

## Summer In Town & River

One of the nice things about Town & River is so many of our neighbors are full-time, year-round residents. Our community remains vibrant as the summer hits and the number of boats in and out of the canals and up and down our roads do not decline as in so many other communities.

This time of year your Board takes a break until the fall with our regularly scheduled meetings concluding in May and beginning in September. We have found this is the perfect time to review goals and objectives, become better educated as to legislation and the impact our DORs have and how we operate and more. As such, your Board visits on these issues and meets with our law firm, discusses any changes in the Florida law and receives guidance in handling the immediate issues of Town & River and more

important – how we might better operate in the future.

Town & River Estates dates to the 1960s and in many ways is comparable to our neighboring community Whiskey Creek. Both communities have DORs and share much in common in their organization. As such, Whiskey Creek and other communities provide us with a clear example of the governing structures and direction we may take.

As we approach the fall, we will be busy working to bring all the units in Town & River into one cohesive community with one set of DORs. Being able to speak with one voice with one set of DORs and voting rules, and most important – the ability to rewrite the DORs so they are easily understood are our goals. We want

everyone to be able to go to our website and be able to find what they are seeking to learn without confusion and with clarity. The Board is not going to change the existing DOR rules – just make them easy to find, read and understand. When we complete the rewrite – the final product will then be presented to the entire community to vote on and approve.

Please know that your Board focuses heavily on continuing to make Town & River a pre-eminent waterfront community. Given recent real estate transactions, our efforts to maintain and increase property values is working. This is a collective effort and we would like to thank all owners for their help in this effort. We hope you and your family have a wonderful summer!

## Board Of Directors Meeting Minutes [Unapproved]

### South Pointe South Clubhouse Thursday, May 13, 2021

**Call To Order** – President Mark Generales called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

**Owner Comment Period** - no comments were presented

**Board of Directors**

A quorum was established.

Officers Present: President Mark Generales, Vice President Rick Chubb, Secretary Renee Notes and Treasurer Gary Hudson. Directors Present: Roy Benton, Marge Byrne and Kay Gloris. Executive Secretary Sally Stigler and one resident were also in attendance. Absent: Directors Rick Ginsburg, Myriam Lentz, Carol Notes, Martha Smith and Joe Tomaino.

**Approval Of New Board Member** – John Kristobak, 891 Jennifer Ln., was appointed, in accordance with the Bylaws, to replace Carol Notes, who has resigned. John will be a candidate for election by the membership at the 2022 annual meeting.

**Approval Of Minutes** – April 8, 2021 minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – Gary Hudson

• Gary emailed April financial reports to the board May 7th. He noted that out of 57 lake assessments, one remains unpaid; and out of 88 mandatory dues, one remains unpaid



• With no questions presented, the financial report was approved by motion.

**Committee Reports**

**Deeds Of Restriction/Architectural Review Committee – Gary Hudson**

• A discussion was held regarding variances. The board would need an absolutely unique circumstance/compelling reason to grant one. Gary said he is not aware of the board ever having granted a variance.

**Committee Reports**

**Lake Status** – Renee noted 8-9 residents around the lake are installing new seawalls.

**New Business**

• The annual board retreat will be at the Crowne Plaza on June 19th from 8:00 A. M. to noon. It will be accessible via zoom to board members who may be out of town. An HOA board member certification course will be conducted by the association's legal counsel. This will be a refresher for seven board members who took the course in 2018. Alex Lambros, a past president of the association, and chair of the county advisory committee for the Town & River Improvement Unit (TRIU) will attend to discuss TRIU. In preparation of the TRIU discussion, Mark emailed board members the Lee County Ordinance creating TRIU in 1979.

• At the suggestion of Roy Benton, Mark will contact board members who have frequent absences to ascertain their continued interest in being actively on the board.

• Board members were encouraged to check their Rackspace emails regularly.

• Offering an opportunity for Units 6 & 11 to be part of ARCDOR has been postponed until fall.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned 7:20 P.M. The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will convene 6:30pm Thursday, September 9, 2021 at South Pointe South Clubhouse, 9734 Foxglove Circle, Ft. Myers.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Sally Stigler, Executive Secretary*

## Alliance For The Arts

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Our outdoor farmers' market is loaded with local produce, artisanal foods, edible and landscape plants, yoga on the lawn, live music, art, one-of-a-kind gifts, backyard farming workshops and all the good flavors and good vibes you can fit into your Saturday morning. Plus, there's plenty of shade, camaraderie and community – the perfect setting to enjoy a bite and relax!

Our weekly market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each and every Saturday, year-round and rain or shine.

**Container Gardening 101 – Free Workshop  
July 17 – 10:30 To 11:30 a.m.**

The Alliance for the Arts GreenMarket is continuing its decade-old tradition of free, urban farming workshops on Saturday, July 17 at 10:30 a.m.

Organic farmer Ken Ryan will present Container Gardening 101– a free workshop that will explore how to grow beautiful and yummy food with hardly any cost or strife!

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## Town & River Lake Report

The lake aerators have been reconnected. They were disconnected during a seawall replacement as the old power lines went up and over the old seawall. Now the lines are safely installed in conduct within the concrete seawall. Thank you for your patience during this replacement.

**Inspection Date:** April 27

**Inspected For:**

Algae	OK
Aquatic Weeds	OK
Undesirable Shoreline Vegetation	OK
Water Quality	OK

**Technician's comments:** Treated along the seawall for invasive weeds and grasses.



**The Board meets on the second Thursday  
of each month at 6:30 p.m.**

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

**All are encouraged to attend and wear a mask please.**

**Check out our new website  
www.townandriverfl.com.**

# From The Desk Of Sheriff Carmine Marceno

The word “hope” generates a feeling that events will turn out well ... that one can look forward to better times ahead.



As I began serving as sheriff of this county, a series of disturbing incidents involving animal cruelty came to my attention. Abusing anyone is unacceptable and I have no patience for those who mistreat children, elders and/or animals.

With the assistance of “Deputy Chance,” the Lee County Sheriff’s Office has traveled the county sharing my “zero tolerance for animal abuse” message.

Resources were appropriated to a newly-created animal cruelty task force and this unit has exceeded my expectations in regard to investigating all reports of animal mistreatment and arresting perpetrators, when applicable.

The success of this movement spread quickly and prominent individuals in the animal-protection community have come forward to lend a hand. Tia Torres, host of *Animal Planet’s Pit Bulls and Parolees* for 17 seasons,

has offered her assistance to the cause.

We recently encountered and adopted a mixed-breed puppy who suffered the loss of her front leg in an attack that occurred out-of-county. Thanks to the veterinary care and attention that she received at Gulf Coast Humane Society, she is now doing exceptionally well.

In need of a name, we reached out to the animal cruelty task force’s sizeable following for recommendations. The suggestions were wonderful and reflective of our county’s genuine love and appreciation for our animals.

“Hope” was chosen as the most fitting and relevant name. We chose Hope, as it is my sincerest hope that we find a way to end the mistreatment of animals. It is my hope that the willingness to investigate, arrest and prosecute incidents of animal abuse spreads across the state and across the nation.

Immediately promoted, “Sergeant Hope” will visit Lee County schools, day camps and community events reminding everyone of animal rights and my unwillingness to ignore or disregard crimes against the defenseless.

## Word Scramble

### Under The Sea

By Ellie Neal

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|----------|----------|
| Fwlsihob | Eanetam  |
| Rolac    | Pouotcs  |
| Brsac    | Fere     |
| Trbolse  | Skrah    |
| Else     | Leahw    |
| Ilpnhod  | Raeuster |

Word Scramble Solution on page 7

## Sudoku Puzzle

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

Sudoku Puzzle Solution on page 7

## Crossword Puzzle

### Across

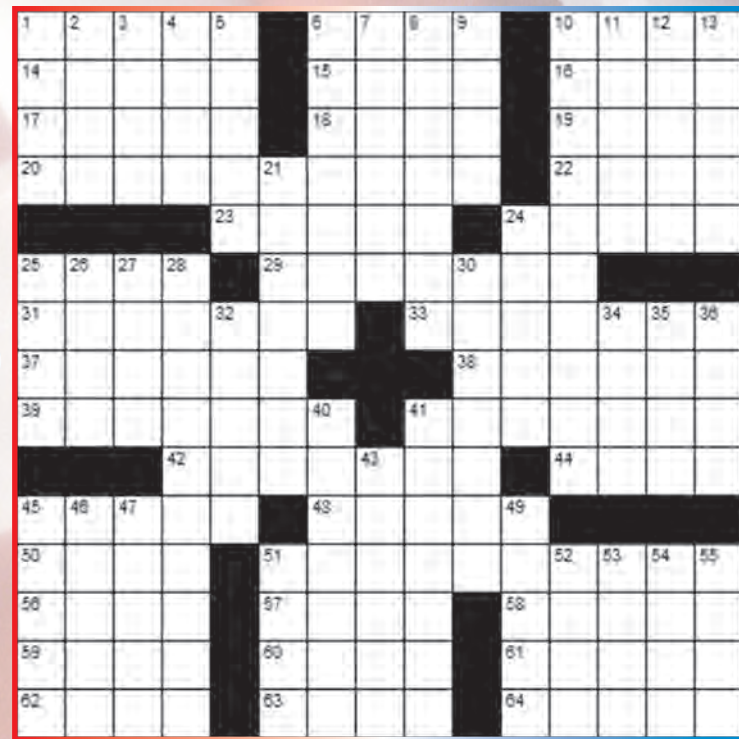
1. Branchlets
6. Not low
10. Pigeon’s home
14. Nun’s attire
15. Bright thought
16. By mouth
17. Small African antelope
18. Dispatched
19. Unit of land
20. Downplay
22. Mob
23. Filched
24. Kitty-cat
25. If not
29. Armory
31. Metalworks
33. Adorable
37. Burden (archaic)
38. Shooting star
39. Smiled contemptuously
41. He fights blazes
42. Craftsperson
44. Matron
45. Wroth
48. Anagram of “diets”
50. Road shoulder
51. Mental representation
56. Broth (Scottish)
57. Sponge
58. Welts
59. Baking appliance
60. Austrian peaks
61. Mentors
62. Canvas dwelling
63. Decay from overripening
64. Leave out

### Down

1. You (archaic)
2. Alert
3. Footnote note
4. Scoff at
5. Mixes
6. Narrative description of past events
7. Highest goals
8. Refined
9. Despise
10. Changed into a solid mass
11. Killer whales
12. Mountain lakes
13. Mournful poem

21. Hollywood hopeful
24. One who lays asphalt
25. F F F F
26. Give temporarily
27. Certain
28. Act of showing affection
30. Candidate
32. A county in Northern Ireland
34. Chancel
35. Rich soil
36. Sea eagle 4
40. Make pure
41. Most honest
43. Treeless plain
45. Monastery head
46. Audacity
47. Inexperienced
49. Search for water
51. Q-tip
52. Blue-green
53. A sharply directional antenna
54. Implored
55. Existence

Crossword Solution on page 7



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# Catch The Action

## July On The Water

By Capt. Bill Russell

As we progress into the heat of summer fishing both inshore and offshore can still be very good, just prepare for hot days and keep an eye on the weather. Many anglers prefer to get an early start and off the water ahead of the midday heat and afternoon storms.

Inshore, the mangrove snapper bite will continue to heat up. A variety of baits including shrimp, pilchards, herring, small pinfish, and cut bait will entice fish around docks, piers, bridges, under deeper mangrove shorelines, oyster bars, sand potholes, and rock ledges in and near the Passes. Mangrove snapper are one of our tastier fish and fight very hard for their size. They make a great summer target. They are leader and hook shy, if the water is clear, it's often necessary to lighten the tackle. Inshore, I generally go with 2 feet or more of 12- to 20-pound fluorocarbon leader and a 1/0 circle hook or smaller.

The best snook and redfish action will come on days with strong tides. They can often be caught together around docks, shorelines, and structure around the gulf passes, as well as oyster bars and shoreline overhangs on the higher tides. The season for spotted sea trout is open throughout Southwest Florida. As the water warms over summer months, some of the better action for trout will come from 4- to 8-foot depths in areas with a grassy or sand/grass mottled bottom.

Calm summer mornings will give good opportunities to run offshore and target grouper and other species. American red snapper season is open for recreational anglers from June 3 to July 29 for those willing to make the long run offshore. Gag grouper season is open, along with red grouper, expect the larger fish to be in deeper water. Seventy



feet is generally a good starting point for grouper, but you may need to run well past a hundred feet for larger fish. If you run out a little deeper, you may find red snapper and grouper around the same depths.

To get updated on grouper, snapper, redfish, snook, sea trout and all current fishing regulations go to [www.myfwc.com](http://www.myfwc.com).

Closer to land, wrecks and reefs can be productive with everything from snapper to barracuda to giant goliath grouper. Anchoring up current of structure with a fresh chum bag is preferred. A variety of baits is a good idea as well as an arsenal of rods rigged and ready for light to heavy action.

For fun and fast action offshore, look for bonito and Spanish mackerel harassing bait schools in depths from 30 to 80 feet. Silver spoons or Tuna Jets in various colors can bring instant hookups when trolled around feeding activity. Watch for birds and surface commotion to locate the fish. Also look around the artificial reefs.

Sharks are another summertime favorite. Varieties of species both large and small are common catches both inshore and off. While they are a nuisance for some, many anglers target them for their fighting ability. Sharks play

an important role in our ecosystem; please make every effort to quickly release them unharmed. Every kid loves to catch a shark of any size, now is a good time, just make sure and do it safely for both the angler and the shark.

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](http://www.fishpineisland.com), email: [gcl2fish@live.com](mailto: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 26 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."




## Montage Women's Club

The Montage Women's Club is a social and philanthropic club open to all women residing in Lee County. We meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at The Landings Yacht, Golf, and Tennis Club (off McGregor Boulevard south of College Parkway). Meetings begin at 11:30 a.m. with a short social period followed by lunch and then an informative speaker program. Within the organization are various interest groups for members' participation. Membership is open to both year-round and seasonal

residents. We welcome you to visit Montage for a luncheon. Our next meeting takes place on Thursday, July 22. Jack Thomas, Ph.D., will be our featured speaker. The title of his talk is "Yo, Ho, Ho and a Bottle of Rum! How Rum Saved the Caribbean Economy."

If you would like to attend a Montage meeting, need further information, or would like to make a reservation, please call Rita Artwohl at (239) 703-7787. Reservations cutoff to attend this meeting is noon, Thursday, July 15.

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# Are You Liable For Spousal Debt?

Presented by  
Jacqueline J. Lambros,  
Registered Principal



“What’s yours is mine and what’s mine is yours” is a typical mantra of married couples. But when it comes to debt, that saying can be scary. Fortunately, the general rule is that spouses are not responsible for each other’s debts (in the legal sense, of course). Therefore, when agreeing to assume a liability, the borrower’s spouse can usually rest assured he or she will not be held responsible if the borrower is unable to meet his or her obligations.

There are caveats to this general rule, however. Below, you’ll find an overview of the legal intricacies and potential pitfalls associated with spousal debt, as well as situations where you may need to be prepared to take on liability.

## Community Property States

If you and your spouse reside in a community property state, your debts are likely to be considered owed by both of

you, regardless of who signed for the loan. As of 2019, there are nine community property states: Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Washington, and Wisconsin. A few important rules apply in these states for student loans in particular:

- **Federal student loans:** If you or your spouse take out a federal student loan after getting married, the debt will likely remain the responsibility of the borrower, regardless of the state you live in.

- **Private student loans:** Married borrowers should be far more careful when taking out private student loans, as these loans are more likely to be subject to community property legal standards.

- **Loans incurred before marriage:** If you or your spouse incurred your student debt before entering the marriage, joint liability would likely not attach to the loans, regardless of whether they’re federal or private.

## Liability And Joint Debt

You may run into situations where you have unwittingly assumed liability for the debt of your spouse. If you cosigned a loan with your spouse, then you may have assumed liability for the debt if your spouse is unable to pay. In that case, if your spouse completely discharges the debt in bankruptcy, the creditor could pursue legal action against you to recover the debt. This is the primary reason you should avoid cosigning for your spouse’s debt whenever possible.

In addition, if you and your spouse decide to enter into a joint debt, then, typically, you both are “joint and severally liable” for the spousal debt – meaning the creditor can come after one or both of you for the full amount owed.

If enabling joint use of a credit card is the goal, consider appointing one of you as the primary cardholder and the other as an authorized user of the account. An authorized user has no liability for the debt associated with the account but has the authority to make purchases and have his or her own card. While both spouses typically do not need to sign to be liable on a debt (other than for a home mortgage), it is sometimes necessary to increase a credit limit or in cases where one spouse is unable to obtain the credit on his or her

own. In such cases, the cosigner must consider whether it is necessary to obtain the credit and fully understands the implications of his or her signature.

## Student Loan Repayment

If you are looking into federal income-based student loan repayment options, be aware your spouse’s signature is usually required. Your spouse should be sure to carefully read anything he or she signs related to a loan, but, typically, the lender requires a spouse’s signature for verification of income purposes only, not to impose liability upon the spouse for the debt.

## Divorce

When finalizing a divorce, a judge can order the split of not only the marital assets but also the debts of the parties. Generally, if a spouse has incurred a debt individually, that debt will remain with the person who incurred it; however, the judge may award assets disproportionately to the individual with the higher indebtedness if the judge determines fairness demands it or that the debt was incurred to benefit the marital household. In the case of joint debt, a judge can order that only one spouse is responsible for the debt, notwithstanding that both spouses are legally liable to the creditor.

Creditors are not bound by the terms of a divorce decree and are free to pursue an individual for a debt that a judge has ordered the individual’s former spouse to pay. If a spouse was ordered by a judge to pay a joint debt, however, and then files for bankruptcy, the bankrupt spouse is typically unable to discharge his or her obligation to the former spouse to satisfy the debt.

## The More You Know

The combination of marriage and debt can become complicated. But understanding the rules regarding spousal debt and any potential liability you may face can make navigating these situations that much easier.

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Town & River Civic Association Inc.		
Profit And Loss		
May 2021		
	May 21	Jan-May 21
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Income		
Income - Mandatory	0.00	10,560.00
Income - Voluntary	360.00	26,400.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>360.00</u>	<u>36,960.00</u>
Estoppel Preparation Income	0.00	350.00
Interest Income	.72	3.21
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>360.72</u>	<u>37,313.21</u>
<b>Expense</b>		
Accounting Fees	315.00	2,025.00
Bank Fees	35.00	85.00
Corp Insurance	190.42	1,431.08
Email Service	243.00	486.00
Legal Expense	220.00	1,457.50
Meeting Rooms	0.00	641.70
Newspaper Postage	138.50	690.78
PayPal Fees	3.78	34.02
Postage Expense	0.00	151.85
Printing & Postage	0.00	2,257.00
State Fee	0.00	61.25
Secretary Expense	0.00	757.50
Storage Expense	119.79	598.95
Utilities	12.24	193.60
Website Maintenance	40.00	200.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>1,317.73</u>	<u>11,071.23</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>-957.01</u>	<u>26,241.98</u>
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## Alliance For The Arts from page 1

This beginner-friendly gardening class will cover the basics of container gardening! Discover how to plant edible and ornamental plants in containers of all shapes and sizes, common challenges and the key steps to success. Have fun, learn new things, then sample and shop the GreenMarket to put your newfound knowledge to work!



Ken Ryan

Grab a chair or a blanket and a notepad for this hourlong presentation followed by a question and answer session. All workshops are free, but small donations are accepted to help the Alliance for the Arts continue programs and activities that benefit the community.

The GreenMarket has been a hub for local backyard veggie gardeners and organic farmers for over 10 years.

It acts as a space where knowledge is shared freely, with the goal of making Fort Myers and Southwest Florida more sustainable: more growers big and small, better food, introduction of biodiversity and resilience in our gardens and fields.

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# Community Cooperative Launches Its ‘School’s Out, Hunger’s Not’ Campaign

## Volunteers And Donations Are Needed For The Hungry And Homeless Through The Summer

Recognizing that hunger does not take a summer break, Community Cooperative is calling on community members to support its School’s Out, Hunger’s Not campaign. During the months of July and August, Community Cooperative is looking for additional volunteers and donations for its Sam’s Community Café and Kitchen, community market and mobile food pantries as well as volunteers to help deliver Meals on Wheels to homebound individuals. The increased need for emergency groceries each summer presents a unique challenge to Community Cooperative and its volunteers in these months as well.



“A decrease in summer volunteers is an issue we face annually,” said Tami Holliday, Community Cooperative’s community relations and development manager. “Nearly half of our volunteers are seasonal residents, so that leaves us with many open positions to fill each summer and into the fall. We are looking for helping hands that have time and talent to share.”

Community Cooperative is looking for local individuals, businesses, organizations, churches and community groups to support the School’s Out, Hunger’s Not campaign by hosting food drives, volunteering and giving financially. Food drives can range from simple collection days to engaging social donation events. Volunteers are needed in various areas, such as packaging and delivering meals for Meals on Wheels, serving lunch in the Sam’s Community Café and Kitchen, stocking pantry shelves, assisting clients at monthly mobile food pantries, and weeding and harvesting in the Able Garden.

### About Community Cooperative

For 37 years, Community Cooperative has worked to effectively eliminate hunger and homelessness in Lee County while simultaneously inspiring and supporting sustained positive change in its clients by delivering innovative food, education and social service programs. With a dedicated team of volunteers, Board of Directors and staff, Community Cooperative stays committed to its core responsibility to collect and distribute resources through a strong and viable network of community partners. Community Cooperative is an exemplary steward of the resources entrusted to it and serves clients with compassion and integrity. Through collaboration and ongoing education, Community Cooperative supports and strengthens those whose lives have been affected by hunger and homelessness, ensuring that they have access to the resources necessary to transform their lives with dignity.

For more resources and information on how to get involved, contact Tami Holliday at [Tami@CommunityCooperative.com](mailto:Tami@CommunityCooperative.com) or call (239) 332-7687, Ext. 125. Monetary donations are always welcomed and can be made directly at [www.CommunityCooperative.com](http://www.CommunityCooperative.com), or mailed to: Community Cooperative, P.O. Box 2143, Fort Myers, FL 33902.



# Safety Is Necessary Around Fireworks Regardless Of Holiday

Fireworks are lovely, but can be very dangerous. They should be handled by professionals if at all possible. However, many individuals purchase them for home display, especially during holidays such as the Fourth of July, Labor Day, and New Years Eve. According to a recent study, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has found that most injuries reported about fireworks involve burns, with males receiving the most injuries.

The CDC provides the following pointers for using fireworks:

- The old adage “if all else fails, read the directions” should be followed even if you feel you know how to use a particular firework.
- Although sparklers are one of the most popular fireworks, especially for children, they can be very dangerous as they can heat up to 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit (hot enough to melt gold).
- Use fireworks outdoors only and have water handy.
- Never relight a “dud” firework; wait 15 to 20 minutes

and then soak it in a bucket of water.

- Be sure everyone is out of range before lighting fireworks; bystanders are more frequently injured by fireworks than the people who use them.

- Only light one firework at a time and never let children handle or light fireworks.

For the safest of holidays, let the professionals handle the fireworks. Enjoy one of the many fireworks displays held in the area.

The Lee County Injury Prevention Coalition serves as a collaborative effort or partnership whose function is to facilitate partners’ work and act as a catalyst for injury prevention initiatives. Its mission is to prevent injury, disability, and death through advocacy, education, legislation, and partnerships.

For additional information about the Injury Prevention Coalition or handling fireworks, contact Brian Raimondo at [ipcleecounty@gmail.com](mailto:ipcleecounty@gmail.com) or (239) 330-2240.

## Town & River Civic Association Inc. Balance Sheet As of May 31, 2021

	May 31, 21
<b>Assets</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Checking/Savings	
First Citizens Bank 2580	7,975.42
First Citizens Bank - MMS	85,886.98
PayPal Account	1,045.98
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>94,908.38</u>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	
Accounts Receivable	120.00
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<u>120.00</u>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
Prepaid, Lake Expense	2,092.98
Prepaid, Other Expense	3,119.45
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<u>5,212.43</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>100,240.81</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>100,240.81</u>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
Annual Dues, Advanced	384.24
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<u>384.24</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>384.24</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	384.24
<b>Equity</b>	
Prior Year Fund Balance	56,180.89
Retained Earnings	17,433.70
Net Income	26,241.98
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>99,856.57</u>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<u>100,240.81</u>

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

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



I know summer has arrived when the royal poincianas are covered in their brilliant scarlet blooms. As I cross over the bridge from North Fort Myers into downtown, I can see the red canopies that are not there the rest of the year. During the winter season, the trees have green leaves – just like any other shade tree.

I wish every neighborhood had flowering trees in each yard. For large yards, the flamboyant tree (*Delonix regia*) would be a wonderful addition to a property. For those who don't have room for a large spreading tree, the golden shower tree (*Cassia fistula*) can be a colorful choice.

There are a multitude of suggestions for smaller trees that can provide color, such as the crape myrtle (*Lagerstromia indica*), frangipani (*Plumeria*), lilac tree (*Lonchocarpus violaceus*), orange geiger (*Cordia sebestena*), wild cinnamon bark (*Canella winterana*), and fiddlewood (*Citharexylum spinosum*). Many of these trees are growing at Edison and Ford Winter Estates, so visitors can see what they look like.



The golden shower tree is raining yellow at Edison and Ford Winter Estates.

Another popular tree at the Estates is the mango. There are many cultivars of



Carrie mango tree

mangos and visitors often ask for the names. When the trees on the property produce an abundance we pick and sell the fruit in the Garden Shoppe. My favorite mango for eating out of hand is the Glenn, which has a small seed, is easy to peel and has a peachy-coconut flavor.

I enjoy making mango jam and chutney with the excess fruit from the Haden variety because I hate to throw good fruit away. This variety gets very large (50 feet), so picking the fruit is virtually impossible from the ground level. Oftentimes, the fruit falls from high branches, bruising when it hits the ground.

I suggest for those who live in communities with smaller lot sizes to choose a mango tree with potential mature size not greater than 15 to 20 feet. There are several varieties with this consideration that still pack a delicious flavor, such as Ice Cream, Pickering, Neelum, Super Julie and Fairchild.

Since it seems everyone is into growing fruit on their properties now, it may be hard to find mango trees for sale. The growers try to keep up with the interest, but they must graft the desired bud branch to a rootstock, and this takes time and expertise. I hope the growers will be able to keep up with the demand this summer!

Regardless of which variety you select, it is important to make sure the tree is properly cared for. The most common mistake made by new gardeners is to plant the tree too deep. Planting a tree too deep is akin to putting a blanket over your mouth. I have had people come to the Garden Shoppe here at the Estates and ask why their tree hasn't grown. Many times when they provide a photo, I can tell that the tree was not properly planted.

It's important to plant the tree at the same soil level as it was in the flowerpot – provided it wasn't planted too deep to start with. Make sure that the tree's root flare is above grade. I have seen trees planted as much as a foot too deep and the roots never made their way into the surrounding soil. When this happens, you can actually rock the tree back and forth because it's unstable.

After a season of rain during the summer, the tree should be rock solid in the ground. Mulch should not be piled up over the trunk, but pulled away from the bark so as not to rot it. Trees are a blessing if the right one is planted in the right place – and in the right way. Don't amend the soil for trees, because that discourages the roots from growing beyond the planting hole. I use root stimulator or Quantum (a liquid mycorrhizae), drenching the soil which aids in the uptake of nutrients and water into the trees xylem and phloem (conducting system similar to our veins and arteries).

The summer rainy season is a good time to plant trees because Mother Nature will do most of the watering and



Giant milkweed in the butterfly garden

you won't have to pull a hose around the yard every day. Sometimes it's good to select a very small tree, because the larger the specimen purchased, the longer it will take for the tree to establish.

As a general rule, a tree grown in a larger pot (25-gallon and up) could take two to three years before you see the tree stand strong, while a young tree in a 15-gallon pot or smaller will take less time to get established. Be mindful that in the extreme heat, sometimes the rain isn't enough and the tree will still need supplemental water.

This time of year, tropical plants will start to grow rapidly once the rains start. Our butterfly garden has more flowers now, providing a feast for any passing butterfly, bee, or other pollinator. If you want to start a butterfly garden, be sure to include both nectar and host plants. Host plants are what the female butterfly will lay her eggs on and the caterpillar will eat until it's large enough to form a chrysalis. These plants are supposed to get eaten, so if esthetics are important to you, plant these specimens in the backyard. The plants will regrow, allowing more caterpillars to feast and start the cycle all over again.

Each year, we participate in the North American Butterfly Association (NABA) butterfly count. These official counts must cover a 15-mile radius, so we station counters at Lakes Regional Park and Rotary Park in Cape Coral, as well as at the Estates. During the two-hour count, volunteers walk the site and count butterflies. We gather the information and submit it to NABA. The count helps identify butterfly population trends and can help scientists determine if butterfly species are declining or increasing or staying about the same.

Many of the plants in the butterfly demonstration garden are available for sale in the Garden Shoppe. Visitors can also check the sign that shows which butterflies are common in Lee County and which host plants each species needs. I encourage anyone wanting to start a butterfly garden to come see the demonstration garden and look for butterflies that are fluttering around.

We also offer classes and garden talks throughout the year on many different topics to help both new and experienced gardeners. Go to the calendar section of our website to learn about upcoming garden events. I hope to see you soon!



A ruddy daggerwing butterfly uses strangler fig as a host plant.

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# Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center

**The Me, You, And Them Exhibition**  
**Opens July 2, 6 p.m., closes July 29, 3 p.m.**  
**Cost:** General admission: \$1 entry donation

"Me, You and Them" is a solo exhibition by Cath Branwood. Originally from the United Kingdom, Cath travelled extensively before moving to the United States almost 10 years ago. Cath continually tries to share her unique perception of the world through being a creator. She is a painter, visual artist, photographer and poet.



The Me, You and Them exhibition originated from the 2020 lockdown period, where Cath was isolated alone and took the opportunity to explore herself, producing her stark black and white self-portraits displaying loneliness, isolation and the "shadow side" of herself, but also showing the open blank space for things which lie beyond all that.

It was in this blank space and isolated time of lockdown where Cath found inspiration in the words and faces of others and began creating their portraits alongside her own.

This exhibition also features the contrasting style with the graphic lineal "words and faces" pieces, created in mixed

media and portraying images of people living and passed who have inspired the artist through their incredible presence on this earth with books, letters, plays, poems, speeches, lyrics and music.

This dual-focused and styled exhibition is the artist's unique reflection on isolation which positively encourages us to find the place inside or outside ourselves where we are most inspired to live life fully.

**'70s, '80s, And '90s Dance Party**

**Friday, July 16, 9 p.m. to 12 a.m.**

**Cost:** Purchase tickets online for general admission: \$10.

Sounds of Summer Music Series presents a '70s, '80s, and '90s Retro Dance Party! Get out your bell bottoms, leg warmers, or zip off jeans and bring your best dance moves to get groovy and party like it's the 20th century! This dance party will be held on our Sydney's rooftop sculpture garden! It's going to be a fun night to get groovy under the stars.



**Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center (SBDAC), 2301 First St., Fort Myers, FL 33901, (239) 333-1933, www.sbdac.com.**



### Word Scramble Solution from page 2

Blowfish	Lobster	Manatee	Shark
Coral	Eels	Octopus	Whale
Crabs	Dolphin	Reef	Treasure

### Sudoku Puzzle Solution from page 2

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

# Lee County Library System Wins Two Awards

The Lee County Library System has been selected as the 2021 recipient of two Florida Library Association awards: Excellence in Marketing and Public Relations and Outstanding Business or Media Partner.

The Excellence in Marketing and Public Relations award recognizes outstanding strategic marketing, public relations projects or campaigns that show results. The award highlights the work of the Digital Services Team at Lee County Library System for a Halloween-themed video, *Tales from Beyond the Stacks*. The video reached thousands of viewers and showed off the skills and abilities of the team while promoting library services. See the video here: <https://bit.ly/3w1VZP9>.

The Outstanding Business or Media Partner award honors a company, business partner or media agency for their leadership or significant contribution in support of library service to a local, regional or statewide library organization. This year's award recognizes WINK News anchor Lois Thome, who has provided 20 years of continuous support to Lee County Library System's signature event, the Southwest Florida Reading Festival.

"Reading has always been a big part of my life, so to be honored for being part of such an important event in our

community is the cherry on top of the sundae," Thome said. "It's rare to find a free, community event that serves all in such a positive way. I am happy to play a small part in making it the successful event it's become."

As a founding member of the festival's planning committee, Thome has brought expertise and insight to the event, ensuring the best visibility through PSAs, live TV interviews, festival-day story times, arranging onsite author interviews and more. With Lois's help, the festival has been able to positively impact more than 100,000 readers in the community.

"Lois is a strong advocate for libraries and reading," Library Director Mindi Simon said. "It has been a privilege to work with her on the Southwest Florida Reading Festival. Additionally, I am so proud of our digital services team who creatively promote the library and all of the valuable services we provide to our community."

### About The Lee County Library System

*The Lee County Library System, founded in 1964, has 13 branches with more than 1.5 million items. Currently more than 294,000 Lee County residents are registered users.*

*For more information, call (239) 479-INFO (4636) or visit [www.leelibrary.net](http://www.leelibrary.net).*

### Crossword Solution from page 2

T	W	I	G	S		H	I	G	H		C	O	T	E		
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U	N	D	E	R	S	T	A	T	E		G	A	N	G		
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A	N	G	R	Y		S	T	I	E	D						
B	E	R	M		S	T	E	R	E	O	T	Y	P	E		
B	R	E	E		W	I	P	E			W	E	A	L	S	
O	V	E	N		A	L	P	S			S	A	G	E	S	
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Otherwise, the information submitted is for board use only.

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