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# THE PELICAN MARSH BRIEF

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### **Busiest season on record**

A message from your Board President

By Steve Berke, Foundation Board President

Spring is almost here, and Pelican Marsh is in the middle of the busiest season on record. As I write this, we are approaching our Annual Meeting on March 24, when we will say goodbye to one Board member and hello to another.

Jim Carter and his wife, Jaine, came to live in Pelican Marsh 20 years ago. Jim was elected to the Board of Collier County Commissioners and served, at various times, as chairman of the following organizations:

• Board of Collier County Commissioners

• Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

• Metropolitan Planning Council

• Tourist Development Council

Here, at Pelican Marsh, Carter served as vice-president and president of Watercrest. For over two decades, he served in various roles on the Pelican Marsh Foundation Board of Directors, including secretary, vice-president and president. A long-time tennis player, his passion for our community has been evident throughout his years of service. The Boards on which Carter has served



have benefited greatly from his leadership, wisdom, grace and good humor.

Our newest Board member will be seated at the Annual Meeting. Brian Colan lives in Watercrest with his wife, Nancy. Currently the vicepresident and controller of Lockheed Martin Corporation, he is retiring this year. Colan's strong background in business and finance will be a great help to the Board and our community.

Now that Nest is open, the Board, in 2022, will turn its attention to administrative and planning issues. A complete overhaul of the HR component of the Foundation is in process. This year, the Board plans to commission the following studies: • Land use



Steve Berke

• Interior space (Community Center)

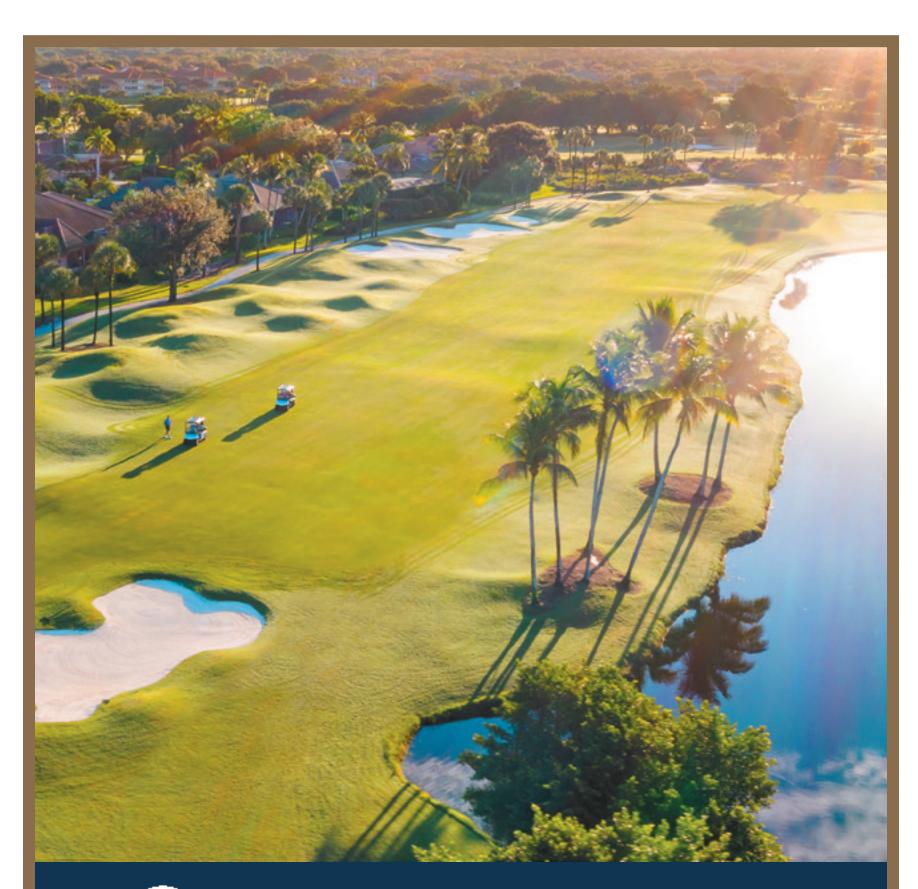
• Landscape

Any future infrastructure development at Pelican Marsh will depend on a comprehensive plan utilizing these studies.

Finally, Nest has been open for just over two weeks as of this writing. The restaurant is doing well, despite some difficult labor market issues, and most folks seem happy with our new amenity. As staffing levels normalize, we expect to offer more menu items and be open more hours. Thank you for your patience!

Keep your email addresses up to date for news from the Pelican Marsh Foundation. Please contact Linda Kersey in the administrative office at LKersey@PelicanMarsh.com or call 594-7800 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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# **FOUNDATION NEWS**

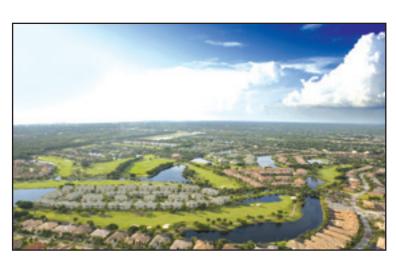
# A season to remember

#### By Paul Maddry, General Manager

It is hard to believe season is almost over. Time sure flies when you are having fun! It was great to see the Community Center active again, with residents back out, enjoying the amenities and socializing with their friends and neighbors.

Last month, we welcomed the opening of our newest amenity, Nest. So far, we are off to a great start with positive reviews. The Nest team is very happy to be here and is looking forward to earning our business with great food and customer service. They appreciate everyone's patience as they continue to build their staff so additional serving capacity can be achieved. Please visit the website, www.welovenest. com, to view the menu and make reservations.

For those of you getting ready to head back north, please make sure all necessary cleaning and maintenance has been completed on your home. It's also a good idea to have a home watch service and/



or shut off the water to your home to prevent unforeseen water pipes and other plumbing failures that could cause major water damage. Please consult with your property manager if you have questions on this process.

Keep updated and informed about what's happening in Pelican Marsh. Make sure we have your updated email address and that you have registered on the Pelican Marsh website, www.pelicanmarsh.com.

As general manager of Pelican Marsh, I want to make

are playing both tennis and

pickleball. There are many days

when all our courts are at or near

full capacity from 8 a.m. until

8 p.m. I love to see the activity at

night when all the courts, includ-

ing the bocce courts, are lit up.

**OUR COURT SPORTS FACILITY** 

Lighting up the courts

By Johann Saurbier, Director of Court Sports

We are in the middle of our

busiest season ever and our court

sports program continues to

grow. Since the beginning of

last year (2021), we have had

936 unique residents play on

our courts. Of those, 274 residents

A Message from your Director of Court Sports

sure all members and their guests have a positive experience when using the amenities and services of the Foundation. If you have a suggestion or concern, I want to know about it. Please email me at pmaddry@pelicanmarsh.com and I will do my best to see what can be done. To encourage everyone's input, all emails will be kept confidential.

The staff really appreciates everyone's help and support over this past season. For those heading back north, safe travels and have a great summer!

I appreciate the hard work and

dedication of my staff. We are

**Tennis** 

March marks the end of the

winter league season, and some of our tennis teams are

The tennis club championships are well underway and

will be completed on Championship Sunday, March 20,

with finals, awards and a

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popular Naples Pro League. This team format features some of the best tennis professionals

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# **OUR FITNESS FACILITY**

# Staying fit over the summer

By Patrick D. Webb, CPT, MBA, Fitness Director

What a great and active season this has been here at the Pelican Marsh Fitness Center! On behalf of all our staff, I would like to say, "Thank you!" to all our residents for helping make this such a busy and fulfilling season despite the many very real challenges we all faced in the, hopefully, waning days of the pandemic.

Often in the fall, I find that many of our Fitness Center regulars have let their fitness slip over the summer, returning in a "broken" state that requires two to three months to catch back up. With the goal of making this a problem of the past, I would like to provide you with the up-to-date American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) guidelines for exercise.

These standards offer time and intensity recommendations for cardiovascular, resistance and flexibility exercises. Plus, they outline recommendations



for neuromotor exercise (commonly referred to as functional training). These modalities focus on improving and maintaining motor skills like balance, coordination, gait and agility.

According to the ACSM, neuromotor exercise can be especially beneficial for older adults, enhancing balance and muscle strength, and reducing the risk of falls and other *continued on page 5* 

#### lighting up the courts...continued from page 3

highly competitive and entertaining matches.

#### **Pickleball**

Our pickleball teams enjoyed their first winter season, which included an undefeated season by our mixed doubles team. The pickleball club championships will be held the weekend of March 25, with matches on Friday and Saturday, and finals scheduled for Sunday, March 27. These matches will also conclude with an awards ceremony and celebration.

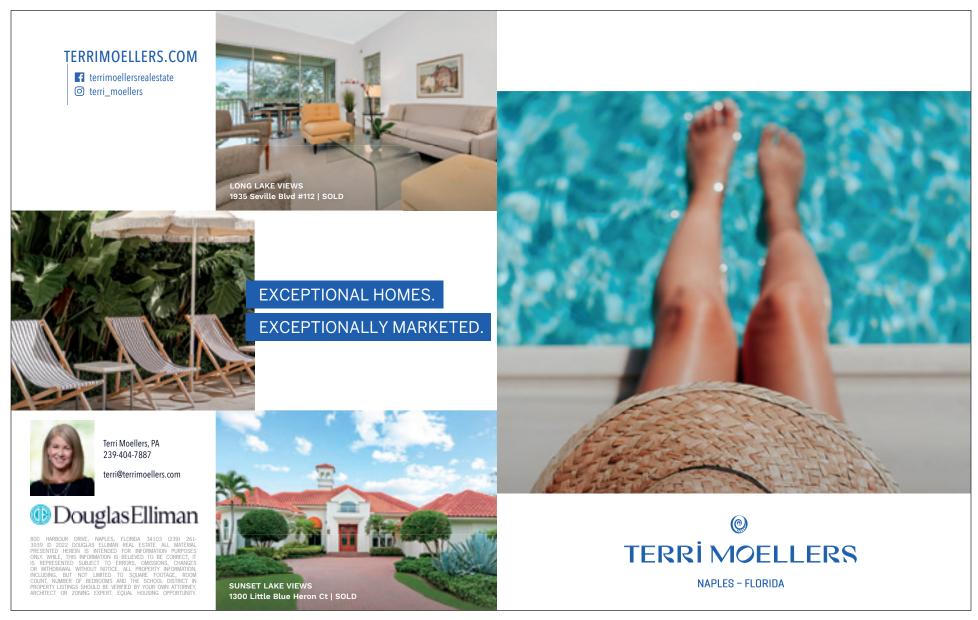
Even though our courts are very busy, there are still many

opportunities to get involved in either tennis or pickleball. Please let us know if you need any assistance with court reservations or finding a game.

#### **Better your game**

If you need extra practice time, we now have two ball machines, one for tennis and one for pickleball. They are great practice partners, they rarely miss, and they do not talk to you! They both have the technology to hit a wide variety of shots, so you can practice many facets of each game. And if you need extra practice and some instruction, Victor and I are here to help.

Thank you all for your patience this season. I am excited about the future here at Pelican Marsh. You all make this a great community!



#### staying fit over the summer...continued from page 4

injuries. To fulfill neuromotor recommendations, the ACSM suggests participating in activities like tai chi or yoga. Functional resistance training that involves a significant degree of balance and utilization of multiple muscle groups will also fulfill the recommendations for neuromotor exercise.

#### **Cardiovascular training**

• Adults should get at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity cardiovascular exercise per week.

• Exercise recommendations can be met through 30 to 60 minutes of moderate-intensity cardiovascular exercise (five days per week) or 20 to 60 minutes of vigorous-intensity exercise (three days per week). For those with busy schedules, exercise longer on days when more time is available or break workouts into several 10-minute increments throughout the day.

• Gradual progression of exercise time, frequency and intensity is recommended for best adherence and least injury risk. Note: Individuals unable to meet these minimums can still benefit from some activity.

#### **Resistance training**

• Adults should train each major muscle group two or three days each week using a variety of exercises, modalities and equipment.

• Very light or light intensity is best for older persons or previously sedentary adults starting exercise.

• Two to four sets of each exercise will help adults improve strength and power.

• For each exercise, 8 to 12 repetitions improve strength and power, 10 to 15 repetitions improve strength in middle age and older persons starting exercise, and 15 to 20 repetitions improve muscular endurance.

• Adults should wait at least 48 hours between resistance training sessions.

#### **Flexibility training**

•Adults should perform flexibility exercises at least two to three days each week to improve range of motion. • Each stretch should be held for 10-30 seconds to the point of tightness or slight discomfort.

• Repeat each stretch two to four times, accumulating 60 seconds per stretch.

• Static, dynamic, ballistic and PNF stretches are all effective.

Note: Flexibility training is most effective when the muscle is warm. Try light aerobic activity or a hot bath to warm the muscles before stretching. Alternatively, you can stretch between exercises or at the end of a resistance or cardiovascular training session.

### Neuromotor exercise and functional fitness

• 20 to 30 minutes of neuromotor exercise or functional fitness training is recommended two to three days per week.

• Exercises should involve motor skills (balance, agility, coordination and gait), proprioceptive exercise training and multifaceted activities (such as tai chi and yoga) to improve physical function and prevent falls in older adults.

### **Meet the trainer**

#### Ashley Mantel

#### By Patrick D. Webb, CPT, MBA, Fitness Director

A proud FGCU graduate, 2019, B.S., Public Health, Ashley Mantel found her passion in helping others through the process of strength training. With interests in following a degree in physical therapy, Mantel comes to Pelican Marsh with a strong background of knowledge and certifications in both personal training and stretch therapy.

If you dink, you may see Mantel by the pickleball courts. Give her a warm welcome and schedule your session by calling 239-776-1695 as soon as today.



Ashley Mantel

### **Not Getting Our Emails?**

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### Massage eases stress

By Patrick D. Webb, CPT, MBA, Fitness Director

Make massage a part of your stress management plan! Our massage therapy professionals enable your body and mind a chance to let go of the physical and emotional tensions of the day. Massage gives you the chance to let your mind wander where it will, following the music or whatever path it chooses to explore the connection of mind and body. Many people who receive regular massage report that, over time, they become more aware of their bodies and their response to stress factors.

#### Meet our massage therapists!

Amanda Thomassen is a licensed massage therapist and esthetician. She is dedicated to the well-being of all her clients and strives to help in all fields of health and beauty. Thomassen



Amanda Thomassen

specializes in relaxation techniques and muscle tension relief, creating a customized massage to fit the client's personal needs while delivering pressure that fits their comfort level, bringing an overall relaxing therapeutic experience to the whole body.

Ellen Riordan, PhD, LMT approaches massage as a whole



Ellen Riordan

person experience, acknowledging each individual's unique issues. She incorporates various techniques and assists clients to shift physically, mentally, emotionally and energetically. She is also certified in manual lymphatic drainage, a modality to assist with post-surgery swelling and pain.

### **ACTIVITIES & EVENTS**

# **AEDs in Pelican Marsh**

#### By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

An AED is an important piece of medical equipment. An AED, or automated external defibrillator, is used to help people experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated, yet easy-to-use, medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart reestablish an effective rhythm. Once you turn the device on, it gives you step-by-step instructions on what to do.

There are two AEDs on Community Center property and it's important for you to know their locations.

The first one is in the Fitness Center. When you walk through the doors, it's just to the right on the counter. Remember that if the Community Center is closed, you need an afterhours key fob to access the building.

And the door to the Fitness Center always needs a key fob for entry.

The second AED is located on the back side of the Pro Shop building (by the tennis and pickleball courts). It is on the wall under the bulletin board, just before the restrooms.

Take a minute to familiarize yourself with their locations someday soon. It could save a life!

### **Congratulations to Paul Markarian!**

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

Each year, the Southwest Florida Bocce League hosts a one-on-one tournament and, for the first time, a Pelican Marsh resident was a finalist!

Congratulations to Pelican Marsh resident Paul Markarian

for being a finalist in this tough competition. Paul is a member on the Pelican Marsh Southwest Florida Bocce travel team and plays in the Pelican Marsh Bocce League.





# Volunteer extraordinaire — Tina Mantel!

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

You probably know her. And if you don't, you should! Tina Mantel helps to make our community a better place. She is a resident who is always available to help, encourage you or be a friend. I met Tina through bocce, but she has helped with so many different events and situations.

Originally from Escanaba, Michigan, Tina has been married to her husband, Dave, for 31 years. Together, they raised their son, Ryan, 27, and daughter, Ashley, 24. As a side note, look for Ashley in the Pelican Marsh Fitness Center. She is one of Pelican Marsh's personal trainers!

Back to Tina ... the Mantel family moved to Naples in 2006 and have lived in Pelican Marsh ever since. Tina does make frequent trips back to Michigan, however, as she is still actively working in the family tire business. A business that is in its 51st year!



Tina Mantel (right) with her daughter, Ashley.

Tina said she's never played a sport in her life, but now she plays in the Pelican Marsh Bocce League, the Southwest Florida Bocce Travel League and on a Pelican Marsh pickleball team. She is also captain of her pickleball and bocce teams. Away from sports, she is on the board of her Watercrest community.

In her free time (I know what you're thinking: what free time?), Tina enjoys baking personalized cakes for her family's birthdays — and they are magnificent! She also loves to do crafts and is often making centerpieces and prizes for different events. She has been Santa's and the Easter Bunny's helper for years!

Tina loves to give

back and to be involved in her community! Thank you, Tina Mantel, for all that you do to make Pelican Marsh a better place to live!

And for all the other volunteers in this community, thank you, too. They say it takes a village, and what a wonderful job you all have done to help make this one of the very best places to live! Cheers to all of you!



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# **Getting comfortable with Zoom**

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

As work from home and shelter in place became the norm during the COVID-19 pandemic, Zoom saw explosive growth. It's a great example of a pandemic success story as lockdowns around the world closed offices and made working from home a necessity for vast sections of the working population. If it felt like everyone was suddenly using Zoom, it's because they were! Zoom is going to be around for a while, for many different reasons.

Learning to use Zoom can be a humbling experience and many of us are still trying to figure it out. We can help you with that through a class in April!

The class, "Getting Comfortable with Zoom," will be taught by TDM Technologies here on Monday, April 4 at 1 p.m. for a \$10 fee per person.

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# A day at the bakery!

Save the date! Tuesday, April 12th

#### By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

Denise from Denela Desserts will be at the Pelican Marsh Community Center from 2 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12 with lots of sweet treats for you to purchase — just in time for Easter and spring celebrations of any kind! Who needs a celebration? Cookies and pastries make any day a little bit better!

Stop by, say, "Hi" and come early for the best selection!

### **ACTIVITIES & EVENTS**

# **Kazual will perform at Pelican Marsh!**

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

I love going to Artis—Naples, but sometimes it's nice to forego fighting the traffic and paying the high ticket price. Lucky for you, we have a great show happening right here in Pelican Marsh! And, even better, you can make reservation at Nest to enjoy a bite to eat before or after the show. Or just stop by the bar — no reservation needed. Lucky just got luckier!

Kazual (pronounced 'casual') will perform at Pelican Marsh on Tuesday, April 12. Table reservations are available.

Kazual is a family band of three brothers and a cousin from Atlanta, Georgia that bring a distinct sound to the ears of their fans. They mix the sounds of R&B, pop, hip-hop and pop together to create an experience to blow your mind ... or, as they call it, the "Kazual experience."

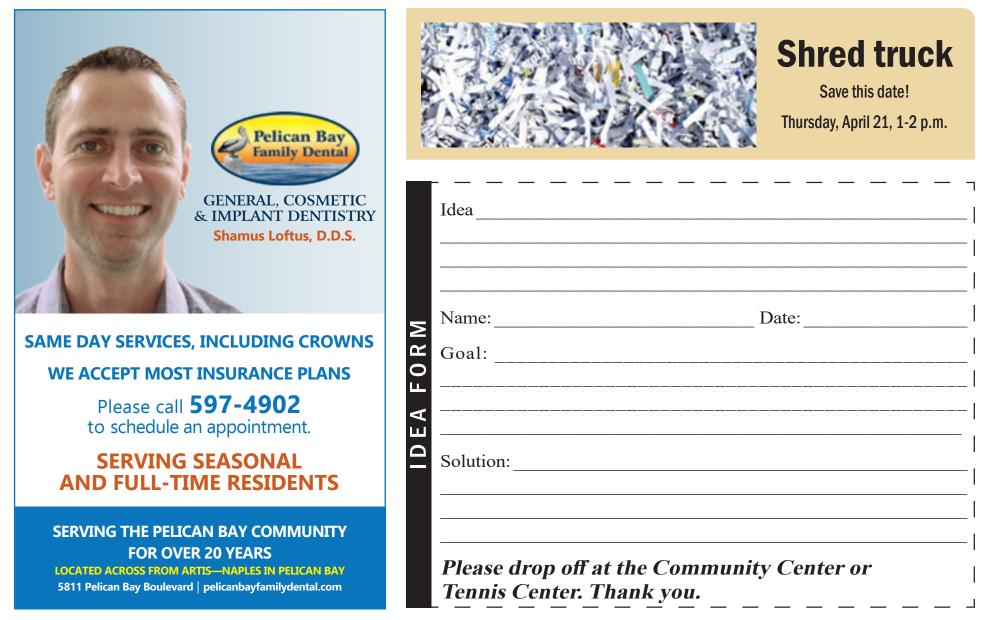


Blending harmonious sound with their intoxicating vocals, Kazual will captivate and invigorate your rhythmic senses! And they are the entire performance package — they sing, they dance and are extremely entertaining.

Kazual is best known for their smooth a cappella harmonies. But they can dance as well as they sing! Kazual performs an eclectic mix of old-school, Top 40. Audiences love that their show is very diverse, covering all genres of music for all people and all age groups.

This hardworking group performs more than 150 shows annually for a variety of settings, including colleges, performing arts centers, clubs, fairs and festivals. Having opened for superstar performers Beyonce, Nelly, Randy Houser, Kelly Pickler and others, the group is a rising star nationally. You might recognize them from their performances on NBC's "America's Got Talent," as well as appearances on BET and MTV.

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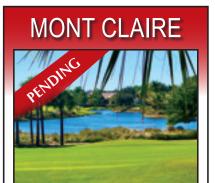


### OSPREY POINTE



#### \$975,000 9009 Whimbrel Watch Ln. #102

Breathtaking golf course and lake views compliment this updated gem in Osprey Pointe at Pelican Marsh. This 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo features 2060 sq.ft. of well-designed living space, roomy master en suite with large walk-in closet, split bedrooms, breakfast room and formal dining area. Features include fabulous red oak wood flooring throughout the entire home, tray ceilings, crown molding, new Lennox A/C, new H20 heater and an expansive lanai equipped with Kevlar type storm shutters.



#### \$1,050,000 2385 Mont Claire Dr. #202

THIS ONE HAS IT ALL ... Spectacular southwest lake and golf course views with 2,603 sq.ft. of generous and functional living space incorporating a great room, dining room, morning room, cozy den/media room, roomy primary suite and two additional en suite guest rooms. Notable features include new Roof, newer A/C and Water Heater, new carpeting, crown molding, tray ceilings and 2-car garage. Relax and enjoy the gorgeous Naples sunsets from your lanai overlooking the 10th hole and lake of Pelican Marsh's pristine golf course.

# MONT CLAIRE



#### \$929.000 2320 Mont Claire Dr. #201

Rarely available 2nd floor end unit in Mont Claire at Pelican Marsh offers the spaciousness and privacy of a single family home, with the convenience of condo living. Featuring breathtaking lake and golf course views, this 3 bed/ 3 bath unit includes a den/media room, 2-car garage, private elevator, new roof & exterior paint, electric storm shutters, tray ceilings and much more. Relax and enjoy the gorgeous southern lake views from your lanai overlooking the 14th hole of Pelican Marsh's pristine

golf course.



#### \$2,250,000 1469 Via Portofino Breathtaking golf, lake and preserve views compliment this beautifully appointed 3 bedroom + den/3.5 bath home. Sunlight streams into the living area showcasing tray ceilings, crown molding, tile flooring, custom entertainment center, large kitchen island for conversational seating, custom cabinetry, double oven, and granite countertops. The master suite boasts the same spectacular views, hardwood flooring, large closet with built-in cabinetry, oversized soaking tub, and split vanities. Separate en suite guest bedrooms are

perfect for family and friends.

### MONT CLAIRF



#### \$960,000 2405 Mont Claire Dr. #202

Nestled in the heart of North Naples, this rarely available 2nd floor end unit offers the spaciousness and privacy of a single family home, with the convenience of condo living. Featuring breathtaking panoramic golf course and lake views, this 3 bed/3 bath home includes a den/media room, 2-car garage, private elevator, new roof & exterior paint, electric storm shutters, tray ceilings and

so much more. Relax and enjoy the gorgeous Naples sunsets from your lanai overlooking the 10th hole of Pelican Marsh's pristine golf course.

### MONT CLAIRE



### \$899,000 2440 Mont Claire Dr.

#202 Enjoy breakfast on the Lake! This 3+den/3 full bath condo provides 2,604 sq.ft. of generous, well-designed living space featuring a great room, formal dining room, den/media room, large master bedroom suite and two en suite guest rooms with 2-car garage. Interior features include tile on the diagonal, crown molding, recessed lighting, and French doors. The great room opens to the lanai, creating a cozy seating area and entertaining space to complete the Florida lifestyle.



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# PELICAN MARSH WOMEN'S LEAGUE

# April event to wrap up season

#### By Jennifer Eudicone, PMWL

Our April event, the final one this season, will be lunch at the Pelican Marsh Golf Club, with guest speaker Suzie Weinert, author of her fourth mystery thriller, "Woman at the Garage Sale." Weinert's books are so popular, Hallmark Channel chose one as the basis of a twohour movie on the Hallmark Mystery Channel. It was so successful that Hallmark developed 15 episodes for its Garage Sale Mystery Series. It will be interesting to hear her story.

#### **Small Groups**

The Small Groups get-togethers carry on. We've added a third book club, as our other two are so popular, they are full. Our Movie and Happy Hour group and "Out to Lunch Ladies" group, which try different local restaurants, continue to thrive. We have a walking group, golf group, mahjong players, and Hand and Foot card games. Suggestions from members for activities they'd like to pursue are always welcome.

**Coffee and Conversation** Our Coffee and Conversation gatherings will resume



*Our Mission:* To provide the opportunity for all women residents of Pelican Marsh to enjoy cultural, social, educational and charitable activities in the spirit of friendship and community.

in November. These coffees, attended by interested Pelican Marsh residents, old and new, are always well attended. It's so interesting to see the connections made as attendees stand and tell the group where they're from, what they do or did, and where they live in Pelican Marsh. Inevitably, there will be someone else in the room from the same state, town or area nearby. They'll meet and talk afterward and enjoy a sense of belonging and camaraderie. It happens every time!

#### **Next season**

Next season's events are in the works! We're hoping to visit The Baker Museum and Palm Cottage. We're looking forward to having an Empty Bowls painting party. February

will feature our always popular fashion show!

Planning for these outings, and our luncheons at the Pelican Marsh Golf Club with interesting and informative speakers, will take place over the summer.

The Pelican Marsh Women's League offers monthly events from October through April for a yearly membership fee of \$40. This payment becomes a charitable donation to worthy institutions in our area at the end of the season. Our membership continues to flourish. We have over 200 interesting and active women of many backgrounds, professions and nationalities. If you'd like more information about this terrific organization, contact our president, Elaine McIntyre, at elaine.mci58@gmail.com.

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# **Collier County issues burn ban**

#### **Provided by Collier County**

The Board of County Commissioners has authorized a burn ban in Collier County effective immediately.

Per Collier County Ordinance 2009-23, as amended, the county manager may recommend an immediate ban of outdoor burning and outdoor ignition sources during extreme drought conditions. The ban prohibits open burning, which is any outdoor fire or open combustion of material that produces visible emissions of trash and yard waste, which includes vegetative matter resulting from landscaping and yard maintenance operations.

The decision came after consultation with the Collier County Bureau of Emergency Services, Florida Forest Service, Collier County Fire Chiefs' Association, Collier County Sheriff's Office and the National Weather Service. The group jointly identified a need to have a burning ban become effective immediately after certain environmental conditions were met, including abnormally dry conditions that are expected to linger through the end of March.

The ban includes all of unincorporated Collier County, but exempts all commercial agricultural burning, lawful controlled industrial or commercial environments that are part of the manufacturing or some type of assembly process, and those burning activities regulated by the Florida Forest Service. This ban presently has no impact on the retail sales of fireworks, although the discharge of fireworks, sparklers and incendiary devices is prohibited.

In addition, outdoor grills, stoves, cookers and smokers may be used in the preparation of food if the cooking fire is controlled and attended to. All outdoor cooking areas shall



be free of burnable materials within an area having a circumference of three feet beyond the nearest edge of the cooking fire. Violation of the order, if it is found to cause irreparable or irreversible damage, can cost up to \$15,000. The ban will remain in effect until further notice.

For more information, call 311 or 239-252-8999.





# New Nonstop Flights to and from Fort Myers

New, low-fare airline Breeze Airways is adding nonstop service to Las Vegas and Charleston, South Carolina from Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW). Beginning June 11, the flights will operate twice a week, on Wednesdays and Saturdays, utilizing a brand new A220-300 aircraft with 126 seats in a threeclass configuration. One-way tickets are expected to start between \$110 and \$187 for Las Vegas and \$49 to \$83 for Charleston. Three price bundles will be offered:

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One of the newest airlines in the U.S., Breeze was started by JetBlue Founder David Neeleman and is based in Salt Lake City.

### Phase one of Big Corkscrew Island Regional Park now open

#### **Courtesy of Collier County**

Collier County is proud to announce that phase one of the Big Corkscrew Island Regional Park, the county's newest regional park, is nearing completion. The following amenities at the park, located at 810 39th Ave. N.E., Naples, are now open to the public:

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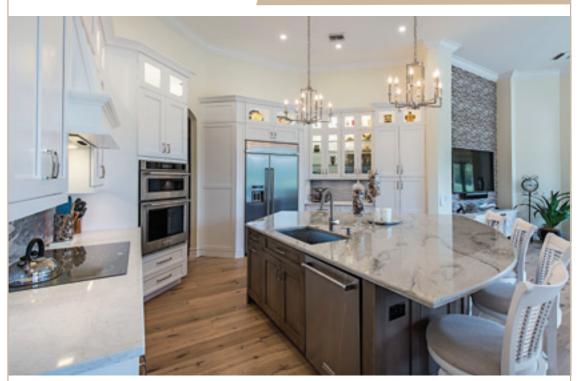
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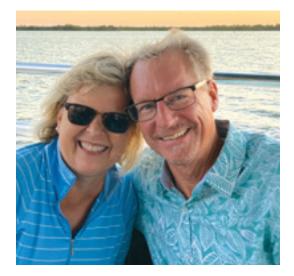


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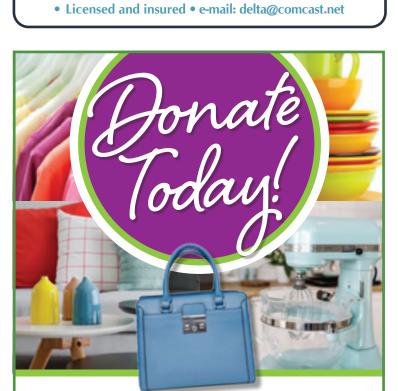








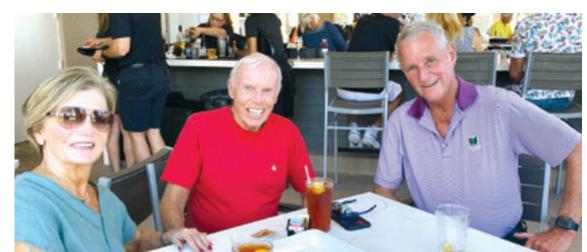












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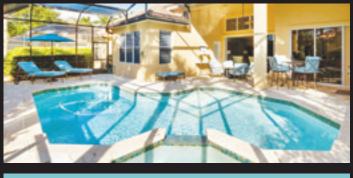












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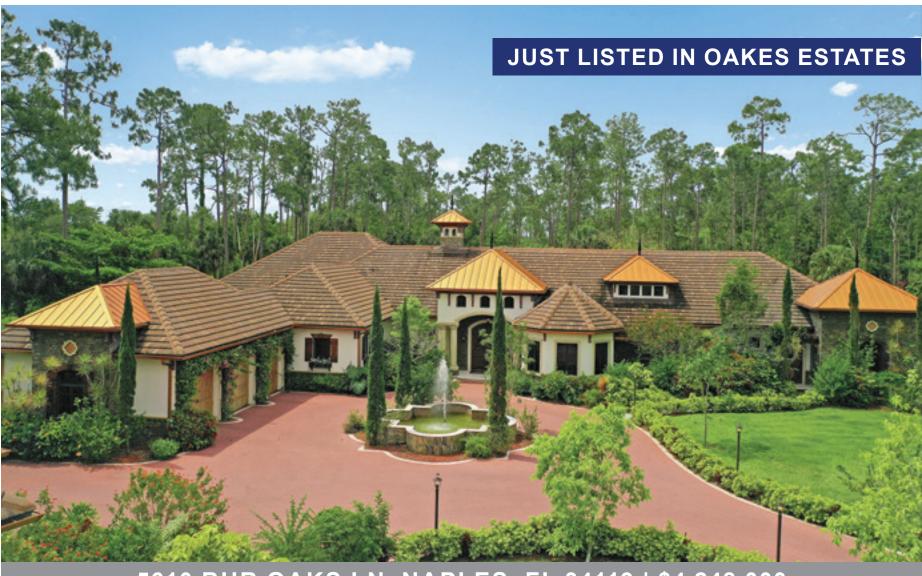
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