



Eagle Ridge
A Golf Club Community
“THROUGH THE EYE OF THE EAGLE”
Another Seabreeze Publication

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Pet Of The Month

Eagle Ridge Pet Of The Month For April Is Jazzy

Jazzy is a Chihuahua mix. She had five brothers and sisters. She was found by the rescue group, Underdog Rescue outside a liquor store in Sarasota. A woman was selling them for \$50 a piece so she could buy liquor. The rescue person gave her \$200 for all of them and their mom. They were all adopted at 10 weeks.

Jazzy just got a new little sister in January. Coco was rescued by us from Gulf Coast Humane Society. She is a wire haired terrier, Chihuahua, dachshund and who knows what else. We love her just as much. Jazzy is still a bit unsure about her, but I’m sure they will become best friends in no time.

If you have a pet you would like us to consider for next month’s newsletter, please send a picture to Newsletter@eagleridge33912.com.



Jazzy



Coco

Second Annual Veteran Barn Door — Project Golf Outing And Silent Auction

Saturday, May 9 At Eagle Ridge Golf Club

The Veteran Barn Door Project Inc. (VBD) was established in 2015, in 2017 we made our new home here in Southwest Florida. VBD conducts horsemanship clinics around the country for veterans who suffer with the hidden wounds of war. Our clinics bring us to active duty posts on the East coast and privately-owned ranches around the country. All clinics are at **no** cost to veterans and their family members.



Through our annual golf tournament, we hope to raise funds to conduct clinics without interruption due to finances. We are also raising funds to improve on our home base ranch here in Fort Myers. Our ranch will provide more opportunities for veterans and their families to come out and enjoy horses, fishing and other family-based activities. Please join us on May 9 at Eagle Ridge Golf and Country Club for a fun outing with some **very** special Americans.

Register to play by visiting www.veteranbarndoor.com/golf. If you cannot attend, please consider sponsoring a veteran or first responders entrance fee. The Veteran Barn Door Project Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Donations are tax deductible.

For more information visit: www.veteranbarndoor.com.

Please Welcome Our Newest Eagle Ridge Residents

Carolyn Shanks
7120 Twin Eagle Lane
Jack and Sandra Eisenga
7051 Twin Eagle Lane
Kyle Cavaliere
14905 American Eagle Court



Seven Myths You May Mistakenly Believe About Long-Term Care

As you develop your retirement plans and think about how a potential need for long-term care may impact those plans and your loved ones, certain misconceptions may prevent you from taking action.

So – let’s dispel these seven common long-term care myths:
Myth #1: I’ll never need long-term care.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, almost 70 percent of Americans turning 65 today will need some type of long-term care in their remaining years.¹

Myth #2: Government programs will cover all of my long-term care expenses.

Medicare pays for nursing home care, but only a portion of the costs for a maximum of 100 days and only if the three-day hospital stay requirement has been met. And, while Medicaid covers certain long-term care costs, it’s intended to be a safety net for those with limited or minimal income and assets. To qualify for benefits, you must spend nearly all of your savings and reduce most of your assets before the government will step in to help.

Myth #3: My family will take care of me.

The financial, physical, and emotional stress that full-time caregiving may place on families can be overwhelming. Sometimes the best way to take care of a loved one needing long-term care is to ensure they have access to professional care. With advances in home care services, many people needing long-term care are actually able to stay at home, with or near family, and still receive the professional care they need.

Myth #4: I can pay for my long-term care out-of-pocket.

In 2018, nursing home costs averaged more than \$91,000 a year nationally.² The majority of Americans would quickly deplete their retirement savings if they needed care for an extended period of time. Even if you can afford to cover long-term care services out-of-pocket, consider the benefits of sharing the risk and costs using a long-term care planning solution such as insurance.

Myth #5: I am better off waiting until I am closer to retirement to obtain long-term care coverage.

Generally, it is best to plan for long-term care in your 40s or 50s when you are younger and more likely to be healthier and insurable (underwriting is required). Also, premiums are generally lower when you are younger. Your insurability can change any time and a need for care can arise at any age, so purchasing coverage earlier can be a wise decision.

Myth #6: Long-term care coverage is just too expensive.

Long-term care coverage options have evolved to meet most any need, with some options starting at \$100 to \$150 per month per person. Plans can be personalized to suit your budget and discounts may be available to partners and spouses. Even a small policy can help reduce the financial and emotional burden of a long-term care event and provide access to valuable benefits.

Myth #7: Long-term care policies only cover nursing homes.


Long-term care solutions may offer valuable benefits that allow you to stay in your home for as long as possible. Some even reimburse family members for providing care. Long-term care solutions can also help cover the cost of adult day care centers, assisted living facilities, and nursing homes as care needs evolve.

Some of these misconceptions may have prevented you or a loved one from creating a plan to address future long-term care needs. It’s important to take a step back, consider your financial plan and desired future care, and how you want to address it with you and your loved ones in mind.

¹ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Oct. 10, 2017

² 2018 New York Life Cost of Care Study

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Crossword Puzzle

Across


- 1. Manages
- 6. Brother of Jacob
- 10. Badgers
- 14. Any compound of oxygen
- 15. Mats of grass
- 16. Beige
- 17. Ornamental
- 19. “Whoopee!”
- 20. Captivate
- 21. Crimson
- 22. 3 in a yard
- 23. Thin disk of unleavened bread
- 25. Abstains from eating
- 26. Cook
- 30. Decrease
- 32. Postmortem
- 35. A witty saying
- 39. Brain cell
- 40. Untie
- 41. Version
- 43. Accord
- 44. Swallow
- 46. A flat circular plate
- 47. Brag
- 50. Insect stage
- 53. Tracks
- 54. Consumed food
- 55. Entry
- 60. Against
- 61. Mutable
- 63. Fraud
- 64. No more than
- 65. Bounds
- 66. Protagonist
- 67. At one time (archaic)
- 68. Homes for birds

Down

- 1. Cypher
- 2. Beasts of burden
- 3. Printer’s unit
- 4. Anagram of “dome”
- 5. Goat antelope
- 6. Eastern Standard Time
- 7. Evening event
- 8. Hostile
- 9. Previously owned
- 10. Original
- 11. Pains
- 12. Welcome
- 13. Hard fats
- 18. Genus of macaws
- 24. Travel through the air
- 25. Deceptive maneuver
- 26. Walking stick
- 27. Tinted
- 28. Decorative case
- 29. Very loudly (music)
- 31. Twirled
- 33. Dot
- 34. Kiss
- 36. Hindu princess
- 37. Does something
- 38. Docile
- 42. _____ nor
- 43. Estimated time of arrival
- 45. Besmirches
- 47. Offensively bold
- 48. 1/16th of a pound
- 49. Fragrant oil
- 51. Muzzle
- 52. Sea
- 54. Climax
- 56. Arrived
- 57. Wanes
- 58. Narrow opening
- 59. Collections
- 62. Mesh

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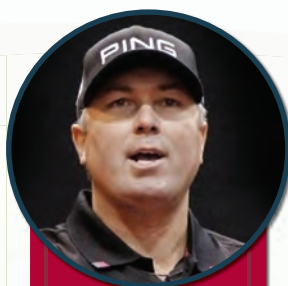
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Flagpole Holders and Damaged Mailbox Repairs, Painting of Mailboxes and Light Poles
Contact Dennis Shelley, (239) 887-1042.

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Contact Ed Schuler, (267) 513-0800.

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 on the Resources tab.

We plan to work hard for you to keep our community – the one you all moved into – please help us do that!

The Board of Directors

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Cooking By Connie

By Connie Hope

What is the month of April known for? April 1 is April Fool’s Day. It is National Poetry Month and National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day on April 4. It is Autism Awareness Month and Couples Appreciation Month. It is also Brussels Sprouts and Cabbage Month. I love to make cabbage soup so give this one a try.

Cabbage Soup

4½ cups water
1½ cups tomato puree
3 packets or cubes of beef bouillon
2 teaspoons lemon juice
3 cups shredded cabbage
3 medium apples, cored and diced

⅓ cup onion flakes or ½ onion, chopped
1 tablespoon caraway seeds
Artificial sweetener to equal two teaspoons sugar
Salt and pepper to taste

Combine water, tomato puree, bouillon and lemon juice in a saucepan. Stir well and bring to a boil. Add the remaining ingredients. Cover and simmer for 20 minutes. Makes six servings. You can also add 6 to 8 meatballs to the soup.



Eagle Ridge Bulletin Board

If you have an announcement, we will include it in this column. Email newsletter@eagleridge33912.com with your request.

Eagle Ridge Golf News

As a resident of Eagle Ridge the golf course is offering from Jan. 1 until May 1 a special rate for homeowners. This rate is \$20 from 4 p.m. to dusk. They also have a Lee County rewards program that all players should sign up for at the pro shop, this reward program builds up your points for merchandise and golf. The course is in great shape and we hope all our residents come out and enjoy it.

Our new golf liaison is Jim Lutsch and he can be reached at (239) 322-9588.

Camera Club Invites Enthusiasts To Attend Bimonthly Meetings

All photography enthusiasts are invited to attend a Fort Myers Camera Club meeting on Friday from Nov. 1 through April 3. 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.

Fort Myers Republican Women’s Club Candidate Forums To Begin At Monthly Luncheons Of Republican Women

Candidate forums will begin in April for the Fort Myers Republican Women’s Club. The April 21 luncheon meeting will feature Republican candidates for State House districts 78 and 79. Candidates will have opening and closing remarks as well as answering questions from the members.

The meeting is held at The Helm Club, The Landings, South Fort Myers. The public is invited to attend the luncheon and the program. Parking is free. A social hour begins at 11:15 a.m. The noon lunch will be followed by the candidate forum.

The luncheon cost is \$20. Attendees may donate their luncheon cost to a candidate of their choice and the club will pay for the meal. Reservations are required by Thursday, April 16, and may be made by contacting Tina Laurie, 489-4701.

Additional information about the club may be obtained by contacting Tina Laurie, 489-4701.

Continental Women’s Club Of Fort Myers

Join us on Thursday, April 2 when our guest speaker will be Dennis Solon with Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking. He will speak about this problem on a local level and what is being done to stop it.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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/>.

Your Eye Of The Eagle

If you are not receiving your *Eye of The Eagle* newspaper, please contact **Ed Schuler** at (267) 513-0800.

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.

Lee County Yard Waste Regulations

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



Eagle Ridge Ladies On The Links

By Fran Danek

Wow, it is hard to believe that we are on the “back nine” of another golf season here at Eagle Ridge. The Wednesday morning ladies continue to go about the business of posting memorable scores and having a great time along the way.

Our February luncheon featured a **Dicey Scramble Team** event and produced the winning team of Pat Adcock, Karen Kudrle, Barb Oberfield, Pat Koniecki with a score of even Par 72.

Great job ladies! Runners-up were Kito Miller, Cindy Acker, Joan McDermitt and Mary Zimmerman close behind with a score of 76. Check out their winning smiles in the accompanying photos. Also pictured are the Closest to the Pin winners.

We are in the midst of our end of the season tournament and look forward to one last luncheon before we close the books on another season. As the temperatures continue to rise here in “Paradise...” we hope the golf scores do not ... hit ’em straight ladies!

Happy St. Patrick’s Day to all!



Closest to the pin winners: Cindy Acker, Patti Lolmaugh, Renie Green

Eagle Ridge Ladies’ Wednesday Morning Golf

Winners For Feb. 12 – Alternative Score

First Place:	44	Marie Missyabit
Second Place:	53	Colleen Perrault
Third Place:	56	Patti Lolamaugh, Linda Baum, Mary Zimmerman
Fourth Place:	58	Nancy Klavas
Fifth Place:	59	Carol Sarocka, Shirley Schweers
Sixth place:	60	Nickie Donegan, Bonnie Soltesz

Low Putts

First: 29 Nancy Weber

Birdies: Tee Pazitney (No. 16), Jill Burchill (No. 15), Colleen Perrault (No. 9)

Chip-ins: Linda Baum, Cindy Acker, Louise Frehill, Patti Lolamaugh, Marie Missyabit, Pam Nordin, Colleen Perrault, Tee Pazitney

Winners For Feb. 19 – Team Dicey Scramble

First Place: Pat Adcock, Karen Kudrle, Barb Oberfield, Pat Koniecki – 72

Second Place: Kito Miller, Cindy Acker, Joan Mc Dermitt, Mary Zimmerman – 76

Third Place: Pat Houston, Joan Dalpe, Tee Pazitney, Pat Romano – 78

Closest To The Pin:

No. 5 – Renie Green

No. 8 – Patti Lolamaugh

No. 14 – Cindy Acker

No. 16 – Colleen Perrault

Longest Putt Made (Team):

No. 3 – Inge Longpre, Fran Danek, Kathy Gentry
No. 7 – Barb Keller, Cathy Leutz, Linda Baum, Pam Nordin

No. 11 – Cindy Acker, Kito Miller, Joan McDermitt, Mary Zimmerman

No. 13 – Pat Adcok, Pat Koniecki, Barb Oberfield, Karen Kudrle

Chip-ins: Phyllis Wayco, Kathy Furlong

Winners For Feb. 26 – Guess Your Score

First Place: Fran Danek – Perfect guess!

Second Place: Pat Adcock, Angie Corsale, Patti Lolmaugh, Joan Dalpe, Cathy Leutz (+1 or -1)

Third Place: Cindy Acker (-2)

Low Putts: Joan McDermitt – 29

Birdies: Tee Pazitney (No. 6, No. 15), Cindy Acker (No. 6), Pat Adcock (No. 5), Colleen Perrault (No. 11)

Chip-ins: Cindy Acker, Nancy Allen, Barb Keller

Winners For March 4 – Low Field Score

First Place: 40 Tee Pazitney

Second Place: 41 Fran Danek

Third Place: 43 Linda Baum

Fourth Place: 44 Patti Lolmaugh

Fifth Place: 45 Mary Zimmerman

Sixth Place: 46 Colleen Perrault, Jill Burchill

Seventh Place: 47 Sandy Mellilo, Barb Oberfield, Suzie Zimmerli, Carol Sarocka

Low Putts: Barb Baker – 32

Birdies: Tee Pazitney (No. 4, No. 10, No. 15, No. 16), Sandy Mellilo (No. 15), Nancy Allen (No. 8), Bonnie Soltesz (No. 15)

Chip-ins: Nancy Allen (No. 8), Tee Pazitney (No. 4)



Notice: Advertisements for the newsletter must be placed through Seabreeze Communications. Call (239) 278-4222 for information. I have no role or pricing information on the placement of ads and/or inserts.

Deadline: Submission of articles for the *Eye of the Eagle* must be received no later than the **sixth** of each month. Email articles, pictures or information for the Bulletin Board, to newsletter@eagleridge33912.com.

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.

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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.



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 Debby LeBlanc at Newsletter@eagleridge33912.com. Baby-sitters, pet sitters, yard work and more.

Emily Barnes, (239) 247-3090. Pet sitting and babysitting. I am a resident on Bald Eagle Drive, working as a veterinarian’s assistant at a local veterinarian office. I have been pet sitting as well as babysitting for many years. If you have any question you are more than welcome to give me a call or text. I will even come by for a meeting, if preferred.

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.

Karleen Halfmann, (239) 292-6302. Karleen’s Coastal Home Watch. Licensed Realtor and competitive pricing. Eagle Ridge resident. Email: karleensellsswfl@aol.com. Call or email for information.

Connie Hope, (215) 527-1217. 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, (215) 527-1217. 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.

Andrew Kirksey, (239) 768-0335. Pressure washing: roofs, driveways, rain gutter cleaning, lanais and cages. No job too small.

Kathie McDonough, (239) 478-0060. A resident on Triple Eagle Court, Kathie does pet sitting and home watch.

Diane Nichols, (239) 825-5861. Notary public state of Florida since 1986. I will pet sit, house sit, and babysit.

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Kids Tag Art Winners Recognized At Annual Event

Lee County Tax Collector Honors Students, Teachers

A perfect piece of art: happy children, proud parents, grateful teachers. The fifth annual Kids Tag Art (KTA) recognition event was held Tuesday, Feb. 25 at the School District of Lee County headquarters. Fifth graders from around the county were recognized as “Award of Distinction” winners for their license plate designs and art teachers received much-needed funding.

Over 300 people, including teachers and families, attended the event, where two students from each of the 49 participating Lee County public elementary schools were recognized for their artwork. In all, 3,600 children submitted license plate designs.

Lee County Tax Collector Larry Hart and Foundation for Lee County Public Schools Executive Director Marshall Bower presented the awards. KTA is a collaboration between the organizations.

Since the KTA program started in Lee County in 2016, over \$150,000 has been raised to help teachers purchase supplies for art programs at each of the elementary schools. Statewide, KTA has raised \$1.7 million. This year, each participating Lee County art teacher was presented with a check for \$800.

Each of the plates from the “Award of Distinction” winners are available for purchase as specialty front-end license plates on the tax collector’s official website, leetc.com. All proceeds go back to the participating schools’ art programs. The tax collector’s office also offers sponsorships for the program, raising even more money.





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Montage Women’s Club

The Montage Women’s Club is a social and philanthropic club open to all women residing in Lee County. We meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at The Landings Yacht, Golf, and Tennis Club (off McGregor Boulevard south of College Parkway). Meetings begin at 11:30 a.m. with a short social period followed by lunch and then an informative speaker program. Within the organization are various interest groups for members’ participation. Membership is open to both year-round and seasonal residents. We welcome you to visit Montage for a luncheon.

Our next meeting takes place on Thursday, April 23. This will be a special meeting as it will be a celebration of Montage’s 10th anniversary. Guests will include all former club presidents who will have an opportunity to share some anecdotes, and all members are encouraged to dress in Montage’s logo color of lime green. The agenda will also include the awarding of scholarships to three deserving local female recipients and to learn details of their scholastic achievements and respective goals in furthering their education. In addition, our featured speaker will be Sundance Orchids of Fort Myers. Sundance will speak on how easy it is to grow many varieties of orchids, bromeliads, and air plants as well as informing us on the various orchid logs and trees and how to repot an orchid. In their local orchid and bromeliad nursery Sundance Orchids have 25,000 orchids and 20,000 bromeliads.

If you would like to attend a Montage meeting, need further information, or would like to make a reservation, please call Rita Artwohl at (239) 481-7765. Reservations cutoff to attend this meeting is noon, Thursday, April 16.

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Minutes For ERPOA Board Of Directors Meeting

March 2, 2020

These minutes will not be approved until the next Board Meeting. Greetings and welcome to all Eagle Ridge property owners to the Eagle Ridge Property Owners Association (ERPOA) Annual Meeting of March 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. **As the first order of business,** I request the ERPOA Treasurer verify that the written notification of the 2020 Annual Meeting was properly issued in accordance with the ERPOA by-laws at least 30 days before the Annual Meeting and that the Official Notice of the Annual Meeting was properly posted in the Eagle Ridge Bulletin Board located at the intersection of Eagle Ridge Drive and Aeries Way Drive at least 14 days before the Annual Meeting. Ms. Secretary, please verify the above information by signing your name in the space provided:

Certification of a Quorum – The second order of business is to certify with the Election Committee Chairman that we have represented either in person or by ballot/absentee ballot at least 25% of the 622 property owners represented at this meeting. Therefore, Mr. Elections Committee Chairman do we have at least 156 or more property owners in attendance or represented by their ballot/absentee ballot? The actual total number of property owners represented is 210. Thank you, Mr. Elections Committee Chairman. We can now proceed with the March 2, 2020 Annual Meeting.

Roll Call to introduce the ERPOA Board of Directors and Recording Secretary:

Present were John J. Spiegel, president; Christine Leslie, vice president; Peggy Jermyn, secretary/treasurer; Hewitt B. McCloskey, Jr., director; Kathy Furlong, director; Connie Hope, recording secretary. Request a motion to approve the ERPOA Board meeting minutes of February 3, 2020:

First Motion to approve: Hewitt McCloskey
Second Motion to approve: Christine Leslie
All voted in favor. The motion was passed.
A quorum was reached. There were 27 residents present.

Treasurer’s Monthly Report: Peggy Jermyn
General Financial Summary from March 4, 2019 to March 2, 2020: Margaret “Peggy” Jermyn, Treasurer

Bank Account Balances as of February 29, 2020.

- BOA
 - a. Checking Account ending in 1247 – \$158,355.64
- TIAA
 - o TIAA Certificate of Deposit – \$102,062.84
 - o TIAA Money Market Account – \$171,211.58
 - o TIAAA Reserve Account – \$85,352.41
- Total of all accounts: \$516,982.47

Year Ending December 31, 2019

- BOA
 - a. Checking Account ending in 1247 – \$7,599.47
- TIAA

- o TIAA Certificate of Deposit – \$101,639.74
- o TIAA Money Market Account – \$170,773.41
- o TIAA Reserve Account – \$85,072.80
- Total of all accounts: \$365,085.42
- For 2019, in addition to the 2019 annual assessment, we realized income from the following:
 - o Estoppel fees – \$5,800
 - o Transfer fees – \$1,450
 - o Late fees – \$1,425
 - o Interest – \$3,329.51
 - o Recouped DOR fines – \$5,000

2020 Assessments

- To date, we’ve received 592 payments, or 95 percent, of the 2020 assessment along with a few partial payments for a total of \$171,605.70.
- 44 second notices, with an added \$25 late fee, were mailed on Feb. 17, 2020
- Third and final notices will be sent on March 16, 2020
- In early May, unless arrangements are made, any outstanding 2020 assessments will be handed off to the Association’s attorney to begin formal collection process.
- Total 2020 late fees collected to date – \$125
- Total 2020 Estoppel fees collected to date – \$1,000
- Total 2020 Transfer fees collected to date – \$250

Note: ERPOA will be moving some of our funds to another financial institution to remain within the FDIC depositor insurance limits.

President’s Monthly Report: John Spiegel

Eagle Ridge Property Owners; Association has prevailed in the 2015 lawsuit filed against ERPOA by the three Eagle Ridge condominium associations and their members. ERPOA prevailed in the trial court in 2018, the condos and their members appealed the court’s ruling. ERPOA prevailed in the appellate court in 2019.

ERPOA replaced a storm water drainpipe running from the parking lot of the Eagle Ridge Condominiums to the lake behind the buildings. This project was overseen by Jim Lutsch, was completed in September, and cost approximately \$24,000.

The Utilities Inc. [UTI] wastewater facility at Aeries Way and Twin Eagle was the subject of and administrative hearing related to a variance request filed by UTI. The variance was granted, subject to detailed requirements for erecting a nine foot high wall and installing landscaping and trees to obscure the interior of the facility as much as reasonably possible. Hewitt McCloskey, Jr., spent a substantial amount of time handling this matter. Thank you, Hewitt.

The FPL new buried service line along Aeries Way Drive and Twin Eagle Lane has not yet been finished due to the refusal of the homeowner at 7050 Twin Eagle Lane to grant an easement to FPL for the placement of the switch cabinets needed for the new system. The previous owner of the property had agreed to the easement but sold the property before executing the easement. The successor owner has hired counsel. Hopefully, an agreement will be reached, and the new service lines will become operational. The system is not operational as yet.

Vice President’s Report: Christine Leslie

Drainage Committee Highlights for the past year:

- Legend treated the canal foliage that borders the east side of Bald Eagle
- Cleaned up dead trees on east side of Bald Eagle Drive by preserve
- Eagle Ridge golf course completed the flow way project on the southeast side of the course
- County cleared blocked pipe on Eagle’s flight in the preserve area
- Continuous communication for treatment by the county of pond lettuce for the Aeries Lake

Committee Reports

Arbitration Board Committee: Steve Norris
No report

Architectural Control Committee: Rick Jermyn
We had a total of 13 project requests in February 2020. All were approved.

- Three exterior house painting
- Two driveway pavers
- Two storm shutters
- Two landscapes
- One mailbox relocation
- Three roofing

We had a total of 66 project requests for the calendar year 2019.

- Six driveway painting
- Two window/door replacements
- Four pavers for driveway or lanai
- Four lanai replacements
- Nine landscapes
- Two storm shutters
- Two generators
- Two fascia replacements
- 13 roofing
- 22 exterior house painting

Deed of Restriction Committee: Kathy Furlong

Deed of Restrictions Committee: Kathy Furlong: We issued a number of violation notices during the past year. Nearly all those cited responded and brought their property into compliance. There are a few properties for which fines will be recommended at the next board meeting.

Golf Liaison Committee: Jim Lutsch

The Golf course is in great shape. This time of year, the rates will start to be lowered.

Landscape Beautification Committee: Hewitt McCloskey, Jr.

Prepare, bid and issue a new Landscape and Irrigation Maintenance Specification Package on June 15, 2019.

New Landscape and Irrigation Maintenance awarded to Benjamin Simon Lawn Maintenance on July 7, 2019.

Review and coordinate the proposed landscape and fence/wall improvements around Utilities Inc. of Florida.

On-going monthly review of existing landscape and irrigation maintenance and tree and shrub replacements.

Security and Safety Committee: Connie Hope

During the year there were several fighting disturbances, the golf course maintenance building was broken into and several speeders were issued fines. The Sheriff’s office has cars patrolling at different times of day in our community. Remember the speed limit in our community is 25 mph. It is important that you adhere to this. We have children waiting for buses in the dark, we have walkers and bikers on the narrow streets,

and dog walkers. Please drive slowly and with caution.

Again, each of you in our community are the eyes and ears of this community. If you see something that could be a problem, if it is a non-emergency call the non-emergency number at (239) 477-1000 or if you are concerned and feel it should be addressed immediately call 911. If you don’t call, then the Sheriff’s office cannot check on the incident and put it on record. If you would like your name withheld, you can request this.

Make sure your cars doors and home doors are locked. Make sure all windows are closed and locked when you are going out. Keep the community safe.

I would like to thank the Board of Eagle Ridge for volunteering their time and energy to help this community.

Election Results: Mr. Elections Committee Chairman, do you have a total of the voting for the two candidates for the ERPOA Board of Directors and if so, what are the results? In addition, were there any significant number of write-in candidates for any one candidate and if so who were they?

Kathy Furlong	208
Hewitt McCloskey, Jr	200
Margaret “Peggy” Jermyn	208
Write-in Candidate(s) – 1	Kay Turner to be in Kathy Furlong’s position

Association Members Questions and Comments: (when called upon to speak please give your name and address)

Tom Price: Thank you to the Board for a great job. The wastewater plant is looking good. It will be great when completed.

Don Allen: Dirty Mailboxes. If people would just spray their dirty mailboxes with WD40 and clean them, they would come back to life and look like new.

Deana Stone: People knocking on my door and soliciting. What can I do about it?

John Spiegel: There is not a lot you can do. You can call the Sheriff’s office, non-emergency number, (239) 477-1000 and give them the information on the people’s card that they gave you or just tell them that you are not allowed to do soliciting in this community. There are signs up to that effect and you will report them.

Phil Jones: The project on Twin Eagle is a service back up system in the event of an outage.

Nancy Keil: The project would help the brown out.

Bill Kruspe: The trench is on Twin Eagle.

Nancy Keil: It is Comcast that is doing that.

Colleen: Will that cover all of Bald Eagle?

John Spiegel: Not sure how much it will cover.

Donna Viola: Concerned about the traffic and speeding in the community. While in the neighborhood, I have been run off the road, passed on a double yellow line, and have had hand signals made at me because I choose to drive the speed limit and obey the traffic laws. People are not watching out for walkers. They are driving too fast. I am here to request getting speed bumps.

John Spiegel: Thank you for putting this together with your concerns. There is not much we can do. The roads are Lee County roads and we cannot put speed-bumps. That would make the County give us the roads and then we would have to maintain the roads at our expense. That would increase our assessment a lot. Maybe if you and Connie put together a letter and send it to the Sheriff’s office, they might send officers in here to watch the speed and issue tickets more often.

A reorganization meeting of the Board of Directors will be held immediately following the annual meeting.

Request a motion to adjourn the annual meeting

First motion for adjournment: Christine Leslie

Second motion for adjournment: Peggy Jermyn

All voted in favor for adjournment.

The annual meeting was adjourned at: 8:05 p.m.

Eagle Ridge Property Owners Association Reorganization Board Meeting Agenda And Minutes

The Reorganization Board of Directors Meeting following the Annual Meeting of the Eagle Ridge Property Owners Association was held at the Unitarian Universalist Church located at 13411 Shire Lane, Fort Myers, Florida at 8:07 p.m. on March 2, 2020.

The following list of ERPOA Directors were newly elected or re-elected to the Board for a term of two years starting on March 2, 2020:

Margaret “Peggy” Jermyn
Hewitt McCloskey, Jr.
Kathleen “Kathy” Furlong
Existing Board members serving the second year of their two year term include:

John J. Spiegel
Christine Leslie

The Election of Officers as selected by the Board of Directors are as follows:

President: John J. Spiegel
Vice President: Christine Leslie
Secretary/Treasurer: Margaret “Peggy” Jermyn

The Board of Directors unanimously nominated Steve Norris as Chairperson of the Arbitration and Fining Board for a period of one year starting on March 2, 2020.

Request a motion to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting:

First Motion: Peggy Jermyn

Second Motion: Hewitt McCloskey

All in favor, motion passed

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:09 p.m.

Minutes approved by: John J. Spiegel, President: Dated March 4, 2020.

Minutes prepared by Constance L. Hope, Recording Secretary: Dated: March 4, 2020.



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


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

- The Board of Directors

Deed of Restrictions Section A-15: Pets must be on a leash at all times when being walked outside of the owner’s property boundaries. The pet owner is responsible for picking up all animal waste from their pet at all times. This includes the common areas! Violators are subject to fining.

- The Board of Directors

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The Board of Directors

