

## Follow The Rules Like ‘Call Before You Dig,’ If You’re Planning A Project, ‘Ask Before You Begin’

By Gareth (Gary) Hudson, Chair,  
Deeds of Restriction Committee

We live in a deed restricted community. The only reason your civic association exists is to enforce the deeds of restrictions (DOR). The sole reason there are deed restrictions is to maintain property values. Association members in good standing elect a 12-member Board of Directors. The primary work of your Board of Directors is two-fold:

- Architectural compliance with the DORs. Please share your exterior project plans with [archreview@townandriverfl.com](mailto:archreview@townandriverfl.com) before you begin your project.
- Investigating violations of the restrictions which are either noticed or brought to its attention by members of the association.



Per the bylaws, the board delegates architectural compliance and violations enforcement to the Deed of Restrictions Committee. The committee members are listed on the association’s website [www.townandriverfl.com](http://www.townandriverfl.com).

Under “Documents & Administration” there is a complaint procedure. Some folks are reluctant to “tattle” on their neighbors. Such reluctance allows violations to go unaddressed. Depending on the nature of the violation, this reluctance can result in decreased property values. The association’s legal counsel has advised that members of the association who bring a complaint can remain anonymous (and you will remain anonymous). For example, if you’re tired of your neighbors’ trash receptacles always being visible and/or scattered about, and/or being put by the curb days early and brought in (or not at all) days late, fill out a complaint form. Then communicate with your street director and/or the chair of the DOR Committee. All violations which are reported are investigated. Resolution may be as easy as a telephone call or email or visit by a street director (board member who has been assigned certain streets) or member of the DOR Committee. To see who your street director is go to the website or look at any issue of the monthly newsletter.

## Town & River Lake Report

Inspection Date: June 16

Inspected For:

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

**Technician’s comments:** Treated submerged aquatics growing throughout the lake. Follow-up treatment on July 7.



## Keep Lee County Beautiful Coastal Cleanup

Sept. 18 – 9 a.m. To 12 p.m.

Keep Lee County Beautiful would like to thank all of the volunteers and supporters who make this event possible. Without you we would not be able to make such a positive impact on our local environment. Our volunteers jump right in at numerous sites and gather thousands of pounds of litter. Getting all of this gathered before it can make its way out into the Gulf is a significant accomplishment and we are so thankful to everyone involved that play a part in getting this done.



Every year, many volunteers will be needed to help in this international cleanup effort to rid Florida’s coastlines of litter,

pollution and debris. The sites throughout Lee County are coordinated each year by Keep Lee County Beautiful Inc. for collection and documentation of beach litter. This is a global effort and we will be looking for volunteers to assist us again in the Annual International Coastal Cleanup. Please visit [klcb.org](http://klcb.org) to sign up to volunteer. Thank you for your support!

### Environmental And Economic Hazards

Marine life can easily be entangled in fishing line, nets, and six-pack rings. Fish, birds and turtles mistake trash like Styrofoam, plastics, and cigarette butts for food, which may eventually lead to starvation.

Marine debris weakens coastal economies by sapping dollars from the tourism and seafood industries. Tourism in Lee County contributed \$3 billion to the regional economy last year, and we’d like to keep it that way.

### Cleaning Beaches

Keep Lee County Beautiful, supported by the Ocean Conservancy and Florida Fish & Wildlife, organize coastal cleanups to remove debris along our shoreline. In the last five

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## Alliance For The Arts

### Fort Myers Cosplay Con 2021

Sunday, Sept. 26 – 11 a.m. To 5 p.m.

The Alliance for the Arts and the Fort Myers Cosplay Club is proud to announce the birth of Cosplay Con – a new kind of local convention that focuses on the fandoms that make up our town’s “nerd scene.” The event is Sunday, Sept. 26 hosted at the Alliance for the Arts from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.



This convention is full of everything you look forward to at conventions, all in one event! Tabletop games, helpful demos and workshops, LARP sessions, cosplay mini shoots, informative panels from local experts in the field, cosplay contests for craftsmanship and showmanship – and the list continues to grow!

Tickets are \$20 per person and must be purchased in advance. Children under 10 are free. The Alliance has a ton of free parking onsite, but carpooling is better for the environment.

The Fort Myers Cosplay Club is a group of Southwest Florida residents that are passionate about escapist hobbies and interests. Cosplayers, DnD players, anime fans, LARPer, Potterheads, Disney nuts, gamers, comic book buffs, and other fandoms come together as one community in this 400-something member Facebook group. As Fort Myers continues to host more Comic-Con and Con-esque events, the club was inspired to invent the convention of our dreams. A convention hosted for us, by us.

For more information on how you can get involved through sponsorship, vendor opportunities or volunteering, please email Amanda at [fmcosplayclub@gmail.com](mailto:fmcosplayclub@gmail.com) or fill out a form on the Fort Myers Cosplay Club website.

**Please note:** This event is hosted inside at the Alliance for the Arts. Face masks are requested at all times while inside the building or when social distancing is not possible. Space will be limited to maximize social distancing. You will be required to adhere to all posted signage and procedures while on the Alliance campus. This information is subject to change.

**Alliance For The Arts, 10091 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33919, (239) 939-2787, [artinlee.org](http://artinlee.org).**



**All are encouraged to attend  
our next Board meeting on Sept. 9!**

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

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

**Check out our new website  
[www.townandriverfl.com](http://www.townandriverfl.com).**

# Catch The Action

## September On The Water

By Capt. Bill Russell

As we roll into September the end of summer is in sight as we gradually break away from hot muggy days and transition to the cooler days of autumn. This is great news for anglers fishing around Southwest Florida. Days become less humid with a slight drop in temperature, a welcomed relief after a hot Florida summer. Don't get



me wrong, there will still be plenty of hot days, but they become much more tolerable as the month progresses.

The summer thunderstorm pattern begins to fade away opening the door to spend longer periods of the day on the water. Also, with less rain, the clarity of inshore waters improve along with salinity levels. September is a very active month in the tropics, so we need to keep our fingers crossed that hurricanes and tropical storms keep away.

Just as anglers enjoy the change of seasons, fish also respond, as they become more active resulting in improved fishing. With a drop in water temperature, you can expect them to exert more energy and feed more consistently throughout the day. Of course, it's fishing, there are days when you can't buy a bite no matter what, but chances for success are tipped in your favor as the water cools.

Offshore, as water temperatures drop and the change of seasons begin, look for fish to move closer to shore in shallower depths and pelagic species heading south down the coast. Grouper, plus large snapper should be caught with consistency in depths from 65 to 90 feet in Gulf waters. Artificial reefs that dot our coast, along with hard bottom and ledges in 30- to 70-foot depths are great locations to catch a variety of different fish from small to large.

Mangrove snapper fishing was excellent through the summer and should continue strong through the month. Snapper school up around some type of structure that could include bridge pilings, docks, piers, oyster bars, creeks, mangroves shorelines, or any type of man-made or natural submerged structure inshore. Offshore, they are found in numbers over artificial reefs and limestone ledges. Scale down your tackle with a light fluorocarbon leader of 20 pounds or lighter and small hooks. Best baits include shrimp (live or dead), small pilchards or pinfish,

and a variety of cut bait. Chumming is a great option to attract snapper and get them fired up.

It's possible over the month to come across schools of large redfish roaming the inshore shallows. Often several hundred or more travel along the edge of shallow bars and shorelines eating anything in their path. If you come across a school, make a long cast in front of the lead fish, and hang on. These big reds generally run 30 inches or larger and are schooling until we get our first real cold front, likely in October.

Larger sea trout begin moving back into shallower water to feed; this is a great time to work a top water plug across your favorite trout flats. Plenty of sea trout will be caught under the endless schools of baitfish, look for birds and surface activity. It's been a great summer for baitfish, as they have been more than abundant. Trout fishing will get better as the water continues to cool over the month.

Snook will casually leave the beaches and Gulf passes where they spend the summer months and transition back inshore on the flats. Target snook around oyster bars, shorelines, sand holes, and structure such as riprap, docks, piers, and bridges. This is often one of the best months for snook fishing as they are active, on the move, and foraging on a variety of baits.

Other fish including mackerel, sharks, snapper, jack crevalle, bluefish, pompano, permit, tripletail, tarpon, and cobia, plus others, are on the list of what we may expect to catch or have a chance at in the upcoming month. Stay up to date with fishing regulations by visiting [www.myfwc.com](http://www.myfwc.com). Also, upload the Fish Rules app on your phone. It has current regulations and seasons with pictures to help identify fish.

With a variety of fish and enjoyable weather, this is a great month to get out there and see what you can catch!

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."



## Word Scramble

### Tools

By Ellie Neal

Volehs	Narec
Alin	Ochkeab
Mchremkaja	Srwipa
Lrlid	Wrces
Ssalges	Rlspei
Mamreh	Nhrwce

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# From The Desk Of Sheriff Carmine Marceno

As always, I am hopeful that this month's message finds you and your family well and enjoying the Southwest Florida summer.



It has been over two years since Deputy Chance came into our lives at the Lee County Sheriff's Office. The abuse that he suffered set in motion the

creation of an LCSO Animal Cruelty Task Force ... a project that has paid remarkable dividends here in our county.

In addition to the arrests that have been made involving animal abuse, cruelty and mistreatment, the pursuit of animal abusers has opened doors leading to arrests and convictions related to narcotics, domestic violence, child abuse and much more.

The Animal Cruelty Task Force Ambassador, Deputy Chance, has made an incredible number of appearances around the county ... visiting schools, workplaces, community events, camps,



Deputy Chance

etc. To each appearance, Chance brings with him a message of hope and an age-appropriate educational piece regarding the proper treatment of animals. Additionally, his presence carries a reminder of my unwillingness to tolerate any form of abuse. This message has reached tens of thousands locally and has elicited mail and responses from four other continents!

The American Humane Hero Dog Awards® are an annual, nationwide competition designed to shine a bright light on canines that are making remarkable contributions in seven categories: Guide/Hearing; Law Enforcement and Detection; Military; Search and Rescue; Service; Shelter; and Therapy.

As a rescued canine, Deputy Chance was entered into the "Shelter" category. His story ... the manner in which he went from victim of severe abuse to an ambassador against animal mistreatment ... is an emotionally moving one.

Deputy Chance won the two rounds of voting as a direct result of the daily efforts of our community members who logged on to the American Humane Hero Dog Awards® website to cast their vote. The love and support of Chance's friends in Lee County have resulted in Deputy Chance winning in the "Shelter Dog of the Year" category. The winners in each category will be honored on Hallmark Channel's nationwide broadcast of the American Humane Hero Dog Awards® in October!

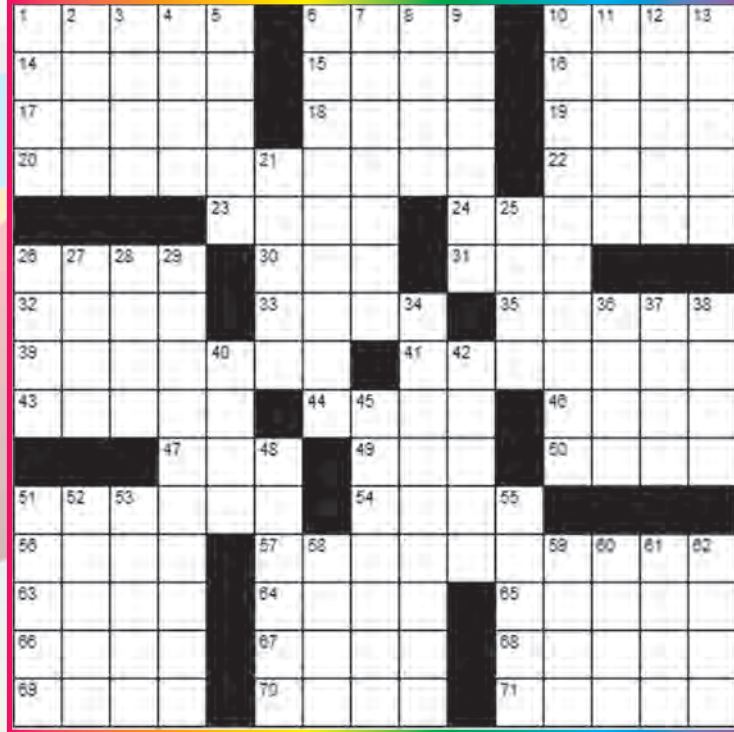
As sheriff, I am both appreciative and elated. The love shown for Deputy Chance overwhelms me. The support for and the growth of the Lee County Sheriff's Office Animal Cruelty Task Force motivates me to continue to diligently combat animal abuse.

The seven category winners in the American Humane Hero Dog Awards competition will now compete for the title of American Humane Hero Dog of the Year. Voting closed on Sept. 7 but you can still visit <https://herodogawards.org/> to follow Deputy Chance's journey.

## Crossword Puzzle

### Across

- 1. Affair
- 6. Chime
- 10. Backwards "Prod"
- 14. Lofty nest
- 15. District
- 16. Carbamide
- 17. Genus of heath
- 18. Fly high
- 19. Bones on your sides
- 20. As deserved
- 22. Foment
- 23. A period of discounted prices
- 24. Marriageable
- 26. Pigeon's home
- 30. Martini ingredient
- 31. 16 in Roman numerals
- 32. Absent Without Leave
- 33. "Do \_\_\_ others..."
- 35. Lacquer ingredient
- 39. Protection from harm



- 41. Go-between
- 43. Draw forth
- 44. Narrow opening
- 46. Turn into the wind
- 47. Not bottom
- 49. How old you are
- 50. Laughs (slang)
- 51. Electric discharge
- 54. Male turkeys
- 56. Food thickener
- 57. Daughter of a step-parent
- 63. Chancel
- 64. Tropical tuber
- 65. French for "Storehouse"
- 66. Past tense of Leap
- 67. Iridescent gem
- 68. Street urchin

- 69. Existence
- 70. Depend
- 71. Construct

### Down

- 1. Provide nourishment
- 2. Stringed instrument
- 3. Colored part of an eye
- 4. Agreeable
- 5. Cogwheels
- 6. Standards
- 7. Causing erosion
- 8. Loyal (archaic)
- 9. Voice box
- 10. Indestructibility
- 11. Small African antelope
- 12. Renegade

- 13. Adhesive
- 21. Tenth cranial nerve
- 25. Eye layer
- 26. An abandoned calf
- 27. Was indebted
- 28. Curdled soybean milk
- 29. Voters
- 34. Similar to a monopoly
- 36. Brother of Jacob
- 37. Treat with contempt
- 38. Writing fluids
- 40. A noble gas
- 42. List components
- 45. Sidelong
- 48. Minister
- 51. A steel wire rope
- 52. S-shaped moldings
- 53. Stadium walkways
- 55. Blockade
- 58. Adhesive strip
- 59. Celebrity
- 60. Docile
- 61. Sweeping story
- 62. Lease

Crossword Solution on page 7

## Sudoku Puzzle

5		8			
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# Understanding Advance Directives

Presented by Jacqueline Lambros, Registered Principal



If you became seriously ill and could no longer communicate your wishes, how would you want to be cared for? Which treatments would you want and which would you want to avoid? Advance directives allow you to

convey your decisions for end-of-life care to family, friends, and health care professionals, helping prevent confusion down the road.

## What Are Advance Directives?

Advance directives are legal documents that make your preferences for medical care known *before* you become ill. Through an advance directive, you can appoint someone to make decisions for you if you're unable to do so, as well as tell your health care providers how to manage your treatment. For example, in the case of a terminal illness, you might request that health care professionals keep you comfortable and pain-free without resorting to extraordinary and costly measures. Or you might state that you want a certain treatment no matter how ill you are.

## Important Considerations

An advance directive becomes effective only if your doctor verifies that you have a terminal or irreversible condition and you cannot communicate. Advance directives are not set in stone; they can always be amended or revoked. (They cannot, however, be changed by a relative or well-meaning friend.) If you do decide to amend or revoke an advance directive, it's important to let your family, doctor, and other health care professionals know.

In the absence of an advance directive or other legal document created for you, your family can ask the courts to appoint a proxy to make your medical decisions. Usually, courts will grant only limited authority to a proxy, which may not fully address the needs of the patient and family. By drafting an advance directive, you can appoint your own proxy and provide him or her as broad or as narrow an authority as you wish. Keep in mind that your proxy has the legal right to make decisions for you, even if family members disagree.

It's also important to note that laws for advance directives vary from state to state, so be sure to understand the laws where you live. Although a legally valid document executed in one state will generally be honored in another, it's wise to have your documents prepared in any states you frequently visit.

## Types Of Advance Directives

Advance directives can take several forms, but the three documents described below are the most common. You

may need all three to provide comprehensive directions about your wishes.

**1. Health care proxy or durable medical power of attorney.** Through a health care proxy or durable medical power of attorney, you designate who can act as your advocate and make medical decisions on your behalf.

**2. Living will.** A living will is often confused with a durable medical power of attorney or health care proxy, but its scope is more limited. It describes the medical treatments you would want if you were seriously ill, but it doesn't allow you to appoint someone to make decisions for you. Typically, a living will clarifies your wishes in regard to feeding and hydration tubes, breathing apparatuses, permanent dialysis, or other life-support systems.

**3. Do not resuscitate (DNR) directive.** In the event you stop breathing or your heart stops, a DNR directive instructs paramedics and other response teams not to perform CPR. You can decide where this directive takes effect: while you are in the hospital, in nonhospital emergencies, or both.

## Another Option: Five Wishes

Created by the nonprofit organization Aging with Dignity, Five Wishes is an advance directive that focuses on the patient's values about terminal care rather than specific medical treatments.

Five Wishes meets the legal criteria for advance directives in 42 states. Health care professionals will accept it in the remaining states, but it may not be honored if there are conflicting wishes among your family members.

## Giving Your Family Peace Of Mind

By defining the type and extent of care you want to receive, you can give your family peace of mind if a painful decision has to be made. The clearer you are about your wishes, the easier it will be for the person whom you appoint to make medical decisions on your behalf. Once you have drafted an advance directive, don't forget to provide a copy to your family and health care providers, and be sure to discuss your wishes with those close to you.

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## Town & River Civic Association Inc.

### Balance Sheet As of July 31, 2021

	Jul 31, 21
<b>Assets</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Checking/Savings	
First Citizens Bank 2580	4,844.27
First Citizens Bank - MMS	85,888.42
PayPal Account	1,045.98
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	91,778.67
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	
Accounts Receivable	120.00
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	120.00
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
Prepaid, Lake Expense	2,534.29
Prepaid, Other Expense	2,738.61
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	5,272.90
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	97,171.57
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>97,171.57</u>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	
Prior Year Fund Balance	56,180.89
Retained Earnings	17,433.70
Net Income	23,556.98
<b>Total Equity</b>	97,171.57
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<u>97,171.57</u>

## Town & River Civic Association Inc.

### Profit And Loss July 2021

	Jul 21	Jan-Jul 21
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Income - Mandatory	0.00	10,560.00
Income - Voluntary	0.00	26,640.00
<b>Total Income</b>	0.00	37,200.00
Estoppel Preparation Income	100.00	600.00
Interest Income	.73	4.65
<b>Total Income</b>	100.73	37,804.65
<b>Expense</b>		
Accounting Fees	315.00	2,655.00
Bank Fees	35.00	155.00
Corp Insurance	190.42	1,811.92
Email Service	0.00	486.00
Legal Expense	104.00	2,541.50
Meeting Rooms	370.62	1,012.32
Newspaper Postage	138.50	967.78
PayPal Fees	0.00	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	838.53
Utilities	45.63	318.00
Website Maintenance	0.00	200.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	1,318.96	14,247.67
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	-1,218.23	23,556.98
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>-1,218.23</u>	<u>23,556.98</u>

## Keep Lee County Beautiful from page 1

years, our Coastal Cleanup program has brought together more than 9,000 volunteers to remove over 20,000 pounds of trash from Lee County waterways.

## International Coastal Cleanup

Keep Lee County Beautiful is the Lee County coordinator for Ocean Conservancy's annual International Coastal Cleanup (ICC), the largest volunteer effort of its kind. Every September for 34 years, ICC has motivated over 12 million people from around the world to pick up over 147 million pounds of trash from more than 300,000 miles of shoreline.

## Get Involved

If you'd like to be a site coordinator or to volunteer for the Lee County Coastal Cleanup, email Mike Thomas at Mike@klcb.org or visit klcb.org to stake your claim. If you know of other sites in need of help, please let us know.

## Corporate Sponsorships And Cleanups

Keep Lee County Beautiful is seeking corporate partners who will help support our fall coastal cleanup program, either financially or through in-kind gifts of needed

supplies. With your support, Keep Lee County Beautiful can coordinate a corporate cleanup for your organization.

**Keep Lee County Beautiful Inc., PO Box 9244, Fort Myers, FL 33902, (239) 334-3488, www.klcb.org.**



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

## Thinking Beyond Plants – Architecture Of The Garden

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



Garden design is a form of art; just as with painting or writing music, there are guidelines that help make the process of designing a garden easier. It's important to spend time planning before purchasing plants and installing them in your garden. Some key considerations to think of when designing the overall plan include determining your cold tolerance zone, how much sunlight the area gets, the amount of soil moisture, how you plan to use the area, and how much time you want to spend each week maintaining the garden space.

It's also important to look at your garden in relationship to the surrounding landscape. For example, if your backyard fronts a golf course, think of what you could plant to provide a buffer between your yard and the golfers. My suggestion would be to plant suitable trees appropriately spaced from a pool or sitting area to achieve some privacy. Some flowering trees that I recommend are verawood (*Bulnesia arborea*), golden trumpet (*Tabebuia chrysostrica*), golden shower (*Cassia fistula*), or tropical lilac (*Lonchocarpus violaceus*). These trees provide some shade, plus have jaw-dropping flowers at certain times of the year.

If you are interested in Florida native trees, some good options are Bahama strongbark (*Bourreria succulenta*), fiddlewood (*Citharexylum spinosum*), orange geiger (*Cordia sebestena*), or cinnamon bark (*Canella winterana*). Unfortunately, if you have a Homeowner's Association, some of these trees may not be on the list of approved choices for your community, so it's good to find out before making a purchase.

The dynamics in the plant industry change regularly. New species become available due to plant exploration, hybridization, and growers wanting to stay on trend. There are many options to choose from and quite a few to avoid due to invasive qualities. What defines "invasive"

is a nonnative plant that invades natural habitats (a native plant cannot be defined as invasive). One such problem plant is the oyster plant (*Tradescantia spathacea*) or sometimes called "Moses in a boat." There is a "new and improved" variety that's sterile and won't cause a catastrophe.

Another invasive plant is *Ruellia simplex*, commonly called Mexican petunia. At first this small perennial looked promising when it came to the trade more than 20 years ago. I have seen the difficulty in keeping this plant in check. I recently tried to remove one from an area at my mom's condo, and it seems to never go away. It is always popping up everywhere. When a bad performer is planted in your yard, it has potential to do damage in natural areas and preserves. The Florida Invasive Species Council maintains a list of invasive plants that can be found at [www.floridainvasivespecies.org](http://www.floridainvasivespecies.org).

A poor decision often made with good intentions for landscaping is planting a monoculture hedge. *Ficus benjamina* was used regularly because this shrub was easy to get in the trade. This choice of plant material is another one of those trees that was often shaped into hedges or, if pruning was halted, it would grow into a 50-foot tree with invasive roots that would find their way into water or sewer pipes. A ficus whitefly has become a pest on these trees. Landscapers' latest trend is using clusia for their hedge needs and it is becoming overused. It's best to plant a mix of several shrubs (natives will perform best) rather than a row of all the same plant.

Another problem in planned communities is that landscapers or builders often select trees that are too large for the lot, such as with live oaks. I love the old oaks frequently seen in big fields where they can grow naturally with their wide branches, but they need to be able to grow as nature intended. Recently, a community had to remove all the oaks planted near homes



*Tabebuia chrysostrica* produces beautiful flowers in March.



Live oaks are made for properties with lots of space. This oak is growing in Jacksonville, Fla., and was luckily saved from demolition. If there isn't room for a live oak, it is best to plant smaller trees in the allotted space.

and driveways because of the destruction the tree roots caused. When roots lift driveways and sidewalks, it becomes a safety issue. There are many other trees and palms that are more appropriate for smaller spaces.

Another important consideration is a view for the homeowner. Some older homes were built very close together, which for a neighbor can mean looking out a window at the side of a house. When I look out the windows of my historic cottage built in 1959, I see the side of my neighbor's 1917 home. Because homes built in the turn of the century had different building codes, the home sits on my property line which is about 8 feet from my home. Luckily, I have a pergola covered with hanging baskets between our houses, so I have something pretty to look at. This design principle hides the wall adequately without adding extra maintenance in such a reduced planting space.

Use your ingenuity and inspiration to try something new in difficult areas. Make sure you do your research and plan on using the best possible planting scheme for an area that could be a nightmare when it comes to the potential extra work a tree or shrub could be. Most trees and flowering shrubs need lots of sunlight in order for the plant to produce blooms. If they are stuck between homes, plants often become leggy, chlorotic, and don't flower much – if at all.

Another great design idea is using pavers in tight spaces or between houses. This technique helps the homeowner traverse from the front to back of the home easily. Paths are the arteries of the garden, flowing from gateways, driveways, doors or windows. Main paths should be 4 to 5 feet wide and secondary paths 3 to 3½ feet. The materials should blend in with the architectural style of the home. Shell pathways work well if you are looking for an informal look.

Good design principles not only create pretty spaces for the homeowner, but they also help improve curb appeal. Neighbors, potential homebuyers, and neighborhood visitors drive in your community every day. Be sure to look out the window when planning your garden to imagine what the view will be and also look at your landscape and home from the street. Plan a nice view for when you are looking out your doors and windows and you'll be able to enjoy your garden for many years to come!

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# Guardian Ad Litem Foundation Hosted 'Back To School With The Blue' Backpack Giveaway

The Guardian ad Litem Foundation, 20th Judicial Circuit, distributed backpacks stuffed with school supplies to more than 200 Southwest Florida students as the new school year begins.

The foundation's second annual "Back To School With The Blue" backpack giveaway, in partnership with the Lee County Sheriff's Office, was held July 31 at the Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Outreach Center at Edison Mall in Fort Myers. Children living in foster care or temporary homes were given new backpacks filled with folders, notebooks, writing utensils, art supplies and \$100 Old Navy gift cards to purchase school uniforms or clothing.

The event was funded by the Shadow Wood Charitable Foundation, a nonprofit that supports programs improving the lives of Southwest Florida residents in need.

"Foster families and those providing temporary shelter for students in the child welfare system do not always have the financial resources to afford new school supplies every year,"



Back To School With The Blue volunteers

said Jessica Stanfield, the foundation's executive director. "Thanks to the generosity of our community partners, more than 200 students are now on the path to success and will start the school year ready for the challenges that await."

At Back To School With The Blue, students also were encouraged to write notes of appreciation to their Guardian ad Litem volunteer advocates, which are court-approved volunteer child advocates who serve as the voice for abused, neglected and abandoned children in Southwest Florida.

About 170 children received their backpacks during the event, and volunteers delivered 40 additional backpacks to local students unable to attend Back To School With The Blue. One aspiring law enforcement officer was even presented with a badge and an honorary title of Sheriff for the Day.

"As she left, she had a big smile on her face, which is what this event is all about," said Eric Bivens, a foundation board member and event chairman.

The Guardian ad Litem Foundation recruits, trains and supports volunteer child advocates for youth in Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties as they navigate the judicial, education and child welfare systems. The foundation also provides financial assistance to help meet a child's basic and developmental needs, including the Children's Needs Program that provides "extras" like birthday parties, tutoring, summer camp programs, movie tickets and registration fees for clubs and sports.



Volunteer Child Advocate Chris Gala (right) reviews school supplies with a backpack recipient.

For more information about the Guardian ad Litem Foundation, please visit [VoicesForKids.org](http://VoicesForKids.org) or call (239) 533-1435.

### About Guardian Ad Litem Foundation

Guardian ad Litem Foundation, 20th Judicial Circuit, was established in 1984 and is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that supports Guardian ad Litem programs in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties. The foundation, a United Way Partner Agency, has a mission of ensuring that every abused, neglected or abandoned youth in Southwest Florida has a voice as they navigate the judicial, educational and child welfare system. The foundation raises funds that help meet a child's health, educational and social needs, as well as provide support for highly trained volunteer advocates who represent the best interests of a child until a safe, permanent placement is established. For additional information, visit [VoicesForKids.org](http://VoicesForKids.org) or call (239) 533-1435.



Eric Bivens (event coordinator), Kevin Anderson (Fort Myers mayor) and Jessica Stanfield (foundation executive director)



Guardian ad Litem Foundation volunteers stand with participants trying on their backpacks.




Carl Wolaver, Lt. Alan Canfield, William Bogar, Ernie Urias, Eric Bivens

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Golfers will enjoy a pregame grab and go breakfast, awards luncheon, experience auction, spirited putting contest, and will receive a special gift for participating! Complimentary beer, soda, water, and snacks will be available throughout the course. **Golf attire required: collared shirts, please. No cargo shorts or jeans.**



**Fundraiser Health And Safety Protocols**  
We look forward to your participation in this year’s golf

fundraiser, a fun day of friend-raising and fundraising. Given the spread of the COVID-19 virus in Florida and across the globe, Keep Lee County Beautiful and Cypress Run are implementing a number of measures designed to keep golfers safe.

All golf registration and sponsorship opportunities will occur online on this golf tournament website, [www.klcb.org/events/go-green-golf-tournament/](http://www.klcb.org/events/go-green-golf-tournament/).

Golfer’s must maintain the practice of social distancing (a minimum of 6 feet away from others) and must wear a face covering/mask when not golfing.

**Keep Lee County Beautiful Inc., PO Box 9244, Fort Myers, FL 33902, (239) 334-3488, [www.klcb.org](http://www.klcb.org).**

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Sidney’s sculpture garden and reception area is now open to the public on Friday nights. Enjoy dance or live music on the rooftop on Friday nights from 7 p.m. until 12 a.m. **Note:** Some nights will carry a nominal cover



charge. Sidney’s rooftop sculpture garden is also open to visitors during the weekdays for viewing works from people such as Miami artists Juan Miguel Vazquez and Mario Almaguer, as well as the painted mural “Paradise City” by Artsemble Underground of Fort Myers.



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

### Word Scramble Solution from page 2

Shovel	Drill	Crane	Screw
Nail	Glasses	Backhoe	Pliers
Jackhammer	Hammer	Ripsaw	Wrench

### Sudoku Puzzle Solution from page 3

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

### Crossword Solution from page 3

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