



Eagle Ridge

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Who’s New In The Neighborhood?

By Ed Schuler

Kenny and Jeannie Lopiano moved into their two-story home on Aeries Way Drive on July 1. Still practically newlyweds, they celebrate their first anniversary in late September. Both are doctors; Kenny has a Ph.D. in statistics and math and Jeannie is an OB/GYN doctor at HealthPark Hospital. Additionally, they have two small dogs and a cat, Mr. Big, Mama and Nemo.

Both are essentially Florida natives, Kenny from near Jacksonville and Jeannie from Miami. They last resided in Greenville, N.C. before Jeannie took her job at HealthPark. Kenny is looking for local office space and is about to

hire a new software engineer. His company works statistically with hospital records with an eye toward reducing costs by increasing efficiency. Jeannie works with expectant mothers who are typically Medicaid patients needing special maternity-



related care. They may come from as far away as LaBelle and Immokalee.

Although very busy with their careers, they both enjoy cooking and are now sampling the Blue Apron program in which all the necessary ingredients are delivered to the home. When asked what attracted them to Eagle Ridge, Kenny said he preferred a development where the homes were not so close together, both particularly like their large lot that backs up to the Six Mile Cypress Preserve.

Please join me in welcoming this talented young couple to Eagle Ridge.

The Architectural Control Baton Has Been Passed

By Ed Schuler

Time after time, when we ask people who have recently moved to Eagle Ridge why they choose to come here, they almost invariably tell us it is because the homes are so well maintained compared to other neighborhoods they considered. A major reason can be traced to enforcing a well-thought-out Deed of Restrictions that enables homes in Eagle Ridge to attract higher sale prices.

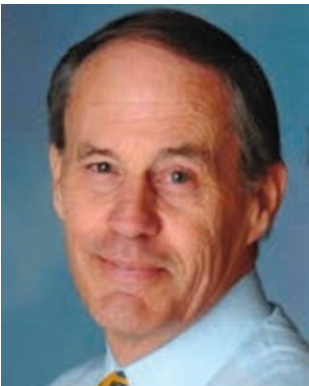
For almost four years, the Architectural Control Committee has been ably chaired by Steve Norris who wishes to spend additional time on a variety of other commitments. After considering a number of qualified candidates, Steve and Hewitt McCloskey decided to appoint Bill Simmons of Aeries Way Drive the new chairman. The Board wishes to thank Steve for his past work on the committee and also as a former Board member.

Bill Simmons a local Realtor, moved to Eagle Ridge in May of 2015 from the Landings. He assumed the chairmanship of the Architectural Control Committee following his official appointment to that position at the October Board meeting.

This important committee is the final arbiter as to whether planned changes to the outside appearance of an Eagle Ridge single family home is in conformance with the Deed of Restrictions and overall compatibility with the community.



Steve Norris



Bill Simmons

Notice: If you are planning to make any changes to the appearance of your home, go to our website, www.EagleRidge22912.com, select the resources tab and then select the form “Request to alter or add to property.” Fill it out and send it to Bill Simmons. His name and address appears on the form. It may turn out that you don’t need approval for some minor changes but better than to err on the side of applying rather than risk a fine and a “do over” for not applying.

Bonsai Society To Hold 35th Annual Show And Sale

Event To Be Held Nov. 5 And 6

The Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida Inc. will hold its 35th annual show and sale on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 5 and 6, at the home of the Berne Davis Botanical Garden, 2166 Virginia Ave.,



Fort Myers, adjacent to the Edison Home. This is the home of the Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council. The show is open Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The show will include an exhibit of bonsai trees created by society members, demonstrations of bonsai techniques, sales of bonsai and related materials, and raffles. Experienced members will also be available to answer questions about any

trees that are brought in.

Admission and parking are both free; handicap parking is on Virginia Avenue only; regular parking is on Larchmont Avenue, off of McGregor Avenue. The garden is the home of the Lorelei statue that was recently part of the old Fort Myers Library as well as the Mina Edison Botanical Library.

Two workshops will be provided. Ed Trout will provide one workshop on Saturday at 1 p.m. (bring your own tree); Adam Lavigne will provide a second workshop on a large green island ficus on Sunday at 1 p.m. Preregistration is requested; each workshop costs \$50; Ed Trout’s fee will be donated to the Orlando Children’s Hospital.

Bonsai (pronounced “bone-sigh”) is the practice of raising small artistic trees in pots; it originated in the Orient, and has become popular worldwide.

The Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida Inc. was founded to promote and encourage the knowledge and appreciation of bonsai and related arts. It holds its monthly meeting on the third Saturday of each month. For more information about the society or the annual show and sale, or to preregister for a workshop, visit the website: bonsaiswfl.org, or call Greg Lignelli, (239) 560-3275.

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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.

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

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

For those of you who lived up north during the fall season, you may remember seeing mums blooming in your garden this time of year. The other sign of fall was the changing of the leaves to beautiful shades of red, orange and burgundy – a symptom of losing chlorophyll for winter dormancy. Here in Southwest Florida, many glorious plants are still blooming!

One of the trees starting to bloom at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates, the pink silk floss or *Ceiba speciosa* is a medium-sized tree with unusual sharp spikes on the trunk that protect the plant from predators. The color can vary from deep to light pink blossoms that are the size of a hand, making the tree a sight to behold.

Another wonderful fall-blooming tree is the dwarf poinciana, or *Caesalpinia pulcherrima*. It looks similar to the large royal poinciana, but is actually unrelated. With the mature height maxing out at only 10 to 12 feet tall, it’s perfect for large pots at a condo or small property. This tree should be planted in full sun where you can watch the many butterflies that will visit its flowers for sweet nectar.

Everyone seems to like bright blossoms, but there are other attention-grabbing characteristics of many Florida trees. The unusual, extra-large, creamy-yellow flowers of the ylang ylang tree (*Canaga odorata*) will catch your attention with its intoxicating aroma. This tree belongs in a sensory garden, with its exotic, hanging, odiferous finger-like flowers. It’s often described as “other worldly.” Ylang ylang essential oil, a distillate made from a large quantity of flowers is said to provide an uplifting and pleasant experience. The essential oil is one of the main ingredients in Channel No. 5 perfume.

The unusual looking campanita or *Cubanola domingensis* gets a lot of attention because of its similarity to the angel trumpet. These creamy-white flowers hang like dangling earrings, enticing pollinators to their sweet nectar.

There are many other beautiful flowers growing in the Edison Ford gardens. One of the most spectacular areas is the Moonlight



White mussenda, white candles and campanita are great fall bloomers for a Southwest Florida garden.

Garden, which won the National Garden Clubs Preservation of Historic Gardens Award. It was designed by landscape architect Ellen Biddle Shipman in 1928 for Thomas Edison’s wife, Mina. To reflect the moonlight, mostly plants with white flowers were planted around the reflecting pool. Many of these plants are blooming now.

If you’d like to create your own moonlight garden, some great white-flowering examples include the pinwheel and crape jasmine, Chinese perfume tree (very fragrant), white candles (likes shade), white ixora, white caladiums and the white mussendas.

There are a lot of flowering plants that are happy with Southwest Florida’s 90-degree temperatures. Many of the plants found in the Edison Ford gardens are available for sale in the Edison Ford Garden Shoppe, open daily from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Stop by and talk with one of our horticulturists to see which plants would work in your garden.

If you want to see what’s blooming at Edison Ford, come to the weekly garden tour on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.!

For more information, Debbie can be reached at (239) 334-7419.

Christmas Is Coming

Believe it or not, Christmas will be here before you know it. Which means it’s time to play Santa for those clients of ours who are most in need of help around the holidays. Please consider participating in our Adopt A Family or Angel Tree programs...both are guaranteed to bring out the joy of the season within you!



Every year our staff identifies those families most in need of help during the holidays. Once again we are asking for gifts (unwrapped) for these children, or a cash donation, which we will use to purchase gifts. In many instances, we can provide you with a wish list from the family (which might include something for the child to give to the parent too) to use as a guide. In general, any new gift for a boy or girl will be very appreciated. For teens, gift cards work great!

If you are a business and would like to do an Angel Tree instead, we will provide you with red and green paper angels to hang on your tree, with the gender and age of the child



to buy for. No need to wrap the gift, super easy. We’ll even come pick up the items when you’re ready!

This is a wonderful way to spread the joy of the season. If you are interested in helping, please contact Lisa Rizzio, CAC development director, at (239) 939-2808 or lrizzio@cac-swfl.org.



The ylang ylang has a captivating scent for a fragrance garden.



Many of the white flowers are blooming in the Moonlight Garden at Edison Ford.

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Families And Patients Take Steps To Eradicate ALS

Walk To Defeat ALS® At Miromar Outlets On November 5

On Saturday, Nov. 5, more than 200 people will gather at Miromar Outlets in Estero to join the fight to find a cure for a deadly illness. ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, progressively paralyzes its victims, attacking nerve cells and pathways in the brain or spinal cord, taking away their ability to walk, talk, eat and eventually breathe. ALS has no known cause or cure, but the South Florida community is rallying together to change that.

Wheelchair-bound patients along with their families and friends will make a one-mile trek in The Walk to Defeat ALS®, hoping their steps will make a difference for ALS patients living in Florida. Many who walk have a loved one who is fighting the deadly disease. Others walk in memory of a loved one who has lost the battle. Many people, without any personal connection, walk out of a simple concern for those who are suffering with Lou Gehrig's Disease.



With only two to five years to live, these patients have an urgent need, and the community is stepping in to fill it by walking for those who can't. The Walk to Defeat ALS® is The ALS Association's signature event in which all funds directly support cutting-edge research, programs and patient care. Last year, these events raised almost \$1.5 million around the state of Florida.

All interested walkers should call (888) 257-1717, or register online at www.WalktoDefeatALS.org.

What: Fort Myers Walk to Defeat ALS®

When: Saturday, Nov. 5 – Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. – Walk begins at 9:30 a.m.

Where: Miromar Outlets, 10801 Corkscrew Road, Estero, FL 33928

Why: To raise funds and awareness for ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, a progressive, fatal neurodegenerative disease. There is no known cause or cure for ALS. All proceeds raised will support patient care and comfort, as well as research for treatments and a cure.

Other: The 2016 Fort Myers Walk To Defeat ALS® would not be possible without the ongoing generosity and support from our presenting sponsor this year, Miromar Outlets.

For more information, visit www.WalktoDefeatALS.org or call (888) 257-1717, Ext. 119, or email Kaila Williams, regional development manager: kwilliams@alsafll.org.

About The ALS Association Florida Chapter

The ALS Association Florida Chapter offers care to ALS patients living in Florida and funds research to find the cause and cure for ALS. We are part of a nationwide network of local ALS Association chapters with the same vision – a world without ALS. Through care, advocacy, research, education and support, we work to empower those with ALS to live fuller lives. Every year, The ALS Association invests millions of dollars in research conducted by the best and brightest scientists in the world. As the only national not-for-profit health organization dedicated solely to the fight against ALS, we give help and hope to those facing a devastating disease.

For more information about ALS, visit www.alsafl.org or call (813) 637-9000.

ArtFest Fort Myers High School Art Competition – Art Under 20



Now is the time for high school students to submit their entry form for participation in Art Under 20, Southwest Florida's largest high school art competition. Sponsored by Suncoast Credit Union, Art Under 20 is a visual art exhibit and competition open to all Lee County high school students. Participants' artwork will be exhibited at ArtFest Fort Myers, where they compete for \$8,000 in cash awards. Awards are given to the best student artists in six categories: digital, drawing, painting, photography, 3-D and mixed media.

The Art Under 20 exhibit and competition is held each season to encourage students in their pursuit of art and to promote community support of art programs in our schools. Kristin Woolam, Art Under 20 co-chairwoman explains, "We are excited to have Suncoast Credit Union join us in welcoming hundreds of students who exhibit their marvelous artwork in a gallery style tent to thousands of family members, teachers, friends and 85,000 admiring art festival attendees."

All Lee County high school students (public, private and homeschooled) are invited to participate in Art Under 20, showcasing artwork created exclusively by them. Entries will be accepted in six categories: digital, drawing, mixed media, painting, photography, and 3-D. Entry forms and more information are available through all Lee County high school art departments or at ArtFestFortMyers.com. Application deadline for the 2016 exhibit and competition is Dec. 2.

ArtFest Fort Myers, Southwest Florida's premier art



festival, takes place Feb. 3, 4 and 5, 2017 in the Fort Myers River District. The art festival's mission is to provide the community with an exceptional art experience, nurture the understanding of diverse art forms and support arts in education. Join the experience with 215 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 about supporting the ArtFest Fort Myers art education outreach program visit ArtFestFortMyers.com or contact us at (239) 768-3602 or info@ArtFestFortMyers.com. Like us on Facebook – Connect with us on LinkedIn – Tag us #artfestfm.

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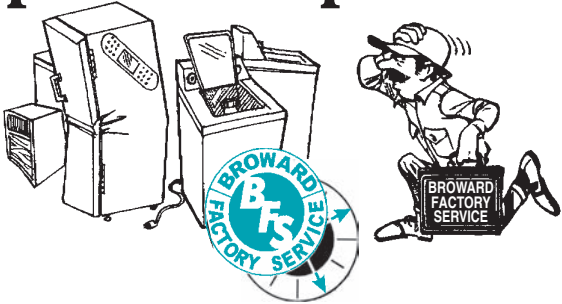
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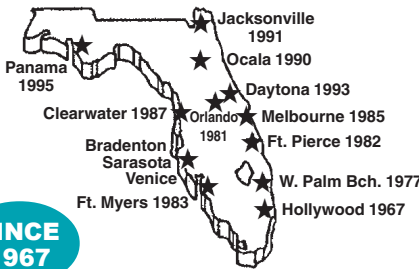


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Cooking By Connie

By Connie Hope

The north is getting cold and maybe even a little snow. Here in Florida we have less humidity and the temperatures are in the 60s to low 70s. It is delightful. Some of the snowbirds have returned, but most are waiting until after the holidays.

What is November known for? We remember that November 11 is Veterans Day and we honor all veterans. It is also National Piano Month and National Novel Writing Month. As you know, I qualify for that as I have written my novel, *The Bonnie Neuk Tea Room: Friends and Uninvited Guests (Ghosts)*. Also it is Banana Pudding Lovers Month and Lung Cancer Awareness Month.

I think I'm just going to go with November is Thanksgiving and we all make that wonderful turkey. I know I do and then I give a lot of meat to everyone that has come to my Orphan's Thanksgiving dinner. (Everyone there has family in some other state and we have no family here in Florida.)

I still have lots of turkey left over after giving some away. I cook a very large turkey. So let's try something from my new cookbook, *Soups and Stews... Comfort by the Spoonful* that has turkey in it.

I hope you enjoy the Hearty Turkey and Vegetable Stew.

Hearty Turkey and Vegetable Stew

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 turkey breasts, skinned, boneless, and cubed
- ¼ cup flour
- 2 onions, chopped
- 2 stalks of celery, chopped
- 2 carrots, peeled and ½-inch cut
- 2 potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 2 cups mushrooms, cleaned and chunked
- 2 to 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 green bell pepper, diced
- 1 can corn (optional)
- ¼ teaspoon dried marjoram
- 1 teaspoon rosemary
- 1 bay leaf
- 3 cups chicken broth (turkey broth if you can find it)

Toss turkey in flour. In a soup pot, add butter and cook and simmer turkey until browned.

Remove and set aside.

Add onions, celery, carrots, potatoes, mushrooms, garlic, pepper, and simmer until tender, five to 10 minutes. Add turkey, spices, broth and corn.

Cover, simmer and cook 1 to 1½ hours. Remove bay leaf. Serves five to six.



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Ladies On The Links

By Fran Danek and Phyllis Wayco

It is not too late to make plans to join the fun! The Eagle Ridge Wednesday Morning Ladies' League is gearing up for another fun and competitive season. The league will again be headed this season by Phyllis Wayco and Fran Danek (pictured in photo). We are extending a "welcome back" to returning players and a "welcome to the group" to any ladies playing with us for the first time. All are encouraged to join in on the fun.

League play will begin on Nov. 2 with a quick meeting in the clubhouse at 8 a.m. We will then begin play at 8:30 a.m. with assigned tee times. Don't forget to sign up in the ladies' locker room in advance (by Sunday afternoon). The fee for the league is \$20 for the season to be paid on the first day you play. Check the posting in the locker room for additional information regarding weekly games.

All handicaps are invited to join our league and you can be a part of the action whether you can play part of the time or the whole season from November through the end of March.



Phyllis Wayco and Fran Danek

Feel free to call Fran at (989) 684-0156 if you have any questions or concerns. See you on the course in November!

Eagle Ridge Residents

Jogging, bicycling, walking and other nongolfing activities or unregistered golf play are not permitted on the golf course.

Eagle Ridge Bulletin Board

If you have an announcement, we will include it in this column. Email Newsletter@EagleRidge22912.com with your request.

Fort Myers Republican Women's Club

A patriotic theme will be the topic for the Tuesday, Nov. 15, luncheon meeting of the Fort Myers Republican Women's Club. Lt. Col. Gary Peppers will be the featured speaker, with his topic being modern air warfare, particularly RPA (Remotely Piloted Aircraft, erroneously called "drones") operations. His Air Force service began during Vietnam in 1969, with his final active duty in 2013 as a predator pilot. Before he left active service for good, he became the last member of the active Air Force to have served on active duty during the Vietnam War. He went from being one of the youngest military pilots at age 20 to one of the oldest at 63. He'll explain exactly how RPAs operate and then describe a particular mission, simplified and "sanitized" of classified information, for which he received recognition in the drone ops world.

As a November tradition, Oasis JROTC cadets will provide the flag presentation. Also, Branden Pearson will be a special guest. He recently received the Legion of Valor Bronze Cross for Achievement, an award that recognizes third- and fourth-year JROTC students across the world who have soared through academic challenges and made a name for themselves on and off school grounds. Branden, an Oasis JROTC cadet, is No. 1 in his senior class with a GPA of 5.28, but he's balanced his academic career with extracurricular activities, going as far as to letter in varsity football and earn the prestigious title of commander for the Army JROTC program on campus. He's the first student in Lee County's nearly 60-year JROTC history to earn the recognition. Pearson is one of two cadets in the state to win the honor this year – something they share with only 46 other Army cadets across the world.

The public is invited to attend the luncheon and the program being held at The Helm Club, The Landings, South Fort Myers. A social hour begins at 11:15 a.m. The noon lunch, business meeting and program follow. The luncheon cost is \$18. Reservations are required by Thursday, Nov. 10, and may be made by contacting Tina Laurie, 489-4701.

Additional information about the club may be obtained by contacting the president, Carole Green, (850) 590-2206.

The Greeters Club

Marion E. Osborne, MSOL, MBA, MPA, will be the guest speaker at the Greeters Club of Greater Fort Myers Oct. 20, luncheon at 10:45 a.m. at the Colonial Country Club, 9181 Independence Way.

In her capacity as human resources generalist and member of the Lee County Human Resources Benefits Unit, Osborne is conducting training for all Lee County employees and the citizens of Lee County by presenting the Lee G.R.O.W.S. program on a weekly basis.

Whether you are a full-time resident or a snowbird, we have all seen the changes and growth Lee County has experienced in the past few years. Please join us and learn more about the exciting workforce initiatives of Lee G.R.O.W.S. and to explore the many exciting activities the Greeters Club is involved in.

Make a luncheon reservation today and find out more about joining this dynamic group of Lee County women. The cost is \$20.

Email: greetersclub@gmail.com. Provide your contact information (your name, email address and phone number). You will receive a call confirming your reservation as well as an email confirmation. Luncheons are held on the third Thursday of the month.

Learn more at greetersclubofgreaterfortmyers.com.

Continental Women's Club Of Fort Myers

The Nov. 3 luncheon for Continental Women's Club will include a style show featuring Hollie's Boutique. The owner, Hollie Schmid and her assistant, Aubrey Bengston will be coordinating the show and our models will be members of Continental.

Hollie founded the first boutique on Sanibel 16 years ago. This

was so successful; she opened a second boutique at 9671 Gladiolus Drive in Fort Myers. Both of the boutiques have something for everyone with a wide array of perfect pieces and accessories for your wardrobe.

The club's monthly meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 11:30 a.m. at Colonial Country Club, 9181 Independence Way in Fort Myers. The cost for the luncheon is \$19. Please call (239) 672-8683 before 8 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 30 to make a reservation for luncheon.

For more information on club membership, please call (239) 561-8973.

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.

Eagle Ridge Euchre

A group has been organized in Eagle Ridge for friendly games of euchre. Play in this group will take place every second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. to around 4 p.m. We will play at each other's homes on a rotating basis.

If you do not yet know how to play this enjoyable card game, an easy lesson can be arranged. If you are interested in joining this card group either as a regular player or as a substitute, call Retta Kaster at 362-0577.

Eagle Ridge #Winelovers

#Winelovers gravitate to Eagle Ridge eight to nine months of the year for #Winelover Hangouts on Eagles Lookout Court. Hosted by Ellen and Tom Giffen, these events are set up to explore the world of wine, experience the Tapas goodness of our kitchens and to collect food donations for the Harry Chapin Food Bank and other charitable organizations that draw from the Food Bank.

If you are interested in participating, please email the Giffens at giff48@centurylink.net for more information and you will be put on the monthly email list. Cheers.

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 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>.

Evening Walking Group

Looking for someone or to join a group to walk with in the evenings, perhaps three times per week? Please contact Jenni Caves (239) 336-4282 or jcaves01@hotmail.com.

Volunteer In Your Eagle Ridge Community

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.

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Fair At Fenway South Returns To JetBlue Park

Family-friendly fair will include free, live entertainment including the Fearless Flores Circus, a lion and tiger show, magic and hypnotist show, petting zoo and more.

Just in time for the cooler fall weather, the Fair at Fenway South returns to JetBlue Park for two long weekends in November.

The fair will open weekends from Nov. 11 to 13 at JetBlue Park, located at 11500 Fenway South Drive in Fort Myers, and again on Nov. 17 to 20. It will run from 5 to 11:30 p.m. on Fridays and from 1 to 11:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

New to the fair in 2016 is a unique lion and tiger show presented by world-renowned showman Vincent Von Duke.



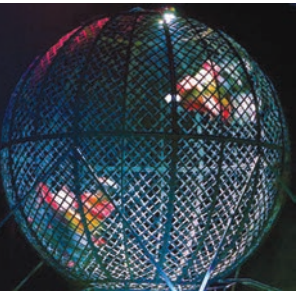
Vincent Von Duke and tiger



Vincent Von Duke and lion

Von Duke's lions and tigers will thrill fair audiences with a rare opportunity to see these amazing animals up close. After the show, guests may even get a chance to feed one of the animals.

The Fearless Flores Circus and Thrill Show returns to Southwest Florida with new thrills and attractions. Known for their appearance on *America's Got Talent*, the family will perform several of its death-defying shows each day, including motorcycle madness



Flores Circus Globe of Death

in the "Globe of Death," and other heart-stopping feats.

A fair favorite, award-winning illusionist Lance Gifford will continue to amaze fairgoers at Fenway South with his fast-paced and highly entertaining magical illusion show. He and his company perform some of the world's most amazing illusions throughout the United States and Canada. Some of the "family members" in his troupe include doves, rabbits, a chow chow, toy and standard poodles, a Macaw parrot and Burmese python snakes. Gifford will perform live at the fair several times each day.

On Friday and Saturday at 10 p.m., the Las Vegas hypnotist show will make believers of the audience, as the hypnotist persuades a man to dance like Beyoncé, convinces fairgoers it's sunny at night and more.

The fair also features a large petting zoo where attendees may pet and feed dozens of animals from all around the world. This attraction is free and open during all fair hours.

All live entertainment and shows are free with fair admission.



Wade Shows, one of the largest carnival companies in North America, will be bringing its rides and attractions to the midway at the event. Many of the fair's rides appear each year at the Florida State Fair and are being brought exclusively to Fort Myers by the producers of the event, including plenty of rides for younger kids to enjoy.

Admission to the fair is as low as \$3.50 per person with a two-for-one admission discount available at www.fairatfenway.com. Pay-one-price unlimited rides wristbands are also available at a discount through the website before the start of the fair for \$20 each. Individual ride tickets may be purchased at the event. Vendor space and sponsorships are available.

For more information, visit www.fairatfenway.com.



Fraud Alert

Loan Inquiry Leaves Victim In The Red

A postcard in the mail advertising a variety of lending products, followed by an online application for a short-term loan, recently cost one local man \$750 and possibly his identity after he applied for financial assistance on a website promising a cash loan to qualified applicants. The victim, who filled out the loan application on an unsecured Wi-Fi network, provided detailed personal information that included his bank routing number, before being notified by the company that he was not eligible to receive the loan.

Believing the process was over he was surprised to receive an email and phone call the following day from a man named "Chris" who said he might be reconsidered for the loan if he would pay to insure it. The victim was instructed to put \$150 on an Amazon prepaid card, take photographs of the receipt and back of the card, then send the information to "Chris" via email. Unaware that he was about to be involved in an advance fee scam, the victim did as he was told.

Later that same day, the victim received another call from "Chris" claiming additional money was needed to help cover the cost of repairing his bad credit, which would then enable him to qualify for a \$5,000 loan. Still believing he was talking to a representative of the lending company, he purchased two more Amazon prepaid cards totaling \$600, and repeated what

he had done earlier. Afterwards, he tried to make contact with "Chris" but was never able to get a response. He realized too late that he had been duped.

With this in mind, the Lee County Sheriff's Office reminds you to follow these very important tips when applying for a loan from any cash advance lender:

1. Legitimate lenders often charge application, appraisal, or credit report fees. The difference? They disclose their fees clearly and prominently; they take their fees from the amount you borrow; and the fees usually are paid to the lender or broker after the loan is approved.
2. Any up-front fee the lender wants to collect before granting the loan is a cue to walk away, especially if you're told it's for "insurance," "processing," or just "paperwork."
3. It is illegal for companies doing business by phone in the United States to promise you a loan or credit card and ask you to pay for it before they deliver.
4. Never use a reloadable cash card, wire transfer service, or money order to secure a loan. Doing so offers little to no recourse, should you find you've been scammed.

There are legitimate short-term, high-rate loan companies who advertise on the Internet, television and by mail, but it's up to you to carefully review their disclosures, policies and procedures. For more information about this scam or to report it, call the Sheriff's Office fraud line at 258-3292 or go online to www.ftc.gov.

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Commissioner Flewelling Receives CDO Designation

South Trail Board Commissioner Jean Flewelling recently received the designation of Certified District Official (CDO) from the Florida Association of Special Districts (FASD) based on her completion of a curriculum designed to promote proper, legal and efficient leadership among elected district officials. Subject matter included: contract management; district manager relations; election, ethics and Sunshine Law; financial management and audits; governance; intergovernmental affairs; the legislative process; strategic planning.

Flewelling is the first member of the South Trail Fire Board to complete the program. Her experience includes work in real estate, mortgage banking, financial aid, marketing, financial consulting and retirement planning and tax preparation.



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Minutes For The Eagle Ridge Property Owners Association

October 3, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Hewitt McCloskey. Board members present were: Hewitt B. McCloskey, Jr., President; John Spiegel, Vice President; Peter Van Leeuwen, Secretary/Treasurer; Ed Schuler, Director; Richard Herman, Director.

A quorum was reached. There were 17 residents present.
Request was made to approve the minutes for the August 1, 2016 Board Meeting.

- First Motion to approve the minutes of August 1, 2016: Ed Schuler.
- 2. Second Motion to approve the minutes of August 1, 2016 : Richard Herman.
- 3. All voted in favor of the motion.

Treasurer’s Report: Peter Van Leeuwen

Monthly summary of Accounts for August and September 31, 2016

Current end of month balances to August 31, 2016

ERPOA Bank of America Account Balances			
Business Savings	7890	2,655.12	
Business Checking	1247	139,406.18	
Business Checking Reserve	3976	35,622.98	
Total as of August 31, 2016		177,684.28	

Current end of month balances to September 30, 2016

ERPOA Bank of America Account Balances			
Business Savings	7890	2,655.16	
Business Checking	1247	136,541.58	
Business Checking Reserve	3976	35,322.98	
Total as of September 30, 2016		174,519.72	

There are two single-family homes that have not paid the 2016 assessment. One home is in bankruptcy and the other has a sale pending. The condominiums have paid 100 percent. Late fees totaled \$920. Estoppel fees totaled \$3,100. Mail box repairs and sale totaled \$4,300.

Preliminary Eagle Ridge Property Owners’ Association 2017 Budget			
	2016 Budget	2017 Budget	Variance from 2016 Budget
<u>Income</u>			
Annual Dues (net)	\$188,283	\$161,448	-\$26,835
Estoppel Fees	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Directory Advertising	\$0.00	\$1,000	\$1,000
Late Fees	\$950	\$950	\$0.00
Mailbox Reimbursement	\$4,250	\$3,000	-\$1,250
Settlements	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0.00
Transfer Fees	\$1,350	\$1,350	\$0.00
Total Income	\$201,833	\$174,748	-\$27,085
<u>Expenses</u>			
Insurance	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$5,000
General Liability	\$3,500	\$5,250	\$1,750
Crime	\$500	\$750	\$250
Directors/Officers	\$3,500	\$5,250	\$1,750
Umbrella	\$2,500	\$3,750	\$1,250
Legal	\$60,000	\$35,000	-\$25,000
Capital Expenditures	\$0.00	\$5,000	\$5,000
New Entry Sign	\$0.00	\$5,000	\$5,000
Operating	\$41,450	\$26,050	-\$15,400
Accounting Services	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$1,000
Administrative (Database maintenance/recording minutes)	\$5,000	\$2,500	-\$2,500

Annual Report–			
State of Florida	\$100	\$100	\$0.00
Civil Engineering Services	\$18,500	\$1,000	-\$17,500
Contingency	\$6,000	\$10,000	\$4,000
Meeting Room Rental	\$250	\$250	\$0.00
Mileage Reimbursement	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0.00
Office Supplies	\$2,500	\$1,500	-\$1,000
Printing	\$3,000	\$2,500	-\$500
Postage & Delivery	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0.00
Social Events	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0.00
Web Site Expense	\$400	\$1,500	\$1,100
Property Maintenance	\$65,600	\$68,900	\$3,300
Aquatic Services	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$0.00
Conservation Maintenance	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$0.00
Electrical Work	\$300	\$3,000	\$2,700
Fertilizer Application	\$3,100	\$3,500	\$400
Irrigation Maintenance	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0.00
Landscape Beautification (shrubs)	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0.00
Landscape Maintenance	\$24,000	\$26,400	\$2,400
Mailbox/Lamppost	\$4,500	\$1,500	-\$3,000
Mulching	\$7,000	\$8,100	\$1,100
Pest Control – Lawn	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$0.00
Pest Control – Shrubs	\$3,400	\$3,400	\$0.00
Residential Maintenance	\$1,800	\$1,500	-\$300
Tree Trimming	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$0.00
Utilities	\$800	\$800	\$0.00
Electrical Service	\$800	\$800	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$177,850	\$150,750	-\$27,100
Total Reserves	\$23,983	\$23,998	\$15
Total Expenses & Reserves	\$201,833	\$174,748	-\$27,085

Discussion of Preliminary Budget:

Christine Leslie: Are the dues going to be less this coming year?
Peter Van Leeuwen: Yes, dues are going to be less in 2017.
Man from audience: What are the Civil Engineering fees for?
Peter Van Leeuwen: We will have future studies done by a Civil Engineering firm for the Condominiums issues.
Patty Wright: Is there an outside company for the website?
Hewitt McCloskey: Ed Schuler does our website.
Peter Van Leeuwen: There are charges for mailing and upscaling service.
We also now get a digital copy of the community newspaper which is around \$700 a year.

Luther Ward: What is the Contingency charge encompass?
Peter Van Leeuwen: This is for unexpected expenses that may come up during the year. We don’t know what might be an expense that was not expected.
Hewitt McCloskey: Such things as new flood light wiring in the islands on Eagle Ridge Drive. A new bulletin board and on replacement street signs.
Man from audience: Year to date the amount of legal expenses?
Peter Van Leeuwen: It is \$13,000.
Luther Ward: Where are the legal expenses?
Peter Van Leeuwen: They are under Expenses, under the Insurance topic is Legal expenses.
Peter Van Leeuwen: The next workshop meeting for the Budget will work on the dues for the condominiums and the homeowners. Then expenses will be firmed up.

President’s Monthly Report : Hewitt McCloskey

1. A settlement fee was negotiated with the Mouracades for a reimbursement sum of about \$25,400 to settle the dispute with ERPOA.
Steve Norris: I want to thank the Board for their hard work in resolving the settlement of the Mouracade case.
Don Alan: Yes, they did a great job on the settlement. (Everyone clapped)
Kay Turner: What is the total expense for the Mouracade case?
Hewitt McCloskey: For the 6½ years that we have been working on the case, it has been somewhere around \$50,000.
Luther Ward: What is the condition of the Mouracade property at present?

John Spiegel: At last check on the property, they were in compliance.
Jim Roberto: The large amount for the Mouracade is the money spent on the attorney’s fees.
2. Proposal to replace the entrance sign located in the center island of Eagle Ridge Drive at Daniels Parkway.
Discussion of sign proposal:
History of the Sign: Hewitt McCloskey
Right now there is no sign. This is the only community that I know of that does not have a sign telling of the community.

The sign that was there was hit by a truck several years ago and has never been replaced. It will be located at the entrance to the community on the center island at Daniels Parkway and Eagle Ridge Drive. We are going to put ‘up’ lights on the sign. We are splitting the cost of the sign with the Golf Club. The total cost will be \$8,600 and each will pay \$4,300. I propose that we go ahead with the sign at the corner and have the Golf Club and HOA each pay half the cost of the sign. Let’s take a vote.

Vote on new entrance sign: For: Four Board members in favor Against: One Board member against. The motion for the sign proposal passes.

Kay Turner: In the past we didn’t have permission.
Hewitt McCloskey: We have a sign company that will get permission from Lee County. The problem we had before was we were not getting permission from the County. The sign company is use to handling these matters and will satisfy the wants of the Lee County and get permission.

3. ERPOA had a meeting with Eagle Ridge Golf Club at the clubhouse on Tuesday afternoon September 27, 2016 to discuss the surface water drainage. Christine Leslie will talk about this meeting shortly.

4. Anyone interested in serving on the ERPOA Board of Directors is requested to notify me by phone or email of their interest to serve on the Board in the next month.

Vice President’s Report: John Spiegel
Discussion of the bike/pedestrian sidewalk from Daniels Parkway to Aeries Way Drive

I am working on a project to have Lee County install a bike/pedestrian sidewalk along Daniels Parkway to Aeries Way Drive and along American Colony. I have seen many people either walking on the roadway or the wet grass. I will get in touch with all the associations and businesses such as Manor Care, Eagle Ridge Lakes, Eagle Ridge Estates, Audubon, Musa to pose that the County put in this sidewalk.

The County has money for these projects. I don’t want to hear that a woman with a baby carriage was hit along this area. The County can move on this type of project. I will report back to the Board periodically about the progress of this project.

Donna Kennedy: How wide will this path be?
John Spiegel: The wider the better. I was thinking about 8 feet. If there is someone in the community who would like to help me on this project, please contact me.

Hewitt McCloskey: Lee County on Daniels Parkway is putting in pedestrian bridges and sidewalks now. This would be an extension of this, and I think the timing is good.

Director’s Report: Ed Schuler (No report)
Director’s Report: Richard Herman (No report)
Committee Reports

Arbitration Board Committee: Charlene Wendel
1. There are no Recommendations for fining at this time.
Architectural Control Committee: Steve Norris/Bill Simons
Bill Simons will be taking over the head of the Architectural Control Committee.

There were 15 projects during August and September, 2016 that have been approved.
14637 Aeries Way Drive – New pool cage
14533 Aeries Way Drive – Pave driveway and culvert
14568 Aeries Way Drive – New roof and exterior painting
14690 Triple Eagle Court – Flag pole
14678 Triple Eagle Court – Exterior painting
14660 Eagles Lookout Court– Exterior painting
7616 Eagles Flight Lane – Door and trim painting
7161 Twin Eagle Lane – New drive and culvert
14620 Eagles Lookout Court – New windows and door
7380 Twin Eagle Lane – Major landscape change
14820 Eagles Lookout Court – New front doors
14770 Soaring Eagle Lane – New roof
14585 Aeries Way Drive – New roof
14699 Triple Eagle Court – New roof
14678 Triple Eagle Court – New roof
Deed of Restriction Committee: Don Peters
DOR Committee Report for August and September, 2016
1. In August there was a total of 14 violations of which nine were new. All but 3 have been resolved or are pending solutions.
2. In September there was a total of 14 violations of which seven were new. Of the remaining violations three have been resolved and four have pending solutions.
3. None of the above violations warrant the need for warning letters or fines at this time.
5. The committee has previously decided to hold off on violation notices for driveways needing cleaning or painting attention due to our Florida weather. During our October tour, we will issue reminders for these driveways.
Golf Liaison Committee: Steve Norris
It has been too rainy to play much golf. The Golf Club has been shut down about 50 days during this summer.

Landscape Beautification Committee: Carolee Swales
Carolee and Hewitt McCloskey have designed a total of seven new planting beds to be located in the center island of Eagle Ridge Drive between Aeries Way Drive and Eagles Flight Lane. Shrubs selected include Varieties of Croton, Blue Plumbago and Varieties of Copperleaf. The beds will be installed in two phases, three beds this year and four beds next year.
Surface Water Management: Christine Leslie
Hewitt McCloskey: Christine, you have done a great job getting everyone to the meeting and the discussion at the meeting. Thank you.

There was a meeting with the Golf Club on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 regarding the maintenance of the drainage pipes in Eagle Ridge.

There were four people from ERPOA(Steve Norris, Rick Herman, Hewitt McCloskey and myself, Christine Leslie.) There were three people from the Golf Club – Richard Osgood, Dan O’Neill and Bill Januska.
According to the engineering study we did, there were a number of pipes that were 50 percent or more blocked. Lee County will be cleaning out eight of these pipes. The Golf Club is responsible for one of these that is 50 percent or more blocked. The Golf Club is also responsible for all of the pipes that interconnect our lakes.

There will be a follow-up meeting with the Golf Club at the end of October to give us their plan in writing for the identification of the blocked pipes they are responsible for.
Legal Committee: John Spiegel
1. Settlement of Mouracades: This settlement has been resolved. It was down to the last 30 minutes of the deadline when two checks were received at our attorney’s office.

2. Condominiums Case: Do we have a person here from one of the condominiums? Alan Scull can you explain what is happening about this case?
Alan Scull: No I cannot.
John Spiegel: The case has been dismissed by the Courts. The case is about an amendment to the property owner’s association document that was filed in 1988. They are stating that it is a conflict with the document that was filed in 1983. There is a five-year statute of limitation which would have run out in 1993. The Court has stated that it is now much too late. We filed a motion to dismiss.

The condominiums have filed a third complaint and there is a hearing set on December 8, 2016. They want the ERPOA to pay money back to 1988. It isn’t going to happen.

Security and Safety Committee: Connie Hope
Several things have occurred in the community these last few months. In Eagle Ridge Condos several weeks ago. A car had the rear seat window smashed. The Sheriff’s office thought it might have been with a baseball bat. No one saw anything and no one has been caught. If you think you might have seen something, please let the sheriff’s office know.

Also in Eagle Ridge Condos, there has been a man and his son who have been soliciting to do screen work. My contact in the Sheriff’s office did check on the license plate number and found out that has had several arrests. The most important arrests this year were for public order crimes (Home solicitation without a permit). Residents should not hire any unpermitted, unlicensed or uninsured contractors. Depending on the type of work to be done, it may be a criminal offense to **hire** an unlicensed contractor. This is information from my contact in the Sheriff’s office.

The incident of car burglaries seems to have stopped at present, but that doesn’t mean you should not lock your cars. You must lock your cars and all your doors. Be vigilant in doing this.

You are the eyes of the community. If you see something that is in questions, call 911 if you feel it is an emergency or the non-emergency number (239) 477-1000.

There is a path at Eagle Ridge Lakes that goes around the canal and around the community. There are signs posted that it is private property. There have been several burglaries in this community over the last several months. The community is concerned. They have asked me to mention that the path is private and is posted for no trespassing. Please do not use these paths. They are not sure who has been walking on the paths, but they have not been from their community.

Welcoming Committee: Ed Schuler
September’s new neighbors are Margaret Page White and her chocolate Lab, Rowdy. She has moved into a house on Majestic Eagle. Welcome to the neighborhood.

October’s new neighbors are Philip and Kimberly Sutton. They moved into a house on the end of Majestic Eagle Court. Welcome to the neighborhood.
Resident’s Comments (limited to three minutes)

1. Patty Wright: What is the deadline for getting your name on the ballot for the Board?
Hewitt McCloskey: The packages will be mailed out middle of January. I need the names before this so they can be interviewed and a resume written. Election will be the first Monday of March. The term is two years. There are two positions open on the Board.
2. Don Allen: There is a hole in the pavement or edge of the road on Bald Eagle Drive just near the turn near Yetman’s house. Right side of the road.
Hewitt McCloskey: Call the Transportation Department of Lee County and let them know about the hole. It is their responsibility.
3. Luther Ward: Have you estimated a criteria for the candidate to run for the Board.
Hewitt McCloskey: The formal procedure is for them to contact a Board member who will in turn refer them to me. We will talk, interview and have them put together a resume. The deadline is December 31, 2016.
A request for a motion for Adjournment:
First Motion for Adjournment: Ed Schuler
Second Motion for Adjournment; Rick Herman
All voted in favor for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Security Central

By Connie Hope
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