

## Town & River Cruise Club

### St. Patrick's Day Cruise

Town & River Cruise Club celebrated St. Patrick's Day on March 20 at the Lighthouse Restaurant in Fort Myers. All winter we have been waiting for the perfect day to take the boats out on the Caloosahatchee River. Well, today, the first full day of spring,



What a great St. Patrick's Day celebration!

was that perfect day! The river was flat, the air was crisp and we saw some dolphins along the way.

We had 25 members and guests join us for a delicious lunch and some lively conversation. I heard some particularly rave reviews for the Lighthouse Flatbread with Shrimp, the Fried Calamari and the Shrimp Salad. The Lighthouse is always very accommodating and the service was wonderful.

Our 50/50 raffle was held and Mike DiBenedetto's nephew, Dominic, was gracious enough to pull our winning ticket for us. The Luck of the Irish was with him today as he pulled his own winning ticket and walked away \$30 richer!



The DiBenedettos had a great time boating to The Lighthouse.



Sue Sena places her order.

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The Lighthouse has new floating docks to serve boaters.

## Join Our Facebook Page!

Stay connected and in the know with all the latest happenings in your community by simply liking our Facebook page! Join the Town & River (Fort Myers) community online to stay updated on local events, neighborhood news and exciting opportunities to meet new neighbors. Whether it's discovering the newest hotspot in town or staying informed about upcoming gatherings, our Facebook page is your go-to hub for everything Town & River. Join us today!



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## Board Of Directors Meeting Minutes [Unapproved]

### South Point South Clubhouse March 14, 2024

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



A quorum was established.  
Present: President Captain Craig O'Donnell, Secretary Renee Notes, Vice President John Kristobak, Directors: Gary Hudson, Martha Smith, Marge Byrne, Jeremy and Jennifer Deates  
Absent: Treasurer Ann Marie Aeschliman, Directors Tom Aeschliman, George Winn & Mark Generales

**Approval Of Minutes** – February 2024 minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – Financials were emailed to the Board. (Ann Marie Aeschliman, Treasurer) absent.

- Most of the dues are paid for 2024.
- Motion to approve. All in favor.

### Deeds Of Restriction/Architectural Review Committee

- All permit requests have been evaluated and approved
  - DOR and ARDOR enforcement to begin April 1, 2024
- Regardless of a properties Unit, failure to comply with the applicable DOR constitutes a breach of contract.

### Old Business

- Board Member Vacancies - motion to fill-refer to new business
- Violations continue to be addressed with several repeat offenders. President to discuss with homeowner(s)

### New Business

- Board to prepare a list of places that require repair from the fiber installation in Town & River to report to Centurylink/Lambert March 20, 2024
- MSTBU budget meeting last week in attendance President Capt O'Donnell and John Kristobak
  - There are a number of budget line items being addressed
    - Request for Sheriff patrol during business hours of high traffic construction vehicles and vendor services for speed limit compliance. TRIU representative to discuss with Sheriff Office

- Tax Bill
- Services performed for TRIU to be put to bid
- Signage budget increased to 20K and will be put out to bid

- Last year's budget \$108,000K
- 2024 budget \$159,000
- Board member vacancies to be filled by Jennifer & Jeremy Deates.
  - Jennifer to become Director 9 for N. Town & River and Director of Public Relations and Media
  - Jeremy to become Director 5 for Cypress Lake Cr/ Joanna Cr and Sand Spur Ln.

### ADJOURN

Respectfully,  
Donna McClung, Executive Secretary,  
Town & River Civic Association,  
townandriverfl.com,  
P.O. Box 07073, Fort Myers, FL 33919

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

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

South Pointe South Clubhouse  
9734 Foxglove Circle, Fort Myers.

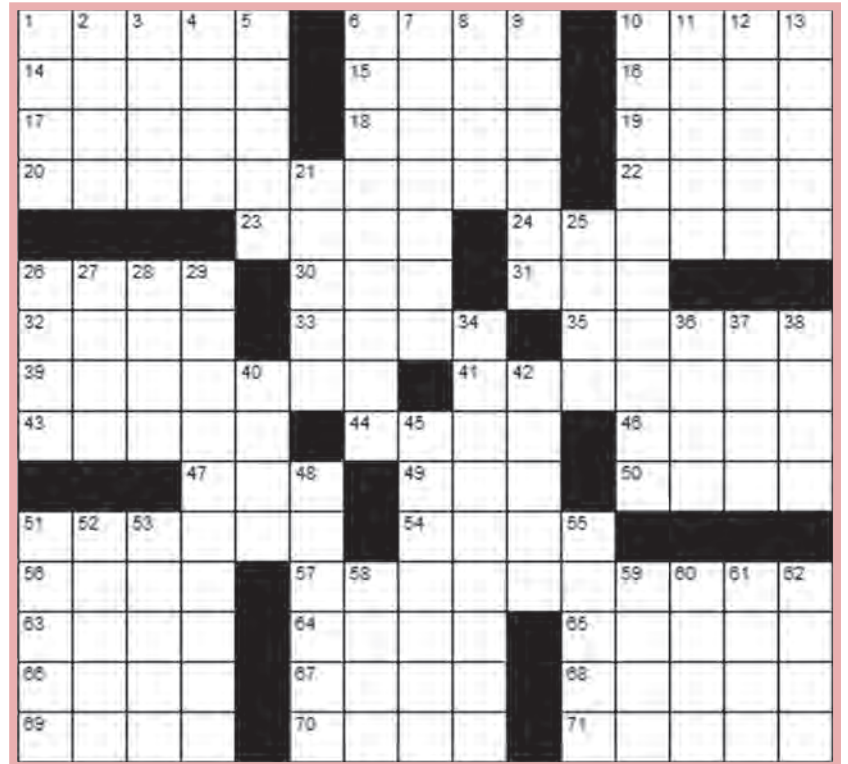
Check out our new website  
[www.townandriverfl.com](http://www.townandriverfl.com).

# Crossword Puzzle

- Across**
- 1. Personnel
  - 6. Bottom
  - 10. Get ready
  - 14. Besmirch
  - 15. Smooth or level
  - 16. Rattling breath
  - 17. Bless with oil
  - 18. Whimper
  - 19. Curved molding
  - 20. Deadly nightshade
  - 22. An American dry measure
  - 23. Carpet type
  - 24. Seashores
  - 26. River barriers
  - 30. Half of a pair
  - 31. Unit of energy
  - 32. Sloth
  - 33. Rubber wheel
  - 35. Stash
  - 39. Intelligent sea creature
  - 41. Spread thickly
  - 43. Marsh bird
  - 44. Moveable fence barrier
  - 46. Hearing organs
  - 47. Local Area Network
  - 49. Large cup for hot liquids
  - 50. "Damn!"
  - 51. Inform
  - 54. Motel employee
  - 56. Not fatty
  - 57. In an unfruitful manner
  - 63. Tilt
  - 64. Hindu princess

- 65. Small and light boat
- 66. Behold, in old Rome
- 67. French cheese
- 68. Fund
- 69. Marsh plant
- 70. Affirmative votes
- 71. Writing tables

- Down**
- 1. Thick slice
  - 2. Fork prong
  - 3. Cain's brother
  - 4. Tumbled
  - 5. Bloodsucking parasites
  - 6. Deploring
  - 7. Retaliator
  - 8. Stitched
  - 9. Intertwine
  - 10. Disseminated
  - 11. Goes ballistic
  - 12. Select by voting
  - 13. Sneaks a look
  - 21. Hindu loincloth
  - 25. Whale
  - 26. Garb
  - 27. Any minute
  - 28. Anagram of "mail"
  - 29. Superseded
  - 34. River mouths
  - 36. Blacken
  - 37. Wife of Zeus
  - 38. Once, long ago
  - 40. Miami basketball team
  - 42. In accordance with law
  - 45. Strong-smelling cleanser
  - 48. Close at hand
  - 51. Gastric woe
  - 52. Tranquility
  - 53. Terpsichore
  - 55. Cut into cubes
  - 58. Naked
  - 59. Windmill blade
  - 60. Terminates
  - 61. Glance
  - 62. Evergreens



# Sudoku Puzzle

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 |   |   | 5 |   |   | 7 |   |   |
| 8 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 2 | 9 |   | 8 | 3 |   |   |   | 5 |
| 4 |   |   |   | 5 | 9 |   |   | 2 |
|   |   | 1 |   | 2 |   | 8 |   |   |
|   | 8 | 7 |   |   |   |   | 1 |   |
|   |   |   | 3 | 9 | 4 |   |   | 7 |
| 5 |   |   |   |   | 1 |   |   | 9 |

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# 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 Club at Pelican Preserve, 9802 Pelican Preserve Blvd., Fort Myers 33913 (community entry off Treeline Avenue between Colonial Boulevard and Daniels Parkway).

Activities begin at 11:30 a.m. with a short social period, followed by lunch at 12 p.m., then an informative speaker program, followed by a short business meeting ending at 2 p.m. 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, May 23, and our planned speakers will be Marcia Davis, executive director for the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers, and Desi Wynter, chief real estate officer of that same organization. They design and manage the community development

enterprise known as the Greater Dunbar Initiative. This initiative is a collaborative effort between local, state and federal agencies and private businesses and industries to address issues such as distressed housing, crime and unemployment in the Southward Village and surrounding neighborhood of Fort Myers.

Additionally, our May meeting will conclude with the installation of the new Montage Women's Club Executive Board for 2024/25.

Luncheon fee is \$28 and the planned regular entree will be Three Meat Lasagna with house marinara, broccolini and tiramisu for dessert. The plant-based/vegan entree will be Vegan Lasagna, broccolini, with fresh fruit for dessert. Fresh rolls and butter are always served.

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 12 p.m., Thursday, May 16.

Crossword Solution on page 6

## DUNKIN'S DIAMONDS

FABULOUS JEWELRY

### Lab-Grown Diamonds



2 ctw \$1195  
3 ctw \$1995



2 ct \$1695  
3 ct \$2795



5 ctw \$2995

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FORT MYERS  
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1/2 Mile South of Page Field  
239-277-1011

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TOWN CENTER  
Fort Myers  
Alico Rd. off I-75  
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TOWN CENTER  
Port Charlotte  
1441 Tamiami Trail  
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Creating Beautiful, Healthy Smiles

# “I Just Don’t Believe That...”

Dear friend,

When I meet people in town, they usually say, “Oh, yeah, I know you, you’re that doctor with the beard on TV.” Well, perhaps I should tell you a little more about myself, the picture from television and why I use it in my ads.

Let’s start with me, the guy with the beard. Ten years ago I was living here in Florida. At that time my mother was down visiting from New Jersey for the season when she showed up in my clinic with a **frozen shoulder**. She was desperate and in pain having lost practically all use of her dominant arm. She could hardly fix her hair, reach for a coffee cup or even fasten her brassiere. Basic hygiene had become extremely difficult for her. She was afraid, because the two orthopedic surgeons that she had consulted told her, “Your only option is to have your shoulder replaced.” I remember saying to my mother, **“I just don’t believe that.”**

Now at that time I was a chiropractor who worked primarily on the spine. Frankly... I didn’t know how I was going to help her. I just knew there was a non-surgical solution out there and I was going to find it.

And boy did I find it! I found the answer to my mother’s shoulder problem and much, much more. And where did I find it? Of all places, I found it at the birthplace of Elvis Presley, Tupelo, Mississippi. Immediately I hopped on a plane and flew into Memphis, rented a car and drove out to a chiropractic neurologist who was willing to teach me how to fix my mother’s frozen shoulder. I spent three days in his clinic shadowing him, learning a new technique I had never even heard about before. Eager to help my mother, I developed this new skill set quickly. When I returned to Florida I wanted to be able to immediately fix my mother’s shoulder.

And that’s exactly what happened. After I performed the first Non-Surgical Operation on her shoulder, her pain went away significantly and she recovered to nearly full range of motion. She was so happy that she avoided surgery and got her life back.

It’s strange how life is, because that same doctor who showed me how to fix my mother’s shoulder opened up his treasure chest of knowledge and showed me how to help people with **chronic knee, neck, low back pain and those suffering with neuropathy** in their hands and feet, **all without the use of Drugs, Surgery or Injections.**

I spent the next several months flying back and forth to Mississippi learning all that I could.

Many years later we now have over one thousand successful patient testimonials. Many of them were told by their doctors that their only option was to have their knee or shoulder replaced or to take toxic drugs for the rest of their lives to mask their neuropathy symptoms.

Al was one of those patients who was told he had **‘bone on bone’** degeneration. His knee stopped unlocking properly, similar to what I’m describing in the photo, and he was facing knee replacement surgery. He was suffering from **chronic degenerative knee pain**, couldn’t walk properly and was easily holding onto 60 pounds of excess body weight. His doctors would have eagerly scheduled him for a knee replacement surgery had he decided to go in that direction.

Immediately after the Non-Surgical Operation I performed on Al’s knee, he was squatting and walking up and down the stairs normally without pain.

Al is now in his early 70s touring Alaska in his RV. He has dropped over 60 pounds and is biking 15 - 20 miles per day and loving life. He regularly sends me great pictures from his adventures.

Joyce was told by her oncologist, “There’s nothing that can be done.” She would have to live with the chemo-induced **neuropathy in her hands and feet**. Hot and cold were indistinguishable and the numbness and tingling made it impossible for her to walk any distance.

Joyce was a cancer survivor only to have come out on the other side with another debilitating condition. She and her husband showed up in my clinic and told me what their medical doctor had said. I told her the same thing I told my mother, **“I just don’t believe that.”**

After a thorough neurological examination and report of findings she trusted me enough to follow my protocols. Within two weeks her numbness and tingling in her feet subsided and the feeling was coming back.. After 12 weeks she was feeling the sand between her toes as she walked along the beach again. At her one year checkup Joyce’s sensory loss had improved over 80% overall to within the normal range... She is all smiles these days!



You should know that ***I don’t heal anyone of anything.*** What I do is perform a specific non-surgical operation that resets the communication between the brain and knee or shoulder, instantly decreasing pain and inflammation, increasing strength and flexibility and **helping with tissue healing**. For our neuropathy patients we have a 4 step, proven approach that heals your nerves and reverses your symptoms. We get tremendous results. It’s as simple as that! –We get tremendous results. It’s as simple as that!

Today in the United States medical doctors are prescribing more drugs than ever before. These drugs are designed to cover up symptoms as your condition gets worse underneath the surface. The toxicity from the daily use of these chemicals ultimately leads to nasty side-effects and more drugs to treat the new symptoms. The current “healthcare” system was built to maintain your condition, not fix it. It’s a brilliant business model for the pharmaceutical industry and the hospitals, but a horrible strategy to follow if one is looking to age gracefully.

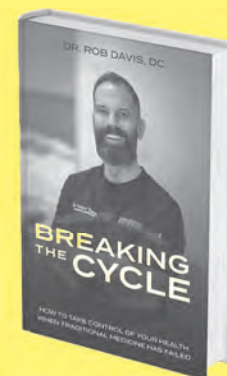
**That’s where my practice comes in.** I have found a way so that more people are able to afford the treatment they need, even those on a fixed income with or without health insurance coverage. One Non-Surgical Operation in my clinic could cost what you’d pay for just the deductible of a joint replacement surgery.

**You Benefit from a Unique Offer...When you bring in this article, you will receive a FREE CONSULTATION** with me to determine whether you are a good candidate for our Non-Surgical Knee or Shoulder Operation. If you’re being seen for Neuropathy we will take a thermal image of your feet **at no charge to you**. This will give me enough information to know whether I can help you. Once we determine you’re a good candidate and you feel comfortable in my clinic **the complete examination is only \$197**. That’s it, for the entire neurological examination & report of findings. This examination & report could cost you over \$500 elsewhere. But, please

call **right away** because this offer expires on May 31, 2024, and I don’t want you to miss out. By the way, further care is very affordable and you’ll be happy to know that the non-surgical, drug free therapies and procedures performed in my clinic **can cost as little as \$300 per month**. You see, I’m not trying to seduce you to come see me with this low start up fee, then to only make it up with high fees after that. Further care is very important to consider when making your choice of doctor because **higher costs can add up very quickly.**

**“You shouldn’t be forced to choose drugs and surgery just because that’s the only treatment Medicare and your insurance company will cover.”**

You should know a little about my qualifications. That’s important so that there’s no misunderstanding about the quality of care. I’m the best-selling author of **Breaking The Cycle** - how to take control of your life when traditional medicine has failed. **An amazon #1 new release in three categories.** I’m a graduate of Life University School of Chiropractic practicing since 1998. I am a licensed chiropractic physician certified in functional neurology. I’ve been entrusted to take care of avid morning walkers, pro-athletes and business tycoons you may have heard of.



My office is called **Active Health Brain & Body** and it is located at 6710 Winkler Road, Suite #1. It’s the gray Key West-style building at the corner of Cypress Lake Drive and Winkler Road behind the Bank of America. The phone number is **239-482-8686**. Please call my wonderful assistants Megan or Silvia today to make an appointment.

I wish you the Very Best in Health and Life!

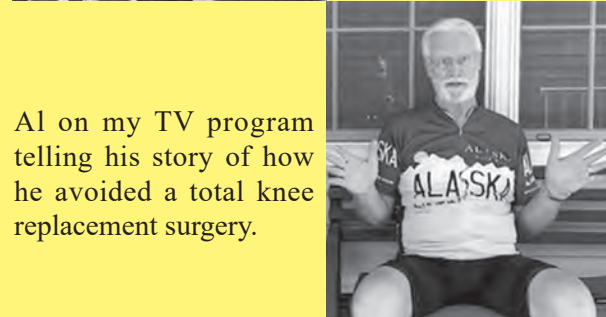
**Dr. Rob Davis, DC**

**P.S.** When accompanied by the first, I am also offering the second family member this same examination for only **\$97**.

**P.P.S.** Your time is as valuable to you as mine is to me. That’s why I have a “no wait” policy. It is highly unusual to wait more than a few minutes in my office.



My mother and I featured in a local publication for non-surgical shoulder solutions.



Al on my TV program telling his story of how he avoided a total knee replacement surgery.



Joyce is all smiles at her one year checkup. No more neuropathy!

**Call Today 239-482-8686**

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**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**

|  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <b>Dues</b>  | \$45 / household  |  |
| <b>Initiation Fee</b>                                | \$50 / household  |  |
|  | (included burgee and name tags)                                 |  |
| <b>New Members Prorated Dues</b>                     |   |  |
| Joining between                                      |   |  |
| April 1 to September 30                              | \$45  |  |
| October to December 31                               | \$30  |  |
| January 1 to March 30                                | \$20  |  |
| <b>Send Application, Dues and Initiation Fee to:</b> | Cecilia Bourdon<br>1026 Clarendon Drive<br>Fort Myers, FL 33919 |  |
| <b>Make checks payable to:</b>                       | Cecilia Bourdon   |  |

# Consumer Alert

## What's A Verification Code And Why Would Someone Ask Me For It?

When you log into your bank or credit card account, you might get a text message or email with a verification code. You then enter it at the login screen to confirm it's really you. That's a form of two-factor authentication that adds a layer of security to your account — and keeps would-be scammers and hackers out.

Your account password and a verification code work together, like the lock on your doorknob and a deadbolt lock. If you unlock the doorknob but not the deadbolt, you can't get in. Likewise, if you know the account password but not the verification code, you can't get in.

The same goes for scammers trying to get into your account. To break into your account, scammers need both keys. That's why they try to trick you into sharing your verification code.

Scammers pretend to be someone you can trust, and say they've discovered a problem with one of your accounts — or that someone's using your identity. They may know

some things about you and sound very convincing. They may even be very sympathetic to your problem: offering to help you set things right ... and then asking for your verification code to get into your account.

If you give them the code, they can log into your account and transfer all the money out of your savings or investment accounts.

Never give your verification code to someone else. It's only for you to log into your account. **Anyone** who asks you for your account verification code is a scammer.

If someone asks you for your verification code, don't engage. Hang up. Block their number. Stop texting them. Then report them to the FTC at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

If you're worried there's a problem with your account, contact your bank, credit union, or investment advisor directly. Use a number you trust, like the one on your statement or in your app. Never use the number the caller gave you; it'll take you to the scammer.



## Town & River Civic Association Inc. Balance Sheet As of March 31, 2024

|                                   | <u>Mar 31, 24</u>        |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                     |                          |
| <b>Current Assets</b>             |                          |
| <b>Checking/Savings</b>           |                          |
| First Citizens Bank 2580          | 27,458.27                |
| First Citizens Bank - MMS         | 76,584.82                |
| PayPal Account                    | 8,738.63                 |
| <b>Total Checking/Savings</b>     | <u>112,781.72</u>        |
| <b>Accounts Receivable</b>        |                          |
| Accounts Receivable               | 3,503.20                 |
| <b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>  | <u>3,503.20</u>          |
| <b>Other Current Assets</b>       |                          |
| Prepaid, Lake Expense             | 2,220.09                 |
| Prepaid Insurance                 | 6,936.14                 |
| <b>Total Other Current Assets</b> | <u>9,156.23</u>          |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>       | <u>125,441.15</u>        |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>               | <u><u>125,441.15</u></u> |

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

|  |                          |  |
|--|--------------------------|--|
| <b>Liabilities</b>                     |                          |  |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>             |                          |  |
| <b>Other Current Liabilities</b>       |                          |  |
| Annual Dues, Advanced                  | 483.50                   |  |
| <b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b> | <u>483.50</u>            |  |
| <b>Total Current Liabilities</b>       | <u>483.50</u>            |  |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>               | <u>483.50</u>            |  |
| <b>Equity</b>                          |                          |  |
| Prior Year Fund Balance                | 98,954.74                |  |
| Net Income                             | 26,002.91                |  |
| <b>Total Equity</b>                    | <u>124,957.65</u>        |  |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>  | <u><u>125,441.15</u></u> |  |

# Cinco De Mayo

We celebrate Cinco de Mayo (May 5) based on the misconception that it is the Mexican day of independence. The actual Mexican day of independence is Sept. 16.

Cinco de Mayo was the culmination of the Battle of the Puebla, which occurred when the grossly outnumbered Mexican army defeated the French on May 5, 1862 in the city of Puebla. Then Mexican president Benito Juárez had cancelled the debt repayments owed to several European countries in order to protect the fragile Mexican economy. In retaliation Napoleon III brought his army to overthrow the Mexican government.

Had Mexico not been the victor in this battle, the French would have continued their march north where they most likely would have taken the side of the Confederacy in the U.S. Civil War.

Despite the fact that Mexico was later defeated by the French, the battle in Puebla sent a powerful message that

the new Mexican government was a formidable opponent. President Juárez declared May 5 a national holiday.

During the 1980s and '90s the commercialization of May 5 was created sparked by the growing Chicano movement in the mid-20th century.

Currently, some celebrate Cinco de Mayo as a commemoration of the Mexican culture. Some Mexican-Americans have mixed feelings. And some use it as an excuse to party.

However you decide to acknowledge this holiday, knowing the history can provide recognition of our complicated past.

*Source: Americans might love cinco de mayo, but few know what they're celebrating (July 2019), www.theconversation.com/americans-might-love-cinco-de-mayo-but-few-know-what-theyre-celebrating-115780*

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Deb Haptonstall, our current commodore, has agreed to remain in the position for one more year. We are, however, still looking for a vice commodore who is willing to serve with her.

If you are interested in finding out more about the position, you can contact Deb at billhaptonstall@gmail.com.

Mike DiBenedetto has offered to take on the roll of auditor for the coming year. His lovely wife, Elizabeth, will be our new photographer. She will be replacing Ed Bourdon who has served as our photographer for many, many years. Thank you, Ed, for your service to our club.

As always, the event was a great success and it was nice to see everyone at our Annual Meeting and Picnic on April 13 at the W. P. Franklin Lock and Dam.



*Cocktails and conversation preceded a great club luncheon.*



*Ed Bourdon's food looks yummy!*



*Ed and Cecilia Bourdon really enjoyed their meals.*



*Commodore Debbie Haptonstall announces the winner of the 50/50.*

## Town & River Civic Association Inc. Profit And Loss March 2024

|                                | <u>Mar 24</u>          | <u>Jan-Mar 24</u>       |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b> |                        |                         |
| <b>Income</b>                  |                        |                         |
| <b>Income</b>                  |                        |                         |
| Income - Mandatory             | 0.00                   | 10,800.00               |
| Income - Voluntary             | 3,240.00               | 21,300.00               |
| <b>Total Income</b>            | <u>3,240.00</u>        | <u>32,100.00</u>        |
| <br>                           |                        |                         |
| Estoppel Preparation Income    | 250.00                 | 750.00                  |
| Interest Income                | 9.73                   | 28.56                   |
| <b>Total Income</b>            | <u>3,499.73</u>        | <u>32,878.56</u>        |
| <br>                           |                        |                         |
| <b>Expense</b>                 |                        |                         |
| Accounting Fees                | 0.00                   | 630.00                  |
| Bank Fees                      | 35.00                  | 105.00                  |
| Corp Insurance                 | 526.20                 | 1,579.00                |
| Email Service                  | 0.00                   | 252.75                  |
| Legal Expense                  | 0.00                   | 1,170.55                |
| Mailing                        | 0.00                   | 1,273.95                |
| Meeting Rooms                  | 0.00                   | 425.00                  |
| Newspaper Postage              | 159.57                 | 477.06                  |
| PayPal Fees                    | 23.70                  | 218.68                  |
| Postage & Delivery             | 0.00                   | 0.00                    |
| Secretary Expense              | 0.00                   | 405.08                  |
| Storage Expense                | 0.00                   | 239.58                  |
| Website Maintenance            | 0.00                   | 99.00                   |
| <b>Total Expense</b>           | <u>744.47</u>          | <u>6,875.65</u>         |
| <b>Net Ordinary Income</b>     | <u>2,755.26</u>        | <u>26,002.91</u>        |
| <b>Net Income</b>              | <u><u>2,755.26</u></u> | <u><u>26,002.91</u></u> |

TOWN & RIVER CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.  
 OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS – as of April 10, 2024  
 www.townandriverfl.com

|                |                       |              |                          |
|----------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
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# National Train Day

## Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club Commemorates National Train Day With Morse Code Transmission At The Railroad Museum Of South Florida

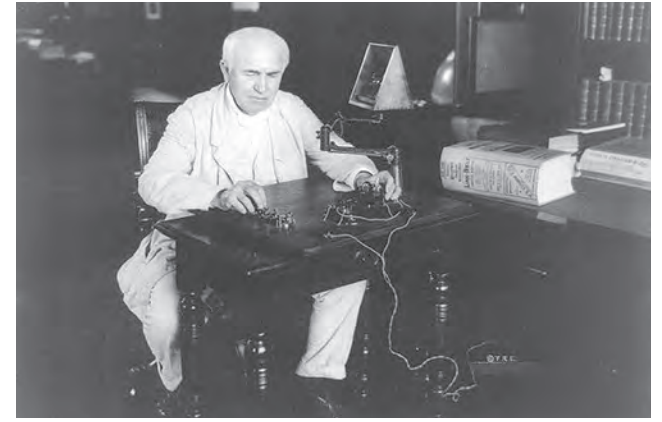
As National Train Day approaches on May 11, the Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club (FMARC) gears up for a unique celebration at the Railroad Museum of South Florida. Marking the occasion, the club will be onsite and on the airwaves, transmitting in Morse code—a homage to the historic role of telegraphy in railway operations.

National Train Day, observed annually on the Saturday closest to May 10, traces its origins back to 2008 when Amtrak introduced the holiday to highlight the significance of railways in American history and promote rail travel's eco-friendly attributes. This year, the Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club, in collaboration with the Railroad Museum of South Florida, will pay homage to this tradition by showcasing the intersection of old and new technologies.

Located in Lakes Park at 7330 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33907, the event promises an immersive experience for visitors. Attendees will have the opportunity to explore the rich history of the Railroad Museum of South Florida while witnessing Morse code transmissions reminiscent of the



Steam train at the Steamtown National Historic Site, a railroad museum and heritage railroad located in downtown Scranton, Pa.



Thomas Edison, seated at telegraph key, circa 1920

telegraph's heyday. Attendees will also discover the voice and digital options demonstrated by licensed amateur radio operators.

"The telegraph was once the lifeline of railways, facilitating the smooth operation of train arrivals and departures. Today, amateur radio serves a similar purpose, especially during emergencies when conventional communication systems fail," said Bob Lewis, president of the Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club.

The event aims to educate visitors about the vital role of railways in transportation and the enduring legacy of Morse code in telecommunications. Additionally, attendees will learn about the innovative applications of amateur radio in emergency situations, ensuring the timely dissemination of critical information.

Join the Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club on May 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to celebrate National Train Day, explore the Railroad Museum of South Florida, and discover the enduring legacy of Morse code in the digital age. Established in 1957,

the Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club, Inc., has been dedicated to fostering camaraderie among individuals with a shared passion for amateur radio. With a commitment to facilitating the exchange of information, promoting electronics and amateur radio knowledge, advocating for good radio operating practices, and advancing the art of amateur radio, the club strives to create a vibrant community. Additionally, the club actively sponsors and promotes various activities related to amateur radio, provides crucial public services during emergencies and actively engages in other community initiatives. FMARC is affiliated with and sponsored by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), which is the national association for amateur radio, connecting hams around the United States with news, information and resources. The club meets at 7 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month at the Lee County Emergency Operations Center. Learn more about ham radio and the club at [www.fmarc.net](http://www.fmarc.net). Learn more about the Railroad Museum of South Florida by visiting [rsmf.org](http://rsmf.org).

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### Crossword Solution from page 2

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# From The Desk Of Sheriff Carmine Marceno

## Gas Station Safety

Unless you are operating an alternatively-powered vehicle, a visit to the gas station is likely on your weekly to-do list.

As technology has made the process of filling and paying easier than in decades past, many fuel-station consumers have become so accustomed to the routine that they pay little attention to conditions around them. We are distracted by cell phone calls, fuel pump broadcasts, text messages, etc.

Some utilize filling stations to purchase snacks/food or to use the restroom.

Regardless of the reason for one's visit, it remains imperative that individuals recognize that criminals have



become proficient at taking advantage of our complacency.

"Situational awareness," a practice that our agency stresses in all of our community presentations, is the ability to perceive, understand and effectively respond to any and all circumstances occurring in our immediate location.

Whenever possible, refuel during daylight hours. When refueling at night, avoid poorly-lit stations or stations with little visibility to the roadway.

When you exit your vehicle, ensure that you remove your key(s) or key fob from your car or truck. Lock your doors, especially if going inside to purchase food or use the restroom.

Avoid leaving purses, wallets, cell phones or items of value inside an unlocked vehicle ... even if only while pumping gas.

Roll up all windows prior to exiting an unoccupied vehicle.

The side of your vehicle facing away from the pump is the most vulnerable to entry/theft. While pumping fuel, position

yourself in a way so as to allow you to see your entire vehicle.

Like it or not, gas stations have a way of attracting a wide variety of individuals ... some friendly, some not-so-friendly and some with criminal intentions.

Trust your instincts. If something seems unusual ... if you are uncomfortable ... should you have any concerns, leave the area immediately.

If necessary, please do not hesitate to call law enforcement ... either 9-1-1 or a nonemergency number.

## Gifts For Mother's Day Sunday, May 12

Mother's Day is a celebration of mothers and motherhood. It is celebrated in the United States on the second Sunday of May (Source: Library of Congress). Here are some ideas if you're wondering what to get that special someone.



### Suggested Gifts

- Order flowers to come to her home the day before. Carnations have historically been used to commemorate the day.
  - Purchase a gift certificate to a favorite online store.
  - Purchase a gift certificate for a spa day, or to have hair and/or nails done.
  - Give tickets to a concert, theater show, or sporting event that she would enjoy. Pay extra for orchestra seating or purchase the VIP seating.
  - Arrange for an experience at a cooking class, wine tasting tour, and paint and sip party, or a weekend getaway.
  - Make an appointment to have her computer cleaned and software upgraded.
  - Make a special brunch, lunch or dinner or order from a special restaurant that has delivery or curbside pickup.
  - Consider gifting her a new smartphone, tablet, or smartwatch, wireless headphones, a portable charger, or a digital photo frame.
  - On the YouTube website search for **desk accessories 2024** or **desk gadgets 2024**, for ideas for the tech savvy mom's home office. Purchase a lightbar or webcam for her computer.
  - If your mom loves reading, consider gifting her a selection of books by her favorite authors or a subscription to a book club or magazine that aligns with her interests.
  - Tackle a job around the house that your mom would appreciate.
  - Take her car to the car wash and have it detailed. Fill up the tank with gas.
  - Splurge and buy her a laser color printer or a small printer that makes prints from her iPhone.
  - Make arrangements for her to take a course on a favorite topic through FGCU Academy ([www.fgcu.edu/academy](http://www.fgcu.edu/academy)). Pick an online or a face-to-face class.
  - Purchase an aromatherapy diffuser with several special essential oils.
  - Purchase a sampler of multiple types of teas.
  - Purchase several pounds of a favored coffee.
  - Contact a local jewelry store and purchase earrings or a necklace that is reflective of where she lives (sea shell earrings if she lives near the beach).
  - Make an appointment with a professional photographer and with family members to have a current family picture taken. Or arrange for all to dress in holiday gear so mom can use it as a Christmas (or other holiday) card picture.
  - For moms with health-related interests, purchase a yoga mat, yoga blocks, a fitness tracker, blood pressure watch or personal EKG monitor.
  - Purchase an extra serving dish that matches the pattern of her favorite dinnerware.
- If none of these ideas suit, you can always load/unload the dishwasher. That is always a guaranteed winner!

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# Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center 2024 Fort Myers Film Festival

**May 22 To 26, Grand Atrium**

**Southwest Florida's Cinematic Celebration: Fort Myers Film Festival Set To Dazzle Audiences In 14th Year, Benefit Multiple Nonprofits**

The Fort Myers Film Festival's 14th annual soiree is set to take place from May 22 to 26 in and around Southwest Florida at venues including the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center (SBDAC), IMAG, Alliance for the Arts, BIG ARTS, Broadway Palm Dinner Theater, Luminary Hotel and more.

The film *Hellbent on Boogie* will kick off this year's festivities at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center with a star-studded red carpet rollout reception on Wednesday, May 22. The event will include high fashion, drinks, dancing, music and filmmakers attending from around the world.



May 22 – The event will begin with a red carpet opening night and will be celebrated with excitement and style at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center at 7 p.m. Guests will enjoy drinks and treats with an opportunity to meet with the stars of the evening's film, other filmmakers and event VIPs. The event will provide the delicious foods and beverages. Watch a video of the previous year's event at [www.vimeo.com/552417263](http://www.vimeo.com/552417263).

May 23 to 26 – Then join us for all of the films with official programming at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center and other event centers around town.

May 26 – Finish off the weeklong celebration with an awards ceremony. Join all of the local and international filmmakers as we celebrate the winners of the Fort Myers Film Festival. Champagne and dessert will be shared, short award-winning films will be played and toasts will be deservedly pronounced and after parties will commence.

The Fort Myers Film Festival is an intelligent independent filmmaker's preferred event to create, unite and showcase the finest artistic cinematic works. The Fort Myers Film Festival is known for world-class swagger and support of local filmmakers. The festival event offers "the most vibrant intellectual and edgy crowd to grace Lee County in decades." The event has featured hundreds of local filmmakers and is a must attend for cineasts who love indie film and film festivals living in Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties. That's right, Fort Myers has a film festival now, so come out for the excitement! For more information go to [www.fortmyersfilmfestival.com](http://www.fortmyersfilmfestival.com) or join [www.facebook.com/fortmyersfilmfestival](http://www.facebook.com/fortmyersfilmfestival) for updates and events.

The film *Hellbent on Boogie* was completely shot in Florida and is directed and produced by Vito Trupiano, executive produced by K.C. Schulberg, and stars Shiloh Fernandez, Emily Tremaine Fernandez, Ryan Ramirez and John Farley. Stars from the event will attend a private reception before the screening and will be present for a Q&A afterward. The night will feature champagne toasts, paparazzi, delicious treats for VIP attendees, and an after party on the roof of the SBDAC with fun, dancing and a night never to forget.

In the opening night film, Ian returns to his small Floridian hometown to find his sister Quinn all grown up. But when he discovers that their overbearing mother is sheltering Quinn because of her autism, he hatches a plan for them to run away together so that Quinn can pursue her dream of becoming a professional dancer.

The Fort Myers Film Festival will be benefitting several nonprofits this year including Florida Arts Inc., #KindLee, Raddatz Foundation, FODASA and Kimmie's Recovery Zone.

**Fort Myers Film Festival Opening Night Wednesday, May 22 Tickets**

- Sipping with the Stars Donor Reception benefitting Florida Arts Inc., Raddatz Foundation, KindLee and FODASA, 5 to 6 p.m., \$250
- VIP experience red carpet, beer, wine champagne and movie, 6 to 7 p.m., \$100
- Movie only, 7 to 8:30 p.m., \$25

**About The Fort Myers Film Festival**

The Fort Myers Film Festival was founded by Eric Raddatz, the award-winning presentation editor of Florida Weekly, regular contributor for ABC7 and NBC-2 in Fort Myers, as well as host of Fort Myers Film Festival's indie film show, T.G.I.M. Guests of the Fort Myers Film Festival have two hotel partners this year, The Luminary and The Banyan. To book at The Banyan simply call (239) 337-3446 and use the code "FFF" for the discounted rate from May 17 to 21.

The Fort Myers Film Festival was awarded the prestigious 2015 Chrysalis Award for Cultural Achievement by the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau and the Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce Inc. at their annual Celebration of Business & Tourism Awards Luncheon and Trade Show at the Harborside Event Center in downtown Fort Myers.

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



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