

Board Of Directors Meeting Minutes [Unapproved]

South Pointe South Clubhouse Thursday, September 8, 2022

Call To Order – Renee Notes
Officers, Directors, & Residents Present

A quorum was established.
Present: Directors, Renee Notes, Martha Smith, Kay Gloris, Myriam Lentz, Gary Hudson, John Kristobak, Craig O'Donnell, Ann Marie Aeschliman, Tom Aeschliman

Absent: Mark Generales, Marge Byrne, Executive Secretary Sally Stigler.

Approval Of Minutes – May 12, 2022, minutes were approved by motion.

Treasurer's Report – Gary Hudson

May, June, and July financial statements & supporting documents were mailed to Board Members during the summer when each was available from C. Budde, CPA. August financials were emailed to board members early this morning. Also emailed was the current edition of a summer "Work in Progress" outlining Treasurer responsibilities. In his email Gary noted "An earlier version was shared with Marge and Ann and constituted the agenda for a meeting the three of us had with Cye Budde on August 15. The intent is to have a smooth hand off as I continue to wind down my role in our association." It was voted to keep dues at \$120 per year for 2022. This will be an agenda item at



the Annual Meeting January 20, 2023. With no questions, the financial report was approved by motion.

Deeds Of Restriction/Architectural Review Committee – John Kristobak

The board discussed and voted on DOR/Architectural Review matters:

- Myriam researched sign companies that could be used for "For Sale" uniform signs to be used by real estate agents listing homes in Town and River. These signs would have required guidelines registered with sign companies. This was tabled for future discussion.

- The owner of a planned home on Joanna Circle was issued a county permit January 10, 2022. The association has not yet received the plans for this home in Unit 5. A certified letter was mailed February 23, 2022, requesting the plans.

- There was discussion regarding a need for additional outside help in drafting violation letters and requesting plans for homes and following up on these matters.

- John Kristobak offered to contact the Town & River Improvement Unit (TRUI) regarding the need to address potholes in several areas.

- Discussion on how to better define DOR regarding parking trailers on the street, storage sheds, dumpsters/PODS, signs, setbacks, front hedges all to be reviewed and discussed further at next meeting.

- A new pool and pool cage is being built on Deep Lagoon Lane in Unit 11 without association approval. County permits were issued in August. The owners will receive a letter requesting plans for approval.

Committee Reports

Lake Status - Renee reported via email that Lake status is clean, no issues.

New Business

Newsletter-Do we need a monthly printed newsletter? Currently the newsletter is mailed monthly by Seabreeze Communications to every address in Town & River Estates. The association's only expense for the newsletter is the postage. The association's web site www.townandriverfl.com is the most complete and up to date source for information so the board is questioning the need for continuing printed media. This will be discussed further.

Board vacancy – There is one board vacancy and a board member said he knows someone who may be interested and will follow-up with this person.

For future discussion – Intranet for Town & River residents.

Annual Meeting

This will be held at Cypress Lake United Methodist Church January 20, 2023.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion. The next regularly scheduled meeting is October 13, 2022.

*Respectfully submitted,
Martha Smith and Gary Hudson
standing in for Sally Stigler,
Executive Secretary*

Fair At Fenway

Nov. 4 To 20 – JetBlue Park

The Fair at Fenway is coming to JetBlue Park in Fort Myers, 11500 Daniels Pkwy., with all of our entertainment. All shows at the Fair at Fenway South are **free** with admission and include: Pirates of the Colombian Caribbean Thrill Show; Big Bee Transforming Car Robot Show; Magic of Lance Gifford; World Famous Racing Pigs, Las Vegas Hypnosis Show; Cowtown USA, Barnyard Petting Corral, and Pony Rides (this is an extra ticketed attraction and is not included with fair admission).



Family Rides

Puppy Roll; Bumper Cars; Carousel; Giant Wheel; Magic Maze; Sizzler; Superslide; and Wacky Shack.



Kiddie Rides

Bumblebee; Farm Tractors; Granny Bugs; Happy Swings; Mini Dumbos; Swamp Gator; and Umbrella 4x4.

Note: Ride ticket amounts, rider restrictions, and event specials, hours, and general information is subject to change without notice.

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Thrill Rides

Rock Star; Starship 4000; Streetfighter 360; Super Cyclone Coaster; Typhoon; and Vertigo.



**All are encouraged to attend
our next Board meeting on Nov. 10!**

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.

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 (community entry off McGregor Boulevard between Cypress Lake Drive and College Parkway). Meetings begin at 11:30 a.m. with a short social period followed by lunch at noon and normally 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 will be held on Thursday, Nov. 17 (a week early due to Thanksgiving), and our guest speaker will be Greg Longenhagen, artistic director of the Florida Repertory Theatre. The Florida Rep is Lee County's largest nonprofit arts organization and has reached over 100,000 this season with its professional live theater programming as well as its educational programming for youth. Greg's presentation will include:

- History of the Florida Repertory Theatre
- Behind the scenes information on how a presentation comes together
- Details of upcoming productions and events
- Free ticket giveaway
- Audience question and answer

Luncheon fee is \$28 per person and the planned menu will be a baby spinach/strawberry salad with sliced grilled chicken, dried cranberries, mandarin oranges, feta cheese, Bermuda onion and toasted almonds, served with raspberry vinaigrette dressing; rolls and butter; and chef's choice dessert. The plant-based vegan option will be baked stuffed Portobello mushroom cap with spaghetti squash,

Sudoku Puzzle

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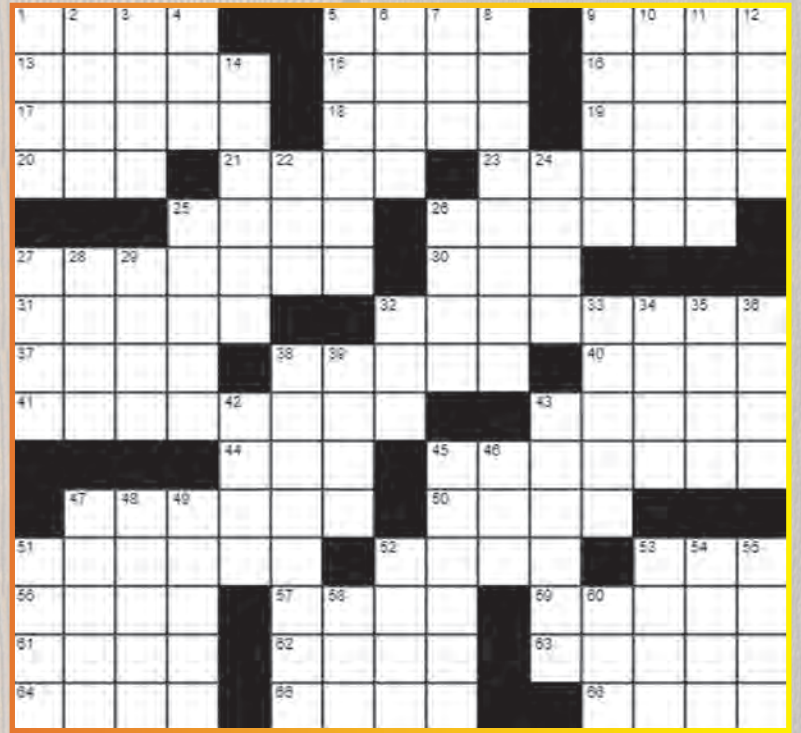
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spinach and caramelized onions on a bed of vegetable quinoa served with polenta cake and fresh fruit dessert.

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, Nov. 10.

Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. Ringing instrument
5. Membership fees
9. Hydrox rival
13. Slippery as ____
15. "____ quam videri"
(North Carolina's motto)
16. Dissolve
17. Patti LuPone role
18. For fear that
19. Touch on
20. Handwoven Scandinavian rug
21. Jury member
23. Texas border city
25. Attention-getting sound
26. Origin
27. Jock
30. ____-Tiki
31. Neighborhoods
32. Affecting the whole body
37. Last name in spydom
38. Bullwinkle, e.g.
40. Starchy staple
41. Iberian peninsula inhabitant
43. Biblical king
44. Turkish title
45. Effeminate
47. Pertaining to the skin
50. Fly catcher
51. Hungarian sheep dog
52. Junk email
53. Reveal, in verse
56. Ireland
57. Billy ____ had a hit song
with *White Wedding*
59. Was Hamlet
61. Quod ____ demonstrandum
62. Pianist Peter
63. Clangorous
64. Gives a bad review
65. Auction site
66. Sgts., e.g.

Down

1. Boxer Max
2. Covetousness
3. Sci-fi princess
4. Tennis do-over
5. Erase
6. Manipulator
7. Pothook shape
8. Fre
9. Astrologer Sydney
10. Renaissance fiddle
11. Evade
12. Director Preminger
14. Passes by degrees
22. Ballpark fig.
24. Em, e.g.
25. Evident
26. The ____ the limit!
27. Contented sighs
28. Pitfall
29. Jealous wife of myth
32. Turf
33. Set up
34. Where to wallow
35. Clickable image
36. Sign over
38. Periodical publication
39. Like some history
42. Alpo alternative
43. Hired killer
45. Hire
46. Actress Zadora
47. Indian millet
48. Perrier rival
49. Carries on
51. Retain
52. Marsh bird
53. Auricular
54. Baja bread
55. Ice cream brand
58. Ball girl
60. Chile ____ carne

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The historic property of Edison and Ford Winter Estates is temporarily closed due to *Hurricane Ian*.

The historic homes of Thomas Edison and Henry Ford, as well as other buildings at Edison and Ford Winter Estates have weathered another hurricane and are in great condition. The iconic banyan and mysore fig trees also survived the storm.

Debris is being cleared and once the site is able to safely open to the public, we will post updates on our Facebook page @EdisonFordFL.

Donations are being accepted to help restore the beautiful gardens at EdisonFord.org.

Appalachian Road Show Performing

On Nov. 11, Edison and Ford Winter Estates will host the acoustic ensemble, Appalachian Road Show, for the first Rhythm on the River concert of the season. The group performs bluegrass and folk music, as well as original songs. The event will take place on the Ford lawn, along the Caloosahatchee River. Gates open at 6 p.m. and the concert starts at 6:30 p.m.

Band members include Grammy-nominated banjoist Barry Abernathy, Grammy-winning fiddler Jim VanCleve, vocalist and mandolinist Darrell Webb (who has recorded and toured with Dolly Parton), Grammy-winning bassist Todd Phillips,



Band members from the Appalachian Road Show pose with their instruments.

and guitarist Zeb Snyder. Abernathy, VanCleve, and Webb were each born and raised in Appalachia. Abernathy sang in his church as a young boy, VanCleve has played the fiddle since he was 6 years old, and Webb grew up with the influence of bluegrass music.

The group's music tells stories from the mountains and valleys of North Carolina and Virginia and the coal mines of West Virginia and Kentucky. Those stories include topics of logging, coal mining, trains, and lost love in their hit songs such as *I Am Just a Pilgrim*, *Little Black Train*, *Dance, Dance, Dance*, and the ballad of love and loss in *Anna Lee*.

The band's first album had three No. 1 songs on the *Bluegrass Today* weekly airplay charts. Then, in 2019, the

band was nominated for the New Artist of the Year and Song of the Year (*Dance, Dance, Dance*) at the International Bluegrass Music Association Awards. In 2021, the group was named Instrumental Group of the Year and New Artist of the Year at the International Bluegrass Music Association's (IBMA) Bluegrass Music Awards.

Food and beverage vendors will have refreshments available for purchase. No coolers or picnic baskets will be permitted. Free parking is available in the main Edison Ford parking lot at 2350 McGregor Blvd.

Tickets may be purchased online or at the ticket counter. Individual tickets purchased in advance are \$30 for Edison Ford members or \$35 for nonmembers; tickets at the door will be \$40. Individual ticket holders should bring a lawn chair. A VIP seating area may be reserved by the table for \$225. Each table holds up to five people; table ticket price includes the use of a table and chairs. For more information or to purchase tickets online, visit EdisonFord.org.

About Edison And Ford Winter Estates

Edison and Ford Winter Estates is the internationally known winter homesite of Thomas Edison and Henry Ford. More than 220,000 visitors walk through the location each year from all around the globe. The organization has received many awards, including the National Stewardship Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the National Garden Clubs' Historic Preservation Award. The property is an official project of "Save America's Treasures," a Florida Historic Landmark and a National Register Historic Site. The Edison Botanic Laboratory is a National Historic Chemical Landmark. The site is open every day except Thanksgiving and Christmas from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and until 9 p.m. during the month of December for Holiday Nights.

Edison and Ford Winter Estates, 2350 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33901, (239) 334-7419, www.edisonfordwinterestates.org.



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Word Scramble

Naval Terms

By Ellie Neal

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| Dfiatr | Snegin |
| Yhoa | Maohtf |
| Lmadrai | Prkpsei |
| Gielb | Sems |
| Lyleag | Xcnwioa |
| Grbi | Bleulbadn |

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2022 Festival Of Trees

Thursday, Dec. 1 Through Sunday, Dec. 5

The 16th Annual Festival of Trees returns to the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center (SBDAC)! Experience the beautiful trees decorated by local business to raise money for Goodwill of Southwest Florida and SBDAC. See these gorgeous creations beginning on Dec. 1. Admission: \$2 (under 12 enter free).

View trees, vote, and buy raffle tickets to win a tree! Raffle tickets: \$10 or 3 for \$25

Festival Of Trees Viewing Times

Thursday, Dec. 1 – 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 Friday, Dec. 2 – 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
 Saturday, Dec. 3 – 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
 Sunday, Dec. 4 – 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

2022 Festival Of Trees Event Information

Preview Party: Wednesday, Nov. 30, 5 To 7 p.m.

Get a sneak preview of the Festival of Trees at this exclusive tree preview party and awards. The preview party will be held the night before the festival opens, Nov. 30 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate the Festival of Trees, Southwest Florida's favorite holiday tradition and join us and take a stroll through our winter wonderland! You could win a beautifully decorated tree filled with gifts at our Festival of Trees tree raffle – or an extravagant silent auction package! Tickets are \$25 per person and include: cash bar, silent auction, early entry into the Festival of Trees, and first chance at the tree raffles.



Wine And Paint: Thursday, Dec. 1, 6 To 9 p.m.

'Tis the season to get creative with one of our favorite local artists. Each artist will be supplied with canvas, paint, paint brushes, and of course ... wine. Ticket prices coming soon.

Wreath Lighting, The Nowhere Band: Friday, Dec. 2, 7 to 11 p.m.

Another beautiful holiday tradition bringing Christmas to the River District.

At 7 p.m. join the mayor and Santa as they lead the stroll down First Street to the Art Center to light the giant wreath and pick the winner of the Mayor's Choice tree at the festival.

The Nowhere Band will be playing from 7:30 to 10 p.m. and is a free concert.

Santa's Block Party: Saturday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m. To 2 p.m.

Join Santa for fun, food, and holiday festivities! Santa's Block Party offers workshops where kids can make arts, crafts, holiday cards and decorate their own cookie. Ticket prices coming soon.

Memphis Motown Soul Experience: Saturday, Dec. 3, 7:30 To 9:30 p.m.

Come enjoy the Memphis Motown Soul Experience concert on the front steps! Free to attend.

Tree Raffle Drawing: Sunday, Dec. 4, 4 p.m.

Proceeds benefit the Southwest Florida Goodwill Foundation, 5100 Tice St., Fort Myers, FL 33905 and the Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center.

Winner selection to be held via random drawing on Sunday, Dec. 4 at 4 p.m. Each Festival of Trees raffle winner will receive one of the fully-decorated raffle trees, each valued at a minimum of \$500.

Prize selection is determined by ticket holder at time of raffle entry. Each prize tree will have a separate raffle entry box which corresponds to that prize tree only. Prize selection is determined by ticket holder by depositing entry ticket in the selected tree's entry box. Prize selection cannot be changed once raffle entry ticket has been deposited. Prizes are provided by the Southwest Florida Goodwill Foundation and in-kind tree sponsors.

Handbag Happy Hour Returns Nov. 17

Handbag Happy Hour returns to Fort Myers Thursday, Nov. 17, with high-end designer handbags and lots more to be auctioned to benefit The Nature Park Environmental Education Foundation at The Shell Factory, 2785 N. Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers.

"We are so excited to bring this fabulous event back again this year," said Pam Cronin, event chair and owner of The Shell Factory and Nature Park. "We have more than 100 new and previously loved handbags from celebrities and local supporters."

"Slipping into the Season" is the theme for this year's event, which will create the holiday spirit and set the mood for the evening.

Handbag Happy Hour will be located in the lobby and Players Circle Theatre, located at the Shell Factory in North Fort Myers.

Cronin and Nelson emphasized that Handbag Happy Hour is a fundraising event for both men and women. As a special added attraction for men, a cigar and whiskey bar will be set up, which also is available for sponsorship.

Adult and holiday beverages and appetizers are included in the ticket price of \$75 per person.



Tickets may be purchased online at www.shellfactory.com or (239) 995-2141, Ext. 110. For sponsorship information, contact Jennifer Nelson at (239) 826-0556.

All proceeds will benefit The Nature Park Environmental Education Foundation, which provides transportation

funding for Lee County school children to visit the park. All donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

About The Nature Park Environmental Education Foundation

The Nature Park Environmental Education Foundation is located at The Shell Factory in North Fort Myers and provides new and enhanced habitats, nutritious meals and enrichment for the animals, birds, reptiles and fish that call the Nature Park home. Contributions also provide funding for transportation for Lee County school students to visit the park. The organization's mission is to provide an educational and fun experience for local school children by providing the opportunity to learn about and explore the animals and the environment. For more information or to make a tax-deductible gift, visit www.shellfactorynaturepark.com.

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Please contact the Director responsible for your street regarding any issues related to Town & River.

NEW OWNER CONTACT INFORMATION REQUEST

Town & River Civic Association Inc.
 P.O. Box 07073
 Fort Myers, FL 33919

For improved communications,

Please update your contact information and go on-line to add to T&R Directory

Name(s): _____

Town & River Address: _____

Telephone Number(s): _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing or other address, including zip: _____

Attention members in good standing, who have submitted their contact information, and have agreed to have their contact information published in the online directory, please go to our Town & River website @ www.townandriverfl.com and "sign up for members only directory".

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Storm-Damaged Florida Rep Is Back On Stage In Temporary Venue

Florida Repertory Theatre's production of *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill* by Lanie Robertson, moved to a temporary venue due to facilities damage caused by Hurricane Ian. The production was remounted in the Foulds Theatre at the Alliance for the Arts located at 10091 McGregor Blvd., in Fort Myers. Performances resumed on Friday, Oct. 14 and will run through Oct. 29. Tickets are \$63 and may be purchased at Florida Rep by visiting www.floridarep.org or by calling (239) 332-4488 or toll-free at (877) 787-8053.

"We wish to thank Bill Taylor, producing artistic director at Theatre Conspiracy and Molly Deckart, executive director of the Alliance for the Arts, for opening their doors to host Florida Rep after our facilities were flooded," said Florida Rep's Producing Artistic Director Greg Longenhagen. "We look forward to returning to the stage to offer our community an entertaining distraction as we all move forward on the path to recovery."

The Craftie Ladies Craft Fair – New Dates

Submitted by The Craftie Ladies of St. John XXIII Catholic Church

If you've been to one of our fairs before, you know we have a large variety of top quality, homemade items for sale. In addition to our well-known, exquisite quilts and afghans and handknit and crocheted items, there will be pillows, table runners, placemats/napkins, jewelry, mother/daughter aprons, tooth fairy pillows, novel baby items, lots of lovely holiday décor, including our fabulous wreaths, and so much more!

Besides our always fabulous raffle, this year on Saturday we will be joined by Viet Yum Food Truck just outside the Parish Life Center. On Sunday, be sure to enjoy the Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast after all Masses.

Come and join us on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 11, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Craftie Ladies came together 13 years ago. The group has grown to nearly 40 talented and dedicated women. All proceeds go directly back into the community. Just a few causes we donate to are: St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church; Verity House Pregnancy Center; Hunger Walk; Hope Hospice; Veterans Blankets; Hats for Cancer Patients; Soles for Souls; St. John XXIII Villas; Special Equestrians; Lung Cancer Research; Cystic Fibrosis.

We hope to see you at our craft fair at St. John XXIII, located on Palomino Lane, just north of Daniels Parkway. Stop by, have a chat and, just maybe you can get some early shopping done.



Word Scramble Solution from page 3

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| Adrift | Ensign |
| Ahoy | Fathom |
| Admiral | Skipper |
| Bilge | Mess |
| Galley | Coxwain |
| Brig | Landlubber |

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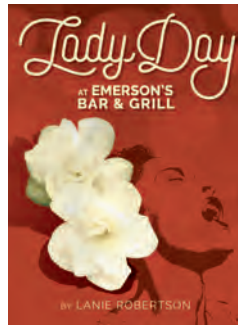


The production originally opened on Sept. 23 in Florida Rep's ArtStage Studio Theatre. It was the first in the company's 25th Anniversary Season lineup. *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill* takes a biographical look at the life and music of jazz legend, Billie Holiday. The hard-hitting musical takes place in a seedy Philadelphia club where Holiday gave one of her final public performances.

Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill stars Philadelphia-based actors Ebony Pullum as Billie Holiday and Garrick Vaughan as Jimmy Powers, her friend and piano player. Pullum is a veteran of the Philadelphia stage and makes her Florida Rep debut after a recent appearance as Billie Holiday with the Curio Theatre. Vaughan is an accomplished actor-musician who returns to Florida Rep after appearing in *Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story* last spring.

The production features a live band. Vaughan plays piano and is joined by Matt Koller on drums and Perry Orfanella on bass. Koller and Orfanella return to the Florida Rep after playing in last season's opener, *Let's Fall in Love*.

The production is directed by Ansley Valentine, a veteran of the regional stage, making his Florida Rep debut. Valentine's credits include Cleveland Play House, Indiana Rep, Studio Arena, and others. He is a company member at Fonseca Theatre in Indianapolis and Actors' Reading Collective in the San Francisco Bay area. He now heads the graduate directing program at Indiana University-Bloomington.



Ebony Pullum



Garrick Vaughan

Valentine is joined by an expert creative team, including musical director Matt Koller, ensemble scenic designer Dennis Maulden (*Let's Fall in Love*), costume designer Anthony "Tony" Toney (*Let's Fall in Love*), lighting designer Joel Zishuk (*Let's Fall in Love*), sound designer Katie Lowe (*Maytag Virgin*), and ensemble stage manager Janine Wochna (*Maytag Virgin*).

Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill is generously sponsored by Northern Trust and Sam Galloway Ford-Lincoln.

More About Florida Repertory Theatre

Florida Repertory Theatre celebrates 25 years of producing professional, live theatre in the Fort Myers River District. The nonprofit regional theatre holds performances in the Historic Arcade Theatre and the ArtStage Studio Theatre on Bay Street between Jackson and Hendry.

Please note that due to damages caused by Hurricane Ian, Florida Rep's box office walk-up window and theatre spaces are temporarily closed while repairs are made.

Visit Florida Rep online at FloridaRep.org to view the full season lineup of comedies, dramas, musicals, and new works. Follow the company on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube for updates, behind-the-scenes insight, special offers, and more.

Subscriptions for the 2022/23 season are on sale now and offer the best seats at the most significant savings. Packages for nine, eight, seven, and six shows start at \$216 for six shows. Tickets and information are available through the box office at (239) 332-4488 or toll-free at (877) 787-8053.

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Be Aware Of Post-Hurricane Scammers

I am extremely hopeful that this message finds that you, your family and your loved ones are well following this horrific storm.

The damage done to our county is dreadful. Lives, homes and property have been lost and residents of Southwest Florida are facing challenges beyond comprehension.

Sadly, this hardship does not dissuade scammers and fraudsters from "plying their trade."

At this time, I ask that you remain vigilant and skeptical in regard to anyone offering assistance to you and to your family. While there are many credible, licensed and legitimate companies doing wonderful and reliable work here in Lee County, there are also individuals who are intent upon taking your money and disappearing.

Be observant and attentive. While we all want repairs done quickly, we also need to avoid falling prey to these criminals. Qualified contractors are in high demand and may not be able to address your needs immediately. Please don't allow this to force you to engage in a transaction that is fraudulent.

Scammers are able to manipulate caller I.D. numbers to make it appear as if you are being called by a local number. Never send money, gift cards or any form of payment based upon a phone conversation.

Begin by visiting the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation **prior** to signing contracts and/or making payments in advance. Licenses can be verified by visiting www.myfloridalicense.com/w111.asp.

Those without power or Internet can reach the department by phone by calling (850) 487-1395.

Additionally, unlicensed activity can be reported to the Department of Business & Professional Regulation by calling (866) 532-1440.

When applicable, have your insurance company evaluate the damage and discuss options with you before signing repair contracts or making payments.

Consider getting several itemized estimates from licensed agencies.

Some projects may require a down payment. **Nevertheless, do not pay without a written contract. Do not pay cash, regardless of "cash discounts" being offered.** Credit cards may give you some protection if the job isn't completed properly. Be cautious when asked for large deposits.

Insist upon releases of any liens that can potentially be placed on your property.

We have received calls regarding "contractors" rushing homeowners into making decisions. This is a "red flag."

Insist upon seeing identification. For instance, FEMA personnel will always have an official form of identification. When in doubt, check the individual's credentials. FEMA, as an example, can be called for employee verification at (866) 223-0814.

The Attorney General's staff is prepared to assist. They can be reached at their Citizens' Services number, (850) 414-3990.

Let's be as vigilant as possible during these very trying times.

Sudoku Puzzle Solution from page 2

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