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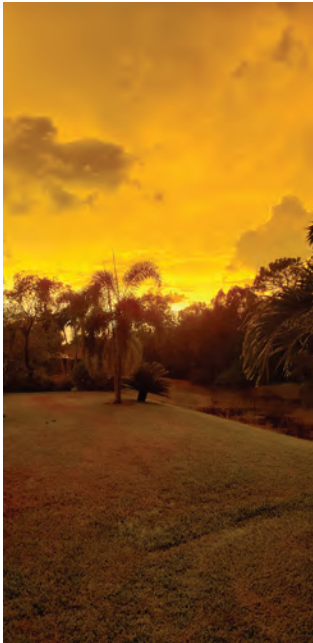
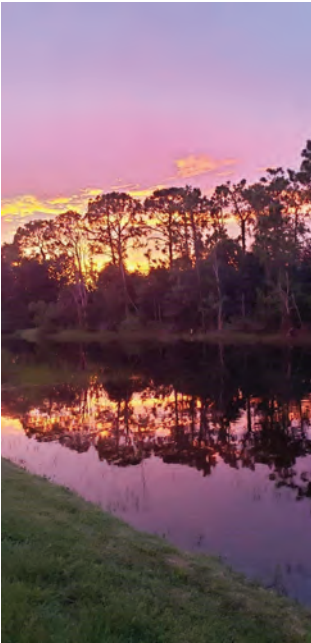
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## Folds Of Honor Day At Eagle Ridge

Submitted by Jim Lutsch

On Saturday, Oct. 24, Eagle Ridge will hold its third annual Folds of Honor Day. All greens fees for that day will be donated to the Folds of Honor, a charity that supplies scholarships and support to families of fallen soldiers. In addition to donated greens fees, there will be a silent auction, games around the clubhouse and on the course to raise funds. If you don't play golf or don't have the time on that day, come check out the auction running through the month of October or participate in the games around the clubhouse. Over the first two years of this event we have donated approximately \$14,000 to Folds of Honor. Even though we were rained out twice last year we were still able to donate about \$4,500 through the silent auction.

## Heights Foundation

Submitted by Carol Hamilton

I became aware of the Heights Foundation through my Continental Women's Club of Greater Fort Myers. The Heights Foundation serves 1,500 residents and only 27 percent of residents have access to the Internet and there are few English-speaking households, so virtual school is not possible. The new Heights Elementary Charter School opened Aug. 31. My neighbor and Eagle Ridge resident, Brenda Green, asked if the school needed masks for their students. I contacted the dynamic director of education, Debra Mathinos, and she said, "most definitely," and they had 156 children enrolled in their kindergarten to fifth grade classes. I told her I doubted Brenda could make 156 masks, and I was right ... Brenda made 186 brightly colored masks in different children sizes, with dragons, dinosaurs, stars, dogs, cats and of course Olaf! Brenda presented Debra and her staff the masks. Needless to say, they were ecstatic. We then got to tour the new school and meet the teachers and were fortunate enough to meet the founder, president and CEO of the Heights Foundation, Kathryn Kelly.

To find out more of what the Heights Foundation has accomplished or to get involved, go to their website at Heightsfoundation.org.



Eagle Ridge Condo resident, Brenda Green



Kathryn Kelly, founder, president and CEO of Heights Foundation, Debra Mathinos and Brenda Green



Brenda Green presents masks to director of education, Debra Mathinos and two after school students.

## Talent And Volunteers Are Being Sought

The Players Circle Theatre, located in The Shell Factory, N. Fort Myers, is in the process of scheduling its second season to begin in October, barring complications from COVID-19. An announcement of the season's performances will be made on the new website, www.playerscircle.org.



Producers Robert Cacioppo and Carrie Lund have converted the former Dolphin Room into an arts center. The former 60- by 60-foot events center has been reconfigured to seat 50 to 180 patrons. Every seat in the house has an excellent view of the performance; no seat is more than four rows from the stage. Should the coronavirus delay the announced season's performances, "plan B" will include an 80-seat nightclub with special distancing.

The Players Circle Theatre is looking for local people to perform at the theater on either single nights or longer engagements. The stage area is approximately 12- by 16-feet. Entertainers might be magicians, comedians, musicians (piano, voice, instrument); ventriloquists, dancers (cloggers, tap, flamenco, jazz or other types), or other special talents.

Groups showcasing recitals are also invited. Cash prizes are planned for the winners of each evening's talent performances; winners will be judged by the audience.

Individuals or groups wishing to be considered for the talent shows should send a video of their talent to Rcacioppo@playerscircle.org.

There's a volunteer job for everyone and everyone needs to find his/her niche. Many individuals have the desire to become part of a theatre. The Players Circle Theatre and Arts Center is looking for those individuals to become part of their theatre family of volunteers.

Volunteers would serve the whole gamut in putting art on the stages. You can choose how you want to participate from a long list of ways to interact with the theatre. The theatre is looking for dedicated people to assist patrons as ushers and with customer service; these volunteers get to see the shows free!

Other volunteers are needed to assist with behind-the-scenes activities, helping with VIP events, assisting with mailings, office duties, and fund-raising activities. Of special interest is having individuals, working in pairs, to staff the theatre's informational tent at the Shell Factory's flea markets; not only will they provide theatre information but also give tours of the theatre.

There is a volunteer position for everyone interested in the theatre business. Days and hours can be flexible. Email clcacioppo@playerscircle.org to sign up.

The Players Circle Theatre was developed by veterans of the Southwest Florida theatre movement, Carrie Lund Cacioppo and Robert Cacioppo. They have been prominent faces of theatre in Lee County for over 35 years, having started Lee County's first professional theatre on Sanibel Island and the Florida Repertory Theatre, which has been named "One of America's best regional theatres" by *The Wall Street Journal*. Players Circle Theatre is a professional black box theatre providing Broadway-level entertainment. Follow it online at PlayersCircle.org.





# Sudoku Puzzle

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## Word Scramble

### Cats

By Ellie Neal

Cidmoste

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# Crossword Puzzle

### Across

1. Flatboat  
6. Ogive  
10. Little lies  
14. Double-reed instruments  
15. Filly’s mother  
16. Norse god  
17. Sneaked  
18. Type of sword  
19. Forearm bone  
20. 100th anniversary  
22. Close  
23. Restricts  
24. Confuse  
25. Actor Pitt  
29. Spire  
31. Freedom  
33. Demean  
37. Beneficial  
38. Lifted  
39. No longer working  
41. Latter part of the day  
42. Type of black beetle  
44. Way in  
45. Thrash  
48. Woo  
50. Great affection  
51. Acting arrogantly  
56. Basic unit of money in China  
57. Hindu princess  
58. Cash  
59. Sweeping story  
60. Therefore  
61. Harness racer  
62. Depend  
63. To fancy (archaic)  
64. Exchange

### Down

1. Pear variety  
2. Skilled  
3. A soft sheepskin leather

4. Lady’s escort  
5. Glacial ridge  
6. Civility  
7. Pillaging  
8. Wrinkled  
9. Part of a foot  
10. Failing  
11. Stagnated  
12. Twofold  
13. Trap  
21. Snuggled  
24. Seaweed  
25. Make unclear  
26. Ascend  
27. Assist in crime  
28. Inadequacy  
30. Deviant

32. Not urban  
34. Largest continent  
35. Fender blemish  
36. Border  
40. Proclaim one’s support  
41. Evasion  
43. Lollygag  
45. Aviator  
46. Jeweler’s glass  
47. Utilize  
49. Lure  
51. Beer  
52. Lion sound  
53. Ancient Peruvian  
54. Require  
55. Calyx

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# Stuff A Bus! Fundraiser

Submitted by Matt Visaggio  
Rusty’s Raw Bar and Grill hosted its first annual Stuff a Bus! fundraiser in partnership with the Lee County School District. Two of the participating locations encouraged patrons to bring in school supply donations including hand sanitizer, backpacks, pencils, paper, etc. in exchange for a coupon for a free appetizer. Through the fundraiser, Rusty’s was able to collect several large boxes full of donations to help provide for students at the beginning of the school year.  
“We know that this has been a tough year for our community,” said Nicole Isner, general manager of Rusty’s Raw Bar and Grill. “We have been so blessed to see the community rally around us and support us during our rough times, and we wanted to be able to do something that gave back to others. With the extra stress that this school year is bringing onto our children, we wanted to help things transition a little smoother by providing supplies that they need.”  
Lee County Schools started back this past week with in-person and virtual learning options.  
“When Rusty’s came to us with this idea we were thrilled,”



said Adam Molloy, Coordinator for Community Engagement at the Lee County School District. “We are very thankful to have local businesses recognize the need that so many Lee County students have and answer the call to help. These donations go a long way for so many families in Southwest Florida.”  
Rusty’s Raw Bar and Grill is conveniently located in Cape Coral and Fort Myers, serving up good food and fun times for everyone.

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 Rick Jermyn (701) 388-0419 or RAJermyn1@gmail.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*

Eagle Ridge Bulletin Board

*If you have an announcement, we will include it in this column. Email [newsletter@eagleridge33912.com](mailto:newsletter@eagleridge33912.com) with your request.*

**Eagle Ridge Golf News**  
Eagle Ridge property owners. All golfers should sign up for the rewards program. They now have a league that has started last month June, for all rewards members. They play every Monday evening and you sign up weekly to play. It’s a great deal and all information is in the pro shop. July rates change so you can also call for current rates. Please let’s all remember the course is not for walking or kids to be playing on regardless of the time, the course has access roads to be used only by golf course employees and equipment. Please let’s respect the golf course grounds and keep everyone safe.  
Jim Lutsch, your golf liaison, and he can be reached at (239) 322-9588.

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**Camera Club Invites Enthusiasts To Attend Bi-Monthly Meetings**  
We have come to the end of our current meeting sessions until late 2020. Please consider participating or hosting an event during the next round!  
All photography enthusiasts are invited to attend a Fort Myers Camera Club meeting on Friday from November through April. The meetings are held from 7 to 9 p.m. on the first and third Friday at the Cypress Lake United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 8570 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers.  
Anyone interested in photography at any level is welcome. Mentor programs, outings, competitions and exhibitions, guest lecturers and more provide members with opportunities to improve their photography skills and make new friends.  
Additional information about the club is available at [www.fortmyerscc.com](http://www.fortmyerscc.com).

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**Fort Myers Republican Women’s Club Candidate Forums To Begin At Monthly Luncheons Of Republican Women**  
The Fort Myers Republican Women’s Club is waiting to hear when they will be allowed to reconvene regular luncheons, possibly in July. Additional information about the club may be obtained by contacting Tina Laurie, (239) 489-4701.

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**Continental Women’s Club Of Fort Myers**  
We do not have any updated information on the next meeting as of this printing. Many social events have been postponed, as you know, due to the COVID restrictions. Please check back next month!  
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 33907. The cost to attend the luncheon is \$24.  
Please call (239) 691-7561 for additional information.

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**Dining In Club**  
We have come to the end of our Dining In gatherings until late 2020. Please consider participating or hosting an event during the next round!  
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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**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 Board members: John Spiegel, Hewitt B. McCloskey Jr., Peggy Jermyn, Christine Leslie or send an email to [Info@EagleRidge33912.com](mailto:Info@EagleRidge33912.com)

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**Ways To Communicate**  
Eagle Ridge has a Facebook page. This is a private group **only** for Eagle Ridge residents. To join, find “Eagle Ridge Community Fort Myers” on Facebook. Then click on request to join. You will be prompted to enter your address. This will be checked against property records to confirm you are a resident.  
Eagle Ridge is also on NextDoor.com. You can join and select to communicate with only Eagle Ridge residents and/or our neighboring communities.

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**The Florida Yards & Neighborhood (FYN)**  
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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/>.  
We are currently conducting the classes via Zoom but hope to get back to doing them in person at some point. You can see the schedule and sign up for a free class on Eventbrite.com.

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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](http://www.EagleRidge33912.com).

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# Teen Driving Safety Tips

## Teen Drivers Need To Know They Are Not Invincible

Submitted by Jody Van Cooney

Teenagers have an exciting time when they can learn how to drive and get the keys to the car; they can go places without relying on mom or dad to get them there. But, because of their inexperience behind the wheel and lack of maturity, driving can be very dangerous. Teens must remember that driving is a privilege, not a right.

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for teens 15 to 18 years old in the United States. Crash risk is

highest during the first year that drivers have their license. The vehicle is a weapon on the roadway. Having teen passengers in the car shows that teen drivers are 2.5 times more likely to engage in one or more risky behaviors while driving.

Teens are not as invincible as they think they are; it will happen to someone else! In 2018, 719 deaths out of 2,121 people killed in crashes involved a teen driver. That same year, an estimated 88,000 teen divers were injured in motor vehicle crashes and an estimated 256,000 people injured in crashes involved a teen driver.

Teen drivers need to learn the following rules of the road to be a safe driver and avoiding crashes:

- Don’t drive impaired.
- Buckle up – every trip, every time, both front and back seats.
- Keep eyes on the road and hands on the wheel – all the time.
- Follow the posted speed limit.

The Lee County Injury Prevention Coalition serves as a collaborative effort or partnership whose function is to facilitate partners’ work and act as a catalyst for injury prevention initiatives. Its mission is to prevent injury, disability, and death through advocacy, education, legislation, and partnerships.

Additional information about the Injury Prevention Coalition or teen driving may be received by contacting Brian Raimondo at ipcleecounty@gmail.com or (239) 330-2240.

# Cooking By Connie

Submitted by Connie Hope

What is the month of October known for? It is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We pray for all those who are fighting the battle of cancer. It is also Sausage Month and National Cookbook Month. With that in mind, I am working on my third cookbook, *The Happy Appetizer*. I am hoping it will be printed and in my hands by February 2021. October is also Apple Month and Country Music Month. The one I have chosen for this time is National Chili Month.

Chili con carne, meaning “chili with meat” is a spicy stew containing chili peppers, meat, tomatoes, and beans. Other seasonings may include garlic, onions, and cumin to name a few. The dish originated in northern Mexico or southern Texas. Here are two recipes for chili.

**Chili**

1 pound ground beef  
1 cup chopped onions  
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped  
1 tablespoon chili powder  
2 teaspoons fresh chopped oregano leaves or 1 teaspoon

dried oregano  
1 teaspoon ground cumin  
Salt and pepper to taste  
½ teaspoon red pepper sauce  
1 can diced tomatoes, undrained  
1 can (19 ounces) red kidney beans, undrained

In a large saucepan, cook beef, onions and garlic over medium heat for 8 to 10 minutes. Stir occasionally until beef is thoroughly cooked, then drain. Stir in oregano, cumin, chili powder, salt, pepper and tomatoes. Heat over high heat until boils, then reduce heat and cook for about one hour. Stirring occasionally. Stir in kidney beans. Heat to a boil then reduce heat and cook about 20 to 25 minutes. Stir occasionally. Serve in a bowl and top with finely chopped red onion, or shredded cheese or fresh cilantro. Additional toppings are black olives, guacamole, salsa and sour cream.

This bean rich ground beef chili will not only be delicious today, but it will taste even better tomorrow. Serve this recipe with plenty of optional toppings.

Here is a vegetarian version of chili I hope you enjoy.

**Vegetarian Chili**

1 tablespoon olive oil  
1 small red onion, chopped  
3 garlic cloves, minced  
1 medium red pepper, chopped  
1 medium zucchini, chopped  
1 small carrot, chopped  
2 cans (14 ounces) crushed tomatoes  
1 can (14 ounces) kidney beans, rinsed and drained  
1 can (14 ounces) black beans, rinsed and drained  
1 cup vegetable broth or water  
1 tablespoon chili powder  
1 tablespoon ground cinnamon  
1 tablespoon cumin  
1 tablespoon paprika  
1 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
Fresh cilantro for garnishing  
Wedges of lime

In a large skillet, heat the oil at medium heat. Add the onion and garlic and cook for 5 to 7 minutes. Add carrot, zucchini and red pepper and cook. Stir occasionally until veggies are tender (10 to 12 minutes). Add beans, water or broth, tomatoes, and seasonings. Reduce heat and simmer for 50 to 60 minutes. Adding a little broth or water if needed. Serve in a bowl with garnishing of cilantro or lime, if desired.

## Eagle Ridge Job Spot

*Non-businesses only 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 Pam Whitenight at Newsletter@eagleridge33912.com. Baby-sitters, pet sitters, yard work and more.*

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**Nancy Crook, (239) 220-0396.** Need assistance in your home, meals, grocery shopping, doctor/dentist appointments, light housekeeping, and personal care? I live on American Eagle Court. I have many years of experience with in-home assistance. How can I help you?

**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.

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**Dennis Shelley, (239) 887-1042.** Experienced Painter and Handyman Services. I have painted many homes in Eagle Ridge, and I’ve lived in the community for over 10 years. I am licensed and insured with many Eagle Ridge references.

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



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Articles can be submitted attached to or contained in an email. Photos should also be emailed as attachments.

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

**Flagpole holders and damaged mailbox repairs and painting:** For mailbox repairs, including doors, springs or broken parts and painting, call Dennis Shelley, (239) 887-1042.

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



Word Scramble Solution from page 2

Domestic	Panther	Jaguar	Ocelot
Lion	Leopard	Lynx	Wildcat
Tiger	Puma	Cheetah	Bobcat

Crossword Solution from page 2

B	A	R	G	E		A	R	C	H		F	I	B	S		
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Sudoku Puzzle Solution from page 2

8	1	5	3	4	6	9	2	7
7	9	2	5	1	8	6	3	4
3	6	4	7	9	2	5	8	1
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9	5	7	2	6	4	3	1	8
6	3	8	9	7	1	2	4	5
1	4	9	6	2	5	8	7	3
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If you or someone you know is a soldier, Army veteran, Army family member or other proud military supporter, you can become a permanent part of history at the National Museum of the United States Army.

A historic project led by the Army Historical Foundation and the U.S. Army, the museum is going up at Fort Belvoir, Va., just south of Washington, D.C.

“We are proud to build a national museum that will tell the history of the Army – and our nation – through the eyes of American soldiers,” said Foundation President U.S. Army Retired Lt. Gen. Roger Schultz. “The timeline for opening the museum was delayed because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but we promise it will be worth the wait.”

To be included in the museum’s story, soldiers and Army veterans can submit their stories of service in the Registry of the American Soldier, which will be one of the largest collections of American soldier profiles ever assembled. Stories can also be submitted on a veteran’s behalf, at no cost. The foundation currently features the registry on its website and the collection will be made available on kiosks in the museum. Stories can be submitted at [www.armyhistory.org/the-registries/](http://www.armyhistory.org/the-registries/).



Members of the Army community can also be a permanent part of the museum by ordering a customized commemorative brick to be laid on the grounds of the museum. More than 8,000 bricks have already been installed, honoring soldiers from all 50 states. Among the bricks are those for such well-known Army veterans as Senator Bob Dole and General Eric Shinseki. Individuals and organizations can order bricks at [www.armyhistory.org/bricks](http://www.armyhistory.org/bricks).

To stay up to date on the project, including announcements about opening day, visit [www.armyhistory.org](http://www.armyhistory.org).

## From The Desk Of Sheriff Carmine Marceno

As your sheriff, I am always concerned about your safety and well-being and that includes keeping you informed about scams circulating in our area.



Like me, you probably receive dozens of emails each day that fill up your inbox with junk. Unfortunately, some of these emails are craftily designed by scammers to trick you into either giving out your personal information or draining your hard earned cash from your bank account.

Recently, scammers targeted a 96-year-old woman with an email claiming that her Amazon account had been hacked and was being used to fraudulently purchase merchandise. In order to protect her account, the email instructed her to contact the number listed in the email. Although the woman did not have an Amazon account, she followed the fraudster’s instructions and called the listed number, which linked her directly to the con artist. In turn, he convinced her to purchase \$3,400 in gift cards, then quickly transferred the loaded money off of the cards and into his pocket.

You should be aware that this scheme, known as “phishing,” may have subject lines in the email aimed at grabbing your attention such as, “your recent order cannot be processed due to problems with your method

of payment,” or “your account has been hacked and your password changed,” or “you have a package ready to be delivered, please download the attachment to confirm your delivery address.”

To keep from becoming a victim of this clever scheme, I recommend you follow these safety tips:

- Be on the lookout for unofficial email addresses in the “from” section. For instance, if you receive an official email from Amazon it will always come from @amazon.com.
- Never purchase gift cards for anyone you do not know. Gift cards are like cash and scammers regularly use them to steal your money. Once you buy the card, the cyber thief will ask for the card and PIN numbers, which gives them immediate access to the money you loaded onto the card.
- If an email appears suspicious do not open or respond. Simply hit the delete button.

You can report an Amazon “phishing” scam in the following ways:

- Call (888) 280-4331 or forward the fraudulent email to [stop-spoofing@amazon.com](mailto:stop-spoofing@amazon.com).
- Call the Federal Trade Commission at (877) FTC-HELP or online at [ftc.gov/complaint](http://ftc.gov/complaint).
- Call the Lee County Sheriff’s Office fraud line at (239) 258-3292.





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# Catch The Action

## October On The Water

By Capt. Bill Russell

As the water temperatures of Southwest Florida begin to drop, large schools of baitfish make their migration south through our waters from the northern gulf. Many predator fish are on the move south as well. Combined with our resident species, October presents good fishing for a variety of species.

You can target a specific fish or just cast in the midst of a feeding frenzy where you might be surprised what you hook into. At times, a host of species are ganged up on the same bait pod, it's common to catch a half dozen or more different species from one area. It's likely that larger fish are lurking as well, keep a heavy rod rigged and ready for that cobia, tarpon, shark, or whatever else might make a presence. While targeting a specific species of fish can become challenging and often frustrating, taking advantage of whatever might be feeding around bait schools will give you plenty of action and fun. Plus, that elusive fish that you were targeting might just show up when least expected.

Offshore, look for bait balls from just a few feet of the beaches out into the gulf about as far as you dare to travel. Birds are the best indicator to locate the schools, watch for terns, gulls, or other birds grouped up and dipping to the water. Look for what appears as rain (baitfish) on the water, watch for feeding activity and the torpedo shapes of mackerel skyrocketing from the water. Artificial reefs are some of the best areas to concentrate your efforts. It's common to catch king and Spanish mackerel near the surface or drop a bait to the bottom for snapper and grouper.

Inshore, watch for the same key signs when over open water or deeper grass flats. Also, in the deeper water, a pod of dolphin hanging around an area is a great indicator of fish. Along shorelines and areas of shallower water you



will also notice schools of nervous bait and possibly fish busting them at the surface. This is where you can expect to catch snook, redfish, snapper, and some big trout. Don't ignore mullet schools, there is almost always something hungry and often big, either mixed in or hanging around the perimeter of the schools. Large trout and redfish look for food flushed out from the schooling mullet, and there is the possibility of a large shark cruising around the perimeter of the schools, often in only a few feet of water. If you are a wade fisherman take note and keep your eyes open.

As inshore water temperatures drop, big redfish will devour anything in their path. Often there may be several hundred or more working across the shallows on an eating mission. Fishing for the big bull reds will peak in October as they begin their migration offshore once the first real cold fronts of the season begin to drop down from the north. Exactly when that will be only time will tell, if the weather remains mild the big fish can entertain us throughout the entire month.

Mangrove snapper fishing was great all summer inshore. Many will make their way offshore as it cools down. Look

for artificial reefs and ledges or hard bottom in depths from thirty to fifty feet to hold concentrations of fish. Snapper should be holding in and around the gulf passes. Live shrimp with light tackle is the best way to go and, if you are anchored, a chum block is a great idea. Always have a heavier rig in the rod holder with a live flatlined bait. You never know when a big cobia or some other species might come in to play.

Last year was a good one for sheepsheads and we should begin to see them later in the month. As they move in from the deeper gulf, there could be some big ones mixed in with the snapper. Sheepsheads will not eat any type of fish, live or dead, shrimp is the go-to bait for most anglers.

Remember to keep updated on current fishing regulations for the area you fish. Snook, sea trout, and redfish remain catch and release only from the Pasco-Hernando county line up around Tampa, south to Gordan Pass in Collier County. This closure is due to the devastating fish kills we experienced a few summers ago. No harvest will allow the stocks to rebuild quicker. You can still enjoy some great catch and release fishing of all three species, they just need to be released as quickly as possible.

October is one of the best months of the year to fish. With great weather and not a lot of fishing pressure, we can expect days where fish are hungry and aggressive. If you are fishing or just spending time on the water this is a great month.

For charter information, please contact us at Gulf Coast Guide Service and "Catch the Action" with Capt. Bill Russell. Call or text (239) 410-8576, website: [www.fishpineisland.com](http://www.fishpineisland.com), email: [gcl2fish@live.com](mailto: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 25 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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# Minutes For ERPOA Board Of Directors Meeting

## ERPOA Board Meetings Via Zoom

Submitted by Ed Schuler

On Wednesday, Sept. 9 the Board of Directors held their first meeting using the Zoom computer application. The Board choose Zoom as a way to conduct business without the possibility of catching or spreading the COVID-19 virus. The program is free to use by downloading the software from Zoom. (<https://zoom.us/zoomrooms/software> ) An invitation to join the meeting online was sent with the monthly ERPOA email. In addition to the five Board members, three non-Board members logged on. It is likely that we may need to hold other future meetings by Zoom until the pandemic has subsided.

### Sept. 9 – On Zoom

These minutes will not be approved until the next Board Meeting.

Welcome to all Eagle Ridge Property Owners to the Board of Directors Meeting. This will confirm that the Notice for this meeting was posted more than 48 hours prior to the meeting including the details for access to attend the meeting via Zoom.

## Security Central


Submitted by Connie Hope

With people out of work and kids out of school, it lends itself to trouble. Too much time on people’s hands. Please, make sure that your cars are locked and there is nothing visible of value in the front or back seats. Make sure your garage door is down and the doors of your house are locked.

There were several disturbances in the community over the last month. They were handled by the deputy and no major problems. If you see something or are having a problem, please call the nonemergency number, (239) 477-1000, and let the sheriff’s office know. If it is an emergency, call 911 and the sheriff’s office will be here in less than five minutes.

My contact in the sheriff’s office has worked with me to get sheriff’s cars coming through the development several times a day and particularly in the evening and later hours. It is a big help to know they are watching and helping the community. A few weeks ago, there was a sign with the speed limit on it and it also tracked people’s speed as they passed it. There are also sheriff’s cars parked in the community and on Eagle Ridge Drive. They also can track the speed of cars passing by the sheriff’s car.

As I have stated many times in the past, you are the eyes and ears of the community. If you see something that is not right – people fighting, cars going slow around and around the community checking things out, people walking up to houses and knocking on doors, people hitting mailboxes, call the nonemergency number and get a license plate number and description of the car or truck. Let’s keep our community safe.





**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**


## Are You Receiving Email 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*



Meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by John Spiegel, president. Board members present were: John Spiegel, president; Christine Leslie, vice president; Peggy Jermyn, secretary/treasurer; Hewitt B. McCloskey, Jr., director; Kathy Furlong, director.

A quorum was reached. There were five residents present at the Zoom meeting.

Request was made to approve the minutes for the March 2 general membership meeting.

1. First Motion to approve the minutes of March 2: Hewitt McCloskey
2. Second Motion to approve the minutes of March 2: Christine Leslie
3. All voted in favor. The motion was passed.

Request a motion from the Board to approve the minutes of the re-organization meeting held March 2 after the Board Meeting.

1. First Motion to approve the minutes of Re-organization Meeting: Peggy Jermyn
2. Second Motion to approve the minutes of Re-organization Meeting: Hewitt McCloskey
3. All voted in favor. The motion was passed.

### Treasurer’s Monthly Report: Peggy Jermyn

Overview of receivables, expenses and balances. Balances in the accounts as of Aug. 31:

- **BOA**
  - a. Checking Account ending in 1247 – \$134,956.82
- **TIAA**
  - o TIAA Certificate of Deposit – \$102,944.99
  - o TIAA Money Market Account – \$46,731.58
  - o TIAA Reserve Account – \$86,235.11

### Live Oak Bank

Certificate of Deposit \$125,654.05

**Total of all accounts: \$496,522.55**

### 2020 Annual Assessment

To date, we’ve received 618 payments, or 99 percent of the 2020 assessment for a total of \$179,610.54.

In June 2020 we turned over the remaining four unpaid 2020 assessments to the Association’s attorney the first week of June to begin the formal collection process. All are single family homes.

We also have four outstanding late fees which will be carried on the books and added to the next invoice for each respective property (mailbox repair, 2021 assessment, other).

### Reserve Account Funding

Per the approved 2020 annual budget, we need to fund the Reserve Account in the amount of \$28,704.20. We will do this in the November or December meeting.

### President’s Monthly Report: John Spiegel

**FPL underground service line project:** Delays continue due to turnover of FPL personnel and the continuing refusal of the homeowner at 7050 Twin Eagle Lane to grant FPL a small variance on a portion of the lot never used by the homeowner. The equipment needed to complete the project will be moved to property adjacent to the UTI facility. A completion in September is possible but wagers on that proposition is not recommended.

Christine Leslie and Connie Hope will briefly report on a proposed security camera which may be placed to capture images of all vehicles entering Eagle Ridge.

We are looking into a security system from a company called Flock Safety. Cameras will be hooked to a pole about 12-feet high which will read car tags. There are no batteries it is solar powered. Specialized neighborhood security cellular cameras will capture any car tag, make, model and color that is coming into Eagle Ridge community. We will own the software and Flock will own the hardware. We have gotten referrals. The company is based in Georgia. We will determine if night time images are clear.

**John Spiegel:** The cost is \$2,000 to \$2,500 annual fee depending on the camera chosen. We will start with one camera. Nighttime images are clear.

### Vice President’s Report: Christine Leslie

The treatment of the creek off Bald Eagle was completed.

### Director’s Report: Hewitt McCloskey, Jr.

No new landscape projects to report.

### Committee Reports

#### Arbitration Board Committee: Steve Norris

No activity

#### Architectural Control Committee: Rick Jermyn

Please be sure to submit an application for approval of any planned alteration to your property, e.g. new roof, pool cage, paint, driveway, major landscaping, etc., as required in the Deed of Restrictions.

We had a total of seven project requests in March 2020: one driveway pavers, three exterior house painting, two landscape, one roofing.

We had a total of seven projects requests in April 2020: one exterior house painting, one new sidewalk, two roofing, one solar pool heater, one driveway pavers, one doors/windows.

We had a total of six project requests in May 2020: three roofing, three exterior house painting, one hurricane shutter.

We had a total of eight project requests in June 2020: one driveway pavers, three exterior house painting, one windows/doors, three roofing.

We had a total of six project requests in July 2020: one exterior house painting, three driveway pavers, one doors/windows, one roofing.

We had a total of five project requests in August 2020: two roofing, one landscaping, two roofing.

All were approved.

Lot on Twin Eagle is building a house. I will work on this project this coming month.

### Deed Of Restriction Committee: Kathy Furlong

Due to time limitations, we cannot get into the detail, but a number of homeowners have been cited for various violations. For the most part, upon receipt by the homeowners of the notices, the problems were corrected.

### Golf Liaison Committee: Jim Lutsch

No activity

### Security and Safety Committee: Connie Hope

The Eagle Ridge Directory will be updated in early 2021. It is very important that we have the most current owner contact information. A reminder will go out with the 2021 annual dues notice.

The speed limit in our community is 25 miles per hour. Please be careful and drive slowly. This is for the people walking, and the bikers. Please wear reflective clothing after dark so drivers can see you. Too many people are walking in the dark wearing dark clothing, making it very difficult to see the walkers. A little common sense goes a long way.

Once again, the Sheriff’s moto is “Lock it or Lose it!”

### Social Committee: Sherri Holly

No new activity

**Resident’s Comments (limited to three minutes) Please give your full name.**

**1. Tom Price:** Florida Public Service Commission will be increasing the fees. Wanted to know how much.

**John Spiegel:** Contact the Florida Public Service Commission for more information.

**2. Ed Schuler:** I took a screen shot of the Zoom meeting to send to the newsletter. Is that okay?

**John Spiegel:** Yes, that is okay.

A request for a motion for Adjournment:

1. First Motion for Adjournment: Peggy Jermyn
2. Second Motion for Adjournment: Christine Leslie
3. All voted in favor for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

## 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.**
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- **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.**

