

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

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

Historically the 19th century brought prosperity to our towns and cities in the form of parks for therapy, gardening for enjoyment and botanical gardens for research and education. We owe all of this early investigation to horticulturists who spent their lives in the study of botanicals.



In the past, wealthy people decorated their homes with exotic and extravagant plants from faraway places, while common folk grew what was readily available and could be passed from neighbor to neighbor. Plant explorers sent from governments, kings or aristocrats often risked their lives to collect a plant that may have been hanging from the edge of a cliff in a faraway rain forest habitat.

Fast forward to today, a trip to the garden center includes many of these plants that were not available to the masses in the past. Botanical enthusiasts like Thomas Edison with his craft of discovery, searched for a myriad of plants for beautification, edibility, latex content and plants that were a novelty. The variety



The Carrie mango is a small fruit tree for small yards.

of plants and trees made his gardens interesting for visitors.

Some of the trees that were collected in other countries, brought back and planted at Edison & Ford Winter Estates are too large for the average lawn today; however, those giant trees can be enjoyed while on hikes in preserves, or when visiting botanical gardens such as Edison Ford. When selecting a tree for your property, it’s important to consider the eventual size and the environment that the tree needs to thrive.

Trees provide many benefits to our yards and neighborhoods. First and foremost there are environmental reasons to plant trees in our public and private spaces. Trees provide the needed shade in a climate like Southwest Florida where there is a lot of heat, humidity and strong sunshine. The temperature under a tree canopy can be 10 degrees cooler and the shade also helps protect our skin from sunburn. Shade from trees can also help keep our homes cooler and thus saves energy and reduces electricity cost, especially if the tree provides shade on the west side of a house. Most importantly, trees release oxygen during photosynthesis for us to breathe. Some great examples of shade trees for our climate include live oak, sea grape, Jamaica dogwood and gumbo-limbo.

Trees also provide aesthetic charm – or curb appeal – to our landscapes. Trees shouldn’t hide a house, but accentuate it as a focal point. It is well known in the real estate industry that beautiful trees and gardens add value to a home and improve a buyer’s first impression. Flowering trees such as royal poinciana with an impressive flowering canopy, pink trumpet trees, jacaranda with beautiful “blue” flowers, and the pink silk floss tree with spikes on the trunk are all eye-catching examples. The orange geiger tree is a great option for smaller yards.

For nature lovers, trees also provide habitats for wildlife. Birds, bees, butterflies, squirrels and many other creatures depend on trees for survival. Birds build nests, rear their young, hide from predators and even eat pest insects found on trees. Butterflies get nectar from flowering trees and lay their eggs on others. There are several butterfly host trees that thrive in Southwest Florida. The strangler fig is a host plant for ruddy daggerwing butterflies, sulphur butterflies like cassia trees,



The joy perfume tree on the Henry Ford property is a fragrant, small tree for small properties.

giant swallowtail butterflies use citrus trees, and Eastern tiger swallowtail butterflies lay their eggs on the sweet bay magnolia. Bees are important to our environment and pollinate trees that produce fruit. There are several types of fruit trees that can be grown in our region, including mango, citrus, Barbados cherry, allspice, lychee, carambola, sapodilla and avocado.

Choosing the right tree for the right space is an important decision to make. It’s vital to know the eventual mature tree size so the tree will not be planted too close to your home or other structures. For example, a small tree such as a Barbados cherry can grow 10 to 15 feet tall and the canopy can spread 10 feet in diameter; however, a live oak can reach more than 50 feet in height and equally as wide.

Other important considerations besides selecting the right tree for the right place is to make sure to select a healthy tree, plant it correctly, follow the directions to properly establish the tree, and provide for long-term care with a pruning schedule. Also, be sure to plant at the right depth, use a stake or pole for support, provide supplemental water as required to encourage deep root growth (don’t depend on an irrigation system), and prune trees to establish a strong leader and secondary branches.

Just as an artist sketches what he is going to paint, a gardener should draw a plan for the desired garden. Many gardens include one-of-a-kind plants and trees to add interest and impress observers. The Edison Ford Garden Shoppe has a great selection of tropical trees available for sale and the horticulturists on site can answer questions about selection, planting and caring for trees.

A wise man was once asked, “When is the best time to plant a tree?” His response was, “20 years ago!” Stop in the Edison Garden Shoppe today and find your perfect tree.



The dwarf poinciana is one of my favorite small trees and it blooms throughout the year.



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

7:30 p.m. meetup – 8 p.m. roll out
2160 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers

NE Lee Second Friday

7:30 p.m. meetup – 8 p.m. roll out
Winn Dixie – 14600 Palm Beach Blvd., Fort Myers

Second Saturday On Sanibel

7:30 p.m. meetup – 8 p.m. roll out
Jerry’s Plaza – 1700 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel

Estero Third Friday

7:30 p.m. meetup – 8 p.m. roll out
(New Location) Tropical Smoothie –
1001 Estero Town Commons Place, Estero

Cape Coral Last Friday

7:30 p.m. meetup – 8 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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27th Annual Christmas Carol Sing

Help Community Cooperative Feed The Hungry

Celebrate the holidays and help feed the hungry by singing at the 27th Annual Christmas Carol Sing sponsored by the Galloway Family of Dealerships.

The Christmas Carol Sing will be Tuesday, Dec. 5, at First Presbyterian Church, 2438 Second St. in downtown Fort Myers, between Lee Street and Royal Palm Avenue. Admission is free, although organizers request voluntary donations of at least two cans of nonperishable food for The Soup Kitchen, operated by Community Cooperative, and a voluntary cash donation, if you can.

Because of the overwhelming popularity of the event, three sing-alongs are planned at 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. The doors will open 30 minutes prior to showtime.

Community Cooperative is an innovative nonprofit organization made up of social service entrepreneurs fighting to end homelessness and hunger in our community. It



First Presbyterian Church organist Eddygrace Bernard (SFM)



Soloists Beth and Bill Filiowich (SFM)



Collecting food for Community Cooperative: George Torres (Lehigh) and Renae Kosecki (Lehigh)



Santa and Mrs. Claus listen to the Christmas wishes of Bree Balcer (SFM).

provides more than 15,000 meals each month through its Community Cafés and Meals on Wheels programs, distributes more than 500,000 pounds of groceries through its Mobile Food Pantries, and serves 6,500 individuals and families with homeless and comprehensive case management services through its Social and Education Resource Centers. A proud United Way partner, Community Cooperative serves Fort Myers and the greater Lee County area, including Bonita Springs, Cape Coral, Lehigh Acres and Fort Myers Beach.

The church has been a strong supporter of the agency from the beginning and continues to support its ministry there by providing volunteers and other support for The Soup Kitchen and the Meals on Wheels program.

Hymn Sing organizer Sam Galloway Jr., has made feeding the hungry part of his life's work. "Our community has done so much to help our neighbors, but we need to do even more, especially with so many people still suffering from the effects of Hurricane Irma. If we each just gave the equivalent of what we would spend on a meal – either at home or in a restaurant – those few dollars could feed a family of four for an entire



Rev. Roger Peterson (Cape), First Presbyterian Church minister of music, leads the audience in song.

week," Galloway said. Galloway said cash donations are especially needed because Community Cooperative can buy five times as much food for the same amount of money that residents spend at local grocery stores.

Residents who cannot attend any of the Christmas Carol Sing performances may donate canned goods at either the Galloway Ford dealership on Boy Scout Drive or the Coconut Point Ford dealership on U.S. 41 in Estero or mail donations to Community Cooperative, P. O. Box 2143, Fort Myers, FL 33902.

The Christmas Carol Sing is a festival of holiday music and family fun. This year's 90-minute performance will feature the First Presbyterian Church Choir, soloists and other special guests singing favorite holiday carols with audience sing-alongs.

There is a strong rumor that Santa Claus will be making a surprise visit for the "children in all of us."

In addition to the Christmas Carol Sing, the Galloway Family of Dealerships also annually sponsors Mrs. Edison's Hymn Sing, to be held Feb. 6, 2018. Both events benefit The Soup Kitchen of Community Cooperative.

Last year, Community Cooperative received more than 5,000 pounds of canned goods and other nonperishable items from the Christmas Carol Sing. The food was immediately distributed to those in need.

For more information, call First Presbyterian Church at (239) 334-2261 or visit www.fpcforymyers.org.

About First Presbyterian Church Of Fort Myers

First Presbyterian Church of Fort Myers, located at 2438 Second St. in downtown Fort Myers, is a community of faith, celebrating a loving God. First Presbyterian Church was founded in 1901 and continues to be an integral part of Lee County by presenting some of the area's most well-attended events, such as "Mrs. Edison's Hymn Sing" in February as part of the Edison Festival of Light and the "Christmas Carol Sing" in December. Both events benefit The Soup Kitchen of Community Cooperative, which was founded by First Presbyterian Church, along with other local churches, in 1984. Services are offered Sunday at 11 a.m. with Sunday Adult Education from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. A nursery is available from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Hearing assistive equipment also is available.



Ushers Betty Campbell (NFM) and Fred Stevens (East FM) welcome guests to the Christmas Carol Sing.



Gulf Coast Humane Society CEO Jennifer Galloway and her husband Sam Galloway, III, of the Galloway Family of Dealerships



The Rev. Dr. Paul deJong of First Presbyterian Church, Sam Galloway Jr., Christmas Carol Sing founder and sponsor, and Tracey Galloway, CEO of Community Cooperative

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- 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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Contact Joe Foster....(239) 218-7714 and leave your name, address and phone number.

Flagpole Holders and Damaged Mailbox Repairs, Painting of Mailboxes and Light Poles
Contact Dennis Shelley, (239) 887-1042.

ERPOA Web Maintenance
Contact Ed Schuler, (267) 513-0800.

Eagle Ridge Bulletin Board

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

The Greeters Club

The Greeters Club of Greater Fort Myers will be hosting a fashion show at our Friday, Nov. 17 luncheon. Selected Bell Tower shops will supply the fashions and club members will be the models. Whether you are a full-time Floridian or arrive here just before winter sets in and the first flakes start to fall somewhere else, you’ll enjoy a delicious lunch, great conversation and get an overview of the season’s latest fashions from several Bell Tower merchants.

Make your luncheon reservation (cost: \$20) today and find out more about joining this dynamic group of Lee County women. Email: greetersclub@gmail.com. Provide your contact information (your name, email address and phone number). You will receive a return email confirming your reservation. This luncheon will be held on the third Friday of the month, registration is from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. at the Crown Plaza Hotel right off Route 41, in the Bell Tower Shops, 13051 Bell Tower Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33907, (239) 482-2900.

Continental Women’s Club Of Fort Myers

Join us on Thursday, Nov. 2, when our guest speaker will be Amy Bennett Williams, storyteller and writer of the “Field Notes” articles in the Tropicalia section of the Sunday News-Press. Williams’ Facebook page introduces her as a “Chronicler of characters, conflict, curiosities, WGPU essayist, and proud Alvanian scrub-billy.” She is also the author of the pictorial history book, *Along the Caloosahatchee*.

Continental Women’s Club monthly meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at The Hideaway Country Club, 5670 Trailwinds Drive, Fort Myers. The cost to attend the luncheon is \$22. Please call Liz Paul at (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/>.

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.

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.

Extra copies of *Eye of the Eagle* newsletters are usually available at the Golf Course Clubhouse. They also may be downloaded from the Resources tab on the Eagle Ridge website www.EagleRidge33912.com.

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.

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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.

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Ginny Schuler, (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.

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Theatre

Seven Guitars By August Wilson
Nov. 3 to 18 - 8 to 9:30 p.m. (Nov. 12 at 2 p.m.)

After serving jail time on a trumped-up vagrancy charge, blues musician Floyd “Schoolboy” Barton sets out to win back his girl and reclaim his pawned guitar, hoping to make a new hit record. Set in 1948 in the backyard of a Pittsburgh apartment house, *Seven Guitars* follows Floyd’s circle of friends and neighbors – the play’s seven voices – as they spin a rich tale of the deck that’s stacked against them, what they’ve lost and all they dream.

This lyrical play is part of August Wilson’s American Century Cycle, which charts the African-American experience through each decade of the 20th century. Sponsored by Noreen Raney.

Events

Taste Of The Town
Nov. 5 – 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. – \$10

Restaurants from all over Southwest Florida serve two to four different “tastes” of their best dishes ... all you have to do is eat and enjoy! We also present local bands throughout the day and provide a great array of children’s entertainment.

All “tastes” cost between \$2 and \$5. Purchase food and beverage tickets and exchange them for the tasty flavors presented by our restaurants.

You can bring your own chairs, umbrellas, beach towels, etc. No coolers, pets or outside food or drinks.

This annual event raises funds for the community services program of the Junior League of Fort Myers.

Arts & Ends Holiday Sale
Nov. 11 – 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Creative ideas to inspire your holiday! Find unique gifts for friends and family while supporting local artists.

Avoid the malls and retail stores this holiday season and find locally made, truly unique gifts for your loved ones, or something special for yourself, all while supporting local artists. More than a dozen local artists will display their handcrafted items throughout the Alliance gallery. Alliance members receive a 10 percent discount on every purchase.

Participating Artists:

Alicia Schmidt: Small paintings and ornaments
Jayne Baker: Jewelry, handmade candles, picture frames, small boxes
Lucia Garcia: Jewelry, leather purses and leather bracelets



Susan Mills: Mixed media with coffee filters and stains, purses, clothing, jewelry, furniture

Doug MacGregor: Books, CDs and prints
Judith Stone: Small framed artworks, mixed media
Jeff and Dale Ocasio: Masking tape sculptures
Union Artist Studios: Small works, jewelry, mixed media and paintings

Marta Sicajan: Beaded jewelry and purses, “Marta’s Mayan Art and Jewelry”

Southwest Florida Storytellers: Food And Family
Nov. 15 – 7 to 8:30 p.m. – \$15

Join *The News-Press* for stories about lessons learned the easy and the adventurous way. With Thanksgiving right around the corner, come and break bread with us for another Southwest Florida Storytellers Project event that is sure to put you in the mood for the big feast. We have invited some passionate foodies – think local chefs, restaurant owners, farm-to-table entrepreneurs and just about anyone who has a love affair with food – to share their stories. The focus will be on food and how it connects a family during the holidays, or anytime! In Southwest Florida Storytellers, we’ll provide the full course and make sure there’s room for dessert!

Emcee: Cory O’Donnell, digital engagement editor, *The News-Press* Media Group

Tickets and seating for the event are offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Bluegrass Indoor Concert
Nov. 19 – 2 to 5 p.m. – \$10

A sensational fusion of American country music; Irish, Scottish and English ballads and traditional dance music; with a heaping helping of jazz influence makes our bluegrass concerts a toe-tapping, knee-slapping good time. Join fellow acoustic music lovers in the theatre for three hours of great live music by bands from Southwest Florida and beyond! Presented in partnership with the Acoustic Music Society of Southwest Florida. Indoors is a maximum 150-person venue. Seating is first-come, first-served. Doors open at 1:30 p.m.

Improv Comedy Show
Nov. 25 – 8 to 9:30 p.m. – \$15

Fast-paced, hilarious, musical, completely improvised comedy show. Square One Improv features the most talented cast of comedians performing in Naples, Marco Island, and Fort Myers!

No two shows are the same, and they are always packed with hilarious songs, sketches, and jokes made up on the spot based on your suggestions. If you are new to improv comedy, or would like to see something fresh, funny, and family-friendly. Presented by Square One Improv.

Alliance of the Arts, 10091 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33919, (239) 939-2787, ArtInLee.org.



Safety And Security Tip

Are You Smarter Than A Cyber Criminal?

From The Office Of Lee County Sheriff Mike Scott

As we recognize National Cyber Security Awareness Month, the headlines are everywhere warning consumers about massive data breaches exposing the personal records of millions of Americans. While there are many valuable resources available to help you navigate the maze of instructions that follow these breaches, the Lee County Sheriff’s Office reminds you to surf safely by familiarizing yourself with traps criminals use to trick you. This simple yes or no quiz can help you determine if you are smarter than a cyberthief.



1. You receive a Facebook message from an old friend you have not talked to in a long time. The message says, “Hey, this is so funny! Check it out: <http://bit.fm.pR2W34wm>.” You remember this person had a good sense of humor. Do you click on the link?
2. While browsing online, you get a pop-up message allegedly from Microsoft Windows that your computer is infected with a virus. You are directed to call a technician right away at the toll-free phone number provided. Do you call the number to begin the cleanup?
3. You are shopping online when a small window pops up that says “Congratulations! Claim your prize now.” It shows a picture of what you were shopping for and a timer counting down from 10 seconds urging you to respond immediately. Is it your lucky day?
4. The IRS sends you an email saying you owe taxes with instructions to pay up or a warrant will be issued for your arrest. The email provides a link for you to pay. Do you respond?
5. While looking online for rental property, you find a bargain that is considerably lower than other similar properties. The ad states the owner only communicates via email or text and requires you to fill out an online application that asks for your Social Security number, date of birth, etc. Do you start an email dialogue and provide your personal identifying information as requested?
6. You receive an email stating you are the winner of the Publisher’s Clearinghouse Sweepstakes. The email directs you to call a toll-free number to claim your prize, followed by a request to pay taxes and shipping charges. Did you hit the jackpot?
7. Your financial institution sends you an email stating your account is frozen due to suspicious activity. The bank’s logo, address and a toll-free number makes the email look legit, but the email is addressed to “Dear Bank Customer.” Is this for real?

The answer for all of these questions is the same. **No, no, no!** These are all examples of common cyber threats known as phishing/imposter scams, or contain malware/ransomware. For more information about this safety and security tip, or to report a fraud or scam, please call the Sheriff’s Office fraud line at 258-3292.

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Good Fishing Ahead

By Capt. Bill Russell

This is the time of year that’s possible to combine summer and winter fishing together. As cool fronts begin to arrive our waters are cooling down, fish are transitioning from summer to winter patterns and often with mild weather caught in the middle.

Sea trout is the state’s most popular inshore game fish and Southwest Florida is no exception; our waters boast some of the best trout fishing in the state. Unlike redfish, snook, grouper, or tarpon, trout are much easier to target for all anglers, and they are great on the table. Trout should be plentiful and feeding heavily on small baitfish, then as we near the end of the month and the water cools, shrimp could become the top bait.

November can be a great month for targeting redfish and snook if it doesn’t get too cold too quick. Redfish can tolerate a sudden drop in temperature, but snook not so much. Snook are on the move from their summer homes around the beaches and relocating throughout the inshore waters. If it remains relatively warm they may be found feeding over inshore flats, oyster bars, shorelines, and sand holes. If it turns cold quickly they will seek shelter from the cold in protected areas like canals,



and shorelines with deep water. The large schools of redfish that prowled the inshore flats over the last few months will move offshore or break up. It’s still possible to run into a school, but most reds will be in pairs or small bunches. Look for reds tailing over shallow flats on the lowest tides and in the same areas as previously mentioned for snook.

Gag grouper season is open throughout the month with larger fish moving nearshore and inshore. Most anglers target grouper in the Gulf waters, but if you find some underwater structure inshore it could hold some good fish. Docks, piers, bridges, or any type of underwater debris is a good place to look, and it doesn’t have to be very deep, often well less than 10 feet.

For fun and action, mackerel, bluefish, small sharks, ladyfish, and jack crevalle are feeding on bait schools, and also expect an increase in species like pompano and sheepsheads. As the month wears on and the water gets cooler, large sheepsheads are on the move from offshore to near and inshore. Target them in the same areas mentioned for grouper, along the beaches, and around deeper oyster bars.

As the waters of Southwest Florida continue to cool this month there should be plenty of good fishing to keep anglers busy. As we approach the holiday or “busy” season there is no better place to be than on the water away from the crowds and traffic.

For charter information, please contact us at Gulf Coast Guide Service and “Catch the Action” with Capt. Bill Russell, phone: (239) 283-7960, website: www.fishpineisland.com, email: gcl2fish@live.com.

Capt. Bill Russell is a native and lifelong resident of Pine Island who has spent his entire life fishing the waters surrounding Pine Island and Southwest Florida. For the past 21 years Bill has been a professional fishing guide who takes pride in customizing each trip to ensure everyone on board has a great time and will return again. Come join us and “Catch the Action.”



Garden Council To Hold Open Houses For The Public

Free Tuesday Tours Until May 2018

The public is invited to open houses on Tuesday beginning Oct. 10, and running through May 27, 2018. The Berne Davis Botanical Garden, 2166 Virginia Ave., Fort Myers, adjacent to the Edison home, will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each week. The garden is a project of the Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council, whose headquarters are at the Virginia Avenue address.

Admission and parking are both free. 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. Many of the displays in the garden have been provided through the talents and contributions of the 19 local garden clubs, nine plant societies, and other affiliates

which comprise the Garden Council.

The Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council was formed in 1957 and now comprises various clubs, societies, and affiliate members in the area. Membership provides an opportunity to learn about floral design, growing plants suitable for our locale, and conservation methods. The council assists in educating and beautifying the community, and improving the environment. A speaker’s bureau provides speakers for meetings and events. The council is a member of the National Garden Clubs, the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, and American Public Gardens Association.

For additional information about the council, contact the president, Bernadette Hamera, (239) 232-4942, or fmlcgardencouncil@gmail.com.



Season Theatre Performances



Cultural Park Theater
(239) 772-5862
culturalparktheater.com

Brooklyn Boys Revue – Oct. 13 to 22
Agatha Christie’s *The Mousetrap* – Nov. 10 to 19
Cultural Park Theater’s *Spectacular Christmas* – \ Dec. 13 to 17

Laboratory Theater Of Florida
(239) 218-0481
www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com

An Act of God – Nov. 17 to Dec. 9
Staged Reading – Title TBD (with The Naples Players “Etc....Readers Theater”) – Nov. 20
24-Hour Playwriting Project – Dec. 16

Florida Repertory Theatre
(239) 332-4488
www.floridarep.org

In The Arcade Theatre
Sylvia – Oct. 24 to Nov. 15
The Last Night of Ballyhoo – Nov. 28 to Dec. 17
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

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

FGCU Theatre
(239) 590-7268
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Full Moon
November 4



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Last Quarter
November 10

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Minutes For The Eagle Ridge Property Owners Association

Minutes for ERPOA Board of Directors Meeting on Thursday, Oct. 5. Twenty-four people attended the meeting.

Welcome to all, Eagle Ridge Property Owners to the Board of Directors Meeting. A special welcome to those attending for the first time or those who have not attended for a long time.

Roll call to verify we have a quorum of Board Members to constitute an official Board.

Board members present were: John Spiegel, president; Richard Herman, vice president; Peter Van Leeuwen, secretary/treasurer; Hewitt McCloskey, director; Christine Leslie, director.

Request a motion from the Board to approve the minutes of May 1, 2017:

First Motion to Approve: Minutes of May 1, 2017, Rick Herman

Second Motion to Approve: Minutes of May 1, 2017, Hewitt McCloskey

All in favor. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Peter Van Leeuwen

Overview of May through September, 2017 receivables, expenses and balances.

Balances in the accounts as of September 30:

Checking:	\$183,640.79
Reserves:	\$59,320.92
Savings:	\$2,655.69

Overview of assessment collections and late fees for May through August, 2017.

2017 Assessment has been paid in full except for one property that is in bankruptcy. Fees from Jan. 1 to Oct. 5 totals are: Transfer fees \$2,000; Estoppel fees total \$5,400; late fees total \$1,075.

President's Report: John Spiegel

1. Update on condo litigation: Good news for ERPOA. The court granted our motion for summary judgment. The condos were told they had no case and were 23 years late in filing the lawsuit. The condos, however, have filed a notice of appeal, so the case remains pending. Stay tuned.

2. Update on FPL new underground service work: When Florida Power and Light (FPL) starting working on this project a few years ago they never disclosed that these were to be any surface structures. I have had discussion with FPL. FPL will be relocating the large transformer boxes.

3. The 2018 budget will look a lot like the 2017 budget. We will present the preliminary 2018 budget at the November board meeting.

4. *Irma* debris: We have contacted Lee County, FEMA and their contractor, Crowdergulf, who was invited to attend the board meeting to provide an update and date when ER cleanup would begin. Connie Hope prepared and handed out a list of names and contact information of many of the governmental agencies involved in the debris collection. Call them and re-call them to request Eagle Ridge get cleaned up ASAP.

5. We need a volunteer to take over the supervision of the distribution of the community newspaper *Eye of the Eagle*. Peggy Watts has done this for years but will no longer. Please contact Peggy if you can volunteer. If we are unable to find someone to do this, we will likely no longer have the newspaper. The next delivery will be October 30. We need the new person before then.

Vice President's Report: Richard Herman

1. Bike path update: I attended the Lee County BPAC meetings in May, June and August. The July and September meetings were cancelled. We are still on the list, but in a holding pattern.

2. Report on action taken during flood: Chris and I monitored the waters in the rain of Aug. 25 and the next few days. Nine spots were under water. We cleared pipes several times. During *Irma* the flooding was worse.

3. Waste Pro will be picking up some branches and trees in the community. They started on Eagle Ridge Drive last week and worked until they were full. The next week they will start where they left off. You can take your *Irma* debris to the Buckingham facility and pay \$25 per ton or you can ask your landscape company to take the waste to this facility.

Directors Report: Hewitt McCloskey

Hurricane Irma cleanup: I have directed our landscape company to clean up and remove all fallen trees and branches in the islands along Eagle Ridge Drive. Also he will be clearing and removing branches and fallen trees along Aeries Way Drive across from the Eagle Ridge condos. Then he will work on all the remainder of the lanes and circles that are common areas. It is estimated that it will be an additional charge of \$1,500 for the cleanup.

**Directors Report: Christine Leslie
Drainage Committee**

1. Spoke to Southwest Florida Waste management (SFWM) who said we had a 100-year event. The water systems were not designed to hold that much water in a short span of time. However, most areas receded within 48 to 72 hours.

2. Spoke to the county who suggested the lakes should be dredged and the pipes from the golf course be cleaned.

3. Spoke to Bill Januska with the golf course, he indicated that they are going to take a proposal back to the managing partners of the golf course to expand the water capacity of the golf course.

4. When the golf course opens we will again work with them on improving this situation.

Committee Reports

Arbitration And Fining Board: Steve Norris

John Spiegel: I want to thank Steve Norris for volunteering to Chair the Arbitration and Fining Board.

Architectural Control Committee: Bill Simmons

1. We are busy looking at roofs and pool enclosures.
2. We have three items pending and two awaiting approval.

Deed Of Restrictions Committee: Don Peters

Due to the combined effects of the flood in August and *Hurricane Irma*, no violations are recommended for fines at this time, however, continuing violations will be recommended for fines at our next meeting. There will be two or three homes which will have substantial fines.

Golf Liaison Committee: Steve Norris

The golf club is closed at present. They are taking down and clearing about 600 trees.

They are hoping to reopen Nov. 1. The grounds are just too wet to play.

Legal Committee: John Spiegel (see President's report).

Landscape And Beautification Committee: Hewitt McCloskey

I have prepared and issued a list of maintenance upgrades that should be done. We have delayed action on them until the storm cleanup is completed.

Security And Safety Committee: Connie Hope

1. In September we had two stolen vehicles reported on Twin Eagle Lane. I have asked the Sheriff's office to have patrol cars come into the community in the evening and later hours.

2. Please make sure that your cars are locked and there is nothing visible in the car such as a wallet, computer, camera or items that would cause someone to break into the car. Again, the Sheriff's motto is 'Lock Them or Lose Them.' Please keep your eyes open and help us protect those in our community.

3. I have a new liaison in the Sheriff's office that I have just met and will be in contact with each week.

Social Committee: Sherri Holly

1. Do we want to plan a holiday party this year?

John Spiegel: Yes, I think that would be a good idea. Let's look at a date for the event. Maybe the first Saturday in December would work.

**Welcoming Committee: Arlene Cabai Schuetz
Residents' Comments:**

1. Derrick Brewster, Jan Ganter and Peggy Watts discussed accumulation and disposal of *Irma* debris.

2. Luther Ward and Cathy Dhimos discussed the interruption of electric power service during *Irma*. Cathy Dhimos pointed out that Majestic Eagle was the last street to have power restored.

3. Ed Neumeister: Discussed the accumulation of *Irma* debris in the center island on Majestic Eagle.

4. Pat Schoo: Discussed water drainage during the flood.

5. Peggy Watts: Discussed the lack of activity on the new underground power service line installation. John Spiegel will contact FPL.

6. Ken Baribean, Rick Herman and Chris Leslie further discussed water drainage and having the county work on swales.

Request A Motion To Adjourn The Meeting:

First Motion for adjournment: Peter Van Leeuwen

Second Motion for Adjournment: Hewitt McCloskey

Motion passed

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:10 p.m.

Extra Copies Of *Eye Of The Eagle* Newsletters Are Usually Available At The Golf Course Clubhouse

Eagle Ridge Residents

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

Security Central

By Connie Hope

In the last four months we have had many car break-ins and several stolen vehicles. In September we had two stolen vehicles reported on Twin Eagle Lane. I have asked the sheriff's office to have patrol cars come into the community in the evening and later hours.

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