

Selective Enforcement

By Gary Hudson, Chair, Deed of Restrictions Committee
(This committee handles violations and architectural review.)

Often your Town & River Deed of Restriction Committee hears from a homeowner who is in violation of a deed of restriction (DOR). An owner will try to excuse or defend their violation claiming that the Association is “selectively enforcing” the DOR. Statements often include “So and so down the street was allowed to do such and such” or “So and so is in violation of the same thing the Board is charging me with.” Having been involved with the Association for well over a decade, I can unequivocally state that I am not aware of any “selective enforcement.”

Town & River Civic Association Bylaws provide that the Deed of Restrictions Committee has the responsibility of investigating violations of the restrictions either noticed or brought to their attention. If a violation is neither noticed nor brought to the committee’s attention, it cannot be addressed. In addition, a portion of Town & River is not covered by any deed of restriction (Unit A, Sections 1 and 2, and Unit 2) as these were allowed to “expire.” There are also a few “orphan” properties which are either unrecorded or un-platted. The remainder of Town & River is covered by one of three different deeds of restriction.

The most significant single difference among the three Deeds of Restriction (DOR) governing T&R properties is property line setbacks; depending on the DOR these are either 7.5 feet, 12.5 feet, or 15 feet (these apply to structures such as buildings, pool cages, and docks). If an owner is “allowed” to build something closer or farther away from a property line than a neighbor, it is because the owner is either in a different DOR or the property is not governed by any DOR. The most striking example of this disparity is homes on North Waterway. Twenty-one of the homes are in Unit A, for which the DORs have expired. Sixteen of the homes are in Unit 3, which is governed by the Amended, Restated, and Combined Deeds of Restriction (ARCDOR).

A significant issue facing the board is docks being constructed in violation of setback requirements. The homeowner notwithstanding, some contractors who either know or should know better are complicit. Last year a dock that was built too close to the property line was partially dismantled and re-constructed to bring it into compliance. There are two other docks built in violation of setbacks which have legal proceedings pending. As with other violations, the reason is either ignorance (not an acceptable excuse – the homeowner bought into the DOR when the property was purchased), or arrogance (most certainly not a valid defense) or “Well, others are doing it.” “Others are doing it” may be true. If so, the reasons are one of the following:

- The property may not be covered by a DOR.
- The property may be covered by a different DOR than yours.
- The genesis of the violation may pre-date the consolidation of most of the DORs in 2004.
- The violation may not have been “noticed or brought to the attention” of the DOR Committee.
- In the case of a setback, a variance may have been granted. Not likely:
 - ARCDOR prohibits the granting of setback variances.
 - For Unit 6 properties the process for granting a variance is onerous.
 - For Unit 11, the setbacks are same as county code. The term “variance” does not appear in that DOR.
- In the absence of any of the above reasons, it’s probable that the board is aware of the violation and is addressing it through administrative and lastly through legal means.

Legal Means (Excerpt From ARCDOR):

Section 7. Enforcement; General Provisions. (A) Enforcement. Enforcement of these covenant, conditions and restrictions may be by a proceeding at law or in equity and may be instituted by the Association, its successors or assigns, or by any Lot Owner, against any person or persons violating or attempting to violate or circumvent any covenant, condition or restriction, either to restrain violation or to recover damages, and against any Residential Lot to enforce any lien created by these covenants. Failure of the Association or any Lot Owner to enforce any covenants, condition or restriction herein contained for any period of time shall not be deemed a waiver or estoppel of the right to enforce same thereafter. In any enforcement action, including appeals, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover its reasonable attorney’s fees and costs from the non-prevailing party.

The front page of the July issue of this newsletter explained those property improvements which require approval by the Association. Newsletter past issues may be found at www.townandriverfl.com.



Slow Down – Respect Your Neighbors!

By Mark Generales, President

With alarming and increasing frequency, your Board is getting calls, emails and other contacts asking for help to slow down their neighbors. Frankly, this is getting scary.

We no longer allow our kids to kayak in our canal anymore. Why? Neighbors are in such a rush to get out or in from the river, they drive dangerously fast around blind corners and only slow down when they get to their own dock. We see this **all** the time from our home. Worse, some boaters not only are driving way above idle speed with wake – they are obviously inebriated.

The situation has gotten so bad that residents have now almost come to blows accompanied with coarse language and calls to the Lee County Sheriff.

Similarly, we have received data from Lee DOT on the speed of drivers in Town & River. Some 30 percent of the cars clocked into and out of our community are driving at 35 mph and faster. The state speed limit is 25 mph in residential neighborhoods. We could easily argue for a lower limit.

I write this letter because in all cases, regardless of where anyone lives in Town & River, there is zero need for speeding – on the water or on our streets.

Canal speeds should be idle speed with NO wake. Driving speeds are by law set at 25 mph – and less where blind corners exist or straightaways with many driveways, etc.

When you exceed these speeds, you are showing complete disrespect for your neighbors, their kids, their property and their safety.

I am asking that in the name of civility, **please slow down**. We all know our extra speed only gets us home or out shopping or to your dock or the river a few minutes quicker. And no sooner do you get to the river but you are in a manatee zone, or at a traffic light.

Please, the last thing any of us want is a tragic accident. I fear this most every weekend. I never want to learn of a child or parent or someone walking their dog killed or injured in a Town & River canal or street by a neighbor speeding. None of us want to be the cause of that life ending tragedy.

Please – put down that beer, slow down your boat. Take a few seconds more to get home. The drive into the furthest corners of Town & River is only a few seconds more at the legal speed limit.

Let’s all respect our neighbors.



Navigating The Maze Of Student Loan Repayment Options

Presented by Jacqueline J. Lambros, Registered Principal

Graduating from college is certainly cause for celebration! But for many graduates, earning a higher education degree has left them with sizable student loan debt. Fortunately, there are a variety of repayment choices available – from consolidation to refinancing – to help lessen this burden.

So, which path should you take when navigating the maze of repayment options? It will depend, in part, on which type of student loans you have: federal or private.

Repayment Plans

Federal student loans. If you’ve taken out federal student loans, there are quite a few repayment plans available.

- **Standard repayment plan.** Based on your loan balance, with standard repayment you are required to pay a fixed amount each month for up to 10 years.

- **Graduated repayment plan.** With this structure, you make lower payments in earlier years



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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., South Pointe South Clubhouse, 9734 Foxglove Circle, Fort Myers.

The Board of Directors shall meet monthly, except during the months of June, July and August. During the summer or at any time, a special meeting of the Board may be called by the president or a majority of the directors, as needed.

NOTE: AUGUST 17th BOARD RETREAT AT 8:00 A.M., CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, FORT MYERS

Sudoku Puzzle

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August 22 - September 28
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Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. It delivers babies?
6. World War I plane
10. Grizzly
14. Claw
15. High fidelity
16. Tibetan monk
17. Mountain crest
18. Absorb written material
19. Aquiver
20. Currant-like berry
22. Hint
23. Bird call
24. Creator
26. A spurlike projection
30. Prosperous periods
32. Take forcibly
33. Truly
37. Dossier
38. Stilts
39. Chills and fever
40. Ornaments
42. Play the bagpipes
43. Sarcasm
44. Internal-combustion engine
45. In base 8
47. Put clothing on
48. Dwarf buffalo
49. Swear in
56. Arm or leg
57. Autumn
58. Lubricated
59. Dirt
60. Midmonth date
61. Flip over
62. A single time
63. Carryall
64. Squalid

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9. Twin or double
10. Type of harmless snake
11. American symbol
12. French for "Love"
13. Anger
21. Tavern
25. French for "Friend"
26. Manacle
27. Largest continent
28. Quiet time
29. Praiseworthy
30. Tummy
31. 1 1 1 1
33. Thug
34. Auspices
35. Attraction
36. Scream
38. Productive
41. Historic period
42. Curved

44. Man's best friend
45. Scallion
46. Comedian
47. Coarse edible red seaweed
48. Plus
50. Zero
51. Beers
52. Fully developed
53. Away from the wind
54. Care for
55. Countercurrent

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Strike Out Cancer

Join us for a community bowling event to raise money for a good cause – to help fight cancer; Saturday, Aug. 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at HeadPinz Entertainment Center, 14513 Global Parkway, Fort Myers.
 Registration is \$20 for individuals. Teams of four bowlers must preregister and the cost is \$75.



The first 75 bowlers registered will receive an event T-shirt and attendees will have the opportunity to win prizes. Sponsor opportunities are available.
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June 2019

	Jun 19	Jan - Jun 19
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Income - Mandatory	0.00	10,440.00
Income - Voluntary	240.00	25,380.00
Total Income	240.00	35,820.00
Interest Income	1.84	9.99
Legal Fee Income	0.00	10.00
Total Income	241.84	35,839.99
Expense		
Accounting fees	315.00	1,658.50
General Insurance	251.08	753.24
Hartford Insurance Expense	41.75	251.50
Legal Expense	110.00	2,470.84
License & Other Taxes	0.00	61.25
Meeting Room Expense	125.00	668.88
Newspaper	0.00	881.43
Printing & Postage	0.00	967.21
Secretary Expense	0.00	840.34
Storage Expense	99.83	534.56
Uncollectable	0.00	391.05
Utilities	45.55	267.37
Website Expense	86.58	1,224.01
Total Expense	1,074.79	10,970.18
Net Ordinary Income	-832.95	24,869.81
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Late Fee Assessed	0.00	24.00
Total Other Income	0.00	24.00
Other Expense		
Lake Maintenance	0.00	1,265.00
Lake Utility	154.65	902.94
Total Other Expense	154.65	2,167.94
Net Other Income	-154.65	-2,143.94
Net Income	-987.60	22,725.87

Town & River Civic Association Inc.
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2019

	Jun 30, 19
Assets	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
First Citizens Bank- Operating	14,676.02
First Citizens Bank - MMS	44,863.11
Total Checking/Savings	59,539.13
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	240.00
Total Accounts Receivable	240.00
Other Current Assets	
Prepaid Expense	3,958.60
Total Other Current Assets	3,958.60
Total Current Assets	63,737.73
Total Assets	63,737.73
Liabilities & Equity	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Pre-Paid Annual Dues	150.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	150.00
Total Current Liabilities	150.00
Total Liabilities	150.00
Equity	
Prior Year Fund Balance	41,176.86
Retained Earnings	-315.00
Net Income	22,725.87
Total Equity	63,587.73
Total Liabilities & Equity	63,737.73

First Quarter
August 7



Third Quarter
August 23

Full Moon
August 15

New Moon
August 30

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and then increase payment amounts in later years, for up to 10 years. This plan can be helpful for those who anticipate earning a higher income in the future.

• **Extended repayment plan.** This plan extends the amount of years in which you repay the loan, up to 25 years. Here, it's important to note that the amount of interest you pay over the life of the loan will increase with a longer repayment period.

• **Income-driven repayment plan.** Depending on when your loan was obtained, different income-driven repayment programs are available. To participate in one of these plans, you will need to apply and meet the qualification requirements. They include a payment around 10 percent to 20 percent of your discretionary income, with the possibility of loan forgiveness after 20 to 25 years. If a student loan is forgiven through this program, the amount forgiven will be considered taxable income.

More details about these plans, as well as a repayment estimator calculator, are available on the U.S. Department of Education's website at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans>. Your loan servicer is also available to assist with implementing whichever repayment option you select.

• **Private student loans.** For those with private student loans, the repayment options are a bit more limited, and all of the details can be found in your original loan agreement. On average, private loan repayment terms range from five to 20 years. Unlike federal student loans, private student loans generally do not provide income-driven repayment options or loan forgiveness.

Loan Consolidation

If you have multiple loans, a main advantage of consolidation is that you will have only one payment to one lender.

• **Federal student loans.** With the federal loan consolidation program, you still have access to the federal repayment options discussed earlier. But your interest rate will not decrease. The interest rate will be a weighted average of all the rates on the loans, rounded up to the nearest 0.125 percent. Prior to consolidation, carefully review your existing loans for any benefits (e.g., interest rate discounts or principal rebates) or payment credits toward loan forgiveness you may relinquish upon consolidation.

• **Private student loans.** When you meet certain qualifications, private loans can be consolidated into one new refinanced loan, ideally with a lower interest rate.

Loan Refinancing

One reason to think about refinancing is to obtain a lower interest rate, which in turn can lower the amount of interest you will pay over the term of the loan. You should expect to pay a fee to refinance, and the interest rate will depend on current market rates and your credit score.

The only option for refinancing federal student loans is with a private loan. A word of caution here: If you are refinancing from a federal loan to a private loan, you cannot return to a federal loan. Be aware that moving away from a federal loan means you will lose income-driven repayment options and any loan forgiveness that might have been available with the federal student loans.

Loan Forgiveness

• **Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program.** When you

work full-time for a qualifying nonprofit or government agency, certain loans (e.g., direct loans) may qualify for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program in conjunction with an income-driven repayment program that includes 10 years of qualifying payments. The amount forgiven will not be considered taxable income.

• **Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program.** This program may provide loan forgiveness up to \$5,000 or \$17,500 for certain loans when various qualifications are met, including teaching full-time for five years in a low-income school or educational service agency. Again, the amount forgiven will not be considered taxable income.

Repayment Tips

As you begin to consider these student loan repayment options, it may help to keep these tips in mind:

• Automatic repayments may slightly lower the interest rate with some lenders. It may be worth asking your lender or loan servicer if this applies to your loans.

• A budget can help manage your expenses to free up additional funds to repay your loans or to make extra payments.

• When making extra payments, consider focusing on repaying the student loans with the highest interest rates first.

• Private student loans have fewer repayment options and protections available compared with federal student loans. As such, evaluate if it makes sense to repay private loans ahead of federal loans, taking into consideration the respective interest rates.

• Look for ways to increase your income, such as working overtime or obtaining a second job, to help with extra payments.

• Depending on your income, part of the student loan interest you pay may be tax deductible up to \$2,500. (**Please note:** This deduction is not available if someone else can claim you as a dependent on his or her tax return.)

• If you stretch out the number of years you will be repaying the loan, you will increase the amount of interest paid over the life of the loan.

• How you repay your students loans will affect your credit. For example, if you are late or skip payments, that may harm your credit score, which may limit your future ability to obtain a new loan at a reasonable rate or to refinance your existing student loans.

Weigh Your Options

Your repayment and consolidation options will vary depending on the type of loan. Evaluating the current loan interest rate, whether the rate is fixed or variable, and the term of the loan (how many years to repay) will provide a meaningful foundation as you begin to weigh the options.

If it is a struggle to make your student loan repayment, contact the lender or the loan servicer for help. In certain circumstances, the lender may allow a loan deferment or forbearance to delay payments for a limited time.

As always, before making any decisions, a best practice is to consult your financial advisor.

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Owner Contact Information Request

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Full Time Resident: ____ Seasonal Resident: ____ My Property is Leased ____
If not full-time, other address, including zip: _____

Telephone Number(s): _____

Email Address: _____

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If "Yes", please check the information you agree to be included in the Directory:
____ Names ____ Town & River Address ____ Other Address ____ Telephone Numbers
____ Email Address

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center

Fort Myers Collects Group Exhibit

Aug. 2 Through 29

Cost: \$1 general admission entry donation

The Fort Myers Collects Group Exhibit features some of the most exquisite works from local art collectors.

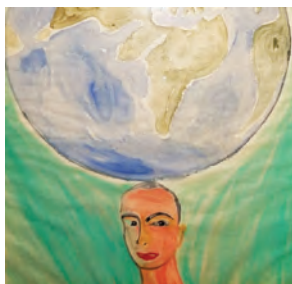
Reimagined

Aug. 2 Through 29

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Fantasy art has always been rooted in lore, culture and religious art that can be traced all the way back to Greek and Roman art. From fantastical creatures, heroes, and epic legends this way of storytelling was not only dynamic but opened a world of fantastical daydreams.

In the late '70s it came more to a forefront with a surge in interest with movies, games and album covers, with artists such as Vallejo, Frazetta and Roger Dean. Over the years fantastical and surrealism has felt a reawakening and is becoming



a huge inspiration for modern artists that breathe new life into these ages-old chimeras and myths.

Local surrealist and fantasy artists have joined together to create this show as an homage and to invite you into how the fantastical has inspired us to create. Creations of visual art to wearable art, surrealist to high fantasy, will delight and inspire.

Dharma Lefevre, Danielle Branchaud, Ananda Warrick, Ndola Pency, Katie Vance, Michelle Caraway, Amanda Howell, and Jeannie Coons are the muses that have created for this show.

Sounds Of Summer – Singer Songwriter Competition

Friday, Aug. 23 – 7:30 p.m. doors open, 8 p.m. show

Cost: \$5 general admission

Calling all singer-songwriters: The Third Annual Summer Singer-Songwriter Competition is looking for entries! The competition focuses on original musicians in the singer-songwriter genre. This yearly event invites performers in the genre to enter for a chance to win great prizes (will be announced soon).

Each year, the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center offers singer-songwriters the opportunity to perform an original song live and win great prizes! Competitors submit a video of themselves performing an original song. Then, selected artists are invited to perform live in front of a judge's panel and a live audience. Judges will determine the Grand Prize winner, and the audience has a chance to vote for the People's Choice winner.

Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, 2301 First St., Fort Myers, FL 33901 – Call the box office for more information: (239) 333-1933.



Recipe Corner

Baked Brie In Puffed Pastry

Serving 8 to 10

Serve with crackers on the side.

Ingredients

- ½ (17.5-ounce) package frozen puff pastry, thawed
- 8-ounce wheel of Brie cheese
- ¼ cup sliced almonds
- Crackers

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degree C). Lightly grease a 9-inch pie pan.

2. Slice the wheel of Brie in half, horizontally. Lay the puff pastry in the pie pan. Place half of the Brie (rind-side down) onto the pastry dough. Sprinkle almonds evenly over the top. Place the other half of the Brie (rind-side up) over the almonds. Bundle the pastry dough around the Brie.

3. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes. Let cool for 5 minutes before serving.

Option: Omit almonds. Top with apricot preserves after baking.



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What's Blooming At Edison And Ford Winter Estates? —

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



When I lived “up north,” I looked forward to summertime and the chance to go barefoot outside during the long, warm days. Here in Florida, we can go barefoot during the winter months. For those of us who work outside, the heat is challenging. We get used to changing our shirts a couple of times a day, wearing a hat and sunscreen, and drinking a lot of water or other electrolyte beverages.

I have a friend who when hearing people complain about the heat, responds, “It would be hot if it was five degrees hotter.” I love his attitude! To make life easier for working in the garden, there are a few basic steps everyone should follow.

1. Start drinking water the moment you wake up in the morning. Caffeinated beverages can wake the mind up, but water is essential for all body functions. Working outside in the summer with temperatures above 90 degrees and high humidity puts a strain on the body. Hydration is imperative, along with pre-fueling with nutritional foods. Good lifestyle habits can give us the edge to function properly and help us to perform all day long in the garden.

2. Schedule weeding, planting, mowing, watering or other garden activities during the somewhat cooler morning hours. Don't look at gardening as a competitive race – pace yourself. Make a list of what needs to be accomplished and be realistic of your goals. During the winter months, you might be able to work outside for five hours without a problem, but in the summer, you may need to reduce the amount of time spent outdoors.

For example, you can mow the grass and weed for 30 minutes and then call it quits. Then the next day, perhaps do some edging and a little more weeding. The third morning could be spent walking around the garden, scouting for any possible problems, weeding a little more, and then pruning some of the extra growth summer brings.

3. Be sure to wear the appropriate clothing, hat, sunglasses and sunscreen for protection from the elements. Special clothing has been developed for quick dry and SPF protection, making those items hugely valuable when working outdoors. I suggest investing in good clothing and equipment, as it makes the job easier.

4. Find something new to plant. This adds excitement and anticipation while providing new experiences in the garden. Tropical plants do extremely well this time of year, as they prefer heat, humidity, and water. Adding amazing flowering plants to your garden will make you want to spend more time outdoors!

Some of my suggestions for summer plantings, include ornamental gingers – botanically called *Curcumas* – are especially happy during the summer season. Another ornamental ginger, called *Hedychium* or butterfly ginger, is also a lovely plant and is quite fragrant. These rhizomatous plants should be planted just deep enough that the tops of their stems are protruding above ground. Most gingers go dormant during winter months, but they will be back as soon as the weather is just right.

Many gingers will multiply and can be divided, so the plants can be shared with friends or neighbors or allowed to fill in an area of the garden. Digging the rhizomes is best done after a blooming cycle. Gingers are available in many colorful varieties and most prefer shade, so they are perfect for planting near a shaded seating area.

Another plant that likes it hot is the *Heliconia*, or “lobster claw.” This plant also makes for an interesting cut flower display. If you'd like to see some ginger or *Heliconia* plants in a garden setting, they are growing in several areas of the Edison Ford botanical gardens. They are also available for sale in the Edison Garden Shoppe, so you can take some home and plant them in your own garden paradise.



Butterfly ginger



Pinecone ginger

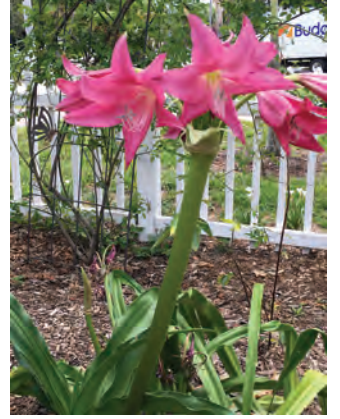
One of my favorite plants that does well during the summer is the crinum lily. Mina Edison, wife of Thomas, was fond of these plants as they tend to take care of themselves and keep on blooming throughout the year. Many people are familiar with the typical *Crinum asiaticum* that's mostly grown in gated communities or developments, but there are myriad of other varieties to choose from. During a tour of the Edison Ford botanical gardens, you will see many different colors of trumpet-shaped flowers emerging from strap-shaped leaves. These tall plants often reach chest height with flowers in shades of white, dark pink, striped pink, light pink and red.

Many different crinums are available, including the *Crinum americanum* (native to bogs and ponds in Florida), *Crinum bulbispermum* (white and fragrant), *Crinum* “Stars and Stripes,” *Crinum powellii*, *Crinum* “Ellen Bosanquet,” *Crinum jagus*, and many others. The bulbs look similar to an onion at the grocery store, but these are not edible. I've never met a crinum that I didn't like, as they are related to amaryllis – another bulb used in Florida gardens.

One of the nice things about gardening with bulbs here in sunny Florida is that it's not necessary to dig them up before cold weather hits. I recommend planting some of the unusual crinums, rather than planting what your neighbors have. If you live here all year long, it's time to enjoy summer for all the glorious blooms that everyone else misses when they go back up north!



Crinum bulbispermum



Crinum “Ellen Bosanquet”

Sudoku Puzzle Solution from page 2

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Crossword Solution from page 2

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Historical Village To Close For Off-Season July 31

The Sanibel Historical Village will close for the off-season July 31 and reopen Oct. 15. Meanwhile, it remains open during the BIG ARTS construction project. The project will continue through the remainder of the historical village's season and into next season, but parking and access for village guests and volunteers will be available throughout that time.

The traditional entrance to the village has been closed off for the construction and a new, temporary entrance has been made available down the road to the west at what was the exit drive. That drive will now function as both an entrance and exit access. Clear signage has been added at both places.

The Sanibel Historical Village is operating on summer hours at this time, until it closes for the off-season July 31, reopening Oct. 15. For the month of July, the village will be open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Full guided tours take place at 10:30 a.m. at no additional charge,

depending on docent availability. The village is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS) and there is handicap access to the buildings. Admission is \$10 for adults over 18. Members and children are free. For more information or to make a donation, visit www.sanibelmuseum.org or call (239) 472-4648 during business hours.





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Catch The Action

August On The Water

By Capt. Bill Russell

Fishing or boating in Southwest Florida in August means dealing with the hot days of summer. Here are a couple options to cool down and change things up a little.

If you just want to have fun and maybe a little fishing while relaxing, then the beaches are a good choice, especially if you are fishing with the family. Good numbers of snook are roaming the surf throughout the summer and are a sight fishermen's dream. Most snook are running 22 to 26 inches, but there are much bigger ones. Free lined pilchards, small pinfish, 1/8-ounce white bucktail jigs, and a variety of small white flies are top baits. Look for the fish right off the edge of the beach in the surf or near any type of submerged structure. Remember, snook are catch and release only. Trout, mangrove snapper, whiting, pompano and maybe a tarpon are a few of the other species you may hook into. Fish a little, swim a little, not a bad way to spend the day.

Summer days often give us flat calm seas over the morning hours, perfect for short runs offshore. Our coastline is dotted with man-made artificial reefs, many well within sight of land and GPS coordinates available to the public. If you are an inshore fisherman it's a nice change of pace to make a short run offshore, especially during the heat of



summer when the inshore water temperatures are so high. One cool aspect when fishing around the reefs is you never know what you might hook into. Everything from a small snapper to 500-pound goliath grouper calls them home. To get the most out of the day you want an assortment of tackle that can handle the fish you target. Obviously with snapper you do not need super heavy tackle, the lighter the better for the best action. But, if you want to attempt to pull a big goliath grouper from his home you will need a rig extra heavy, we're talking 200- to 400-pound line. And many times, that's not heavy enough.

In between snapper and goliaths there's the possibility to hook Spanish and king mackerel, cobia, permit, barracuda, snook, sharks of all sizes, plus many other species. Many anglers fish several different line class

rods at a time targeting more than one species.

Armed with a variety of baits is the best way to catch multiple species. Small baits like shrimp, pilchards, and small pinfish are great for snapper and other bottom fish, larger live bait is often the ticket for a big barracuda, snook, or gag grouper, and big bait, dead or alive is the choice for goliaths. If you want to catch a permit you need live crabs, this is often the best bait for cobia as well. Anchoring up current of the structure with a quality block of chum is the best way to bring the action behind the boat.

Whatever type of fishing or outdoor excursion you choose, be smart, drink plenty of water, and watch those thunderstorms.

For charter information, please contact us at Gulf Coast Guide Service and "Catch the Action" with Capt. Bill Russell, call or text (239) 410-8576, 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 23 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."



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Weekly Yoga Sessions

Saturday – 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Join registered yoga teacher Anna Withrow for free yoga sessions beneath the shade trees during GreenMarket. No reservation required. The sessions are suitable for all levels and beginners are welcome. Supervised children are also encouraged to join in. Bring a yoga mat, sunscreen and water.

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Second Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

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Songs And Stories – From

The Beatles To Bluegrass

Saturday, Aug. 10 – 7 to

9:30 p.m.

Cost: Members, \$25;

nonmembers, \$30

Enjoy behind-the-scenes stories about The Beatles, Emmylou Harris and more with Barry and Holly Tashian! The indoor concert concludes with a meet and greet reception featuring drinks and hors d'oeuvres.



The Tashians' music is a mix of Americana, bluegrass, folk, rock and traditional country performed with a sense of humor and joy. They have made numerous appearances on the *Grand Ole Opry*, *A Prairie Home Companion* and other international radio and television programs. Barry spent 10 years performing and recording with country star Emmylou

Harris, as her duet partner and guitar player. He also recorded an album with legendary folk rock artist, Gram Parsons in 1971. In 1966, Barry's rock band from Boston, The Remains, toured throughout America as the opening act for The Beatles. Limited seats are available! Reserve your seats now.

A Toast To Tenacity – Honoring Women's Suffrage Sunday, Aug. 25 – 5 to 7 p.m.

Cost: Free

Bring your family (ages 12-plus) and celebrate with us as we honor the heroic women (and men) behind the passage of the 19th Amendment, which guaranteed women the right to vote.

Ninety-nine years ago, on Aug. 26, 1920, suffragists across the nation raised a glass of grape juice – since Prohibition was in effect, they skipped the more potent stuff – to honor the amendment.

And we'll do the same, with our own grape juice toast and a program honoring both the famous and not-so-well-known suffragists.

Join us for a toast, great company, a special performance from The Agitators and refreshments in the gallery after the program.

While the event is free, an R.S.V.P. is requested. Register online at www.artinlee.org/event/tenacity/. In partnership with: Fort Myers Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. and the Progressive Women of SWFL.

Dan Christopher And Friends – A Summer Of Funny

Saturday, Aug. 31 – 8 to 10 p.m.

Cost: Members, \$15; nonmembers, \$20

Dan Christopher, renowned ventriloquist, brings his cast of wacky characters to team up with Mariannette LaPuppet for a "roll in the aisles" evening of fun.

Dan Christopher hits the stage joined by Mariannette LaPuppet. A professional entertainer for over 30 years, Dan's talents have taken him literally around the world performing in such exotic locations as Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Singapore, The Bahamas, Las Vegas, on luxury



cruise ships, in revue shows and comedy clubs throughout the United States and for many Fortune 500 companies.

In addition to being a first-rate performer for adults, Christopher is considered to be one of the finest and most capable children's entertainers in the country. He is a familiar face to many, as Dan and his puppet pals have been seen regularly on children's television shows broadcast throughout the nation!

Mariannette LaPuppet is a Latina with a funny twist. Originally from Philadelphia, she brings the stage to life with her hilarious characters and animated storytelling about her upbringing, her mother and her life. She has been a Florida favorite now for over 25 years, she was a semifinalist in the first Nick@Nite's search for "America's Funniest Mom." She was a finalist for "Florida's Funniest Female" and winner of the Seminole Casino's yearly "Comedians Ball." Has most recently featured for legendary comedians like Dom Irrera, Jim Breuer and Paul Rodriguez.

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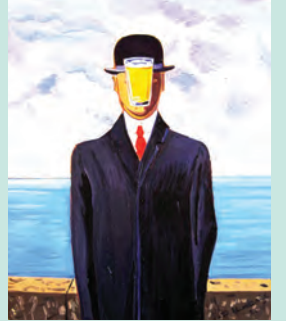
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