

## Town & River Cruise Club

The Town & River Cruise Club had our monthly luncheon on Feb. 15 at Two Meatballs in the Kitchen at their Fort Myers location. This was an unusual choice for the Cruise Club since the restaurant is not on the water. We decided to change venues because the original selection of Three Fishermen did not have their docks ready to accommodate our boats.

Our trip to Two Meatballs in the Kitchen turned out to be a delightful afternoon. We were all seated together in their outdoor patio area. It was screened in, shaded and quite comfortable for our gathering. Twenty-five members and guests were able to attend. Our 50/50 raffle was held and two additional smaller prizes were, also, awarded. The great cocktails, delicious food, stimulating conversation and lots of laughter made for another successful luncheon.

It's always a pleasant time catching up with old friends and new acquaintances, even though we had to leave our boats at home this time!



Ellen asks Commodore Fred to pick the winning ticket.



The Ruegseggers checked their tickets.



"I really won!" exclaimed Debbie.



Lorraine Ford-Smith was thrilled to be a winner.



The February event was hosted by The Maras at Two Meatballs in the Kitchen.



The Pynes' guest was also a winner.



Donna happily chats while Bob listens to boating reports.



Debbie Haptonstall checks and rechecks her ticket.

## Town & River Civic Association Is Hiring An Executive Secretary

This paid position will require attendance at our board meetings to take meeting minutes and send invoices/ letters. November to April is the busiest time of year. There is minimal activity in summer as the board does not meet in June, July, August. Approx 2 to 10 Hours per month. Please contact Renee Notes, (239) 209-2072 or secy@townandriverfl.com for more information.

## Board Of Directors Meeting Minutes [Unapproved]

### South Pointe South Clubhouse Thursday, February 9, 2023

Call To Order – VP John Kristobak  
Officers, Directors, & Residents Present



A quorum was established.  
Present: Directors, Mark Generales, Renee Notes, Martha Smith, Kay Gloris, Gary Hudson, John Kristobak, Ann Marie Aeschliman, Tom Aeschliman, Marge Byrne.

Absent: Craig O'Donnell, George Winn, Myriam Lentz.

**Approval Of Minutes – January 12 & January 19, 2023, unapproved** minutes will be published in the newsletter and will be approved at the March Board meeting.

**Treasurer's REPORT** – January Financial Statements as emailed to the board and handed out were approved.

**TRIUM Presentation By Josh Malo – MSTBU Coordinator With Lee County**

- Mr. Malo presented and explained the Budget for Town & River MSTU (Municipal Services Taxing Unit) known as the Town & River Improvement Unit (TRIUM).

- There is an advisory committee for TRIUM and an owner of a property within TRIUM's jurisdiction must apply to be on the committee. Applicants should go to Leegov.com/mstbu/committees.

- TRIUM Committee Members enjoy a 2-year term, no term limits.

- Also reported no formal meetings have taken place on behalf of Town & River since 2018.

- A question/answer period was enjoyed with participation from all Board Members.

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## Town & River Is Getting New Streets!

FDOT recently made contact with The HOA Board to share the following streets will be repaved within the upcoming weeks.

Streets to be resurfaced:  
Cypress Lake

Jennifer Lane  
Hatchee Vista Lane  
Cal Cove Drive  
Cape View Drive  
Joanna Circle

Cypress Lake Circle  
Clarellen Drive  
Bal Isle Drive

**All are encouraged to attend our next Board meeting on April 13!**

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).



# Crossword Puzzle

**Across**

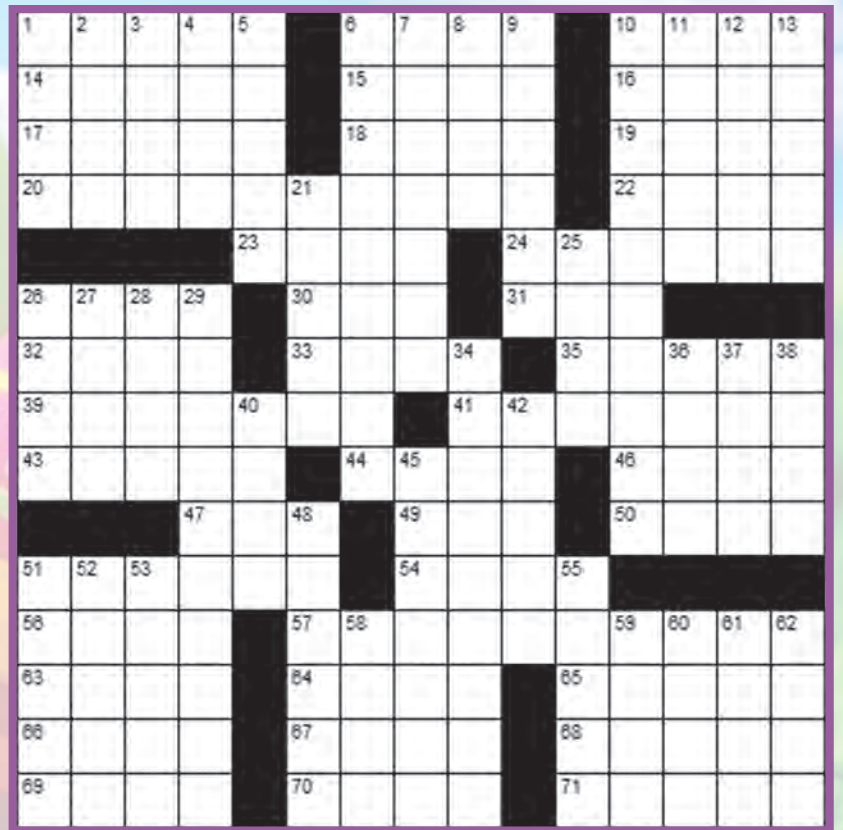
- 1. Rip up
- 6. Clean
- 10. Taxis
- 14. Depart
- 15. Lazily
- 16. Baking appliance
- 17. Bay window
- 18. Therefore
- 19. Fifty-three in Roman numerals
- 20. Handrails
- 22. Territory
- 23. Arouse
- 24. Citrus
- 26. Responsibility
- 30. East northeast
- 31. Lay
- 32. A bushy hairdo
- 33. Not more
- 35. Confuse
- 39. In the UK, they're biscuits
- 41. As a result
- 43. Aromatic compound
- 44. Agile
- 46. "Smallest" particle
- 47. Enemy
- 49. Strike

- 50. Dregs
- 51. Ability
- 54. Lyric poems
- 56. Iridescent gem
- 57. Impediments
- 63. Crumbling earthy deposit
- 64. False god
- 65. Not tight
- 66. Therefore
- 67. Hint
- 68. Expiate
- 69. Ragout
- 70. Dispatch
- 71. Fainted

**Down**

- 1. Untidy one
- 2. Wife of Zeus
- 3. Precipitation
- 4. Not odd
- 5. Salami shops
- 6. Drollness
- 7. Sticks to
- 8. Aspersion
- 9. European mint
- 10. Incidental

- 11. Birdlike
- 12. Existence
- 13. Malicious
- 21. Inscribed pillar
- 25. Bumpkin
- 26. Minnow-like fish
- 27. Unidentified flying objects
- 28. Gait faster than a walk
- 29. Companion
- 34. Sat atop
- 36. Celebration
- 37. Double-reed woodwind
- 38. Workout rooms
- 40. Component of steel
- 42. Abnormally active
- 45. Him or her, for example
- 48. High standards
- 51. Weighty books
- 52. Not together
- 53. Huge
- 55. Greens with dressing
- 58. Inactive
- 59. Mark down
- 60. Prepare food
- 61. Anagram of "Seen"
- 62. Sow



Crossword Solution on page 6

## Word Scramble In The Kitchen

By Ellie Neal

- |              |           |       |
|--------------|-----------|-------|
| Veots        | Nvor      | Kfros |
| Kelltis      | Vociaemrw | Nspa  |
| Btlae        | Ssoomp    | Erimt |
| Rtrefergaoir | Arcihs    | Ofod  |

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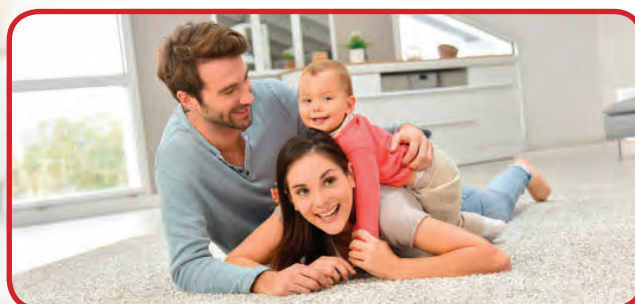
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# Alliance For The Arts

## Night Market

Join us every second Wednesday of the month from 5 to 8 p.m. for our monthly pop-up market. We feature a selection of fresh produce, art, live music, food trucks and beer and wine.

## August Wilson's *The Piano Lesson* – April 20 To 30

*The Piano Lesson*, set in 1936 Pittsburgh, focuses on the conflicting wills of brother and sister, Boy Willie and Berniece, regarding their family's most important heirloom, a piano. But this is no ordinary piano as it contains intricate carvings by their great-grandfather depicting the many struggles in their family history. The piano was originally owned by the slave owners of

their family, with carvings of their great-grandmother, grandfather, and the likeness of their whole family tree.

Boy Willie wants to sell the piano to purchase a parcel of land in Mississippi, a piece of the very land on which his ancestors had been slaves. This would allow him to finally achieve his dream of making a living farming his own



property. But Berniece holds strong, viewing the piano as an integral reminder of where they came from, who they are now, and as a legacy for their future generations.

This complex play filled with subplots conveys tremendous significance as it examines slavery and the difficulty of Black Americans seeking economic and social equality.

The production is generously sponsored by Noreen Raney.

## Grand Piano Series Artists 'Balourdet String Quartet'

Join us on April 22, 11 to 11:30 a.m. Each concert is limited to 30 minutes to ensure the best experience for all ages.

Our youngest community members are free to crawl, walk, play, and otherwise enjoy themselves throughout the performance!

This concert is free to attend, but a reservation is strongly encouraged.

Alliance For The Arts, 10091 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33919, (239) 939-2787, artinlee.org.



## 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, April 27, and our planned speaker will be local television personality and weather expert, Matt Devitt, Chief Meteorologist, WINK News. Luncheon fee is \$28, and the planned regular menu will be chicken Parmesan served with creamy risotto, and chef's choice of vegetable and dessert. The plant based/vegan entree option will be spiced grilled Southwestern tofu with stuffed bell pepper and quinoa on braised cabbage, and fresh fruit for dessert.

At our January 2023 meeting we reached our maximum number of 125 members permitted by our club bylaws, but we will maintain a waiting list and when a slot becomes available, interested women will be contacted. 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, April 20.

## Sudoku Puzzle

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

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# Children's Advocacy Center

## Pinwheels In The Park – April 8

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to recognize the importance of protecting children from abuse and neglect. The Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida (CAC) hosts an April baseball event in partnership



with the Fort Myers Mighty Mussels and the Grand Slam Title Sponsor, Lee County Sheriff's Office, for the second annual Pinwheels in the Park event. In 2008, Prevent Child Abuse America introduced the pinwheel as the national symbol for child abuse prevention. The pinwheel represents playfulness and joy that serves as a physical reminder of the great childhoods we want for all children.

The Mighty Mussels game will take place at Hammond Stadium against the Dunedin Blue Jays on April 8, at 6 p.m. One hour prior, the stadium will host a children's Easter egg hunt. Custom pinwheel jerseys will be worn by the Mighty Mussels and will be available for purchase through an online auction after the game, with 100 percent of the proceeds benefiting the CAC.

Mighty Mussels Vice President of Sales and Marketing, Dan Lauer, is excited to partner with the CAC and host the Pinwheels in the Park event. "Seeing firsthand what the CAC is doing in our community, it's a no-brainer for us to work hand in hand during Child Abuse Prevention month. We are grateful

for the CAC and their efforts to help children and families in our area, and we look forward to seeing a packed stadium!"

Since 1981, the CAC's mission has been to provide a coordinated response to child victims of abuse and neglect and to improve the lives of at-risk children and their families through prevention services. The CAC provides abuse determination services, therapeutic counseling, pet therapy, advocacy, and parenting education.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office is the Grand Slam Title Sponsor of the event. "We have an amazing partnership with the CAC. Our teams work together to educate, identify, and intervene during cases of child abuse," said Sheriff Carmine Marceno. "It is critically important that we protect those that cannot protect themselves and we strive to create more programs and provide resources for the community."

### About Mighty Mussels

The Fort Myers Mighty Mussels are the Single-A affiliate of the Minnesota Twins and have played their home games at Hammond Stadium in Fort Myers since 1992.

### About Children's Advocacy Center Of Southwest Florida

Since 1981, the Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida, Inc. (CAC) has worked to improve the lives of children and their families through a coordinated response to child abuse and neglect, offering them a safe and friendly environment in which to heal. CAC provides abuse determination services, pet therapy, therapeutic counseling, parenting education, and prevention programs in Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Charlotte counties. All services are provided free of charge. For more information, please call (239) 939-2808 or visit [cac-swfl.org](http://cac-swfl.org). CAC is a United Way Partner Agency.

## Consumer Alerts

### So, What's The Deal With "Home Warranties"?

By Kira Krown, Consumer Education Specialist

When big things in your home break – like your dishwasher or air conditioning system – they can cost lots of money to fix. Some people buy "home warranties" (which are really service contracts) to help cover these costs. But what exactly is a so-called home warranty?

There are different types and options depending on the company and amount you pay, but home warranties typically cover replacements and repairs for things like appliances or air conditioning systems. They last for a set amount of time and – unlike builder warranties for new homes, or warranties included with some products – they cost extra.

And after looking at the details, you may find that a home warranty duplicates coverage you already have, or covers only part of a product, or makes it nearly impossible to get repairs done when you need them.

So here are some things to think about before committing to a home warranty:

**Is it likely to save you money?** Consider both the

upfront cost and costs that may be hidden, like deductibles or fees you need to pay each time products are serviced.

**What are the limitations?** Are there limits on the amounts you can be reimbursed? Is accidental damage covered? Are certain appliances or systems not included? Are there restrictions or fees for cancellation?

**Does the claims process seem difficult or slow?** Waiting a long time to get paid back can reduce the value of having coverage.

**Does the company have a good reputation?** A home warranty is only as good as the company responsible for coverage. Search for the name of the company and words like "review" or "complaint" to see if people have had issues in the past.

Learn more about extended warranties and service contracts by visiting <http://bit.ly/41ClmYm> or scan the QR code.

Getting unwanted calls about service contracts? Those might be telemarketers looking for your money or personal information.

If you've had a bad experience with your home warranty, tell the FTC at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](http://ReportFraud.ftc.gov).



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- Mr. Malo will be reporting back to the HOA Board regarding dredging issues currently being raised to Town & River from neighboring boating communities. There have been no issues reported by Town & River boaters regarding either ingress or egress to/from the Caloosahatchee. Of the 580 "boaters" using the egress to the Caloosahatchee 264 are Town & River residents. Town & River has been asked to participate in the "dredging process".

- More details of the questions raised may be requested and will be published in the newsletter.

### New Business

Due to the guest speaker no new business was entertained.

### Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion. The next regularly scheduled meeting is March 9, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha Smith and Renee Notes

### Town & River Cruise Club Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**BOAT INFORMATION**

Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Type and Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat example – Name: Only in America  
Boat Type and Size: Power 30', Beam 10' 6"

**MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Dues \$45 / household  
Initiation Fee \$50 / household  
(included burgee and name tags)

New Members Prorated Dues  
Joining between

April 1 to September 30	\$45
October to December 31	\$30
January 1 to March 30	\$20

Send Application, Dues and Initiation Fee to: Cecilia Bourdon  
1026 Clarendon Drive  
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Make checks payable to: Cecilia Bourdon

### Town & River Civic Association Inc. Balance Sheet As of February 28, 2023

	Feb 28, 23
<b>Assets</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Checking/Savings	
First Citizens Bank 2580	18,023.49
First Citizens Bank - MMS	76,460.05
PayPal Account	10,975.53
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>105,459.07</u>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	
Accounts Receivable	6,444.03
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<u>6,444.03</u>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
Prepaid, Lake Expense	1,017.81
Prepaid, Insurance	415.30
Prepaid, Other Expense	100.00
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<u>1,533.11</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>113,436.21</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>113,436.21</u>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	
Prior Year Fund Balance	97,337.99
Net Income	16,098.22
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>113,436.21</u>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<u>113,436.21</u>

### Town & River Civic Association Inc. Profit And Loss February 2023

	Feb 23	Jan-Feb 23
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Income		
Income - Mandatory	0.00	10,680.00
Income - Voluntary	9,720.00	10,440.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>9,720.00</u>	<u>21,120.00</u>
Estoppel Preparation Income	750.00	1,000.00
Interest Income	8.80	18.54
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>10,478.80</u>	<u>22,138.54</u>
<b>Expense</b>		
Accounting Fees	425.00	740.00
Bank Fees	35.00	70.00
Corp Insurance	415.38	830.76
Email Service	243.00	243.00
Legal Expense	0.00	104.00
Mailing	749.23	749.23
Meeting Rooms	150.00	275.00
Newspaper Postage	156.43	309.02
PayPal Fees	170.28	174.96
Postage & Delivery	182.03	331.20
Printing & Reproduction	0.00	841.07
Secretary Expense	500.00	1,032.50
Storage Expense	119.79	239.58
Website Maintenance	50.00	100.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>3,196.14</u>	<u>6,040.32</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>7,282.66</u>	<u>16,098.22</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>7,282.66</u>	<u>16,098.22</u>

## JOIN US THIS SUNDAY!

### 10am Traditional & Contemporary

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## EASTER SUNDAY

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**10am Traditional & Contemporary**  
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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".

Otherwise, the information submitted is for board use only.

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# From The Desk Of Sheriff Carmine Marceno

## Burglars' Preferences

A very recent conversation with residents at a local community homeowners' gathering prompted me to take this opportunity to share important information regarding nationwide burglary trends.



While burglars and prowlers most definitely benefit from the cover of darkness, nationwide statistics clearly indicate that the vast majority of home break-ins occur between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Burglars do make every attempt to operate covertly and the dark of night generally enables them to do so. However, a burglar's preference, far greater than darkness, is an empty residence.

Rigid work and school schedules make it difficult to be at home during the day and homes are often unoccupied for many daylight hours. Criminals are observant and many of us leave our homes at a specific time each day.

It is no coincidence that national home burglary statistics show a decrease since the start of the pandemic as the number of people working from home has tripled.

With no one home, it is far less likely that the sounds of forced entry will be heard and/or reported. Additionally, neighbors are seemingly less concerned about loud noises that occur during daylight hours.

Additionally, rental properties are more frequently burglarized than homesteads. Rental properties are less likely to be protected by security cameras and alarm systems making them more vulnerable.

Some thoughts ...

Landscaping and fences allow residents to establish privacy in and around their homes. However, those shrubs and tall fences may allow burglars to gain access to your home without being observed from the street. Consider home security when choosing tall, thick landscaping and fencing that completely obscures vision.

High-mounted security cameras, visible to all, do tend to deter criminals. Mount cameras around the perimeter of your home at heights that require ladders to move, cover or remove.

Security systems are now wireless, easily installed and relatively inexpensive. Monitored systems do incur a monthly fee, however, response time is significantly faster.

Quality locks are important as many inferior locks are easily overtaken by cordless drills and blunt force. Interestingly, experts recommend that we focus on the quality of the lock's strike plate and the screws used to secure them. Robust strike plates installed with 3-inch screws hold up far better to most types of force.

Sliding doors are often the chosen point of entry. They are generally located in the rear or on the side of the residence, making them less visible. There are numerous sliding door security devices on the market including

security pins, loop-locks and security bars ... to name a few. These devices are inexpensive and work well to prevent glass-door break-ins.

Lastly, be aware that hollow-core doors, while less expensive, are not intended for exterior use and are extremely vulnerable. Solid doors, whether wood or steel, are significantly more secure, reduce street noise from entering your home and are more energy efficient.

As always, ensure that all windows and doors are covered to prevent burglars from peering inside and check to be certain that all potential entries are locked prior to leaving your home.

Perhaps the greatest form of security is an intangible one, caring neighbors. Be alert to the activity next door, across the street, down the block. Never hesitate to report suspicious activity or incidents that concern you. "See something ... say something ... make the call!"



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### Sudoku Puzzle Solution from page 3

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# Catch The Action

## April On The Water

By Capt. Bill Russell

A month that has a lot to offer anglers across the coastal waters of Southwest Florida, April holds maybe the best fishing of the year, plus great weather.

Spanish mackerel invade our waters inshore and offshore. They are roaming in schools looking for food throughout the coastal waters of Southwest Florida. Watch for birds working the water as mackerel often push schooling bait to the water's surface. Artificial reefs in the Gulf of Mexico may hold large numbers of Spanish, plus a few of their large cousins, king mackerel or kingfish. Groups of birds dipping to the water is a dead giveaway.

Reefs in the gulf within sight of land hold a variety of fish on any given day. Good eating snapper, grunts, mackerel, and the last run of spawning sheepheads, plus hard fighting barracuda, sharks, goliath grouper, and a big

cobia or permit are all a good possibility.

Anglers get a jump start on tarpon season and locate fish with little angling competition. May and June are the months that get most of the attention. Schools of tarpon are milling around waters off the gulf beaches ranging in depths from just off the beach out to 30 or more feet. Tarpon are moving inshore as well, as they are on the move and could appear anytime.

Warm water brings sharks to our area on the hunt for their next meal and a great challenge for willing anglers. Blacktip and spinner sharks are some of the most challenging fish to catch in our waters. Not only do they possess an extremely hard fight, they make violent jumps and they're extremely fast. Many of the big spinners explode into such a wild spinning leap it's very difficult to keep them from exploiting the weak link in your rigging. A large spinner or blacktip will rival a tarpon for sheer power and fight. Also moving in with the tarpon,



are the hammerhead and bull sharks, the largest of which are hanging around the tarpon schools awaiting a fish in distress for an easy meal.

About every kid or young adult that goes fishing wants to catch a shark. It's not always possible, but it's good if you can match the size of the shark you target to the kid's age. You get a young kid hooked up to a big shark and it may be more fish than they can handle. There are plenty of sharks of various species ranging in size from 3 to 5 feet, this is a great size for most kids. For that matter, it's a good size for most adults!

With water temperature in the mid-70s and above the snook bite should be very good. Snook may range in size from little guys barely a foot long to big girls pushing 40 inches or more. My favorite thing with snook, no matter the size they all strike and fight with the same tenacity and determination. Redfish also appreciate the warmer days where a properly placed bait under the shade of a mangrove shoreline, dock, or around an oyster bar may result in hard fighting reds. Like snook, size can vary widely with the largest measuring over 30 inches.

Our largest sea trout of the year come this month as their spring spawn is in full swing. Trout over 20 inches are common with a good number measuring 24 inches and larger. Trout are feeding heavily on oily baitfish, live baitfish or look-alike lures are the best way to get their attention. Look for trout throughout the inshore waters with a grassy bottom, around oyster bars, sand holes and transition areas.

Keep your options open as this is a month with so many fishing opportunities that it's easy to start the day with one species in mind and get sidetracked with another. With recent red tide outbreaks monitor the area you plan to fish. While one area may be affected other locations a short distance away may not have any issues. With good weather and the potential for great fishing, get on the water and take advantage of it!

To keep up on current fishing regulations, you can go to [www.myfwc.com](http://www.myfwc.com) or download the Fish Rules app for the latest rules and regulations.

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 27 years Bill has been a professional fishing guide who takes pride in customizing each trip to ensure everyone on board has a great time and will return again. Come join us and "Catch the Action."

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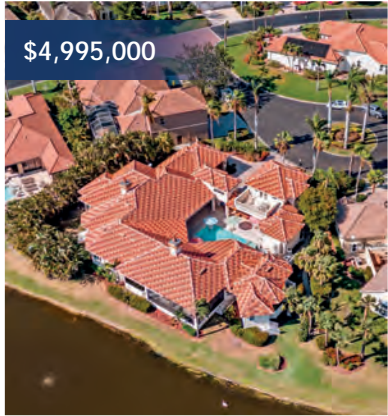




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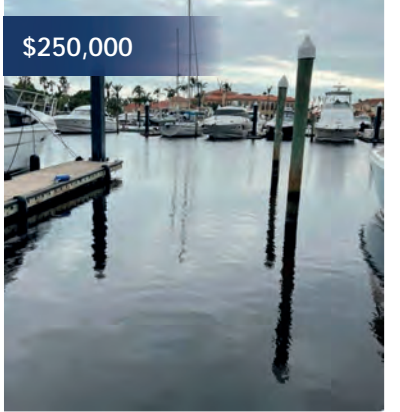
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