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# Around the Town

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic

Come celebrate the Fourth of July with a picnic lunch at the Englewood Elks, 401 N. Indiana Avenue. Feast on hamburgers, hot dogs and BBQ chicken, plus assorted salads and dessert. Cost is \$14 plus tax. Rich Sexton will provide karaoke music. A Basket of Cheer will be raffled off with tickets selling for \$5 for one or 2 for \$8. Come and enjoy good food, good music and dancing! RSVP by calling the Elks at **474•1404, Monday-Thursday, 9am to noon.**

## Sidewalk Sale

Fishermen's Village invites you to Celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> with a Sidewalk Sale by participating merchants. Enjoy live music while you shop on **Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**: Rita Beach, steel drum & vocals by Ragady Lapsey and Skylark Duo performing from **noon to 4pm** and singer Mark Gorka from **5 to 9pm**. Fishermen's Village is located at 1200 W. Esplanade, Punta Gorda.

## Be Part of Something Big

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast (BBBS) is hosting the Biggest Virtual Info Session on **Tuesday, July 7**. The organization provides one-to-

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The Sarasota County Democratic Precincts 527, 543 and 545 are co-hosting a virtual Englewood Environment Town Hall on **Thursday, July 9 at 7pm** with County Commissioner District 5 Candidate Alice White. Samantha Gentrup, founder and President of Hands Across the Water will moderate, with guest speaker Dr. Steven Suau, a professional engineer with over 35 years of experience in both the public and private sectors in southwest Florida, Mr. Suau has long been involved in innovative approaches and solutions to addressing water issues including nutrient management. Come hear what voters can expect from elected officials to guard against future Red Tides of disastrous proportions. Call **206•579•5384** or email [pct527dems@gmail.com](mailto:pct527dems@gmail.com) to sign up (you will be sent an email with a link to the Zoom meeting) and submit your questions in advance.

one mentoring relationships to children ages 6-21 years old throughout the Gulf Coast of Florida in Sarasota, Manatee,

DeSoto, Highlands, Hardee, Charlotte, Lee, Hendry, Glades and Collier Counties. Big Sister, Hannah Bagnall, says she

became a Big Sister because, "When I was a little girl, I always wished I had a big sister who could walk beside me in life and be there to listen to me whenever I needed it. Now I can be that for another little girl."

There are more than 200 children across the agency's 10-county footprint who enrolled in the agency's One to One Mentoring Program and are now just waiting to be matched with a mentor. The Biggest Virtual Info Session will provide participants an opportunity to learn more about the organization and how to become a Big. Register in advance for one of two sessions being offered. For the **10:30am** session, register at <https://bit.ly/3ddPVcr>. For the **5:30pm** session, register at <https://bit.ly/3hJcLvR>. Learn more at [bbbssun.org](http://bbbssun.org).

## Venice Farmers Market to Reopen

Mark your calendar for the re-opening date of the Venice Farmers Market on **Saturdays starting July 11, from 8am to Noon**. The market is located at City Hall, 401 W. Venice Avenue and has complied with all federal, state and local guidelines for food and personal safety. You can find produce, fresh baked goods, wild caught seafood, boutique cheeses, locally roasted coffee, nursery plants, essential oils, fresh flowers, artwork and more. Please note only service

animals are allowed during current COVID-19 rules. For more information, go to [www.thevenicefarmersmarket.org](http://www.thevenicefarmersmarket.org). For questions, contact Lee Perron at [info@thevenicefarmersmarket.org](mailto:info@thevenicefarmersmarket.org) or **445•9209**.

## Fishing Competition Starts

Charlotte County welcomes anglers and non-anglers participating in the statewide CCA Florida STAR competition, **July 1- October 4**. Participants are competing for almost \$500,000 in prizes, including boats, motors, scholarships, and more. STAR's signature category is the iHeart Radio Tagged Redfish Division. Eight tagged redfish were released in Charlotte County waters, increasing a participant's shot of landing a major prize. During the 2019 competition, two anglers each caught tagged redfish in Charlotte County waters, and both won a boat, Yamaha motor and trailer. CCA Florida STAR, which stands for Statewide Tournament Anglers Rodeo, launched in 2015 and focuses on conservation. The competition has a catch, photo, and release format, and unique garbage division. Through the event's smartphone app, anglers learn the proper handling of species, upload competition photos, and learn the importance of protecting Florida's marine resources. The family-friendly event is composed of 17



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divisions targeting 12 species. Prizes in the iHeart Radio Tagged Redfish Division include a Contender Boats 22 Sport, Pathfinder Boats 2200 TRS, Hewes Redfisher 16 and 21' Carolina Skiff all powered by Yamaha Outboards. For the first two youth anglers who win this division, prizes include two Salt Marsh Skiff 1656 tiller boats powered with Yamaha Outboards, trailers, Minn Kota trolling motors and Humminbird electronics. Registration for CCA Florida STAR 2020 is open and ends **October 4**. Learn more about the event by visiting [ccaflstar.com](http://ccaflstar.com) or [facebook.com/ccaflstar](https://facebook.com/ccaflstar).

### Charlotte Idol Contest

The Homeless Coalition's Charlotte Idol singing competition is back for the 8th year. Audition Night will be **Friday, July 24** at **6pm** and streamed on [www.facebook.com/CharlotteCountyHomelessCoalition](http://www.facebook.com/CharlotteCountyHomelessCoalition). Spectators can watch 40 singers compete to get to the second round where singers have a chance to win cash prizes up to \$500 and a local "Staycation." You can give back by dining and watching the auditions at Beef O' Brady's, 1105 Taylor Street, Punta Gorda that evening. Singers can register by emailing [CharlotteIdolHC@](mailto:CharlotteIdolHC@)

gmail.com. Singers must be 16 years of age and a \$20 registration fee. The Finals Night will be held on **Saturday, August 8** at **6pm** at Visani Italian Restau-



Registration is officially open for this year's Englewood Beach Putt Putt set for **Saturday, August 15**. The Englewood Beach Putt Putt is a fun day where four-person teams self-tour selected restaurant venues throughout the Englewood Beach area. At each stop, each person will play a mini golf putting hole that has been specifically constructed for the event. The theme this year is "Red, White and Blue." Guaranteed to be another fun time, this year's event will look very different from those in the past. Most notably, there will be fewer teams, meaning fewer people participating. There are 11 venues this year, instead of 9, to help control the flow of people to comply with CDC guidelines. Trolleys will not be available. Each participant must provide their own putter & golf ball. Team members will be required to wear a mask, complete a health screening questionnaire and submit to a contactless temperature check at the event. The entry fee has been lowered to \$80 per team. Individuals may register for \$25 and be assigned to a team. The deadline to register a team is **Monday, July 20** unless the team limit of 60 teams has been reached. You can register at [www.Englewoodchamber.com](http://www.Englewoodchamber.com).

rant and Comedy Theatre, 2400 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte. All net proceeds from this event will benefit the Homeless Coalition's programs and services. The mission of The Homeless Coalition is to alleviate and prevent hunger and homelessness. For information on how to purchase tickets for Finals or for sponsorship opportunities call **627-4313, Ext. 13**.

### Golf to Support the Mantas!

Come enjoy some golf while supporting Lemon Bay High School Touchdown Club on **Saturday, August 1** at Rotonda Golf & Country Club Hills Course. The tournament is a four-person scramble with an **8:30am** shotgun start. \$75 per player. To register, contact Jeremy Dowd at **223-4461** or Suzie Moore at **270-6248**. You can also email [lbtclub@gmail.com](mailto:lbtclub@gmail.com) or through Lemon Bay Touchdown Club on Facebook.

### Virtual Gardening Help

Need your gardening questions answered? UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County Extension agents will answer your questions about insects, plants and soil testing in a free, ZOOM meeting held **noon to 12:30pm every other Thursday**.

The upcoming meetings are scheduled for **Thursdays, July 9, 23 and August 6**. No

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# Calendar *at a Glance*

These are the shortened calendar events that were added to our Website www.Englewoodreview.com as of Noon on Friday, June 26. They represent events from July 3 - July 24. For the most up-to-date listings and to read about these events in full detail, visit our online calendar. All listings in our "Calendar At A Glance" must be entered on our Website.

**PLEASE NOTE: POSTED EVENTS MUST BE OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.**  
**SOME CLASSES MAY REQUIRE MASKS. PLEASE CALL BEFORE ATTENDING.**

**SAT JULY 4**  
**Fellowship Church Men's Prayer Breakfast** 140 Rotonda Blvd. W. 8-9AM 475-7447

**SUN JULY 5**  
**Fellowship Church Communion Service** Worship Center, 140 Rotonda Blvd. W. 8:30 & 10:30AM 475-7447

**MON JULY 6**  
**Courage Over Cancer** Gulf Cove United Methodist Church, 1100 S. McCall Rd. 8AM-3PM 697-1747

**SUN JULY 12**  
**Fellowship Church Young Families Fellowship** Worship Center, 100 Rotonda Blvd. E. 4:30-6PM 475-7447

**MON JULY 13**  
**Englewood Amateur Radio Club** Englewood Chamber of Commerce 601 S. Indiana Ave. 7-8:30PM

**THUR JULY 16**  
**Fellowship Church Senior Fellowship** Worship Center, 140 Rotonda Blvd. W. 11AM-12PM 475-7447

## ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS

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

**MON, WED, FRI**  
**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 - 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

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

**WED, SAT**  
**Horse Back Riding Summer Camp** Branded Heart Stables, 1030 Morningside Dr. 10AM-4PM 809-6389

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

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

**THURSDAYS**  
**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

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

**SUNDAYS**  
**Gulf Cove UMC Worship Services** 1100 S. McCall Rd. 8-11AM 697-1747

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

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

**Faith Lutheran Church** Worship 551 Rotonda Blvd. West 9:30AM 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 4-7PM 475-7447

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



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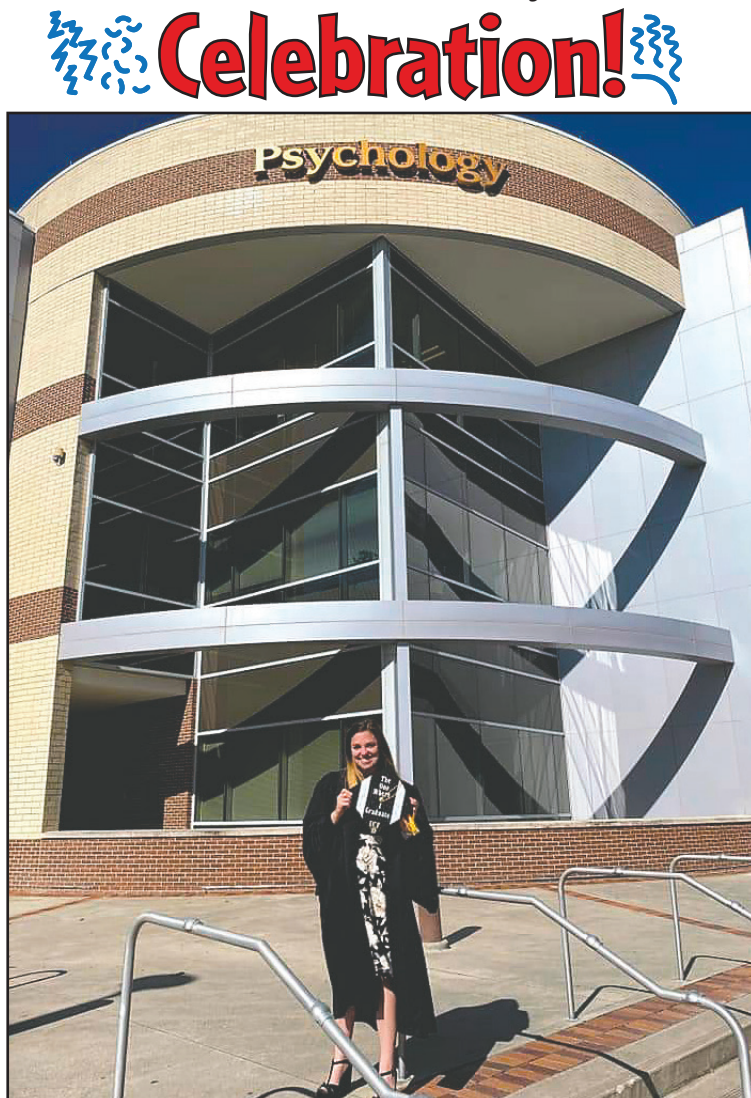
registration is needed. With your web browser, go to <https://ufl.zoom.us/j/96689217347?pwd=ZUx3Mm1QUUGJvK2U5Um9nNmFISytLUT09>. Then, ask the agents your questions about insects, plants and soil testing. For questions, call 861•5000 or email [sarasota@ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:sarasota@ifas.ufl.edu).

**Library Laptop Access**

Englewood Charlotte Public Library is now providing lobby laptop access by reservation. Access will be available **10am-4pm, Tuesday through Saturday**. Laptop computers will be available in the library lobby by reservation only at **10:30am, 12:30pm and 2:30pm**. Use will be limited to 1 ½ hours per person per day. Printing will not be available. To reserve a laptop at the Englewood Charlotte Public Library, call **681•3734**. Signs will be posted reminding patrons to follow CDC guidelines on wearing masks and social distancing. Previously announced curbside holds pickup will continue at all library branches. That service is offered **Tuesday-Saturday from 10am-5:30pm**. All libraries remain closed for general use except for the Mid-County Regional Library. For information, contact Lynda Citro at **681•3739** or [Lynda.Citro@CharlotteCountyFL.gov](mailto:Lynda.Citro@CharlotteCountyFL.gov).

**Face Masks Recommended**

The Florida Department of Health (Department) issued an additional Public Health Advisory on June 20<sup>th</sup> in response to COVID-19, providing recommendations to protect Floridians and visitors from this virus. This advisory is in addition to steps that the Department has taken to increase mitigation measures, including the purchase of 20 million cloth masks, which are actively being distributed statewide. The public health advisory provides the following recommendations: all individuals in Florida should wear masks in any setting where social distancing is not possible, unless a child is under two years of age, an individual has one or more medical conditions or disabilities that prevent wearing a face covering, an individual is obtaining a service involving the nose or face for which temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to perform the service, or an individual is engaged in outdoor work or recreation with appropriate social distancing in place. All individuals over the



Applause and congratulations to Ms. Emily McVety, a 2016 graduate of Port Charlotte High School, who graduated with a BS in Psychology at UCF in December, 2019. In the fall, she will be attending the University of Texas at El Paso's graduate school to study Mental Health Counseling. She is the daughter of Brian and Janice McVety. Her father is the general manager at Murdock Stones Etc. and her first job at the South Gulf Cove location was as a sign holder.

age of 65 and all individuals of any age with high risk health conditions should limit personal interactions outside the home and take all measures to limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19.

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**Looking for Blood Donors**

Blood donations are needed any time of year, especially during the slower summer months. The OneBlood "Big Red Bus" has scheduled the following dates for blood donations in Englewood. Donors are requested to visit their website at [www.oneblood.org](http://www.oneblood.org) to schedule an appointment. All donors will receive free COVID-19 antibody testing for all donors. Please note that blood drives are subject to change at any time. **Sunday, July 5, 11am to 5pm:** Walmart, 2931 S. McCall Road. **Tuesday, July 7, 10am to 3pm:** Palm Plaza, 1951 S. McCall Road (hosted by Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary.) **Thursday, July 9, 10am to 4pm:** Gulf Coast Hardware, 975 S. McCall Road; **Tuesday, July 14, 10am to 3pm:** YMCA, 701 Medical Blvd. **Wednesday, July 15, 11am to 4pm:** Winn Dixie,

1951 S. McCall Road. **Tuesday, July 21, 10am to 4pm:** Bealls, 1500 Placida Road. **Monday, July 27, 10am to 4pm:** Bealls Outlet, 425 S. Indiana Avenue. For questions, call Cheryl Ball at **239•362•9641** or [cheryl.ball@oneblood.org](mailto:cheryl.ball@oneblood.org).

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# Arts & Entertainment



The Hermitage Artist Retreat recently received a \$40,000 grant from the Gulf Coast Community Foundation, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary. These funds will be used to expand community programming, visibility, and engagement as the Hermitage launches its Hermitage North programs. This is being supported with an additional \$45,000 given by Flora Major and the Kutya Major Foundation. "Thanks to this monumental grant from Gulf Coast and Flora Major's extraordinary gift of support, we can move forward with planning our Hermitage North programs, formalizing institutional partnerships with our invaluable arts and education partners in the region, and furthering the engagement of our artists and alumni with our community," said, Andy Sandberg, the Hermitage's Artistic Director and CEO. For more information about the Hermitage, visit [www.HermitageArtistRetreat.org](http://www.HermitageArtistRetreat.org).

### Insects in Focus Exhibit

The Bishop (formerly The Bishop Museum of Science & Nature) is hosting a special exhibit **through October 20<sup>th</sup>**. "Small Wonders: Insects in Focus" is the work of artist & photographer Bob Sober who, using cutting-edge technology in macro digital photography, has created human-scale images of insects that shows the intersection of natural science and art in the metallic finishes, stippled textures, strange body shapes and delicate wing structures. Sober says, "My attitude is that the insect is the artwork. My role is to create a human scale human that may allow the viewer to see the patterns. Textures, colors and details that have always been present, but too small to appreciate." The exhibit is included in the museum's admission price. The Bishop Museum has a timed entry system and other COVID-19 safety protocols in place. For tickets and more information, go to [www.BishopScience.org](http://www.BishopScience.org). The museum is located at 201 10<sup>th</sup> Street West, Bradenton.

*These are as accurate as possible. Please phone the listed numbers for confirmation and further information. If you have an art event or happening you would like to have considered for "Art Chat," please send information and/or photo to [The Englewood REVIEW](mailto:TheEnglewoodREVIEW@bshstheatre.net),*

### LB Theatre Guild Presents

Nasty will be nice and Englewood will be ogre-the-moon when Lemon Bay Theatre Guild's students present their production of *Shrek The Musical JR.* for one show only at **6pm Saturday, July 25**. The family-friendly musical comedy follows the adventures of an ogre named Shrek who sets off on a quest to save a princess from a dragon. However, it turns out that in order to ultimately succeed, Shrek must battle an even bigger obstacle: learning how to

believe in himself and open his heart to others. With music by Jeanine Tesori, book and lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire, *Shrek The Musical, Jr.* is based on the Oscar winning DreamWorks Animation film and the book *Shrek* by William Steig. The LB Theatre Guild production will be presented at Fellowship Church at 140 Rotonda Blvd W. Tickets are \$10 and will go on sale **July 6<sup>th</sup>** at [www.lbstheatre.net](http://www.lbstheatre.net). For more information, please email Sarah Ballard-Richardson at [director@lbstheatre.net](mailto:director@lbstheatre.net).



Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast announces the juried selections and winners for its inaugural Summer Photo Contest exhibit. Photographers of all ages and experience levels were invited to submit their original work showcasing the beauty of Florida's natural lands to be considered for exhibition. Nearly 200 entries were received for consideration and jurors assessed the entries for composition, color, contrast, overall quality, as well as subject interest, originality, and ability to tell a story. Fifty photographs were selected for the exhibit and jurors awarded a winner in each category as well as a Best-In-Show. The exhibit may be viewed at [conservationfoundation.com/photo](http://conservationfoundation.com/photo) or by visiting Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast on Facebook. People's Choice voting will take place **through August 15** on the Conservation Foundation Facebook page. Above, the Best in Show photo is titled "Did That Really Happen?!" by Gunilla Imshaug.

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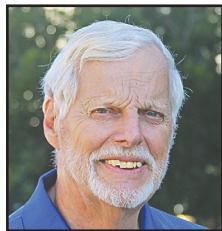
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# Notable NEIGHBORS

## She Sure Knows The Seashore

She may not sell seashells by the seashore, but Brenda Bossman is the one to see if you're interested in Southwest Florida's shore life. She's an independent consultant who, for years now, has worked with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), Charlotte County, Lee County and others to help save our Florida shorebirds and sea turtles.

A transplant from Ohio in 1987, she has come by her passion and expertise "naturally," if you'll pardon the expression. "I was always a nature lover," she says. "When I was young I spent a lot of time in parks and watched birds. That was my number one passion. I remember that even as a little girl, I would spend my summers at my grandparents' house in Indiana. My grandfather was a farmer, and he would take me on his tractor and hold me on his lap, and I would watch for bird nests and rabbit nests along the field. When I would spot one, he'd stop everything, get me down off the tractor and let me move that nest so he didn't run over it. So I've always loved domestic animals—but I love the wild animals even more."

She also liked economics, and her mother encouraged her to explore the business world, "so I ended up taking her advice," Brenda says. She's held positions in banking, real estate sales and radio broadcasting. "It was all very good, but it just didn't hold my passion, and that's when I moved to Florida," she confesses. She started out on Don Pedro island, and that was fortuitous for two reasons: On the ferry to the island, she met Brad Bossman, who later became her husband. It was also there that she learned about sea turtles.

"When I got to settle in on Don Pedro, I just loved the bird life, the turtles, the fish. And when I found out about the turtle patrol program, I was ready and willing to get started the next

spring as a volunteer," she says. She immersed herself in learning, talking with the scientists involved in research projects and interacting with the folks at FWC. "They probably got really tired of my asking so many questions, but I just wanted to know everything about birds and turtles, especially."

And learn she did. By 1994, Brenda was an independent consultant and had projects of her own on the local shores. It's not that she makes proposals to the agencies involved. "If the project is on my beach, it automatically comes to me because I am an experienced permit holder and know what I'm doing," she says. For a typical project monitoring turtle hatchlings, she will find and train the volunteers, do all the weekly planning, make sure all the equipment and supplies are purchased, lease a vehicle to use on the beach, lead the daily monitoring of turtle nests, paint and put in the stakes and signs that mark the nests, and collect and report the data to the FWC.

Her day starts early. "I'm up at five in the morning, and we're out on the beach at sunrise. We have to have our nest evaluation data completed by 9:00 a.m., and other data collected before we leave," she points out. What data? The number of hatchlings in the nest, whether they're loggerheads, Kemp's ridleys or green turtle eggs, the distance of the nest from the dunes and from the mean high water mark, any signs of predator attacks on the nest and what kind of predator it most likely was. "We record if it was washed over or inundated. After we see the hatchlings' tracks leaving the nest, we wait three days to give all the hatchlings time to get out on their own, and then we excavate the nest. We count how many



Brenda Bossman, the "Seashore Lady"

eggs are hatched and unhatched, how many live hatchlings are still in the nest and how many dead ones. If we find any live hatchlings, we release them immediately."

The hatchlings don't have an easy time of it, by any means. "They have to make it out of the nest, and it takes them, all crawling together, about three days. Some of them are two or three feet down at the bottom. Their little bodies are wriggling around, and the sand is shifting under them. They need a group effort to bring them up to the surface." There are usually about 100 eggs in a loggerhead turtle nest, and while most of them get out of the nest, not all will make it to the water. Impeding their way are predators such as crabs, night herons, raccoons, armadillos and coyotes.

Another problem is the humans in the area. Sea turtle hatchlings instinctively go toward the sea, guided by moonlight and starlight. But lights left on after dark by humans can confuse them, drawing them landward, and they will fall victim to dehydration or predation. A greater human vice is carelessness, which is life-threatening for adult turtles. "You should see how much plastic we pick up on the beaches every day," Brenda says. "After

a storm the whole back of our UTV will be filled with plastic. And the turtles will mistake a plastic bag for food. Eating it blocks their digestive tract and they'll die."

If the hatchlings are lucky enough to make it to the Gulf's waters, "these tiny creatures have to swim and swim and swim, three or four miles out," Brenda says, and they have many more predators looking for a juicy meal. "Only about one in a thousand will make

it to maturity, old enough to reproduce." Those sea turtles can measure up to 5 feet long and weigh 500 lbs. or more. The females don't necessarily return to the same areas where they were born, and when they arrive at the shore some 20 to 25 years later, they may lay eggs in four to seven nests in a hatching season that runs from about May 1 to October 1.

And then there are the shorebirds. "I love turtles, and I've spent a long time protecting them, but I'm more concerned about the shorebirds, to be honest," Brenda says. "Every year, with sea level rising, I notice that the waves come up higher on the beach, and those birds nest right on the beach. They're much more likely to get their nests washed away. Then there are the predators: armadillos and coyotes and crows now. Since I've been down here I've noticed a huge increase in the number of crows, and they are smart. They'll wait until the adult tern or plover leaves its shallow nest—maybe to distract another predator away from the nest—and those crows will grab the eggs or chicks."

Dogs are a big problem for the shorebirds, whether they're leashed or not. "When a little snowy plover sees a dog, it sees a predator," Brenda says. "It

doesn't know that the dog is on a leash. The plover wants to save its nest, so it does its instinctive thing, which is jump off the nest and flop around like it has a broken wing to draw the dog away from the nest. But another predator is just waiting to jump on the momentarily abandoned nest. It's heartbreaking: Either the water comes in and washes away the nest, or the predators get the eggs or hatchlings, and not many are making it."

Earlier this year, Brenda worked on a project which she describes as "counterintuitive," in that she's doing the exact opposite of what you'd expect of a shorebird lover. It was a shorebird abatement program for areas that were going to be replenished with sand. "What I had to do was discourage the shorebirds from nesting on the beach where sand was to be placed, because their nests would not survive. There would be equipment all over the beach, and sand mixed with water being piped in under high pressure. You just couldn't have animals nesting there, birds especially. So I had to get them to go elsewhere, and then, after the sand was placed, they'd be welcome to come back to a nice new beach." That's the part Brenda loves.

She's been doing her good work for 33 years now. Is it time to retire? "I don't know if I could," she says. "I'm just too active. I don't have any aches or pains, and I want to keep moving as long as I can." Just like the turtles and shorebirds she's been protecting for all these years.

*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](mailto:tomnewton@englewoodreview.com). Include the person's name, contact info and give a brief description of the person's background.*



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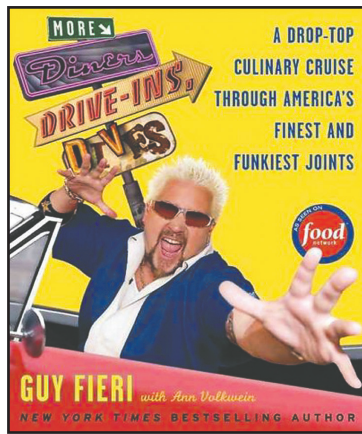



by Amanda Glam  
**Amanda's PICKS**

If you're watching TV as much as I am these days, there's no chance you're only viewing dramas about plucky women in post-World War II Great Britain and documentaries about endangered sea mammals. You're watching things that are bad for you. But, repeat after me, "That's OK. I have nothing to feel guilty about. Nobody cares if I watch 14 straight hours of Hallmark Channel Christmas movies." These are a few of my current guilty pleasures.

Let's face it. Friday nights aren't what they used to be. That's why I couldn't resist watching Eurovision Song Contest; the Legend of Fire Saga when it premiered on Netflix this past Friday. The movie stars Will Ferrell, who also co-wrote the screenplay, and Rachel McAdams as Lars and Sigrit, who form the Icelandic pop duo Fire Saga and dream of performing in the international song contest of the title. While not nearly as funny as Ferrell's takes on racing (Talladega Nights) or ice skating (Blades of Glory), the movie is fun and

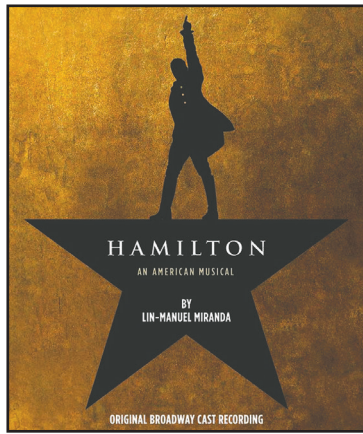
the musical numbers are above average. Ferrell and McAdams are all in, and Dan Stevens sheds his stodgy Downton Abbey image in a very entertaining



turn as a leonine Russian pop star. Pierce Brosnan isn't quite as successful as Ferrell's Nordic dad and clocking in at over two hours, the movie is about 20 minutes too long, but since it was delivered free to my home and showed me something new, I would definitely recommend it.

With Top Chef and Amy Schumer Learns to Cook, finished for the season, I am a woman without a food show.

While Diners, Drive-ins and Dives is definitely a guilty pleasure, I try to avoid it as I'm already having an "I want to eat everything in the house" problem



and watching Guy Fieri indulge in lobster mac and cheese and chicken and waffles isn't helping.

I recently discovered Supermarket Stakeout on the Food Network. In this show, four chefs hang out in a supermarket where they buy the groceries straight from shoppers' bags sight-unseen and then prepare dishes right there in a pop-up kitchen in the parking lot. A panel of judges decides the

winner. It's amazing what they can create, but I still feel bad for the chef who spent his money on a bag of dog food and birthday balloons.

Do not ask me how I started watching Holey Moley (ABC), an extreme mini-golf competition. And definitely don't ask me how I got my boyfriend Vinnie to watch with me. But, here we are, every Thursday night parked in front of the TV hoping that our favorite contestant doesn't fall off the inflatable shark, get knocked over by a giant windmill or get burned by the fire-breathing dragon. What makes the shenanigans even better are announcers Rob Riggle and Joe Tessitore who take the action very seriously. You can catch season one on demand.

There's nothing quite as distracting as watching a couple of couches worth of celebrities and two "civilians" play offbeat party games while throwing back adult beverages. Unlike other game show reboots where the celebrities don't seem to be having that good a time, the panelists on Hollywood Game Night seem genuinely committed to winning Clue Boom, Dance in Your Pants and Scary Poppins. Host Jane Lynch is funny and keeps things moving. The show is currently in its sixth season on NBC.

There is no guiltier pleasure than whatever happens to be the latest incarnation of RuPaul's Drag Race. The show has been around on a variety of networks since 2009 and is a reality competition to crown "America's next drag superstar." But if you want to join the ranks of Yvie Oddly, Jinkx Monsoon, or my favorite, Bob the Drag Queen, you have to work that runway and impress Ru and the judges before you "lip sync for your life". Even when the skits fall flat, the costumes always make up for it. The current season of "All-Stars" airs at 8 pm Fridays on VH1.

**Hamilton Alert**

Fireworks fizzled? Picnic postponed? Who cares? This weekend I'm watching Hamilton. I'm not lucky enough to have won the ticket lottery or rich enough to be able to afford tickets to the most popular musical of modern times. But I sure can afford \$6.99 for a month of Disney Plus. Filmed in 2016 at the Richard Rodgers theater, with the original cast, including show creator and star Lin-Manuel Miranda, what better way to celebrate Independence Day? Just sign up at Disneyplus.com and you will also have access to PIXAR, Star Wars and Marvel movies.



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## Beyond the fruits of our labor

By Jocelyn Hoch

In a world so busy that we rush here and there, we just simply just don't stop to observe what surrounds us. This beautiful land was once honored and revered by the Native Americans who had lived here for hundreds of years. What a gem of a place is Englewood, safely nuzzled on the shores of the Gulf of Mexico. Does it ever cross our minds how the native people once lived and why they lived here? They didn't leave much of thumbprint behind, but they did leave some beautiful mounds. It makes us wonder about their way of life. Their language was spoken, and they referred to all life on Earth as beings. What is left of their native tongue are words like puhpooee, referring to the growth of the stalk of a mushroom pushing through the soil and rising to the sun. It magically can also refer other shafts that rise mysteriously in the night. The reference to a body of water, speaks of the Bay as a being, "To be like the Bay," "To be like a tree," begs questions we don't usually ask. It beckons our minds to wonder what that is like. Such reverence to nature for all the inhabitants that grow and are

nurtured in and around the Bay, relate to a mother feeding her children.

Now that life has slowed for most of us, we can go outside and see our gardens in a different light. We can walk around and wonder what it might be like if we were a tree? We can look at those caterpillars growing, nourished by the milkweed they consume and then morphing into butterflies. In the early morning we can walk silently and barefooted across the land and give thanks to all the life that springs forth. In silence, see the animals you come across. How many birds are there? Listen to their songs. Notice all of the new growth each day, and the life that is thriving in the heat of summer, awaiting the summer rains.

On our three-year-old permaculture farm, giant fruits dangle from the jackfruit trees precariously on little branches near the main trunk. These jackfruits were grown from seed four years ago, now towering 30 feet high. Tiny sugar apples bulge larger and larger every day; their dangling fruits look as if the fairies dripped green

sand in perfect layers on tiny stems. Starfruit bares another massive flush of new fruits for the 3rd time this year. It loves all the mulch and delicious natural fertilizers and microorganisms it has been given. Passion fruit is wildly driven higher and higher into the treetops, vanilla clings so lovingly to the oak bark, banana trees drop yet another juicy flower attracting tons of local bees, heirloom Seminole pumpkins run all over the ground exploding with new babies and plunging down new roots on aerial growth, confusing us to where its mother has grown from. In just short three years our plants are fruiting daily and buzzing with new growth. The chaste tree, a medicinal plant for women, is fully fruiting its berries for a second time in two years. It has flourished from a good chopping in the fall. Pineapple tops are bulging with new pineapples bending over as they become too heavy for its store bought old top.

The mornings here are singing as the bees are all over the native porter weeds, Spanish needle flowers, tropical sage, turkey tail frog fruit (fabulous ground cover instead of grass), blanket flowers, fire spike, partridge pea and beach sunflowers. I found that leaving the Spanish needles was necessary not only to give the bees extra food, but also it is a remedy for those nasty fire ant bites we all seem to get regularly. Crush the leaves and rub them on the sting and goodbye

pain. There is so much you can grow here in our special zone. Cover the ground with longevity Spinach, its healing properties are in the name it serves. Variegated oregano and Cuba with its succulent thick leaves are easy for anyone to grow. The chaya is casting tons of flowers this year attracting all kinds of butterflies. Beautiful native plants like tropical sage, tickseed, edible ferns, goldenrod, desert cassia, coontis and milkweed are thriving. Some just magically show up and we allow them to grow and observe them. We enjoy the fruits of our labor. Simple things like a walk in the garden can take the blues away. As the Native Americans say after



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# JULY

South Florida Gardening Calendar



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## WHAT TO PLANT

### Annuals/Bedding Plants:

Annuals that can take full sun during the increasingly hot summer months include celosia, portulaca, vinca, and some coleus.

**Palms:** Summer's warm, rainy months are the perfect time to plant palms. Make sure not to cover the trunk with soil.

**Herbs:** Plant heat-loving herbs, including basil, ginger, summer savory, cumin, Mexican tarragon, and rosemary.

**Vegetables:** Plant tropical vegetables, such as boniato, calabaza, and chayote this month.

## WHAT TO DO

**Pests:** Monitor the landscape and garden weekly for harmful insects. Knowing which insects attack a plant can aid in identification and treatment.

**Irrigation:** Watch for drought stress and water as needed if rainfall has been spotty.

Focus on new plantings and follow watering restrictions.

brown lawn patches are caused by chinch bugs, disease, or lack of water. Take time to determine the cause so your remedy is effective. Rejuvenate areas where grass does not grow well by replacing it with versatile groundcovers. Summer rains usually begin this month as do lawn fertilizer restrictions in some areas of the state. Check with your municipality to see if this applies to your area.

**Soil Solarization:** Clean up your vegetable garden and solarize the soil for 4-6 weeks to kill pests and disease.



When rains begin, shut down the irrigation system.

**Propagation:** Produce more plants by air layering, grafting, division, or cuttings.

**Palms and Cycads:** Watch for nutrient deficiencies or other problems and use an appropriate treatment.

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Friends of Tiffany Square Bingo presented a check for \$580 to Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary Community Trust for their annual fireworks show. Although the fireworks have been cancelled for this year, Tiffany Square Bingo knows the importance of continuing to invest in the Englewood community. The money will be used towards next year's show. Linda & Mike Paquin, owners of Tiffany Square Bingo, along with employee Sue Champaign, hand Rotary members Mike Looney and Keith Rowley the donation check.



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# Keeping Up with KIDS

Hey, kids! You love to snap photos on your phone and here's a chance to share your favorite one or two with the Englewood community. Englewood Community Coalition is sponsoring a Be Independent, Be Drug Free Photo Contest focused around Independence Day (July 4<sup>th</sup>) - How do you celebrate Independence Day

– fishing, going to the beach, fireworks, cookout, etc?) Share your day's fun. Contest is open to Englewood area Middle and High School Youth. Send a photo of your favorite activity via email to [kim@ccenglewood.com](mailto:kim@ccenglewood.com). Three prizes will be awarded for best use of theme. All photos will be posted in an album on the Englewood Community

Coalition Facebook page and entered in the contest. Photos must be submitted by **July 7<sup>th</sup>** with winners announced **July 11<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Kim at **268•4488** with questions.

### Snack Bags for Kids

The Sarasota County Library System has partnered with All Faiths Food Bank again this year to distribute snack bags to anyone under the age of 18 throughout the summer. The bags are available at the Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn Street, at their curbside pickup service, and no appointment is necessary. Simply pull up to the curbside pickup spot on the side of the building, call **861•1225** and let the staff know how many children you have with you, and the snack bags will be brought out to you. Bags are available Monday - Friday during library hours. For questions, call the library at the above number.

### Kids Beach Runs

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Runs this year are now virtual. Choose your location (Sarasota County Beaches are preferred) and run four times **before July 29<sup>th</sup>** and earn a T-shirt. Drive thru T-shirt pick up will be held at Brohard Beach, 1600 Harbor Dr., Venice) on **Wednesdays, July 1 and July 29 from 5 to 7pm**. Must be pre-registered to pick up T-shirt. Registration for this program is required through [www.scgov.net/parks](http://www.scgov.net/parks) or

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Kids OnStage Summer Camp, offered by the Charlotte Players, is set for **July 13-24** at the Community Life Church, 19048 Edgewater Dr., Port Charlotte. Campers are separated by age into three workshops, with professional staff members helping the youngsters in all facets of theater production, including backstage craft, scenic design, props, costumes, acting, music and dance. Each group will perform an age-appropriate public show on the church stage at the conclusion of the camp. Charlotte Players Executive Director Moody says, "We will be implementing enhanced health and safety measures during the camp to mitigate the risks associated with COVID-19." Cost is \$215 for enrollments received before **July 5**; \$235 after that date. For additional details or to register a child, visit [www.charlotteplayers.org](http://www.charlotteplayers.org) or call **255•1022 Monday – Friday, 10am to 4pm**.

Please phone the listed numbers for confirmation and further information. If you have an event or happening you would like to have considered for "Keeping Up with Kids," please send information and/or photo to [englewoodreview@comcast.net](mailto:englewoodreview@comcast.net).



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# Come with a Smile, Leave with a Smile!

By Chris Cameron

Back in the 1990s, Englewood community leaders recognized a need for the youth of the community to have fun and structured activities during the summer and after school. In 1997, their efforts succeeded with the formation of the first Boys & Girls Club of Charlotte County right here in Englewood. They espoused the Boys & Girls Clubs mission statement: to enable all young people, especially those who need it most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

The club offers programs structured towards developing the academic skills needed to graduate from high school in an enjoyable and positive atmosphere. Children from ages 6 to 18 receive homework assistance from a certified teacher, enjoy arts & crafts, have technology time, learn health living skills and engage in physical fitness, and participate in character & leadership development courses.

During the summer, kids can attend “camp” during the week. What’s an average day like? Due to COVID-19 this year, when the kids arrive, their temperature is checked & they wash their hands. A teacher spends time with each class, engaging them with the “Brain Gain” to help with summer slide. Each child participates in the Summer Reading Challenge offered through the Suncoast Campaign for Grade Level Reading from the Patterson Foundation and reads for one hour daily. They enjoy arts & crafts time, fun time outside, lab tech time on computer/iPad and enjoy a morning snack, school district provided lunch and after school snack.

During the school year, transportation is offered from local Charlotte County schools: Myakka River, Vineland, L.A. Ainger & Lemon Bay High School for the after-school program. Kids start with Power Hour where they do their homework and then enjoy outdoor time and arts & crafts. Dinner is served three nights a week at the club. The club would like to offer dinner five nights a week in the fall.

Sandy Kenney, Unit Director of the Englewood Club, says she



Fun is included alongside academic learning at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Charlotte County.

wants kids to “come with a smile and leave with a smile.” Lynn Dorler, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Charlotte County, stresses that the staff strives to offer the children they serve a fun, supportive and positive experience. He wants to provide hope to all kids and provide opportunities for success. To help achieve this, he invites members of the community who might be willing to share their special interests or expertise with the kids, such as a musician, artists who would do an art project, someone with an interesting hobby, farm animals or unusual pet. Professionals are welcome to explain their career.

After several moves over the years, the Englewood Boys & Girls Club has found a home at Gulf Cove United Methodist Church. The Boys & Girls Clubs offer programs at five locations in Charlotte County.

The clubs love seeing its kids move towards success in their lives. Two Englewood brothers, Caleb and Cory, who have been in the club for several years, are now in high school and are “counselors in training.” Cory is an outstanding musician and is in an all-star jazz band. Caleb is mastering culinary arts and participating in the drama club at school. Danielle Beeker of Port Charlotte started in the club when she was in kindergarten and is graduating from high school this year. She is being recognized as

the “Youth of the Year” and is headed to school in Tallahassee this fall to pursue her dream of working in pediatric medicine. She also became a counselor and has accepted a job at the Boys & Girls Club there.

The club is looking for volunteers to assist with the kids and if you are interested in volunteering or sharing your hobby, please contact Unit Director Sandy Kenney at 460•6589.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Charlotte County is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization. Their funding comes from individual grants, some government money, fundraising events such as Baseball with the Tampa Rays and the Giving Challenge. The club is extremely grateful to the Englewood community for stepping up over the years to help support the organization with donations, supplies and in-kind services. One small way to contribute is a donation for Fun Fridays where the kids receive a visit from the ice cream truck or feast on pizza (not all kids have the means to purchase a treat.) Art supplies are welcome, too. If you would like to make a donation to help Englewood’s kids, a check can be mailed to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Charlotte County, 21450 Gibraltar Drive, Suite 10, Port Charlotte, FL 33952 or visit [www.bgccoc.org](http://www.bgccoc.org).

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# Nature Calls



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Fireworks aren't fun for shorebirds & sea turtles! Fireworks are bright, loud and deadly to nesting shorebirds if they are displayed too close to a colony nesting on the beach. Fireworks are prohibited at Stump Pass Beach State Park, and at all Florida State Parks. Stump Pass Beach State Park has both Wilson's Plovers nesting there as well as a thriving colony of Least Terns. According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, adult Least Terns completely abandoned a nesting site that was a football field away from a fireworks display. Their report notes that fireworks within three quarters of a mile also caused birds distress and they temporarily abandoned eggs and chicks. When the adults are frightened away, the eggs in their nest or their tiny chicks can easily be eaten by gulls, raccoons, fish crows or other predators. Sea turtles interrupted in their nesting may be stressed by the lights and the noise. Hatchlings may get disoriented. You can help wildlife thrive and survive by staying away from posted shorebird nesting and turtle nesting areas and watching for flightless chicks who can't read and wander outside the roped-off shorebird area. Keeps pets at home (dogs are not permitted anywhere on the beach at Stump Pass Beach State Park). Please pick up all of your trash, since scraps of food can attract predators, such as gulls, and sea turtles may mistake plastic for food. Let's have a safe holiday for all, including wildlife!

## FWC virtual meeting July 22-23 open to the public

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will meet virtually **July 22 and 23** beginning at **9 a.m. ET** each day. The meeting will be held virtually due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) social distancing guidelines. This meeting is being held by communications media technology, specifically using Adobe Connect with a telephone conference line for accepting public comments during the meeting. The Florida Channel will be broadcasting live video coverage at TheFloridaChannel.org and participants watching via the Florida Channel can utilize the telephone conference line to call in for public comment.

The FWC is committed to providing opportunity for public input. To accommodate as much input as possible from those participating in the meeting, the Chairman reserves the right to designate the amount of time given to a topic or speaker, including time donation to other



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speakers. Because this meeting is being held by video conference and a telephone conference line, the Commission is limiting public comment to a specific length of time for each agenda item. See agenda for the time limits for each item. Public comment will be taken by telephone conference line on a first call/first serve basis.

The Commission is also offering the opportunity for stakeholders to provide their comments on agenda items in advance. Advanced comments should be submitted no later than **Friday, July 10**. Those written comments

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For the full July 22-23 agenda, links to background reports, and ways to participate, go to [MyFWC.com/About](https://MyFWC.com/About) and click on "The Commission" and "Commission Meetings."

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# Your Help Needed to Protect Beach Nesting Birds

By Mary Lundeberg

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is reminding the public that it's waterbird nesting season. As Floridians and visitors return to the beach, please be aware this is also a critical time for Florida's vulnerable wading birds, shorebird and seabird populations. By respectfully sharing the beaches and waterways with these birds, people can help ensure their survival.

Shorebirds and seabirds, such as snowy plovers and black skimmers, build shallow nests on the ground. Their eggs and chicks are well camouflaged and can easily be missed and even stepped on. Wading birds, such as herons, egrets and pelicans, are also nesting now. They typically nest in mangroves and on tree islands around the state. When people come too close to their nests, they can cause birds to abandon their nesting sites, leaving eggs and chicks vulnerable. "Startling birds might not seem like a big deal, but disturbing shorebirds and



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This Black Skimmer mother and chick normally nest on the beaches but have also adapted to using a building's gravel rooftop to lay their eggs.

seabirds can actually be deadly," said FWC Florida Shorebird Alliance Coordinator, Shea Armstrong. "If a mother bird is forced to leave her nest, her eggs or chicks are left behind where they can be eaten by predators, exposed to the hot sun, or trampled by unsuspecting beachgoers."

- Boaters and beachgoers can make a big difference for Florida's vulnerable nesting shorebirds and seabirds

by following these simple guidelines:

- Keep your distance from birds, on the beach and on the water. If birds become agitated or leave their nests, you are too close. Birds calling out loudly and dive-bombing are signals to back off.
- Respect posted areas. When possible, stay at least 300 feet from a posted nesting area. Avoid entering areas marked with signs for nesting birds

and use designated walkways.

- Do not enter Critical Wildlife Areas. CWAs are established to give wildlife the space needed for nesting, roosting and foraging, and they are clearly marked with signs or buoys to alert boaters to areas that are closed to public access.
- Avoid intentionally forcing birds to fly or run. This causes them to use energy needed for nesting, and eggs and chicks may be left vulnerable to the sun's heat or predators. Teach children to let shorebirds and seabirds rest instead of chasing them and encourage friends and family to do the same. Shorebirds and seabirds outside of posted areas may be feeding or resting and need to do so without disturbance.
- It is best to leave pets at home but if you bring them to the beach, keep them leashed and avoid shorebird and seabird nesting areas. Pets are not permitted on most beaches, including state parks, so always check and be respectful of

local rules when preparing for a day at the beach.

- Keep the beach clean and do not feed wildlife. Food scraps attract predators, such as raccoons and crows, which can prey on shorebird eggs and chicks. Litter on beaches can entangle birds and other wildlife.
- Spread the word. Let your friends and family know how important it is to give shorebirds space and share the message on social media!
- Report disturbance of nesting birds to the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922) or by texting Tip@MyFWC.com. You can also report nests that are not posted to our Wildlife Alert Program.

For more information on how you can help Florida's shorebirds, go to MyFWC.com/Shorebirds or FLShorebirdAlliance.org. To learn more about Florida's Critical Wildlife Areas or confirm CWA locations in your area, visit MyFWC.com/CWA.

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# Sea Turtle Nesting Season Update

By Chris Cameron

Sea turtle nesting season is well under way and this year's nest numbers for Loggerheads, the predominant nester in Florida, are slightly ahead of those at about the same time last year. Coastal Wildlife Club (CWC) turtle patrol volunteers walk the beaches of Manasota Key and the north end of Knight Island every morning at first light looking for nests as well as false crawls (the female sea turtle comes ashore but does not successfully nest.) They document and report nesting data to the state.

As of Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, there were 2733 Loggerhead nests, 36 Green nests and two Kemp's

ridley nests. Tropical storm Cristobel with its high tides and surf, washed away some stakes marking nests but CWC patrollers are optimistic that at least a portion of the eggs in those nests remain in place due to the depth at which the eggs are buried.

While the length of incubation varies greatly, the average is about 50 days on Manasota Key. The earliest nests, those recorded in late April and early May, are hatching now, and every night for the next several months, two-inch hatchlings will emerge from the sand. For these little turtles, it is vital you fill in any holes that you have made

playing in the sand and making the thoughtful gesture of filling in any holes forgotten by other beachgoers. Hatchlings can fall into small holes, too, on their way to the water, becoming stuck, easy prey for birds or even dying in the hole. Large holes are a threat to hatchlings and to nesting females. Beside holes, beach chairs, canopies, floats and other items left on the beach may become insurmountable obstacles for the hatchlings. Please take the time to remove these at the end of the day – hatchlings need every advantage to survive. Only one in 1000 makes it to adulthood!

Most people are aware that dogs are not allowed on public and state park beaches. For turtles and shorebirds, your family pet is a real danger. It's a dog's nature to dig and they may dig up turtle nests. Even their presence on the beach can scare

off nesting shorebirds which associate their smell with four legged predators such as coyotes and raccoons. As a result, the birds may abandon their nests and eggs. On private beaches, please keep your pet on a leash this time of year.

Now with sea turtle nesting and hatching ongoing, please be extra vigilant about extinguishing all beach-facing outdoor lights and closing blinds. Lights are a particular threat on the south end of Manasota Key along Shore View Drive and Gulf Blvd. Some nests there are so close to buildings that "even 'turtle safe' lights are not turtle safe," according to Wilma Katz, Vice President of the CWC. Hatchlings use the light of the night sky over the Gulf to navigate their way down to the water. They become disoriented by competing artificial light

which draws them towards it instead of to the water. Too often, this leads to their demise in parking lots and around building exteriors. As a Independence Day note: CWC urges you please do not use fireworks of any kind on Gulf beaches.

There are approximately 150 dedicated sea turtle patrol volunteers who carry out their patrols during COVID-19 wearing face coverings and social distancing. They love to answer your questions about the sea turtles and their work, just requesting that you practice social distancing. If you are on the beach at dawn, tag along for a while to see the important work they do in helping the Loggerhead, Green and Kemp's ridley turtle population survive and thrive. You can follow the Coastal Wildlife Club on their Facebook page to see the latest nesting statistics.



Almost there! A Loggerhead hatchling heads for the water. Photo by Kristin Foglio

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## Summer on the Beach

Now that it is beginning to seem safe again to be on the beach, it is almost too hot to go. Just getting from the parking lot to the wet sand can be a challenge with bare feet. The beaches further north, up by Sarasota and Bradenton have whiter sand and it doesn't get as hot. The tradeoff is that pure white sand beaches are boring. We prefer the darker sand that accompanies seashells and sharks teeth down this way. These treasures on the beach are also a good indicator of a healthy organic habitat more fish are likely to call home. It's the little critters that were in those shells that form the base of the food chain around here. Coquina and sand fleas (mole crabs) are the more obvious to us but small whiting and others find plenty of other goodies along the shore.

It's the heat that both draws people to the beach and runs them off by midafternoon. Even jumping in the water to cool off has limited value with the Gulf temperature hovering just under 90F. We usually fish early and late this time of year, with a high tide. Even night fishing on a beach is a hoot when it cools off. The identity of the creature at the end of your line remains a dark mystery until you finally get it to the shore. If you do go to the beach in the middle of the day,

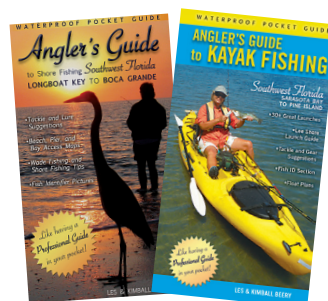
be sure to bring sandals to get across the hot sand to the water (and back to the car). Once at the water, take them off to avoid sharp pieces of shell between the sandal and your foot. Ouch!

By fishing early or late, anglers avoid crowds and social distancing is easy. Leave the mid-day heat and crowds to the folks just there for the beach. Anglers have a better reason to be there; they're fishing. The fish we seek aren't fond of crowds either, nor do they like heat, bright sunlight or shallow water where most folks splash around. The usual beach crowd of fish includes snook, redfish, black drum, whiting, ladyfish, Spanish mackerel and, of course, catfish and pinfish. They all feed more during low light and darkness this time of year.

In this area, our favorite fishing beach is at Stump Pass Beach State Park. There's a little over a mile of pristine beach open to the public. The problem here is that it opens late and closes early at sunset. These days the parking is quite limited to restrict the number of beach enthusiasts and eliminate crowding and risk of COVID infection. We usually walk and fish down to the pass and back. On our last hike, we didn't see many coquina or sand flea shells on the beach which may explain our limited success that day. It was a weekend and the pass was a boat parking lot with

lots of folks crowded together and hanging out. We walked back along the Ski Alley trail for a ways and then opted for the breeze on the beach. Why does the walk back always seem twice as far as the walk down? A good second choice is Blind Pass Beach Park about 4 miles north on Manasota Key.

So, go early or late to coincide with a high tide to find more fish than sun worshipers. The fish that leave during the heat of the day can be found early and late in the first trough off the dry sand on a high tide. Remember that the season is closed for possession of snook, seatrout and redfish until further notice so release them alive. If you're going to keep a whiting, stay close to the parking lot and your cooler to ice them down...they get funky quickly in this heat.



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](http://www.anglerpocketguides.com) & [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

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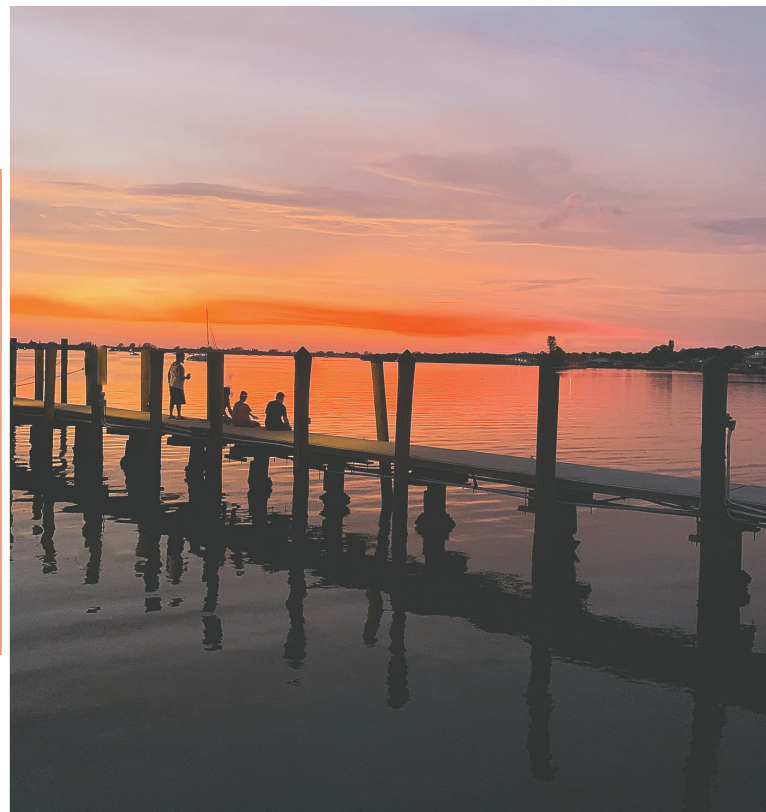
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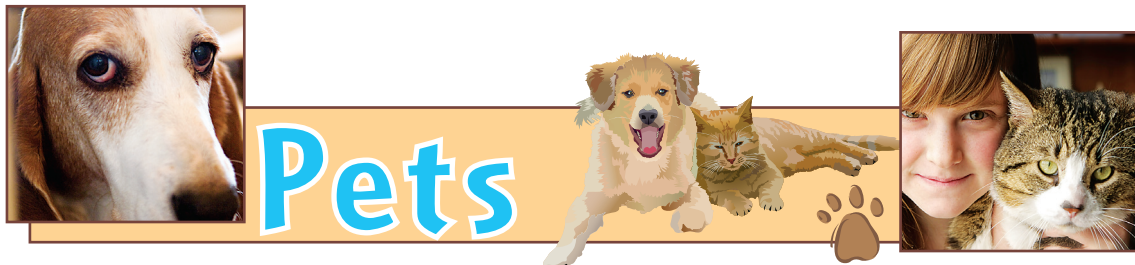


If you watched last year's July 4th fireworks over Lemon Bay, you also experienced a colorful sunset prior to the show. Sandi Firtion of Englewood captured the sunset and shares it with us.



Although missing a foot, this snowy egret continues on with its life. Wildlife adapts to life with whatever life hands them just like humans. Sandi Firtion of Englewood shares this shot of the resilient bird.





# Pets



These are just a few of the many animals waiting for adoption. You can see all of Suncoast Humane Society's adoptable animals by visiting their Web site, [www.humane.org](http://www.humane.org).

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## Common Summer Dangers for Your Pets

In the good old summertime, my canine and feline friends like to have fun outside, but please be aware of some of the dangers that we face so you can safeguard us at this time of year:

- 1. Dehydration & Heatstroke.** These dangerous conditions are very real threats in Florida. Make sure that your pet always has fresh water available. Carry portable water bowls on walks and bring them on long car rides. Short-nosed (or flat faced dogs) like pugs, bulldogs and Persian cats, pets with dark fur or skin, overweight animals or ones with thick coats are especially prone to heat stress. Ways to cool your dog include fans, ice packs, frozen treats, ice cubes, kiddie pools and sprinklers. Know the signs of overheating: excessive panting or breathing difficulty, increased heart & respiratory rate, drooling, weakness, stupor, sunken eyes, decreased urination,

decreased skin elasticity or sunken eyes. For symptoms, cool them with a hose or wet towels and contact your vet.

- 2. Pools & Water.** Not all dogs have mastered the doggie paddle or even like water and certain breeds like pugs and terriers may have trouble swimming. Never force your dog or cat into the water. Using a dog flotation device is a good idea. Always rinse off after a swim to remove chlorine or salt and have shade and fresh water available.
- 3. Parked Cars.** It is a great risk to your pet's health if you leave the animal in the car to run a quick errand in the summer or when the temperature is above 65 degrees. Heatstrokes can be fatal. Please leave them at home.
- 4. Hot Sidewalks.** Things like black pavement or asphalt can get very hot and can harm your pet's paws.

Sources: ASPCA.com; Dr. Elizabeth Rozanski, Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine.



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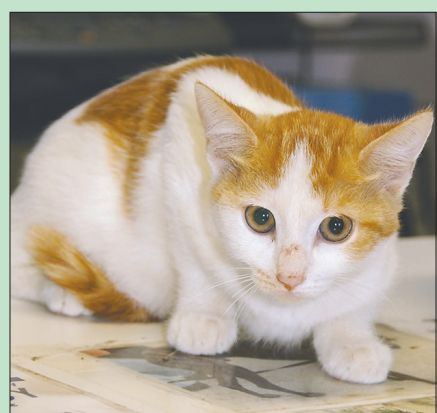
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# Club Chatter



The Business and Professional Women of Englewood and Venice (BPWEV) installed their new Board Officers at their June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting held at the Plantation Golf and Country Club in Venice. Irene Slattery and Carol Kouba inducted the new officers for 2020/2021 in the traditional BPW/USA ceremony. BPWEV meets every third Tuesday of each month at the Plantation Golf and Country Club in Venice. The mission of BPWEV is "To achieve equity for all women through Advocacy, Education and Information." Nationally, BPW celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2019. Englewood BPW was chartered in 1960. The organization believes strongly in "Women Helping Women." All BPWEV meetings are open to the public and guests are always welcome. For information on BPWEV go to [www.bpwev.org](http://www.bpwev.org). Meet the new Board Officers: (l to r:) Morina Chmielak - President, Esther Bird - 1st VP, Debra Straw - 2nd VP, Karin Drury - Secretary, Cynthia Fredricks - Treasurer, Carol Kouba and Irene Slattery - BPWEV Installation Committee.



On June 2nd, Lion Kathy Von Vreckin was awarded the Englewood Lions Club Associate of the Year by President Erick Rumold. President Erick said that choosing Lion Kathy wasn't hard. She is the most active associate in the club. An Associate Member is a Lion who is a full member in one club but is also active and supports another club. Lion Kathy's home club is the North East PA Lions Club. Kathy joined the Lions Club in 2014 & enjoyed the sense of service she found in Lionism. Lion Kathy is a snowbird and decided she needed something to occupy her time while in Englewood. She joined the Englewood Lions Club as an associate member in May 2016 and the rest is history. Lion Kathy volunteers at the Englewood Community Clinic and can always be counted on to support Lions events - be it the Flea Market (kitchen duty), White Cane fund raising, collecting for Englewood Elementary School Christmas Fund, etc. Lion Kathy served as the club's Tail Twister in the past. The Club Tail Twister is a person who promotes harmony, good fellowship and enthusiasm at club meetings through the imposition of "fines" on members. Lion Kathy happily collected the fines and turned them over to the Club Treasurer Bob Baran. Lion Kathy's comment on being awarded the Associate of the Year award was "Thanks for letting me serve the community through the Englewood Lions Club." She is glad she found the Lions Club and the Club is so blessed to have Lion Kathy Von Vreckin as one of its members.

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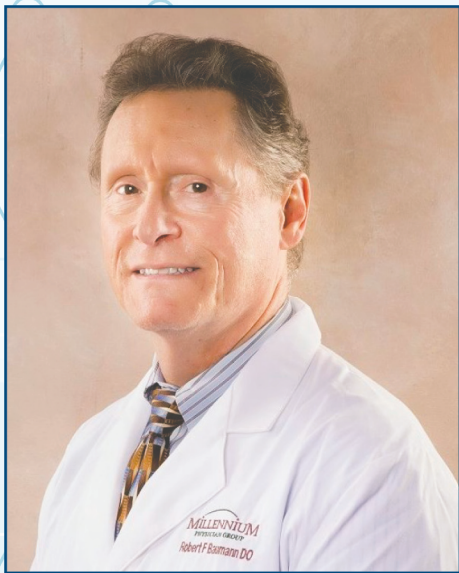
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