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The GARDEN SEAT RESTAURANT

By Bob Griffin, Publisher

At one time, "Garden Seat," later renamed "Siple's Garden Seat," was Clearwater's must-go restaurant. It was located high on the bluffs overlooking Clearwater Bay at 1234 Druid Road S. It opened in 1920 -100 years ago – by Mary Sheffield Boardman and stayed in her family through four generations, before closing in 1990.

Mary, born in 1867, was from the Boston area. She was married to Sam Boardman, and they had one child, Eleanor. Mary and Sam managed a small summer inn in New York's Adirondacks. In 1915, they became snowbirds living in Clearwater during the cold New England winters.

Mary always wanted to own a restaurant and when she found the old Boyd homestead overlooking Clearwater Bay, with a large plot of land down to the water's edge, she thought it would make a great restaurant. But a local banker turned down her loan request claiming, "it was too far out of town to start a business."

Mary Boardman was a strong-willed lady and at the age of 50, bought the property anyway.



Mary Boardman

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Would You Jump Out of a Plane?

Clearwater Realtor Michelle Chenault went skydiving to celebrate her daughter's birthday. What did she learn? - page 23

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Inside, you will find articles and local information about the nearby area inside. We call it Neighborhood News because it is about your neighborhood, Clearwater Beach. It is mailed to the entire 33767 zip code including Island Estates and Sand Key - about 5,000 households, six times a year.

You can pick up additional copies of this magazine at the Beach Chamber Office, The Beach Rec Center, Shorty's Gourmet Deli, Sand Key Realty or the Island Estates UPS.

We hope you enjoy our newsletter and 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.

Keep up to date with your local news; follow us on Facebook at Neighborhood News Magazine.

Thank you for reading, Bob & Becky Griffin, 727-430-8300 bob@griffindirectories.com

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING FOOD HOLIDAYS

With all the uncertainties and cancellations, we are unable to have a true event calendar. Instead, we thought we would give you something fun - a list of National Food Days.

OCTOBER		
Cheese Curd Day	15	Fried Clams Day 1
Liqueur Day	16	Deviled Egg Day 2
Pasta Day	17	Sandwich Day 3
Chocolate Cupcake Day	18	Candy Day 4
Seafood Bisque Day	19	Donut Day 5
Brandied Fruit Day	20	Nachos Day 6
Pumpkin Cheesecake Day	21	Stout Day 7
Nut Day	22	Bittersweet Chocolate Day 7
Boston Cream Pie Day	23	Cappuccino Day 8
Bologna Day	24	Vanilla Cupcake Day 10
Breadstick Day	25	Sundae Day 11
Pumpkin Day	26	Pickle Day 14
Mincemeat Day	26	Bundt Cake Day 15
American Beer Day	27	Baklava Day 17
Chocolate Day	28	Homemade Bread Day 17
Oatmeal Day	29	Vichyssoise (Soup) Day 18
Candy Corn Day	30	Peanut Butter Fudge Day 20
Caramel Apple Day	31	Stuffing Day 21
NOVEMBER		Gingerbread Cookie Day 21
Calzone Day	1	Cranberry Relish Day 22
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The vote-by-mail drop box ballots are tallied before voting day ballots. With their permission, you can deliver friends and neighbor's ballots. You cannot accept money to do so.

Deadline to register to vote for the Presidential election is October 5. The last day to request a mail-in ballot is October 24 and it must be received by November 3.

TRUNK OR TREAT Held in the Clearwater Beach Library and Recreation Complex parking lot on Wednesday, Oct. 28th, 6-8 pm, staff and volunteers from the Library, Recreation Center and Pool will be giving out candy. This will be a safe alternative to traditional trick or treating with social distancing and all candy givers wearing masks and gloves. For information, call the recreation center at 727-462-6138.

"LET'S EAT" Let your Clearwater restaurant memorabilia be a part of Clearwater Historical Society's upcoming exhibit, "Let's Eat." It will be an eclectic exhibit of Clearwater's restaurants, diners, drive-ins and banquet halls with photos, artifacts, and stories of beloved favorites both past and present.

"We would love to display your cherished restaurant memorabilia in our vignettes," said Lisa Frank Millsaps, one of the exhibit designers. "Have a few glasses from the Kapok Tree, a swizzle stick from Baungardners, a menu from Chief Charley's, or maybe an ash tray from the Pelican? We are looking for articles that represent the restaurant side of Clearwater traditions." Items must be received by Friday, December 18. Call 727-754-8019, to make arrangements for a drop-off or pick-up of your loans or donations.

HALLOWEENDAYS AT CMA Oct. 24 - 25 & Oct. 31 - Nov. 1,

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NEW NAME, SAME SERVICES RCS Pinellas has provided help and hope in Pinellas County since 1967.

The organization was founded by 15 congregations of diverse faiths and ethnicities to create solutions to the community's demand for social services. Changing community needs prompted the addition of new services assisting those facing hunger, homelessness and domestic violence that support more than 130,000 participants annually. RCS Pinellas leadership has committed to increasing the organization's scope and service area under a new brand: Hope Villages of America, Inc.

The new name comes with a new tagline, "Addressing Hunger, Housing and Abuse," a new logo and a new mission statement: "We provide hope restoration with dignity to those in need through innovative programs and services."

MAIN LIBRARY CLOSED The Clearwater Main Library, located at 100 N. Osceola Ave., is closed to the public as part of the Imagine Clearwater project. The City Council chambers will remain open in the library for City Council work sessions and meetings.

Materials at the Main Library are no longer appearing in the catalog and are not be available for request. The book drop at the Main Library will not be accessible for returns. However, materials may be returned to any other Clearwater or PPLC member library

All other Clearwater libraries will remain open with additional hours. For more information, visit myclearwaterlibrary.com or call (727) 562-4970

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Mosquitoes only need a quarter to one-half inch of standing water for larvae to survive. Keep containers dry: flower pots, garbage cans, recycling containers, wheelbarrows, aluminum cans, boat tarps, old tires and buckets. Clean roof gutters, which can become clogged and hold water. Flush ornamental bromeliads or treat with BTI, a biological larvicide available at home stores. Cover rain barrels with screening. Flush birdbaths and wading pools weekly. These easy steps will help minimize your exposure to these bloodsucking insects.



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MARY BOARDMAN'S GARDEN SEAT RESTAURANT cont.

Mary quickly sold the land to the east (about half of her land) to a group building the "West Coast Hospital," which opened in 1916. It was eventually became Morton Plant Hospital.

With the help of her close friend, Clara "Aunt Lam" Lambert Rombach, Mary converted the home into a New England-style tearoom and restaurant. Clara would become Mary's close friend and financial advisor for the next 30 years and later ran the restaurant's gift shop.

The large house had five bedrooms upstairs, and in the beginning the restaurant was sort of a rooming house. Mary and Sam lived upstairs in the master suite overlooking the bay. They rented the other rooms to bring in extra money. A second building on the property had a garage, laundry and eventually, living quarters for some staff.

Mary and Sam continued to snowbird, managing the Adirondacks inn during the summers. They continued to remodel the old house during the winters.

The project involved a lot of plumbing, painting, and refurbishing. During those long workdays, they fixed their meals on the home's oil-fed stove experimenting with new recipes. They added a garden with trails leading down to the water, with benches, thus the name, "Garden Seat."

Mary finally opened her restaurant in 1920. The house's original parlor had a large fireplace and that became the restaurant's waiting room. There, guests mingled while waiting for their table. To Mary, they were all friends visiting her home.

The location of the "Garden Seat" was in the middle of the best section in town and it quickly became the place for the Who's Who of Clearwater. Many of Clearwater's well-to-do people, such as Morton Plant, Donald Roebling, Robert Brown, Dean Alvord, mayors, county commissioners, doctors, lawyers, and businessmen all ate there. The parade of well-known people continued for decades—through the 1980s.

In the beginning, "Garden Seat" was only open during the season—fall and winter. Tourists were not here in the summer, plus there was no air conditioning. Mary and Sam continued to snowbird, returning to the Adirondacks to manage the inn while the restaurant was closed.

Mary and Sam's daughter Eleanor and husband Frank Siple relocated from Boston to Clearwater in the mid-1920s to be near her parents. They had two children, Fraser and Richard.

In the 1920s and '30s, few people had cars. Many people in the area were out-of-state visitors staying at the nearby Belleview Biltmore, Gray Moss Inn, or other area hotels. Many of the restaurant's customers arrived in a taxi or in chauffeur-driven limousines, who were given free meals in the kitchen.

It was the "Garden Seat's" policy to serve only the finest food available. Being from the northeast, Mary believed that all good food came from someplace else. She imported all steaks and roasts from Boston. Her butter came from Wisconsin. The nuts for her famous Macadamia Nut Pie were shipped in from Hawaii. But the freshest fish were provided by local Clearwater fishermen.

Mary and Clara continued to operate the restaurant through the decades that followed: the land boom and bust of 1925-26, the depression of the 1930s, hurricanes and World War II. After the second World War, business had increased so much Mary added the "Bay Room," a larger dining room facing west overlooking the Clearwater Bay. The parlor was converted into more dining space. After the renovation, they celebrated with a re-grand opening in 1953.

In 1955, Mary retired at the age of 88 and daughter Eleanor Siple and her husband Frank managed the restaurant. Mary



died a year later.

Eleanor changed the restaurant's name to "Siple's Garden Seat" and the gift store to the "Franelle Shop" a combination of their names, Frank and Eleanor.

Eleanor realized she preferred to manage the two on site stores—a gift shop and a dress shop and her two sons, Fraser and Richard, then in their early 30s, became the restaurant managers.

Older son Fraser enjoyed greeting guests and managing the dining rooms. The younger Richard got his start in the kitchen cooking and washing dishes. He remembers hearing the tall tales told by the chauffeurs eating in the kitchen.

In 1959, when air-conditioning became available, they began to stay open all year. Richard became the main manager and Fraser preferred running the gift shop and doing the accounting.

The restaurant was a labor of love. The building was enlarged. The foyer changed. They added a pub. The kitchen was relocated. All this accomplished without closing for a single day. It soon became a 7am to 11pm - seven day a week enterprise.

"I remember those construction years, laying bricks and concrete blocks by myself," recalls Richard.

Richard did a fine job of continuing his grandmother's dream. The restaurant maintained its reputation for excellent service, hospitality, gourmet food, specialties prepared table-side, and a long list of homemade desserts. Patrons would browse the lush gardens down to the waterside while waiting for their tables.

Richard and his wife LaVerne, with the help of their children Marvin and Caroline, ran the restaurant until it closed in 1990.

"We both worked for mom and dad in the restaurant while we were growing up," says Marv Siple, now 67. "We did everything from clearing tables to cooking to greeting guests. Caroline kept the books. I was 37 when Dad sold it."

When it closed, "Siple's Garden Seat" was one of the three oldest restaurants in the state of Florida, following The Columbia in Ybor City and Joe's Stone Crab in Miami. It was a winner of the "Golden Spoon Award" ten times and considered one of the state's best restaurants.

Richard and LaVerne sold "Siple's Garden Seat" in 1990 to the Morton Plant Hospital Foundation. Half of the proceeds of the sale was returned to the Foundation as a donation. Today the building is gone, and the land is an overflow parking lot and green space next to the Morton Plant Foundation building, near Morton Plant's heliport for emergency helicopters. ■



PINELLAS CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY REALITIES

As I've spent time writing informational articles these past 4 years while contemplating the robust construction activity in Pinellas County, I keep going back to recurring concepts that I've discussed because they provide the most accurate information that I feel I can provide. The construction industry has been in full swing for the past few years, and with the influx of our snowbirds that have now turned into Florida residents, it seems inevitable that more increased activity will continue. Just this past year, three of my close friends from up north that have been renting here for the past years, have decided to purchase a home here in Pinellas. They have been going to open houses for years seeing what is available at what price, and have witnessed the large increase in home pricing due to inflation. Like everybody, they all said "Why did I wait these past years to buy, when I could have purchased the same new home for 10%, 15%, or 25% less"? Don't we often hear our friends say "I remember when I could have purchased a home in that neighborhood for \$380,000, and now that same home is selling for almost \$500,000". That is exactly today's reality.

Therefore, I'll re-state my prior concepts from past news articles that we discuss almost daily when customers come through our furnished model home:

- **Investing or Spending:** We all like liquidity with our savings, but lose ground each year when delaying a new home purchase. The stock market is hot now, but of course will have periodic corrections. Transferring some savings into a new Florida home and having a "hard asset" investment makes sense. Remember, you are not "spending" this money, but rather investing in Florida real estate that traditionally has increased in value well above savings accounts;
- **Inflation, Inflation, Inflation:** Is a new Florida home going to get cheaper? No. A new home constructed to elevated FEMA standards, with 150MPH hurricane resistant construction, energy efficient and all modern amenities, the "Supply & Demand" ratio greatly favors those

homeowners. The existing homes built 50 years ago to outdated codes and non-FEMA compliant elevations just do not enjoy the inflationary increase of new homes today;

- **Enjoy Your New Investment:** How many investments in a family's portfolio can be enjoyed as much as a new home, maybe on the Intracoastal with a new pool and dock, for the family to enjoy for swimming, fishing, and boating to restaurants? This point would not be valid if you were spending the family inheritance on a depreciable item, but a new Florida home has the luxury of an enjoyable family environment that has historically increased in value each year;
- **Hard to "Pull the Trigger":** I realize that it is hard to transfer the funds from savings to Florida real estate, but that big step pays many dividends for families;
- **Replacement Homes:** Those lucky families that already own a home on the water, but realize the age and non-FEMA compliant 50 year old home is not the outdated home that they want to live in for the next 20 years. These families only have to choose a new home, and replace it with a new family environment. This has become the main portion of construction for GHD these past few years.

New Florida homes are becoming increasingly popular, and many Realtors bring their customers to our furnished model home when they can't find a home that satisfies their customers' needs. We Co-Broker with Realtors around Pinellas, to show them an alternative to the existing 50 year old housing stock here.

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A New Way to Learn for a New Group of Safe Boaters

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 11-1, based in Clearwater, will be conducting a "Boat America" boating safety training program designed to appeal to fishing enthusiasts, personal watercraft operators, and all recreational boaters. This is a great program for prospective boat owners. Topics covered include current boating laws and the environment; safety equipment, both required and optional; safe boat handling; aids to navigation and navigation rules; potential boating problems; how to safely trailer your boat; storing and protecting your boat; and safety guidelines for fishing, water-skiing, and river boating.

Location: Online via Zoom. Because of COVID-19, all classes during the remainder of 2020 are online. Enjoy the training from the same certified instructors delivered via Zoom in the comfort of your home. No commuting to class, no need to get dressed up, all at your convenience.

Times: October's classes are scheduled on two consecutive weekend mornings: October 24th and 25th and October 31st and November 1st from 9am to about 11:30am. The November classes are schedule on four consecutive evenings: November 30th, December 1st, December 2nd and December 3rd from 7:00pm to about 9:30pm.

Costs: All instruction, materials and examinations are included \$40 per participant. This could also be a great gift for your loved ones to learn safe boating.

The National Association of States Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) and Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) approve this course for content. Successful completion of the "Boat America" course satisfies the Florida requirement for anyone born after January 1, 1988 to complete a boating safety course to operate a motor vessel. Certificates are awarded to all graduates. The CG Auxiliary teaches the basic rules of safe boating to thousands of students annually.

Please contact your insurance agent for applicable discounts.

To receive additional information or to register for the program, please contact: the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Clearwater Flotilla, at: www.clwboatingsafety.com or by email at clwtr.auxboating@gmail.com or call 727-469-8895.

TIPS TO AVOID GAS STATION CREDIT CARD SKIMMERS

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Pay Inside Instead Of At The Pump: It takes just seconds for criminals to place a skimmer in a gas pump, but it is far less likely that a skimmer has been placed on a terminal in front of the clerk inside.

Choose Gas Pumps Closest To The Building: Do not use gas pumps out of the attendant's line of sight, such as those around a corner or behind a building. Thieves don't choose pumps where the attendant may catch them in the act.

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As we approach the holiday season, our thoughts turn to gifts for family and friends. Here are a few thoughts on financial gift giving.

In 2020, you may make a gift up to \$15,000 each to as many people as you want without incurring a gift tax. A couple can double that amount. Let us say you have three children. That means you jointly can transfer \$90,000 of wealth to them and another \$90,000 to their spouse and \$30,000 to each grandchild.

But it gets even better! Suppose you do this over a five-year period. If the child invests the money at a hypothetical return of 5%, it will be worth \$165,750 for each. In ten years, it will grow to \$377,300 and in twenty years it will almost reach \$1 million.

But it gets even better! If you have a grandchild attending private school or going to college and you make a gift directly to the institution for qualified educational expenses, regardless of how high, the gift is unlimited.

But it gets even better! In the alternative, you can contribute to a 529 education account that grows tax free when used for qualified education expenses. You can jump start this program by putting in five years of gifting at one time. The only catch here is that you cannot make an additional gift for the subsequent five years.

But it gets even better! Suppose you have a great deal of wealth and you want to give more than \$15,000 per year. Say you are age 65, expect to live at least another twenty years, and you want to give \$1 million. Then the first \$15,000 will be considered an annual gift and the remaining amount will use part of your lifetime exemption of \$11.58 million. There is still no gift tax, but you will have to file a gift tax return.

But it gets even better! That million dollars over the next 20 years at our 5% return grows to \$2.65 million. Thus, you removed not \$1 million from your future estate, but \$2.65 million. Assuming you have a taxable estate, this could save over \$1 million in potential estate taxes.

We have lots of other gift giving ideas, so why not give us call for a complimentary consultation in either our Clearwater or Tampa office. Happy Holidays!

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NOVEMBER VOTING AND WHAT IS ON YOUR BALLOTS

Pinellas residents have a big election on November 3rd. Everyone knows it is a presidential election, but there are a number of other things on the ballot including: Sheriff, Property Appraiser, and Supervisor of Elections. Three county commission seats are being decided along with two school board seats and four judges are asking to retain their seats. As in every general election, all State and Federal House seats are being voted on as well.

The deadline to register to vote has passed, but you can request a ballot be mailed to you until the end of the day October 24. Visit VotePinellas.com/VoteByMail, email mailballots@votepinellas.com or call 727-464-8683.

Mail-in ballots must be received by 5pm on November 3rd. If you are returning it by mail, voters are advised to allow one full week for your ballot to be returned to the Election office.

Mail-in ballots can also be dropped off at any Election office or at 25 drop off locations throughout the county that will open October 19 and close the day before the election. Mail-in ballots cannot be dropped off at your polling place.

Before mailing or dropping off your ballot, please double check that you sign and date the envelope!

If you receive a mail-in ballot and choose to instead vote in person, you must bring your ballot to the poll and have it canceled or you may have to vote with a provisional ballot.

Five early voting locations will be open October 19 through November 1, 7am - 7pm. Bring a photo and signature ID. Visit VotePinellas.com for these and ballot drop off locations.

In addition to all the Federal, State and local candidates running for election, the following amendments will be on your ballot.

Amendment 1 The Florida Constitution currently says, "Every citizen of the United States who is at least eighteen years of age and who is a permanent resident of the state,

if registered as provided by law, shall be an elector of the county where registered. This ballot measure, would change it to say, "Only a citizen of the United States who is at least eighteen years of age and who is a permanent resident of the state, if registered as provided by law, shall be an elector of the county where registered." This was a citizen initiative.

Amendment 2 Increases the state minimum wage presently \$8.56 per hour, to \$10 next September and by a dollar more each year until reaching \$15 in 2026. This was a citizen initiative.

Amendment 3 Establishes a top-two open primary system for state office primary elections. It does away with political party primaries for Governor, Cabinet and the Legislature and replaces them with primary elections open to every candidate and to every voter, regardless of party. The top two then would face off in the general election. This was a citizen initiative.

Amendment 4 Requires voter-approved constitutional amendments to be approved by voters at a second general election. Currently in Florida, if voters approve an amendment with a 60% supermajority vote in one general election, it becomes part of the constitution. The 60% supermajority vote would apply to both elections. This was a citizen initiative

Amendment 5 Increases the period during which a person may transfer "Save Our Homes" benefits to a new homestead property from two years to three years. Referred by the Florida Legislature.

Amendment 6 Allows a homestead property tax discount to be transferred to the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran. Referred by the Florida Legislature.

Make sure to research these amendments in advance, as their short descriptions don't always tell the whole story.

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GET CRACKING! Stone Crab season opens October 15th. Dig in to one of Florida's favorite seafood delicacies at one of two stone crab festivals.



Palm Pavilion's Stone Crab Festival is set for Friday, October 23rd to Sunday, October 25th. It will be held during normal operating hours: Friday and Saturday, 11am to 11pm and Sunday 11am to 10pm. They will have live entertainment all weekend, with stone crab claws while supplies last. There is no admission fee. Palm Pavillion is located at 10 Bay Esplanade, on the Gulf. Get more information on their web site www.PalmPavilion.com

Cooters Restaurant & Bar with hold their 27th Annual Crab Fest Thursday – Sunday, October 22-25. The event features boat loads of fresh Florida Stone Crab plus other crab varieties including King Crab, Snow Crab and Dungeness Crab, all at wholesale prices! They will have other food and drink specials, commemorative T-Shirts for sale and live music on stage. Try Cooters' Crab Feast Platter, loaded with all of the varieties of crab - serves 2-4.

Cooters Crab Fest is a family friendly event. Their full and kids' menus will also be available. Cooters is located at 423 Poinsettia Ave. on Clearwater Beach. Find hours, music line-up and more information at Cooters.com.

30 YEARS Steve and Lee Collins opened the Island Estates Gas and Service station 30 years ago—1990. Since then the station has been a Chevron, Texaco, Amaco, BP, and now Mobile, but the Collins Family has been there through it all. They want to thank everyone for your loyal business.



Find Steve at the entrance to Island Estates, 50 Island Way. Call him at 446-1566.



JEWEL CAFE SOLD Chris Scott and Julie Champion owners of the Belleair Market, bought the small Belleair Bluff cafe and changed the name to Belleair Cafe.

The newly redone Belleair Cafe is nestled in the Jewel Antique Mall, just behind the Belleair Market. Combining a new, mouth watering menu with cozy ambiance, they are already a local favorite for breakfast and lunch. Stop in and try their fresh salads, avocado toast or French dip, and find out why they are quickly becoming our Neighborhood's hidden Jewel! The Cafe is located at 2601 Jewel Road, in Belleair Bluffs.

Bar & Restaurant News



CAFE LARGO CELEBRATES 34 YEARS Dominique Christini, and his wife Kathy, opened Cafe Largo 34 years ago this month. This is one of the few French cuisine restaurants in Pinellas County and is always on the Tampa Bay Time's Top 50 list.

In addition to its classic French cuisine, the restaurant is known for its cooking classes and private wine pairing dinners, but unfortunately, both are suspended due to Covid-19.

Café Largo is located at 12551 Indian Rocks Road N., just north of Anona Elementary. Visit www.cafelargorestaurant.com to view their menu. Call 727-596-6282 for reservations (50% dine-in capacity) or to place a carry out order.



ANTHONY'S DELI Billy DeGironemo (Billy D), owner of Anthony's Deli, is celebrating the Deli's 8th Anniversary. Billy previously owned Billy D's on Clearwater Beach, a popular restaurant and night club. He sold it in 2014, before opening his deli/pizzeria/bakery concept in Largo. Anthony's Deli has long been a hidden gem and it has a 5-star rating on Google.

Anthony' Deli is known for the many offered specialties, such as, in-house baked turkey, ham, roast beef, homemade Italian sausage, meatballs, fresh mozzarella, creative subs, calzones, stromboli, homemade

tomato sauce, fresh baked bread, salads, imported olives, cheeses, Italian desserts and pastries - tiramisu is their signature dessert - and of course, pizza!

Recently, Billy added a "touch of New York" with Italian beef and sausage sandwiches, New York Cheese dogs, soups and NY chili with cheese and onions. He also added Chicago style hot dogs, too.

"I am looking for a second location, hopefully on the beach," says Billy. "Don't forget—we deliver and cater, too."

Find Anthony's Deli/Pizzeria/Bakery at 1435 Clearwater-Largo Road, about one-half mile north of West Bay. Call them at 581-4400. www.AnthonysDeliLargo.com.

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IRISH 31, on Poinsettia Avenue.

KAHWA COFFEE Bonefish Plaza is not reopening

PICK-A-DELI, 13664 Walsingham Rd., next to Starbucks.

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SUNCOAST JAZZ FESTIVAL GOES VIRTUAL FOR 2020

2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Suncoast Jazz Festival, which until this year has been held every November at the Sheraton and Marriot hotels on Sand Key in Clearwater. Not wanting to forgo celebrating its three decades of bringing jazz to its devoted audience, the festival will transition to a virtual experience showcasing a scaled-down roster of performers.

Over the course of the three day festival, from November 20 -22, performances will stream on Facebook Live, YouTube or www.SuncoastJazzFestival.com. All festival shows will be free of charge, thanks to anticipated generous support from sponsors and individual donors, thereby ensuring that all musicians will be compensated for their performances. Interested individuals can still contribute to cover the musicians' fees via SuncoastJazzFestival.com.

The performers participating this year include many festival favorites from years' past, including the Dave Bennet Quartet, who will be live from Michigan; Professor Cunningham and his Old School from Barcelona; Rossano Sportiello, Nicki Parrott and Eddie Metz live from the Blue Bamboo Center for the Arts in Winter Park, FL; La Lucha featuring James Suggs live from the Side Door at the Palladium at St. Petersburg College; Vivacity featuring Heather Thorn live from Timucua Arts Foundation in Orlando, FL; Tom Rigney and Flambeau; the Johnny Varro Trio; the Tarpon Spring Jazz Ensemble; Bob Leary live from Naples, FL; Bakey and Bette live from Orlando; and Nate Najar and Friends featuring Brazilian vocalist Daniela Soledade, Randy Sandke and Jeff Rupert, performing live from The Studio @620 in St. Petersburg.

For more information, visit www.SuncoastJazzFestival.com.

CHALK WALK 2020

This year's event, renamed Chalktober Fest is being held every weekend in October ending on November 1st. The 5-weekend long artistic celebration offers those of all ages an opportunity to experience top-notch chalk art, at all of your favorite hot spots along Clearwater Beach & Downtown.

During the Clearwater Chalktober Fest, each participating business will be partnered with a local or visiting artist who will chalk a masterpiece in front of their establishment. Artists will begin their work on Thursday with the goal of a Saturday by noon completion for weekend enjoyment! October 15th – October 18th: Downtown Clearwater; October 22nd – October 25th: North Clearwater Beach (Stone Crab Weekend); & finally October 29th – November 1st: Central Clearwater Beach (Halloween Weekend).

This leisurely event is presented by Morton Plant Hospital/ BayCare Health System.

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THE HAUS COFFEE SHOP
Replacing the Coffee Mill, owners Rhonda Bartz, her son Michael, and daughter Isabella may be new to the neighborhood, but not to the coffee business.

This is their second location, the first Haus Coffee Shop opened at 3690 East Bay six years ago. "The past six years have been an amazing journey, with a lot of hard work," says Rhonda. The new location opened in March. Find them at 12199 Indian Rocks Road, just south of Anona Elementary. Call them at 470-9151. When you visit, ask for their free coffee punch card. Visit TheHausCoffeeShop.com

OYSTER COMPANY IS NOW CABANAS The Clearwater Oyster Company, located at Winter's Resort on the south end of the beach, opened last year. After closing during the "Safer At Home" measures, they have reopened with a new name - Cabanas Coastal Grill, next door to the Hampton Inn and Suites.

THAI PAN ALLEY IN INDIAN ROCKS BEACH SOLD

For the restaurant's 30th Anniversary, it got new owners and a new name. Owner Joey Buck bought it seven years ago; now he has sold it to Michael Fisher, Michael Lowe, Leonard Tenderholt, and James Tenderholt.



The name is changing to Beach Waves Grill and so is the menu, but they will still have a handful of local favorites in the menu's Thai Pan corner.

They are working hard to get the place open and ready for their Grand Opening, later this month. Beach Waves Grill is located at 2300 Gulf Blvd, in the strip center with Café de Paris. Their phone number remains the same, 593-3663. Beach Waves delivers to the Sand Key area.

SOMETHING NEW AT ISLAND WAY GRILL They are offering dinner for two for four nights at only \$79. Each week a different entrée will be featured. You can add a bottle of wine, house salad for two, and for dessert of Charcuterie for two or a deep-dish brownie.

This great deal for eight total meals only applies to Take Out and Delivery. Delivery is available Mondays and Thursdays, 1pm to 3pm. Curbside Pick Up is available from the hours of 1 to 3pm only.

Dinner orders must be placed in advance by 7pm of the Sunday prior. See the current menu availabilities online at IslandWayGrill.com or call the restaurant at 461-6617

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NEW CLEARWATER YACHT CLUB GENERAL MANAGER The Clearwater Yacht Club has a new General Manager - Joe Meyer. Joe began his hospitality and restaurant management career in the Florida Keys at the Ocean Reef Club as its Banquets and Catering Manager. He later became the General Manager at the Pass-A-Grille Yacht Club, the Treasure Island Yacht Club, and the Pasadena Yacht and Country Club where he worked for 15 years. More recently, he was a consultant managing director for a portfolio of

golf clubs in Colorado.

"I am honored to accept the position of the Clearwater Yacht Club General Manager. I have enjoyed my time as a Club Consultant, and look forward to starting this new journey," explained Meyer. "I'm excited and honored to be given the opportunity to join the team at The Clearwater Yacht Club and to be entrusted to carry on the traditions of one of the United States' oldest and respected yacht clubs," Joe says. "One of the first objectives of mine is to hire a Food and Beverage Director to fine tune and elevate the dining experience here at CYC."

SHERATON SAND KEY BOUGHT BY MARRIOTT The Marriott bought the Starwood Hotel Group, of which the Sheraton Sand Key was part. Marriott operates thousands of hotels under various names. At this time, they have over 30 brands under the Marriott umbrella. Other than the ownership change, everything else remains the same.

CLIPPINGDALES MOVED If you are looking for Clippingdale's Grooming — they have moved a half mile east of Belleair Bluffs, next to Papa John's Pizza.

Owner Tina was forced to close during the Safer at Home Order, from March-June, but has reopened in the new location, Tuesday-Sunday. This is her 23rd year of operation in the Belleair area.

Find her at 1890 West Bay Drive. Call Tina at 586-6559.



PETAL AND VINE CLOSES Owners Jennifer and Nikki closed their garden shop, located in Antique Alley, at the end of September. The shop was a popular place for floral arrangements and unique gifts.

While they have enjoyed their time running the shop, due to the recent restrictions, closings and overall adversity to in-store shopping as a result of COVID-19, they felt they needed to close. They would like to thank everyone for their business and support throughout the years.

CHART HOUSE PROJECT Last spring, the City approved a plan to allow The Chart House to move forward with a larger hotel with the same footprint. The site plan has not been submitted yet. "Nothing will happen in the next few years," says Diane Bates, Hotel Manager.

NEW NAIL SALON A new nail salon is under construction in Island Estates Publix Shopping Center. It should open in about six months.



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LEMON TREE NOW "GOT"

New owner of You GOT This, Vanessa Wooding was partnering with Lemon Tree owner Amy McDermott through her line of jewelry and accessories, when Amy decided to close her store. Vanessa jumped at the chance to have her own store. After much work, the store reopened September 1st. GOT is an acronym using the first letter of each of her daughter's names - Georgians, Olivia, and Tahlia.



Wooding has a curated space for local artists and local business owners. They plan to host events with the first one this month. She is very excited to be part of Belleair Bluffs.

McDermott is considering opening a Lemon Tree Market in a new location closer to her home.

ANCHORS AWAY CLOSES OFFICE Due to Covid-19, the owners of Anchors Away Cruises and Tours decided to close their office and work from home. They are open Monday-Friday from 10am until 2pm to answer any questions you may have. You can reach them at 727-812-1089.

15 YEARS OLD The UPS store at 140 Island Way, in Island Estates opened in 2001 and Brian Steele bought it in 2005.

"We service between 75 and 100 customers per day, closer to Christmas. We have about 300 mailboxes at this site," says Steele. "We get our customers from the entire zip code, including Sand Key." He and his wife Crystal, also own UPS Stores in Belleair Bluffs and South Pasadena.



JW MARRIOTT Proposed to have 202 hotel rooms and 36 owner owned vacation rentals is moving forward. The site has been cleared and construction should start soon.

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2020 HOLIDAY LIGHTS IN THE GARDEN ARE CANCELED

By Vernon Bryant

Like many things in our world that have been impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Board of the Florida Botanic Gardens Foundation has decided that we cannot do our Annual Holiday Lights in the Garden event. The lighting of the Gardens for the holidays has been a tradition that started with the grand opening of the Gardens in 2000. Many things have threatened the event in the past, but the Foundation and Pinellas County worked together and found ways to make the event happen each year. This year, however, there are too many unknowns because of COVID-19. The decision to cancel was a difficult one, but it was deemed to be in the best interest of all of you our members, the Foundation, Pinellas County Parks and the general public to not do the event this year. This is especially difficult for the Foundation because the event generates a significant part of our annual revenue, so we are going to have to find ways to cover that loss revenue if possible.

We still have a number of smaller events on our schedule for this Fall, Winter and Spring, so watch for information on them. We are also on target to break ground for the new Children's Discovery Garden in December and are still working diligently to raise the balance of the funds needed for construction and programming for that Garden.

We will be sprucing up the Gardens a little for the holidays and invite you to come during the day to enjoy the Gardens in all of their winter beauty. We will plan to be back in 2021 bigger and better than ever and will be looking for volunteers to help with the planning and implementation starting in March 2021

2020 PELICAN LPGA WILL BE HELD WITHOUT SPECTATORS

The Pelican Women's Championship will be contested without fans in attendance when the tournament is held Nov. 16-22 at Belleair's Pelican Golf Club. The decision was announced by tournament organizers after consulting with public health officials and the LPGA.

"I cannot thank our partners at Pelican and the Doyle family enough for their commitment to providing a valuable competitive opportunity to our LPGA Tour players," said LPGA Commissioner Mike Whan. "We hope all of our fans will follow their favorite players on the Golf Channel and we look forward to a future opportunity to introduce Tampa-area fans to the world's greatest female golfers."

"While we are disappointed we won't be able to host fans for our inaugural event, the health and safety of our community and the women who compete on the LPGA Tour come first," said Dan Doyle Jr. "We are honored to provide this opportunity for the world's best female golfers and look forward to crowning our first champion this fall."

The Pelican Women's Championship is the LPGA's annual tournament in the Tampa Bay / St. Pete region and features 108 of the world's best female golfers competing over four rounds for a share of the \$1.5 million purse. All four rounds will be televised on The Golf Channel and coverage will also stream on The Golf Channel and the NBC Sports app.

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Community News...

CLEARWATER YACHT CLUB

Chartered in 1911, Clearwater Yacht Club is one of the oldest Yacht Clubs in the country. You don't need a boat to join in their fun, most of their social activities center around parties in their restaurant or at their Tiki-Bar.

They are pleased to announce that Joseph Meyer has been hired as General Manager.

CYC is a private Club and for those members that prefer eating outdoors, they added a large outdoor tent on the Tiki Deck providing additional sun protection. In addition, they have now added Friday evening live music for members on the Tiki Deck and on Sunday afternoon. Their Sunday breakfast is back. Following guidelines, they will bring it to you instead of serving yourself at the brunch table. Come out for a scheduled tour or call for more information 447-6000. Learn more at ClearwaterYachtClub.org, or e-mail Office@ClearwaterYachtClub.org.

SAND KEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

The Sand Key Civic Association is a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life on Sand Key. Founded in 1991, current membership includes eighteen condo associations and nine businesses researching issues, distributing information and representing the views of residents at city, county and state levels. Our association participates in The Barrier Island Government Council and The Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association and also holds a corporate membership with the Clearwater Community Sailing Center.

Due to extended COVID-19 restrictions, board meetings will continue to be conducted via "Zoom" video conferencing (Board Members only) in October, November and December. For access to meeting agendas and minutes, please visit sandkeycivicassociation.org or e-mail the organization's secretary at skcainc@aol.com.

Looking forward to 2021, the Association is currently accepting applications for two Board vacancies that will occur in January. Any resident of a member condominium association is eligible. Serving on the Board of Directors provides an opportunity to have a direct impact on policy decisions at local, county and state levels. To apply, visit the web site link above or contact the association secretary directly via the e-mail address above.

BELLEAIR WOMEN'S REPUBLICAN CLUB

For the November 6 meeting of Belleair Women's Republican Club, Dr. Susan MacManus will be speaking about the recent election results/statistics, providing expert analysis of the whole process.

This event will be held at the Belleair Country Club, One County Club Lane, Belleair, FL 33756. Checks for \$25 payable to BWRC should be sent to arrive by October 30 to: Linda Wade; 729 Creekside Lane; Palm Harbor, FL 34683. CDC-recommended practices will be continued to keep everyone attending safe and healthy.

GFWC CLEARWATER COMMUNITY WOMAN'S CLUB

They are planning a 50th anniversary celebration: The Daisy Grants and Fabulous 50th Celebration Luncheon. It will be held on May 20, 2021 at the Sheraton Sand Key. The DJ will play oldies - some from 1971!

The event will feature Award Winning author, Ashley Rhodes-Courter. Email MoreCCWCinfo@gmail.com or visit gfwcclearwatercommunitywomansclub.org, for more information.

They are accepting applications for Daisy Grants of up to \$2000, now. Applications and rules are on the Web site.

Community News...

THE ISLAND ESTATES CIVIC ASSOCIATION

This summer, in the midst of the COVID-19 lockdown and the inability to conduct their normal lineup of community activities, the Island Estates Civic Association (IECA) launched a new initiative to help keep island residents informed and involved with what is happening in their community and around the city. The Town Hall Summer Series monthly virtual meetings featuring interesting speakers including local politicians, business leaders, city departmental heads and community organizations. Each town hall featured two guest speakers and residents were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Speakers included Mayor Frank Hibbard; Vice Mayor Dave Albritton; Lt Nate Burnside, Clearwater Police Department; Ed Chesney, Clearwater Marine and Aviation Director; Lt Matt DallaRosa, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; Michael Delk, Interim Assistant City Manager; Bob Griffin, Publisher of the Beach Newsletters; Rosemary Windsor, CEO Jolly Trolley; Frank Dame, CEO at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium; Greg Dixon, Clearwater Code Enforcement. The summer series proved to be so successful that the IECA board decided to make it a monthly event.

The virtual Town Halls are broadcast via Zoom and can be viewed even after the events on our Facebook page.

BELLEAIR GARDEN CLUB

They are making tentative plans to begin their 2020-21 year with limited activities due to COVID-19. Please visit belleairgardenclub.com for up-to-date information on activity cancellations. The tentative fall schedule includes the following:
November 4- Outdoor meeting (weather permitting) Planned topic is Butterfly Safari

December 16- Outdoor meeting (weather permitting) Create Your Own Holiday Centerpiece (includes a fee)

For information about these events, or to become a Garden Club member, email belleairgardenclub1@gmail.com.

CLEARWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Their Fall Fish Fry has been postponed due to Covid -19. Please watch for future plans. Since they are unable to have the Fish Fry, they will conduct the business of the Annual Membership meeting by providing the information in the Fall Newsletter. You will be able to mail back in your vote or drop it off at the museum. They will have a drop box installed to receive the responses. See the Fall newsletter for details.

Now until the end of October, they are offering a pay for one membership or renewal and get another free to give to a friend. The gift member will be able to receive the emails and newsletters to keep up with new exhibits and other exciting events at the Clearwater Historical Society Museum.

CLEARWATER BEACH ASSOCIATION

They have elections coming the end of year with new board members coming on board.

Their socially distance picnic is October 17 at Triangle Park, located on the backside of Bay Esplanade.

FIRST RESPONDERS VIRTUAL CELEBRATION

The Clearwater Police Department and Clearwater Fire & Rescue Department celebrated National Night Out virtually with a series of videos that showcased the work of first responders. The videos can be watched on facebook at [Facebook.com/ClearwaterFireRescueDepartment](https://www.facebook.com/ClearwaterFireRescueDepartment) and [Facebook.com/ClearwaterPolice](https://www.facebook.com/ClearwaterPolice). The video version of National Night Out was done because the pandemic forced the event, scheduled for Oct. 6, to be canceled.

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MORTON PLANT HOSPITAL'S STRUCTURAL HEART CLINIC ADAPTS TO SERVE PATIENTS DURING PANDEMIC

Sitting in their home in St. Simons Island, Ga and staring at a screen on a random Wednesday afternoon, Jack and Lynda Sterrett weren't just watching television or checking email. They were "at" Jack's follow-up appointment with Joshua Rovin, MD, FACS, Cardiovascular Surgeon and Medical Director, Center for Advanced Valve and Structural Heart Care at Morton Plant Hospital.

Rewind the clock a few months and this follow up would have been in-person at the structural heart clinic. Though some primary care visits were happening via telemedicine, heart patients typically were seen in-person. Then came COVID-19, changing business as usual around the world and at Morton Plant Hospital.

Though most transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR) surgeries, like Jack's, were delayed in March when BayCare postponed elective surgeries, the need to evaluate and possibly treat patients did not disappear. Heart issues did not go away, and some needed immediate treatment.

When BayCare offered physicians the telemedicine option, the structural heart team didn't hesitate. They recognized the opportunity this presented offering patients the care they needed while keeping them safe during a pandemic. Within a day, the team was seeing patients using BayCareAnywhere®, a telemedicine healthcare app that individuals can download to a smartphone or tablet.

Patients and families who would have been in the office were now on a large screen while a cardiologist, a surgeon and a nurse practitioner sat together discussing the patient's condition and medical history.

While many structural heart clinics across the nation closed in April, telemedicine allowed Morton Plant's clinic to continue meeting the needs of its patients. In April, the clinic saw more than 90 percent of its patients using telemedicine.

Being out in front is nothing new to Morton Plant's structural heart team. They brought TAVR surgery to the Tampa Bay area in 2012, and in the ensuing years, the team has performed more than 1,500 surgeries while keeping abreast of the latest breakthroughs to ensure each patient has the best hope for a successful outcome.

While telemedicine may seem minor

compared to the complex surgeries that have been performed and medical strides that have been made, the team recognized that a successful outcome had to start with an initial visit that kept the patient comfortable and safe.

"Technology gave us the opportunity to continue to provide our experience and expertise to help individuals with heart valve disease even during a worldwide pandemic," said Rovin.

Not only did the team consider patient safety when offering telemedicine, but it also made patient satisfaction a priority. The clinical team, of the structural heart program, creates a BayCareAnywhere® account for patients and sends them an email with all their information. The patient simply opens the email and clicks the link. Someone on the team also calls the patient to walk through the process and offers to do a test call if it makes the patient more comfortable.

"We can use telemedicine to see patients for all appointments except the one closest to the surgery," said John Ofenloch, MD, cardiovascular surgeon and chief of cardiothoracic surgery at Morton Plant Hospital. "This help provide a level of comfort for many patients."

While all patients, unless otherwise requested, continue to have a one-week follow-up appointment via telemedicine, most patients have resumed coming in-person for the initial consultation. That doesn't necessarily mean less use of telemedicine as the team continues to find new ways to use technology to satisfy patients.

Many patients want more than one family member to participate in the consultation, but guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention only allow one visitor with the patient. The team has begun to bring the additional family members into the visit virtually. They can see the clinicians in the examination room, ask questions and offer information to help the doctors make a better decision.

Putting the patient's needs first has always been one of the driving forces of those who are a part of the Structural Heart Clinic.

"From the outset, we have stuck to a multi-disciplinary approach with a



AVR patient Jack Sterrett and his wife Lynda attend his follow-up appointment with doctors from Morton Plant Hospital's structural heart team. Cardiovascular Surgeon Joshua Rovin, MD, uses BayCareAnywhere® for TAVR patient Jack Sterrett's appointment following surgery.

cardiologist, a heart surgeon and one or two nurse practitioners working as a team to assess each patient," said Rovin. "Then, the surgeons and cardiologists meet weekly to discuss each case and decide the best option for the patient."

Technology has begun to play into this as well. If someone cannot be at the team meeting in person, they can join via Microsoft Teams, adding additional knowledge and experience to each patient review.

"The benefit for our team is that the cardiologist and doctor who saw the patient will present the case to the other 10 people on the team to get everyone's opinion," said Michael Kayatta, MD, cardio thoracic surgeon and member of the Morton Plant Hospital Valve Clinic Team.

Many may think the use of telemedicine means a less personal approach, but patients at Morton Plant Hospital's Center for Advanced Valve and Structural Heart Care would disagree.

Just ask Jack. Originally scheduled for April 1, his TAVR had to be postponed until May 5 because of the halt to elective surgeries. "They called weekly to check on me and everything was perfect," he said. He reported he had almost no recovery. He spent eight days total in Florida, and within a week of returning to Georgia, he was back to walking three miles each day.

Speaking up on the screen in the office, he told his team, "You guys have been wonderful. Thank you."

To learn more about TAVR at BayCare hospitals, go to www.BayCareHeartValve.org. ■

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THE FOUR FRESHMEN have enamored listeners world-wide for years, while gaining recognition as one of the most influential vocal groups of all time. Their sound inspired The Beach Boys' Brian Wilson, The Mamas & The Papas, Frankie Valli and the Manhattan Transfer. The Freshmen have recorded over 75 albums, 70 top selling singles, and received 6 Grammy Nominations. The group has toured constantly since their inception, continuing to perform around the globe.

Following the guidelines in Pinellas County's ordinance, guests and staff are required to wear face coverings at all times, unless seated and consuming food or beverage, inside the Central Park Performing Arts Center or outdoors on the Parkview Terrace. Congregating on the dance floor is prohibited during the performance.

All safety precautions are subject to change with updates to federal, state, or local guidance. For questions about the new venue, series, or seating, contact either the box office at (727) 587-6793

The Central Park Performing Arts Center is a multi-purpose facility featuring a 443-seat theatre, a 200-person grand ballroom, and the Historic Largo Feed Store which holds 100. The Center promotes and encourages performing arts among the Tampa Bay community, hosting a variety of national, regional, and local artists and groups. Each space is fully equipped to rent for corporate functions, company meetings, receptions, and special events. For more information, visit LargoArts.com.



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THINGS I DIDN'T EXPECT WHEN I JUMPED OUT OF AN AIRPLANE

By Michelle Chenault, Clearwater Resident

Would you ever jump out of an airplane? For me, at 55, it was a distant thought on my fantasy bucket list! But last Saturday there I was, driving to the Lake Wales Regional Airport to the "Jump Florida" Skydiving Center with my kids and neighbors, on my daughter's 18th birthday, presumably to only WATCH! The week before I had sincerely tried to psyche myself up but I was truly scared, even having nightmares and losing sleep the days before. I didn't want to do it. But upon arrival to the huge airport hanger with 100+ people waiting to go, and large live stream videos showing the entire process, I soon developed a sense of calm and I began to believe it was not such a difficult feat. I signed up and I did it!

Here are the Top 3 things I did not expect when jumping out of the plane.

1. Absolutely No Skills are Involved: The Tandem instructor does absolutely everything! He attaches the harness, he jumps, he pulls the parachute, and he does the landing. My job was to relax and realize that I am like another backpack he was carrying. There is nothing for you to do.

2. You Don't Feel the Fall... You feel the Wind: Many people believe you get that roller-coaster drop feeling the entire time you are going down. But actually, that stomach drop feeling is caused by a change in acceleration and you only feel that feeling for a few seconds immediately after the jump. Instead, once you jump, the extreme wind in your hair, face, mouth, and body will be a memorable experience. Also, at 18,000 feet, you are so far above the earth that it doesn't look like the ground is coming toward you very quickly. And after the parachute is pulled, it is a slow, graceful, and very peaceful glide to the ground where you lift your feet up and the Instructor softly lands on his feet or bottom.

3. Skydiving is actually a very safe activity. While nothing in life is guaranteed, and accidents can happen. Tandem jumping is considered by experts to be a low-risk activity. Most tandem instructors have logged thousands of dives and typically do up to 25 jumps per week. Also, the tandem instructor is equipped with 2 sets of canopies – the main one that is deployed and a reserve one just in case. There is an electronic system inside every rig that automatically deploys the reserve chute if, for any reason, the main chute is not deployed by a certain altitude.

We went to Florida Jump Skydive who NEVER had an accident report in over 125,000+ jumps. That gave me a lot of reassurance!! If you decide to Skydive, do your research and always be safe. It is appropriate for any age 18-100. For us, it was a great family experience and a fabulous memory that will last a lifetime.



Michelle Chenault's daughter Tammy Gemmel, celebrating her birthday.

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CUSTOM JEWELRY BY ROBERT YOUNG HOW DOES HE DO THAT?

Hi, It's Robert Young here. I have been designing and creating custom, one-of-a-kind fine jewelry pieces for almost 50 years. With such a long time doing this, there are probably enough of my creations out there to fill a pickup truck with cool pieces. Many of you may already be enjoying my jewelry or are likely too, or know someone who does.

Exactly what is custom jewelry? Well for me, it is not simply ordering a bunch of parts nor pre-made stock molds from a manufacturer. That might be "custom" for some, but I have something more interesting in mind. Ever since getting started designing jewelry, it has been amazing that I can imagine a work of art and bring the design into fruition using gold and platinum. Although some of these designs are just those using metals themselves, most of my pieces feature gemstones, either those that I provide or those of my clientele. It is a great way to incorporate family gems or to reinvigorate tired pieces you already have.

Ok, so how does this "Custom Design Process" work? I realize that the idea of trusting me to create some fabulous and valuable treasure is sometimes unnerving. I know it is often difficult to feel comfortable about the custom design process - especially since it starts only on paper.

Since I am not a mind reader, I am always concerned with finding out from you what you want. You will find, I am really good at that! It is kind of an interview. It is personal because jewelry is personal, so much more so than ordering new kitchen cabinets. And often there is so much more at stake. The piece that I am going to design for you might be your lifetime wedding and engagement rings, maybe it is a special pendant to hold your mom's diamond or it might be a present for someone you love. Yeah, I know that a jewelry gift is always for someone you love. That is what makes jewelry so important to you and to me.



Lena Sanford

Recently, besides the wedding and engagement items there have been many graduation presents and "Push Presents," you know, a special gift to your wife commemorating your family's new arrival. Some of these "Push Presents" are as you might expect - diamonds, but it is also a great opportunity to design something incorporating a birthstone gem.

In order to explore design possibilities and so that both you and I understand what to expect, we will look among my showcase pieces and through the multitude of original designs on my computer for inspiration.

If you are interested, I will show you through a significant collection of colored gemstones, diamonds, and pearls.

To crystallize your design concept, I will sketch an actual size color rendering showing you exactly what to expect.

Since this design activity is a process, it takes some time. Often you will sit across from me while I draw numerous actual size renderings. And often too, I will draw more designs after our first meeting to better show you additional drawings after thinking about it some. Yes, it is a process that requires thinking. We can put our heads together and I will be able to create a concept that can be a perfect design for you. All this is not scary at all, as I have done this throughout my professional career. I am very patient and I listen very well, and I am extremely easy to talk with. I speak a plain language and you will get some great conversation - yeah, humor too!

Importantly, as we are discussing your design, we will consider costs; most design ideas provide flexibility in order to best fit your pocket. Again, this is not scary. Jewelry is important, but so is your budget! After you choose a design, we determine a price based upon design, materials, and the work involved. Our turnaround time is usually about three weeks. Once we decide on a finished delivery date, I keep to that schedule.

In order to be able to create these works of art, there are of us working as a team. Lena Sanford keeps everything in order and creates a very hospitable store environment. At our goldsmith's bench is Mark McKinlay, a true master craftsman. He is responsible for just about every treasure created in our studio. If you wish, you can view the progress of your piece as it evolves.

Some of the designs are forged and soldered directly from the metal itself. Others are created using the "Lost Wax Process." Lost wax casting has been a metallurgic technique used for millennia. Even King Tut's golden mask was created this way about 1300B.C. (How's that for old school?) I will be happy to show you around our workshop to explain how these treasures are realized.

There is something else that I haven't let you in on yet - I love this jewelry creating process. My appreciation for Art, for Processes and my true interest in you will be apparent from the start. This is a fun and rewarding job!

Earlier I said that I was not a mind reader, but why not stop in to see if maybe I am just a wee bit clairvoyant while creating a design for you that you will love for a very long time. ■



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North County reclaimed water customers may irrigate two days per week based on property address:

- Addresses ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6, or 8) may water Tuesday and/or Saturday.
- Addresses ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7, or 9) may water Wednesday and/or Sunday.
- Parcels with mixed or no address, such as common areas associated in subdivisions, may water Wednesday and/or Sunday.
- Watering is prohibited between 8 am and 4 pm on authorized days.

Because irrigation is prohibited on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, the reclaimed water system will be shut down on these days, as needed. The system will also be shut down from 8 am to 4 pm on all days of operation for supply recovery.

FIRE PREVENTION

October is fire prevention month. This year's theme is "Serving Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen."

Cooking

- Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries. Thanksgiving is the leading day for fires involving cooking equipment.
- Unattended cooking is the leading cause of kitchen fires. Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly and stay in the home.
- Keep anything that can catch fire away from your stovetop.
- Loose clothing can hang down onto stove burners and catch fire. Wear short, close-fitting, or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking.
- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

Smoke Alarms

- Smoke alarms detect and alert people to a fire in the early stages. Smoke alarms can mean the difference between life and death in a fire.
- Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a home fire in half.
- Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home.
- Test smoke alarms at least monthly using the test button.
- Make sure everyone in the home understands the sound of the smoke alarm and knows how to respond.

CLOTHES TO KIDS SHOE DRIVE

"Shoetober" is Clothes To Kids month-long collection drive for new and gently used shoes. Each year Clothes To Kids provides more than 13,000 pairs of shoes to kids in our communities. Their mission is to provide new and quality used clothing to low income or in crisis school age children, free of charge. Don't be spooked, they need Y-O-U-R help with Shoetober!

160,000 kids in our communities cannot afford school shoes. This year they are unable to have the annual Kick One Back event so their new, You've Been "Shoed" initiative helps raise money for school shoes - sizes 9 through adult size 14.

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REIMAGINED 2020 CLEARWATER JAZZ HOLIDAY & INNOVATIVE OUTREACH

By Steve Weinberger, CEO

The tradition continues in its 41st year with a creative, live music series of small-scale, socially-distanced, and mostly open-air events starting October 15th.

"It's been a challenging year and very emotional for our family of support especially coming off our 40th year," says Steve Weinberger, Clearwater Jazz Holiday Foundation CEO.

"In the face of all the uncertainty, we simply dug in and got creative, adapting many of our education and outreach programs, and carefully evaluating various strategies for live events when the timing was right. Looking back over what feels like the longest year ever, we are so proud of, and inspired by, what we have accomplished, and we're ready to celebrate again with our fans."

Clearwater Jazz Holiday would have celebrated its 41st festival October 15-18 in Clearwater's Coachman Park.

"While we cannot do the traditional large-scale festival format this year, we feel we have put together something special that will keep the tradition alive, support local musicians, and help to increase awareness of our community programs which continue to make a meaningful impact."

The jazzfest organizers just recently launched "CJH Presents Wanderlust," a reimagined, live, in-person, music series, at various venues (in creative, mostly open-air settings) spanning mid-October through the end of the year, "and maybe beyond," adds Weinberger as he describes 11 of these small-scale events already confirmed.

There are six private beach events where attendees enjoy the music from socially distanced pods of lounge chairs, two rooftop concerts where fans purchase tables on a beautiful open air terrace overlooking the intracoastal waterway and Sand Key bridge, and three special engagements with Ruth Eckerd Hall.

"We've all be confined for so long, worried, and working hard. We know how moving, powerful and healing music can be and the magic of a shared music experience. That is Wanderlust. It is a creative opportunity to get out, explore a little, and go find the music again."

And like the larger scale annual festival, the lineup offered is fun, festive, and diverse with some wonderful gems.

Weinberger walks us through the billing: "We have local fan favorites, The Back Honkeys, Reverend Barry & The Funk, Ronnie Dee & The Superstars, The Ries Brothers, Have Gun Will Travel, Gloria West and The Gents, Ashley Smith & The Random Occurrence and Sarasota Slim

- some great jazz sets from The Latin Jazz Knights, Kyle Schroeder and the Reinhardt/George Group, a La Lucha 80's party featuring James Suggs and Ona Kirei, and a series of trios fronted by Jeremy Carter, Austin Vickrey, Pete Carney, Karen Benjey, Valerie Gillespie, and Brandon Robertson."

The Wanderlust Series also treats CJH fans to three very special engagements at Ruth Eckerd Hall's intimate but spacious Kate Tiedemann & Ellen Cotton Cabaret Theatre, including Carl Fischer's Sunshine City (Billy Joel's longtime trumpeter) and a very limited number of VIP Jazz Holiday second-row tables for back-to-back Chick Corea solo shows: "Chick Corea Solo Piano: From Mozart to Monk." The VIP tables include a special Chick Corea charcuterie tray, tableside service, and a signed CD for each person.

The Wanderlust Series also celebrates Clearwater Jazz Holiday Foundation's continued cultural impact in Tampa Bay and beyond. Its innovative adaptations such as the Young Lions Jazz Master "Virtual" Sessions, Stop-Time Series with Frank Williams, Drum Roll: Fun with Jazz & Drums, and others have served to continue the mission, enhance traditional programs, and support musicians who deliver the experiences.

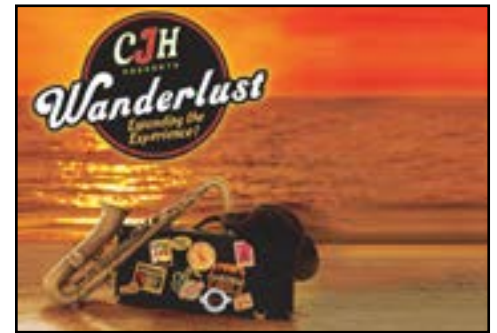


Young Lions Jazz Master "Virtual" Sessions

The program engages musicians to offer live instrument sessions for beginners of all ages or those getting reacquainted with their instrument as well as Master Class Sessions designed for intermediate/advanced players and professionals. Sessions are offered at no cost, use the Zoom platform, and are approximately 45 minutes in length.

The Foundation also developed a rich and growing video archive of the recordings of these sessions. At the "THE STUDIO" students can watch the full recordings and take advantage of other free materials.

There are over 80 sessions since early May with more scheduled, over 600 live participants, and a rotating cast of incredible musicians and educators from near and far, including Wycliffe Gordon,



Frank Williams, Jeff Rupert, Valerie Gillespie, Dan Miller, Pete Carney, Michelle Mailhot, and James Suggs.

STOP-TIME SERIES with Frank Williams

This new initiative complements CJH's popular History of Jazz Outreach program which has impacted over 30,000 students since 2012 with a free comprehensive visual and audio History of Jazz archive delivered in Frank's one-of-a-kind style.

Visitors can also enjoy listening to the Young Lions virtual sessions and the Stop-Time Series as part of our Young Lions Jazz Master "Virtual" Sessions Podcast available on most major platforms. There are already over 2,000 total plays on the podcast.

Weinberger shares, "These new resources are so inspirational. Not only are we regularly supporting musicians and educators with these programs, but I truly feel it is a labor of love for everyone involved. As we watch this treasure grow, it is exciting to see it all positioned to benefit thousands of students and really people of all ages."

Other Jazz Holiday virtual adaptations include a special guitar series for students in neighborhood family centers in economically challenged areas and a drum program themed around the history of rhythm, drums and Jazz to inspire early elementary school students. The Clearwater Jazz Holiday Foundation shows no signs of slowing down with talks of additional tweaks to its traditional programming and some more new programs, too.

"Like many, we have a lot of challenges to overcome, but with the continued help from our cooperate and outreach partners, volunteers, donors and fans, we will continue to inspire, educate, and make a meaningful impact. We just need to continue with the creativity, dream big, and work together – and we will keep the tradition alive for generations to benefit and enjoy."

To learn more about Clearwater Jazz Holiday and the Foundation's outreach, donate, or buy CJH Presents Wanderlust tickets, visit www.clearwaterjazz.com. ■

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