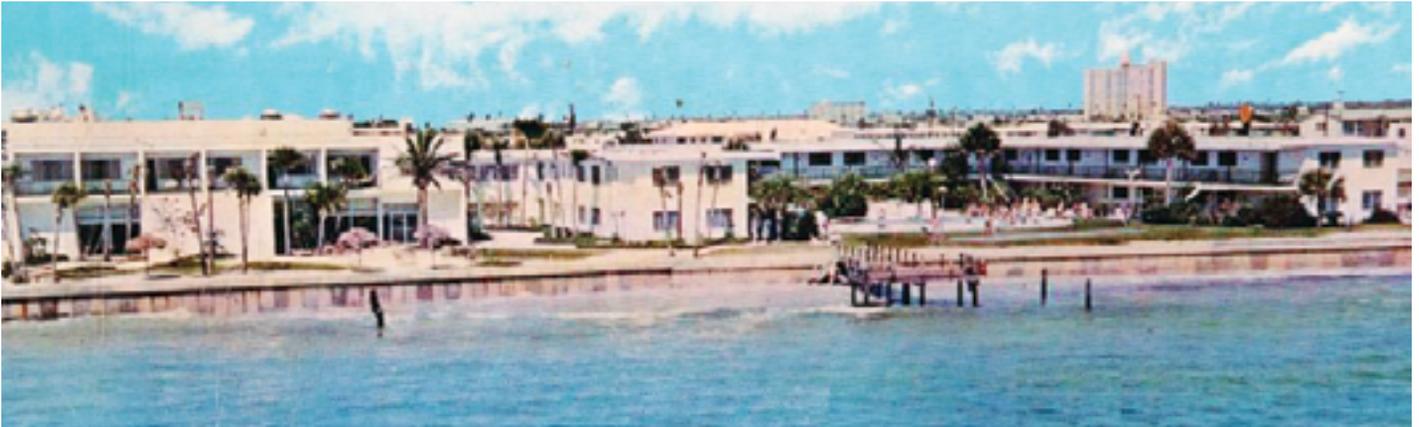


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SHEPHARD'S BEACH RESORT'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

When Bill Shephard moved his family to Florida, he left a motel he had owned for 11 years in Brunswick, Maine to start a new journey as the owner of Clearwater Beach's Lagoon Resort Motel, known today as Shephard's Beach Resort. Forty years later, his son Bill and daughter Gerri, who have been part of the business since 1991, are proud to continue his legacy as they celebrate these forty years, all at the same location!

From the beginning, Bill Shephard, Sr. was always putting money back in to the business and finding ways to improve his property. Over the years, he spearheaded several remodels. He updated all the rooms in the hotel several times, added two towers and parking garages, and in the process, created one of the area's most popular entertainment facilities, with both restaurants and bars. He never stopped looking for ways to better the business, one of the many things Bill Jr. and Gerri learned from their dad. Bill Shephard, Sr. purchased the 67 room Lagoon Resort Motel in July, 1977. In the beginning, he had a lot of work to do to get the motel property to a standard he was proud of. The amenities were different back then. A spirited game of shuffleboard or tennis were sources of excitement. The property also had a buffet restaurant, called "The Bank." The restaurateur operating it had a long-term lease signed by the previous owner.

In the 1980s, the motel had many regulars that would stay for long periods of time. Bill and his wife Connie hosted Fish Fries and BBQs in the courtyard for their guests to show their appreciation. In the early 80s, Bill decided to do a dramatic makeover of the motel that included changing the flat roof to a pitched roof on the two-story building. As the 80s were coming to an end, so was the lease on the restaurant. Bill decided to take on a new venture, the restaurant business. Being that Bill had no experience in the restaurant business

experience, many industry people tried to discourage him by telling him how difficult it was. Never less, Bill forged on and after totally gutting and remodeling the restaurant and kitchen, Shephard's Restaurant and Lounge opened on Christmas Eve, 1988.

The 1990's brought the addition of Shephard's Tiki Bar. Live reggae music and bikini contests made it one of the most popular weekend hot spots. What started out as a table by the pool, then a little tiki hut, has eventually evolved into an entertainment venue with two bars, and a state of the art stage and lightshow, that has been host to several national acts. With the popularity of Shephard's Restaurant and Shephard's Tiki Bar, the name of the hotel gradually morphed from The Lagoon to Shephard's Beach Resort.

The early 2000s brought the first major expansion for the property. A new tower with forty new hotel rooms, a six story parking garage and two-level nightclub that opened in early 2001. The hotel now had ninety-four completely updated rooms that ranged from Studio and one or two bedroom suites, to the ultimate—the Sunset Suite on the top floor overlooking the Gulf of Mexico.

The 2001 expansion was also the beginning of a state of the art, two-level nightclub called The Wave. There the chest pounding sound system and talented DJs keep the party going all night! To go along with the nightly themes and drink specials, The Wave also offers exclusive bottle service and private booths above the crowd in the VIP section of the club.



Son Bill Jr. and daughter Gerri with their father, Bill Shephard Sr., in 2007.

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You can pick up another copy at the Beach Chamber Office, The Beach Rec Center, Island Estates Print Shack, Shorty's Gourmet Deli, Sand Key Realty or the Island Estates UPS.

We hope you enjoyed our newsletter. We want your input. Did you like this issue? What suggestions do you have for future articles? Call or email us with your comments, or take our online survey at beachnewsletters.com.

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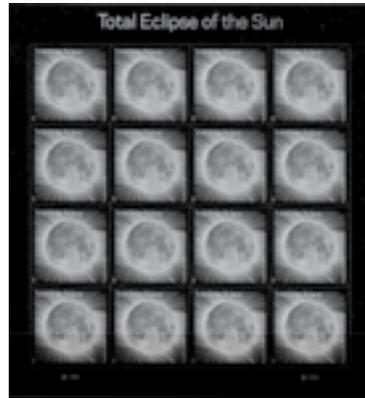
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NEW PRESIDENT Vernon Bryant is the new President of the Florida Botanical Gardens. Originally from Chicago, he was recruited to help build the Botanical Gardens in Largo. He was most recently the Executive Director of the nearby Ridgecrest YMCA and joined the Botanical Gardens in September before becoming the Executive Director in March.

SCAVENGER HUNT Join in the fun during the Clearwater Beach Scavenger Hunt on August 26, starting at 5pm. The night begins with an hour long pre-party ride on The Tropics Boat Tour, then scatters all over Clearwater Beach following clues and looking for stuff. Along the way, enjoy food and drink specials at ten various restaurants and bars. The after-party is at Shephard's The Wave with live music. Your tickets include two Tito's cocktails, a special T-Shirt, and cover charge at Shephard's. Order tickets at FareHarbor.com/TheTropicsBoatTours or call 442-7433.

NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME Join the Clearwater Police Department and Fire & Rescue for their annual National Night Out Against Crime at Clearwater Mall Wednesday, October 3rd, 5pm to 8pm.

The event offers residents an inside look at the personnel and equipment the police department uses to keep Clearwater residents safe including Police horses, K9s, SWAT team members, traffic units, hostage negotiators and the City's Police boat. The Fire Department will display various fire trucks. BayFlight may land in the parking lot sometime during the evening event giving citizens a chance to meet the pilot and crew. This family event features free food and drinks.

LIONFISH ROUND UP

To encourage area divers to target the spiny, invasive species, FWC's Lionfish Challenge runs through September 4. Catch a minimum of 25 or more lionfish (or 25 pounds for commercial fishermen) to enter the contest. The more you catch, the more prizes you will receive. The FWC says more than 5,000 lionfish have already been caught since the beginning of the competition, which started in May. To enter or get more information, visit www.MyFWC.com/Lionfish.



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ROCK THE RIBBON RUN Plan to run in Morton Plant's Rock the Ribbon Run on Friday, September 15th. The event includes a 5K, 10k and Kids Dash, all on the Morton Plant Hospital campus. Proceeds benefit the Morton Plant Foundation. Get information at MPPMF.org.

RCS EVENTS THE RCS of Pinellas 3rd Annual Grand Gala is September 23 at Dunedin's Conny Center. Get more information at www.RCSGrandGala.com. Also, their 15th Annual Faces of Domestic Violence luncheon will be October 17 at Clearwater's Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. Get tickets at RCSPinellas.org/Events.

BEACH BOOK CLUB Always wanted to join a book club? If you want to read well-crafted, contemporary, literary works and discuss them with interested readers, then the Clearwater Beach Library book club is for you. For information on book titles, call 562-4970. They will meet Wednesday, September 6, 4-5 p.m.

ASD WORKSHOP Join a team of ASD experts as they discuss different healthcare options for those diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Professionals from multiple disciplines will come together to offer insight and discuss the benefits of various treatment methods. This free workshop, on August 31, from 6-7:30pm at the St. Petersburg Woman's Club, is open to parents and healthcare professionals. For more information or to register, visit eventbrite.com/e/autism-spectrum-disorders-a-multidisciplinary-intervention-approach-tickets-35648149575.

BIRTHDAY BASH

Clearwater Marine Aquarium will celebrate Winter and Hope's Birthday Bubble Bash. Starting Saturday, October 7 through Sunday, October 15, kids (ages 3-12) who make a birthday card for Winter or Hope get in for \$9.99. The aquarium's Spectrum Theater will be transformed into a birthday bubble bash celebration for guests to enjoy



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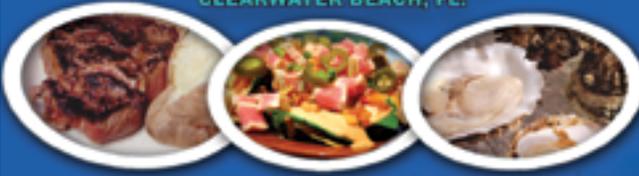
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FOG is an acronym that stands for Fat, Oil and Grease, all of which, will clog your home's pipes. FOG, the liquid (and solid) by-products of cooking, may come from beef, pork, lard, shortening, oils, butter, margarine and sauces. It clings to the inside of your home's plumbing and the pipes in the sewer system. Over time, this builds up, like plaque in your body's arteries, decreasing a pipe's diameter and slowing the rate at which waste can pass through, until it eventually prevents all waste from passing through.

It may be hard to notice a problem, until everything stops. The first sign is water slows down and accumulates when going down the drain. Then your sink may back up. The consequence can be an overflow of wastewater into your house (or even the neighborhood). This can be unpleasant, dangerous and unhealthy.

Once a blockage occurs, commercial drain openers are not a good remedy. They inject chemicals into our waste system and these chemicals in your pipes may be tough to remove. The best solution is to call a commercial plumber.

Here is an easy drain cleaning solution you can try: First use a plunger to start some flow. Pour ½ cup of baking soda down the drain. Add ½ cup of white vinegar and cover the drain for a while. The resulting chemical reaction may break down fatty acids and clean out your clog. **WARNING: DO NOT USE THIS** after trying ANY commercial drain opener—the vinegar can react with the drain opener product to create dangerous fumes.

The best way to avoid clearing these backups is to simply not put any FOG's down your drains. To accomplish that, after cooking use a strainer to separate the grease from cooking oil, and scrape the solids into your trash can. Pour the grease and fat into a disposable container. Place that disposable container inside a plastic bag and put that in the trash, too.

Remember, your home's plumbing is only meant to handle water! Your garbage disposal is not capable of handling fats and grease. If you are disposing for grease and oils down your drain, change your habits—you will save yourself a lot of future grief and expense.

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In 2012 the tiki bar area and stage were remodeled to bring their entertainment value up to the next level. New bars, a bigger stage, a new sound and lighting and the huge LED video wall make this venue, Shephard's Tiki Beach, one of the best in Florida.

In 2013, their largest expansion commenced. The two-story building was demolished to make way for ninety-three new hotel rooms, additional parking garage, and a new 7000 square foot pool and deck with cabanas. The new tower opened at the beginning of 2014. At the same time, Shephard's Restaurant and lounge also went under major construction. The goal – a new, modern buffet with an open, interactive kitchen called Ocean Flame. The old lounge space became an open-air tequila and tap room called "Salt." It all opened in July of 2014.

Unfortunately, Bill Shephard Sr. never got to see the last evolution of Shephard's, but they know he would be proud. His philosophy was clear when he said, "My greatest personal satisfaction about the place has been that I have enjoyed seeing it grow and look forward to continuing the process of growing in the future. I hope to expand it right here. We stay fresh with the trends and keep modern. Many of our guests return again and again over the years. And, of course, our help is so good. We strive to get the best and keep them."

In all, the resort employs around 200 people and has several managers. They are proud to have people who have worked here for many years including Paul Andrews (nineteen years) and Jason Thoma (fourteen years) who are the facility's general managers. Paul handles the hotel operations and Jason the food and beverage operations.

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Bar & Restaurant News



MAGGIE MAE'S VOTED BEST LUNCH Last year they were voted Best Breakfast; this year they were voted Best Lunch. "I guess the customers are sleeping later," chuckles Allen Edger, owner of Maggie Mae's in Belleair Bluffs. No matter how you look at it though, customers love their food! Maggie Mae's located next to Bonefish Grill at 2961 West Bay in Belleair Bluffs, was voted #1 Place for Lunch by the Readers of the Belleair Bee (Tampa Bay Newspapers).

THE DONUT EXPERIMENT This new donut shop in the south end of the beach, specializes in made-to-order donuts and premium coffee. It starts with one of their fresh-made cake donut, then you pick from a huge selection of icings and toppings. It can be as simple as plain or glazed or as crazy as key lime, maple bacon or Sriracha. Donuts start at \$1.35, with a dozen starting at \$13. They are located at 668 South Gulfview Blvd., next to Gondolier Pizza. See their menu and more at TheDonutExperiment.com.

NO TASTE The Taste of Clearwater, managed by the Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce, normally held in either September or October, has been canceled this year. The Clearwater Beach Taste Fest, hosted by the Clearwater Beach Chamber of Commerce, is still scheduled for May 2018.

TACO BUS HEADING TO THE BEACH

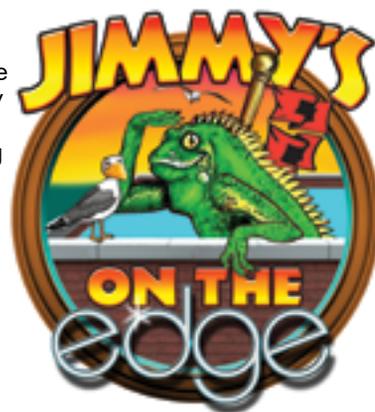
The very popular Taco Bus is opening a new location on the northeast corner of the new Edge Hotel, next to the sidewalk. This will be the ninth Taco Bus restaurant, most of which, are in the Tampa Bay area. The first originated in a refurbished school bus, but now there are brick-and-mortar locations plus buses that all offer a range of Mexican hand-held wrappers stuffed with beef, fish, or even fermented soybeans. This new one has just started construction, and there is no opening date announced yet. If you just can't wait, visit the closest open location at 2324 Central Avenue, in St Petersburg



NEW OWNERS Pan Filio's, across from the Quality Inn, on the south end of the beach, has new owners - Danny and Atiff, who also own Toucan's Sports Bar, as well as Captain's Pizza. You should not notice any changes.

RESTAURANTS ON THE EDGE With the opening of the new Edge Hotel, you have two new waterfront restaurants available for your dining pleasure.

The restaurant located on the pool level is called 505 at the Edge (505 is the hotel's address). The second restaurant and lounge, located on the rooftop, is Jimmy's on the Edge. It offers panoramic views of Clearwater Beach. The Edge is located at 505 South Gulfview Blvd. Get more information at EdgeHotelClearwaterBeach.com.



SWANKY COMES TO CODY'S Swanky kids recently visited Cody's Original Roadhouse in Belleair Bluffs to learn about cooking and service at their restaurant. Swanky Swine is a summer camp for young children interesting in cooking and restaurants. The students were given a tour of the restaurant, watched the chef bake fresh bread, helped set up the tables for that day's business, recorded actual food orders on Cody's computer—and enjoyed a delicious lunch. Everyone had a great time and proudly wore the Cody's hat.

CESARE'S BIRTHDAY GIFT FOR YOU Cesare's at the Beach opened on the south end of the beach in September of 2003. To celebrate their 14 years, they are offering diners a FREE Glass of House Wine with each entree during the month of September. Find them at 794 South Gulfview Blvd, near the Sand Key Bridge.

COCO CORONADO CAFÉ This new, small restaurant on Coronado Drive has opened. It is across from the Surf Style building and next to the new Spring Hill Suites Residence Inn, which should also open any day.

DOCKSIDE DINO'S SPACE REOPENING This restaurant's space has been closed since owner Dino passed away last year. Now, Frank Chivas and the Baystar Group are remodeling the space with plans to open a small coffee and ice cream shop inside. It is located at the north entrance of the Clearwater Beach Marina Building.

PARTY PLANNING TIME!

While we may still be in the dog days of summer, the folks at Shephard's Resort are starting to think about Holiday Parties. They are already taking reservations for Holiday Office Parties, and the popular dates are filling quickly. If you book by August 31, you will receive a \$200 gift certificate. If you book, in September, you will receive a \$150 gift certificate. In October, you will receive a \$100 gift certificate. Tell them you saw this in the this Neighborhood Newsletter.





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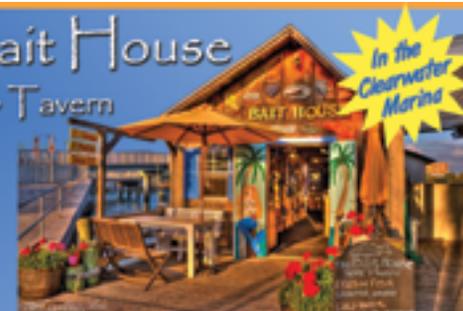
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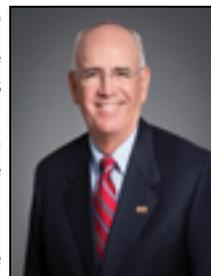
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LIFE INSURANCE ONCE YOU ARE RETIRED

by Ray Ferrara, ProVise Management Group

One of the first financial decisions made by many is to buy life insurance. This usually happens after getting married. You want to protect your family from your premature death. But now you are retired and you still have life insurance. What should you consider?



First, keep it assuming you can pay the premiums, but if your spouse doesn't need the money, you may want to change the beneficiary to the children/grandchildren. If it is a dividend paying policy, use the dividends to reduce the premium. Next, consider using it to supplement retirement income.

If you have a concern about long term care, then consider a 1035(a) tax free exchange to a new policy that provides an advance on the death benefit in the event you are confined to a long term care facility. There are issues to be considered before replacing life insurance including; commissions, fees, expenses, surrender charges, premiums, and new contestability period.

Life insurance proceeds are income tax free, but not estate tax free. How can you get it out of your estate? You can set up a life insurance trust and make a gift of the policy to the trust. If you live three years after the gift, it will not be included in your estate. It may be just as convenient to gift the policy to the children/grandchildren. You can also gift it to a charity where you will get a tax deduction.

But what if you don't want to keep the life insurance? You can cancel the policy and take the cash value. Check on the cost basis of the policy because any amount over this will be taxed as ordinary income.

What if you want to spread the taxes out over a period of time? Do a 1035(a) tax free exchange to an immediate annuity over a set number of years. If you do not need the income you can delay paying the taxes by doing the exchange to a deferred annuity.

Another approach is to consider selling your policy to a third party. In this case, an investor will buy the policy. The older you are and the less healthy you are the more the investor will generally pay you for the policy.

Like any asset you want to maximize its value. If you would like to discuss alternatives, we are pleased to provide a complimentary meeting.

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Bar & Restaurant News

NATIONAL COFFEE DAY

Celebrate National Coffee Day Friday, September 29, with a cup. Coffee, a beloved drink of millions, is so loved we now have all sorts of endearing nicknames, one of which, is "Cup of Joe." So how did it earn that interesting nickname? Its been around a long time, and there are several theories. One idea originates from a 1914 alcohol ban on Navy ships imposed by the Secretary of the Navy, Josephus "Joe" Daniels. After the ban, the strongest drink a sailor could get onboard ship was black coffee. Angry sailors called it a "Cup of Joe" in protest. A second theory is it became known as joe because joe is slang for the common guy, and coffee is the common man's drink. Either way, enjoy your cup of Joe on National Coffee day at numerous places in Clearwater Beach. Here are a few:



NORTH END:

- Another Broken Egg
- Basimo's on Baymont Blvd
- Dunkin Donuts on Mandalay Ave.
- Starbucks at the Hilton

SOUTH END:

- IHOP at the Quality Inn
- McDonalds on South Gulfview Drive
- The Donut Experiment near Gondolier

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- Basimo's
- Dunkin Donuts
- Maggie Mae's Restaurant
- Shorty's Deli and Grocery



NEW OWNERS FOR CORK 'N BREW Welcome Shane & Angela Bittaker, the new owners of the Cork 'N Brew restaurant located at 524 Mandalay Ave. You can enjoy 22 beers on tap and over 30 different fine wines with a range of appetizers, small plates, and lava rock cooked dining selections. It is open Tuesday through Sunday and they offer

Happy Hour Specials and have live music on Friday and Saturday nights.

BADFINS AT THE WYNDHAM Badfins Restaurant is opening on the beach side of the new Wyndham Grand. It will offer inside and outside seating with Mexican cuisine and a variety of Craft Beers. The restaurant, not affiliated with the Wyndham Hotel, opens in September.

SECOND BASIMO OPENS Basimo Beach Café, located on Baymont Blvd., opened a second café in the Shoppes of Sand Key. They offer more than just coffee; they serve breakfast foods and sandwiches. The newest Basimo is in the south half of the shopping center. Drop in for their special coffee blend in a beach atmosphere.

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BIG MAN'S MOVING CO. MOVES MOM ONE LAST TIME

By Bob Griffin

We run a lot of ads for a lot of businesses. Whenever possible, I try to use their services too. So, last month, after my mother passed away, I had to move her furniture out of The Oaks in Clearwater, a senior living apartment building - on short notice.

I have used moving companies before, but as I had talked to owner Brooke Anderson many times on the phone, I thought of their Big Man's Moving Company first.

She previously told me about the story of how she and husband Josh had recently starting their small moving company, Big Man's Moving Company with their wedding gifts.

A few days before the move, Josh met me at my mother's apartment to see what was involved. Once you meet him, you will know why it is called Big Man's Moving! He is 6 foot 7.

We quickly discovered a problem with moving at The Oaks, no elevators are available between 7am and 7pm. The move had to be finished before 7am or started after 7pm. As everything was going into storage, an evening move was out because the storage facility would be closed. That meant the move had to start at 5am. "No problem," said Josh, "we'll be there."

His team of three showed up on time, wrapped everything that needed wrapping, moved it down a small elevator, loaded it in their truck and unloaded it into my storage facility in Largo. Then, the guys thanked me for the business! How about that?

I have no trouble recommending Big Man's Moving Company for your next move. Call them at 727-772-3458, or see their web site at www.BigMansMoving.com.

PLAY GOLF WITH THE SHERIFF

Once again, it's time to pitch in for charity at the Pinellas County Sheriff's 22nd Annual Sheriff Bob Gualtieri Charity Golf Tournament benefiting the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.

On Monday, September 25th, head to the Belleair Country Club to putt the day away knowing you have chipped the Youth Ranch children a little closer to success.

The tournament is a four-person scramble with a shotgun start time at 8:30 a.m., following team photos with the sheriff. Contests include putting, straightest drive, hole-in-one, and closest to the pin.

The Youth Ranches are dedicated to preventing juvenile delinquency and developing lawful, productive citizens through intensive family counseling, family-life education, foster care, and other services for troubled, at-risk youth.

If you can't play in the tournament, check out their sponsorship options to see how else you can contribute to restoring hope, fulfilling dreams, and preparing boys and girls for the future.

Registration is due by Friday, September 15th. Visit www.youthranches.org to learn more about the Annual Charity Golf Tournament and Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.

TURTLES RESCUED

The Clearwater Marine Aquarium has rescued, rehabilitated and released 16 sea turtles this year. In July, three sea turtles were simultaneously released on Florida's East Coast at Sebastian Inlet State Park. The turtles, Pop a critically endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle, along with Golden Graham and Crackle, two large, threatened Loggerhead Turtles were released on July 12. See photos and the process of rescuing and releasing turtles on their Facebook page, [Facebook.com/SeeWinter](https://www.facebook.com/SeeWinter).

CLEARWATER MARINE AQUARIUM CONSTRUCTION

The first phase of the Clearwater Marine Aquarium's current expansion, which includes 223 spaces of a 376 space parking garage, is completed. The garage is now open to the public and has reduced the congestion in Island Estates.

The next phase begins in September with demolition of the east Cooper Wing, which contained the old education classrooms and administrative offices. They will also be demolishing the pools on the east side that were used in the filming of the movies. Then, the groundbreaking will begin on five new dolphin pools totaling 1.5 million gallons of water. To put that in perspective, the three main dolphin pools inside the current building are 285,000 gallons. This should make the dolphins very happy in their new home!

While they are building the pools, an 82,000 square foot building that will house the life support systems for the pools, a new education center, the main lobby, a new gift shop and food service area, a banquet/meeting hall, a 300 seat theater, and exhibit space will be built. The remainder of the parking garage will also be constructed and connected to the new building allowing entry to the new lobby on the 3rd floor. Construction of this next phase is estimated to take two years. The main facility will remain open during this period.

RECREATION CARDS AND PLAY PASSES

Recreation Cards are available to residents and non-residents. Fees for city-sponsored programs/activities are reduced and resident card holders are eligible for early registration for camps and some other programs. Play Passes offer additional benefits and are the better choice for those who use the centers frequently. Fitness centers, open gym, extreme skate park use and pool use are free with the Play Pass.

Play Passes are accepted at the Clearwater Beach Rec Center and Pool as well as the other Rec Centers in the City. Play Pass holders also receive a 25% discount on most classes and programs offered at these facilities.

Membership Categories:

- Youth: 18 years and younger, or full-time college student under 23.
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- Adult: 19 to 54 years.
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- Family: Husband, wife and their children at the same address.
- Visitor: Tourists and guests residing at properties within the city limits for three months or less. Must show proper receipt or confirmation of rental location, or a written statement from a homeowner.

Costs:

- Annual Play Passes vary from \$82 (youth/senior) to \$275 (family / resident)
- Monthly Pass is \$20.50 a month (youth) and \$27.50 a month (adult). These are resident only rates.

See the city's web site for the complete details and other prices. www.MyClearwater.com

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DROP OFF YOUR DRAWERS FOR CLOTHES TO KIDS

It's time for the famous "Drop Off Your Drawers For CTK". "Drop Off Your Drawers" is designed to help CTK collect much needed new underwear, a basic necessity and a part of the full CTK wardrobe. Each child that shops at CTK received 5 new pairs of underwear, 5 new pairs of socks, 4 pants, 5 tops, shoes and jacket in season. Last year, we distributed over 67,000 pairs of new underwear. We are asking the community to help us fill the underwear clothing bins with new underwear.



Drop (off) Your Drawers is a drive designed to collect and "underwrite" underwear – a basic part of the Clothes To Kids wardrobe. For the months of July and August, Clothes To Kids will be collecting new, unopened underwear. We are looking for the following sizes: boys 4-16 (brief & boxers) and young men sizes 30-& Up. The boys and young men all want boxers, boxers and boxers. Girls in the following sizes 6-16, Junior Girls Sizes 5 and up primarily bikini style. Please support our mission and help us provide this basic necessity!

Individuals, companies, civic groups, places of worship, schools and all kinds of organizations are signing up to collect new, unopened packages of underwear during the months of July and August. After your collection bring them to one of our stores, either the Clearwater store (1059 N. Hercules Ave.) or St. Pete Store (Twin Brooks Commons, 2168 34th Street S.).

There are more than 52,000 students in Pinellas County that are eligible for free or reduced price lunch. These families have a hard time providing the basics. At CTK we help with clothes! Each child who shops at Clothes To Kids receives a complete wardrobe of 5 pairs of new socks, 5 pairs of new underwear, 5 tops, 4 bottoms and pair of shoes. 67,000+ pairs of new underwear will be given out this year.

To sign your group up and receive event flyers – please contact Jennifer Jacobs, CTK Development Director, at jenniferj@clothestokids.org 727-441-5050, ext 122.

Founded in 2002, the mission of Clothes To Kids (CTK) is to provides new and quality used clothing to low-income or in crisis school-age children (PreK-4 thru 12th grade) in Pinellas County, free of charge. CTK is privately funded and relies on donations of clothing and funding from the community to sustain operations. Since its inception, CTK has distributed more than 110,000 wardrobes to children in need. Cash donations are fully tax-deductible and can be mailed to 1059 N. Hercules Avenue, Clearwater, FL 33765 or dropped off at either store. Donations of clothing and shoes are gladly accepted Monday through Friday, 9am to 4:30pm. For more information, visit our website at: www.clothestokids.org.

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ANOTHER RETIREMENT FOR FATHER BOB

Father Bob Wagenseil is retiring again, sort of. He is turning the sailing lines, for his youth sailing program, over to other qualified volunteer leaders, but he will still be around.

Father Bob, now 63, was a member of the Episcopal Church priesthood for 33 years, the last 18 at the Calvary Episcopal Church of Indian Rocks Beach. While at the church, he created the Indian Rocks Family Sailing Program & Summer Camps, which is probably the thing he is most proud of. "It was a dream I had when I first arrived at the waterfront church," says Father Bob. In 2001, through the generosity of the Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue, the IRB Rotary, the Church, and business leaders, the program was founded. "We bought eight dinghies and completed construction of a dock. Within two weeks, we had ten kids signed up,"



Ned Covel (Lt), Rogers Howard (Center) and Father Bob (Right).

he remembers.

After retiring from the church four years ago, Father Bob continued to run The Sailing Program at the church, until it outgrew the site and it moved to the Clearwater Yacht Club (CYC). There, with the help of many, Father Bob continued to teach kids the art of sailing—and so much more.



Sailing Camp, a series of two-week camps, runs throughout June and July. Sailing is the "magnet" that draws kids to the program, but it is more than sailing. The kids play, swim, eat, take field trips, watch movies, learn and grow. "They build relationships and friendships," Father Bob explains. "They learn about values and how to work together and help others—in sailing and in life."

The beginning of this year's camp had 32 campers and 17 Junior Advisors. Junior Advisors are past campers. They know a little more about sailing and help teach others how to sail and behave.

Camp is \$150 per session. Scholarships, donated by people and businesses, are available for families who cannot afford the fee.

CYC donates their facilities—inside and out—and at the end of the year,

the Camp gives CYC any profit, which is usually a significant donation. "The CYC shares this commitment to kids and has adopted the program as its own," says Father Bob. "It is a genuine partnership intended to benefit kids and their families. But, this program could not survive without the generous support and financial contributions of area people, clubs, CYC members and businesses," Father Bob wants to emphasize.

Father Bob and his wife plan to move to the Crystal River area, however, he will stay involved with the Sailing Program. The program is still in the good hands. Father Bob turned over the lines to his co-manager Ned Covel, who has been working with the program for about 8 years. Ned will also have the help of Rogers Howard, who has also donated many hours and years to the program.



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THE JAMES MUSEUM CELEBRATES CEREMONIAL "TOPPING OUT"

At the end of July, St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Kriseman and James Museum co-founder and Chairman Tom James marked the milestone occasion of the "Topping Out" of the James Museum of Western & Wildlife Art when the final steel beam was raised, completing the 219 ft. tall steel frame, which will anchor the 105 ton stone mesa that will frame the building's entrance along the 100 block of Central Avenue, downtown St. Petersburg

St. Pete Mayor Rick Kriseman stated, "The James Museum of Western & Wildlife Art will be a remarkable addition to the culture of the Sunshine City and is sure to become a new hub of activity and learning in our already bustling downtown."

St. Petersburg has been James home virtually all his life and when he and wife Mary decided to build a museum to house the best of their art collection, they wanted it in the heart of the city they call home.

"The Downtown Partnership is glad to see these new jobs coming downtown, but also the space for community gatherings that we need for the entire city," says Joni James, CEO of the St. Petersburg Downtown Partnership.

The James Museum will be the new, permanent home of 400-500 premier works of art selected from the more than 3,000 pieces acquired by Tom and Mary James over their 50 years of collecting. The 84,000 square foot museum will be bigger than the Dalí and include over 30,000 square feet of gallery space; a double height lobby with water feature; a Native American Jewelry collection, 6,000 square feet of rental event space, supporting both large events and break-out sessions; a commercial catering kitchen; a museum store and café; as well as all the spaces required to support and operate a 21st Century museum of this scale.

Project design director, Yann Weymouth, said, "The unique, never-before-seen design of the Museum has been directly inspired by Tom and Mary's extraordinary collection and vision. The architecture and the art both gloriously tell the story of the American West."

The James Museum's roots are from Tom and Mary James' undivided love both for culture and the city of St. Petersburg that has been their home. Tom began collecting while a student and when their travels took them west, they were captivated by the art, landscape, and wildlife of the West. They began to collect what moved them — art of action and attention to place made by contemporary artists. They collected for their pleasure, though with an aim to help living artists live by their art alone. Many of the artists became personal friends. Their collection is further enlivened with many works by local artists and their intended programming includes regional artist spotlights and guest lectures from renowned western and wildlife artists including members of the Cowboy Artists of America™. In addition, The James Museum intends a strong educational element in both adult docent education and youth education in the history of the American West and in wildlife.

The building also includes almost 35,000 square feet of leasable space, situated on the east and west sides of the project, which will activate both of those corners along Central Avenue.



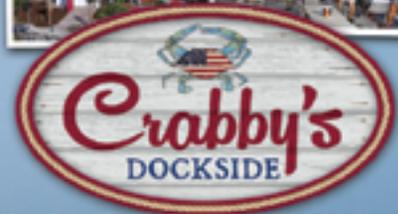
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THAT'S AN AWFULLY LARGE...TREEFROG!

By Lara Milligan, Natural Resources Agent
UF/IFAS Extension Pinellas County

Did you know invasive Cuban treefrogs can grow to be 5.5 inches? That is quite big considering our largest native treefrogs only grows to be 2.5 inches. It's also a good way to help identify this invasive species.

Cuban treefrogs came from, you guessed it, Cuba, and their populations have spread throughout much of Florida. Their diet is similar to that of other frogs, eating beetles, roaches, spiders, which means native frogs are competing with them for food. Even worse, Cuban treefrogs eat other frogs, lizards and snakes, posing a threat to native species.

How To Identify A Cuban Treefrog:

1. If size is not a distinguishing characteristic, take a look at the frog's toepads. All treefrogs have toepads to help them climb, but Cuban treefrogs have very large toe pads when compared to native treefrogs. They also tend to have large bulging eyes.

2. When young, Cuban treefrogs have reddish eyes, are olive-brown in color, have light stripes along their side, and they have blue bone that can best be seen through the skin on the underside of hind legs.

Unfortunately, color is not a reliable

feature when it comes to identifying Cuban treefrogs. They can vary in color quite a bit, but they are most often a creamy white to light brown with bumpy skin. Cuban treefrogs can thrive in urban areas and are commonly found on and around homes and buildings, and in gardens and landscape plants.

How You Can Help: You can help manage Cuban treefrogs around your home by capturing and humanely euthanizing (killing) them.

1. After properly identifying a Cuban treefrog, capture it using gloves or a plastic bag to protect yourself from the irritating mucus on its skin.

2. Another way to catch the frogs is to place 1.5 PVC pipes in the ground around your home, which can attract treefrogs. The frogs use the pipe as a source of shelter. Check the pipes regularly for effective management. Once you have a Cuban treefrog in the pipe, place a plastic sandwich bag over the top, pull the pipe out of the ground and use a broom handle or other plunger device in the other end to scare the frog into the sandwich bag. The sandwich bag should be held tightly around the pipe because as soon as the frog hits the bag it will most likely start jumping and try to get away. They are slippery too!



3. Once captured, apply benzocaine ointment or spray on the frogs back and place in sealed bag for 15-20 minutes. Frogs breathe through their skin, so the benzocaine will be absorbed into their system and put them to sleep. Benzocaine is commonly used to treat sunburn, toothaches and sore throats and can be found at most convenience stores. Note: If you are unable to apply benzocaine you can skip #3 and move on to #4.

4. Place the sealed bag in the freezer overnight and dispose of the frog in bag the next day.

5. Always wash your hands well after handling the frog as their secretions can cause eye irritation for some people.

Thanks for doing your part to help keep Pinellas County free of invasive species!

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BELLEAIR JEWELRY CELEBRATES 30 YEARS

By Bob Griffin, Publisher

Belleair Jewelry's owner Deborah Wells got her first taste of selling jewelry while working for minimum wage in St. Pete Beach behind the counter at the "House of Charles" jewelry store. She was in her late 20s then. Her low wages included no commission and when she asked her boss why, he replied, "because I don't have to!"



Wells later worked as a night auditor at the Buccaneer Hotel in Treasure Island. The owner gave her a little storefront, she called Debbie's Den that doubled as her office, where she opened a small gift shop. She made small charms, such as painted silver dollars and seahorses. "I was

amazed how many I sold," says Wells. About the same time, she became a registered goldsmith. "That took some time and some training," she adds.

In 1987, Wells leased a small space in the Bluffs' Shopping Center (near today's Cody's) and opened Custom Jewelry Creations. In the beginning, she was the only employee; eventually another sales person and a goldsmith were added.

"I approached the building's owner about buying the entire strip center," Wells remembers. "I did not have that kind of money but I figured I could borrow it." The owner refused, so she found a larger shop across the street in the Bonefish Plaza (before there was a Bonefish) in the space now occupied by Kahwa Coffee. With the move, she changed the name of her business to Belleair Jewelry. She stayed there for about 20 years before moving to her current location, west of Bonefish, seven years ago.

Belleair Jewelry, now in its 30th year, does not just buy and

sell jewelry - they make it too. They are well known for their custom designs. "You bring us a piece of metal and an idea - and we will make it into something special," Wells says with pride.



"We have three working goldsmiths. Jim has been here for over 14 years. We are here because of our loyal customers. We have had many well-known residents - even movie stars - who keep coming back to Belleair Jewelry. We love the people who live in our Belleair community, but many of our long-time customers come from surrounding cities or are snowbirds who stop by when they are in town."

Belleair Jewelry has been very active in the community as life members of Ruth Eckerd Hall, Festival of Trees, the American Heart Association and numerous other local organizations.

"Debbie is a great boss," says Carol, who has worked with her for 25 years, "and our customers are the best. They come back and recommend us to their friends and family. We see their kids growing up, who are shopping here too. They seem to respect our quality, service and pricing."

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The lineup is out! The Bay Area signature tradition turns 38 this year and plans to welcome over 30,000 festival goers again to the waterfront in Coachman Park, October 19-22.

As always, the bill has broad appeal. Kenny Loggins, Michael McDonald, The Avett Brothers, Scott Bradlee's Postmodern Jukebox, The Temptations, and the Four Tops are among the headliners and fans will also be treated to a wonderful blend of jazz, fusion, funk, rock and soul.

Part of Clearwater Jazz Holiday's special appeal, is its focus on education, outreach, and community. Its growth has enabled its organizer, the Clearwater Jazz Holiday Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, to create a year-round impact with innovative programs, special funding, creative learning experiences, exciting performances, and a dynamic and spirited social community. We caught up with Foundation CEO, Steve Weinberger, to learn about a few new programs.

"Education and outreach are fundamental to the mission, and the theme is now an integral part of our identity," Steve explains. "Our board works hard with staff to seek out new and creative ways to make a difference and provide meaningful experiences at the festival and throughout the year."

Young Lions Jazz Master Sessions:

Launched in December, this one-of-a-kind instructional experience is for Bay Area jazz students with master class group and individual instrument sessions. Held in Ruth Eckerd Hall's state-of-the-art Murray Theatre, Steve describes the program as "exciting and inspiring."

"We have developed a really unique learning environment – less about competition and more about peer-to-peer performance and collaboration. It is thrilling to connect participating, world-class university jazz educators and local professionals with these talented jazz students."

Local professionals and jazz educators from USF, UCF, St. Petersburg College, and Southeastern University were among the participants. The Foundation surprised each school with a \$600 gift to their program.

My Journey with Jazz: New, this music mentoring project complements after-school and summer programs in under-served communities. It consists of four sessions with an educator and special guest musicians who deliver an overview of jazz history, while describing how jazz music has influenced their lives.

Students learn about music from various eras, locations, social issues, jazz music's contribution, and are inspired to play an instrument. The program culminates with

a special performance by professional musicians designed to tell the story of jazz with student participation.

"Our pilot effort targeted 3rd-5th graders at the Clearwater Neighborhood Family Center. It was a learning experience for all and I think will pave the way to grow the project and engage young people," offers Jeni Mitchell, Program Chair, and long-time Foundation Board of Directors member.

Participants included: Bay Area jazz educator Frank Williams, trumpeter and educator Dwayne White, local bass legend and former member of the Duke Ellington Orchestra John Lamb, jazz musician, educator and mentor Butch Thomas, and Sam Hayward, a longtime, local musician and educator and familiar to the community.

"We are so motivated with the growth and wonderful reception of these programs. Our History of Jazz Education Outreach Program is another great example. It is only six years old and already impacts thousands of area students, building a next generation appreciation of the art form," Steve says. "When you visit the festival this year, know you are part of something bigger. Your support not only helps to sustain the festival but also grows a year-round community impact."

To learn about Clearwater Jazz Holiday and the Foundation or to buy tickets visit clearwaterjazz.com.



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LEGENDARY BIRD SANCTUARY IN FINANCIAL DISTRESS

Seaside Seabird Sanctuary, one of the oldest and largest wild bird sanctuaries in North America, is in danger of reducing operations due to lack of financial support.

The not-for-profit, bird rescue and rehabilitation facility only has a few days' worth of food on hand at any given time and is no longer able to conduct bird rescues. Monthly operating costs, including the care and feeding of over 110 permanently injured birds on site, still exceed \$20,000, despite cutting expenses to a minimum.

Seaside Seabird Sanctuary, a fully independent, successor organization to the previous sanctuary, relies completely on public support to maintain a small, dedicated staff to provide daily care. Seaside has administered critical care to over 1,300 sick, injured, or orphaned birds representing 128 different species in 2017, to date. The compromised birds are brought to Seaside by concerned citizens or were rescued by staff and volunteers from locations within 400 square miles of the Central Gulf Coast of Florida.

"We are at a critical time for the future of this great organization," said Andrew von Gontard, President and Director of Seaside Seabird Sanctuary. "We are only as strong as the support we receive from the Gulf Coast communities, Tampa Bay area, and beyond. Our goal in assuming operations in September 2016 was to continue a long-standing tradition of wildlife care and environmental stewardship, while being transparent every step of the way with our supporters and benefactors. Please help us to continue, the positive and nurturing work of which Seaside Seabird Sanctuary is capable."

While Seaside has made great progress in a short time, unfortunately, the Sanctuary is still not achieving the broad financial support needed to fully operate, much less expand outreach. "While we want to continue the original mission of saving seabirds, we need appropriate funding to do our best for the wildlife," said von Gontard.

The Sanctuary works closely with local partners, including Tampa Bay Raptor Rescue, whose President, Barbara Walker, said, "Every injured or sick bird that is rescued, rehabilitated, reconditioned and released is important to the environment and the balance of nature. The Seaside Seabird Sanctuary isn't just good for the area; it's a metaphorical step in the right direction for the whole world. Rehabilitation work is costly and relies on well-trained, dedicated staff, many volunteers and quality facilities. The Seaside Seabird Sanctuary's mission must continue in order to meet local and global community needs. This large, well-equipped seabird sanctuary is essential to the Tampa Bay area.

For further questions, contact Seaside Seabird Sanctuary by email at office@seabirdsanctuary.com, or by telephone at 727-392-4291.

Ways to help save the sanctuary:

- Online Donation www.seabirdsanctuary.com/donate.html
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Seaside Seabird Sanctuary is a 501(c)(3) public, non-profit organization whose mission is one of wildlife care, while promoting a sustainable approach to the environment and educational outreach to minimize injuries and sickness in birds.

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SUPERHERO 5K RUN

For Guardian ad Litem Foundation of Tampa Bay

Attention Superheroes, lace up your running shoes and help abused children in need! The Guardian Ad Litem Foundation of Tampa Bay invites you to the 3rd Annual SuperHero 5K Run, Walk and Stroller Roll on Saturday, September 23rd at Nolan's Pub, 230 Main St, Safety Harbor, at 8:30 am

Make a difference in the life of an abused or neglected child today by participating in the 3rd Annual SuperHero 5K. This event will raise community awareness for the 3,000 children in Pinellas and Pasco Counties who have been removed from their homes by no fault of their own.

Whether you are a competitive runner, a casual walker, or just love the idea of supporting a wonderful cause, participating in the Superhero 5k allows you to show your support for abused and neglected children in Pinellas and Pasco Counties. The family friendly, all ages, and abilities event will be held on Saturday, September 23rd, starting and ending at Nolan's Pub, 230 Main Street, Safety Harbor.

SuperHero costumes are encouraged, but not required. The race course will run along the beautiful Safety Harbor waterway. We will kick off at 8:30 am with the 5K Run. There will be activities afterwards for runners and families. Awards will be given for top qualifiers of the 5K Run. Snacks and water will be provided. A school uniform collection drive will be held to benefit children served by the Guardian ad Litem program.

Registration in advance is PREFERRED for the SuperHero 5K

- Register for the 5K at thesuperhero5k.com.

For those runners and walkers who are unable to attend the race, a virtual option is available.

- Register for the Virtual Race at thesuperhero5k.com

Want to volunteer at the Superhero 5k?

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They are still seeking sponsorships.

For more information about the Guardian ad Litem Foundation of Tampa Bay contact Amy Foster, Executive Director, AmyF@galf6.org or visit www.herotoachild.org

CLEARWATER/ST. PETERSBURG SKI AND SPORTS CLUB

As Pinellas County's only snow ski club, they are holding their 34th annual kickoff meeting Friday, August 11th at the Clearwater Country Club, 525 North Betty Lane in Clearwater. Starting at 6 pm, this event will showcase their club's four winter ski trips for the upcoming season, and their Spring Bike and Barge trip to Europe.

With trips planned to Steamboat Springs Colorado, Sun Valley Idaho, Whitefish Montana and Snowbasin Utah, there will be trips all season long including Spring Break. Trips are for all levels of skiers at various price ranges.

While at Steamboat, they will be joined by as many as 14 other ski clubs from Florida. They will also be heading to the Netherlands for a Bike and Barge trip during their Tulip season. This is a trip that shouldn't be missed.

Details about the club's trips, our social events, and the Winter Sports Clinic can be found at snowshark.org or on their Facebook page.

The Clearwater/St. Pete Ski Club will be holding their monthly social meetings at Mikes Pizza & Deli Station located at 13560 49 St. in Clearwater Fl. Socials begin at 6:30 pm on the second Tuesday of the months September through February, not including December.

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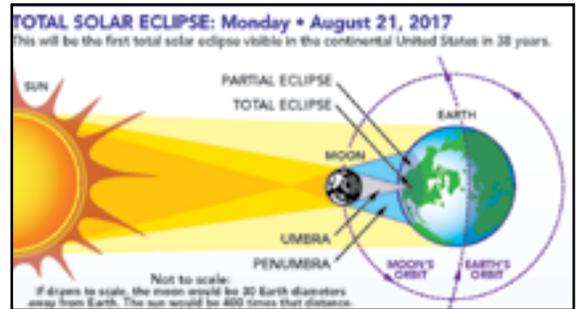
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TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE SUN

On Monday, August 21, people across the United States will see the sun disappear behind the moon, turning daylight into twilight, causing temperatures to drop, and revealing streamers of light streaking through the sky around the silhouette of the moon. This is because America will be under the path of a total solar eclipse.

A solar eclipse occurs when the Moon's shadow falls on the Earth. It seems like that would happen every month, but because the Earth's orbit around the sun is not in the same plane as the Moon's orbit around the Earth, it happens rarely. This will be the first total solar eclipse visible in the continental United States in 38 years.



Being called the Great American Total Solar Eclipse, it will darken skies from Salem, Oregon to Charleston, South Carolina, along a stretch of land about 70 miles wide. People in this "path of totality" will see one of nature's most awe inspiring sights. As the moon completely covers the sun, the sun's atmosphere, called the corona will be seen. The glowing white corona is the outermost part of the sun's atmosphere and can only be seen by the naked eye during an eclipse. The aura of plasma, that surrounds the sun and other stars, extends millions of miles into space.



This map shows the path of the moon's umbral shadow—in which the sun will be completely obscured by the moon—during the total solar eclipse of August 21, 2017. The lunar shadow enters the United States near Lincoln City, Oregon, at 9:05 a.m. PDT. Totality begins in Lincoln City, Oregon, at 10:16 a.m. PDT. The total eclipse will end in Charleston, South Carolina, at 2:48 p.m. EDT. The lunar shadow leaves the United States at 4:09 p.m. EDT. Outside this path, a partial solar eclipse will be visible throughout the continental U.S., and this map shows the fraction of the sun's area covered by the moon outside the path of totality.

The total eclipse, when the sun is completely blocked by the moon, will last up to 2 minutes and 40 seconds, depending on your viewing location. Our closest location will be South Carolina. In Columbia, SC the whole thing starts at 1:13pm and totality beginning at 2:41pm. The totality ends at 2:44pm and the whole this is over at 4:06pm, all EDT. Observers outside the path will still see a partial solar eclipse, where the moon covers part of the sun's disk.

If you are viewing the sun and the total or partial eclipse, always use special eclipse glasses. NEVER look directly at the sun without appropriate eyewear. Regular sunglasses are not safe to view the eclipse. You can order glasses online for less than \$5 each.

If you miss this one, the next total solar eclipse visible over the continental United States will be on April 8, 2024. But if you want to see one at home, on August 12, 2045, a total eclipse will occur over Pinellas County.



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NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM CHANGES

by Congressman Charlie Crist

Floods can happen anywhere and at any time. The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) has provided peace of mind and economic security to millions of families and property-owners for nearly five decades. For many, NFIP is the only choice they have for protection against floods.



Here in Florida, we are ground zero for rising sea levels, hurricanes, and other severe weather events. Our housing market, and thus our economy, would collapse without NFIP. With authorization of the program expiring on September 30th, Congress must not only pass a reauthorization bill on time, but must do so in a way that strengthens this vital program so it works better for our home and business owners and provides affordable, dependable coverage across the country.

The biggest question facing NFIP is how to balance the solvency of the program with the rising costs of premiums. One of NFIP's structural challenges is that it is deeply in debt – to the tune of \$25 billion. While NFIP worked well for decades, rising sea levels and larger, more powerful storms are occurring at higher frequencies. The catastrophic damage caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy, along with several other severe weather and inland flooding events, have plunged the program into debt.

Unfortunately, some in Congress want to hold NFIP policyholders entirely accountable for our changing climate and weather patterns by placing the financial burden of NFIP's debt squarely on their shoulders. And ultimately, some homeowners are considering dropping flood insurance altogether because it's too expensive. That's very risky – for homeowners and federal, state and local governments.

NFIP must be reauthorized on time. But the program's solvency should not be balanced on the backs of hard-working, middle class families who have done the right thing. While the House is considering a bill that I cannot support because it would increase rates and lacks a number of other pro-consumer provisions, the Senate, led by Senators Nelson and Rubio, is considering a more balanced approach. I am advocating that we ultimately bring that bill to the floor before the September 30th deadline.

As geographer Gilbert F. White once said: "Floods are acts of God, but flood losses are largely acts of man." Congress has the power and responsibility to limit families' losses by reauthorizing the National Flood Insurance Program in a way that keeps flood insurance accessible and affordable for decades to come.

BEACH CONDITIONS BY MOTE

Sarasota's Mote Marine is testing a new beach condition reporting system that will soon be expanding into Pinellas County. The purpose of the program is to provide updated information on red tide conditions, air temperature, water temperature, wind speed and direction, the presence of dead fish, jelly fish, respiratory irritations and rip currents. It can also report crowd conditions, surf conditions and wave height.

Information is uploaded by volunteers twice a day at 10:30am and 3:30pm, using a cell phone app. Volunteers include lifeguards, vendors and beach residents. You can volunteer at www.VisitBeaches.org or by calling MOTE at 941-232-2437.

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RAY'S KEVIN CASH MLB'S YOUNGEST MANAGER

Kevin Cash (39), half way through his third year as the Tampa Bay Rays head coach, is presently the youngest coach in the Major Leagues. Andy Green of San Diego, is also 39 but is a few months older.



Cash, the team's fifth coach was raised in Tampa, where he still lives with his wife, Emily. This is his 18th year in professional baseball. He played catcher in his younger days.

Cash played in little league and high school in Tampa. He was a member of the Tampa Northside Little League that played in the 1989 Little League World Series, held in Williamsport, PA. The same Little League team was later invited to play in the first game ever played at Tropicana Field then called the Florida Suncoast Dome, in February of 1990. Cash is the only current Major League Manager to have played in a Little League World Series.

While at Gaither High School, in 1996, Cash was All-State. From there, he went on to star at Florida State University, where he played in the College World Series. He is the second FSU alum to manage the Rays, joining Larry Rothschild. At FSU, he played in the first ever Devil Rays game, a spring exhibition at Al Lang Field on February 26, 1998. Cash played first base that day. They lost 6-3.

From 2000 to 2011, Cash played professional baseball as a catcher. During his twelve seasons, he played with six different organizations and appeared in 241 games. He was a starter in 189 of those games.

Acquired by the Devil Rays in 2005, Cash later was on former Rays Manager Joe Maddon's 40-man roster. Cash already owns two World Series rings—one from the 2007 Boston Red Sox and the second from the 2009 New York Yankees. He started 42 games for the Red Sox in 2008

After he finished his playing career in 2012, Cash became a scout for the Blue Jays. The next two seasons, he was the bullpen coach for the Cleveland Indians, before becoming the Ray's Coach.

At the beginning of this season, Cash's coaching record was 148-176 (.457 won-loss ratio), which is better than any of our previous managers after only two seasons.

Last year, the team went to Cuba and played in the first international game in Havana. There, Cash was able to meet President Obama and his wife, Michelle.

Kevin and Emily are big supporters of All Children's Hospital (now John Hopkins) and this past winter, they hosted Thanksgiving and Christmas events for the patients and their families. The couple's oldest daughter, Camden, now 10, had open heart surgery at the hospital in 2007, when she was only 17-months old.

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PUBLIX MANAGER 30 YEARS ON THE JOB

Where does a Publix manager get an anniversary cake? At his Publix bakery, of course.

As of August 22nd, the Island Estates' manager Louis Stavropoulos will have been with Publix for 30 years. "It's kind of a coincidence, but my son's birthday is also August 22; he was born at 8:22am," says Louie.

Louie started with Publix when he was only 17 as a Front End Service Clerk. That is what we call the "bag boy." He soon moved to Stock Clerk. While attending USF, he continued to work at a nearby Tampa Publix. In 1992, he graduated from USF with a degree in Business Management and continued his career with Publix.

"Louie has been a friendly face to all the residence of Island Estates and Clearwater Beach," says President of the Clearwater Beach Chamber of Commerce Darlene Kole. "Louie became involved with the Beach Chamber, was a director for years, filled every role we have as an officer, and at one point became our Chairman. He volunteers his time for many of our events and even has Publix sponsor them. He is truly a great role model within our community."

Since 2007, Louie has been in charge of the Island Estates Publix. While his store is under construction, he has been the manager of a Seminole store. The construction of the new store is progressing as planned and those involved tell us it should reopen early in the fourth quarter of the year, hopefully November. Some plaza merchants even heard as early as mid-October. The developer is also remodeling the rest of the shopping center at the same time.

Louie lives in Palm Harbor with his wife and kids.



SAND KEY BLOOD DRIVE August 30th

The Clearwater Beach Neighborhood Newsletter's Blood Drive is coming to Sand Key, August 30th. Look for the big red Bloodmobile parked at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center from 11 am to 4:30 pm.

Those donating that day, might win \$500 a grand prize drawing, but only if you mention this Newsletter when you donate.

Every donor will receive a discount certificate to: Maggie Mae's, Backwater's Grill, Poolside Boutique or Merry Mouse, and more. But when you mention this newsletter, you will be added to the grand prize drawing.

The grand prize includes a One-Night-Stay at the Clearwater Beach Hilton (\$200 value), a \$100 gift certificate from Baystar Restaurants (Island Way Grill, Salt Rock Grill, Marina Cantina), a gift certificate for two to Backwaters, Maggie Mae's, Poolside, and Merry Mouse, plus Recipes of the Best Beach Restaurants Cookbook (\$20 value).

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Business Briefs



HILTON'S \$20-MILLION REMODEL The Clearwater Beach Hilton recently completed a 20-month, \$20 million renovation. Highlights include new modernized guest rooms, impressive interior upgrades, two new pools, a new restaurant, new spa, new fitness center and a new Starbucks. "This is the most extensive renovation in the hotel's history," says Carlos Sanchez, General Manager. "We are extremely proud of

the massive renovation and believe it epitomizes the hotel's legendary stature on Clearwater Beach."

FUN RIDE RENTALS Those little two-seater scooters running around Clearwater Beach have probably been rented from Fun Ride Rentals. The main store is located underneath the Hyatt Regency on the beach. They recently opened a second location on the first floor of Edge Hotel. You do not have to be a tourist to rent one and join the fun.



SHABBY 2 CHIC This is not a consignment store. They accept your high quality donations (mostly furniture), sell them at a discounted price and use the money to help pay for families at RCS's Shepherd's Village, a nearby housing facility for needy families. They accept donations of gently used fine furnishings, and you receive the gift of giving. Mention this newsletter and receive 20% off your purchase. They are located at 596 Indian Rocks Road N., Belleair Bluffs in Antique Alley. Call them at 216-1402 x 508.

CONVENIENCE STORE HAS NEW OWNERS The small convenience store at 699 South Gulfview, across the street from the Dream View Hotel, has changed hands. Avi, the owner of Shorty's Convenience store in Sand Key, bought the store August 1. He plans a few changes including the name.

DREAM VIEW TO BE MARRIOTT Soon Dream View will become a new Marriott - the next in a long line of high-end waterfront hotels being built on Clearwater Beach. Owner Uday Lele, plans to build the 166 room, JW Marriott Hotel Residence on the site of Dream View Resort. The project is estimated to cost \$120-million. After only a few weeks of condo sales, they say one-third are already under contract. Owners may not live there permanently. On site stays are limited to 30-days, the rest of the time, owners can rent their units through the Marriott company. Units start at \$565,000, with one listed at \$1.365 million. Find this site at 691 South Gulfview Blvd.

HOTEL OPENING

The new Springhill Suites Residence Inn, operated by Marriott, is planning to open August 24th. The ten story, 259 room hotel is part Residence Inn and part Springhill Suites, with a common lobby area. The new hotel's manager is Ron Bitz. It is located at 309 Coronado, across from the Surf-Style store.



LA BOUTIQUE IS 40 La Boutique Ladies Wear store in the Island Estates Plaza is turning 40 in August. It opened in 1977. Owner Kathy Voutsinas is well known for always being available to help area charities with their fashion shows. Congratulations Kathy.



THE LEGACY CONTINUES

After being sold, Shoes by Beverly re-opened in July. New owner Courtenay Twinam has been working closely with Beverly Halliwell to bring you the footwear and handbag designers you have come to love, along with some exciting new styles. Courtenay worked with Beverly for the past two years before purchasing the

business. She started her retail career as an assistant buyer and department manager with Lord & Taylor in NYC and had a successful clothing and shoe boutique in Franklin, TN for 18 years. She is pleased to continue to have manager Marcy Finn who knows each customers tastes and needs.

CASSI AND CO. 29 YEARS STRONG

While owner Marsha Uhler bought the store four years ago, Cassi, a ladies' fashion store in The Plaza, opened back in 1988. Most of the store's employees have been there for many, many years. Happy 29th Birthday!



WYNDHAM WAVE The Wyndham Grand will open six under-the-sea themed guest rooms. The rooms will feature marine life from the Clearwater Marine Aquarium and is inspired by the story of Winter the dolphin. These rooms will feature a king-sized bed, a bunk bed and other special amenities. The Wyndham will donate a portion of each nightly rental to the aquarium.

FREE CLINIC CONSTRUCTION The Clearwater Free Clinic hosted a Construction Kick-Off Event in July at the location that will be the future home of the Clinic, 1218 Court Street. The Clinic's programs have expanded along with the increase in need for the Clinic's services and after 32 years in the modest location off of N. Fort Harrison Avenue, it is time for an upgrade. It should open by the end of the year.



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The newest Clearwater Beach hotel is Edge, and it is quite literally...on the edge - the edge of the street - the edge of Clearwater Pass -and the edge of Clearwater Beach. Edge is a 10-story hotel with 155 rooms; some rooms are facing Clearwater Pass, some the Gulf of Mexico and others are facing the City of Clearwater and the Intracoastal waterway.



The hotel has a tropically decorated lobby on the sixth floor that opens onto Edge's signature pool. One side of the hotel's pool has a 27-foot wall of glass that faces south overlooking Clearwater Pass. You literally feel like you could swim over the edge right into the Pass. There are actually two pools surrounded by a 17,000-square foot deck. Of course, there is a tiki-bar nearby to quench your thirst with tropical drinks.

Edge plans to be the new go-to place for weddings - both indoor and out. From prewedding activities, through the ceremony, elegant receptions and even a beautiful honeymoon, Edge can provide it all. Imagine your wedding on their large waterfront deck projecting over the water. It is the perfect location. Staff includes expert wedding planners who are equipped to provide a champagne brunch, sunset dinner or even dancing under the stars.

Edge offers hotel guests a complimentary breakfast buffet, a state of the art fitness center and a modern business center. The hotel is equipped to handle business travelers and their meeting needs.



Even if you are not a guest at the hotel, Edge offers two new restaurants. The first, at pool level is called 505 at the Edge (the address of the hotel). While dining, you can enjoy beach music in the open-air restaurant with one of the best sunset views on the beach! The menu is full of the chef's fresh coastal perspectives with a creative twist on entrees from seafood to steak.

Their rooftop restaurant and lounge, Jimmy's on the Edge, has panoramic views of the entire Clearwater Beach area, a 24-foot long fire pit, and a 300 square foot projection TV. Besides a complete Key West styled bar, they offer Florida inspired cuisine, a vast array of craft beer, fine wines, and tropical drinks. It is the perfect place for a casual, relaxed dinner. Of course, the bars and restaurants are open to the public. You do not have to be a guest to enjoy them.

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**COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
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For the fourth consecutive year, the members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Clearwater Flotilla have gone over and above what is expected of them. In support of the missions of the Coast Guard, they have earned the prestigious Outstanding Flotilla of the Year Award.

Every spring, Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 11 (comprised of flotillas from Madeira Beach, Clearwater, Dunedin, Tarpon Springs, New Port Richey, and Hudson) holds their awards banquet to recognize the contributions of its 265 members. Numerous individual awards are presented for individual members who have achieved significant milestones in areas such as operations (patrols on the water), vessel examinations, instructor and instructor aides, public affairs outreach, and direct support to the Coast Guard. The evening culminates with the announcement of the outstanding flotilla, which is determined by several criteria including the aforementioned mission areas, plus the ability to recruit and retain members with an emphasis on training of members to achieve advanced specialties.

This year's banquet was Division 11's 28th year of recognizing the accomplishments of its members. It was held at the Dunedin Golf Club and was attended by over 80 members and guests. These included the Coast Guard Auxiliary's National Commodore Rick Washburn, the Coast Guard Auxiliary's District 7 Chief of Staff, Gary Barth, Coast Guard Air Station Commanding Officer Captain Edward Sandlin, Coast Guard Sector St Petersburg Response Department Chief, Lieutenant Commander Holly Deal, Coast Guard Station Sand Key's Commanding Officer, Chief Warrant Officer Tracy Randall, and numerous others.

The Clearwater Flotilla is comprised of 72 members who actively participate in the missions of the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary. These members contributed thousands of volunteer hours of their time to keeping the boating public safe from the sea and keeping the sea safe from the boaters.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is the volunteer arm of the United States Coast Guard, authorized by Congress in 1939, and performs nearly all the missions of the Coast Guard except those associated with law enforcement and war. The organization is always looking to encourage local residents to join its ranks – whether they're current boaters or not.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Clearwater Flotilla 11-1's area of responsibility extends from the Belleair Bridge in the south to Stevenson Creek in the north. Their missions mirror those of the Active Duty Coast Guard with the exception of law enforcement and related activities. Being stewards of the environment and assisting boaters in distress are just two of the many missions completed by the members of the Clearwater Flotilla (www.USCGAuxClearwater.com).

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OUR CITY HAS A HURRICANE PLAN - DO YOU?

The City of Clearwater has a plan when a hurricane approaches. The plan protects the city's investments in roads, buildings, equipment and you. If a hurricane or tropical storm were to hit, many people are here to help. But, they will all tell you to be prepared and have a plan to help yourself. Preparation for hurricane season should not be new to any of us, and after last year's "drive-bys" we saw, we do not need a direct hit to be affected. Storm surge and wind cause the most damage to our area.

City of Clearwater's Plan:

All of Clearwater Beach is a Zone A. During ANY hurricane, all beach residents will be told to evacuate.

As with other Pinellas County cities, they follow the Pinellas County Management Plan. When the County's Emergency Management office (EMO), activates—they look at all their options and activate as deemed necessary. They try to be pro-active - not reactive - when it comes to big storms.

It normally starts with a conference call from the County's EMO. They announce the storm's path and strength and which plan they are implementing - which can change. They review the severity of the impending storm and the predictions over the next 72-48-24 hours. There will be a Management Team Meeting that will implement the necessary actions required.

All county and city hurricane plans are available online and they are updated daily with weather forecast information and hurricane predictions, at myclearwater.com/government/city-departments/emergency-management. Remember, the storm count for the season does not show how many storms may affect us; it only takes one!

Your Plan:

Here is what you need to do NOW, before hurricane season heats up.

Make A Plan: Where will you go? How will you get there? What will

you take? When will you leave? Who will you contact? Decide now.

Buy Water Now: You need 3-5 days of drinking water. Don't wait until the shelves are empty. Buy numerous gallons of water and Gatorade, now. Also add a case or two of canned food.

To-Go-Box: It should be ready to carry out the door with important papers, copies of your insurance documents, and any medicine you may need, plus copies of your prescriptions.

Get Cash: As much as you can afford. In the case of a major storm, banks won't be open and ATM's won't work without power.

Gas: Keep your car filled during hurricane season. Top it off every week. There may be long lines and most stations run out of gas during storms

Batteries: Buy a lot of them, now. If we don't have a storm, you can use them throughout the year.

Special Needs: If you are elderly, handicapped or sick and need help getting off the island, you have to register in advance with the local Fire Department or the County.

Trim Bushes: Look at the limbs around your house and cut them, now. Do not wait until a storm is coming. The city won't have time to pick them up before a storm. Limbs sitting by the curb may become airborne and hit your house or block the roads."

Stay Informed: Get the new Ready Pinellas app., for iPhones and Android phones. It provides evacuation information and storm updates. "You'll be able to have your plan in your pocket," said Pinellas County Emergency Management director Sally Bishop. Visit www.PinellasCounty.org/Emergency



 An advertisement for "Bloody Mary Sunday's" at Soy's Terrace Bar & Bistro. The image shows a bar counter with several large red dispensers of Bloody Mary mix, lemons, and various condiments. The Soy's logo is in the top left. At the bottom, there are logos for Ketel One Vodka, Tito's Handmade Vodka, and Grey Goose Vodka.

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WE LIVE IN THE GROUPEL CAPITAL OF THE WORLD

Grouper is caught all over the world, but waters off Pinellas County are one of the best areas to catch it. Madeira Beach's John's Pass is billed as "The Grouper Capital of the World." Some believe grouper got its name from the Portuguese word garoupa. Others believe it came from an indigenous South American language. In Australia, it is called it "groper". In the Middle East it is "hammour". No matter what you call it, it is a tasty mild fish.

There are over 100 types of groupers and some can live up to 50 years. The protected Atlantic Goliath grouper can grow up to 8 feet and weigh up to 800 pounds. Locally served grouper includes: Gag, Black, Red, Scamp, Yellowfin, Yellowmouth, and Rock Hind. Most restaurants sell Red or Gag, however, finer restaurants sell Black Grouper, when they can get it.

The fish have a stout body with a large mouth and most can easily grow to be over 100 lbs. Record-setting groupers have exceed 200 lbs. They are all slow swimmers; their body is not built to swim fast or to swim long distances. They suck their food into their mouth and body using water pressure from their large mouth and gills. They habitually eat other fish (even grouper), octopi and various crustaceans. Their diet makes them quite tasty for us.

Groupers are born and mature as females, but can change to male after sexual maturity. They live in small groups with one male and up to a dozen females. If the male dies, the largest female will change sex to take over the harem. Their bright markings can change color to match their background helping to camouflage them.

Many chefs consider Grouper one of the best fish to serve because of its mild taste and flaky texture. Grouper is caught and sold quickly; many are sold live. Most local restaurants want it fresh, never frozen. It may be kept on ice in the fishing boat for a few days. A few restaurants have their own boats that supply only their restaurants, such as Salt Rock Grill and Frenchy's. Grouper imported from Mexico has been frozen.

"We own and manage dozens of the primary fishing boats that bring grouper to our Pinellas community," says Frank Chivas, owner of Baystar Restaurants Group in Indian Shores. "We are happy to supply, not only our own restaurants, but many of the other restaurants, fish markets and suppliers with fresh caught grouper."

"Grouper is getting a lot harder to get," says Scott Bebell, Indian Rocks Beach's Guppy's Head Chef. "We only serve Black Grouper, which we feel is the best. If it is not fresh, I do not accept it. The price varies. When we say 'market price' it means between \$23-\$26—and is based on what we pay."

"Grouper is one of the main things we sell at Crabby Bill's," says Matt Loder owner of the Original Crabby Bill's. "Quality matters to us so much that we actually DNA test our grouper to ensure we only serve pure grouper."



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FROM THE DESK OF SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI

All citizens who wish to legally operate a motor vehicle on the road must possess a valid driver's license or learner's permit. However, the same cannot be said about citizens on the water. Although Florida law now requires boat-operators born after January 1, 1988, to complete an approved boater education course and receive a "Florida Boating Safety Education ID Card," there are exceptions. This means responsible vessel operators should arm themselves with boating knowledge and rules of the water, as well as remain alert for the other boaters who don't.

To help prepare citizens and encourage safe, responsible boating, the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office sponsors programs like "Operation Kid-Float," a boating safety education and personal flotation device (PFD) loaner program. Florida law requires that one PFD, or "lifejacket," per passenger be readily accessible on the vessel at all times, and children under age 6 must wear PFDs while underway. Through Operation Kid-Float, boaters can pick up available PCSO-owned PFDs at popular boat ramps throughout the county, including Dunedin City Marina, John Chestnut Park in Palm Harbor, and Fort De Soto Boat Ramp in Tierra Verde. The PCSO Marine Facility in Indian Shores is also available for drop off only.

In addition to the operation's message board kiosk locations, marine deputies carry loaner PFDs onboard to distribute as necessary during boat safety equipment inspections.

When marine deputies are patrolling Pinellas County's nearly 588 coastal miles on busy holiday weekends, they also keep an eye out for children who are already sporting their PFDs and reward them with Operation Kid-Float t-shirts.

PFD possession is only one way to stay safe on the water. Before you boat, adhere to these key safety tips:

1. Complete a safe boating course: Driving a car and a boat require different skill sets and knowledge about entirely different rules and regulations. Enrolling in an in-person or online boaters' safety course is a great way to learn the rules of the water and familiarize yourself with basic boating principles. Visit the National Safe Boating Council website at www.safeboatingcouncil.org for links to several approved online courses.

2. Know your boat: Before you set sail, get familiar with the vessel you are operating and the area you are navigating, including water depth, tides, weather, slow or idle speed requirements, and swim exclusion and restricted zones.

3. Get equipped: PFDs aren't the only required boating gear. Visit the FWC's website for a list of other mandatory items based on what type of boat you have: <http://myfwc.com/boating/safety-education/equipment/>.

4. Scan constantly: There are no stop signs or traffic lights on the water. You MUST constantly scan the water for other boaters, swimmers, water skiers, or stumps and other things jutting up from the water that can damage your boat or cause harm.

5. File a "float plan": Share your trip details – where you're going, when you plan to return, passengers' names, and boat information – with a responsible person before you launch, in case you lose contact in an emergency. Make sure to contact that person when you return safely.

6. Don't boat under the influence: Remember, operating any vehicle – including a boat – while impaired by drugs or alcohol is illegal and can end in a lot worse than a citation. Just as you would before a night out on the town, designate a sober driver for days on the water.

For more boating safety tips, visit the FWC, National Boating Safety Council, and the BoatUS Foundation websites. And, of course, don't forget the sunscreen!

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AN INTIMATE EVENING The Florida Orchestra and Sting

Going all out for its 50th anniversary, The Florida Orchestra will feature a performance by world-renowned musician Sting at its gala concert on Saturday, December 9, 2017, at the Mahaffey Theater, under the baton of Music Director Michael Francis. All proceeds will benefit the orchestra's robust community and education programs as well as TFO's artistic initiatives.

In a concert like no other in Tampa Bay, "An Intimate Evening with The Florida Orchestra and Sting" puts the iconic rock star and former frontman of The Police at center stage, but it will not be your typical rock show. Joined by a 3-piece band with music supervised by Rob Mathes (Sting, Bruce Springsteen, Renée Fleming, and more), expect 90 minutes of the 16-time Grammy winner's most celebrated hits re-imagined and arranged for an orchestra, including Every Little Thing She Does Is Magic, Englishman In New York, Roxanne, Every Breath You Take and Fields Of Gold, among many others. Some arrangements are from Sting's widely acclaimed Symphonies album.

Gala concert tickets go on sale exclusively to Florida Orchestra subscribers on Monday, September 25, and to the general public on Monday, October 2. Tickets will be \$75, \$100, \$150, \$250 and \$375 with select premium seats at \$450. Concert tickets do not include gala reception or dinner. This season's 50th anniversary gala concert is generously sponsored by Schmidt Investments of South Florida.

"We have a true world star coming to make music with The Florida Orchestra," says Michael Francis, who will share a stage with the British rock icon he grew up listening to in England. "Sting is not just a rock star. He's a deep, comprehensive artist who is constantly re-examining the world around him."

The Rock and Roll Hall of Famer has sold 100 million albums from his combined work as the frontman of The Police and as one of the most distinctive solo artists in the world. A composer, singer-songwriter, actor, author, and activist, Sting also has received a Golden Globe, four Oscar nominations, a Tony nomination and the Kennedy Center Honors. Sting has not performed in the bay area since 2010, when he appeared at what is now the MidFlorida Credit Union Amphitheater in Tampa.

This year's gala is chaired by Schmidt Investments CEO Bob Schmidt, who is also a TFO board member, and celebrates the 50th anniversary of The Florida Orchestra and its supporters with an extraordinary evening. Packages include a pre-concert champagne reception with hors d'oeuvres and live music, valet parking, prime seats at the concert and a post-concert gourmet dinner with Sting, Michael Francis and TFO musicians, all overlooking the waterfront at the Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg. The dinner will be catered by pre-eminent local chef Chris Ponte, who has been a James Beard Award semifinalist. Gala package reservations are on sale now at 727.362.5424, or email nardle@floridaorchestra.org.

The gala is The Florida Orchestra's only major fundraising event of the year. All proceeds support TFO's high standard of artistic excellence as well as growing education and community programs, including free hospital, park, museum, youth concerts and more throughout Tampa Bay. Last season's gala concert with violinist Itzhak Perlman raised more than \$600,000.

For Maestro Francis, a musician of Sting's caliber is a good fit for the orchestra's 50th anniversary gala: "Not only is Sting involved in rock, pop, jazz, and world music, but he loves and supports the classical world. He really sums up what the Florida Orchestra is all about, especially as we look to the future. We are genuinely communicating with Tampa Bay in so many different ways."

7 pm Saturday, December 9, 2017, Mahaffey Theater. Tickets on sale Oct. 2 at FloridaOrchestra.org or 727.892.3337.

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Organizational News...

SAND KEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

The Sand Key Civic Association is a non-partisan, Not-For-Profit organization of residents and businesses dedicated to improving the quality of life on Sand Key by researching issues, distributing information and representing our members' views and positions

They participate in The Barrier Island Government Council, The Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association and maintain contact with the city and state departments that impact Sand Key. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm, in The Sailing Center on Gulf Boulevard, and are open to all residents of member condominiums and businesses. Interested individuals are welcome to attend and observe. Next meetings are September 13 and October 4. E-mail new President Holly Gyles at skcainc@aol.com.

ISLAND ESTATES CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Members are Island Estates residents and business owners, with a mission to promote the safety, welfare, spirit, and unique lifestyle of the Island Estates community. They meet monthly on the second Monday. They no longer meet at CMA. See their web site for the locations.

They are conducting an October Clean Up on the Memorial Causeway, Saturday, October 28 (weather permitting). Show up at the entrance to Island Way at 9am.

Membership is \$50 per year. Businesses are \$60. Contact President Mike Anderson at Tide-Fan@BellSouth.net 777-2787, or visit myislandestates.org.

CLEARWATER COMMUNITY WOMAN'S CLUB

They are hosting a Get-Acquainted Social at the Downtown City Library September 12, at 11:30am, to better acquaint everyone with the club members, their activities, and volunteer opportunities. Women in Clearwater Beach are encouraged to join.

The Clearwater Woman's Club is part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. The volunteer service club and was established more than 40 years ago. Their motto is *Making A Difference*. General Meetings are held the third Tuesdays of each month, at 11am, at the Clearwater Downtown Library. Lucile Casey is the 2017 President.

For more information, contact Martha Hickey at 813-765-6219 or visit ClearwaterCWC.org

CLEARWATER BEACH ASSOCIATION

They meet the first Tuesday of each month at the Chapel By-The-Sea Church, but will not have any meetings during the summer. All members, or those wishing to join, are welcome to attend. Visit clearwaterFLBeachAssoc.com.

The next meetings will be September 5th and October 3rd. Other events and meetings include:

- September 16: Fall Volunteer Project
- October 14: Pub Crawl
- November 4: Chili Cook-off.

This neighborhood association promotes projects of a civic, recreational and entertainment nature. Membership is \$25/ household and checks can be made payable to CBA and mailed to 294 Windward Passage, Suite 408, Clearwater, FL 33767. Contact Beth Prast at esphome@yahoo.com or David MacNamee DMacNav@TampaBay.RR.com, or visit clearwaterFLBeachAssoc.com for more information.

DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION

They meet on the third Friday of the month, at the Belleair Country Club for lunch at 11:30am. Call Cathy Athanson at 510-7135 or email her at Dubinwv41@gmail.com.

ISLAND ESTATES YACHT CLUB

This social club began as a small club for the Island Estates neighborhood, now it has many members who live off the Island, too. They enjoy social events almost every month and welcome new members. They are planning their White Elephant Sale at the Clearwater Yacht Club Saturday, September 9.

For information, contact Mary O'Connor at 871-1881. For membership e-mail Sanders@Gmail.com

CLEARWATER YACHT CLUB

The Club continues the tradition of offering a temporary summer membership program, running from May 1 through Sept. 30, in which new members pay no initiation fee and dues of \$125 per month. There is no minimum food expense required. Call GM Tom Brusini at 727-447-6000.

Their Blessing of the Animals (and pet contests) is Sunday, October 8th (for members only). The Clearwater Challenge Regatta is October 28-29.

Chartered in 1911, this is one of the oldest Yacht Clubs and is known as the most fun, family friendly Yacht Club in the area. You do not need to own a boat to join. Half of their members don't have one. Most social activities center around parties in their own restaurant or at their waterfront Tiki-Bar. Visit Clwyc.org, e-mail Office@CLWYC.org or call 447-6000.

CLEARWATER COMMUNITY SAILING CENTER

The CCSC offers instruction in Stand Up Paddle boarding and Kayaking. They are located on Sand Key, just north of the Marriott Hotel, at 1001 Gulf Blvd. Call 517-7776 or see www.ClearwaterCommunitySailing.org.

ISLAND ESTATES WOMAN'S CLUB

While the Club takes the summer off, the festivities begin again in September 2017 and will continue through May. They have been busy lining up venues, speakers, and field trips. So watch your e-mail/snail-mail for details.

The Club is open to all women in all communities, which includes residents, visitors and snowbirds - welcome one and all. Dues are \$20. For membership information, please see their website at islandestateswomensclub.org/ and or call the Membership Chairperson, Joan Landreth, at 812-8078. For additional information and questions, please feel free to call the Club's president, Lynne McCaskill, at 430-1911.

CLEARWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Their Thursday Tours continue on the first and third Thursdays (all year) from 9am to noon. They are still working to open their new museum in the old South Ward School. Volunteers are doing much of the work and many local businesses have donated services. If you want to be on one of many committees, please call Bill.

Visit ClearwaterHistoricalSociety.org or call Bill Wallace 446-2676, for information.

NEWCOMER CLUB

Are you an area newcomer and just have not been able to meet people? Try joining the Welcome Newcomer Club. This is a social club to help relocated residents develop new friends. But you do not have to be a newcomer to join. The ladies meet monthly at different restaurants and country clubs for lunch with guest speakers. Leisure activities vary from card games to field trips and theater shows. The next luncheon is September 5: Bayou Country Club.

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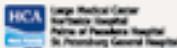
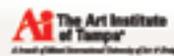
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Organizational News...

IRB BOAT CLUB

The Club's informational meetings with guest speakers at Jimmy Guana's (Holiday Inn Harborside) will resume in September. Held on the third Thursday of each month, they are open to the public.

The Boat Club, which gives boat owners an excuse to use their boats, is free to join and you do not have to live in Indian Rocks Beach. Call Bob Griffin at 517-1997 or e-mail IRBboatclub@gmail.com. Visit www.IRBboatclub.com.

CLEARWATER SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

This all volunteer non-profit organization teaches boating safety skill courses. One of the best ways to have a fun boating experience is to "know before you go." If you are a new boater or an experienced boater in need of a refresher course, consider taking a boating course or attending a seminar. To join, email Peter Losi, Education Officer, LOSEAS13@Gmail.com.

CLEARWATER GARDEN CLUB

Their Third Annual Summer Brunch for the support of their Community Gardens will be Sunday, August 20. Tickets are \$20, while they last. Lunch begins at 11am. This year's theme is "What's The Buzz About?" Call Kathy Thomas at 316-5504 to RSVP and buy tickets.

The brunch, at Scientology's Ft Harrison Hotel's Crystal Ballroom, will include a presentation, games and an auction. Dress is casual.

This is the beginning of the Gardens' third year. The Gardens are flourishing with 36 families enjoying friendship, food and fun. It is funded by donations. The Summer Brunch provides over 50% of its annual funding.

Future Meetings are:

- August 19: 7th Annual Arlene Summer Cool Off
- September 16: Asian Art of Kokedama

They meet twice a month (October through May) in Clearwater at 405 Seminole Street. They also hold demonstrations on the third Saturdays of the month. Garden Club members get in free at the Francis Wilson Playhouse on final rehearsal nights.

For more information, call 316-5504 or email at ClearwaterGardenClub@Gmail.com. Visit ClearwaterGardenClub.org.

FRIENDS OF THE BEACH REC CENTER & LIBRARY

They meet monthly to plan new activities for Clearwater Beach. Anyone who enjoys working with people to put together special events and programs is invited to join.

They are sponsoring a free lecture series on the History of Clearwater Beach, including:

- September 20:** Bob Griffin, the publisher of this newsletter, History of Clearwater Beach going back to the 1800s.
- October 11:** Mr Clifford McKay, author, Growing Up Wet
- November 8:** Anne Garris, the Memorial Bridge, Island Estates, Sand Key and the Soldier and Sailor Memorials.

The next meetings will be at noon, September 19 and October 17 at the Clearwater Beach Recreation Center. Join and become part of the excitement. Call Anne Garris at 727-446-4410.

DEMOCRATIC CLUB

They meet on the third Monday of every month at Acropol Restaurant, 1170 Starkey Road in Largo at 7pm. Meetings feature guest speakers and candidates. Call Mary Lou Ambrose at 433-4045 or visit www.LargoDemocrats.com.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The Clearwater Chapter meets monthly on the third Wednesday at the Dunedin Golf Club, 1050 Palm Avenue at 11:30 to socialize. Lunch begins at noon. Their programs normally pertain to the Constitution or Revolutionary history. New members and guests are always welcome. Call Jim Phillips at 447-1616 or email to JPhillips1936@icloud.com.

BELLEAIR GARDEN CLUB

From October through April, the club features a monthly tea & informational meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at 1 pm. Horticulture programs happen on the second Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am, both are the Belleair Garden Club, 903 Ponce de Leon Blvd in Belleair.

Membership is \$50 per year; couples, \$75. Three month members \$30. Guests are welcome. Contact Kathleen Hardwick@MSN.com or visit BelleairGardenClub.com.

MILITARY ORDER OF THE WORLD WARS

The Clearwater Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars meets for lunch on the first Tuesday of each month at the Belleair Country Club. Social hour begins at 11:30am followed by lunch and a short program. Members are retired active duty Military Officers and their spouses or widows. They welcome new members. To RSVP for lunch or to consider joining, call LTC. George Smith at 786-5578.

CLEARWATER BEACH ROTARY

Lunch meetings are the second and fourth Thursdays at Carlouel Yacht Club. There are also additional monthly social and community events. Alexandra Everist, President, can be reached at 237-8037. ClearwaterBeachRotary.com.

WOMEN'S GOLF ASSN. OF BELLEAIR

They welcome members who wish to join the 18-hole group. The WGA has a full calendar of events October through April. For information, please contact the Belleair Pro Shop at 727-442-0229 or www.belleaircc.com.

ISLAND ESTATES LUNCHEON CLUB

The Island Estates Tuesday Luncheon Club meets weekly. This organization goes back 50 years. Contact Robert Landreth at 812-8078 or email at RobertNL@AOL.com.

CARLOUEL HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

They welcome new neighbors to join the group as they move into the Carlouel neighborhood. Call Sue Williams at 446-4471 or visit MyCarlouel.com.

BELLEAIR WOMEN'S REPUBLICAN CLUB

They meet monthly on the first Friday, with issue appropriate speakers. There will be NO meeting in August. Meetings are for lunch at 11:30am at the Belleair Country Club, and normally cost \$22 (pay at the door; no credit cards). RSVP for meetings to Mary Miskin at 453-2630 or Renatta Cochran at 595-6678. Get more information at BelleairWomensRepublicanClub.com

BELLEAIR BEACH ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

They are gearing up for their 2017-18 season and have a new President--Mary Carey. They normally meet the third Wednesday of the month (October thru April) at the Belleair Beach Community Center, 10:30am. Future meetings include: October 18: Garden Tour and lunch at the Columbia and November 15: Presentation by Michelle Orvis, owner of Belle's Olive Branch in Belleair Bluffs, followed by a catered lunch.

Membership is \$20 per year and guests are welcome. Contact Mary Carey at 596-5981 or MLCKC@aol.com.

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11 SAN MARCO ST, #1402
CLEARWATER BEACH, FL 33767
4 BD/3.1 BA/3,500 SQ FT



\$1,250,000

15 SOMERSET ST, #4-A
CLEARWATER BEACH
4 BD/3.1 BA/2,911 SQ FT



\$1,199,000

17960 GULF BLVD, #124
REDINGTON SHORES
3 BD/3.1 BA/2,050 SQ FT



\$929,000

15 SOMERSET ST, #5-C/503
CLEARWATER BEACH
4 BD/3 BA/2,711 SQ FT



\$798,500

521 MANDALAY AVE, #706
CLEARWATER BEACH
2 BD+DEN/2 BA/1,547 SQ FT



\$795,000

13525 BAY LAKE LN
TAMPA
4 BD/4.1 BA/ 4,409 SQ FT



\$695,000

530 S GULFVIEW BLVD, #707
CLEARWATER BEACH
3 BD/2 BA/1,803 SQ FT



\$679,000

618 MANDALAY AVE, #C
CLEARWATER BEACH
3 BD/3.1 BA/1,750 SQ FT



\$629,900

342 LARBOARD WAY
CLEARWATER BEACH
3 BD/2.1 BA/3,098 SQ FT



\$249,000

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