



Love Bug season peaks from May and September

[www.http://patch.com/florida/brandon/love-bugs-begin-seasonal-invasion-florida-0](http://patch.com/florida/brandon/love-bugs-begin-seasonal-invasion-florida-0)

Love bug season helpful tips:

Drive at night or in the early morning to avoid the bugs. They are most active after mid-morning in bright sunlight when temperatures rise to around 80 degrees.

Use a high-pressure washer, such as a hose with adjustable nozzle, to blow bug remains off a vehicle.



Avoid turning on windshield wipers. This will just create a slurry of bug parts. When going through a bug-infested area, take along a gallon of water and window squeegee to

remove them.

Wash them off as quickly as possible. Within days, their remains can pit or mar car paint.

A coat of fresh wax or baby oil helps keep them from sticking to the front hood, grill or bumper.

Some effective commercial cleaning products are SuperClean, Simple Green and Spray 'n Wash.

Stores sell deflector shields and protective screens for mounting on front of vehicles.

Also, a traveling blogger, Solo Travel Girl, had these tips to share:

Spread a light film of baby oil over the front of the hood, above the windshield and on the grill and bumper. This practice will make their removal a simpler task.

Gatorback Automotive Protection System utilizes the latest in nano-technology to provide your vehicle's finish with an amazing maintenance-free protective layer. Water is repelled from the surface even better than a freshly waxed finish and dirt is washed off easily by a simple rinse or a rainstorm. Your paint

is protected from the ravages of insects, chemicals and dirt. Simply wash your vehicle with a hose and watch the dirt and bugs roll away. More stubborn dirt and insect remains can be easily removed with a soft cloth and water.

Johnson's Baby Shampoo. Just some warm water and rub and they come off real easy.

Dryer sheets to remove squished love bugs from his car. (<http://www.solotravelgirl.com/bounce-dryer-sheets-this-road-trippers-best-friend-during-lovebug-season/>)

A little degreaser on the windshield and bumper, let that set for a minute or two and the love bugs should wipe clean!

Baking Soda and water. It will take the bugs off.

Rain-X on the windows makes for much cleaner glass, even when you don't have a chance to wash, they leave much less mess. Add 1/2 cup lamp oil to our bucket of wash water it removes them with ease and doesn't streak windshield. Gives car a beautiful shine!!

High pressure washer works most of the time. You can also get bug and tar remover for the car, that works too.



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NEW FUN THINGS TO DO ON THE PROPERTY!!

Horse Shoes! ~ Bocci Ball! ~ Flingin Chicken! (got me.. ask Janice Noble, she found it on Amazon), ~ Swimming!

IN THE CLUBHOUSE: Scrabble, Pool, 8-ball , Bunco! !

Soon we will have a large, flat screen TV so we can gather to watch movies, etc~!~!

And full use of a computer and printer!

Also Soon, Croquet, Badminton.

Bek - The - Tech computer Info:

In place of my tech news this month, let's talk about when we die. We ARE at that age where unless we severely want to mess with our families, we need to handle this.

We've seen what is happening with the death of poor Lucreita, in D8, she never filled out her inter-condo survey, thus, she has put Lee County, the Medical Examiner, her husband's kids, the police and about 5 more county people in a tizzy including our CAM services and our BOD.

PERSONALLY, I have my remains handled: Will made and filed, condo given to my daughter, body donated. All because of being the Personal Representative of the former owner of E4, Vera Martin. I learned stuff I NEVER thought I'd ever need.. but sure did.

First of all: GET ON IT NOW!! And here are a couple bits of info from my friends at **Jendron Funeral Home**.. these guys are fabulous for information for when Vera's husband passed here in my condo. She had had NO plans, so off the internet, I found Jendron. They now have several locations: **2325 E Mall Dr, Fort Myers, FL 33901 Phone: (239) 274-0088**, and their website:

[\(http://www.jendronfuneralhome.com/\)](http://www.jendronfuneralhome.com/)

Check out all the pre-planning staff and what they can do for you.. trust me, it's necessary.

Some examples of failure to preplan from my friends at the different funeral facilities I know:

1. When you prepay for your coffin, please keep up with whether or not your buns will actually fit in it when you die. Most buy regular sized coffins, put on weight and then have to upgrade to one that is the size of a double bed: several thousand unplanned dollars.. so another reason to stay in shape, yeah?

2. Setting up arrangements before-hand helps the relatives not be in grieving mode where they can be talked into spending beaucoup more bux and everyone will be in agreement rather than having a Jerry Springer Funeral Fight in your honor at the time of your death.

3. If you are donating your body, like I am, get it all set up, in writing, before hand and periodically check to make sure everything is ready to spring into action when your 'action springing' comes to an end. I just checked and i'm a GO.

4. Talk to your family and set up your 'in case of..' peeps. Personal Representative, who's in charge of your final health desires and your condo stuff. LABEL and talk w your family about who gets what. Otherwise, another Jerry Springer episode.

5. Be practical: you can usually put three bodies per grave if you get cremated. Come on, no one REALLY needs to have your family spend as much to bury you as your wedding cost. Hold LIVING MEMORIALS rather than the big tear- and flower-fest that costs so much. Show your people that you love them NOW, not after they're gone. Seriously.



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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bottled water | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Important family documents |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> First aid kit | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plastic tarps |

<http://www.flcondoassociationadvisor.com/florida-condo-minium-association-hurricane-preparedness-plan/>

Wind info for our owners:

Once there is hurricane damage here on property, the insurance company assesses any damage done here, we will all have to help pay the deductible. So far, no idea how much that is or what our individual costs will entail. Again do NOT let any of your outside decorations: Flamingos, flower pots, my tons sparkly stuff (see back page), door hangings, tree hangings, everything that will become a flying missile into yours or your neighbor's home, all of our patio fun stuff.. all of it HAS to come into our homes, under stairs storage, whatever to get it and our neighbors safe.

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Every month's news is sponsored by **Tech in a Flash**.
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Jendron Funeral Home

If you would like to help defray the cost of monthly fee of the newly revamped website (see below), we will need your business card, perhaps a discount if the newsletter is mentioned or brought in with your advertisement in it. We would like a 'blurb' about your business, & a photo of the owner or the 'crew'.

The donation? \$50 cash/check/paypal to help fund the revamped website: www.seminolegardensswfl.com

Paypal: bekkhere@gmail.com

Currently we have TWO condos for sale: C2 and C3, having sold E6 and E7!!! Let's help get these other puppies sold so we can get to meet wonderful new people!!

Bring up on your search bar, 431 Van Buren St, C2 or C3 and the page will come up immediately with all the pertinent information

Or go directly to our new revamped website:
www.seminolegardensswfl.com

Just a heads up, legally, as to why we need to fill out the yearly updates that many think are stupid to have to repeat year after year.. (shame , shame)

This last month, Lucretia Conlin (D8) passed away in her condo.. Because she did not want any of her information known to anyone, being both private and paranoid, NO ONE has any information as to who to call to 1. claim her body, 2. come and deal with her estate or any of its contents and her little car. All of the stuff inside will be trashed , sold to help pay her no longer paid CAM fees, and the condo and car auctioned off. NO next of kin has been found to even notify them of her death..

Those who just sent a note to Denise saying, "Same as last year," have proven to be incorrect. We forget what we wrote, then the information is wrong: changed or disconnected phone numbers, contacts pass away, etc.

Leaving the Condo Association and the rest of the owners liable and in charge is CRAP, People!!! It's not *Our Business* to cover *your* negligent butts! and yeah, I can say this b/c this is MY newsletter and it's rude to not keep us in your personal loops!

So if you still have the paperwork that you refused to send in before, GET IT IN NOW!! NO ONE should have to go in and clean up your negligence. Seriously!

Heck, if even *I* am getting my poop in a group and get it cleaned out.. you can too!!!!

ON-SITE GENERAL INFO!

Trash pickup: M, T, Th, F, recycle: M

Pool cleaning, Gary: M & F

Board Building Reps: A: Marg, B: Alexis, C: Johnie Mason, D: Richard Slater, E: Kate, F: John Wiley

Committees: (the board member is the liaison, the chairman will be a non-board owner):

Grounds: Richard Slater, this committee still needs a chairman;

Maintenance: Johnie Mason, chairman: John O'Neill

Pool: Marg Prozaki, chairman: Janey Hesche

Clubhouse: Alexis Linder, chairman: Steve Hesche

Social: Janice Noble, chairman: Janet Rasmussen

The newly revamped and repaired sprinkler system cycles on Wednesday & Saturday very early morning like 3am to that great info spot.

Tech In A Flash

Matthew Rebstock & Bekki Shanklin at your service!



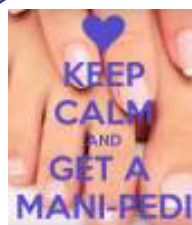
Most in our complex have eaten there..

AND they DELIVER!!!

Be sure to check them out.. right around the corner!!

Don't forget!!

6 P.M. Social hour in the patio in front of building E, when it cools off a bit.. bring your own bottle, snacks and great personality!! Come and have FUN!!!!



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<http://cooperator.com/article/what-happens-when-a-board-goes-too-far>

Fun Events in the Clubhouse!!!

8-Ball on Tuesdays, around the 6-7pm area (we need more players, ya'll! Maybe pick another night?)

Quilting and Crafts every Friday, most of the day

Poker on Saturdays, around the 6-7pm area

How about someone to teach us shuffleboard?

Maybe in the fall we could get together Scrabble, cribbage, backgammon, other games? Gotta keep the old brain cells working don'tchya know?

Our Sprinkler System Update

Our sprinkler system was installed in 1995 with 9 zones. In 2012 another 2 zones were added near the shuffleboard court and the clubhouse.

The timer box attached to the clubhouse wall failed. In addition, over the years the wiring system had deteriorated.

This was probably due to a combination of weather, various critters and just plain time. There was also what appeared to be some patch work wiring fixes over the years. In addition, many individual heads had become overgrown with grass and buried, therefore rendering them non functioning. A couple solenoids which tell the different zones (valves) to open and water which should operate at 24 volts had readings of 11-14.

The solution was to replace the timer, rewire the system, locate all the heads, place sprinkler head guards, check for proper functioning of each head and replace the defective solenoids. If you have noticed on your walks around the property there are 6 green round plastic lids covering each valve representing a zone west of C building, three in front of C near the Black Olive tree and 2 near the SW corner of the shuffleboard court.

We hired Sam Hendricks, an irrigation specialist to replace the timer, solenoids and rewire the system. He purchased the timer, romax and solenoids. The cost was \$1149.

In order to save considerable money (\$45/hr) we enlisted volunteers to locate all the heads, dig up the buried guards, replace the guards (aka donuts), replace the broken sprinkler heads and set the heads for proper coverage. A real special thank you goes to Jack O'Neil (F2) for all the work he did. He also updated our sprinkler system map and put it on a disk for us. It is important as we do these projects to keep good records of what is done so those that come after us have a map to follow.

In addition to Jack, Alexis (B3) Steve (C7) and myself helped locate the heads and place the donuts. Richard (D2) met with Sam and Bill (F1) picked up the guards at the store. Thank you one and all! We saved a boatload of money!!! ~ Marg (A7)

FYI it is a fact that at least 40 man hours were worked by free volunteers to repair the sprinkler system. The company billed their work at \$45 per hour or about \$1800 or more. If the association had to spend that to repair our sprinklers we would be WAY over budget.



PREPARING FOR OUR SUMMER RAIN SQUALLS:

Our summer 'monsoon' rain storms will be starting soon.. Heavy rains for about 3 hours every afternoon.. usually between 2-5. These can be glorious or they can turn into a 'no name storm' and tear up everything in the compound.

So, Make sure you have a 'handle' on what all is out side your homes, even the garden.. Just now that everything outside could be thrust through glass to find themselves INSIDE, yes?

Of course, as you see below, I have a LOT of stuff to make sure don't become harmful projectiles for me and my neighbors, but, dam doesn't our garden look like a Sparkly Fairly Land?

ISO thank my neighbors for letting me play with setting it all up.

