

The Little Gym With A Giant Heart —

By Renee Notes
In The Spotlight

The Little Gym of Fort Myers is coming in August! Local residents Debbie Baum and Stephanie Celaya are excited to be co-owners in this new venture. This mother-daughter team share a passion for children and will no doubt create an environment that will be an incredibly positive influence during important developmental years.

The Little Gym is the premier developer of physical skills in children worldwide, ages 4 months to 12 years old. Children will build self-esteem and confidence while bouncing, tumbling, skipping and jumping. The Little Gym of Fort Myers offers a curriculum-based gymnastics program and other activities to promote coordination, balance, rhythm and flexibility. The Little Gym is based on a philosophy of allowing children to experience success in a fun, caring and non-competitive way, as students are encouraged to progress at their own pace. The Little Gym also offers themed birthday parties, parent survival nights and summer camps.

Debbie and her husband, Howard Baum, moved into Town & River 15 years ago. They have lived in Fort Myers for over 35 years raising their three children. "We love living on the water and boating," stated Debbie. Town & River provides an excellent environment for her seven grandchildren to play and explore. "Town & River is not too restrictive and the large lot sizes are a plus," stated Debbie.

Debbie opened a successful local preschool program which she ran for eight years, she also was the director of a summer camp with over 160 children in attendance. Debbie is excited to start this next chapter with her daughter, Stephanie.

Stephanie Celaya grew up in Fort Myers, attending Heights Elementary, Cypress Lake Middle and Cypress Lake High School. After earning her bachelor's degree in occupational therapy at FGCU Stephanie worked with children for over 10 years before getting married and having



Stephanie Celaya and Debbie Baum will make you feel right at home!

four boys of her own. She currently stays very involved with her sons by volunteering in their schools, PTA and countless sports activities.

The Little Gym is currently under construction at The Design Center, 13211 McGregor Blvd., next to First Watch and Spada Day Spa & Salon. The Gym will be opening for classes on Aug. 13 and the grand opening will be Aug. 11. They are currently seeking instructors who want to work in an active, exciting environment, where **serious** fun is always happening! Enrollment can be completed online at tlgfortmyersfl.com or by calling (239) 362-0335.

Please follow The Little Gym of Fort Myers on Facebook for updates and information regarding the grand opening celebration.

Board Of Directors Conference Call Meeting

Monday, May 15, 2018

Call To Order

President Mark Generales convened the meeting via a conference call at 11:04 a.m.

Officers & Directors Participating

Present: Directors Marge Byrne, Myriam Lentz & Martha Smith. Vice President Gary Hudson, Secretary Renee Notes, & Treasurer Bruce Rockenstein were also present.

Absent: Directors Terry Brady, Kay Gloris & Rick Ginsburg

Meeting Overview – Mark Generales

President Mark Generales stated this meeting is being conducted for the purpose of voting on two issues. One vote will be to approve an amendment to the rental proposal & the second vote will be to approve two variances for specific docks in Unit 6.

Vote On Rental Proposal

This vote is to approve the clarifying language provided by the Association Attorney, Richard DeBoest, Esq. This language will be included in the proposal. In brief it states all rentals must be for a minimum of twenty-eight (28) days and no less; \$100 fine per day; \$2000 maximum per twenty-eight (28) day time period.

Mark asked for a motion to approve, which was provided by Renee Notes & seconded by Marge Byrne. Mark called for a voice vote & it was unanimous, with no dissent or abstain.

Vote On Two Specific Dock Variances In Unit 6

The second order of business was to provide a motion &

approve 2 docks in Unit 6 with a variance that would allow these specific docks to be built to the lot line. The lot design & construction plans were provided to Tony Pocklington, Chair of the T&R Architectural Review Committee, & approved with neighbors on either side where applicable approving of the plan.

Mark asked for the Board to approve the variance for Mr. Galpin & Mr. Amish. Vice President Gary Hudson made the motion to approve & Secretary Renee Notes seconded the motion. Mark called for the vote which was unanimous with no dissent or abstention.

Vote

Vice President Gary Hudson asked if the Board is able to move forward with the plan for a vote of Owners June 20. Mark responded he would confer with the Association Attorney regarding time requirements. Following the meeting Mark contacted the Attorney & then emailed Board members. In accordance with Florida Statutes, a 14-day notice of the meeting to vote is required. However, in accordance with Town & River ARC/DOR 30 days written notice is due. **Therefore, the new vote date will be July 19, 2018.**

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Mark asked for a motion to adjourn which was made by Renee Notes & seconded by Martha Smith at 11:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Stigler,
Executive Secretary

NEW VOTE DATE:

SHORT TERM RENTAL VOTE DATE HAS CHANGED

Voting on the Short Term Rental Policy has been rescheduled due to Notice compliance.

The new voting date will be
Thursday, July 19th
Cypress Lake Methodist Church
8570 Cypress Lake Drive
6:30pm

All are encouraged to vote either by proxy prior to Thursday, July 19th or in person. Proxies were mailed to each resident of Town & River mid-June. If you did not receive your proxy please contact a Board Member (see page 5). All proxies must be received by July 19th.

Town & River Neighbors

Let's Get To Know Each Other!

I am collecting your stories for publication in our newsletter and website to **feature you** and your interests!

Story to share?	Own a local business?
Home for sale/sold?	Helpful tip?
Favorite recipe?	Special skill?
Favorite restaurant?	Activity in town?
Upcoming event/fundraiser?	

... or anything else you'd like to share with your neighbors?

Please submit information and photos to: Secretary@TownAndRiverFortMyers.com.

Upcoming Sections

Pet Corner – Here's the spot to brag on your beloved four-legged family member! Tell us why your pet is the **best** and send a photo!

In The Biz – We are looking to feature local businesses that are owned by our neighbors. You never know, you might find a new client or customer!

Helpful Tips – What's your favorite tip/life hack? This can be anything from helpful life hacks to silly things like opening a bottle of wine without a wine opener.

Questions For The Board – Do you have a question or tip for a board member?

Featured – Nominate a neighbor (or yourself) for "The Featured _____." This can be anything from special person, act of kindness, landscaped yard, holiday decorations, classic car, crafts, etc.

Favorites – Tell us your favorite: restaurant, local activity, cocktail/wine/beer, fishing spot/tackle, vacation spot, movie/book.

Recipes – Share a favorite or family recipe.

Events – Let us know about an upcoming local event or fundraiser, book club, game night or club.

Share A Skill – Do you have a special skill? Host an event to share/teach and show off your special talent. This can be anything from cake decorating to casting a fishing

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Check out our new website
www.townandriverfl.com
The Board Meets on the
Second Thursday of Each Month at 6:30 p.m.
Contact your Area Representative for location.
Board Minutes on this page

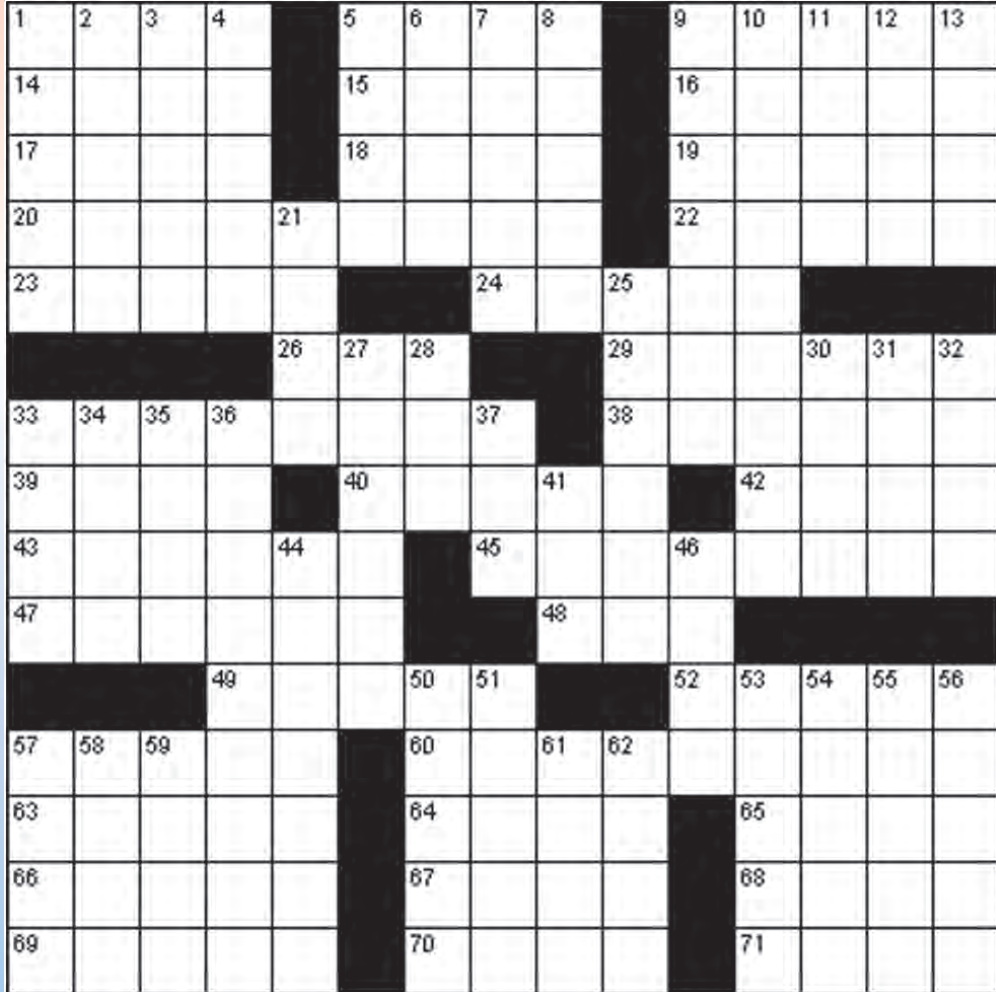
Crossword Puzzle

Across

- 1. Young sheep
- 5. Regrets
- 9. All plant and animal life
- 14. Wild African sheep
- 15. District

- 16. Inner
- 17. Skillful in movement
- 18. A beautiful and graceful girl
- 19. Order
- 20. Provide amusement
- 22. Touches of the tongue
- 23. Nigerian monetary unit

- 24. Moral principle
- 26. Dance
- 29. Render capable
- 33. A brightly colored kerchief
- 38. Refastened
- 39. You (archaic)
- 40. Obscene expression
- 42. Cornice
- 43. Physical condition
- 45. Killer
- 47. Referee
- 48. God of war (Norse mythology)
- 49. Gentle push
- 52. Relative magnitude
- 57. S S S S
- 60. Outer layer of skin
- 63. Ermine
- 64. A sailor's hello
- 65. Decreases
- 66. Fry quickly in little fat
- 67. Charge per unit
- 68. Humble request
- 69. Made a mistake
- 70. Herring-like fish
- 71. Like a snake-like fish



Down

- 1. Loaded
- 2. Sporting venue
- 3. Islamic jurist
- 4. One who chomps
- 5. Wholly absorbed
- 6. Fertilizer ingredient
- 7. Strange or spooky
- 8. Someone who has been canonized
- 9. Most direct route
- 10. Points
- 11. Relating to the ear

- 12. Pushpin
- 13. Anagram of "Salt"
- 21. A Hindu prince
- 25. Religious nonconformity
- 27. Moved slowly
- 28. Wildebeest
- 30. Partiality
- 31. A tribe of Israel
- 32. Biblical garden
- 33. British Thermal Unit
- 34. A polite way of interrupting
- 35. A low tide
- 36. Trace the shape of
- 37. Macaws
- 41. Super Sonic Transport
- 44. Relied upon
- 46. Backside
- 50. Cogs
- 51. An ancient Hebrew unit of dry measure
- 53. French pancake
- 54. Stroll
- 55. Slander
- 56. An analytic literary composition
- 57. Anagram of "Sees"
- 58. Sun
- 59. Not sweet
- 61. A very small amount
- 62. Colored cloth

Crossword Puzzle Solution on page 6

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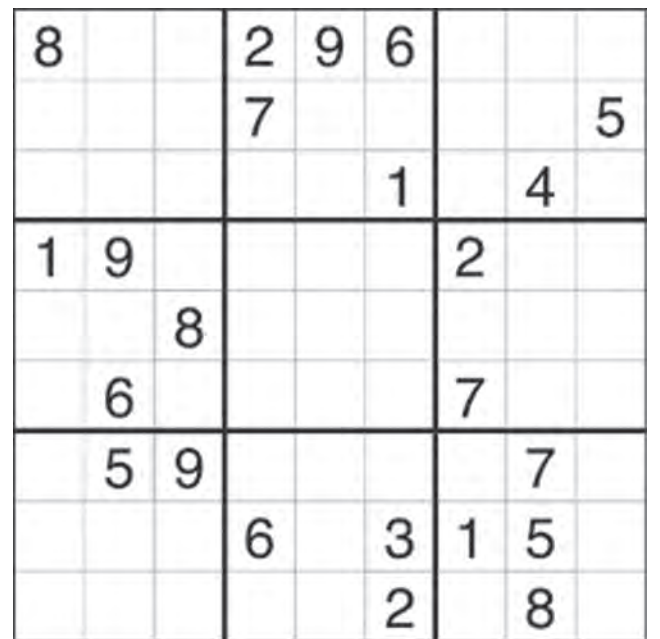
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By Ellie Neal

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Sudoku Puzzle



Sudoku Puzzle Solution on page 6



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What's Blooming At Edison & Ford Winter Estates?

By Debbie Hughes, Senior Horticulturist at Edison & Ford Winter Estates



Gardeners here in Southwest Florida are busy 365 days a year. Not long ago, we were in a drought and hand watering was required. Now that summer is in full swing and the daily rains have returned, our tropical gardens are starting to look their best.

Ginger plants tend to go dormant in the cooler months, but they are waking up and enjoying the hot, humid weather. The ginger families Zingiberaceae and Costaceae have many species – kind of like cousins – including the edible ginger, which is used in pickled foods and sushi or grated for gingerbread. There are also ornamental gingers with fabulous large, tropical leaves and unusual flowers that look great in a Southwest Florida summer garden.

Most ginger plants prefer partial shade, plenty of water and rich, loamy soil. A good location for ginger is under a shade tree where they'll receive dappled sunlight. It's also important to give them plenty of space to grow, so space them 4 to 5 feet apart. There are some great examples of ginger growing as understory plants at Edison & Ford Winter Estates.



White ginger



Red tower ginger

Interestingly, one of the ginger plants called *Hedychium* or butterfly ginger has an intoxicating fragrance. The essential oil from the flower is called "white ginger lily" (*Hedychium coronarium*). Another ginger, called pinecone or shampoo (*Zingiber zerumbet*) has blooms similar to pine cones. The liquid generated from its bloom spike is often called "awapuhui" and is used in hair products. Another interesting ginger is peacock ginger (*Kaempferia sp.*). It's a low ground cover with violet-colored flowers.

Gingers behave well with other plants that have similar growing requirements, such as *Heliconia* and *Brunfelsia*. Lady of the Night (*Brunfelsia latea*) is blooming heavily this time of year and has a lovely fragrance for gardeners to enjoy during the summer evening hours.

There are also several trees blooming this time of year. One of the first trees to bloom during the early summer months is the royal poinciana, or *Delonix regia*. There are some other trees with similar names, such as the

yellow poinciana (*Peltophorum dubium*), or dwarf poinciana (*Caesalpinia pulcherrima*), but these trees are not the same species. Botanical names are very important, especially when deciding which tree you'd like for your property.



New pinecone ginger



Lady of the night flower

While traveling over the Edison Bridge from North Fort Myers to Fort Myers, look at all of the red canopies dotting downtown Fort Myers and beyond. Notice how different each tree grows; genetics are an important consideration when selecting a tree. Some poinciana trees grow straight up, while others expand like an umbrella. The flower colors also vary. Look closely at the flowers and you will notice there are yellow, orange, orange-red and deep red variations. It's actually the same reason people have brown, black, red or blonde hair! A horticulturist can help you decide which tree is best for your yard, especially when selecting a species such as a poinciana.



The royal poinciana flower comes in varying shades of orange and red.

There are also many plants that are available in hot, tropical colors. The chenille plant, or *Acalypha hispida* (French for caterpillar), is a vibrant red color that does well planted in a little bit of shade. At Edison Ford, there



The chenille plant, or *Acalypha* is a very interesting summer-blooming tropical plant.

is one growing in a large pot near the café and another much larger shrub near the Edison house. Some other plants that are at their best this time of year are the coleus and caladiums. Both of these plants come in a myriad of colors and patterns.

I hope you enjoy this time of year, and if you'd like advice on what to plant during the summer months, stop in the Edison Garden Shoppe and ask one of the horticulturists for advice. I'm sure you will find some plants that enjoy the heat and humidity as much as I do!

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Nordstrom Tomato Basil Soup And Parmesan-Garlic Crostini

Tomato Basil Soup

Serves 8 – 10

Ingredients:

- 1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 5 carrots, peeled and chopped
- 1 large yellow onion, chopped
- 1 tablespoon dried basil
- 3 cans (28 ounces each) whole Italian-style tomatoes in purée
- 1 can (14 ½ ounces) low-sodium chicken broth
- 2 cups heavy (whipping) cream
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons lightly packed fresh basil leaves, cut into fine ribbons

Directions:

1. To make the Tomato Basil Soup, in a 6- to 8-quart saucepan over medium heat, warm the oil and swirl to coat the bottom of the pan. Add the carrots, onion and dried basil and

sauté, stirring occasionally until softened, 10 to 12 minutes.

2. Add the tomatoes, including the purée, and the broth and bring just to a boil. Reduce the heat to low and simmer, uncovered, for 20 minutes to blend the flavors.

3. Remove soup from the heat. Purée the soup in the saucepan using a wand-type immersion blender; or, working in batches, purée in a blender or food processor fitted with a metal blade.

4. Return the puréed soup to the saucepan, add the cream and place over medium heat. Warm until heated through. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

5. Ladle the soup into a warmed soup tureen or individual bowls, garnish with the fresh basil and serve immediately with the crostini resting on the rim of the bowl.

Parmesan-Garlic Crostini

Ingredients:

- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1 cup (4 ounces) freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese

- 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 1/4 teaspoons granulated garlic (not garlic powder)
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 1 baguette, cut on a sharp diagonal into 3/8-inch-thick slices, each about 5 ½ inches long

Directions:

1. Position a rack in the top third of the oven and preheat it to 350°F.

2. Mash the butter, cheese, salt and granulated garlic together in a medium bowl with a rubber spatula until combined. Stir in the parsley.

3. Using a flexible metal spatula, spread each slice of bread with a generous two teaspoons of the butter mixture in an even layer without any “bald spots.” Do not skimp. Arrange the crostini, spaced closely but not touching, on a baking sheet. The unbaked crostini can be prepared to this point up to 3 hours ahead, covered with parchment paper and stored at room temperature. Do not refrigerate.

4. Bake, uncovered, until golden brown, 10 to 12 minutes. Serve warm.

Are You Making These Security Mistakes With Your Smartphone?

Presented by Jacqueline J. Lambros, Registered Principal

It's tough to remember how we managed our daily lives without smartphones. How did we get around town without quick access to Google Maps, pay our bills on time before we had credit card and banking apps, or let someone know we were running late without text messaging?

Because completing tasks on smartphones is so easy, we tend to overlook the sensitivity of the data we store on them.



And that could be a recipe for disaster. To help you safeguard your confidential data, we're sharing five mistakes that most of us make when using our smartphones, along with some simple fixes that you can put in place today.

1) Not auto-locking our phones or using passwords

Most smartphone users don't password-protect their devices, making information vulnerable if phones are lost or stolen.

What Can You Do?

- **Change your settings to require your phone to lock** after a certain period of inactivity. This way, you'll have to enter a password to get back in.

- **Set a strong PIN or password.** Although having a password is the most basic form of security, it will serve as a first line of defense, giving you the opportunity to remotely wipe or track your phone if it is lost or stolen.

2) Connecting to public or unsecure Wi-Fi networks

Public Wi-Fi networks pose a major security risk. Cyber criminals connected to the same network can view your activity and any information you send over the network, including usernames, passwords, account information, credit card information, and email messages.

What Can You Do?

Turn off auto-discovery if your phone has that function! If you need to go online, just use cellular data instead of connecting to an unsecure network.

3) Using out-of-date apps and software

Outdated apps and mobile operating system software leave your phone open to security vulnerabilities.

What Can You Do?

- **Keep apps up to date.** This mitigates risks by patching up holes that hackers could exploit to access your data. Most smartphones have an automatic update option for apps; use it!

- **Update your mobile OS software** as soon as you are notified that an update is available.

4) Staying logged in to apps that store your financial information

Although certainly more convenient than entering your

credentials every time you need access, staying logged in to Amazon, Capital One, or some other shopping or banking service provider could leave you vulnerable to some serious financial risk. If your phone is lost or stolen, you're basically handing a criminal your wallet.

What Can You Do?

Don't stay logged into apps. Clear your device's browser history regularly.

5) Clicking on links sent through unsolicited texts or emails

Cyber criminals have crossed over from the desktop to the mobile world. They now deploy their phishing attempts through text messages or emails, hoping that you'll click on their bogus links and provide them with your credentials or financial information.

Just as with your desktop or laptop, be wary of clicking links and downloading attachments on your smartphone – don't do it. Viruses can infect smartphones, too.

What The Future Holds

As more of us use mobile devices to communicate and transact business, more of our information will be out there tempting hackers to steal it. Don't let your smartphone lull you into a false sense of security. Follow the simple advice shared here to help ensure the security of your personal data.

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net to anything you'd like to teach your neighbors!

Real Estate – Let us know of homes currently for sale, upcoming listings and sold properties in Town & River.

Welcome – to a new neighbor, new baby, new spouse, new pet or new boat. Introduce us to your newly welcomed Town & River addition.

Longest Homeowner – We are looking to feature the longest resident of Town & River! Are you an original resident? Write in and tell us your story of building your home and how the community has changed over the decades!

Please submit information and photos to: Secretary@TownAndRiverFortMyers.com.

I look forward to hearing from you! Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Renee Notes,

Secretary of Town & River Civic Association



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NOTE: Please contact the Director responsible for your street regarding any issues related to Town & River Estates. **ARCDOR** is the Amended, Restated, and Combined Deeds of Restriction. Units 6 and 11 have their own deeds of restriction. Look at your property legal description for your property unit. Although the deeds of restriction for properties in Unit A have expired, owners are encouraged to maintain their properties in accordance with the standards established for Town & River.

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	<u>May 31, 18</u>
Assets	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
First Citizens Bank- Operating	27,710.64
First Citizens Bank - MMS	29,844.37
Total Checking/Savings	57,555.01
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	1,495.77
Total Accounts Receivable	1,495.77
Other Current Assets	
Hartford Prepaid Insurance	545.15
Prepaid Expense	411.00
Total Other Current Assets	956.15
Total Current Assets	<u>60,006.93</u>
Total Assets	<u>60,006.93</u>
Liabilities & Equity	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Pre-Paid Annual Dues	60.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	60.00
Total Current Liabilities	60.00
Total Liabilities	60.00
Equity	
Prior Year Fund Balance	54,606.19
Net Income	5,340.74
Total Equity	<u>59,946.93</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>\$60,006.93</u>

Town & River Civic Association Inc.

Profit And Loss

May 2018

	May 18	Jan-May 18
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Income - Mandatory	0.00	5,280.00
Income -Voluntary	120.00	12,683.94
Total Income	120.00	17,963.94
Interest Income	1.27	6.17
Total Income	<u>121.27</u>	<u>17,970.11</u>
Expense		
Hartford Insurance Expense	41.95	209.75
Bank Fees	0.00	10.00
Accounting fees	315.00	2,028.50
Advertising	320.78	320.78
Meeting Room Expense	100.00	543.88
General Insurance	1,875.00	2,701.00
Legal Expense	0.00	1,650.00
Office Supplies	0.00	180.63
Postage Expense	0.00	241.64
Newspaper	89.22	356.24
Printing	0.00	985.06
Secretary Expense	0.00	645.35
Storage Expense	99.45	502.55
Utilities	43.75	220.27
Website Expense	0.00	250.00
Total Expense	<u>2,885.15</u>	<u>10,845.65</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-2,763.88	7,124.46
Other Income/Expense		
Other Expense		
Lake Maintenance	182.00	1,083.00
Lake Utility	134.05	700.72
Total Other Expense	<u>316.05</u>	<u>1,783.72</u>
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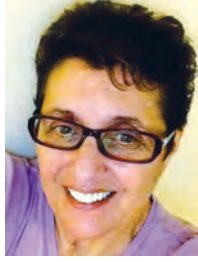
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Mah Jongg 101 Q And A

By MariAnne Albano

Question: I have a question about the Quint Hand on the 2018 card, 1123 1111 1111. Does the pair have to be the first number?



Answer: No, it does not have to be the first number. Reading the parenthesis on the card it states "Any consecutive numbers, **pair any number in the run**, pair and quints must match." So the pair can be in the first, second, or third position and the quints must match the pair in the other two suits.

Question: Player A called for a discarded Red Dragon and exposed three Red Dragons and a Joker; Player B on her turn discarded a Nine Crak; Player C needed the Nine Crak, so first she exchanged a Red Dragon from the exposure to get the Joker and then picked up the Nine Crak for her Mah Jongg. Is that legal? Nancy

Answer: No, it is **not** legal! Your turn does not start until you have picked from the Wall or called for a discard, then you can exchange for a Joker, not before.

Question: When East broke her Wall, she preceded to slide the tiles she counted off for the end of the Wall to the far left of her rack. Is that where the last tiles from the Wall should be placed? Thank you, Margaret

Answer: The National Mah Jongg League's *Book of Rules*, shows the end tiles to be placed at the far right of the rack, just where they were before you counted off. So

now when your eye follows the Wall to the left, there will be a continuous Wall to the last tile. **Note:** When a player decides to break up her/his hand, not to give someone else Mah Jongg, she/he will look for the end of the Wall to determine how many more picks she/he has left. I have seen players break up their hand too soon, because they did not see any tiles to the right of East's rack!

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Check out our website: www.purpledragonmahjongg.com

If you have any questions regarding Mah Jongg, contact: MariAnne@PurpleDragonMahJongg.com

Happy Mah Jongging!



Crossword Puzzle Solution from page 2

L	A	M	B	R	U	E	S	B	I	O	T	A	
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Sudoku Puzzle Solution from page 2

8	4	5	2	9	6	3	1	7
9	1	6	7	3	4	8	2	5
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5	6	4	8	2	9	7	3	1
3	5	9	4	1	8	6	7	2
4	8	2	6	7	3	1	5	9
6	7	1	9	5	2	4	8	3

Word Scramble Solution from page 2

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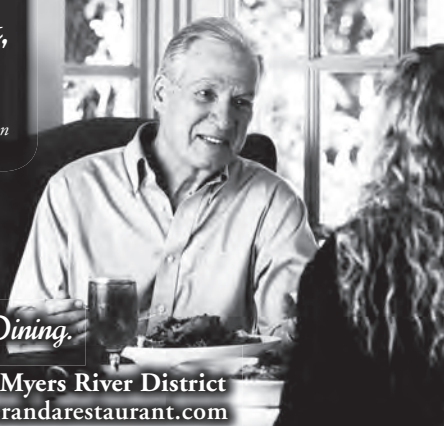
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Catch The Action

Summer Snapper

By Capt. Bill Russell

When we think summer inshore fishing around Southwest Florida we generally think tarpon, snook, redfish, but seldom mangrove snapper. By no means the largest fish in local waters, but what the mangrove snapper lacks in size, it makes up in availability, tenacity, and excellent table fare.

This summer is looking to be another great one for inshore snapper fishing. They arrived earlier than expected, and in good numbers and size. What's good about snapper is they are widespread and obtainable for anglers both from shore and boat. Their diet consists of both fish and crustaceans, while a live well of shiners or pilchards is a great way to catch them, these baits aren't obtainable for all anglers. Shrimp work equally well, live works best but dead shrimp either fresh or frozen will catch plenty, as well as small shrimp tipped jigs. I have also done really well on cut bait including pilchards, herring, and ladyfish.

Tackle is important for catching the bigger snapper, not so much that you need an ultra-smooth drag and a ton of line capacity, but in the way the terminal tackle is rigged. Snapper have keen eyesight and can really get leader shy, after you catch a couple it's common for them to get suspicious. Although these guys fight incredibly hard for their size and are often caught around structure, it's imperative to go light to consistently fool them. A light rig spooled with 8 to 15 pound mono or braid is a good start. The leader and hook may be the most important factor, our inshore waters are relatively clear at times, fluorocarbon leader is nearly invisible and a huge advantage. You may



start with 20 pound but find it necessary to drop down to 10 or 12 pound to get consistent action and if using braid go with a longer leader, often 3 feet or longer.

Use a small hook; one of the biggest mistakes many anglers make is using way too big of a hook. A 1/0 or smaller circle hook is a good choice. I prefer Owner Mutu Lights; they are small, super sharp, and strong. If you are fishing an area where you can get away without adding any weight, don't, you will get a lot more action with the natural presentation of a free lined bait. If you are fishing deeper water or in strong current, use just enough weight to get to the target area; old-fashioned egg sinkers rigged so the line slides through it are a time proven method. Remember snapper don't have a huge mouth so don't use a huge bait. Also, if you get your fingers too close to that mouth you will quickly realize how they got their name.

Mangrove snapper are common in about all our inshore waters, this includes the miles and miles of canal systems, bridges, piers, oyster bars, mangrove shorelines, rocky bottom (especially in the gulf passes) and any other type of submerged structure. Some of my favorite summer snapper spots are in less than 4 feet of water. Look for structure in areas with a decent tide flow and odds are good the fish are there. In some areas like the gulf passes where the tide flow can be super strong, the best fishing often occurs over the last hour of a tide, through the slack, and into first hour of the next tide, while the current flow is less.

What's not to like about snapper? It's the perfect fish for anglers of all ages, boat or no boat. They fight incredibly hard for their size, don't require a bunch of specialized tackle or bait and, best of all, they make for some great eating.

Visit www.myfwc.com for current snapper regulations.

For charter information, please contact us at Gulf Coast Guide Service and "Catch the Action" with Capt. Bill Russell, phone: (239) 283-7960, website: www.fishpineisland.com, email: gcl2fish@live.com.

Capt. Bill Russell is a native and lifelong resident of Pine Island who has spent his entire life fishing the waters surrounding Pine Island and Southwest Florida. For the past 21 years Bill has been a professional fishing guide who takes pride in customizing each trip to ensure everyone on board has a great time and will return again. Come join us and "Catch the Action."



Things To Do

Lee County Library

Fort Myers Regional Library

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Libraries Rock! Book Bingo

Tuesday, May 29 – 9 a.m. through Friday, Aug. 11 – 5 p.m.

Adults may participate in this summer reading program by completing a "Libraries Rock!" book bingo sheet, available at the reference desk of participating libraries from May 29 through Aug. 11. The program is limited to readers 18 and older. Each book may be used in only one square. Return completed sheet to the reference desk for prizes and/or drawing entries. Last day to turn in bingo sheet for prizes is Aug. 11. One bingo sheet per person. Prizes include books for bingo (limit three per person) and fully completed cards qualify for entry into branch prize drawings and a grand prize drawing. Check your local library for participation and bingo sheets.

Knitting Nook

Thursday, July 5, 19 – 1 to 3 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 2 – 1 to 3 p.m.

A casual self-guided group of knitters and crocheters share ideas, techniques and patterns. Attendees should bring their own projects. Basic supplies available for newcomers. Location: Conference room C.

Long Distance Genealogical Research

Saturday, July 14 – 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Speaker: Bryan L. Mulcahy. Locating genealogical information about ancestors presents many challenges. When you live hundreds or thousands of miles from their place of residence, it sometimes feels impossible. This seminar will focus on options that researchers may use when trying to conduct genealogical searches in other parts of the United States and overseas. Location: South Building, Meeting rooms A and B.

Friends Of The Fort Myers Regional Library Meeting

Tuesday, July 17 – 3 to 5 p.m.

Find out how to help us make this important community resource, our Fort Myers Regional Library, even better. Location: Main Library building, Conference room C.

Book Discussion: *The Swamp: The Everglades, Florida, And The Politics Of Paradise* By Michael Grunwald

Wednesday, July 18 – 12 to 1 p.m.

Historical fiction and narrative nonfiction: Sometimes fiction seems real and nonfiction reads like a novel ... this year both will be discussed. Space is limited so registration is required. Location: Fort Myers Conference room C, second floor.

International Film Series – *The Way Home*

Wednesday, July 18 – 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Join us for the next installment in our film series. This month we visit South Korea in *The Way Home*. Sponsored

by the Friends of the Fort Myers Library. Location: Meeting rooms A, B, C and D.

How To Apply For A Habitat For Humanity Home

Thursday, July 19 – 10 to 11 a.m.

A Habitat for Humanity representative explains the Habitat program and how to apply for a Habitat partnership. Location: Meeting rooms A and B.

Small Business Series: Understanding The Basics Of A Marketing Plan

Monday, July 23 – 2 to 4:30 p.m.

Learn new approaches to tackling the marketing mix and how to put the pieces of the marketing puzzle together to get your business **seen** and **heard**. Presented in collaboration with FGCU Small Business Development Center (SBDC). Location: Meeting rooms A and B.

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Coloring For Adults

Tuesday, June 26 – 2 to 3 p.m.

Thursday, July 10, 24 – 2 to 3 p.m.

Come and experience the latest trend in relaxation, adult coloring books! Studies show coloring can have a calming effect on the adult mind and helps promote overall wellness. Coloring pages designed especially for adults as well as colored pencils will be provided. Location: Meeting room B.

Book Discussion: *Hillbilly Elegy*

Wednesday, July 11 – 2 to 3 p.m.

From a former marine and Yale Law School graduate, a probing look at the struggles of America's white working class through the author's own story of growing up in a poor Rust Belt town. Location: Meeting room B.

Craft Corner: Knitting, Crochet, And Embroidery

Tuesday, July 17 – 2 to 3 p.m.

A casual self-guided group of knitters, crocheters, and embroiderers share ideas, techniques and patterns. Attendees should bring their own projects. Location: Meeting room B.

River District – Downtown Fort Myers

Fort Myers Freedom Fest

Wednesday, July 4 – 4 to 10 p.m.

Free for all ages; live music and D.J., fireworks show at 9:30 p.m., kids crafts, veterans VIP viewing area, food trucks, family friendly vendors, www.fortmyersriverdistrictalliance.com

Art Walk (First Friday Monthly)


Friday, July 6 – 6 to 10 p.m.

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Summer Gardening In Florida – It’s Hot, Hot, Hot!

It’s beginning to really feel like summertime in Florida and the looming question for all plant growers out there is to garden, or not to garden? While many opt not to take full advantage of Florida’s year-round growing season, others embrace the opportunity and keep the veggies going.



Of course, summer gardening here in Florida presents a bit of a conundrum. On the one hand it’s hot, muggy and buggy and even a short vacation away from home can turn any garden into an unruly, weed-filled, bug buffet. On the other hand, summer is the season where many of us find the majority of our free time and a vegetable garden lends itself as the perfect project to get you outside for your daily dose of vitamin D and fresh air, while providing a bounty of produce along the way.

So if you care to brave the heat, here are a few vegetables (and fruits) that are capable of withstanding, and even thriving in the summer sun:

• **Sweet Potato.** These sweet and starchy tubers can be planted well into July here in Florida and they couldn’t be easier to grow. Loosen up the soil, being sure to give them ample room, plant the slips, and watch them spread. You can also make sweet potato slips.

• **Peppers.** Bell, hot, and sweet pepper varieties all grow well during the summer. Choose your favorites and give them a try. You can also plant a few of your hot peppers in a pot and enjoy their heat for years to come.

• **Roselle.** This species of hibiscus is native to West Africa and a truly beautiful addition to any summer garden. A tasty, tangy drink, similar to red zinger tea, can be made from the calyxes.

• **Lima Or Butter Beans.** There are both bush and pole varieties from which to choose. High in protein, low in fat and prolific growers, these legumes make an excellent addition to any summer garden.

• **Cowpeas.** Another resilient and prolific crop, these legumes can withstand extreme heat, harsh drought, and grow in the sandiest of Florida’s soil. Besides being high in protein, cowpeas also have the ability to fix atmospheric nitrogen which brings nutrients to the soil. You may even consider allowing them to

take over your garden completely to amend your soil for fall planting.

• **Small Cherry Tomatoes.** Many gardeners try to grow larger tomatoes in the summer. But the plants simply end up producing plenty in bush but little in fruit. The truth is that larger tomato varieties need cooler nights to produce an abundance of fruit, which the Florida climate simply doesn’t facilitate. However, several types of cherry tomatoes can be grown throughout the summer and be plenty productive.

• **Okra.** This pod producing plant is easy to grow and can be planted late into the summer. Cooking okra is almost as easy as it is to grow. Simply slice the pods and sauté them up in your favorite oil. Or cook them whole and they won’t get near as slimy.

With such ease, no wonder okra is a staple of Southern cuisine!

• **Cassava.** Plant some now and you’ll have delicious roots that will be ready to boil, mash, fry, or add into a stew by the time fall rolls around. How cool it will be to show up to Thanksgiving dinner with an exotic dish like mashed cassava! You’ll need to find someone with root cuttings, but even smaller slivers will root and grow.

These are only some of the veggies you can plant this summer. If you care to do some of your own research and find more, look for plants that are native to regions of Central America, northern South America and the Caribbean, and parts of Central Africa, and Southeast Asia. Now get out there, enjoy the summer sun, and happy planting!

Seeing Is Believing When It Comes To Road Safety

Although properly functioning vehicle lights, wipers and mirrors allow for better visibility while driving, these items are all too often forgotten or ignored when people perform basic auto care, says the nonprofit Car Care Council.

“Making sure that you can see and be seen on the road is essential to avoiding motor vehicle accidents, yet many motorists overlook simple maintenance steps that can improve driving visibility,” explained Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council.

Following a few auto care visibility tips can be illuminating, helping to ensure the safety of you, your passengers and other vehicles around you.

- Replace any exterior or interior lights that are dimming, rapidly blinking or nonfunctioning and be sure headlights are correctly aimed.
- Make sure that vehicle mirrors are clean and properly positioned.
- Check windshield washer fluid level and, when it gets low, replace it.
- Replace wiper blades if they show cracking or if they

chatter or streak when operating. Don’t forget to check the rear wiper blade.

• When in doubt, turn your lights on to help you see and help other drivers see you. Some places even have laws that require headlights to be on when windshield wipers are operating.

• Don’t overdrive your headlights. Maintain a speed that will let you stop within the illuminated area; otherwise, you create a blind crash zone in front of your vehicle.

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About The Car Care Council

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