The Paul A. and Veronica H. Gross Wildlife Center of Southwest Florida, located in Venice, wants to remind everyone that with COVID-19, it is easy to overlook the ongoing threats posed to wildlife by Red Tide and other forms of toxicity that exist, such as cyanobacteria (blue-green) algae. With a focus on avian and mammalian victims that the Wildlife Center receives calls about or are brought to the organization, here are some symptoms of mild to severe toxicity



that are fairly easy for the public to spot. They include "staggering" – a "drunken gait;" tremors; depression; an inability to stand; and a loss of fear of people. In birds and mammals, these are generally due to eating fish or other sea creatures that are weakened or killed by the toxin, which then enters the system of the secondary victim. There is no medication available, so treatment consists of "supportive" actions – flushing of the system by oral or subcutaneous fluid hydration, nutritional support and keeping the patient as warm and as unstressed as possible. If you see a bird or animal with any of the symptoms listed, please call **484-9657** or bring it to the Center for attention at 925 N. Jackson Road, Venice. Visit [www.wildlifecenterofvenice.org](http://www.wildlifecenterofvenice.org) or their Facebook page to learn more.

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Friends of Osprey Junction Trailhead (FOJT) is presenting an exciting webinar on Landscaping for Wildlife on **Wednesday, October 14 at 11am**. A grant from the Gulf Coast Community Foundation is underwriting the series. You'll learn about and discover many Florida native plants to integrate into your garden that are essential for attracting butterflies, birds, and native bees. This presentation will answer many questions you might have about how and why including native plants to your landscape is important. You'll discover why every plant has a purpose that can bring more life to your yard. The presenter at this webinar is Tom Heitzman who started Sweet Bay Native Nursery in 1995. Sweet Bay Nursery is one of the premier Florida native plant nurseries located in northern Manatee County. Admission is free, but you must register to receive an invitation for the webinar. For more information or to register, visit [ojfriends.com/webinars](http://ojfriends.com/webinars)

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# Stumble Across Unexpected Treasures

By Chris Cameron

A definition of Serendipity is “accidentally stumbling upon something truly amazing, especially while not looking for it.” You will certainly have a serendipitous experience when you visit the new cozy boutique gift shop on Dearborn Street, appropriately called “Serendipity LTD.” Shoppers familiar with A Coastal Emporium and the former Dome Market will be pleased to find Salty StarZ and Dori’s Health Beauty and Beyond have combined their products to create the new boutique “Serendipity LTD.” LTD in this case means “Living the Dream” which is the goal of most Englewood residents and visitors.

Salty StarZ owner Taz Cates and Dori Osborne, owner of Dori’s Health Beauty and Beyond, discovered they shared the same magical business vision. These “besties” joined together to create a chic, classy and cozy boutique which offers an array of “must have” beauty items, custom handcrafted items, home décor, the latest hot trends, gifts, seasonal items and seaside souvenirs.

Serendipity LTD wants to make your visit a personal



The new boutique gift shop, Serendipity LTD, is a treasure box full of exciting finds.

shopping experience where you can expect to “stumble across unexpected treasures.” You can still find Dori’s holographic purses, CBD, e-cigs, Avon favorite Skin So Soft, beach totes and reversible umbrellas along with Taz’s hand-painted signs & handcrafted items, novelty gifts, country primitives, and “Mom’s

Closet” (gently loved clothing.) Count on finding many new exciting items sure to find their way home with you. There is seasonal décor, cashmere shawls, country primitive and reclaimed vintage items, and a section of kids’ novelty gifts featuring mermaids, unicorns, dinosaurs, sharks, glow eggs and squishies.

Taz continues to produce her hand-painted destination coordinate signs and can even make custom location GPS signs and other hand-painted treasures.

Taz Cates is from Pennsylvania and ever since she can remember, was not happy unless she had a paint brush in her hand. She has been

a professional painter for 20 years and now uses her talent to produce her Englewood, Manasota and Englewood Beach signs, ornaments and other handcrafted items. From her northern roots, she knows country primitive is a very popular home décor, but it is hard to find such items in a seaside resort and now Serendipity fills that niche. Dori Osborne grew up in the St. Pete Beach area and for many years was the area’s top leading Avon representative. She is a powerful business leader and, as a single mom, raised a highly accomplished daughter. She and her husband enjoy traveling between Florida and their “treehouse in the sky” home in North Carolina.

Serendipity LTD is located at 460 W. Dearborn Street, and is next to the Olde Village Barber Shop and The Blue Pineapple Bistro. Hours are currently Tuesday through Saturday, 10am to 4pm. Be sure to “like” them on Facebook @ SerendipityonDearborn. The shop opened on August 4<sup>th</sup> and a grand opening ceremony is being planned for later this year. Stop by soon and see what your Serendipity experience will bring!



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

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## Trunk-n-Treat

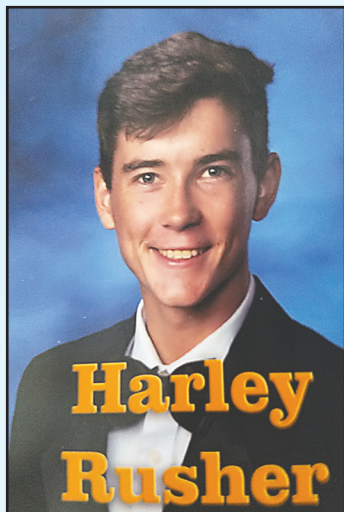
Sonrise Baptist Church in Englewood will be holding its annual Trunk-n-Treat on **Saturday, October 31 from 4:30 until 6:30pm**. The church is located at 11050 Willmington Blvd and the event is free and open to the public. Safe spacing and safety protocols will be in place as children “trunk-n-treat”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

**Library Curbside Trick or Treat on Saturday, October 31, 5 to 6pm**, at the Englewood Charlotte Library, 3450 S. Access Road. Treat bag with Halloween craft, other goodies and candy for the first 50 kids. For more information, visit [www.charlottecountyfl.gov/libraries-history](http://www.charlottecountyfl.gov/libraries-history) or call **681•3736**.

**Help Sean Feed Hungry Pets**  
Sean Blaney, from Boy Scout Troop 26, is getting closer to achieving his targeted donation goal but still needs your help in completing his Eagle Scout project. Sean chose his Eagle Scout service project based on his observation that Suncoast Humane Society receives a higher percentage of dog food donations than cat food donations for its free Community Food Bank. Sean wants to help cat owners who are struggling to feed their felines (due to economic hardship) get the food they need so their pets don't go hungry. Sean's goal is \$4,500 and he currently has raised \$4,100 of that total. Make a donation today on Sean's Go Fund Me page so he can reach his goal of helping to feed hungry family cats in Englewood: [www.gf.me/u/ytiib9](http://www.gf.me/u/ytiib9)



On September 22th, the Rotary Club of Englewood delivered dictionaries to Myakka River Elementary School third graders. Rotary participates in The Dictionary Project, whose goal is to assist all students in becoming good writers, active readers, creative thinkers and resourceful learners by providing them with their own personal dictionary. Educators see third grade as the dividing line between learning to read and reading to learn, so each year third graders at Englewood schools receive their own personal dictionary. To learn more about The Dictionary Project, visit [www.dictionaryproject.org](http://www.dictionaryproject.org). Photo: Traci Hamill, President-Elect for the Rotary Club of Englewood (left) with Myakka River Lead Teacher Carrie Dillmore.



**Harley Rusher**



**Lexi Odenbach**

This past summer, the Englewood Lions Club presented \$1,000 scholarships to two graduating seniors of Lemon Bay High School - Lexi Odenbach and Harley Rusher. The scholarship winners were selected by a committee of Lions Club members for their academic achievements, work ethic and commitment to the community. Lexi Odenbach graduated from Lemon Bay with a weighted GPA of 3.7 while volunteering over 600 hours at Englewood Community Hospital and Kids Needs of Englewood, all while working 10-20 hours per week at part-time jobs. She also participated in soccer and track & field and served four years as a varsity student trainer for the football team. Lexi said about the Lions scholarship, “I am so thankful for the very generous scholarship! It has honestly helped me so much already and I just started school! I am attending the State College of Florida located in Venice, majoring in Business Entrepreneurship.” Lexi hopes to work in her career to help keep families together and build strong relationships. Harley Rusher graduated with a weighted GPA of 4.3, is a member of the National Honor Society and completed more than 400 hours of Community Service during his four years at Lemon Bay. Harley lettered in varsity track & field and soccer and also volunteered as a coach and referee for area youth soccer teams. After the mass shooting at Stoneman Douglas High School, Harley built a biography of one of the victims and presented it at a Lemon Bay High School memorial service for the victims. Harley is attending the University of Florida majoring in Political Science and one day hopes to attend law school. The Englewood Lions Club has been serving this area since 1952. During the twelve months ending June 30th, the Englewood Lions Club donated more than \$9,000 to charities and other non-profit organizations and hope to do similar giving in the coming year. For more information or to get involved with the Englewood Lions Club, please contact Club President Kathy at **698•7508** or visit [www.Englewoodfl-lionsclub.com](http://www.Englewoodfl-lionsclub.com).

Girls and their families who are interested in registering or renewing their Girl Scout membership are invited to a Drive-Thru Ice Cream Social and Sign-Up on **Saturday, October 24, 1 to 2:30pm**, at the Gulf Cove United Methodist Church, 1100 S. McCall Road, Pt. Charlotte. This drive-thru is open to all Englewood area girls in kindergarten through grade 12. Participants may come anytime during the scheduled time, and are asked to stay in their cars and wear masks when interacting with Girl Scouts and volunteers. Ice cream treats will be prepackaged. The event will be held rain or shine. In keeping with the Girl Scout tradition of giving back to the community, donations of non-perishable food to help those in need will be collected, and current and prospective Girl Scouts who contribute will receive a food drive fun patch. Whether families prefer a virtual troop, traditional troop or custom individual experience, Girl Scouts has many ways for members to have fun and connect with other girls. For more information, visit [www.gsgcf.org](http://www.gsgcf.org) or contact Connie Martin, Community Manager with Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida at **239•776•0751** or [conniem@gsgcf.org](mailto:conniem@gsgcf.org). Photo: Girl Scout Cadette Destiny (left) and her sister, Sianna, a Junior, show off items found around their house to represent the colors of the rainbow as part of a recent fun and learning “Girl Scouts at Home” activity. “Girl Scouts at Home” provides engaging, family-friendly activities that girls can complete safely at home or outside while social distancing with either no supplies or simple items they likely already have at home.



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**The Englewood  
REVIEW**



# Englewood History



by Ken Kocab

## Kelly's: The Oldest Remaining Bar in Englewood

If you think Englewood has some pretty exciting bars, you probably never heard about the live alligator sitting on the counter, or the man tearing down the chandelier at the old Kellys bar on Dearborn Street. While driving to the antique shop last week I noticed a handwritten sign in the front of Kellys proclaiming it, "The Oldest Bar in Englewood." Always looking for original story ideas, I stopped in and set up an interview with Vickie Cole, the current owner.

On the day of the interview, Vickie had invited local legend Bernie Reading to share his early memories of the bar. Bernie said local pioneer Don Platt had told him that the bar building was built in 1920 and was originally used as a stable. According to Don, Ollie and Emma Tate bought the building in the early thirties, and then turned it into a grocery store. Even though this was during prohibition, the Tate's also sold beer and wine. There were only two places to get alcohol in Englewood at this time: Tate's Grocery, and Whiskey Corners, a bar near present day Merchant's Crossing. Bernie said that prohibition laws had little effect on Englewood since it was so isolated. Bernie's first experience with the Kelly building was in the mid-thirties. As a young boy he

would walk past the store on his way to get the mail at the old hardware store.

Bernie enlisted in the Coast Guard at the age of 15 (with his mother's permission), and returned to Englewood in 1945. When Bernie came back, he visited the Tate store and found out that the building was now called Weide's Bar, owned by Frank and Jess Weide who were former carnie people. Even though Bernie wasn't 21, Jess served him anyway. She said, "If you volunteered to go out and get shot at, you're old enough to come to this bar." As time passed, Bernie opened up a sign painting business and also did a lot of traveling. He said that Weide's was always his favorite place to go when he was in town.

As he recalled his days at Weide's, Bernie began to tell a few interesting stories about his favorite hangout. He said Frank's wife, Jess, was 6 feet tall and didn't take 'stuff' from anyone. One night one of the patrons was terribly drunk and refused to leave the bar. He even said, "Whose going to make me?" Jess grabbed the man and put him in an arm lock. She then pushed him out the door and said, "Come



Sitting at the bar at Kelly's II are Kathleen Stringham, Vickie Cole, Bernie Reading and Phyllis Reading.

back when you behave!"

Bernie also recalled the time that after a day of futile fishing, the only thing he and a friend caught was a three foot long alligator. Bernie came up with the idea of taking the gator to the bar and showing it to the tourists. Jess saw the gator and told Bernie to watch it. A man down the bar bragged that he knew everything about alligators. Bernie thought the man was acting like the "great white hunter" and proceeded to take the tape off the gator's mouth. Bernie left the creature right near the braggart, and left the bar. Bernie later found out that the man had numerous teeth marks on his arm. Bernie washed Jess's car and was permitted to

come back one month later.

Another adventure took place when one of the customers after drinking all day pulled up to the bar on his Harley and saw the new chandelier that the owner had installed to upgrade the atmosphere.

The man took a flying leap and proceeded to pull the fixture from the ceiling. Bernie said the owner had to be prevented from shooting the fool on the spot.

The Weide's owned the bar until the early 70's when new ownership took over. For the next few years the bar was called Pete's. This owner sold the bar in the late 70's to a Mr. Kell. Kell was Polish, but somehow the name of the bar became "Kellys." Karen Goll was the next owner during the late 80's and 90's. In 1997 the bar closed for six months and reopened as "The Old Town Tap". Finally in 1999, the bar was purchased by current owner, Vickie

Cole. Vickie, who originally came from Indiana, was a patron of the bar, and liked it because of its' friendly atmosphere. "It's always been my dream to own a bar," she said.

Vickie currently lives in the apartment above the bar and has tried to keep the atmosphere of the place the way it has always been. Bartender Kathleen Stringham said, "When the bar is running well, you don't change a thing." One of the only things that Vickie has done is to change the name to "Kellys II." Meeting new people all the time is the nicest part of owning this bar," said Vickie. Bernie and his wife, Phyllis, who are regular patrons, agree Vickie is a "wonderful, wonderful person." As far as the type of clientele that frequent the bar, Vickie said, "There is a mixture of wild and quiet ones. Some of the wild ones know when to have a good time and when to back off." When asked when she would sell the bar, Vickie answered, "When it stops being fun!" We hope that Vickie and Kellys II will be around for a long time.

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## Adopt a Shelter Dog This Month!

By Lena Hart, Director of Marketing, PR & Media

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**1.** Shelter dogs are eager to follow your guidance. To them, you are the real MVP. You have just rescued them from a strange place, and they are ready to share their unconditional love, show off their skills, or follow your lead and learn new ones. Just have some toys, treats and lovin' ready.

**2.** By adopting a shelter dog, you help to lower the number of dogs currently awaiting their forever families while making room for more animals that need to be saved. Adopting from a shelter also helps to stop the churning out of puppies for profit from puppy mills, where dogs are bred, raised and kept in horrendous conditions.

**3.** Shelter dogs are up-to-date on vaccinations, microchipped and spayed/neutered as many shelters and rescue groups help new dog owners get a jump start on pre-

ventive health care.

**4.** A shelter pup may already have experience living in a home, and may already be house-trained, crate-trained and experienced in riding in a car. Adopting an older dog means you've just skipped over the puppy stage and may not need to hide all your shoes!

**5.** Adopting a shelter dog can help you make new friends, become a part of a community, and maybe even score a date! There's something special about being a shelter dog's hero. You get to learn their story, or you may have to piece one together if there is little or no information on the pup's background. Think of it as a conversation starter that may open doors of opportunities you didn't even know existed.

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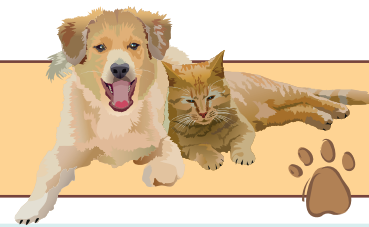
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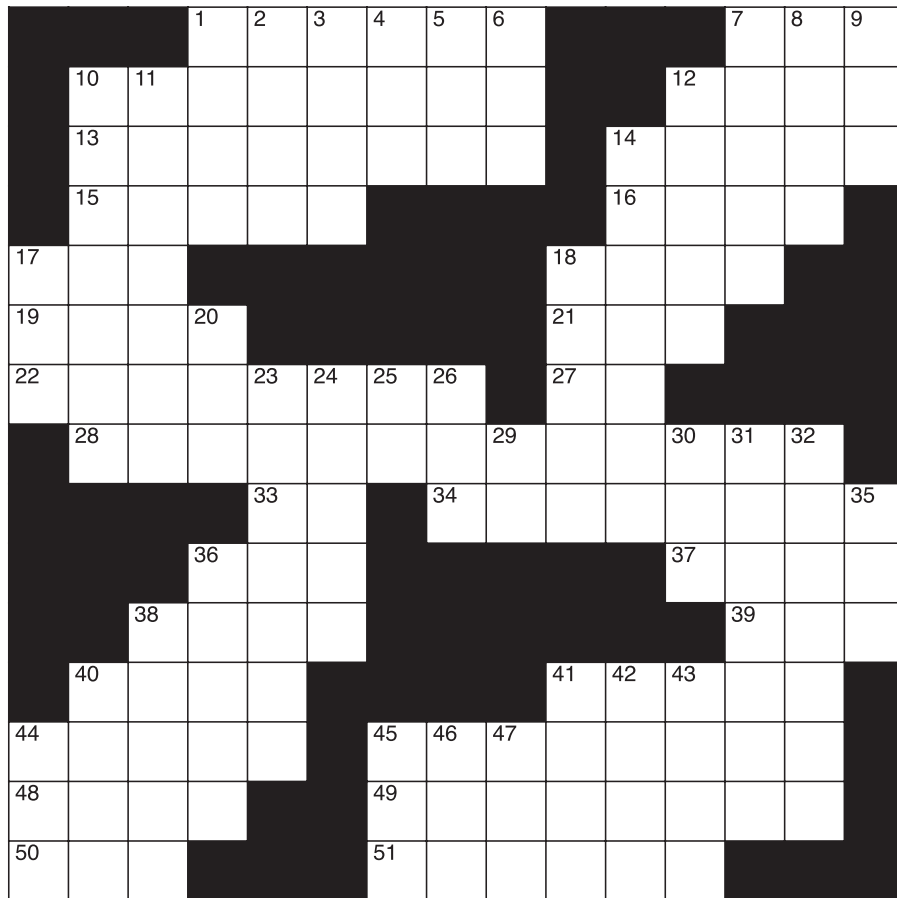




# Crossword Puzzle

## CLUES ACROSS

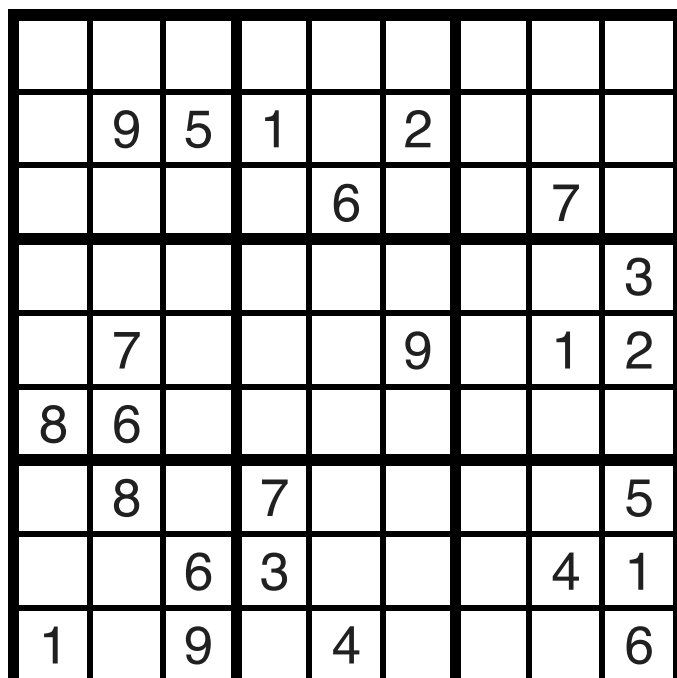
- 1. Lunar crater
- 7. Upstate NY airport (abbr.)
- 10. Fruit
- 12. Seventh avatar of Vishnu
- 13. Organism that grows without air
- 14. Heals
- 15. A book has one
- 16. Open
- 17. Twitch
- 18. Plant of the mint family
- 19. Soon
- 21. Witch
- 22. Long, mournful complaint
- 27. Killer clown film
- 28. Keeps us occupied
- 33. Influential lawyer
- 34. Formation of concepts
- 36. Insecticide
- 37. Swiss river
- 38. Actress Lucy
- 39. Unit of g-force
- 40. Can repel attackers
- 41. Essential oil used as perfume
- 44. Cut into small pieces
- 45. Mexican agricultural worker
- 48. Best pitchers
- 49. Benign tumors
- 50. Danish krone
- 51. Looms above



## CLUES DOWN

- 1. Make a map of
- 2. Cain and \_\_\_
- 3. Dried-up
- 4. Corporate exec (abbr.)
- 5. Trading floor hand gesture
- 6. Strongly alkaline solution
- 7. Yemen capital
- 8. Military leader (abbr.)
- 9. Maintains possession of
- 10. Afternoon show
- 11. Imaginary being
- 12. Rearrange
- 14. Holy person or sage
- 17. \_\_\_ Mahal
- 18. Backbone
- 20. Brooklyn hoopster
- 23. Intervened
- 24. Extremely angry
- 25. Indicates position
- 26. Chinese surname
- 29. Potato state
- 30. When you think you'll get there
- 31. \_\_\_ Falls
- 32. Bullfighters
- 35. Born of
- 36. Small fishes
- 38. "Father of chemical warfare"
- 40. Waste matter
- 41. Skin disease
- 42. Scandinavian mythological god
- 43. \_\_\_ and haws
- 44. Villain
- 45. Tell on
- 46. Difficulty
- 47. Not old

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