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Who’s New In The Neighborhood? —

By Ed Schuler

Eagle Ridge is a place rich with a lot of wonderful, interesting people. Tina (short for Kristina) and John Mullins are another example. They moved into their home on Soaring Eagle Court over Labor Day weekend.

They are from Charleston, W.Va., where John was a managing partner in his own firm that lobbied the West Virginia Legislature and Congress for various businesses, causes and projects. They came to this area when Tina took a position with FGCU to develop a physician assistant curriculum. Also making the move are their two dogs, Rom, a doberman and Mya, a husky. Both Mya and Rom are friendly and like meeting people. John and Tina have been together for five years and married for the last three. John has a daughter, Allie, who is about to graduate from West Virginia University.

Tina likes to do crafts around the home and John likes to play golf, play musical instruments and dabble in photography and videography. Presently, John is wrapping up his participation in his West Virginia partnership and soon will be looking for a local position that will take advantage of his 26 years of experience in communication, government and public relations and event management.

When I asked why they settled in on Eagle Ridge, they replied that they like the larger lot sizes not found in other communities. Please join me in welcoming this wonderful new family into Eagle Ridge.



Tina and John Mullins

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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

Second Annual Chuck Seigfreid Memorial Battle Of The Sexes

By Sandra Mellilo

This event was held on Nov. 13. The new recruits were fresh and plentiful this year and the veterans were fierce and ready to lead the way into battle. The skies were clear so the enemies couldn’t attack under cover of cloudy skies. The tanks were gassed up, the combatants were fed, the weapons were loaded, the generals had given their orders and the infantry was sent onto the battlefield at 9 a.m. sharp. Thus, the second annual Chuck Seigfreid Memorial Battle of the Sexes began.

For many hours the battle raged. The lead changed many times back and forth. During the battle, some talented individuals earned the following medals:

Women’s closest to the pin hole No. 5 was won by Karen Kudrle.

Women’s closest to the pin hole No. 14 was won by Dawn Kinghorn.

Men’s closest to the pin hole No. 8 was won by Tom Shearer.

Men’s closest to the pin hole No. 16 was won by Art Nering.

Women’s closest to the line hole No. 9 was won by Carol Dee Hamilton.

Men’s closest to the line hole No. 11 was won by Jim Wayco.

Longest Putt hole No. 15 was won by Mike Monserez.

The Crombie Award for the lowest number of putts was won by Inge Longpre with a low of 28 putts.

However, in the end, when all was said and done, it was announced at the Olive Garden that the phenomenally skilled women had again won the Chuck Seigfreid Memorial Battle of the Sexes. The score now is Men 10, Women 9. Congratulations to the women for their win in 2016.



Saturday Men’s Golf —

By Gary Mellilo

I would like to open by congratulating the women on their play in the Battle of the Sexes. Their commanding win leaves the total at 10 wins for the men and 9 wins for the women. Next year should be a great match. We should all be proud of the way this event brings the community and friends together and provides a way to better get to know each other. I would like to thank all who participated, brought gifts and sponsored the prize holes. Special thanks go out to Ron and Marylee Bertram for their help with organizing the Battle. I would also like to thank Jim Robinson for his help in the pro shop and the cart attendants who organized our on-time start. This event would not be successful without everyone’s participation and cooperation. After my insistence for a recount, Mike Monserez, our scorekeeper, simply said “no need – the men were crushed.”

The Men’s Saturday Golf group continues to grow with the following additions, Terry Buckley and Bob Evans from the Fairways, Ron Tloughan from the Eagle Ridge condos, Larry Cushing and Terry Lauder from the Pines and Dale Livingston. We will continue to have gold and white flight golfers with some individual play, but will emphasize team play while alternating between several games and combining flights. Our hole in one pool remains capped at \$500 until there is a winner. When someone wins the pool, we will start it again and include our new golfers.

We remain committed to our modified handicap system which we developed as an offshoot of the “point quota system” used in many leagues. Our modified system has been designed for team play as well as balancing the playing field on every Saturday. Twice a year we will publish a money list and calculate every golfer’s number of games played and money won. Our group has golfers with handicaps from 8 to 36 and is open to new golfers. If you are interested call me at (239) 336-6393.

As of this writing, Jim O’Connor is our money leader and has been on fire. He is followed by yours truly (it helps to be scorekeeper) and a group of golfers led by Alan Scull closing in on the leaders. The first half of the season ends on Dec. 31.

For those snowbirds who have not come down yet, you will find many improvements around the golf course. The grounds have many new plantings and the clubhouse has new paint throughout. Also new tables and chairs as well as new flooring have been added. The bunkers have been filled with sand and many of the cart paths are updated. A long-range permanent solution is being considered for the low cart path area between holes 11 and 12. I am pleased to say that Coral Hospitality Group continues to improve the facility as they said they would. It is a long, expensive process and the results will be worth it for everyone.



High School Competition Brings Chalk To Life

The Italian tradition of street painting will be featured at ArtFest Fort Myers, with our artistic high school students competing for honors and cash prizes. Entering its seventh year, this exciting live event has grown in scope and profile, with enthusiastic teens often returning to display their talent for a second or third year. The Chalk Block Experience is focused on high school teams of three, who develop a piece of artwork with a prescribed theme, and re-create it in a 6-foot by 6-foot square, using chalk on asphalt as their medium.

Retired 30-year veteran teacher from Cypress Lake School for the Arts, Ava Roeder, is the chairperson of the Chalk Block. “This ArtFest competition provides our students with the valuable opportunity to participate in a first-class art show in a local setting. They gain experience in the competitive world we live in today, with high expectations of presenting a quality product and fine workmanship. And their creative



energy is simply amazing to watch!” Chalk Block will bring together 40 teams representing all Lee County high schools, as well as homeschool students, on Saturday, Feb. 4. “It is wonderful to realize that some of our participants have been with us more than once, spurred on by the spirit of artful competition in such a fun and fanciful medium,” explains Sharon McAllister, ArtFest Fort Myers executive director.

Five professional chalk artists are also on hand, mentoring the students in an art form that dates back to the 18th century, while creating their own exceptional displays. The professional artists share their knowledge about the techniques of street painting with the students at the beginning of the weekend and then determine who will be the winning teams.

Join us to view the Chalk Block in progress, on Saturday, Feb. 4 or enjoy the final art pieces on Sunday, Feb. 5. Thrilling art experiences are going to ground level and turning Hendry Street into a series of mini masterpieces at ArtFest Fort Myers 2017!

Plan now to join ArtFest Fort Myers in the downtown Fort Myers River District as we make art come to life on February 3, 4 and 5. Enjoy the experience with 215 artists from across the county and around the world; the largest high school art exhibit and competition in south Florida and free interactive art experiences for children of all ages.

For more information visit ArtFestFortMyers.com or call (239) 768-3602 – Like us on Facebook – Connect with us on LinkedIn – Tag us #artfestfm.

Little League Baseball Registration And Tryouts

Little League baseball registration and tryouts are Saturday, Jan. 7 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Rutenberg Park. Eagle Ridge is in the South Fort Myers Little League boundary.

If there are questions, call or text me at (239) 851-2554.
Howard Gold, Eagles Flight Lane, president SFMLL



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Safety And Security Tip

Flying This Holiday Season?

From The Office Of Lee County Sheriff Mike Scott

Are you flying this holiday season? If so, have you considered that your airline ticket could be used by thieves to steal your identity? Unfortunately, the paper boarding passes of old contain a lot of personal information such as your name, address, flight information, credit card number, and more. Some of this information is evident and some is secreted in the bar code found on your ticket.

So, how do you protect your information from falling into the wrong hands? You can start by following these

very simple safety tips:

Use a paperless boarding pass. The best practice is to switch from the paper boarding pass to paperless. This way, TSA and the ticket agent can scan the ticket via your smartphone and you can delete the pass once you have reached your destination.

Shred, Shred, Shred. Do not toss your boarding pass in the trash or leave it on the plane once you are done flying. Instead use a crosscut shredder to properly dispose of the pass, along with any other documents you no longer need that contain your personal information. Some hotels provide shredders in their business office, but be sure it is a “crosscut” before using.

Privacy is good. Taking a trip is exciting, but not everything

needs to be posted on social media. Refrain from announcing your travel plans to the whole world if you want to avoid letting thieves know your home is vacant. Wait to share your travel pictures once you return home.

For more safety and security tips visit our website at www.SheriffLeeFL.org and click on Safety and Security Tips found under the Community link.

For more information about this tip or to report a potential fraud or scam, call the Fraud Line at 258-3292 or to schedule a speaker call the Community Relations Unit at 258-3280.

Now make those travel plans and enjoy visiting with family and friends.

Although we received this article too late for the December issue, it's good advice for all year round.

23rd Annual Luncheon Reunion For Pennsylvania High School Classmates

How many graduates like to recall their high school days with annual reunions? Southwest Florida has a large contingent of Pennsylvania winter residents and those from Upper Darby High School have the opportunity to attend the 23rd annual Florida luncheon. Attendees will have an opportunity to visit with classmates and hear about current and past high school activities.

The Isles Yacht Club in Punta Gorda will be the location for the Wednesday, Feb. 15, reunion luncheon. All graduates from all classes at the high school are welcome to attend. The

luncheon cost is \$28 inclusive per person and includes a full meal. A social hour begins at 11 a.m., followed by the 12:30 p.m. luncheon. The Isles Yacht Club is located at 1780 W. Marion Ave. in Punta Gorda.

Reservations are required and may be made by contacting Robert Gosser at 617 Eleuthera Drive, Punta Gorda or Robert.gosser@comcast.net, (941) 575-8925. He can provide information about other attendees, assist in making arrangements to pool car rides and provide directions to the restaurant.

Chronic Pain Self-Management Workshops

Learn How To Better Manage Your Chronic Pain

Would you like to learn how to better manage chronic pain conditions such as arthritis, fibromyalgia, back pain, headaches and more?



Lee Health is pleased to announce a free six-week workshop, entitled “Chronic Pain Self-Management” – a research-based program developed by Stanford University.

Information presented in the workshop can help you become empowered to improve your quality of life. Learn how to more easily manage your medications; understand the benefits of exercise; manage symptoms of stress, pain and fatigue; and make smarter decisions related to healthy eating. Participants will also receive a copy of the book *Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Pain*.

Sessions Will Be Held At Two Locations Next Month:

- Fridays, beginning Jan. 6 at The Sanctuary, 8960 Colonial Center Drive, Fort Myers
- Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 10 at the American House Coconut Point, 8460 Murano Del Lago Drive, Estero


Seating is limited and registration is required. Please call (239) 343-9264 for more information.

About Lee Health

Since the opening of the first hospital in 1916, Lee Health has been a health care leader in Southwest Florida, constantly evolving to meet the needs of the community. A nonprofit, integrated health care services organization, Lee Health is committed to the well-being of every individual served, focused on healthy living and maintaining good health. Staffed by caring people, inspiring health, services are conveniently located throughout the community in four acute care hospitals, two specialty hospitals, outpatient centers, walk-in medical centers, primary care and specialty physician practices and other services across the continuum of care. Learn more at www.LeeHealth.org.



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Eagle Ridge Ladies’ On The Links

By Fran Danek
The Eagle Ridge Wednesday Morning Ladies’ Golf League is in full operation with 40 members and counting. The competition in November was challenged by extremely warm and humid weather but it did not dampen the enthusiasm of the group.

We held our first monthly luncheon at the clubhouse on Dec. 7 with the team event of Low Putts. The winning team of Karen Kudrle, Phyllis Wayco, Kathy Gentry and Marla Cunningham posted a total of 136 putts.

The group is pictured along with Closest to the Pin winners Dawn Kinghorn, Tee Pazitney and Fran Danek. Thanks to the Eagle Ridge staff for a delicious lunch and for their continuing support.

We continue to welcome new members to the league. It is not too late to join in on the fun and competition. Contact Fran Danek, (239) 454-5026 or Phyllis Wayco, (239) 561-4619 if you need more information.

Happy Holidays to all and safe travels to those heading away to visit family and friends.

Winners For Nov. 9 Include:

Most Holes Of Same Number:

First place: Kitty Dietrich (9-6’s), Kathy Gentry (9-5’s), Peg Lear (9-5’s), Kito Miller (9-6’s), Phyllis Wayco (9-5’s)

Second place: Pat Koniecki (8-5’s), Karen Kudrle (8-6’s),

Low Putts:

First: Patsy Hildebrand 29

Birdies: Tee Pazitney (#1, 11), Carol Dee Hamilton (#14)

Chip-ins: Phyllis Wayco

Winners For Nov. 16 Include:

Low Net:

First Flight:

First: 66 Renie Green

Second: 70 Mary Bishop

Second Flight:

First: 70 Phyllis Wayco

Second: 71 Carol Dee Hamilton

Third Flight:

First: 73 Betty Boxma



Karen Kudrle, Phyllis Wayco, Kathy Gentry and Marla Cunningham



Closest to the pin winners Dawn Kinghorn, Tee Pazitney and Fran Danek

Second: 75 Judy Mangiaracina

Low Putts:

First: 30 Tee Pazitney

Second: 31 Karen Kudrle

Birdies: Fran Danek (#15), Tee Pazitney (#6, #11)

Chip-ins: Nancy Weber, Carol Sarocka

Winners For Nov. 23 Include:

Low Field Score

First: 38 Dawn Kinghorn

Second: 45 Karen Kudrle

Third: 46 Kathy Gentry

Fourth: 47 Renie Green, Pat Adcock, Fran Danek

Low Putts:

First: 32 Betty Boxma

Second: 33 Shirley Schweers, Angie Corsale

Caught On Camera

Do you have any pictures you would like to share? Post them in the Caught on Camera spot. Submit your photos, with a brief description, to rontlougan@gmail.com.



The street sign taken out by a careless or perhaps impaired driver a few months ago has been replaced.



These Ibises ’were focused on an Aeries Way pond filled with tadpoles.



That changed quickly, when the class clown yelled, “Snake!”

Eagle Ridge Residents

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



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

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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 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

Eagle Ridge Bulletin Board

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

Fort Myers Republican Women’s Club Lee County Clerk Of Courts To Be The Speaker At Republican Women Luncheon

Lee County Clerk of the Circuit Court Linda Doggett will be the featured speaker at the monthly Fort Myers Republican Women’s Club luncheon on Tuesday, Jan 17. Her topic will cover activities of her department and changes that have been made since she’s been in office. A question-and-answer session will be held following her formal presentation.

Following her remarks, she will be presented with the club’s GEM Award. The GEM award represents individuals who have shown good leadership, effort in establishing programs and policies, and being a major contributor to the community through time and effort. Doggett has demonstrated these attributes since being elected to the office.

The public is invited to attend the luncheon and the program being held at The Helm Club, The Landings, South Fort Myers. A social hour begins at 11:15 a.m. The noon lunch will be followed by the business meeting and program. The luncheon cost is \$18. Reservations are required by Thursday, Jan. 13, and may be made by contacting Tina Laurie, 489-4701.

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

The Greeters Club

The Greeters Club of Greater Fort Myers has scheduled its first luncheon meeting for 2017 on Thursday, Jan. 19. Many members will be returning after holiday travels anticipating the warm and sunny climate and an opportunity to reconnect with their Greeters friends. We are starting off the new year with a very inspiring speaker from **Laces Of Love** whose mission it is to provide new shoes to low-income and disadvantaged children in Collier and Lee Counties. Founded in 2005, this organization has provided 60,000 children with **new** shoes as well as a limited number of athletic shoes for student athletes.

Make a luncheon reservation (cost: \$20) today and find out more about joining this dynamic group of Lee County women. Email: greetersclub@gmail.com. Provide your contact information (your name, email address and phone number). You will receive a call confirming your reservation as well as an email confirmation. Our luncheons are held on the third Thursday of the month. Please arrive between 10:30 and 11:15 a.m. to check in at the Colonial Country Club, 9181 Independence Way, Fort Myers. Our website is: greetersclubofgreaterfortmyers.com.

Continental Women’s Club Of Fort Myers

Join us on Thursday, Jan. 5, when our guest speaker will be from the Salvation Army. We will learn how our dollars are used right here in Southwest Florida. Their helping hands reach out in more ways than many of us could imagine.

The club’s monthly meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 11:30 a.m. at Colonial Country Club, 9181 Independence Way in Fort Myers. The cost for the luncheon is \$19. Please call (239) 672-8683 before 8 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 1 to make a reservation for January’s luncheon.

Birdies: Phyllis Wayco (#11), Dawn Kinghorn (#6)
Chip-ins: Jodi Sanders, Louise Frehill, Karen Kudrle, Shirley Schweers, Betty Boxma

Eagle On #11 – Dawn Kinghorn...Congratulations!

Winners For Nov. 30 Include:

Turkey Golf

First: 34 Angie Corsale

Second: 35 Renie Green

Third: 39 Karne Kudrle, Phyllis Wayco, Faith Wassersug

Fourth: 40 Pam Nordin, Fran Danek

Low Putts:

First: 30 Carol Dee Hamilton

Second: 31 Pat Romano

Third: 32 Tee Pazitney, Pat Adcock

Birdies: None

Chip-ins: Carol Dee Hamilton (2)

Winners For Dec. 7 Include:

Team Low Putts:

First place: 136 Kathy Furlong, Donna Staib, Tee Pazitney, Carol Soracka

Second place: 137 Phyllis Wayco, Karen Kuderle, Kathy Gentry, Marla Cunningham

Closest to the Pin: Dawn Kinghorn (#5), Fran Danek (#8), Amy Shea (#14), Tee Pazitney (#16)

Birdies: Dawn Kinghorn (#17), Tee Pazitney (#15), Kathy Furlong (#15), Pat Koniecki (#5, #15), Fran Danek (#8, #11)

Chip-ins: Pat Koniecki

Also, mark your calendars for our annual scholarship fundraiser to be held on Monday, March 20 at Colonial Country Club from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be luncheon and a fashion show by Shops at Bell Tower. We will also have a raffle/auction of some wonderful items and gift baskets. Cost to attend is \$30. For reservations and questions, call 223-6282.

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

Dining In Club

If you live in Eagle Ridge, maybe you have heard of the Dining In Club where people in our community get together to meet, talk and have fun. Everyone who attends these parties really loves them.

We meet monthly from November to April. If you would like more information about Dining In, please call Connie Hope at (239) 225-6609.

Eagle Ridge #WineLovers

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

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

The Florida Yards & Neighborhood (FYN)

Join us at a Florida Yards & Neighborhoods class and learn the nine principles that guide Florida-friendly landscaping in Lee County. The class is given under the auspices of University of Florida IFAS Extension Lee County.

Each principle is explored in class so you can apply what you learn to your own yard. Plant selection and placement, efficient irrigation, proper mulching, and techniques to obtain a beautiful and healthy yard will be discussed. To learn more, visit <http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu>.

Evening Walking Group

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

Volunteer In Your Eagle Ridge Community

If you are interested in serving on the Eagle Ridge Board of Directors, or would like to serve on one of the committees, please contact one of the following: Hewitt B. McCloskey, Jr., John Spiegel, Peter Van Leeuwen, Ed Schuler or Rick Herman through the Eagle Ridge website: www.eagleridge33912.com.

Your Eye of the Eagle

If you are not receiving your *Eye of The Eagle* newspaper, please contact Peggy Watts or Connie Hope.

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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.

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.

Adele Howard, (239) 233-9338. Babysitter, I am in the 10th grade and worked as a camp counselor. Please call me when you need a babysitter.

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.

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Ginny Schuler, (215) 542-9474. College Applications. I provide assistance in all aspects of the process. I have 30-plus years experience in helping students gain entrance into the most competitive colleges and universities in the nation. By the time your child completes his or her sophomore year, the process of college selection should be underway. This requires timely scheduling of PSATs, SATs and ACT 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.

Deanne Zarriello, (239) 867-6657. Jane of all trades will do home watch, house cleaning, maintain yard work, licensed notary, occasional baby-sitting, errands, prescription pickup and grocery shopping. Will also do short-term pet sitting. Prearranged appointment transportation upon request. Licensed to perform marriage ceremonies and will assist with nuptials. Reasonably priced, bonded and insured. I live within the Eagle Ridge community and have an established gated community base and references. I am very dependable, honest and reliable and have extensive state and federal licenses. I am great with children and animals. Feel free to reach out with any questions or set up at time to talk or meet.

Mailbox Maintenance And Repair

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.



The “Ridge” Rack

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Deadline: Submission of articles for the *Eye of the Eagle* must be received no later than the **6th** of each month. Email articles, pictures or information for the Bulletin Board, to rontlougan@gmail.com.

Articles can be submitted attached to or contained in an email. Photos should also be emailed as attachments. If you have any questions, please call Ron Tlougan at (651) 764-4438.

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.

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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.

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News From South Trail Fire And Rescue

By Christie Knudsen,
Public Education Specialist
Heroes Among Us

What would you do if a major disaster left you, your family and your neighbors on your own to take care of yourselves for an extended period of time? What if someone was trapped or injured by the disaster, what then? The natural reaction for most people in a disaster is to help others. According to sociologist Dr. Lee Clarke, the true first responders in a disaster are family members, neighbors, or even a stranger on the street. CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training prepares you to help your family and your community in case of a disaster, without endangering your own life.

The first CERT, formed in Los Angeles in 1985, was modeled after teams of volunteers in Japan who were trained to assist in their neighborhoods after earthquakes. Southwest Florida is unlikely to experience a major earthquake; however, we can experience natural and manmade disasters such as hurricanes, wildfires, floods, tornadoes, hazardous materials incidents, or acts of terrorism. CERT programs have been established throughout the United States, Florida, and Lee County. South Trail Fire and Rescue's CERT program has trained over 150 people since 2003. CERT teams are established in neighborhoods throughout the South Trail Fire District, and include the Legends, Olde Hickory, Jamaica Bay, Seven Lakes, Pine Manor, Gateway, and Page Park neighborhoods.

The next South Trail CERT training is scheduled for Jan. 31 through Feb. 2, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. Participants will be trained on disaster preparedness, fire safety, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue, team organization, disaster psychology, and terrorism. During



the final session, the class will exercise their new knowledge and skills in a mock disaster drill.

CERT volunteers have many opportunities to give back to their community. After *Hurricanes Charley and Wilma*, South Trail CERT volunteers assessed the needs of residents in their neighborhoods, helped establish a neighborhood relief center, and educated their neighbors on the safe use of generators. CERT volunteers also help with public education programs and projects throughout the year, such as the annual South Trail smoke alarm giveaway.

Local Dining

Try A Fort Myers Original

By Sarah Crain

Most visitors know about the historic McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. McGregor is home to many famous and notable destinations. One you may or may not know of is a little place called the McGregor Café. MC has called Fort Myers home for almost 25 years. Every dish is made in house, no frozen or prepackaged foods are used. Two of their most noteworthy and well known dishes are the quiche and lasagna. MC makes a variety of quiches such as spinach, broccoli, veggie and potato ham. The lasagna is made with



The CERT training class is free of charge to district residents, but space is limited. The training will be held at the South Trail Fire Station 62, 13500 Sophomore Lane. For more information or to enroll, call 936-5281 or go to www.southtrailfire.org.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the South Trail Fire and Rescue District will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 17, at Station #63, 5531 Halifax Ave. The public is invited.

a homemade meat sauce and layered with ricotta, pasta and mozzarella and served with tomato and bechamel sauces. In addition to the fabulous nosh MC has two charming dining areas. In the mood for a garden-like dining experience? Or how about a cozy indoor booth? Whatever you're in the mood for MC has got you covered. The outdoor area is truly beautiful with an array of indigenous plants and trees adorning the patio.



Sarah E. Crain is a local author of the Bucket List for Foodies book, 50 Southwest Florida Dishes That Should Be On Your Bucket List. For more information, visit The Bucket List for Foodies Facebook page at www.facebook.com/bucketlistforfoodies.

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Catch The Action

January Fishing

By Capt. Bill Russell

January will bring us some of the coldest days of the year on the water in Southwest Florida. Just how cold determines how and where to fish. This month the primary inshore targets are sea trout, sheepsheads, redfish and pompano. If you enjoy watching wildlife it's a great time, seems like everywhere you look something is happening.

Over cooler days we will look to target protected areas like canals, creeks, and deep water on the leeward side of islands as fish seek shelter, it's also a good way to comfortably fish a chilly north wind. Often fish may be found ganged up in a deep hole or along a shoreline. The coldest of days will yield some of the best sheepsheads fishing of the year; they thrive and aggressively feed during adverse conditions. If the weather is mild for several days the fish may be more widespread out on the shallower flats,



bars, and structures. Shrimp are the top baits over the winter months. Shrimp are user-friendly, readily available, and everything eats them. If it's cold think slow and low, meaning fish the bait at or near the

bottom, either stationary or with a slow retrieve. One of the best ways to cover bottom and catch fish on a cold day is with a live shrimp/jig head combination. Take a live shrimp, bite or pinch off the tail and thread the shrimp tail first on a small jig head just like you would a soft plastic shrimp or shad tail. Now you have the best of both worlds, live bait that you can cover ground with, like an artificial. This combination will entice everything from big snook to pompano.

With milder weather the same combination also works but likely the fish are spread out over shallower depths so a change of technique is often necessary. Look for fish holding in areas that is a short distance from the deeper protected areas, they often hold in areas where they can quickly get back to shelter when the next front arrives. Fish these areas with shrimp, rigged the same method described above with a little quicker retrieve, or suspended under a popping or rattling cork. Sometimes if you are looking for trout, redfish, or maybe pompano it's all about covering as much area as possible, scented soft baits like Gulp shrimp are another great option.

On the good days with calm seas, making a short run to nearshore reefs is a good option for action and a variety of fish. There are a number of artificial reefs well within sight of land and the numbers or locations are available to the public. You never know from day to day what a reef may hold but chances are good at hooking sheepsheads, snapper, mackerel, grouper, grunts, sharks, and possibly tripletail or cobia, plus many other species.

No doubt there will be some cold days, but also plenty of sunny warm days. Like the weather fishing can change quickly this month, to be successful you need to monitor the conditions and adapt your fishing strategy accordingly. Good luck!

Wishing all a safe and happy new year.
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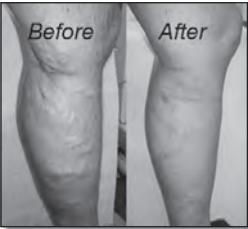
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Eagle Ridge Third Annual United Way Campaign

This year marks the 60th anniversary of our local United Way! Last year, our second annual Eagle Ridge United Way campaign raised over \$5,800. A huge **thank you** to everyone who participated. This year the campaign committee has set the goal at **\$6,200**. We hope you

The Grinch Stole Our Christmas Tree

By Ed Schuler

After The Grinch stole our Christmas tree, Bob Heath from Heath Christmas Trees saw the news report and called us. He then donated a replacement tree.



Decorating committee: John Spiegel, Bob Heath, Hewlett McCloskey, Joyce Peters, Ed Schuler; Don Peters
Not shown: Don Allen, Gail Newman, Sherri Holly



Tree after decorating

will join the campaign committee in participating and help the United Way celebrate this milestone anniversary!

Our United Way exists to help local people with health and human service needs, and along with its partner agencies, help approximately 300,000 local residents every year. There are 70 Lee County United Way partner agencies and over 200 programs funded by our United Way. Our United Way is distinguished among nonprofit organizations because it is extraordinarily effective, efficient and accountable. For the **fourth year** in a row, United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee has received **Charity Navigator’s highest rating of four stars**. Charity Navigator is the nation’s largest and most-utilized evaluator of charities used to guide intelligent giving.

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Your Eagle Ridge United Way Campaign Committee,
Patricia Bell, Nancy Huether, Steve Russell

Fire In Eagle Ridge Condos

By Ron Tlougan

On Thursday, Dec. 6 a fire started in a second floor unit of Building 4. Full details are not available, however an ambulance, multiple fire trucks and multiple squad cars responded. Aeries Way Drive was blocked off for several hours. From my observation, the fire appeared to be contained in the one unit and there were no injuries. The owner was not home at the time; however, two dogs were safely removed from the unit.

Minutes For The Eagle Ridge Property Owners Association

December 5, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Hewitt McCloskey. Board members present were: Hewitt B. McCloskey, Jr., president; John Spiegel, vice president; Peter Van Leeuwen, secretary/treasurer; Ed Schuler, Director; Richard Herman, Director.

A quorum was reached. There were 16 residents present.
Request was made to approve the Minutes for the November 7, 2016 Board Meeting.

First Motion to approve the minutes of November 7, 2016: Richard Herman

Second Motion to approve the minutes of November 7, 2016: Ed Schuler

All voted in favor of the motion.
Special Guest Speaker: Alan Canfield, Staff Officer with Lee County Sheriff’s Office

Deputy Alan Canfield is involved with community policing and acts as liaison to the citizens in homeowners’ association and property managers of approximately 200 Lee County communities.

He spoke on many different topics including the difference between a deputy and a police officer. He answered questions from the residents about walking and riding bikes in our community, tazering and he explained about gun permits and a permit to carry. He relayed several interesting stories in his life as a deputy sheriff.

Thank you, Alan, for taking time to speak to our residents.

Treasurer’s Report: Peter Van Leeuwen

Monthly summary of Accounts

Current end of month balances to November 30, 2016

ERPOA Bank of America Account Balances		
Business Savings	7890	2,655.24
Business Checking	1247	117,969.51
Business Checking Reserve	3976	35,322.98
Total as of Nov. 30, 2016		155,947.73

2016 Assessments are 99.9 percent complete. The 2017 mailing of assessments is scheduled for Dec. 15, 2016.

President’s Monthly Report: Hewitt McCloskey

1. A summary of ‘The Grinch’ that stole the Eagle Ridge Christmas tree and the wonderful company and people that offered to replace and deliver it for no charge a second tree and stand to Eagle Ridge on Saturday morning, December 3, 2016.
2. The first phase of the proposed landscape improvements (three shrub beds) to the Eagle Ridge Drive center island was installed on Thursday Nov. 10, 2016.
3. Nothing new to report on our proposed main entrance sign to be located in the Eagle Ridge Drive center island off of Daniels Parkway. It is taking longer than we thought it would.
4. The replacement street sign at the intersection of Aeries Way Drive and Twin Eagle Lane was recently installed.
5. We are still waiting for the replacement bulletin board located in the center island of Eagle Ridge Drive.
6. Anyone who is interested in serving on the Eagle Ridge Property Owners’ Association Board of Directors is requested to notify me or another Board Member by phone or email expressing their interest on serving on the ERPOA Board.

Vice President’s Report: John Spiegel

Rick Herman and I attended a meeting with Lee County Bike Path Advisory Committee two weeks ago and made a presentation for the proposed bike/pedestrian walkway along Eagle Ridge Drive and American Colony Blvd.

There will be a meeting in January to hopefully obtain the approval of this project.. Then it will be on the schedule for 2017 or 2018. It is a long process.

Director’s Report: Ed Schuler (no report)

Director’s Report: Richard Herman (no report)

Committee Reports

Architectural Control Committee: Bill Simons

I want to modify the Architectural Control Committee form to make sure that the homeowners know they are responsible for their contractors leaving materials in the street. There have been complaints by adjacent property owners.

Deed of Restriction Committee: Don Peters

During our Nov. 21, 2016 inspection tour, we focused attention on reviewing the status of driveways and roof cleaning and weed control.

Out of 71 previous Informal Notices for Driveways, 58 passed and 13 did not pass.

The Lawn Weed Control survey found 7 lawns with major problems. Follow-up and recommendations are in progress.

There is a total of 17 Deed of Restrictions requiring follow-up. Five of these are new.

Last month’s suggested survey of street lamps is on hold until time permits.

We encourage proceeding with last month’s recommendation for the Violations Review Board to issue a letter with the appropriate fine if necessary. Violation Notices were issued on July 25, August 24, September 19, and October 17. Most of the items have been done with the exception of several disheveled gardens, lack of borders and no mulch. This has been unsightly for the neighborhood.

Golf Liaison Committee: Steve Norris (nothing to report)

Legal Committee: John Spiegel

There will be a hearing on Dec. 12, 2016 in the Lee County Circuit Court and we are hoping that the motion to dismiss will again be granted, and the call will be dismissed.

Man from the audience: What are the attorney fees that we have spent so far?

John Spiegel: When we prevail, the condominiums will be responsible for paying our attorney fees.

Security and Safety Committee: Connie Hope

News in our own community. Our 11-foot Christmas tree was stolen on Wednesday night between 11 p.m. and 9:30 a.m. Thursday morning. The Grinch was trying to steal our Christmas spirit here in Eagle Ridge, Fort Myers. It was reported to the police and I also let *The News-Press* know. They wrote an article about it for the Friday newspaper.

WINK news was also told and sent out someone to interview Pat Burke and me.

There is some good news. When Hewitt and I went to go get another tree, Bob and Janice at Heath Christmas Trees on Route 41 past Culvers, heading north, wouldn’t let us pay for a new tree. They donated a new tree, a new stand and Bob Blanchard from Christmas Tree Delivery donated a free delivery. What kind and wonderful people they are. We, as a community, thank them. If you are purchasing a tree, please consider buying it from them.

Other than that incident, it has been quiet in the community and surrounding areas. If you hear something or see something, please, let me know and/or the sheriff’s office.

Social Committee: Sherri Holly (not present)

The Holiday Social on December 17, 2016 is currently at 48 residents from single-family homes and 12 residents from the condominiums. There are still some openings for the condos.

There are still 13 pending for the condos (25 is the allotment) and 2 openings for the single-family homeowners. Please call your reservations in now.

Surface Water Management Committee: Christine Leslie

I spoke to Lee County on Nov. 16, 2016 regarding the eight pipes we have asked them to clean. They indicated it would be about a month which is about what I have factored based on previous projects. This should happen prior to Christmas.

The County also confirmed that the pipe on Aeries Way is a 34 by 53 elliptical pipe that is 232 feet which is about what the golf course had on their proposal. However, based on further conversations with a few industry experts on our drainage situation, they said it would NOT be recommended to clear the sediment from the drainage system until all the lakes and retention ponds have been dredged and set back to the proper elevations.

Removing the sediment from the drainage system before setting the lakes and retention ponds to their proper elevation would cause the sediment to fill in the Aeries pipe over the next 1 or 2 rainy seasons.

Based on this information, I am trying to get the drainage plan from the golf course

that they submitted to SWFL Water Management. I sent a follow up message to the golf course to find this out and will reach out to SWFL Water Management, if I do not hear back from them. I am specifically interested in the following.

1. Which lakes and retention ponds are not at proper elevations and will be dredged out? The area by Twin Eagle and Bald Eagle is completely bermed up?
2. Which lake-to-lake pipes are blocked and will be vectored out?
3. What is the drainage plan for the fairways that are looking to be built up?

Welcoming Committee: Ed Schuler

This month I interviewed John and Tina Mullins of Soaring Eagle Court. They will appear in the January issue. Welcome to the Eagle Ridge Community.

Resident’s Comments (limited to three minutes)

1. Cathy Dhimos: I don’t understand why we spent so much money on a Christmas tree. You can get trees at Home Depot for much less.
Hewitt McCloskey: We have been buying trees at the Wisconsin Tree Farm tent for many years. We have spent about the same amount each year. It has gone up a little each year. The trees are beautiful and as you have been told, the people who own the Tree Tent couldn’t be nicer. They replaced our tree for nothing.
Cathy Dhimos: Why spend that much?
Ginny Schuler: Have you ever considered a fake tree?
Hewitt McCloskey: Yes, can we house it all year in your garage?
2. Cathy Dhimos: Questions about the mail boxes. Some are black and some are a bronze shade. I thought the Association mandated the color.

Hewitt McCloskey: Bill Barnes was in charge of painting the mail boxes. When he died, we don’t have the quality control of painting that we did. A lot of them are weathered. I will discuss the paint issue with the Board and with Dennis Shelley who now paints the mail boxes in Eagle Ridge.

3. Luther Ward: There are two things you might do. There is a new material that you can buy that brings the color back to its original shade. It is about \$20. You spray it on.

There is also something else that you can spray on and it will last for a year or so.

Hewitt McCloskey: Luther could you please call me and give me the names of these products?

4. Bob Reber: You are doing a great job. Are the palm trees that died in the center island going to be replaced?

Hewitt McCloskey: We have replaced two of these palm trees in the center island.

Bob Reber: The mailboxes get weathered from the heat we have in Florida and the color fades over time.

A request for a motion for Adjournment:
First Motion for Adjournment: John Spiegel
Second Motion for Adjournment: Richard Herman

All voted in favor for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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