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## Who’s New In The Neighborhood? —

*By Arlene Cabai Schuetz*

The Beach family moved to Eagle Ridge in March of this year. Eagle Ridge was their community of choice because of the spaciousness of the properties and the important fact that almost everyone seems to take care of their property. Jeff attended high school in Fort Myers and was awarded a golf scholarship to Lee University in Cleveland, Tenn. There he met Anna, an exchange student from the Ukraine, and they began their lives together.

Jeff is a builder with Dalton Communities, and Anna is employed with Northwestern Mutual as an associate financial representative. Completing the family is a son, Viktor, 18, currently attending Purdue University and daughters Masha, 14 and Klaudia, 10. Of course, no large family is complete without pets. Anna tells us that strays seem to be immediately attracted to her; thus she has rescued many dogs including Lulu, a Staffordshire mix, (or Heinz 57, as Jeff describes her!) and Buddy, a lovable boxer.



When they’re not busy remodeling their home, they’re working, and when they’re not doing either they like the beach (of course they do!), golfing and fishing. Klaudia is especially fond of swimming. If you can catch up with any one of these active family members around the neighborhood, please stop and give them a warm “hello.”

## Caught On Camera

*By Ed Schuler*

In the five-day span between Aug. 23 and Aug. 27, Eagle Ridge endured 15.5 inches of rain as measured by my lanai weather station. A resident, who has lived on Twin Eagle for nearly 30 years, said he has never seen anything like it.



6th and 7th fairways



Looking west toward the 5th hole



## Eagle Ridge Golf’s ‘Battle Of The Sexes’

*By Gary Melillo*

This annual event will be played on Sunday, Nov. 12 at the Eagle Ridge Golf Club. The shotgun start will be at 8:30 a.m. and dinner will be at the Olive Garden restaurant on Cleveland Ave. at 3 p.m. Please call the clubhouse at (239) 768-1888 to sign up.



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## Bill Raney Happy 95th Birthday!

*By Arlene Cabai Schuetz*

It’s not often that we get to say Happy 95th Birthday to anyone. Bill Raney, Eagles Flight Lane, was recently surprised by a large group of longtime friends with a party in his honor. Though he thought he was lunching with a smaller group, he was surprised as he sauntered into the party room at Famous Dave’s on Route 41 and Crystal Drive. There, more than 30 guests gathered in celebration of this 95th birthday milestone for Bill. As he shared thoughts of his younger days, this Pearl Harbor survivor mentioned how much he appreciated recently going on the “honor flight” with other veterans to Washington, D.C.



As all were invited to contribute a tale or two about their friendship with Bill, some spoke of golfing memories, others shared recollections concerning their membership in St. John Catholic XXIII Church; but all expressed sincere good wishes for this legend of Eagle Ridge!



# What's Blooming At Edison & Ford Winter Estates?

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



Visitors to Edison & Ford Winter Estates often ask me about which plants to use as hedges. Creating a privacy hedge can be a great landscape feature to hide swimming pools, unsightly buildings, undesirable views or as a buffer between neighbors. Before you can select the type of plants to use, you must first decide what you want to accomplish and ask yourself if you are prepared to maintain the desired look.

There are several other questions that need to be answered before selecting the plants. I've created a checklist for homeowners to go over before purchasing any shrubs for use as a hedge. This checklist includes several things to consider, including sun exposure, water needs, maintenance and care (trimming and fertilizer), disease issues, space and esthetic beauty.

First, consider the design of the home. The hedge style should coordinate with the home's architectural design. If the design is formal, then hedges should be formal. In this case, a single plant species clipped frequently to keep the hedge symmetrical will coordinate well. This type of hedge is grown in a straight line usually along the perimeter of the property. Shrubs with small leaves work well in a formal-style hedge, such as podocarpus, many of the *Eugenias* varieties, silver buttonwood, Simpson's stopper and wax myrtle.

If the style of the home is more tropical, a hedge with groupings of three to five specimens loosely planted will achieve an appropriate look. This type of hedge can be created by alternating three of one kind and five of another – just repeat the pattern for the desired length.

If you want to have a more natural looking hedge, select from crotons, copperleaf, red-tipped cocoplum, clusia, large leaf viburnum (awabuki) and carissa. Many of these plants don't like to be pruned too much and won't work in a formal hedge design. Simpson's stopper and cocoplum are best grown as a tree form.

The amount of sunlight and water a plant needs for optimal growth must also be considered. Shrubs that get too much

irrigation without adequate sunlight will wind up with disease issues. Most hedges prefer full sun and adequate water at the root zone. Some shrubs, such as the silver buttonwood will develop a black substance similar to a fungus on the leaves if adequate sunlight isn't provided.

Available space is another very important consideration. When planting a hedge next to a house, be sure to allow sufficient room for growth. Typically, planting 3 to 4 feet away from the foundation is adequate; however, sometimes additional space is needed. It's important that the plant will have enough room to grow on all sides.

Proper pruning will keep the hedge looking its best. Branches should be pruned shorter at the top of the shrub than at the bottom. Selective pruning allows for light to penetrate through to the bottom of the plant, keeping the hedge full and lush.

When several types of specimens are used in groupings, it's not as noticeable if one plant dies or needs to be removed. This type of hedge allows for greater diversity and doesn't

depend on one type of plant. A few years ago, ficus hedges were very popular. Many people had problems with the ficus whitefly infesting their shrubs, which caused most of the leaves to fall off the plant.

In Southwest Florida, many homeowners plant rows of areca palms close together to serve as a privacy hedge along property lines and pools. Areca palms (*Dypsis lutescens*) can be messy as they drop palm fronds regularly. There are also many nutrient deficiencies that are attributed to these palms, so they require a large amount of fertilizer to keep them looking healthy. Two often-seen problems with these palms include yellowing fronds and an inability to tolerate cold temperatures.

Hedges have many great benefits, including the ability to attract wildlife, produce oxygen, sequester carbon, and provide esthetic value as well as exercise for the gardener. The most important item concerning gardens is to enjoy the space we are provided and make an informed choice with the help of a horticulturist. Come visit the Edison Ford Garden Shoppe for some inspiration. Our next monthly Garden Talk will be held on Oct. 14. I hope to see you there!



Silver buttonwood trimmed incorrectly (wider on top than bottom)



Clipped podocarpus



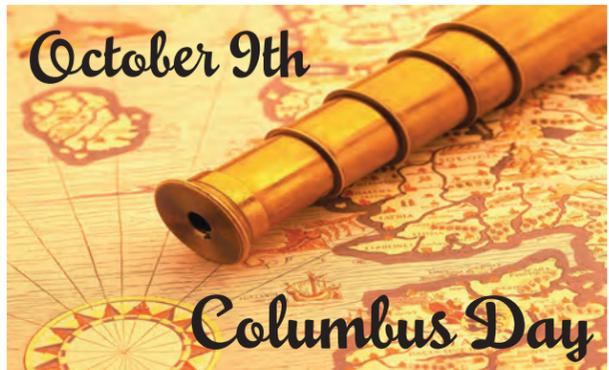
Blue plumbago can be a short flowering hedge.



Clusia too close to foundation



Cocoplum makes a great naturalistic hedge.



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# Lee County's First Female Welding Graduate Goes To Work

Janet De La Cruz has always been inspired by the teachers in her life. When she was younger, she first wanted to be an elementary school teacher and later a speech language pathologist.

"In elementary school, I had the most amazing music teacher so that was my inspiration for wanting to teach," she said.

Her career would take a drastic turn as a student at East Lee County High School, once again thanks to a teacher.

"My teacher, Mr. Filler was talking to me about what type of electives I could take," she said. "He talked about nursing, firefighting and emergency technicians, but those weren't really me."

Then he told her about welding.

"He said, 'Basically you'll be playing with fire,' and I said, 'That sounds awesome!'"

From the first class, De La Cruz was hooked and fell in love with welding. That elective led her to pursue dual enrollment her senior year in order to earn an industry certification through Fort Myers Technical College (FMTC).

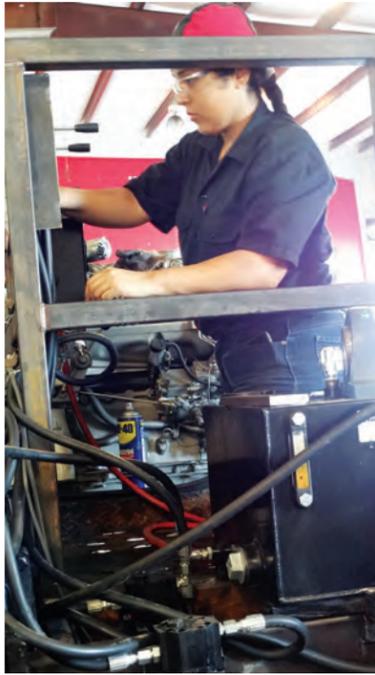
The welding technology class at Fort Myers Technical College provides a fast-paced, high-heat learning environment for its students. De La Cruz was the class's only female welding student.

In May, she became Lee County's first female student to receive an American Welding Society certification and recently started her full-time career as a welder with Direct Industrial Products and Machining in LaBelle.

"Women are better welders," said Michael Landrum, welding instructor at FMTC. "They have the three things that all my students need to succeed: patience, attention to detail and focus."

When Brent Kettler, executive director with the Hendry County Economic Development Council and a member of the FutureMakers Coalition, learned of De La Cruz's certification, he reached out to Mark Chapman, president of Direct to tell him about her accomplishments.

Direct is an industrial construction supply store and fabrication/machine shop that has partnered with the FutureMakers Coalition in the past on student mentoring. Chapman offered De La Cruz a position with his company the day of her interview.



"Janet is another example of how workforce development is a win-win for our community," said Chapman. "We, like many other businesses in Hendry County, are in constant need of qualified workers for hard-to-fill trades positions. When business and education come together, not only are we paving the future for that student, we are providing them with the proper tools to work in the industry that they strive to do well in."

"This is a great example of how the FutureMakers Coalition's effort to connect education and business to transform the workforce is working," said Kettler. "Business education partnerships are the key to filling in-demand jobs, improving the economy and creating social mobility."

"Oftentimes students will get a certification or degree but then don't know where to turn to get a job," De La Cruz added. "FMTC was so great because our instructor would bring businesses into the school to talk to us and tell us about career opportunities. It was really helpful for a student like me who wanted to go to work as soon as I finished school."

The FutureMakers Coalition's goal is to transform our workforce by increasing the number of Southwest Florida residents with degrees, certificates and other high-quality credentials by the year 2025.

The Southwest Florida Community Foundation serves as the anchor organization for the Coalition. The FutureMakers Coalition encourages residents to join and support this community-changing initiative. For more information, visit [www.futuremakerscoalition.com](http://www.futuremakerscoalition.com), call (239) 274-5900 or email Tessa LeSage at [TLeSage@floridacommunity.com](mailto:TLeSage@floridacommunity.com).

## Seasonal Fruits & Vegetables

### October

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	Rhubarb
	Silverbeet
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	Cabbage

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**- The Board of Directors**

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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 erArchitecture@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](http://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*

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**Fort Myers Republican Women's Club  
Republican Women To Renew Meetings Following Hiatus**  
 Additional information about the club may be obtained by contacting the president, Carole Green, (850) 590-2206.  
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**Continental Women's Club Of Fort Myers**  
 The Continental Women's Club will meet at The Hideaway Country Club on Thursday, Oct. 5 at 11:30 a.m. Cost to attend the luncheon is \$22.  
 October's program will be a style show presented by Anthony's. The Hideaway Country Club is located at 5670 Trailwinds Drive in Fort Myers. For more information, call 691-7561.  
 The club's Game Day will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Cross Creek Country Club. Cost is \$22.50 which includes a buffet luncheon and lots of fun. For reservations and additional information on this, please call 415-7770.  
**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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# Cooking By Connie

By Connie Hope

The month of October is known as National Bullying Prevention Month, National Work and Family Month and Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The month of October is the start of the cooler weather and it's nice to have a soup or stew that keeps you warm. Here is one that I really like and it is easy to make. Give it a try.

## Beef And Barley Stew

2 tablespoons olive oil  
3 pounds beef, cubed  
Salt and pepper to taste  
1 cup flour in bowl or plate  
1 white onion, diced  
3 to 4 stalks celery, chopped in 1/2-inch pieces  
3 cloves garlic, minced

1 (32-ounce) carton beef broth (4 cups)  
4 potatoes, peeled and cubed  
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce  
1 teaspoon paprika and thyme  
2 teaspoons marjoram  
1 can tomato paste  
1 (14-ounce) can diced tomatoes  
1 pound mushrooms  
1 package frozen green beans (or canned)  
4 to 5 large carrots, chopped in 1/2-inch pieces  
1 cup barley  
Extra water or beef broth if needed  
1/2 cup fresh parsley for top  
Noodles or rice (optional)

Combine flour, paprika, salt and pepper and dredge beef. Brown cubes in olive oil, remove cubes from pot. Sauté

celery, garlic and onions briefly. Add broth and wire whisk pan to remove meat pieces.

Return beef cubes, add spices and potatoes. Add carrots, sliced mushrooms, green beans, diced tomatoes and tomato paste. Simmer for 1 1/2 hours. Add barley and simmer very slowly for 1 more hour. Chop parsley and add to top. Can serve with noodles or rice. Serves 8 to 10.



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# Book Briefs

By Karen M. Kalisz

## The Crossing (A Harry Bosch Novel)

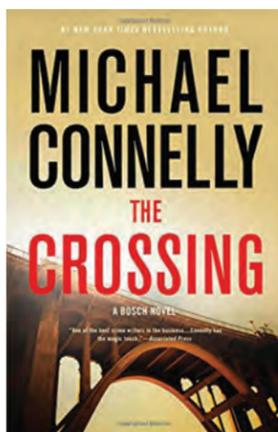
• Author Michael Connelly

• Audiobook: Read by Titus Welliver

• Publisher: Blackstone, Hachette Audio, Little Brown

• ISBN: 9781478961376, ©2015, unabridged

• Format: audiobook on CD, approximately 9.5 hours on eight compact discs. (Also available in book format, eAudiobook format and large print book.)



### About The Book:

Former LAPD police detective, Harry Bosch, crosses the aisle to the defense side when half-brother Mickey Haller (*The Lincoln Lawyer*, 2005) talks him into investigating a murder for a client that Haller believes is innocent.

### About The Author:

*New York Times* best-selling author Michael Connelly writes his 22nd Harry Bosch novel. (The 24th Harry Bosch novel will be out in October 2017). Connelly, a former police journalist, is one of today's most successful authors, dividing his time between California and Florida. He's currently producing a series – streaming on Amazon Prime video – titled *Bosch*, starring Titus Welliver. (Source: <https://www.michaelconnelly.com/about/>)

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## Are You Receiving E-mail From Eagle Ridge?



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

To correct this, send an email to [info@EagleRidge33912.com](mailto:info@EagleRidge33912.com) along with your name and street address.

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

*The Board of Directors*



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

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**

# Safety And Security Tip

## Bad Weather Encourages Home Improvement Scams

From The Office Of Lee County Sheriff Mike Scott

The heavy rain and flooding that recently pounded Southwest Florida have left many homeowners with leaky roofs, water intrusion, loose tree limbs, and crumbling infrastructure. If you are one of those affected by Mother Nature, listen up!

The Lee County Sheriff's Office realizes you want to have your problems repaired as quickly as possible so you can regain a sense of normalcy; however, the mindset to rush into repairs without first doing your homework can leave you vulnerable to fly-by-night con artists looking to make a quick buck by way of home improvement scams. Fortunately, you can avoid being left with an empty wallet and unfinished repair work by following these tips that will help you steer clear of a shameless scammer:

• Avoid door-to-door solicitations at all costs. Hiring someone who randomly provides an unsolicited offer is a disaster waiting to happen. Many of these scammers have little to no experience in home repair, use high-pressure sales tactics, quote too good to be true prices and ask for payment up front.



• Find a reputable contractor using referrals from friends, neighbors, and coworkers.

1. Check for complaints with the Better Business Bureau.
2. Contact the DBPR (Division of Business and Professional Regulation) to verify professional licensing.
3. Confirm they have a business tax receipt with your county or city tax department.
4. Check the Division of Workers' Compensation for proof of coverage.
5. Ask for proof of general liability insurance.

• Insist on a written contract detailing the work to be done, terms of service, etc.

• Never pay in full before the work is finished, especially when paying with cash.

For more information on this subject, call the Sheriff's Office Community Relations Unit at 258-3280, or contact the DBPR online at [www.myfloridalicense.com](http://www.myfloridalicense.com). To report suspected unlicensed activity, call the Unlicensed Activity Hotline at (866) 532-1440.

## The Library Is A Lee County Treasure – Come In And Get Your Card



Go down to your public library and sign up for a library card. It's free! And you will open yourself up to a world of treasures.

• Want to know if whole milk yogurt is better than nonfat? (Read: Is Whole-Milk Yogurt a Whole Lot Better? in *Consumer Reports*, August 2017, Pages 18-22.)

• Want to know the best sunscreen? (Read: Don't Get Burned, in *Consumer Reports*, July 2017, Pages 8-13.)

• Looking for a temporary job, but don't know where to start? (Get a list of all of the temporary agencies in your city, your metro area or county using the online database: **A to Z databases**.)

• Is your grandchild doing a report on France, Spain, or Afghanistan? (See the online database: **CultureGrams**.)

• Want to learn how to write a letter on your computer but don't want to negotiate the traffic driving to a training course? (Take an online Microsoft Word course on your home computer through **Gale Interactive Courses**.)

• Thinking about investigating your family history? (See the online database: **Ancestry.com**.)

• Need a legal form, like a last will and testament? (See online database: **Gale Legal Forms**.) Note: The library does not provide legal advice.

• Don't understand the whole "oil pipelines" thing, or the whole "global warming and climate change" thing or the whole "health insurance" thing? (Check out the online database: **Gale Opposing Viewpoints in Context**.)

• Wondering why everyone made such a big deal about

Suzanne Collins' *The Hunger Games*? (See the online database: **Pop Culture Collection**.)

• Loved Kristin Hannah's *The Nightingale*, but don't know where to go to find other historical fiction novels about the World War II era? (See the online database: **NoveList** for read-alikes.)

• What to know how your Alphabet (nee Google) stock is doing? (See the online database: **Morningstar**.)

• Want to help your grandchild prep for the SAT but don't know where to get practice tests? (See the online database: **Testing & Education Reference Center** or ask to be directed to the library's in-house collection of SAT study guides.)

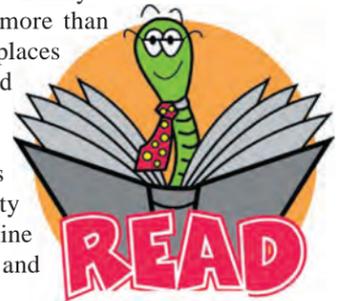
• Don't know what an online database is? (Ask one of the librarians sitting behind the reference desk who will not only explain this to you but show you how to access these databases while you are sitting at home in your pajamas.)

• Have a new Nook or Kindle or iPad? (Bring them in and ask the librarians to help you download ebooks.)

• Want to know what the next book in James Patterson's *Women's Murder Club* series is? (See the website **What's Next** -- <http://ww2.kdl.org/libcat/whatsnext.asp> to get a list of every book in the series.)

• Computer or printer on the fritz? Access a computer/printer at your local public library.

Today's libraries are more than just books. Libraries are places people find what they need in order to improve their quality of life. There are programs for adults, teens and kids. The Lee County Library system is a goldmine of information, activities, and fun things to do.



If you are a Lee County resident (18 years or older), bring in a current photo ID (like a driver's license) in order to obtain a card. If you are a snowbird property owner, bring in a current photo ID (like your out-of-state driver's license), and if you are simply visiting our area of the world for \$15 you can use all of the library's resources for three months without having to be a resident.

The Lee County Library System has seven neighborhood libraries and six regional libraries, plus a Talking Books Library and a bookmobile. Come into your library today – get a card – and say "how easy was that?"

For more information about how to sign up for a library card, visit your local public library in person or online at (Lee County) <http://www.leegov.com/library/card> and (Collier County) <http://www.colliergov.net/your-government/divisions-f-r/library/my-library-card/getting-a-card>.

## 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](http://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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# Mah Jongg 101 Q And A

## Siamese Mah Jongg!

By MariAnne Albano

Do you play Mah Jongg and are looking for a variety to the game? Then just try Siamese Mah Jongg!

Siamese is played with only two players, instead of four, and you play with two racks of tiles.

Needless to say, it is very challenging.

The object of the game is to be the first player to make two Mah Jonggs.

There are different strategies, with risk being the same for all strategies, but "timing" is critical with Siamese Mah Jongg; since a Mah Jongg or double Mah Jongg from the other player may occur at any time.

The Purple Dragon Mah Jongg Club has Siamese Mah Jongg games on Sunday, Oct. 15, Oct. 29, Nov. 12 and Sunday, Dec. 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We are located on McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers.

We also offer all levels of Mah Jongg classes: beginner, advanced beginner, strategy and Siamese. We also have a Mah



Jongg boutique where you can get almost anything Mah Jongg!

Our one-day Mah Jongg tournaments are Oct. 22 and Nov. 26. Join us for our special holiday getaway tournament at Tween Waters resort on Captiva, Dec. 10, 11 and 12. Tween Waters now has a beautiful serenity pool!

Watch this Mah Jongg column for our upcoming 2018 Siamese and tournament dates!

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

You can also check out our website at [www.PurpleDragonMahJongg.com](http://www.PurpleDragonMahJongg.com).



Photo by John Davis



# Adoptable Cats And Kittens

## Cassidy And Leo

Hi there! I'm Cassidy. I am a very pretty girl with a beautiful shiny black coat and a very fluffy tail. My big eyes are just begging someone to adopt me and take me home! I'm 1 year old, spayed and up-to-date on all vaccines. I'm currently residing with a foster family. My adoption fee is \$100. To find out more about me, call Diane at (860) 833-4472 or email Haven on Earth Animal League at [havenonearthanimalleague@yahoo.com](mailto:havenonearthanimalleague@yahoo.com).



Hello, my name is Leo. I am a very lovable grey tabby boy with a very sweet personality. I have a big, fluffy Maine coon tail. I'm 1 year old, neutered and up-to-date on all vaccines. My adoption fee is \$100. I am currently residing at Petco at Gulf Coast Town Center. Please adopt me so I can have a home of my own! To find out more about me, call Diane at (860) 833-4472 or email Haven on Earth Animal League at [havenonearthanimalleague@yahoo.com](mailto:havenonearthanimalleague@yahoo.com).



Haven on Earth Animal League Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit animal rescue organization in Fort Myers operated completely by volunteers. Our mission is to rescue, house, rehabilitate and re-home abused, unwanted, neglected and homeless animals into forever, loving homes.

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Cultural Park Theater  
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[culturalparktheater.com](http://culturalparktheater.com)

Brooklyn Boys Revue – Oct. 13 to 22  
Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap* – Nov. 10 to 19



Laboratory Theater Of Florida  
(239) 218-0481  
[www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com](http://www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com)  
*Sordid Lives* – Sept. 15 to 30  
*Veronica's Room* – Oct. 20 to Nov. 4  
Staged Reading – Title TBD – Oct. 23  
*An Act of God* – Nov. 17 to Dec. 9

Florida Repertory Theatre  
(239) 332-4488  
[www.floridarep.org](http://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  
*Outside Mullingar* – Sept. 19 to Oct. 22  
*Disgraced* – Nov. 7 to Dec. 10

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre  
(239) 278-4422  
[www.broadwaypalm.com](http://www.broadwaypalm.com)  
*Pippin The Musical* – Oct. 12 to Nov. 18  
*A Christmas Story The Musical* – Nov. 23 to Dec. 25

Off Broadway Palm  
(239) 278-4422  
[www.broadwaypalm.com](http://www.broadwaypalm.com)  
*The Odd Couple* – Sept. 21 to Oct. 29  
*A Tuna Christmas* – Nov. 16 to Dec. 25

Theatre Conspiracy  
(239) 936-3239  
[theatreconspiracy.org](http://theatreconspiracy.org)  
*Buyer and Cellar* – Oct. 6 to 15  
*Seven Guitars* – Nov. 3 to 18

FGCU Theatre  
(239) 590-7268  
[www.fgcu.edu/CAS/theatre](http://www.fgcu.edu/CAS/theatre)  
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# Oktoberfest



O'zapft is! Time for Munich in Cape Coral, Southwest Florida's biggest party of the year – the 32nd Annual Cape Coral Oktoberfest! Here at the German American Social Club, everyone is excitedly preparing for the event for fun, great food, German beer, live music, laughter and dancing – from polka to the Chicken Dance. We're erecting the big tent, hanging the banners, bringing out the long tables, preparing the food. You don't want to miss this year with more bands than ever before, more German music and more German food and beer, and fun for the entire family!

Located on the 25 acres of the German American Social Club on Pine Island Road in Cape Coral, this is where you want to be this time of year to experience fun for the entire family. Munich's Wies'n have never been so close.

This year's dates are October 20, 21, 22 and 27, 28, 29 – the last two full weekends of the month. Everyone is invited to come out for some Gaudi and Gemütlichkeit – Gaudi is just leg-slapping, joyous fun, while Gemütlichkeit expresses a feeling of being welcome and a part of something special. Come sit with friends, dance under the big tent or relax under the bright umbrellas in the Bavarian Gardens. The opening hours are on both Fridays from 4 p.m. to midnight, Saturdays noon until midnight and Sundays from noon until 8 p.m.

Flying in directly from Germany this year are not one but three bands, the big band – the **Maselheimer Musikanten**, the three-man band **KAWOGL** from Bavaria, and the **Andorfer Plattler**, from the Passau area. Also featured this year is **Die Lustigen Almdudler** from Rochester, N.Y. And we're excited to present the popular four-piece local band from Matlacha, **The**

**Hipnauticals**. There will be nonstop music in the tent, the gardens and inside in the Edelweiss Hall. You will want to meet our Ms. Oktoberfest 2017, the very lovely **Christine Fay**, this year a local beauty from North Fort Myers.

The music never stops in the big tent, with stages on each end of the giant dance floor. The Bavarian Gardens also feature nonstop music, from blues to polka not only from Swingtown, Europaband, Hafenskapelle, but also from other club favorites, such as Peter Dee, the Manni Daum Trio and Peter & Edith.

Enjoy the German food and international delicacies you've come to love at Oktoberfest, plus a few new additions, at the various kitchens and booths. Or, enjoy a sit-down dinner in the Von Steuben Hall, where you can savor German/Austrian cuisine, such as Schnitzel, Sauerbraten and freshly baked Apfel Strudel.

The amazing thing about the hugest event of the year – every



bit of it, from start to finish, is put together by GASC members, each one of them volunteering their time and effort to create the region's most successful event you've come to love.

We wish you Ein Prosit der Gemütlichkeit! Have fun!

# Security Central

By *Connie Hope*

The month of July and into August was a very difficult month. There were 10 problems with a string of car entries and burglaries. People had not locked their cars and thieves took things from the cars. Through the diligence of the sheriff's office, they were able to take into custody the three young men that caused all the trouble. The motto of the sheriff's office is "lock it or lose it." Please lock your car doors as well as your house doors.

There were several car burglaries in other communities in the area also. Schools are back in session and hopefully the troubles will be over.

My connection to the sheriff's office has been changed. I wanted to thank Deputy Alan Canfield for all his help and advice over the last few years. I will be meeting with the new deputy from the sheriff's office in the next week.

## Lee County Yard Waste Regulations

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



### Eagle Ridge Residents

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

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