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Who's New In The Neighborhood?

By Arlene Cabai Schuetz

Janet and Jim Lutsch moved into their beautiful home on Eagles Flight Lane just last February. They said they looked at "about 100" homes in the area and decided to settle in Eagle Ridge. Jan said the lots here are wider than most of the others in communities they visited, which had homes almost on top of each other. Also, the view from their living room and lanai is what really sold them on their home months ago.

Jim loves golfing and traveling. Janet works in outside sales as a travel agent. She tries to acquaint her clients with "all in one" packages: one price and everything's included. She indicated that the current travel bargains are Mexico and anywhere in the Caribbean. When she's not working, she likes to swim and take Jim on various travel outings!

Abby, holding Jax and Lilly, is sitting between Janet and Jim.

Completing their Eagle Ridge family is daughter, Abby, 22, who is on staff at Planet Fitness in San Carlos Park, and two pets, Lilly, a cairn terrier and Jax, a very well-behaved cat! Abby enjoys working out, and watching all sports, especially her beloved Chicago Cubs.

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to this active, young family of Janet, Jim and Abby!

Animal Refuge Center Showcased Adoption

My name is Panda and I am a 10-month-old female Pomeranian looking for a forever home. In February, the Animal Refuge Center (ARC) took me in as a car accident victim. I had two fractured hips and four fractures of my jaw. I had surgery on my hips and my jaw was wired shut for six weeks. My jaw will never be quite 100 percent but I can eat and drink and bark and give great kisses! My hips are totally healed.

I am looking for a home that will take special consideration of my jaw and not give me access to pull toys, rawhides, dental sticks or anything really hard. I won't be able to play tug of war but I do fetch! It would be best to keep me on a leash as I have a tendency to bolt out onto the street. My ideal home would be in a condo with a retiree where I am leashed walked or have access to a pee-pee pad. I am spayed, up to date on vaccines and microchipped!

If you are interested please submit an application form at http://animalrefugecenter.com/adoption-information for consideration. ARC is the largest no-kill shelter in Southwest Florida and has over 400 cats and dogs for adoption. Please visit www.animalrefugecenter.com for more information.

Security Central –

By Connie Hope

The sheriff's office generally sees a spike in unlocked car burglaries during the summer months when children of all ages are out of school. Please be aware that this is the time for any type of burglaries. Lock your house – all doors and sliders and don't forget to also lock your cars. Do not leave anything visible in the car's front seat or back seat. The saying for this time of year, and always, is: **Lock it or lose it!**

If you know of a problem, please let Connie Hope know at conniehope@comcast.net, as well as the sheriff's office.

You may notice an increase in patrol and traffic stops being conducted in the area in response to the recent burglaries. Our sheriff's office is aware of problems and is stepping up to try and alleviate them.

Always close your garage doors. Lock your homes and your cars. Remember that the speed limit in Eagle Ridge is 25 m.p.h. You should step up, also. The residents of this community are the eyes and ears of the community. If you see something out of order, call the sheriff's office at either the nonemergency number, (239) 477-1000 or the emergency number, 9-1-1, as appropriate.

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

Larry J. Romano Memorial Golf Tournament Scheduled For Sept. 25

Event Raises Funds For Lifesaving Equipment For FMPD

The 2017 Larry J. Romano Memorial Golf Tournament that raises funds to purchase life-saving equipment for the Fort Myers Police Department will take place on Monday, Sept. 25 at Colonial Country Club in Fort Myers.

In 2016, the tournament was renamed in honor of one of the Fort Myers Police Foundation's founding members, Larry J. Romano, who passed away suddenly last July at the age of 75.

This is the fourth year of the tournament. Since its formation in 2014, the Fort Myers Police Foundation has raised more than $150,000 that has gone toward purchasing medical kits for patrol cars, ballistic shields, electronic ear protection for shooting ranges, a Meggitt FATS® L7 compact training simulator, a K-9 and more.

The Fort Myers Police Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose goal is to help build a stronger bond between the community and its local police department. All funds raised by the Police Foundation go toward purchasing lifesaving equipment for the Fort Myers Police Department and the community it serves.

Golf tournament registration begins at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch at 11:30 a.m. and a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. The tournament will be followed by a cocktail hour at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. with an awards presentation, silent auction and 50/50 raffle. There will also be a hole-in-one contest to win a two-year lease from Galeana Dodge.

The entry fee is $200 per player and $100 for a non-playing guest. Individual and corporate sponsorships range from $1,500 to $3,000. Program ads are also available for $250 to $350.

Reservations and sponsorships are now available by visiting www.fortmyerspolicefoundation.org or calling (239) 321-7740.

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

Also do not place containers or yard waste out to the curb more than 24 hours before the scheduled weekly pickups.

- The Board of Directors

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

2017 Summer Wet Walks Begin In August

Friends of the Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve is again hosting off the boardwalk wet walks on a trail that is closed to the public. The invigorating, beautiful path is immersed in the watery heart of the slough. Group size limited to 16. A $10 donation to the Friends Education Fund is suggested. A reservation is required.

Email a reservation request to Charles O'Connor at rcoc77@embarqmail.com. Include the date and time requested and a phone number where you can be reached in case of a weather emergency affecting the walk. If you have to cancel a reservation, please let Charles know, as there is always a waiting list.

Saturday, Aug. 19 and 26	10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 9, 16 and 30	10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 7 and 21	10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Attire: long pants, secure shoes that won't pull off (e.g., no Crocs, flip-flops, flimsy shoes), and bring a change of clothing (changing rooms are available). Guests with improper shoes will not be allowed on the trail, per Parks and Recreation safety rules. You'll be encountering many submerged roots and occasional cypress knees, so you'll want to be protected. If you have trouble walking or have poor balance, skip the wet walk. The elevated wooden walkway is more easily negotiated. **The wet walk trail is not for guests who need assistance, or have trouble with knees, ankles or balance.**

Guests must be at least 10 years old because of the possible water depth.

We'll be walking in fresh, clean rainwater, usually up to our waists. You will exit wet but not muddy, and we have a rinse off hose. Your clothing will later dry out and can be reused. Usually there's no need for insect repellent because the slough water is constantly flowing and mosquitoes need stagnant water to breed. Rarely, there are a few mosquitoes that arrive from off site. This trail has been safely enjoyed for over 45 years by tens of thousands of walkers. You will not have any problems with wildlife.

We meet under the parking lot pavilion. Waterproof cameras are best, and expect everything to get wet. I can store any electronic car keys safely in a dry, secure room. We will wait for fleeting lightning storms to pass but tropical storms or continuous harsh weather will cause a cancellation. Light rain is not a problem, and as you may know, Florida weather changes quickly.

Please allow time to visit the amazing Interpretive Center on site. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It has a wonderful display of photo contest winning images, a gift shop with unique treasures, and the interpretive exhibits are top quality. You'll really enjoy the interactive displays.

Wet walk donations ($10 suggested) are used to sponsor summer camp scholarships, purchase educational supplies, fund student slough trips, and to support educational programs. If you feel that you want to donate more, please do. All donations are very appreciated and put to good use. A collection jar will be available.

Boardwalk – Open every day dawn to dusk. Interpretive Center open every day except Monday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve, 7791 Penzance Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33966. (239) 533-7557

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A Donation Can Change A Life

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We often hear people say to us, "Sorry, this is all I can afford" when making a donation. But you should never underestimate how significant your donation may be.

That box of diapers may help a teen mother without the funds to provide for her baby; that bag of stuffed animals goes toward providing comfort to child victims of physical and sexual abuse; and something as simple as a journal can be life-changing for some of our clients.

Sasha Navas

Not too long ago, an email was sent by CAC's development director to the staff advising them of a donation of varied decorative journals in her office and available for them to give to their clients. Here is the experience one of our therapists, Sasha Navas, had with two of her clients, as relayed to the development director:

"I just wanted to take a moment to thank you personally for the journals you offered the Family Alliance therapists some weeks ago. When I responded to your email, I chose four journals thinking they would come in handy someday. Well, someday has come twice in less than one month. Both times, the journals were used not only as a therapeutic tool, but also to build rapport and give the teen girls a safe place to express their feelings whenever they could not talk to me.

"One said she was unable to talk to me 'whenever I need to' – so her journal is now one of her most cherished possessions; so much so, that she has the buy-in of her father and stepmother, who once rushed it to therapy full of apologies for initially forgetting it. Our agreement was never that she read it to me, but rather that she show me she is using it.

"My other teen actually handed me her journal, truly a sacred moment in therapy, especially for a teenager. We 'exchanged' journals. I handed her a new one (provided by you) to replace the old – the old thoughts, the old feelings, the old experiences – with new moments and memories. She also brings it proudly to her appointments.

"I hope these stories convey the depth of gratitude I have for such a journal that, at first, seemed like a simple gift but has made such profound headway in healing."

Wish List

Calling all donors! At a recent meeting attended by CAC, we won the door prize of 30 free airings of our own public service announcement for 30 days on local cable channel CTN 10 Family Television Network. We do not have an appropriate video on hand, but for just $1,000 we can have one fully produced for us – including script consultation, voice-over and editing. It is then ours to use on our website, Facebook page, etc. Won't you please help us raise the needed funds? Donate now at our website, www.cac-swfl.org. Thank you!

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Owned and operated by Abuse Counseling and Treatment Inc. (ACT), the domestic violence and sexual assault center serving Lee, Hendry and Glades counties.

Gallery Hours: 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call for Saturday hours.

Artful Evening Artist Receptions: First Friday of every month, 7 to 10 p.m.

For more information visit our website at www.artsforactgallery.com.

Art Walk
First Friday every month
Friday, Aug. 4 – 6 to 10 p.m.

A must-do in the River District social scene is the monthly Art Walk. Always on the first Friday, visit the many exciting galleries, exhibitions, and performances. Free to the public with many venues featuring additional attractions and specials.

Mystery Walk
Second Friday every month
Friday, Aug. 11 – 6 to 8 p.m.

Join the mystery every second Friday of the month in the River District. Registration begins at First and Hendry Streets in front of Iberia Bank. Free to play, participants receive the first clue of the mystery location and scorecard!

Music Walk
Third Friday every month
Friday, Aug. 18 – 6 to 10 p.m.

The River District comes alive on the third Friday of the month as local and regional musicians line the streets. From jazz and blues to rock and roll, many genres can be heard and vary each month. Free to the public with many venues featuring additional attractions and specials.

River District Farmers' Market

Thursday morning from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Year-round market
Location: First Street in the Centennial parking lot under the U.S. 41 Caloosahatchee bridge

Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center

2301 First St., Fort Myers, FL 33901
(239) 333-1933, http://www.sbdac.com/

An arts destination in Downtown Fort Myers. **Monday through Friday, Gallery Hours: (summer hours) 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.,** Exhibit openings during Fort Myers Art Walk, 6 to 10 p.m.

Textures, Tones And Textiles: Aug. 4 – 6 p.m., Aug. 23 – 5 p.m.

This group exhibit will demonstrate the importance of art as an essential asset in the tapestry of our society.

Sounds Of Summer: Danny Sinoff And Morgan Marie: Aug. 11 – 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Tickets: $5 at door: 7:30 p.m., Music: 8 to 10:30 p.m., Morgan Marie 8 p.m., Danny Sinoff 9:30 p.m. All concerts will be indoors. Drinks will be available for purchase at the bar.

Art And Poetry Networking Event
Aug. 18 – 8 to 11 p.m.

Network with like-minded people and expand the Southwest Florida artistic community. Artwork of every media type is represented, as well as music, spoken word, poetry, and crafts.

Call (239) 896-0654, email gulfcoastleisure@gmail.com or visit www.sbdac.com for more information. General admission is $10.

Summer Singer Songwriter Competition
Aug. 25 – 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Tickets: $5, enter the Summer Singer Songwriter Competition at SBDAC.

Around The Town

Quarter Auctions

Quarter Auction To Benefit Spay Lee Animal Welfare
Thursday, Aug. 24 – 6 to 8:30 p.m.
Chicago Boys Bar & Grille, 2245 Winkler Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33901
What The Heck Is A Quarter Auction?

Quarter auctions are fundraisers sponsored by a local charity or nonprofit. They can be held once for that nonprofit or be set up to repeat on a quarterly or monthly basis. The auction items are anything from jewelry, candles, skin care or cosmetics, sandals, soaps, kitchen products, food lines, gift cards and baskets. Most of the auction items are provided by the participating vendors however, the charity can also secure in-kind donations to be used for their auction.

Bring a couple rolls of quarters, $3 for a paddle rental and some friends and come on out for an evening of fun, good food and support a worthy cause. Your donations of pet food, paper towels, bleach or Dawn dish detergent will earn you tickets in a special drawing; 50/50 chances too! Special menu offered along with a wide selection of refreshments.

For more information please call (239) 281-2539.

Bell Tower Shops

13499 U.S. Hwy. 41 S.E., Fort Myers, FL 33907

Thursday Night LIVE!
5 to 7 p.m.

Join us each Thursday night for Thursday Night Live. Bring your chair, grab and a drink from our wonderful restaurants and enjoy live music all summer long.

Aug. 3 provided by Soulixer; this group plays a broad variety – The Red Hot Chili Peppers, Dave Matthews, The Meters, Sublime, Mos Def, James Brown, Cage The Elephant, John Mayer, and many more.

Aug. 10 provided by Sheena Brook – national performing artist from season 12 of *The Voice*.

Aug. 17 provided by Deven Starr – '90s music, easy going R&B, some pop, newer radio-friendly kind of stuff like Bruno Mars and Sam Smith.

Aug. 24 provided by Evan Derby who performs lite rock, pop and '80s/'90s to today.

Aug. 31 provided by Alec Prorock and Morgan Marie who perform pop, country, jazz and blues.

Yappy Hour
Sept. 8 – 6 to 8 p.m.

Join us for the area's largest pet-friendly social hour. Bring your furry friend out and enjoy the evening. Meet adoptable dogs from Gulf Coast Humane Society and visit with our sponsors.

Murder Mystery Dinner Train

Playing Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 3 to Sept. 3
Colonial (Passenger) Station
2805 Colonial Blvd.
Fort Myers, FL 33966
It's My Funeral (now playing)

A noir-styled gumshoe has to solve his own murder aboard the train.

For reservations call: (239) 275-8487, ticket price does not include taxes or gratuities.

Six Bends Harley-Davidson

9501 Thunder Road
Fort Myers, FL 33913
(239) 275-4647
Sizzlin' Sunday, Grateful Dead Tribute Band (Uncle John's Band), **July 30, 1 to 4 p.m.**
Free beer 1 to 2 p.m., food trucks and more
Sizzlin' Sunday, Van Halen tribute band (1984),
Aug. 27, 1 to 4 p.m.
Free beer 1 to 2 p.m., food trucks and more

The Laboratory Theater Of Florida

1634 Woodford Ave.
Fort Myers, FL 33901
(239) 218-0481
The Smell of the Kill by Michelle Lowe
Aug. 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25 and 26 at 8 p.m.

Every month, three wives meet in one of their homes while their husbands (old college friends) hang out. Each woman is experiencing her own version of marital issues – financial, sexual, emotional – and each is considering divorce. Though typically nothing more than a gripe-and-moan session, this month's gathering sees something different … the men have accidentally locked themselves in the meat locker downstairs. So do the wives let them out … or not? You'll have to see this dark comedy to find out!

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Cooking By Connie

By Connie Hope

August is almost the end of summer. Kids will start back to school, but it is still hot in Florida as well as in the north. It will start cooling in September.

What is the month of August known for? It is Boomers Making A Difference Month and we do make a difference. It is National Catfish Month and National Goat Cheese Month. It is National Read a Romance Month and National Psychic Week, Aug. 7 through 11. So, it would be time to read a book – *The Bonnie Neuk Tea Room: Friends and Uninvited Guests (Ghosts)* ($10) for its psychic thread. It is also National Oyster Day on Aug. 5. I love oysters and love cooking with them. These two recipes with oysters are from my new cookbook – *Soups and Stews...Comfort by the Spoonful* ($20). You can get a copy of any of my books from me. Contact me at conniehope@comcast.net for your copy.

Oyster Stew Quick And Easy

1 or 2 cans oysters
Salt and pepper to taste
¼ cup onion, diced fine
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
6 cups milk
1 tablespoon butter

In a medium soup pot, add the milk, oysters, salt, pepper, onions, and Worcestershire sauce. Bring to a slow boil, then simmer until onions are tender. I simmer for about an hour very low. Add butter and allow to melt. Serve with oyster crackers. Serves 4 to 5.

Oyster Stew With Vegetables

12 to 18 fresh oysters
3 potatoes, cubed
2 to 3 stalks of celery, diced
1 medium yellow onion, diced
2 cups half and half
2 cups milk
1 cup chicken broth
2 tablespoons freshly chopped parsley
Salt and pepper to taste
¼ teaspoon thyme
Pinch of garlic powder
¼ cup of cornstarch for thickener (optional)

Sauté diced vegetables and spices in chicken broth. Add milk and half and half. Heat until warm. **Do not boil**. Stir in drained oysters and simmer for 25 to 30 minutes. Add cornstarch slowly continually stirring to desired thickness. If it is thick enough, do not add more. Serves 4 to 5.

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!

The Board of Directors

Eagle Ridge Board Of Directors From March 2017 To March 2018

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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 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 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.

Eagle Ridge Bulletin Board

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

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The Greeters Club – Will resume meetings in the fall.

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Continental Women's Club Of Fort Myers

Ken Kelly, the wing leader of the Southwest Florida Angel Flight™ organization will be the guest speaker at the Continental Women's Club meeting on Thursday, Aug. 3. Angel Flight is a nonprofit volunteer pilot organization involved in "public benefit flying." They provide a variety of services to the community, but mostly arrange free air transportation by private aircraft to distant medical facilities when commercial service is not available, impractical or simply not affordable.

The club's monthly meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 11:30 a.m. at Colonial Country Club, located at 9181 Independence Way in Fort Myers. The cost to attend the luncheon is $19. Please call (239) 691-7561 for additional information.

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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.

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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 (Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences) and Lee County Extension.

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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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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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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Catch The Action

Summer Challenge

By Capt. Bill Russell

The heat of summer can be challenging on the inshore waters. Here are a couple options to change things up a little.

If you just want to have fun and maybe a little fishing while relaxing then the beaches are a good choice, especially if you are fishing with the family. Good numbers of snook are roaming the surf throughout the summer and are a sight fisherman's dream. The waters from Blind Pass north to Boca Grande have remained relatively clear and at times the fish are so focused on the bait pods it's been pretty easy to get close enough to make an easy presentation.

Most snook are running 22 to 26 inches, but there are much bigger ones. Free lined pilchards, small pinfish, one-eighth-ounce white bucktail jigs and a variety of small white flies are top baits. Look for the fish right off the edge of the beach in the surf or near any type of submerged structure. Remember snook are catch and release only. Trout, mangrove snapper, whiting, pompano and maybe a tarpon are a few of the other species you may hook into. Fish a little; swim a little, not a bad way to spend the day.

Summer days often give us flat calm seas over the morning hours, perfect for short runs offshore. Our coastline is dotted with man-made artificial reefs, many well within sight of land and GPS coordinates available to the public. If you are an inshore fisherman it's a nice change of pace to make a short run offshore, especially during the heat of summer when the inshore water temperatures are so high.

One cool aspect when fishing around the reefs is you never know what you might hook into. Everything from a small snapper to 500-pound goliath grouper calls them home. To get the most out of the day you want an assortment of tackle that can handle the fish you target. Obviously with snapper you do not need super heavy tackle, the lighter the better for the best action. But, if you want to attempt to pull a big goliath grouper from his home you will need a rig extra heavy, we're talking 200- to 400-pound line. And many times that's not heavy enough.

In between snapper and goliaths there's the possibility to hook Spanish and king mackerel, cobia, permit, barracuda, snook, sharks of all sizes, plus many other species. Many anglers fish several different line class rods at a time targeting more than one species.

Armed with a variety of baits is the best way to catch multiple species. Small baits like shrimp, pilchards, and small pinfish are great for snapper and other bottom fish, larger live bait is often the ticket for a big barracuda, snook, or gag grouper, and big bait, dead or alive is the choice for goliaths. If you want to catch a permit you need live crabs, this is often the best bait for cobia as well. Anchoring up current of the structure with a quality block of chum is the best way to bring the action behind the boat.

Whatever type of fishing or outdoor excursion you choose, be smart, drink plenty of water, and watch those thunderstorms.

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."

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Tips From South Trail Fire And Rescue

Fire Safe Away From Home

By Christie Knudsen,
Public Education Specialist

Are you or is someone in your family planning to travel in the near future? We know that we are responsible for the fire safety of our family in our own home; we also need to take steps to ensure our fire safety when we are away from home. The following tips and resources will help keep you and your family safe wherever you are.

There are two overarching fire safety rules to follow when making decisions about your lodging, i.e., where you will be sleeping for one night or for many nights. Rule number one is that your lodging be protected by a working smoke alarm and preferably by a sprinkler system as well. Rule number two is that you have two ways out in case of a fire.

Before you leave home, check the U.S. Fire Administration website at **usfa.fema.gov/hotel/** for hotels and motels that comply with the Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act of 1990, requiring smoke alarms and fire sprinklers in each guest room. If the hotel is not listed on the website, call the hotel and ask about the facility's fire protection system.

When you check in to your hotel and enter your room, first review the posted escape plan. Next, find the exits and count the number of doors between your room and the exit. Ensure that the exits are unlocked. During your stay, if the fire alarm sounds, exit immediately if it is safe to do so, and take your room key with you. Use the stairs, not the elevator.

Nowadays many travelers opt for staying at private lodgings booked through online rental sites. Private lodgings are not generally subject to the same fire and life safety code enforcement of commercial lodgings, so it is important to verify when you book that the lodging complies with the two tenets of fire safety – smoke alarms and two ways out.

When you arrive at a private lodging, before you unpack, check for working smoke alarms in every bedroom and on every level of the house. Push the test button to make sure that the smoke alarm works. Then check that you have two ways out of the house and two ways out of every bedroom – your second way out of the bedroom will probably be a window. Make sure that all exits open and are accessible and clear of furnishings, storage, etc.

If you are traveling out of the country or if you have a college student in your family studying abroad for the semester, ensure that you preplan for fire safety. A valuable resource for students abroad, is the Jasmine Jahanshahi Fire Safety Foundation at **firesafetyfoundation.org.** In April 2011, a fast moving fire in her Paris apartment building took the life of Jasmine and three other exchange students. The foundation established in Jasmine's name provides fire safety education, smoke alarms, fire extinguishers, and escape ladders to students studying abroad. The foundation website also lists the emergency phone numbers for many countries, for example, the emergency number in the United Kingdom is 999.

For more away-from-home fire safety information, go to **southtrailfire.org** or call 936-5281. The monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 21 at Station 63, 5531 Halifax Ave. The public is invited.

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Beatrix

Hi there! I'm Beatrix. I'm only 10 weeks old. I have beautiful long, black hair and I am just the cutest little ball of fluff you will find! I also have a twin, named Cinders who looks just like me! I'm spayed and up-to-date on all vaccines. We are living with a foster mom and dreaming of our forever home! Our adoption fee is $125 each. Please come see me and take me home with you! To make an appointment to see us, call Diane at (860) 833-4472 or email Haven on Earth Animal League at havenonearthanimalleague@yahoo.com.

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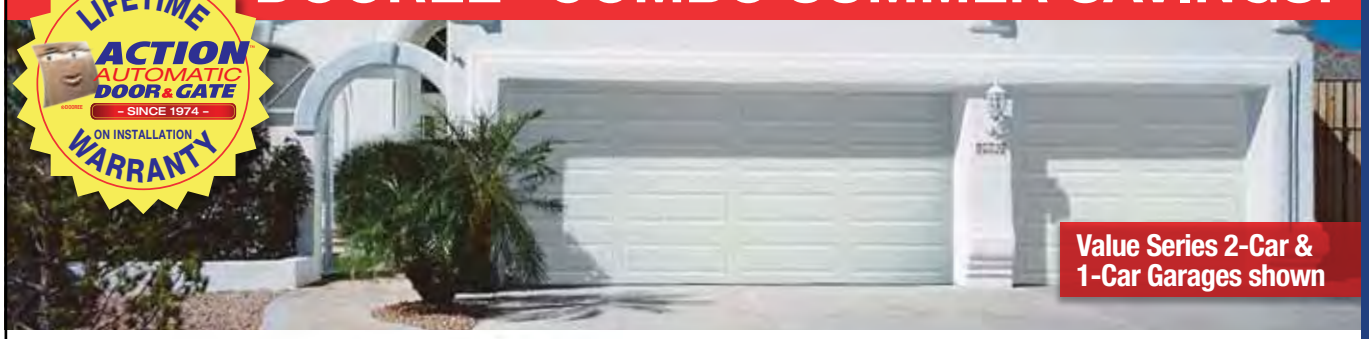

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What's Blooming At Edison & Ford Winter Estates?

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

Many people plant solely for the visual appeal of vibrant flowers. Those flowers can also have amazing aromas for gardeners to enjoy and provide food for pollinators, such as bees and butterflies. Plant essences are even used to help relieve stress. For me, many fragrances remind me of a time spent in my grandmother's garden. Perhaps there is a plant that brings back happy memories for you.

When Mina Edison developed the moonlight garden at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates, not only did she plant white flowers to reflect the moonlight, but she made sure many of the plants were fragrant. The *Gardenia jasminoides* or a variety recently introduced to me, Tahitian Gardenia, are two examples. These beautiful shrubs with daytime fragrant blooms make perfect cut flowers to place inside vases around your home. Mina also planted nighttime fragrant plants such as Angel trumpet (*Brugmansia*) and Lady of the Night (*Brunfelsia*). These, along with many other notable plants are still growing on the site and bloom on and off all year long, putting on a great show throughout the summer months.

Other fragrant plants on my "got to have list" include antique roses with a scent reminiscent of my grandmother's tea rose perfume. There are many named varieties of roses growing in the Edison and Ford rose gardens. The ones introduced from the 1800s to the early 1900s were Tea, China or Bourbon roses. A few of my favorite fragrant ones include Spicy, a Spice rose from Bermuda; Duchess du Brabant, a classic Tea rose introduced in 1871; and Souvenir de St. Anne's, a Bourbon rose introduced in 1916. These roses are perfect in an amended garden plot and useful as cut specimens placed in a vase. I have also used them in bridal bouquets, much to the bride's delight.

With the recent summer rains, the passion flower (*Passiflora incarnata*) is passionately blooming magnificent lavender flowers. It's a host plant to three different butterfly species that lay their eggs on the leaves. When the eggs hatch, very hungry caterpillars emerge and eat the leaves until they are large enough to wind into a chrysalis and metamorphose into a beautiful butterfly, such as a Julia, zebra longwing or Gulf fritillary.

The Chinese perfume tree (*Aglaia odorata*) is another plant that displays amazingly fragrant blooms during the summer months. There is a great specimen in the moonlight garden that is more like a large shrub than a typical tree, planted near a shaded bench. When it blooms, it's covered with hundreds of tiny white balls the size of a pinhead with an aroma that compares to an expensive, delicate perfume.

Not to be outdone, the almond bush (*Alyosia virgata*), which is more of a tree than a bush grows to about 10 feet tall and is draped with white, tail-like blooms. Many visitors to the Edison Ford Gardens often ask where the delightful fragrance is coming from and I point to the almond bush.

Another great summer flower is the Crinum lily. Planted throughout the Edison Ford site, it was one of Mina Edison's favorite flowers. The flower stalks rise above the green strap foliage of these easy-to-grow, heat-loving plants. The bulb looks like an onion, but it is not edible. The best varieties are the Stars and Stripes, Orange River and St. Christopher's Lily. These all have white, pink-striped, tulip-like blooms. The plant spreads easily, so gardeners can divide and share the bulbs with others. The Edison Ford Garden Shoppe sells many Crinum lily varieties that are not easily found in other nurseries.

All plants have a time to bloom and a time to grow, depending on the climatic conditions of the year. There are always plants and trees blooming at the Edison Ford gardens. Mina Edison created a roadmap of sorts of the flowers she planted in her garden. Today, we still plant some of her favorites, continuing the passion for future generations. The Edison Ford Garden Shoppe has a wide variety of flowering plants and trees available for purchase, many of which are unusual and hard-to-find specimens.

Plant something new this summer so that you can watch each day to see what's blooming in your garden!

The "Ridge" Rack

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