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From Your President

By John J. Spiegel,
Eagle Ridge Property Owners Association

Right on cue, wonderful cooler weather arrived, Irma debris vanished, the golf course re-opened and we survived another Halloween! In case you haven't been paying attention, Halloween means the year is nearly gone. In a seeming blink of an eye, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's will be done gone as well. 2018, here we come, ready or not.

“You can look back, but you can't go back,” someone once told me and it reminded me about how often I think about the past, how often I look back. Do you do

that, too? Are we trying to rewrite history, remembering selected events, ignoring or avoiding others? To me it is a version of trying to answer the big, basic perennial questions: Why are we here? Where did we come from? And, of course, the biggest: Where are we going? You know what I mean. What is on the “other side?” I wish I had a reliable answer which was totally free of religion-influenced notions, but, alas, I do not. I do know, though, that it is true, you can't go back.

Mostly what I am doing when I look back is trying to hold on to my youth, but “youth” gets older, too. As a child, I'm sure I thought 30 was old, but now if you're

30, you're still a kid to me. This happens when you almost reach 70. Those birthday milestones which arrived with a sense of dread, 50, for example, now look pretty appealing. Even 60. One of the benefits to getting older is we learn the importance of enjoying not just today, but this moment. Take it all in. Look around, see the beauty. It is everywhere.

We hung a hummingbird feeder from a tree in our backyard, loaded with properly mixed sugar water, but so far, no hummers. They are amazing little creatures, fascinating to watch. Maybe some will show up, and if they do, they will be beautiful.

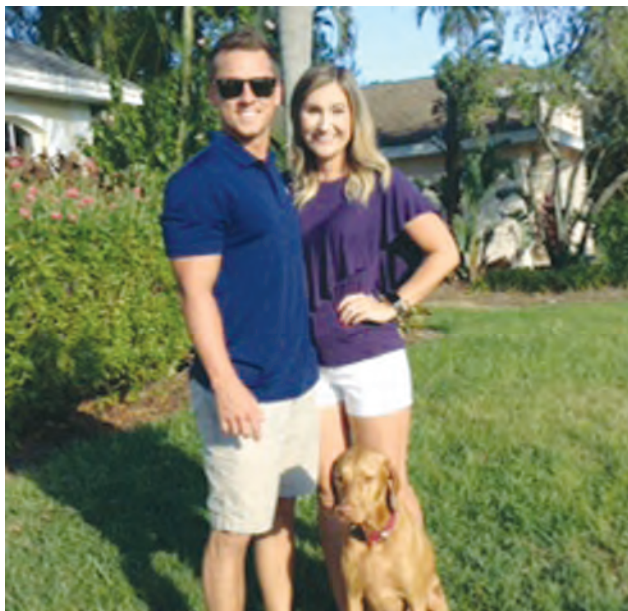
Who's New In The Neighborhood?

By Arlene Cabai Schuetz

Melissa Mueller and Kurt Hopson moved into their home on Eaglet Court in May of this year. Previously they had lived in a townhouse in Brookshire, but wanted a larger home with a pool and other amenities. Deciding on Eagle Ridge was almost a given. Melissa had lived with her parents on Majestic Eagle since she was 3 years old and thus was well acquainted with Eagle Ridge. Kurt especially loved our community since there was no sense of being confined as in other “cookie-cutter” communities where the houses were closer together and lacked that “feeling” of nature.

These two young professionals work for the Gartner Group, an IT consulting firm, Melissa in client services and Kurt in sales. Working so close to home gives each ample opportunity to enjoy their many hobbies: golfing, boating, fishing and traveling, to name a few. In fact, they recently returned from a trip to their now favorite vacation spot, the Turks and Caicos! But it doesn't end there; Kurt is also active in a softball and a flag football league.

One of the amazing facts about this couple is that Kurt is a Florida cracker! He was born in Lee Memorial Hospital, as were his parents, as were their parents ... and so on, making him a fourth generation cracker! But



we would be remiss not to mention the family member completing their household, **Piper**, a darling, well-behaved 2-year-old Hungarian vizsla. Melissa and Kurt are certainly living the life and loving it! We don't know if you can catch up with them, but if you can, please give this dynamic duo a friendly “hello.”



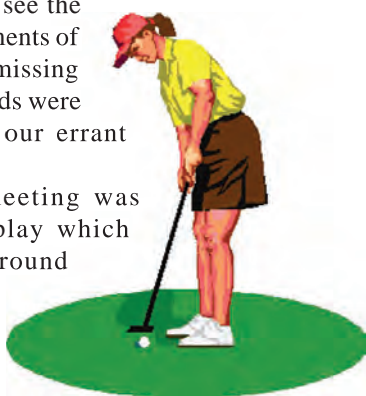
Ladies On The Links

By Fran Danek

The Eagle Ridge Wednesday morning ladies' golf league got off to a great start in November welcoming back returnees from previous seasons as well as greeting our “rookies.” Welcome to Nancy Simpson ... others to follow at future dates.

It was interesting to see the course remodel compliments of “Irma.” Lots of trees missing (600 to 700) but the ponds were still there to capture our errant shots!

The “welcome” meeting was followed by league play which served as a practice round for several members who are tuning up for the “Battle of the Sexes.” As defending



champions, we are ready and willing to defend our turf! Good luck ladies!

For our first competition the play of the day was **guess your score** and the winners were:

First Place: Betty Mayo, Dawn Kinghorn, Amy Shea, Kathy Furlong – Perfect guess

Second Place: Nancy Simpson, Fran Danek, Barb Baker – 1 over or 1 under

Low Putts: Dorothy Carlson 29

In addition to the above the collective group carded seven birdies and four chip-ins. It was a nice way to get the league competition off to a great start.

If you are interested in joining our ladies' league contact Fran at (989) 684-0156 or Phyllis at (239) 561-4619 for more information. We play every Wednesday morning from November through March with tee times beginning at 8:15 a.m. and are always ready to welcome new members.

Eagle Ridge Golf's 'Battle Of The Sexes'

By Gary Melillo

This annual event has been rescheduled to Sunday, Dec. 3 at the Eagle Ridge Golf Club. The shotgun start will be at 8:30 a.m. Participants should try to get there early as many players will arrive about the same time. Coffee and donuts will be served before the battle. Dinner will be at the Olive Garden restaurant on Cleveland Avenue at 3 p.m. Please call the clubhouse at (239) 768-1888 to sign up.



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What’s Blooming At Edison & Ford Winter Estates? —

By Debbie Hughes, Senior Horticulturist at Edison & Ford Winter Estates

It’s time to open the windows and feel the cooler autumn days in Southwest Florida! The mild temperatures are also a sign that it’s time for the annual Holiday Nights event at Edison & Ford Winter Estates. The theme this year is “A Star Spangled Holiday,” reminiscent of a Victorian Christmas with decorations in red, white and blue. The staff and volunteers have decorated the homes and the horticulturists have planted flowers to coordinate such as pentas, vinca or periwinkle, angelonia, golden shrimp plant, scaevola fan flower, blue daze and geraniums.

If you’d like to plant the same annuals in your garden, here are some recommendations to help you get started. The golden



Geraniums

shrimp plant prefers to be planted in a rich soil mix with shade from the afternoon sun. Granular fertilizer will help keep the leaves nice and green and remember to trim spent blooms to encourage new buds. Angelonia is easy to care for – just space the plants 1 foot apart to achieve a large mass of bloom spikes. Red geraniums are great for adding color during the cooler growing season and they can be grown in pots if you don’t have a large garden. Don’t overwater geraniums, use a slow-release granular fertilizer developed for flowering plants and be sure to plant them in full sun.

The dazzling array of colors these annuals provide is just what the Edison Ford gardens need for the busy tourist season. Many annuals thrive during Florida’s cooler weather, but since the daily rain showers have stopped, supplemental watering is required to get the plants established. Organic matter mixed in the soil will also help give annuals a chance to do their best. Good drainage is important, so don’t use topsoil for a planting mix. Two ways to achieve a spectacular display include building a mound with approximately 18 inches of rich soil or mix amendments into the native soil. To keep flowers looking amazing this time of year, apply a granular fertilizer such as a 6-8-10 (nitrogen-phosphorus-potassium) blend.

When designing a space for a mass quantity of annuals, use graph paper to map out the area. This will help determine the number of plants to purchase and to visualize spacing. When I draw a flower bed, I use a scale of ½ inch equaling 1 foot and



Golden shrimp

place a plant in each square. Depending on the plant selection, the spacing can be one to 1 to 1½ feet apart. It’s a good idea to buy a few extra plants to be on the safe side.

Once the garden is established, it’s easy to tell if the plants are happy, as new leaf growth and successive blooms will be prevalent. It’s important to check leaves often for insects or diseases because if caught early, the plants will have a better chance for survival. Many times garden problems arise from overwatering with an irrigation system, so it’s best to water by hand for the first few weeks. As the season continues, some hand weeding and a fertilizer application may be necessary; however, the best “fertilizer” is a gardener’s shadow.

How much sunlight the garden gets is also an important consideration. Most annuals will thrive with four to six hours of daily sunlight. The last step in keeping the garden beautiful is to know when to remove plants and start the process all over again. Annuals are produced to look fantastic for a short period of time before going to seed. In Florida they may last for quite a long time, but typically, annuals need to be replaced seasonally. When summer arrives, plants should be replaced with ones that are better suited for hot and humid weather. Until then, get outside and enjoy the cooler, dry weather!

The Edison Ford Garden Shoppe is open until 9 p.m. during Holiday Nights, so come out and do some holiday shopping for your garden!



Angelonia

Join Us For A Bike Ride

SWFL Critical Mass is a group of local bike riders who enjoy biking around Lee County. Come be a part of our “Mass.” For more information visit us at www.swflcriticalmass.com or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SWFLcriticalmass>.

Fort Myers First Friday

7 p.m. meetup – 7:30 p.m. roll out
2160 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers

NE Lee Second Friday

7 p.m. meetup – 7:30 p.m. roll out
Winn Dixie – 14600 Palm Beach Blvd., Fort Myers

Second Saturday On Sanibel

7 p.m. meetup – 7:30 p.m. roll out
Jerry’s Plaza – 1700 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel

Estero Third Friday

7 p.m. meetup – 7:30 p.m. roll out
(New Location) Dollar Tree –
10021 Estero Town Commons Place, Estero

LaBelle Slow Roll* – Third Saturday

9 a.m. meetup – 9:15 a.m. roll out
71 S. Lee St., LaBelle

Cape Coral Last Friday

7 p.m. meetup – 7:30 p.m. roll out
4700 SE 11th Place, Cape Coral

Saturday Slow Roll* – Last Saturday

9 a.m. meetup – 9:15 a.m. roll out
2160 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers

*Slow Roll rides are recommended for adults new to cycling or younger inexperienced riders.

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Do you and your friends want to make a difference and contribute to your community?



“Volunteers are a key part of the success of ArtFest Fort Myers and we are always looking for eager and energetic people to have fun with us,” explained Sharon McAllister, ArtFest Fort Myers executive director. “Each volunteer works a four-hour shift and can choose to help with the professional artists, sell commemorative shirts and posters, assist in the children’s Art Yard, welcome our VIPs, get our 5K Publix Run to the Arts off to a great start or select one of dozens of other volunteer assignments. We encourage our volunteers to pick an area that they are interested in and there is no experience required. We provide the training and, thanks to our Volunteer Sponsor, Lee County Electric Cooperative, every volunteer receives a beautiful festival T-shirt to wear!”

Signing up to volunteer over ArtFest Fort Myers weekend – Feb. 2, 3 and 4, 2018 – is as simple as visiting ArtFestFortMyers.com. Just go to the volunteer page and choose the available volunteer job that interests you! Your four-hour volunteer shift truly makes a difference to the community and there is no experience required! The deadline for volunteer registration is coming soon, so sign up today! Volunteer perks include reserved parking, a complimentary

ArtFest Fort Myers volunteer T-shirt, a chance to enjoy wonderful artists from across the country and to meet other great volunteers from our community!

Plan now to join ArtFest Fort Myers in the downtown Fort Myers River District as we make art come to life on Feb. 2, 3 and 4. Enjoy the experience with 200 artists from across the county and around the world; the largest high school art exhibit and competition in south Florida and free interactive art experiences for children of all ages.

For more information visit ArtFestFortMyers.com or call (239) 768-3602. Like us on Facebook. Connect with us on LinkedIn. Tag us #artfestfm.

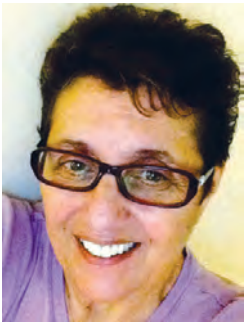


Mah Jongg 101 — Q And A

Mah Jongg Etiquette Or Rule?

By MariAnne Albano

Many people ask me if certain actions in Mah Jongg are “a rule” or “etiquette,” so here are a few questions and some friendly reminders.



Question: When you are going to exchange a joker from someone’s rack can you just take it, or should you ask for it?

Answer: The National Mah Jongg rule is “you must verbalize that you want that joker and hand it to the other player, not just place the tile on the table.”

Question: When it is my turn to pick from the wall, but I decide to call the discarded tile instead, must I say that I am taking that tile?

Answer: Yes, you must declare that you are taking that tile for an exposure.

*If you have reason to call a player’s hand dead, just be matter-of-fact about pointing it out.

*Be considerate of other players’ needs. Although Mah Jongg is a social game, if another player is having difficulty concentrating, then try to limit conversation during the Charleston and during play. Politeness is always good.

*If a conflict was ruled against you, or if your request for a chance to do something over was turned down, or if you had to throw in a potentially great hand because of someone else’s error, then accept it graciously and move on.

Good gamesmanship is about much more than just winning. It is about getting along, too.

When players adhere to certain “rules of etiquette,” the result is a friendlier game, and a better atmosphere in which to enjoy the game and each other’s company!

Besides a friendly place to play Mah Jongg, the Purple Dragon Mah Jongg Club also offers all levels of Mah Jongg classes: beginner, advanced beginner, strategy and Siamese. We also have a Mah Jongg boutique, where you can get almost anything Mah Jongg!

Our 2018 one-day tournaments are Jan. 21, 2018; Feb. 18; and March 18.

For information about our club, tournaments, classes or if you have any questions regarding Mah Jongg, contact MariAnne@PurpleDragonMahJongg.com.



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NOTICE



Please clean up after your dog

Deed of Restrictions Section A-15: Pets must be on a leash at all times when being walked outside of the owner’s property boundaries. The pet owner is responsible for picking up all animal waste from their pet at all times. This includes the common areas! Violators are subject to fining.
- The Board of Directors

Architectural Control Information

Please remember that any exterior changes you plan to make to your home need to be approved by the Architectural Control Committee.

For example, this includes reroofing, exterior painting, landscape changes, swing set installations, etc. We live in a deed-restricted community and these controls have been put into place for the good of each homeowner so as to maintain our beautiful community. Please contact Bill Simons (239) 565-4343 or erArchiture@aol.com so that your changes can be reviewed and approved.

A form is available for download from the Eagle Ridge website: www.EagleRidge33912.com on the **Resources** tab.

We plan to work hard for you to keep our community – the one you all moved into – please help us do that!

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Email rontlougan@gmail.com with your request.*

The Greeters Club
Meeting information not available.

Continental Women’s Club Of Fort Myers
The Continental Women’s Club luncheon meeting on Friday, Dec. 8 will feature a holiday music program presented by the Legends’ Choraliers, directed by Carolyn Ballou. Join us for enjoyable musical entertainment by this popular chorus. Their magical voices will put you in the holiday spirit, and is a great way to start December.
The meeting will be held on Friday, Dec. 8 at 11:30 a.m. at The Hideaway Country Club, 5670 Trailwinds Drive, Fort Myers 33907. The cost to attend the luncheon is \$22. Please call (239) 691-7561 for additional information.

Fort Myers Republican Women’s Club
Meeting information not available.

Dining In Club
If you live in Eagle Ridge, maybe you have heard of the Dining In Club where people in our community get together to meet, talk and have fun. Everyone who attends these parties really loves them.
We meet monthly from November to April. If you would like more information about Dining In, please call Connie Hope at (239) 225-6609.

The Florida Yards & Neighborhood (FYN)
Join us at a Florida Yards & Neighborhoods class and learn the nine principles that guide Florida-friendly landscaping in Lee County. The class is given under the auspices of University of Florida IFAS Extension Lee County.
Each principle is explored in class so you can apply what you learn to your own yard. Plant selection and placement, efficient irrigation, proper mulching, and techniques to obtain a beautiful and healthy yard will be discussed. To learn more, visit <http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/>.

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If you are interested in serving on the Eagle Ridge Board of Directors, or would like to serve on one of the committees, please contact one of the following: Hewitt B. McCloskey Jr., John Spiegel, Peter Van Leeuwen, Ed Schuler, or Rick Herman through the Eagle Ridge website: www.eagleridge33912.com.

Your Eye of the Eagle
If you are not receiving your *Eye of The Eagle* newspaper, please contact Peggy Watts, (239) 910-1039 or Connie Hope, (239) 225-6609.
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Cooking By Connie

By Connie Hope



What is December known for? Besides all the religious holidays, it is National Write A Business Plan Month, National Handwashing Awareness Week is Dec. 1 to 7. It is also National Tie Month and National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month. It is also Root Vegetable Month. So, what is a root vegetable?

Root vegetables are plants that grow underground. They have leafy green stems that grow above the ground. Root vegetables absorb a great deal of the nutrients from the soil. They are packed with a high concentration of antioxidants, vitamin C, B, A and iron. In other words, they are good for you! Here is a recipe for Borscht Soup. There are many recipes and I’m using the variation of one of them. I hope you enjoy it.

Borscht is a Ukrainian cabbage soup using root vegetables (beets, potatoes, onions, turnips, carrots) because they could be easily preserved in cool weather. Each Russian family cooked it in their own way, passing on the secret from generation to generation. It can be served hot or cold.

Cooking With Fresh Beets

Clean outside of beets and cut off ends. Place in enough water to cover them. Boil for at least 10 minutes or until just starting to get soft. Save the juice to make pickled eggs. To remove skins, run beets under cold water and just put beet in your hands, gently pull down and the skin will pull right off. Allow to cool, so you can grate them or you can finely chop them into the broth.



Borscht Variation

8 cups beef, chicken or vegetable broth
1 tablespoon olive oil
2 onions, chopped
2 to 3 cloves of garlic, minced
1 teaspoon dried marjoram
2 celery stalks, sliced thin
2 parsnips, peeled, thinly sliced or chopped
1 carrot, peeled, thinly sliced
1 leek, white and light green parts, thinly sliced
½ head savory cabbage, shredded fine
1 bay leaf
Salt and pepper to taste
2 beets, peeled, and grated or chopped fine*
¼ cup dill, minced
3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
½ cup sour cream for garnishing
1 tablespoon horseradish (optional)

Bring the broth to a simmer while peeling the vegetables. In a large soup pot, heat the oil. Add onions and garlic, cook and stir until tender, 5 minutes. Stir in the marjoram. Add the celery, parsnips, carrot, leek and cabbage. Cover and cook on low, stirring occasionally until vegetables are tender 8 to 10 minutes. Add the bay leaf, salt, pepper and the broth, cook for about 15 minutes. Grate the beets directly into the soup. Simmer until vegetables are tender, about 15 minutes. Stir in dill. Add red wine vinegar, salt, pepper to taste. Garnish soup with sour cream and/or horseradish. Serves 6 to 8.

*I prefer using fresh beets. I like their taste much better.

South Fort Myers Little League Registration

By Howard Gold,
President of the South Fort Myers Little League

Eagle Ridge is within the boundaries of the South Fort Myers Little League.

Registration for the 2018 season will be held on Saturday, Dec. 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Rutenberg Park. New players need a copy of birth certificate and their parents’ driver’s license.

Tryouts will be held on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018 starting at 9 a.m.

If there are any questions, please call or text Howard Gold at (239) 851-2554.

Lee County Yard Waste Regulations

- **Do not place out for pickup more than 24 hours early.**
- **Yard waste must be containerized (50 pounds or less), or securely tied into bundles not heavier than 50 pounds and no longer than 6 feet in length.**
- **Up to 50 pounds of unbundled palm fronds may be placed at the curb. Any excess palm fronds must be tied into bundles, each weighing 50 pounds or less.**
- **When using plastic bags, make sure that the contents can be easily identified by the refuse truck driver (leave a twig or small branch sticking out).**
- **Call 239-337-0800 for a cost estimate for large-scale yard waste disposal projects when containerizing or bundling is difficult.**



By Connie Hope

I'm not saying this too loud. It has been a quiet month as far as stolen things and disturbances in our community. I am hoping this will continue. I have a liaison in the sheriff's office and he came over and we talked for a while about security in the

community. His comments were that if you park your car outside in your driveway, it must be locked. Your front and back doors should be locked and all windows should be locked. If you leave them open for any length of time, you are asking for trouble.

There was a minor disturbance on American Eagle

Court in the middle of September.

If you see something that you feel is not right, call the non-emergency number, (239) 277-1000. If you see something that you feel is very troublesome and dangerous, call 911 immediately. I viewed someone dumping branches on Eagle Ridge Drive near my house inside the community. I called the non-emergency number, (239) 477-1000 and within an hour two officers came to my house. I reported the problem and I think that is why they put the police car at the corner of American Colony and Eagle Ridge Drive to show there is a police presence within the community.

Eagle Ridge Job Spot

Nonbusinesses please! All business owners should contact Seabreeze Communications to place an ad.

Are you looking for an odd job? Want to be included in the Eagle Ridge Job Spot? Email your information to rontlougan@gmail.com. Baby-sitters, pet sitters, yard work and more.

Jenni Caves, (239) 336-4282. Marketing Professional. Offering services in branding, website development, management, social media, public relations, etc. I have over 15 years' experience in marketing and public relations in the public and private sectors. I have lived in Eagle Ridge over seven years.

J.J. Claypool, (239) 810-4724. Dependable, trustworthy, hard worker. I can do yard work, pressure washing: lanais, driveways, windows, outdoor furniture, etc. You will be pleased with my work ethic. I am headed off to college soon and would love the opportunity to work for money. Thank you.

Connie Hope, (239) 225-6609. Absentee Homeowner Services: “While you’re away” I can check your home or condo. (Weekly/biweekly/monthly). I can validate yard maintenance and irrigation, pick up parcels and mail, check water, check appliances, arrange for repairs and services and much more. I am in the community. Call or email conniehope@comcast.net.

Connie Hope, (239) 225-6609. Secretarial work, outreach office work, write your letters, answer your email, also light accounting, prepare things for taxes. I have been a Florida notary for the last 10 years.

Crystal Jozsa, (419) 460-3866. Photography. I am a professional photographer who specializes in family, children, weddings and high school senior portraiture. I can come to your home or go on location. My work can be seen at www.crystaljozsaphotography.com.

Patty Fajardo, (239) 208-9956. Are you looking for some help? I am a permanent resident at Eagle Ridge and am available for a variety of jobs – house cleaning, running

errands, yard work, planting, pulling weeds, grocery shopping, etc. Please call – home (239) 208-9956 or cell (757) 449-9823.

Andrew Kirksey, (239) 768-0335. Pressure washing: roofs, driveways, rain gutter cleaning, lanais and cages. No job too small.

Kathie McDonough, (239) 478-0060. A resident on Triple Eagle Court, Kathie does pet sitting and home watch.

Diane Nichols, (239) 825-5861. Notary Public state of Florida since 1986. I will pet sit, house sit, and baby sit.

Marlin D. Rott, (239) 986-1589. Computer Training – Retired career computer professional can help you learn computer technology and software programs like Excel, Word, or other programs of your choice. If your interest is in how to subscribe, learn and manipulate social networks like Facebook, call now. Improve your understanding about computer literacy. One-hour lessons are available at reasonable rates. Marlin is a resident of the Eagle Ridge community.

Ginny Schuier, (215) 542-9474. College Applications. I provide assistance in all aspects of the process. I have 30-plus years' experience in helping students gain entrance into the most competitive colleges and universities in the nation. By the time your child completes his or her sophomore year, the process of college selection should be underway. This requires timely scheduling of PSATs, SATs and ACTS tests, organizing activity sheets and selecting reasonable college choices (reach, average and safety). My additional specialty is assisting students in writing excellent personal essays and short supplements.

Dennis Shelley, (239) 887-1042. Handyman and home services. Lanai screens, painting, junk hauling, home watch, lighting, garage cleanups, local moves, and he is a specialist in home security consultations and upgrades, offers free home security evaluations and tips.

Mailbox Maintenance And Repair

Mailbox doors have a closure spring that eventually breaks after thousands of openings. It is important to replace them as soon as they are discovered as they usually result in a broken door, which is a much more expensive repair. Call **Dennis Shelley**, (239) 887-1042. The cost of installing a new spring is \$34. If the door casting breaks, it costs an additional \$112 to repair the door. Dennis also has specially manufactured flagpole holders to match the lampposts. They are available for \$89 installed. Your mailbox and lamppost can also be repainted for \$49, which will bring them back to their "like-new" appearance. Dennis also offers handyman services.



The “Ridge” Rack

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Deadline: Submission of articles for the *Eye of the Eagle* must be received no later than the **6th** of each month. Email articles, pictures or information for the Bulletin Board, to rontlougan@gmail.com.

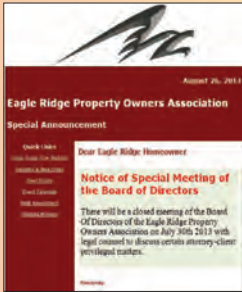
Articles can be submitted attached to or contained in an email. Photos should also be emailed as attachments. If you have any questions, please call Ron Tloughan at (651) 764-4438.

Eye of the Eagle: If for any reason you do not receive your *Eye of the Eagle* or if you need extra copies, the paper is also available at the golf clubhouse.

Flagpole Holders and Damaged Mailbox Repairs and Painting: For mailbox repairs, including doors, springs or broken parts and painting, call Dennis Shelley, (239) 887-1042.

Replacement of lamppost bulbs and light sensors:
Please call Joe Foster at (239) 218-7714 and leave your name, address, and phone number.

Are You Receiving E-mail From Eagle Ridge?



Each month the Eagle Ridge Property Owners Association sends out an email with reminders of activities at the Ridge. If this image looks unfamiliar to you, you are not on our email list.

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We will add your name to the list, which you may opt out of at any time. We are stressing the use of email as it is faster, easier and cheaper than USPS. You may send email addresses for all members of your household.

The Board of Directors



Please do not leave trash containers, ladders, etc., where they are visible from the street.

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- The Board of Directors





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Tips From South Trail Fire And Rescue

Holiday Fire Safety

By Christie Knudsen,
Public Education Specialist

Although fire safety is a 365-day-a-year practice, the winter holidays bring a special set of fire safety challenges for many families. Decorations that traditionally mark the holidays such as lights, candles, and Christmas trees bring additional fire hazards into your home. Parties, celebrations and large meals with family and friends increase the danger of cooking fires and smoking material fires. The South Trail Fire Department wishes you and yours a happy holiday season and offers the following tips to keep your holidays fire safe.

Keep your Christmas tree fresh. Purchase a fresh tree and water the tree daily; the needles should be green, hard to pull from the branches, and should not break when bent between your fingers. Place the tree at least 3 feet away from any heat sources such as heaters, fireplaces, or candles, and avoid blocking an exit. When the tree dries out, discard it promptly. Christmas tree fires spread quickly and are usually serious fires. Watch a video clip of a dry Christmas tree fire at southtrailfire.org.

Inspect decorative lights before using. Replace strings of lights that have frayed wires or loose bulb sockets. Make sure the lights are approved by an independent testing



laboratory. Avoid overloading electrical outlets and always unplug lights before leaving home or before going to bed.

Keep an eye on lit candles. More home candle fires occur in December than in any other month, and most of the fires occur because candles are burning unattended. Blow out candles when leaving the room or when going to sleep. Burn candles in sturdy, non-tip holders. Novelty candles are for decoration only, not for burning. Keep lit candles at least 1 foot away from combustible items—including floral centerpieces.

Ask smokers to smoke outside. Provide smokers with large, deep, non-tip ashtrays. Wet the contents of ashtrays before discarding. If smokers smoke inside the house,



check furniture and cushions for cigarette butts before going to bed – a cigarette can smolder in upholstery for hours before igniting.

Watch what you cook. When you are cooking on the stovetop, frying, or broiling, stay in the kitchen. When you are baking or roasting in the oven, stay in the house and check on food regularly. Keep the stovetop clear of combustible items. Don't cook if you are sleepy or have been drinking alcohol.

Check your smoke alarms and practice your home escape plan. Family members and overnight guests should know how to get out of the house in case of a fire.

For more holiday fire safety tips, call 936-5281. The monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the South Trail Fire and Rescue District will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 18 at Station #63, 5531 Halifax Ave. The public is invited.

Season Theatre Performances

Cultural Park Theater
(239) 772-5862
culturalparktheater.com
Cultural Park Theater's
Spectacular Christmas –
Dec. 13 to 17
The Pajama Game – Jan. 12 to 21, 2018



Laboratory Theater Of Florida
(239) 218-0481
www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com
24-Hour Playwriting Project – Dec. 16
Crimes of the Heart – Jan. 5 to 20, 2018
Staged Reading – Title TBD – Jan. 15

Florida Repertory Theatre
(239) 332-4488
www.floridarep.org
In The Arcade Theatre
The Last Night of Ballyhoo – Nov. 28 to Dec. 17
How The Other Half Lives – Jan. 9 to 31, 2018

In The ArtStage Studio Theatre
Disgraced – Nov. 7 to Dec. 10
Night and Day: A Cole Porter Revue –
Dec. 19 to Feb. 25, 2018

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre
(239) 278-4422
www.broadwaypalm.com
Pippin The Musical – Oct. 12 to Nov. 18
A Christmas Story The Musical – Nov. 23 to Dec. 25
Chicago The Musical – Dec. 30 to Feb. 10, 2018

Off Broadway Palm
(239) 278-4422
www.broadwaypalm.com
A Tuna Christmas – Nov. 16 to Dec. 25
The Hallelujah Girls – Jan. 11 to Feb. 24, 2018

Theatre Conspiracy
(239) 936-3239
theatreconspiracy.org
Seven Guitars – Nov. 3 to 18
A One Man Christmas – Dec. 15 and 16
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Creating Beautiful, Healthy Smiles

Book Briefs

By Karen M. Kalisz

Young Jane Young
• Author Gabrielle Zevin

First Three Sentences:
“My dear friend Roz Horowitz met her new husband online dating, and Roz is three years older and fifty pounds heavier than I am, and people have said that she is generally not as well preserved, and so I thought I would try it even though I avoid going online too much. Roz’s last husband died of colon cancer, and she deserves her happiness. Not that this new husband is anything special—his name is Tony and he used to be in the auto glass business in New Jersey.”

About The Book:
The book opens with a narration from Rachael Grossman, the mother of Aviva Grossman – an impressionable, ambitious 20-year-old, enamored with the (married) congressman from Miami for whom she interns. Aviva shares with Rachael that she is having an affair with the congressman, which Rachael tries to discourage. However before Aviva breaks up with her boss, the affair is discovered and a Monica Lewinsky-like scandal erupts. The congressman apologizes and continues being a successful well-loved married congressman. But Aviva’s life is in ruins. Because of the

scandal, no one will hire her; she feels depressed and defeated. One day she disappears from her parents’ Boca Raton home and reinvents herself as the young ... Jane Young, an event planner in small town Allison Springs, Maine.
Life is good until Jane’s 13-year-old precocious daughter – Ruby Young – discovers who her mother really is and unbeknownst to Jane ... flies to Miami (yes, by herself) to meet the congressman ... who she supposes is her father.
There are some unresolved plot points and an ending that screams for an epilogue, but it’s still a **definite recommend**. Enjoyable. *Young Jane Young* is funny, smart, easy-to-become-absorbed-in, and packs a punch about the double standard between the powerful male celebrity and the young and credulous female. It looks like a beach read but it’s not. This is a well-written novel about refusing to be shamed, acknowledging your own humanity and finding your own voice.



About The Author:
Gabrielle Zevin is an internationally known *New York Times* best-selling author. She is a Harvard educated screenwriter, young adult and adult novelist. *Young Jane Young* is Zevin’s ninth novel. (Source: <https://gabriellezevin.com/>)

Read It For:
... Pure delectation and to hear an alternative narrative for public shaming. Enjoy the irreverent tones and the Jewish aphorisms (treat yourself and listen to the seven-disc audiobook).

Safety And Security Tip

Know The Facts To Avoid Being Fooled By Open Enrollment Scams

From The Office Of Lee County Sheriff Mike Scott
It’s that time of year again for Medicare recipients to participate in the annual open enrollment period. If you receive Medicare benefits, the Lee County Sheriff’s Office wants you to know the truth about the scams con artists use in order to trick you into giving away your personal and financial information.



Scam: An “official Medicare agent” knocks on your door selling Medicare insurance that can save you thousands of dollars in healthcare costs next year. The offer is only good during Medicare’s open enrollment period.

Fact: There are no Medicare sales representatives. If you haven’t asked for an agent to contact you, federal law prohibits an agent from trying to sell you something on behalf of Medicare. If you receive unsolicited contact by phone, email or a knock on your front door, you should report that person to authorities.

Scam: You receive a call that Medicare is issuing new identification cards and you must provide identifying information such as your Medicare number, birth date or even financial account numbers in order to get your card.

Fact: It is true that Medicare is preparing to issue new cards minus your Social Security number beginning in April 2018; however, they will **not** call or email you asking for your current card number or other personal identifying information.

Scam: You receive a call that says you are required to have a prescription drug coverage plan and you must sign up during open enrollment or risk having your Medicare benefits terminated.

Fact: If someone says you must join or you will lose your other Medicare benefits, it’s a scam. The Medicare prescription drug benefit is voluntary. It supplements your other Medicare benefits.

Scam: You receive “official looking” brochures about new Medicare products that are available at a discounted price during Medicare open enrollment.

Fact: Do not be fooled by fancy sales materials claiming to be from a government agency. Only private companies sell Medicare Advantage and Medigap plans.

To report any suspected fraud, call Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE or the Sheriff’s Office fraud line at 258-3292.

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