

## Greetings From Your New T&R President

Greetings my fellow T&R residents. Your Board has been busy this year and I wanted to share some of the things we have done and are currently addressing for our community.



You have likely noticed the repaving of many of our streets the past few weeks.

Lee County had pulled the funds for that project. Thanks to our Board – we were able to push a little harder and Lee County agreed to get started before the summer months came.

As a community on the water – we were faced with a major issue at the entrance to our channel coming in off of the river. The shoal had moved across our channel – narrowing the passage down and shallowing up the entrance – in some areas – as low as 2.5 feet. We contributed some funds along with our neighbors (Palmetto

Point and Marine Max) and were able to get that channel dredged and back to normal depths.

Your Board also was able to get three of our Board members appointed to the Town & River Improvement Unit (TRIUI), the tax body of the county that takes care of our signage, lawn maintenance, tree replacement, bridges, sheriff patrolling our streets, etc. Some of these things have been neglected over the past years and we are actively involved in getting everything our taxes are supposed to be paying for accomplished.

We have a great community, and you have a very active Board that are working hard to do what is needed to make our community one of the best in Fort Myers. Our dues, as most of know, are extremely inexpensive, and most are voluntary. If you have not paid this year, I am asking you to please do so. It was out of these funds that we were able to help open our entrance channel back up.

If you are not aware – we have a neighborhood website – townandriverfl.com. It has a section for our residents to submit their information to the members directory. It also allows you to pay your dues, see financial statements, meeting minutes, deeds of restriction, Cruise Club and more. If you have not visited the site – please do so.

We are trying to make our monthly newsletter more interesting and informative for all of you. Anyone who has a story, recipe, boat topic, etc., please submit it to your Board and we will happily get it in the newsletter.

Have a safe summer!

Best regards,  
Capt. Craig O'Donnell,  
President,  
Town & River Association

## Town & River Cruise Club Annual Picnic And Meeting

By Deb Haptonstall

The Town & River Cruise Club had our Annual Meeting and Picnic on April 15. It was held at Franklin Lock Park South. Mission BBQ catered the lunch. The meal was exceptional. We played paper/pencil games, left right center, and cornhole.

The officers were elected. Don Sena presented the slate of officers: Commodore Deb Haptonstall, Vice Commodore Donna Ray, Treasurer Cecilia Bourdon, and Secretary Adrienne Beebe. The slate of officers were elected unanimously. Deb Haptonstall presented the Vice Commodore's burgee to Donna Ray. Don announced the following committee appointments: Nominating Committee, Don Sena; Chair Rules and Membership

Committee, Ken Beebe and Bill Haptonstall; Auditor, Ed Payne; Telephone Committee, Adrienne Beebe; and Photographer, Ed Bourdon. The Board of Governors is Deb Haptonstall, Donna Ray, Cecilia Bourdon, Adrienne Beebe, Fred Ford Smith, Marge Byrne and Mike DeBenedetto.

Guest Ann Munafo won the money for 50/50 and Ellen Marra and Tom Byrne won gifts. A good time was had by all.

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The club's boaters enjoyed cruising to the Franklin Locks Park.



Laura McCormick, Ellen Marra, Marge Byrne, Cecilia Bourdon and Tom Byrne played cornhole and horseshoes.



Ellen Marra was thrilled to win a prize.



Mike DiBenedetto announces the winner of the 50/50.



And the winner is Anne Munafo. Lucky girl!

The Board does not meet  
June, July or Aug.  
Please contact your area director/board member.  
Have a great summer!  
Our next meeting is September 14th.  
Check out our new website  
[www.townandriverfl.com](http://www.townandriverfl.com).



*Town & River Cruise Club from page 1*



Members enjoyed great conversations and drinks before lunch.



A delicious luncheon was catered by Mission BBQ.



Intense concentration was required to complete several nautical quizzes.



Members surround Beverly and Gary Ruegsegger, who will be moving back to Ohio in May. We will miss them!



**Town & River Cruise Club Membership Application**

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

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

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

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

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

**BOAT INFORMATION**

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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



Newly elected Commodore Debbie Haptonstall passes the Vice Commodore burgee to Donna Ray.



Debbie Haptonstall presents an appreciation gift to departing Commodore Fred Ford-Smith.

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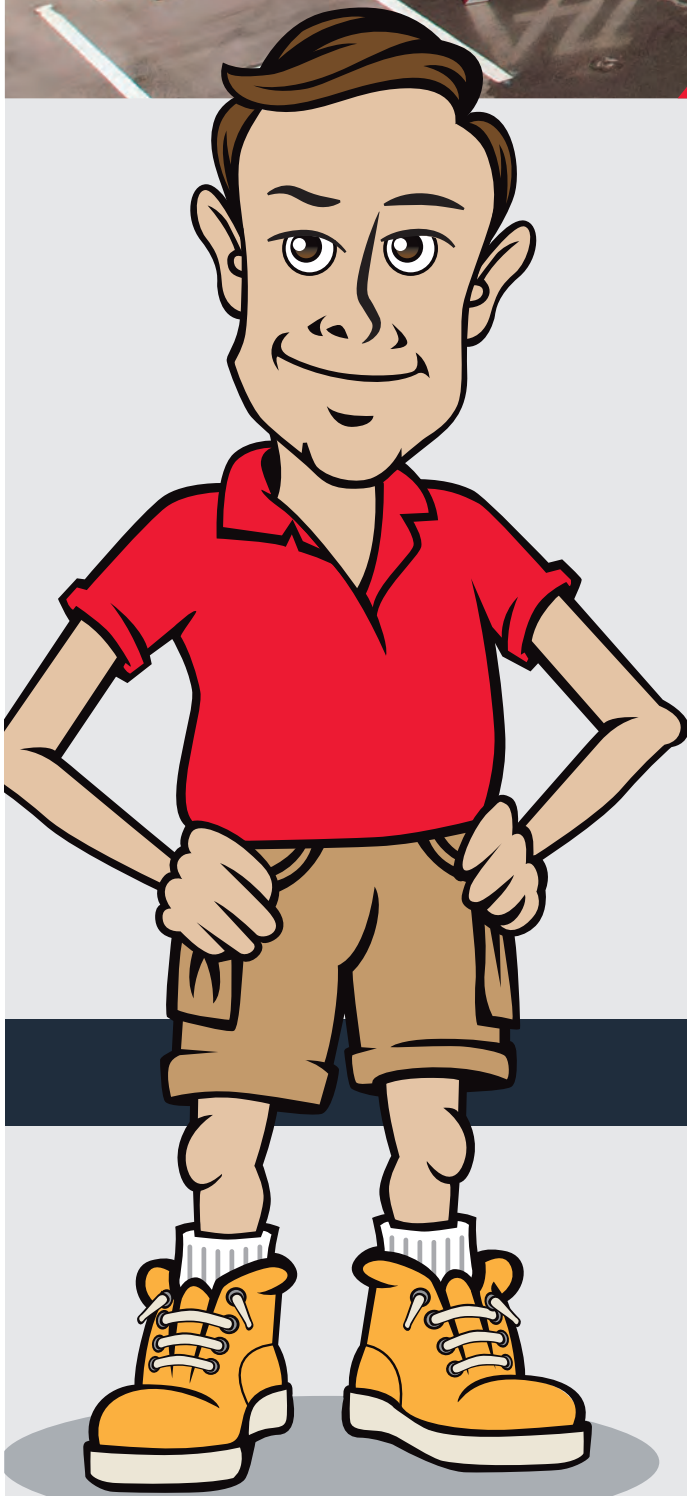


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# Board Of Directors Meeting Minutes [Unapproved]

## South Pointe South Clubhouse Thursday, April 13, 2023

**Call To Order** – President Craig O’Donnell  
**Officers, Directors, & Residents Present**



A quorum was established. Present: President Craig O’Donnell, Vice Preseident John Kristobak, Secretary Renee Notes, Treasurer Ann Marie Aeschliman. Directors, Mark Generales, Martha Smith, Kay Gloris, Gary Hudson, Marge Byrne, George Winn, Tom Aeschliman. Absent: Myriam Lentz.

**Approval Of Minutes** – March 2023 minutes were approved.

**Approval Of Treasurer’s Report** – Financials were emailed to the Board.

**Deeds Of Restriction/Architectural Review Committee**  
 Continued discussion on desired changes of DOR based on review of other communities and Director input. The Board will progress toward a version to be finalized by legal counsel.

**Old Business**  
**Follow-up discussion re: TRIU** – Members of the committee for Town and River met with County TRIU Representative Josh to review the budget with recommended changes to the selection of landscaping companies to be considered as this is the biggest portion of our budget.

Further request for budget allowance for dredging T&R waterways.

**Newsletter Articles** – All are encouraged to obtain new articles for newsletter from residents. Submit articles to secy@townandriverfl.com,

**Dredging Update** – Craig O’Donnell updated the Board on the planned dredging of T&R waterways.

**Real Estate Signs** – This is tabled until Myriam Lentz is available to lead this endeavor.

**Bridge Construction Update** – Mark Generales updated the Board on the bridge construction of additional lane planned to alleviate heavy traffic. This will not be encumbering upon T&R properties.

**New Business**  
**Beautification Committee** – A few residents of T&R wish to contribute financially and with man-power to improve the appearance of our signage for T&R. A committee was formed and will report back to the Board.

**Road Paving Update** – Paving has begun on Cypress Lake Drive and surrounding streets.

**North T&R – DOR** – The Board learned that the residents of North T&R have the authority to “opt in” to the DOR (now expired) on an individual basis. Some new residents in this area have expressed an interest in not only doing that but also recruiting others to join in. Anyone interested should speak up as this is an opportunity to improve and maintain home values.

**Retreat** – It was decided by vote that no Retreat is needed this year. Certification of Board Members may be ascertained individually.

**Street Directors Procedures/Responsibilities** – Welcome packets are being developed for street directors to give to new residents (as well as existing T&R homeowners) as a way to maintain contact and encourage communication.

**Violations** – Letters are to be mailed in May to residents with violations.

**New Board Member** – Email set up is to be established.

**Executive Secretary Position** – In response to an ad placed in the T&R Newsletter this position has been filled. New Executive Secretary will start at May board meeting.

**Adjournment**  
 With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion. The next regularly scheduled meeting is May 11, 2023.

*Respectfully submitted,  
 Martha Smith/Renee Notes*

## Town & River Lake Report

**Inspection Date: April 18**

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

**Technician’s comments:** Lake inspected for grasses, algae and submerged none present at this time.



## Greeters Women’s Club Provides Ready-Made Social Life For Active Retirees

*By Catherine Freeman*

Are you recently retired and wondering how you’ll fill all the free time you now have? Or maybe you’ve recently moved to Fort Myers and are missing your friends from up north. The Greeters Club of Fort Myers can help you stay active and expand your social network by connecting you to like-minded women.

Established in 1969, the Greeters Club is a social and philanthropic organization open to all women in the Fort Myers/Cape Coral area. Originally a newcomer’s club, the Greeters’ focus has expanded to fostering long-term friendships between women through monthly luncheons, as well as shared social activities scheduled throughout the month. Recent activities have included tours of nearby attractions (museums, farms, galleries, distilleries, water tours, shops, and more!), ceramics, candle making and other

arts and crafts classes, “Game Day Tuesday” (mahjong, cards, dominos), “Chick Flicks” movie dates, “Lunch Bunch,” “Women Dining Out,” “Drinks After Dark” cocktail parties, and monthly book club meetings. Members pick and choose activities according to their interests and schedule.

The Greeters meet on the third Thursday of each month, at 11:30 a.m. at the Landings Yacht, Golf & Tennis Club in Fort Myers. Reservations for the June 15 luncheon are due by June 6. The program this month includes a powerful guest speaker from **IAMF.U.S.E.**, an organization dedicated to eradicating human trafficking. The cost for lunch and the program is \$27 and you’ll have a choice of a hot or cold entrée.

If you’d like to attend the luncheon or if you’d like to learn more about the Greeters Club, please email greetersclub@gmail.com. Hope to hear from you soon!



Town & River Civic Association Inc.	
Balance Sheet	
As of April 30, 2023	
Apr 30, 23	
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Checking/Savings	
First Citizens Bank 2580	18,763.81
First Citizens Bank - MMS	76,479.22
PayPal Account	2,705.33
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>97,948.36</u>
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	2,631.45
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<u>2,631.45</u>
Other Current Assets	
Prepaid, Lake Expense	1,892.01
Prepaid Insurance	5,790.20
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<u>7,682.21</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>108,262.02</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>108,262.02</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	
Prior Year Fund Balance	97,337.99
Net Income	10,924.03
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>108,262.02</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>108,262.02</u></u>

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Architectural Review Committee	John Kristobak	archreview@townandriverfl.com 724-272-6818

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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**Town & River Civic Association Inc.**  
**Profit And Loss**  
**April 2023**

	<u>Apr 23</u>	<u>Jan-Apr 23</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Income - Mandatory	0.00	10,680.00
Income - Voluntary	600.00	21,600.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>600.00</u>	<u>32,280.00</u>
Estoppel Preparation Income	500.00	2,250.00
Interest Income	9.43	37.71
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>1,109.43</u>	<u>34,567.71</u>
<b>Expense</b>		
Accounting Fees	315.00	1,370.00
Bank Fees	35.00	140.00
Corp Insurance	526.40	1,772.48
Email Service	0.00	243.00
<b>General Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>		
Canal Dredging	0.00	15,000.00
<b>Total General Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>
Legal Expense	70.00	343.00
Mailing	0.00	749.23
Meeting Rooms	0.00	275.00
Newspaper Postage	156.43	621.88
PayPal Fees	14.04	245.16
Postage & Delivery	0.00	331.20
Printing & Reproduction	0.00	841.07
Secretary Expense	0.00	1,032.50
Storage Expense	119.79	479.16
Website Maintenance	50.00	200.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>1,286.66</u>	<u>23,643.68</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>-177.23</u>	<u>10,924.03</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>-177.23</u>	<u>10,924.03</u>

# From The Desk Of Sheriff Carmine Marceno

## Property Owners Seeking Renters Advised To Use Caution

Our office has received reports regarding a recent crime trend, occurring around the county, that involves disconcerting similarities.



My detectives have determined that property owners, using certain online rental websites which allow potential renters to have unescorted

access inside of the property, have become the victims of an assortment of crimes.

Through use of these websites, potential renters are provided access codes and key-lockbox information that permit these individuals to enter a property without a real estate professional and completely unsupervised.

As a result, this practice of providing free access to homes and apartments, along with online photographs of the property's contents, may lead to criminal activities including theft and fraud.

Property owners are strongly advised to scrutinize online rental companies and to carefully consider the manner in which they allow access to their properties.

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

By Lisa Wilson, Marketing and Public Relations Director at Edison and Ford Winter Estates

I'm fortunate to work where there is always something blooming! While I'm typically at my desk during the week, I spend a lot of time in my own garden on the weekends. I've converted my entire yard into a garden space to benefit birds and butterflies, using plants that are native to Florida.

At Edison and Ford Winter Estates, we have a native section in the botanical gardens, where tourists and locals can learn about our native flora. We also have several native species for sale in our Garden Shoppe, for anyone who wants to attract butterflies and birds.

We have two native senna species, and both are must-haves in any Southwest Florida butterfly garden. *Senna ligustrina* is a medium-to-large-sized shrub that can get up to 8 feet tall and 6 feet wide. It has bright green leaves and bold, yellow flowers that it produces from fall to spring and sometimes in the summer. It likes a lot of sun and will readily spread by seed, so you'll have additional plants the following year. The plant is the larval host for the cloudless sulphur (*Phoebis sennae*), the sleepy orange (*Eurema nicippi*), and the orange-barred sulphur (*Phoebis philea*). Its native habitat includes forest edges but adapts easily to home gardens if it is planted in moist, but well-drained sandy or limestone soils. The plant will grow more robustly if it has some organic matter.

The other senna is the *Senna Mexicana var. chapmanii*. This one has a sprawling growth habit and tends to grow more horizontally than *ligustrina*, growing to about 4 feet tall and 6 feet wide. This one is short lived (three to five years) but is certainly worthy of a prominent sunny spot in a butterfly garden, where it can show off its glorious bright yellow blooms. It's a host plant to the same butterflies as *ligustrina* and since it's native to Pine Rockland habitats, it can thrive in alkaline soils. *Senna Mexicana* is listed as a threatened species.

Flowers of both senna species are some of the showiest of our Florida native plants and once you see the large sulphur butterflies floating around your yard, you will be very pleased that you added these specimens to your garden. Butterflies aren't the only insects that are attracted to the blooms; many of our native bees will also show up. Both sennas are legumes and the ripe seeds will form in pods; when the pods break open, the seeds can be collected to start new plants, which grow quickly. Both species can tolerate full sun or light shade, and both are drought tolerant.

At Edison and Ford Winter Estates, we have the *Senna Mexicana var. chapmanii* growing in the new wildflower garden amongst other natives. From time to time, these senna plants are available for sale in the Garden Shoppe where there is a nice selection of Florida natives and lots of great plants for butterfly gardens.

In my own garden, I have several of each species and they are equally adored by the sulphur butterflies. Now is a great time of year to start a butterfly garden if you don't already have one because as the temperature heats up, it will soon be the prime season for butterflies. Below are some tips for starting a butterfly garden.

- Butterflies need two types of plants: host plants (the female will lay eggs, the eggs hatch, caterpillars will eat parts of the plant); and nectar plants. Many butterflies are not very selective when it comes to nectar, but they have species-specific host plants.

- Do some research and find out which butterflies naturally occur in your area. Some butterflies have very specific habitats



Sulphur caterpillar on Senna ligustrina



Senna Mexicana



Senna ligustrina blooms



and may not ever find your garden, even if you plant lots of their host plants.

- Visit some butterfly gardens near you to see which species are most prevalent. These are most likely going to be the easiest to attract to your garden.

- Stop using pesticides. Pesticides kill insects and butterflies are insects. Plants and insects have evolved together, and the insects are supposed to eat the plants.

- After you make a list of butterflies in your area, research each one and plant their host plants.

- Plant a large variety of colorful nectar plants and group several of each species together (that makes it easier for the butterflies to see the plants). Some butterflies like to fly high in the treetops, while others float along, almost touching the ground, so be sure to plant trees, shrubs and wildflowers. I often follow butterflies around and watch which nectar plants they like and then purchase those for my own garden. Some butterflies prefer certain colors, so plant a variety.

- For the most part, butterflies like a sunny spot, but some, such as the zebra longwing and the Atala are happiest in shady hammocks, where their host plants naturally grow.

- Be sure to also provide shelter, such as trees and grasses. I've seen butterflies roosting on blades of Fakahatchee grass, as well as under branches of trees and shrubs.

We have a nice butterfly garden at Edison and Ford Winter Estates near the Garden Shoppe, which is open to the public. I hope you'll take some time to walk through and observe the different butterflies and see which flowers they like. There is a butterfly identification sign along the path, so you can learn as you observe. The Garden Shoppe staff can help you select plants for your butterfly garden. We hope to see you soon!



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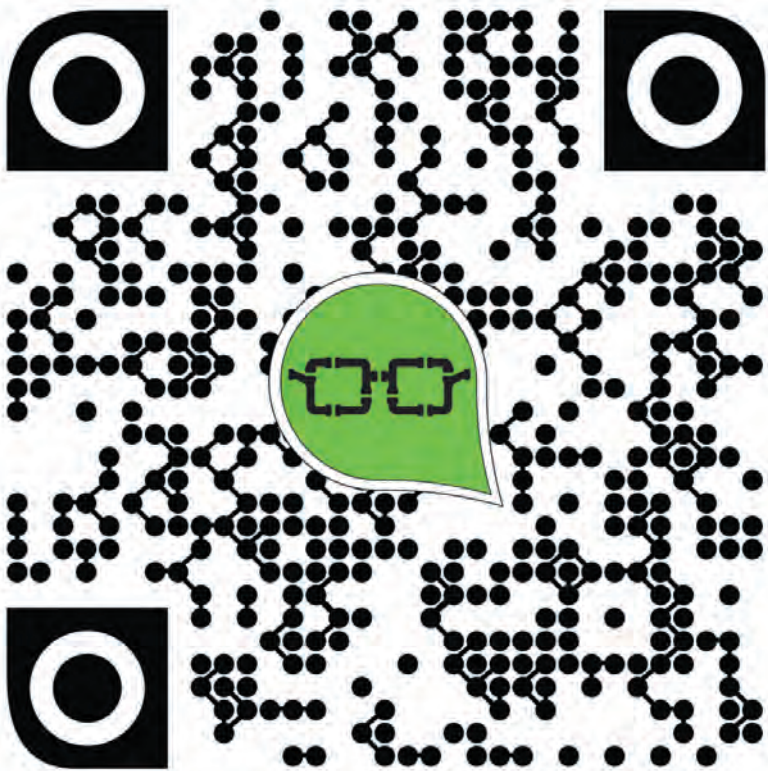
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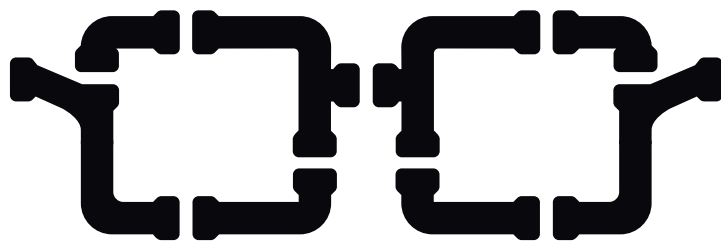


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