

Proposed Real Estate Sign Standardization

By Myriam Lentz

Starting July 1, the Board will introduce a new standardized for sale sign in our community, providing a uniform and professional appearance for all properties that are on the market. **Residents will get a chance to vote on it during an upcoming DOR rewrite vote.** The sign features a bright, eye-catching design with bold lettering, making it easier for potential buyers to spot homes that are for sale.

One of the benefits of this new standardized sign is that it helps eliminate confusion for buyers who may be driving around looking for properties. By having a consistent look and feel across all for sale signs, buyers can easily identify properties that are on the market, without having to decipher different sign designs or color schemes.

The standardized sign also ensures that all properties for sale are represented in a professional manner, giving sellers the opportunity to make a positive first impression. This is particularly important in a competitive real estate market, where buyers have many options to choose from.

In addition to the design of the sign, the standardized sign also includes important information, such as the name of the

real estate agency and the agent representing the property. This helps ensure that potential buyers can easily contact the agent to schedule a viewing or ask questions about the property.

Overall, the new standardized for sale sign is a positive development for our community. It provides a consistent, professional look for all properties that are on the market and helps make the buying and selling process easier and more efficient for everyone involved. Here is a rendering of what it will look like.

Please contact Justin at FastSigns to order your signs. Their phone number is (239) 274-0744. Physical address: 12211 S. Cleveland Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33907.



Town & River Business Owners

It's time to show off your business! We are creating a "Welcome Packet" for distribution to all T&R homeowners, plus new neighbors! Please contact Renee Notes at secy@townandriverfl.com to be included and for more information.



Board Of Directors Meeting Minutes [Unapproved]

South Pointe South Clubhouse Thursday, May 11, 2023

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

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

Approval Of Minutes – April 9, 2023, minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Financials were emailed to the Board.

- Outstanding Dues-Reminder Letters
- Late Fees are not levied due to DOR
- Fines with Interest may be imposed for properties in Units 11, 12, and 13
- Motion to approve financials-all in favor

Deeds Of Restriction/Architectural Review Committee

- Enforcement of DOR
- Discussion of steps and process to enforce
- Mechanism to enforce
 - Date certain for all DOR enforcements
 - Vote by Board
 - Legal steps
- Possible Changes to Amended, Restated, & Combined Deeds of Restriction (ARCDOR) to be made through summer break and reviewed by an attorney for legal clarifications and

application of law. Once the proposed changes are approved by Board and legal counsel, changes will be submitted to owners for a vote either at a special meeting or at annual meeting in January 2024. Two-thirds of owners present in person or by proxy will be required to amend ARCDOR.

Old Business

- Dredging complete and restored to pre-hurricane lan depths.
- (4) New Real Estate Signs presented by Myriam. Voted, motioned and approved new signage
 - Disseminating information to realtors and homeowners on new signage requirements-Myriam to write letter to be published in Town & River Newspaper for Board approval June 8, 2023
 - New signage to go into effect July 1, 2023
 - Homes on market signs prior to July 1, 2023 be grandfathered in use
 - New signage to be written into the new DORs (Deeds of Restrictions)
- Renee presented proposal and prototype of new Welcome Packets for review
 - Publish 600 pieces of Welcome Packets to be distributed to existing homeowners with 100 pieces in reserve for new resident homeowners
 - Cost for publication not to exceed \$1,500 motioned and approved
 - Discussion of incentives for homeowner's business' to be included in Welcome Packet to attract homeowners to their place of business
 - Welcome Packets to include
 - Town & River Web site address

- Quick guide to DOR Rules & Regulations
 - Directors to deliver Welcome Packets to homeowner
 - North Town & River Dues
 - Encourage more homeowners to participate in paying non-mandatory dues
 - Homeowner offer to help with the increasing participation by connecting with homeowners and describing benefits of joining (Tim)
 - Street Directors procedures, responsibilities - finalize a process
 - Captain Craig to compose bullet point email for street directors
 - Follow up on violation letters to encourage compliance
 - Distribution of Welcome Packets
 - New Business**
 - Entrance Signage
 - Needs replacing due to damage
 - Build plan for replacement
 - Build membership participation in email blasts
 - Encourage homeowners to register their email address as part of the directory. Currently 38 members have registered
 - Build to 60 percent membership email addresses for the ability to email blast to incur cost of email blast. Motioned and approved
 - Membership Directory Drive
 - Encourage homeowner to provide email information with registration
- ADJOURN**

Fourth Of July Events In Southwest Florida

Fort Myers – "Freedom Fest" in Downtown Fort Myers, Tuesday, July 4 from 6 to 10 p.m. Come celebrate the Fourth of July with us! This Fest will "explode" on the Edwards Drive waterfront which includes live music, food trucks all ranging in various cuisines, a featured band, activities for the kids, vendors with crafts and items available to purchase, and a beautiful firework display.



Cape Coral – "Red White and Boom." The City of Cape Coral Parks and Recreation Department is proud to present "Red, White & Boom" on Tuesday, July 4 from 5 to 10 p.m. at the foot of the Cape Coral Bridge on Cape Coral Parkway.

This event, which is free to attend, has won the reputation as the best place to honor America on the Fourth of July in Southwest Florida. By land or by sea, the experience is remarkable as over 40,000 people come together in the spirit of our country's Independence Day.

The American Fireworks Spectacular powered by LCEC is a musically synchronized display. The music can be heard at the stage, on Cat Country 107.1 FM, or on the iHeart Radio app. Watch as over 4,000 shells explode in Cape Coral's sky to celebrate our great nation's birth.



Lawn chairs are highly encouraged! No pets (service animals okay) or outside alcohol allowed. For more information, go to capeboom.com.

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**The Board does not meet 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.**

Town & River Civic Association Inc.
Balance Sheet
As of May 31, 2023

	<u>May 31, 23</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
First Citizens Bank 2580	18,980.25
First Citizens Bank - MMS	76,488.96
PayPal Account	1,862.33
Total Checking/Savings	<u>97,331.54</u>
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	2,345.16
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>2,345.16</u>
Other Current Assets	
Prepaid, Lake Expense	2,437.70
Prepaid Insurance	5,263.80
Prepaid, Other Expense	550.00
Total Other Current Assets	<u>8,251.50</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>107,928.20</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>107,928.20</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Prior Year Fund Balance	97,337.99
Net Income	10,590.21
Total Equity	<u>107,928.20</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>107,928.20</u>

Catch The Action

July On The Water

By Capt. Bill Russell

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

Summer snapper fishing heats up this month, as fish move inshore in good numbers and just off the coast. If a fish dinner is your target, snapper is your best bet. They are as tasty as a fish can get and have keen eyesight making it necessary to lighten up the tackle to fool them. Fluorocarbon leader from 10- to 20-pound test is a must. Small hooks and baits deliver better hookups, I generally go with a 1 to 1/0 circle hook, or a small jig head. Shrimp, small pilchards, and pinfish are top baits. Small pieces of cut bait are a good choice, it's often necessary to allow the bait to lay on bottom or drift with the current in a natural manner. This is accomplished by allowing slack in the line. Many times, we keep the bail open on the reel until a fish picks up and starts running line.

From the shallow flats inshore to reefs offshore, snapper respond well to chumming. A store-bought box of chum tied off to the boat in a chum bag is the most popular. If you are cast netting your own bait, it's possible to load up with plenty of extras. Cutting the baits up and creating a continuous flow with the current is a good tactic as well. No doubt, a box of chum is the simplest and easiest, I would recommend more than one box. It's frustrating to finally get fish fired up then run out of chum.

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

Calm summer mornings give good opportunities to run offshore and target grouper and other species. American red snapper season is open for recreational anglers through the month of July. Most target red snapper in depths beginning around 120 feet and deeper. Seventy feet is generally a good starting point for red grouper, but you may need to run past 100 feet for larger fish. If you run out a little deeper, you may find red snapper and grouper around the same depths.

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

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

Sharks are a summertime favorite. Varieties of species both large and small are common both inshore and off. While they are a nuisance for some, many anglers hunt them for their fighting ability. Sharks play an important role in our ecosystem; please make every effort to quickly release them unharmed. Every kid loves to catch a shark of any size, now is a good time, just make sure and do it safely for both the angler and the shark.

To get updated on grouper, snapper, redfish, snook, sea trout and all current fishing regulations go to www.myfwc.com. or download the Fish Rules app.

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, email: 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."



Town & River Civic Association Inc.
Profit And Loss
May 2023

	<u>May 23</u>	<u>Jan-May 23</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Income		
Income - Mandatory	0.00	10,680.00
Income - Voluntary	120.00	21,720.00
Total Income	<u>120.00</u>	<u>32,400.00</u>
Estoppel Preparation Income	1,000.00	3,250.00
Interest Income	9.74	47.45
Total Income	<u>1,129.74</u>	<u>35,697.45</u>
Expense		
Accounting Fees	315.00	1,685.00
Bank Fees	35.00	175.00
Corp Insurance	526.40	2,298.88
Email Service	243.00	486.00
General Repairs & Maintenance		
Canal Dredging	0.00	15,000.00
Total General Repairs & Maintenance	<u>0.00</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>
Legal Expense	0.00	343.00
Mailing	0.00	749.23
Meeting Rooms	0.00	275.00
Newspaper Postage	156.43	778.31
Office Expense	17.94	17.94
PayPal Fees	0.00	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	598.95
Website Maintenance	50.00	250.00
Total Expense	<u>1,463.56</u>	<u>25,107.24</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-333.82</u>	<u>10,590.21</u>
Net Income	<u>-333.82</u>	<u>10,590.21</u>

Consumer Alerts

Scammers Are Hijacking Job Ads. Here's How To Spot The Fakes

By Gema de las Heras, Consumer Education Specialist, FTC

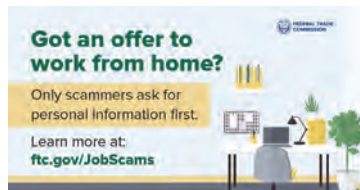
Scammers are taking outdated ads from real employers, changing them, and posting them on employment websites and career-oriented platforms like Indeed or LinkedIn. The modified ads seem to be real job offers with legitimate companies. They're not. In fact, their goal is to trick you into sharing personal information. So how do you know if you're dealing with a scammer?

Know that some of the hijacked job postings are offers to work from home as a personal assistant or customer service representative. Then, they'll ask you for information like your Social Security and your bank account number so they can (supposedly) deposit your salary. Sometimes, they say you got the job and send you a check to buy equipment that

you have to cash (and send money to them). But these are scams.

Here are more ways to spot and avoid phony job postings:

- Verify job openings before you apply. Visit the official website for the organization or company you're applying for. Most include a "career opportunities" or "jobs" section.
- See what others are saying. Look up the name of the company along with words like "scam," "review," or "complaint." The results may include the experiences of others who've lost money.
- Never deposit a check from someone you don't know. An honest employer will never send you a check and then tell you to send them part of the money. That's a scam.
- See a suspicious posting? Tell the FTC at ReportFraud.ftc.gov and check out more advice to stay clear of job scams.



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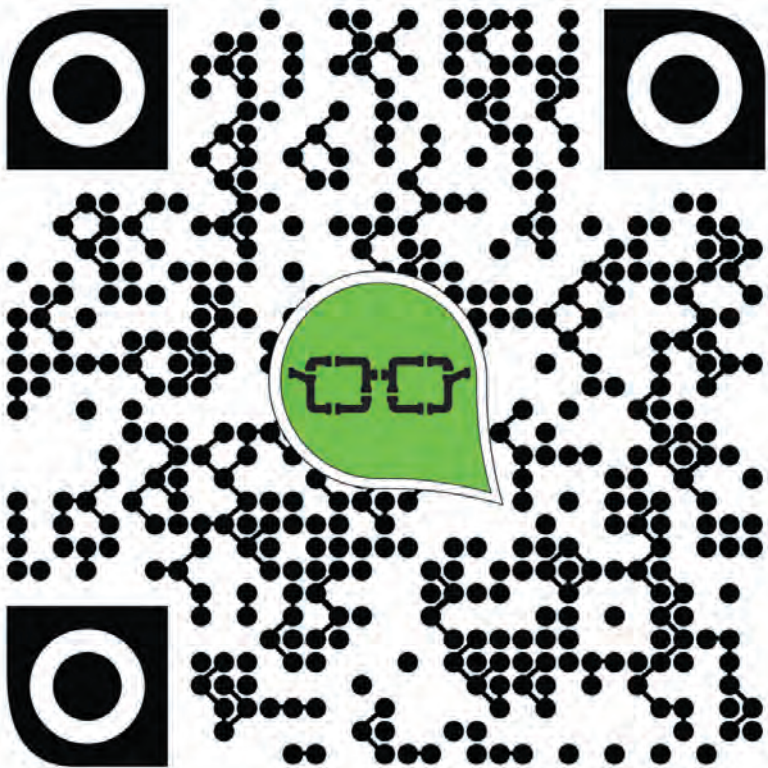
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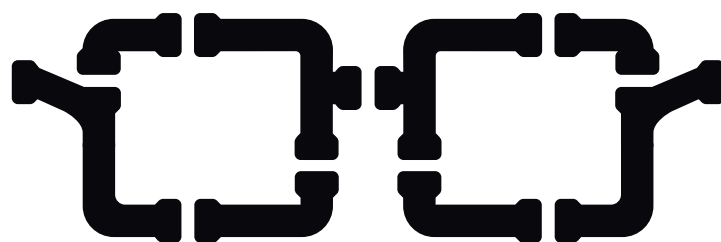


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Alliance For The Arts

Adult And Teen Art Classes

Introduction To Drawing Still Life Workshop

July 5 – 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Members \$25. Nonmembers \$30

Terry Lynn Spry will introduce you to the art of drawing still life. In this one-day workshop students will learn how to set up a still life, drawing objects in proportion and shading. This class will also cover how to draw folds in material, metal and glass and how to create texture with pencil. There will be demonstrations from the instructor in a fun and relaxing interactive class setting.

Supply list: drawing pencils, pink eraser, kneaded eraser, blenders, charcoal, colored pencils, drawing paper.

Fluid Art Series: The Ribbon Pour (18-Plus) All Levels

July 6 – 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Members \$75. Nonmembers \$80

Whether you are a beginner or advanced, these fluid art techniques will be fully explained, demonstrated and you will go home with two completed pieces. Canvas sizes are your choice between 12 by 12 and 16 by 16.

Bring a tray or box to take home your wet paintings. Recommended paints, consistency of paint, color palette, pouring mediums and additives will be discussed. Every student will leave with a handout to assist with your fluid art journey at home.



Art-Tini Night: Stylized Sunsets (Ages 21-Plus)

July 14 – 6 to 9 p.m.

Members \$60. Nonmembers \$72

This summer join the alliance every second Friday of the month as we get your creative juices flowing with craft cocktails. Each class will feature a different art project and three tasty 'Tinis per participant.

In July we'll be creating a stylized sunset painting. This class is perfect for a girl's night out, a fun date night or a just a great way to wind down after a busy week!

Fluid Art – Dutch Pour Intensive Workshop

July 15 – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Members \$175. Nonmembers \$225

Unlock the secrets of the Dutch Pour!

Our fluid art classes are among the most popular classes we offer. The process is fun, accessible and creates beautiful results. In this comprehensive workshop, artist Tammy DeCaro will lead you through the ins and outs of pouring medium, choosing paint, monitoring the consistency of paint, and mixing the colors.

Plus, you'll be introduced to:

- Dutch Pour composition
- Traditional and chaos style
- Three methods to create a Dutch Pour
- Traditional flooded canvas
- Partially flooded canvas
- Transparent method

By the end of class, you will complete and take home four canvases 14 by 14 to 16 by 20 sizes. This class includes a one-hour lunch break.

Materials fee of \$40 is due to the instructor at the beginning of class. Additional supplies needed: hair dryer, boxes to take art home.

Neurographica® (Ages 13-Plus) All Levels

July 17 – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Members \$45. Nonmembers \$54

Neurographica is a method that enables you to change your perception of yourself and your surroundings by using drawing techniques. It was developed in 2014 by Pavel Piskarev, a Russian psychologist. This two-hour workshop introduces you to and allows you to explore the process.

Experience positive changes in your life through drawing, using the Neurographica method. This process provides a way to express your feelings and make your dreams a reality.

The class does not require previous drawing experience.

Supplies provided by the instructor for a \$10 supply fee, paid directly to instructor at the beginning of class.

Introduction To Zentangle (Ages 13-Plus) All Levels

July 20 – 6 to 8 p.m.

Members \$45. Nonmembers \$55

Let certified Zentangle teacher Pamela Signorelli introduce you to the art of Zentangle!

Zentangle is an easy-to-learn method of drawing patterns step by step. It is relaxing, gratifying and a great way to exercise the creative side of your brain! Beginning with the basics in the first class, we'll then create a variety of artworks throughout the month, based on the season.

Supplies will be provided by the instructor.

Beginner Bonsai Workshop

July 26, 6 to 9 p.m.

Members \$55. Nonmembers \$66

This interactive, hands-on workshop will introduce you to the ancient art of bonsai, the Japanese art of growing and training miniature trees in containers, developed from the traditional Chinese art form of penjing.

The first part of our workshop will be a presentation discussing the terminology, history, philosophies and aesthetics used in bonsai. We'll also cover tools used, techniques needed, and soil mechanics. This will be followed by questions and discussion of live trees, with examples. Finally, students will have the opportunity to use the remaining two hours to prune, shape, and repot their tree into a more pleasing bonsai container. Aftercare instructions and troubleshooting will wrap up the program.

All supplies will be provided by the instructor for a \$25 fee, paid directly to instructor.

Beginning Belly Dance (Ages 18-Plus)

July 26 – 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Members \$60. Nonmembers \$72

Have fun learning the ancient art and modern styles of this dynamic dance! Belly dancing is a naturally low impact activity that improves posture, core strength, flexibility and the mind-body connection. Adults will learn the basic moves, steps and rhythms that are applicable to either traditional or tribal styles of belly dance in this course with Middle Eastern and Mediterranean Dance Orientale Award recipient Sherry Coffey! No experience necessary.

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

Storm Drain Reminder

As we enter rainy season here in Southwest Florida please keep the storm drains clear of trash and debris. Keeping the drains clear allows rain water to clear the streets quickly.



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The Southwest Florida Symphony Kicks Off 63rd Season With 'R.E.M. Explored' On Oct. 21

The Southwest Florida Symphony, Lee County's only professional orchestra featuring musicians who have studied at the world's most prestigious conservatories, is excited



to announce tickets are on sale for the first Brave New Pops concert of its 63rd season on Saturday, Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Myers. "R.E.M. Explored" will feature selections from R.E.M.'s legendary playlist newly imagined for the orchestra, with R.E.M.'s Mike Mills on electric bass, piano and guitar performing alongside Grammy-nominated violinist Robert McDuffie.

This symphonic masterpiece perfectly blends classical and pop, featuring R.E.M.'s biggest hits from the '80s and '90s, including *Everybody Hurts*, *Supernatural Superstitions*, *Man on the Moon* and more. The incredible concert will conclude with Mills performing his eponymous *Concerto for Violin, Rock Band, and Orchestra*.

The Southwest Florida Symphony's Brave New Pops series is sponsored by Ellie Fox and Seminole Casino Hotel.

The remainder of the symphony's 63rd season will feature a diverse lineup of performances highlighting the best of classical, pop, jazz, rock and more led by Maestro Radu Paponiu and accompanied by world-renowned guest artists.

To purchase tickets or learn more, visit swflso.org/tickets/.

The Southwest Florida Symphony made its debut as a community orchestra on April 15, 1961, playing in schools and community centers, with a roster of only 24 volunteer musicians. Today, the symphony boasts a roster of 70 world-class professional musicians and is Lee County's only fully professional orchestra and fourth oldest in the state. The Southwest Florida Symphony's 63rd year continues the orchestra's tradition of artistic excellence and innovation as Music Director Maestro Radu Paponiu leads another season

of spectacular performances. Maestro Paponiu, the sixth music director in the organization's history, also serves as the associate conductor and youth orchestra director for the Naples Philharmonic in addition to guest-conducting with orchestras throughout the United States and Europe.

For more information about the Southwest Florida Symphony, upcoming season performances and subscription and ticketing information, visit swflso.org or call (239) 418-1500.



R.E.M. Explored: Robert McDuffie and Mike Mills with Atlanta Symphony Orchestra



R.E.M. Explored: Mike Mills and Robert McDuffie

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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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Harry Chapin Food Bank Collects More Than 51,000 Pounds Of Food During Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

Harry Chapin Food Bank, the largest hunger-relief organization in Southwest Florida, is pleased to announce it collected 51,042 pounds of food in Lee County during the annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive. The event was held on May 13 and serves as the largest single-day food drive in the nation.



Harry Chapin Food Bank
OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

“We are thankful to everyone who participated in the annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive this year,” said Richard LeBer, president and CEO of Harry Chapin Food Bank. “This food drive is critical in helping Harry Chapin Food Bank stay stocked during the summer months, when we see a significant increase in food insecurity among children and families.”

In Lee County, the Stamp Out Hunger food drive is held each year in partnership with the United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee counties and the National Association of Letter Carriers.

During the one-day food drive, postal customers are encouraged to leave donations for nonperishable food items next to their mailboxes that are collected by mail

carriers along their regular postal delivery routes. This year, hundreds of volunteers assisted letter carriers by picking up food, unloading trucks and sorting items at three postal drop-off sites.

Food collected in Lee County will be distributed by Harry Chapin Food through its food distribution programs.

About Harry Chapin Food Bank

Harry Chapin Food Bank, a member of Feeding America, is the largest hunger-relief organization in Southwest Florida. The food bank rescues food that would otherwise go to waste and distributes it to children, families, and seniors who are hungry through a series of food distribution programs that feed more than a quarter of a million people each month.

Harry Chapin Food Bank distributed \$61.5 million worth of food in fiscal year 2022. Through our food distribution programs, we supplied 34.7 million pounds of food and other grocery items, including 12 million pounds of fresh produce. The food is the equivalent of 29 million meals distributed to those who are hungry.



Our membership with Feeding America enables us to amplify our food and distribution efforts and bring in food from various retail and grocery stores, national food producers and distributors, and growers locally, nationally, and even internationally.

Harry Chapin Food Bank is proud to be named a Blueprint Partner by the Naples Children & Education Foundation (NCEF), the founding organization of the Naples Winter Wine Festival. Harry Chapin Food Bank is also a United Way partner agency. For more information or to make a gift, please call (239) 334-7007 or visit harrychapinfoodbank.org.

About United Way Of Lee, Hendry, And Glades

United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades is a volunteer driven organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for all people in our community. This is accomplished through fundraising, fund distribution, community building, volunteer advancement, and information and referrals. For more information, please call United Way at (239) 433-2000 or visit UnitedWayLee.org.



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The botanical garden is a project of the Fort Myers Lee County Garden Council, whose headquarters are at the Virginia Avenue address. The garden is staffed by Garden Council volunteers. Those viewing the garden may also just walk the path and enjoy the gardens.

The garden is the home of the Lorelei statue that was part of the old Fort Myers Library as well as the Mina Edison Botanical Library. Many of the displays in the garden have been provided through the talents and contributions of the 29 local garden clubs, plant societies, and other affiliate members, representing over 1,700 members which comprise the Garden Council.

The Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council was formed in 1957 and now comprises various clubs, societies, and affiliate members in the area. The council is a member of the National Garden Clubs, the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, and American Public Gardens Association.

For additional information about the council, contact Sylvia Swartz, president, fmlcgardencouncil@gmail.com.



From The Desk Of Sheriff Carmine Marceno

Time For Hurricane Preparedness

Eight months have passed since Southwest Florida was devastated by Hurricane Ian.

Between the volume of media coverage and the ruins that remain, I am confident that virtually no one wishes to discuss nor consider the upcoming hurricane season.

While wounds continue to heal, Lee County must accept the June 1 arrival of the Atlantic hurricane season.

We are usually fortunate and, despite watches and warnings, our county has generally escaped previous storms with relatively manageable damage. If nothing else, Ian taught us to brace for the worst despite these previous misses.

Ian has taught us, firsthand, how vulnerable we are here in Southwest Florida and, while we have no control over the severity or direction of future storms, we have an opportunity to prepare.

We've all seen the hurricane lists ... batteries, water, fuel, etc. The list is lengthy. It includes pet needs, medications, flashlights, etc., and all suggestions should be heeded. Lists of recommended items can be found all over the Internet and I won't dwell on the need to purchase most, if not all, of those recommended items.

Rather, let's discuss other issues:

Lee County covers an immense amount of area that includes waterfront property, low-lying regions and rural sections. As a



result of these differences, we must fully understand our personal risk in regard to wind and water. Do you live in a flood-prone area? An evacuation zone? Are you subject to storm surge?

Consider the structure in which you reside. Is your home a manufactured home? Mobile home? Are you in a single-story structure subject to large volumes of water? Are your exterior doors and garage doors hurricane-proof? What are your home's vulnerabilities?

Do you fully understand the difference between a "watch" and a "warning?" What are your thoughts when you see the "Hurricane Cone of Uncertainty?" Do you recognize the potential size and movement of a storm or how quickly both can change?

No one wishes to evacuate their home. No one wants to leave behind cherished items. Sorting through a lifetime of belongings, just days prior to a storm, is nearly impossible. What must you take? What must you leave? How quickly can you safely gather those "must bring" items? Can it be done in advance?

Where would you go? Certainly storm direction plays a role in determining your evacuation plans. If you needed to head north, where would you go? East? South? What options do you have?

How will you communicate with relatives, neighbors, friends? Do you have a communication plan? Will you be able to check on the welfare of family members and friends? Will they be able to contact you?

What about your needs following the storm? Cash? Fuel? What hazards may surround you? Do you fully understand generator advantages and hazards?

The subject is a bitter one. While it is virtually impossible to find a silver lining following last year's devastation, we can learn from it. We can be wiser. We can be better prepared.

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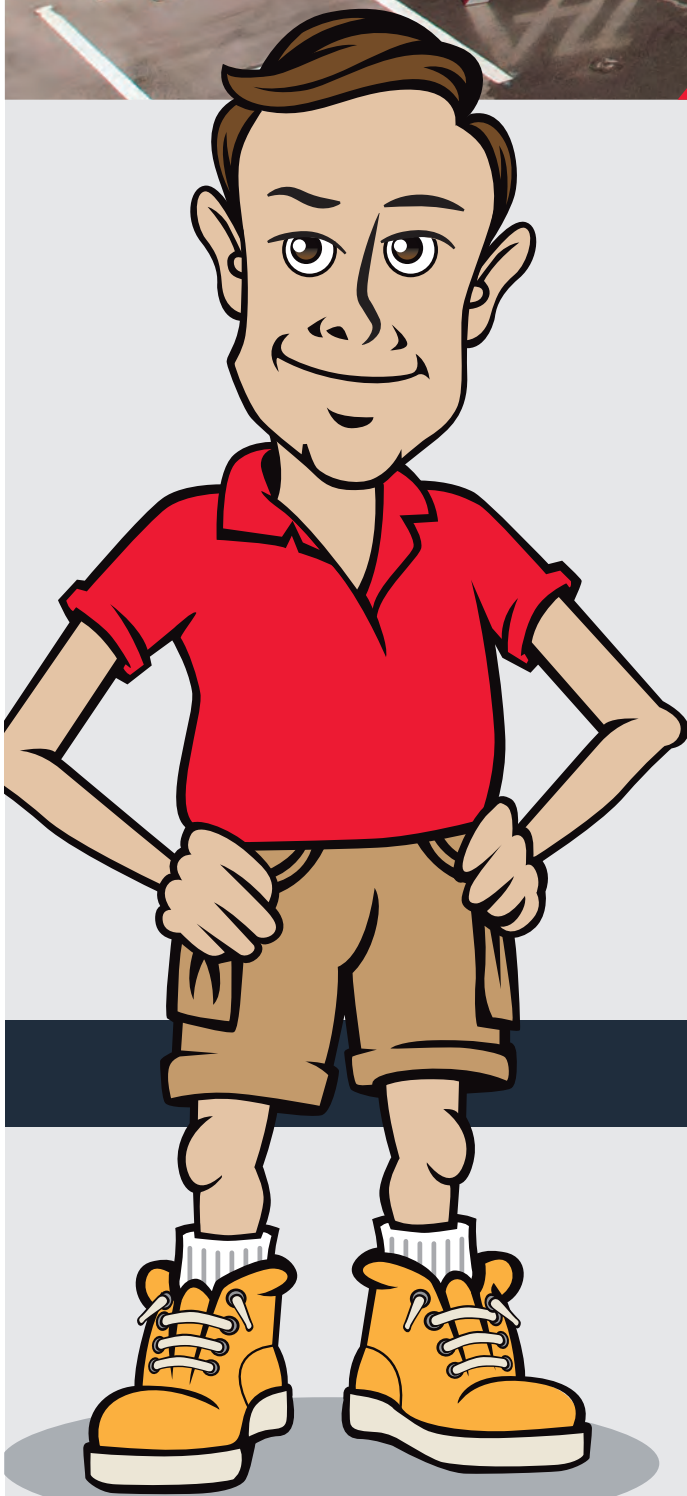
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