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## Thoughts From The President

Because of the deadlines, I've written this before our June 14 meeting. I hope that you have signed up to help with this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to reinstitute our deed restrictions, unit by unit. If you have not figured out which unit you are in, go to [www.whiskeycreeknews.net](http://www.whiskeycreeknews.net) and find your unit. There is a lot of misinformation going around, so it is important to get it from reliable sources. The best source is Dennis Rodgers at [ecomantoo@comcast.net](mailto:ecomantoo@comcast.net) and at community meetings.



On that web page you'll also find other helpful information including PDFs of the *Whiskey Creek News* which we are including for the summer months. Please join the Fourth of July bicycle parade sponsored by Tanglewood Civic Association. That event includes both kids on bicycles and adults in golf carts. Keep an eye out for signs, but normally it starts at 10 a.m. on July 4 on Tanglewood Parkway.

I don't know about you, but *Hurricane Irma* was very scary. This is the time to prepare for the next one. Do you have a plan? Have you bought batteries? Bottled water? Nonperishable food for three days? No two storms are alike, so don't think that what happened with *Irma* will be how all hurricanes behave. Think through some of these things now. One of my lessons learned was to trim coconut palms. Not only are the coconuts like missiles,

they make the palm top-heavy and cause it to fall over. Lee County and the local television stations all prepare guides, so there is plenty of information out there.

Our May planning meeting was a huge success. A fellow board member suggested that we place pet waste bag dispense stations. You'll be hearing more on that. Also, Kristen Patel has agreed to chair the fall festival. You'll be hearing more about it.

Finally, I want to remind you to reach out to your neighbors. You'll be determining your neighborhood's future in terms of deed restrictions, you'll be helping each other in case of a storm and you'll be having fun together at the Fourth of July bike parade and the fall fest.

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## Walk On The Left

Not long ago a neighbor, with his dog, and I were walking in the same direction on one of our Whiskey Creek streets. His dog was doing some dog business and I caught up to them. I asked, "Where did you learn we should walk on the left side of the street facing oncoming traffic (as we were doing)?" Neither of us could remember for sure where, but we concluded it must have been when we were in Boy Scouts.

Not having sidewalks in our subdivision those of us who walk or run are forced to do so in the streets, and passing vehicular traffic comes close to us, sometimes very uncomfortably close. Why should we walk facing oncoming traffic? One reason is, that's the law in Florida (Section 316.130(4)! Perhaps they should, but sheriff's deputies are not likely to give citations to "persons afoot" for walking or running on the wrong side, so there needs to be a better reason, and there is! Potentially saving your life!

If you walk on the right side of the street, with the flow of

traffic, you only have your ears to know of an approaching vehicle. On the left, though, you have your eyes as well, and I'll take any advantage I can, especially knowing when I should jump into a yard if necessary. Unfortunately, drivers can be, and sometimes are, distracted or even blinded when facing the sun.

For another reason, dog owners would likely appreciate the consistency of walking on the left, so as to avoid "head-on" confrontations between their animals.

Many walkers and runners seem oblivious to the law and to common sense. If you're with others, make sure they walk or run on the left. Perhaps you could even point out politely and tactfully to those on the "wrong" side the reason for the law.

This doesn't even get to protections one should take after dark with reflective clothing and/or lights.

*Dennis Rodgers,  
Vice president, Civic Association*

## Yard Of The Month

Ronny and Marie Taschner have lived at 1307 Claret Court since 1985. They keep their yard beautiful from the sod to the bromeliads found throughout the yard. The live oaks and Spanish moss give a lovely Old Florida feeling. Besides taking care of their home, they enjoy staying active and grandparenting. We thank the Taschners for keeping such a beautiful yard for everyone to enjoy as they pass by.



1307 Claret Court

## Concerned Whiskey Creek Resident

### Where Are The Parents (Mentally)?

I live in Whiskey Creek and just came home via my automobile.

1. I observed on my way, after entering Whiskey Creek, a golf cart, four teenagers driving rapidly and pushing and shoving each other, the female driver's head was turned to the rear and she was striking and laughing at another.

2. Approximately 100 yards further I observed what appeared to be a 5- or 6 year-old girl, driving alone on a golf

cart, with an adult male lying on the rear seat.

3. I also have a daughter in Naples who taught a precious young girl for several years, loved by all, especially her parents. Her dad let her have fun by riding on the tractor with him while he mowed the lawn last year. Correct, she fell off, he ran over and killed her.

**Where are the parents (and I mean mentally)??**

These children are precious human beings but they do not have adult minds.

## Mark Your Calendar



### Thursday, July 5

The Continental Women's Club will have guest speaker, JoAnn Luce from Koreshan State Park in Estero. JoAnn's program will include history of the park, its settlers, and its addition to the National Register of Historic Places. Luncheon is at 11:30 a.m. at the Hideaway Country Club. Call (239) 691-7561 for reservations.

### Monday, July 9

Lee Republican Women Federated will hold their lunch meeting at Pinchers – The Marina at Edison Ford at 11:15 a.m. The speaker will be state representative candidate Spencer Roach, on amendments for the upcoming 2018 ballot. R.S.V.P. to Wren Morefield at (270) 210-1284 before July 5 at noon.

**Whiskey Creek Civic Association will not meet again until September.**

## Security Update

*By Carl Schnurbusch*

In the last month the sheriff issued eight warnings and one citation for stop sign violations and one citation for speeding. There were two calls for suspicious people and one call for medical. There were three calls for 911 and there were no problems. There were four alarm calls that all were accidental.

If you are one of the many people who walk during the day in our area please walk **facing traffic**. Please wear light colored clothing when walking at night and **please** have a flashlight on or wear reflectors so cars can see you.

Preventing crime is a community effort and never be afraid to report something you consider being out of the ordinary by calling the **sheriff at 477-1000**.

Keep those vehicles locked when left outside and the garage doors closed. **If you see something say something.**

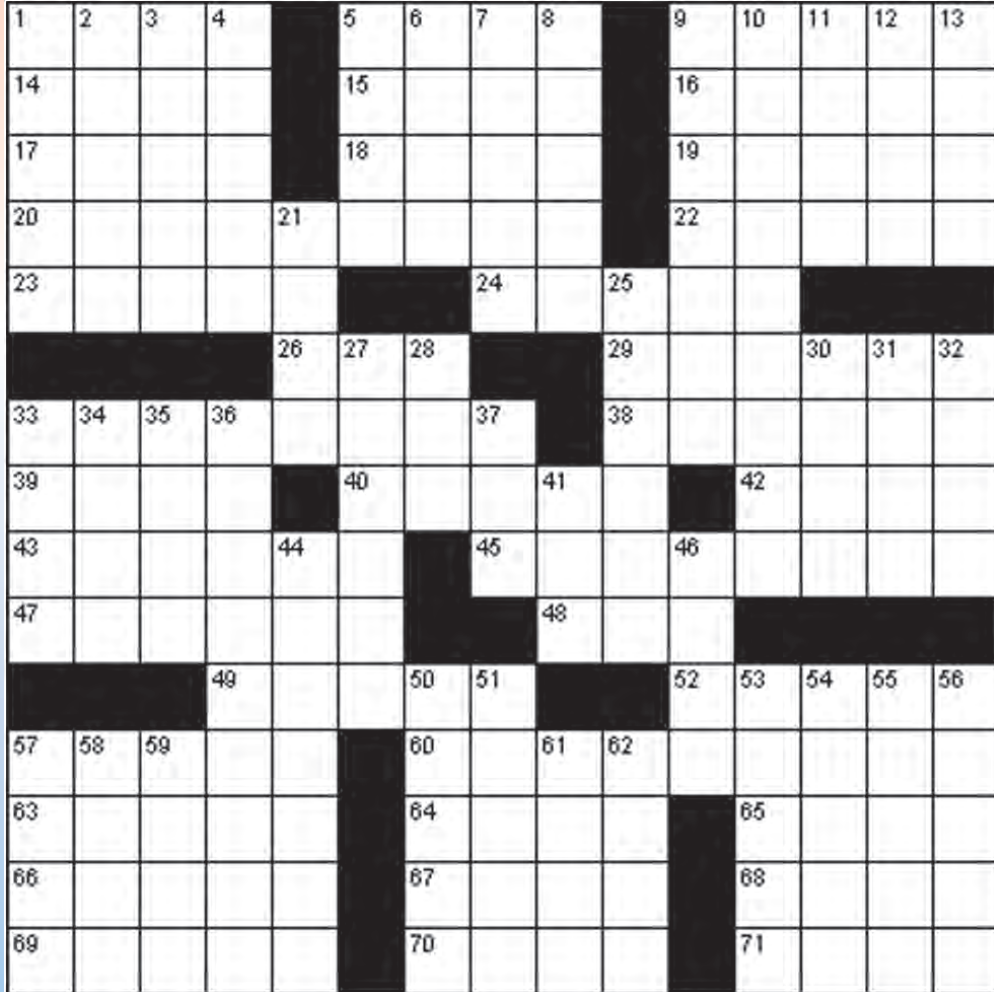
# Crossword Puzzle

## Across

- 1. Young sheep
- 5. Regrets
- 9. All plant and animal life
- 14. Wild African sheep
- 15. District

- 16. Inner
- 17. Skillful in movement
- 18. A beautiful and graceful girl
- 19. Order
- 20. Provide amusement
- 22. Touches of the tongue
- 23. Nigerian monetary unit

- 24. Moral principle
- 26. Dance
- 29. Render capable
- 33. A brightly colored kerchief
- 38. Refastened
- 39. You (archaic)
- 40. Obscene expression
- 42. Cornice
- 43. Physical condition
- 45. Killer
- 47. Referee
- 48. God of war (Norse mythology)
- 49. Gentle push
- 52. Relative magnitude
- 57. S S S S
- 60. Outer layer of skin
- 63. Ermine
- 64. A sailor's hello
- 65. Decreases
- 66. Fry quickly in little fat
- 67. Charge per unit
- 68. Humble request
- 69. Made a mistake
- 70. Herring-like fish
- 71. Like a snake-like fish



## Down

- 1. Loaded
- 2. Sporting venue
- 3. Islamic jurist
- 4. One who chomps
- 5. Wholly absorbed
- 6. Fertilizer ingredient
- 7. Strange or spooky
- 8. Someone who has been canonized
- 9. Most direct route
- 10. Points
- 11. Relating to the ear

- 12. Pushpin
- 13. Anagram of "Salt"
- 21. A Hindu prince
- 25. Religious nonconformity
- 27. Moved slowly
- 28. Wildebeest
- 30. Partiality
- 31. A tribe of Israel
- 32. Biblical garden
- 33. British Thermal Unit
- 34. A polite way of interrupting
- 35. A low tide
- 36. Trace the shape of
- 37. Macaws
- 41. Super Sonic Transport
- 44. Relied upon
- 46. Backside
- 50. Cogs
- 51. An ancient Hebrew unit of dry measure
- 53. French pancake
- 54. Stroll
- 55. Slander
- 56. An analytic literary composition
- 57. Anagram of "Sees"
- 58. Sun
- 59. Not sweet
- 61. A very small amount
- 62. Colored cloth

Crossword Puzzle Solution on page 6

## Do The Right Thing

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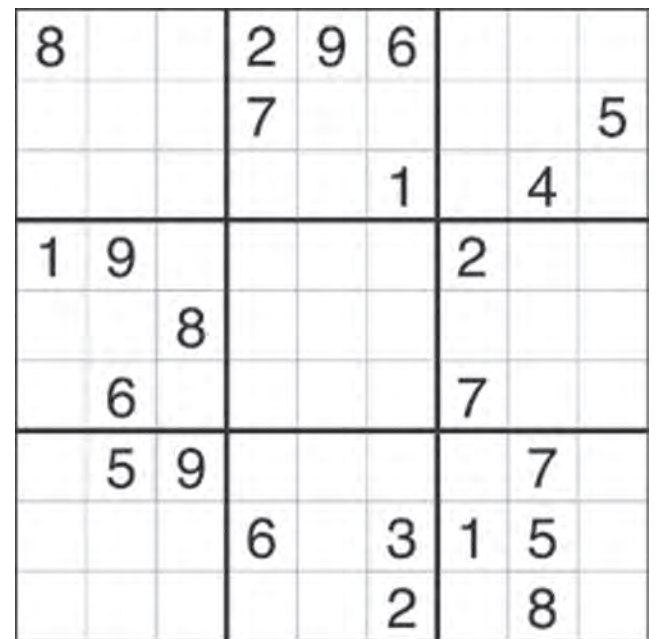
### Summer

By Ellie Neal

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 Caovatni Ccniip Brsunnru Mnwmgiis  
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Word Scramble Solution on page 6

## Sudoku Puzzle



Sudoku Puzzle Solution on page 6



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# What's Blooming At Edison & Ford Winter Estates?

By Debbie Hughes, Senior Horticulturist at Edison & Ford Winter Estates



Gardeners here in Southwest Florida are busy 365 days a year. Not long ago, we were in a drought and hand watering was required. Now that summer is in full swing and the daily rains have returned, our tropical gardens are starting to look their best.

Ginger plants tend to go dormant in the cooler months, but they are waking up and enjoying the hot, humid weather. The ginger families Zingiberaceae and Costaceae have many species – kind of like cousins – including the edible ginger, which is used in pickled foods and sushi or grated for gingerbread. There are also ornamental gingers with fabulous large, tropical leaves and unusual flowers that look great in a Southwest Florida summer garden.

Most ginger plants prefer partial shade, plenty of water and rich, loamy soil. A good location for ginger is under a shade tree where they'll receive dappled sunlight. It's also important to give them plenty of space to grow, so space them 4 to 5 feet apart. There are some great examples of ginger growing as understory plants at Edison & Ford Winter Estates.



White ginger



Red tower ginger

Interestingly, one of the ginger plants called *Hedychium* or butterfly ginger has an intoxicating fragrance. The essential oil from the flower is called "white ginger lily" (*Hedychium coronarium*). Another ginger, called pinecone or shampoo (*Zingiber zerumbet*) has blooms similar to pine cones. The liquid generated from its bloom spike is often called "awapuhui" and is used in hair products. Another interesting ginger is peacock ginger (*Kaempferia sp.*). It's a low ground cover with violet-colored flowers.

Gingers behave well with other plants that have similar growing requirements, such as *Heliconia* and *Brunfelsia*. Lady of the Night (*Brunfelsia latea*) is blooming heavily this time of year and has a lovely fragrance for gardeners to enjoy during the summer evening hours.

There are also several trees blooming this time of year. One of the first trees to bloom during the early summer months is the royal poinciana, or *Delonix regia*. There are some other trees with similar names, such as the

yellow poinciana (*Peltophorum dubium*), or dwarf poinciana (*Caesalpinia pulcherrima*), but these trees are not the same species. Botanical names are very important, especially when deciding which tree you'd like for your property.

While traveling over the Edison Bridge from North Fort Myers to Fort Myers, look at all of the red canopies dotting downtown Fort Myers and beyond. Notice how different each tree grows; genetics are an important consideration when selecting a tree. Some poinciana trees grow straight up, while others expand like an umbrella. The flower colors also vary. Look closely at the flowers and you will notice there are yellow, orange, orange-red and deep red variations. It's actually the same reason people have brown, black, red or blonde hair! A horticulturist can help you decide which tree is best for your yard, especially when selecting a species such as a poinciana.

There are also many plants that are available in hot, tropical colors. The chenille plant, or *Acalypha hispida* (French for caterpillar), is a vibrant red color that does well planted in a little bit of shade. At Edison Ford, there



New pinecone ginger



Lady of the night flower



The royal poinciana flower comes in varying shades of orange and red.



The chenille plant, or *Acalypha* is a very interesting summer-blooming tropical plant.

is one growing in a large pot near the café and another much larger shrub near the Edison house. Some other plants that are at their best this time of year are the coleus and caladiums. Both of these plants come in a myriad of colors and patterns.

I hope you enjoy this time of year, and if you'd like advice on what to plant during the summer months, stop in the Edison Garden Shoppe and ask one of the horticulturists for advice. I'm sure you will find some plants that enjoy the heat and humidity as much as I do!

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# Continental Women's Club

By Liz Paul

Join us on Thursday, July 5, when our guest speaker will be JoAnn Luce from the Koreshan State Park, in Estero. JoAnn's program will include a history of the park, its settlers, and its addition to the National Register of Historic Places.

Continental Women's Club monthly meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at The Hideaway Country Club, 5670 Trailwinds Drive, Fort Myers 33907. The cost to attend the luncheon is \$22. Please call (239) 691-7561 for additional information.

# Membership

By Gordon Lytle

As of June 1, 581 families have joined or renewed their memberships in the Whiskey Creek Civic Association for the year 2018. Of these, 37 families were newly enrolled. We are glad to welcome these to our community. The names of those who have joined since May 1 are listed below (except for those who requested that their names not be published).

- Georgine Kruedelback and Laszio Biris Jr.
- Deborah Ann Bouchard
- Ryan Bell and Patricia Joanne Enterline
- Emanuel Gomez
- Jane and William R. Nordquist Jr.
- Anthony Petrucci
- E. J. and Susan E. Pico
- Ann and Douglas A. Scratchley
- Cristen H. and Andrew Solon
- John R. and Peggy J. Van Voorhis

# Cook's Corner

By Debbie Lamach

Where has this been all my life? I never knew it existed even though I've been eating Mexican food for 40 years. I was hooked the minute it was brought to the table at the new Mexican restaurant on 41 across the street from Mel's.

This recipe is not quite as good as theirs. I'll have to go back again maybe several times to see what I'm missing. (wink, wink) **Pico De Gallo With Cabbage (Mexican Coleslaw)**

- ½ head of cabbage shredded
- 2 or 3 Roma tomatoes, diced
- ¼ red onion, diced
- ¼ cup pickled jalapeno slices, diced and some juice reserved
- ¼ cup chopped cilantro, or to taste
- juice from 4 or 5 limes
- 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- ¼ teaspoon chili powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- ⅛ teaspoon cayenne pepper (or more to taste)
- ⅛ teaspoon ground cardamom

Mix all of the above in a bowl and refrigerate for an hour or two to let the flavors blend. Serve with your favorite tortilla chips.



# Lakes Regional Library – July, 2018

15290 Bass Road, Fort Myers  
(239) 533-4000

## Pre-Register For Underlined Events

### Teen Drop-in – Activities: Libraries Rock! Book Bingo

#### Monday

- July 2 10 a.m. Coloring Fun Drop-In
- July 9, 16, 23, 30 10 a.m. Family Storytime
- July 9, 16, 30 11 a.m. Family Storytime
- July 2, 9, 16, 30 6 p.m. English Café \*\*\*\*\*

#### Tuesday

- July 17 2 p.m. Craft Corner: Knit, Crochet, and Embroidery
- July 10, 24 2 p.m. Coloring For Adults \*\*\*\*\*

#### Wednesday

- July 11, 18, 25 10 a.m. Baby Rhyme Time
- July 11 2 p.m. Book Discussion: Hillbilly Elegy \*\*\*\*\*

#### Thursday

- July 5 10 a.m. Coloring Fun Drop-in
- July 12 10 a.m. Catch The Beat!
- July 19 10 a.m. Drumming with Ndakthe
- July 26 10 a.m. Painting Music
- July 12 2 p.m. Be a Wonder
- July 19 2 p.m. Riverdale High \*\*\*\*\*

#### Friday

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#### Saturday

- July 7 10 a.m. Special Needs Story Time
- July 14 2 p.m. Kids Read Down Fines

# Sheriff's Senior Safety Seminars

Get your pencil out now and mark your calendar for the return of this year's series of educational seminars designed to teach you how to protect yourself against scams, fraud and violence. The "2018 Senior Safety" presentations feature a variety of public safety topics including residential and vehicle burglary prevention, home repair fraud, Internet safety, and much more. You are invited to attend one event or



all; however, due to limited seating you must reserve your spot by calling (239) 561-9142. All seminars will take place at the United Healthcare Medicare Store located in the Daniels Crossing Shopping Center, 6900 Daniels Parkway, No. 23-C, Fort Myers.

- July 12 at 10 a.m. – Safety Away From Home – "Protecting yourself and your property"
- Aug. 9 at 10 a.m. – Home Repair Fraud – "Learn how to check before work is done"
- Sept. 13 at 10 a.m. – When Violence Breaks Out – "Do you know what to do?"

# Real Estate Round-Up

## I Grew Up In Whiskey Creek

By Bob Oxnard,  
Broker/Associate, Realtor®

**This is Jennifer Letourneau. Dad and Mom are on vacation, so I get to write the Real Estate Round-Up article this month!** They are enjoying a road trip and visiting relatives in the Carolinas, Virginia and finally Kentucky, where Dad was born.



As Bob and Fran Oxnard's daughter, I had the distinct pleasure to spend some of my formative years growing up in Whiskey Creek. We moved here when I was 17 but I finished my senior year of high school in Ohio before coming down to start college at what was then Edison Community College (now Florida SouthWestern State College). I graduated from the University of South Florida. It was extremely convenient to be living in Whiskey Creek for a few of the years I was in college. I even remember having breakfast with my wedding party and family at the Whiskey Creek Country Club.

My youngest sister, Angela, attended Fort Myers High School. She got a great education and later graduated from the University of Florida. My older brother and sister also

moved to Florida with us, so **we all consider Fort Myers and Whiskey Creek home to some extent.** Mom and Dad have lived in Whiskey Creek now for 28 years, longer than they've lived in Pennsylvania and Ohio put together. Their home is the central hub for family gatherings which now include their nine grandchildren. The safe streets and fun little golf cart rides to climb in the "famous" big old farmer's banyan tree on Sheffield make visiting a lot of fun.

**Whiskey Creek is truly a great place to grow up.** As a Realtor, I see that many of the buyers for homes in Whiskey Creek today are former residents who grew up here and want to come back to raise their families. They know firsthand all of the benefits to living here. Not only is the location fantastic and close to some of the best schools, but the diversity of homes, mature and lush landscaping, sizeable yards and long stretches of jogging/walking/biking paths set it apart from other neighborhoods. There is a common desire to maintain and preserve the beauty of the neighborhood and the homes within it. This is what helps sustain the value of the homes in Whiskey Creek more so than maybe other areas in Southwest Florida.

**Like my dad, I love to help home sellers and buyers in Whiskey Creek. There is no place like home!**

If you have any questions or comments about real estate, please contact Bob Oxnard at [Whiskeycreeknews@yahoo.com](mailto:Whiskeycreeknews@yahoo.com).

# Whiskey Creek Country Club News Calendar

By Jan Kotcamp

Don't just drive past Whiskey Creek Country Club without stopping in for lunch or a drink! The club is open to the public and summertime is a perfect time to stop in, pick up a brochure and see what your neighborhood club has to offer! Sit and enjoy a lovely view of the golf course. The restaurant serves a breakfast and luncheon menu on Tuesday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The bar is open seven days a week.

Call today at 481-1833 or (239) 481-3021 or visit the updated website at [www.Whiskeycreekcc.com](http://www.Whiskeycreekcc.com). There are many **new** items for sale in the Pro Shop ... golf shirts, sunglasses, visors to sun hats. Purchase a WCCC gift certificate for your gift giving!

## Whiskey Creek Country Club Activities:

- Monday:** Pairs Nine Hole Golf 3 p.m.
- Tuesday:** Women's 18 Hole Golf League 8:30 a.m.
- Bridge (Women's) 12:15 p.m.
- Dinner 5 to 7 p.m.
- Card and Games 6 p.m.
- Wednesday:** Men's 18 Hole League 8 a.m.
- Bridge (Men's) 12:30 p.m.
- Euchre 12:45 p.m.
- Thursday:** Mah Jongg 12 p.m.
- Stableford 3:30 p.m.
- Friday:** Men's Nine Hole Golf 8:15 a.m.
- Women's Nine Hole Golf 8:30 a.m.
- Women's Bridge 10:15 a.m.
- Dinner 5 to 7 p.m.
- Hand and Foot 6 p.m.
- Saturday:** Early Bird Men and Women Golf 7:15 a.m.
- Sunday:** Breakfast 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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# Are You Prepared For Hurricane Season?

By Director Stacey Payne, Lee County Sheriff's Office

It is time once again to start preparing for hurricane season as the prognosticators are saying this season will be an active one. It seems like only yesterday we were in the throes of *Hurricane Irma* and I know some people are still dealing with the aftermath. Right now, 14 named storms, seven hurricanes and three major hurricanes are predicted for this hurricane season that runs from June 1 through Nov. 30.

## Take Some Time To:

1. Create a Written Plan – Take a few minutes and create a written plan – what supplies do you need, emergency contact information, contractors you may need to call, evacuation and shelter in place plans, etc. What flood zone are you in? What happened in your area during *Hurricane Irma*? This will make it easier to see what you need to put your plan into action.

2. Develop an Evacuation Plan – Where will you go if

you must evacuate? Do you or a member of your family have special needs? Will you need to go to one of the special needs shelters? If so, you must register in advance. Go to [www.leegov.com/hurricane](http://www.leegov.com/hurricane) and click on the Advanced Planning link. Do you have pets? If so, they too need a plan.

3. Assemble Your Disaster Supplies – Plan on at least a one-week emergency supply of food, water and medication for you, each family member and your pets. You may be without electricity for longer so you may want to either increase this amount or have a backup plan. In addition, you will want extra cash ... ATM machines do not work if there's no electricity. For a list of suggested supplies go to [www.leegov.com/hurricane](http://www.leegov.com/hurricane).

4. Get an insurance checkup – Act now as flood insurance requires a three-day waiting period.

5. Strengthen Your Home – If you plan on riding out a hurricane in your home make sure it is in good repair and

up to hurricane building code. Gather the items you need now to properly board up your doors and windows. Don't forget about properly securing your garage door. This is the perfect time to make sure you have everything you need and to conduct a practice run. Did you lose any supplies since last season? Do you need to replace anything? Can you secure your garage door yourself or will you need assistance?

6. Talk to Your Neighbors – Are you and your neighbors willing and able to work as a team to secure each other's properties and trim trees if a hurricane is coming our way? Who needs extra help? What is the planning to do? If you decide to stay, who else is staying behind? You may be each other's bystander responder if roads are flooded. If you're evacuating, it is nice to have neighbors to call to get a report on how things look before you return. Begin preparing today for the 2018 hurricane season.

# The Place Where I Live

By Mary Lou Williams

I was guilty by association, by neighborhood association. You see I live in a place called Whiskey Creek, where all the streets are named after alcoholic beverages like Brandy Boulevard, Burgundy Place, Beaujolais Drive, Cognac Court, Chablis Circle, and Champagne Lane. Even an innocent sounding name like Collins has alcoholic connotations, as in Tom Collins, the cocktail.

And that's just the beginning of the alphabet. The shameful list goes on. Also on tap is Whiskey Creek Drive, the street where I live.

This is ironic because I am a tee-totaler and a health nut. I should live in a place called Broccoli Brook with street names like Avocado Avenue, Banana Boulevard, Cauliflower Court, Citrus Circle, Raspberry Road, Lemon and Lime Lane, Watermelon Way, Apple Alley, Radish Route, and Peachtree Place.



I bought address labels with fruits and vegetable designs to counteract the Whiskey Creek Drive address. I bought stamps that had vegetables on them. The stamps were called Crops of the Americas.

I installed a sensor in my garage so that when a car drove into my driveway, it would trigger music that played *Strawberry Fields Forever*.

But these are just symbolic. The real thing would be more convincing. So I planted grapefruit trees, orange groves and lemon trees. I deliberately didn't plant any grapes.

Nevertheless, I have the reputation for being a lush. Not because of living in the lubricated land of Whiskey Creek but for an unrelated incident that living in Whiskey Creek just made worse. I had invited a storyteller to come to Fort Myers to give a storytelling workshop. She also offered to do private coaching, and I volunteered my house as a place where she could do it.

As she disembarked from the car, she gasped. She was pointing at the boxes that lined the garage wall. They were boxes stored with magazines, newspapers, and articles that I intended to read one of these days when I

got around to it. They were ordinary cardboard boxes. Why was she pointing at them and looking at me with wide eyes, raised eyebrows and dropped jaw as if she'd just seen members of the walking dead walking toward her? I said, "What?" And she just kept pointing. I looked at the boxes. There were a lot of them, but other than that there was nothing unusual about these boxes. They were rectangular cardboard boxes. And that's all there was to say about them. They were the most mundane objects in the world. They had no personality whatsoever. I said again in bewilderment, "What?"

And she said, "Johnny Walker Red, Chevis Regal, Crown Royal, Dewars White Label, Christian Brothers Brandy, Buffalo Trace Distillery, Maker's Mark Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey, Appleton Estate Jamaica Rum." Mary Lou!

I looked at the boxes again. She was reading these names from the boxes, names I had never seen before now, names I didn't know were there even though I had walked past those boxes a million times before. And it dawned on me with a sense of horror, that she thought I had imbibed the original contents of these cartons. I couldn't for the life of me remember where they came from or how they got in my garage. She was looking at me for an explanation, and all I could think of to say was, "I can't for the life of me remember where these boxes came from or how they got in my garage."

I could tell by her expression that she didn't believe me. She averted her eyes and changed the subject to the business at hand, which was the coaching. It wasn't until the next day that I thought about it again and finally remembered how I became the unwitting owner of those incriminating containers. I had accumulated all these magazines and newspapers and articles. I can't bear to throw anything out. I am a hoarder, though not an alcoholic. I had hired someone to help me get organized. The organizer suggested that I store the papers in boxes and put them in the garage. Liquor stores always have empty cartons that they throw out, said the organizer. So that is where the boxes came from and how they wound up in my garage.

I thought of calling my storytelling friend and telling her this story. But it occurred to me that that is just what it sounded like, a story. She wouldn't believe me. It would be a case of "Methinks the lady doth protest too much." I decided to leave bad enough alone. No sense reinforcing a bad first impression. I just have to be content that people who really know me will know that I am the sober, staid, and boring person that I have always been. I am not a lush. You **do** believe me, don't you?

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## Poetry Corner

ALONE

ALONE IN THE MIDST OF A TROUBLED LAND  
ALONE WITH NONE TO BE SEEN  
I REACH OUT AND REACH OUT  
BUT NONE FOR THE HAND  
SILENCE BEFALLS ON THE EDGE OF NIGHT  
WITH NO ONE TO BE HAD IN SIGHT

Charles Pietro

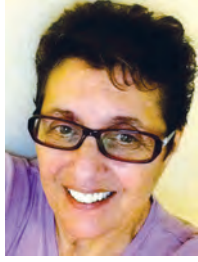
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# Mah Jongg 101 Q And A

By MariAnne Albano

**Question:** I have a question about the Quint Hand on the 2018 card, 1123 1111 1111. Does the pair have to be the first number?



**Answer:** No, it does not have to be the first number. Reading the parenthesis on the card it states "Any consecutive numbers, **pair any number in the run**, pair and quints must match." So the pair can be in the first, second, or third position and the quints must match the pair in the other two suits.

**Question:** Player A called for a discarded Red Dragon and exposed three Red Dragons and a Joker; Player B on her turn discarded a Nine Crak; Player C needed the Nine Crak, so first she exchanged a Red Dragon from the exposure to get the Joker and then picked up the Nine Crak for her Mah Jongg. Is that legal? Nancy

**Answer:** No, it is **not** legal! Your turn does not start until you have picked from the Wall or called for a discard, then you can exchange for a Joker, not before.

**Question:** When East broke her Wall, she preceded to slide the tiles she counted off for the end of the Wall to the far left of her rack. Is that where the last tiles from the Wall should be placed? Thank you, Margaret

**Answer:** The National Mah Jongg League's *Book of Rules*, shows the end tiles to be placed at the far right of the rack, just where they were before you counted off. So

now when your eye follows the Wall to the left, there will be a continuous Wall to the last tile. **Note:** When a player decides to break up her/his hand, not to give someone else Mah Jongg, she/he will look for the end of the Wall to determine how many more picks she/he has left. I have seen players break up their hand too soon, because they did not see any tiles to the right of East's rack!

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Happy Mah Jongging!



## Crossword Puzzle Solution from page 2

L	A	M	B	R	U	E	S	B	I	O	T	A	
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## Sudoku Puzzle Solution from page 2

8	4	5	2	9	6	3	1	7
9	1	6	7	3	4	8	2	5
7	2	3	5	8	1	9	4	6
1	9	7	3	4	5	2	6	8
2	3	8	1	6	7	5	9	4
5	6	4	8	2	9	7	3	1
3	5	9	4	1	8	6	7	2
4	8	2	6	7	3	1	5	9
6	7	1	9	5	2	4	8	3

## Word Scramble Solution from page 2

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|----------|------------|----------|----------|
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# Catch The Action

## Summer Snapper

By Capt. Bill Russell

When we think summer inshore fishing around Southwest Florida we generally think tarpon, snook, redfish, but seldom mangrove snapper. By no means the largest fish in local waters, but what the mangrove snapper lacks in size, it makes up in availability, tenacity, and excellent table fare.

This summer is looking to be another great one for inshore snapper fishing. They arrived earlier than expected, and in good numbers and size. What's good about snapper is they are widespread and obtainable for anglers both from shore and boat. Their diet consists of both fish and crustaceans, while a live well of shiners or pilchards is a great way to catch them, these baits aren't obtainable for all anglers. Shrimp work equally well, live works best but dead shrimp either fresh or frozen will catch plenty, as well as small shrimp tipped jigs. I have also done really well on cut bait including pilchards, herring, and ladyfish.

Tackle is important for catching the bigger snapper, not so much that you need an ultra-smooth drag and a ton of line capacity, but in the way the terminal tackle is rigged. Snapper have keen eyesight and can really get leader shy, after you catch a couple it's common for them to get suspicious. Although these guys fight incredibly hard for their size and are often caught around structure, it's imperative to go light to consistently fool them. A light rig spooled with 8 to 15 pound mono or braid is a good start. The leader and hook may be the most important factor, our inshore waters are relatively clear at times, fluorocarbon leader is nearly invisible and a huge advantage. You may



start with 20 pound but find it necessary to drop down to 10 or 12 pound to get consistent action and if using braid go with a longer leader, often 3 feet or longer.

Use a small hook; one of the biggest mistakes many anglers make is using way too big of a hook. A 1/0 or smaller circle hook is a good choice. I prefer Owner Mutu Lights; they are small, super sharp, and strong. If you are fishing an area where you can get away without adding any weight, don't, you will get a lot more action with the natural presentation of a free lined bait. If you are fishing deeper water or in strong current, use just enough weight to get to the target area; old-fashioned egg sinkers rigged so the line slides through it are a time proven method. Remember snapper don't have a huge mouth so don't use a huge bait. Also, if you get your fingers too close to that mouth you will quickly realize how they got their name.

Mangrove snapper are common in about all our inshore waters, this includes the miles and miles of canal systems, bridges, piers, oyster bars, mangrove shorelines, rocky bottom (especially in the gulf passes) and any other type of submerged structure. Some of my favorite summer snapper spots are in less than 4 feet of water. Look for structure in areas with a decent tide flow and odds are good the fish are there. In some areas like the gulf passes where the tide flow can be super strong, the best fishing often occurs over the last hour of a tide, through the slack, and into first hour of the next tide, while the current flow is less.

What's not to like about snapper? It's the perfect fish for anglers of all ages, boat or no boat. They fight incredibly hard for their size, don't require a bunch of specialized tackle or bait and, best of all, they make for some great eating.

Visit [www.myfwc.com](http://www.myfwc.com) for current snapper regulations.

For charter information, please contact us at Gulf Coast Guide Service and "Catch the Action" with Capt. Bill Russell, phone: (239) 283-7960, website: [www.fishpineisland.com](http://www.fishpineisland.com), email: [gcl2fish@live.com](mailto:gcl2fish@live.com).

Capt. Bill Russell is a native and lifelong resident of Pine Island who has spent his entire life fishing the waters surrounding Pine Island and Southwest Florida. For the past 21 years Bill has been a professional fishing guide who takes pride in customizing each trip to ensure everyone on board has a great time and will return again. Come join us and "Catch the Action."



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## Lee County Library

### Fort Myers Regional Library

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#### Libraries Rock! Book Bingo

**Tuesday, May 29 – 9 a.m. through Friday, Aug. 11 – 5 p.m.**

Adults may participate in this summer reading program by completing a "Libraries Rock!" book bingo sheet, available at the reference desk of participating libraries from May 29 through Aug. 11. The program is limited to readers 18 and older. Each book may be used in only one square. Return completed sheet to the reference desk for prizes and/or drawing entries. Last day to turn in bingo sheet for prizes is Aug. 11. One bingo sheet per person. Prizes include books for bingo (limit three per person) and fully completed cards qualify for entry into branch prize drawings and a grand prize drawing. Check your local library for participation and bingo sheets.

#### Knitting Nook

**Thursday, July 5, 19 – 1 to 3 p.m.**

**Thursday, Aug. 2 – 1 to 3 p.m.**

A casual self-guided group of knitters and crocheters share ideas, techniques and patterns. Attendees should bring their own projects. Basic supplies available for newcomers. Location: Conference room C.

#### Long Distance Genealogical Research

**Saturday, July 14 – 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Speaker: Bryan L. Mulcahy. Locating genealogical information about ancestors presents many challenges. When you live hundreds or thousands of miles from their place of residence, it sometimes feels impossible. This seminar will focus on options that researchers may use when trying to conduct genealogical searches in other parts of the United States and overseas. Location: South Building, Meeting rooms A and B.

#### Friends Of The Fort Myers Regional Library Meeting

**Tuesday, July 17 – 3 to 5 p.m.**

Find out how to help us make this important community resource, our Fort Myers Regional Library, even better. Location: Main Library building, Conference room C.

#### Book Discussion: *The Swamp: The Everglades, Florida, And The Politics Of Paradise* By Michael Grunwald

**Wednesday, July 18 – 12 to 1 p.m.**

Historical fiction and narrative nonfiction: Sometimes fiction seems real and nonfiction reads like a novel ... this year both will be discussed. Space is limited so registration is required. Location: Fort Myers Conference room C, second floor.

#### International Film Series – *The Way Home*

**Wednesday, July 18 – 6:30 to 8 p.m.**

Join us for the next installment in our film series. This month we visit South Korea in *The Way Home*. Sponsored

by the Friends of the Fort Myers Library. Location: Meeting rooms A, B, C and D.

#### How To Apply For A Habitat For Humanity Home

**Thursday, July 19 – 10 to 11 a.m.**

A Habitat for Humanity representative explains the Habitat program and how to apply for a Habitat partnership. Location: Meeting rooms A and B.

#### Small Business Series: Understanding The Basics Of A Marketing Plan

**Monday, July 23 – 2 to 4:30 p.m.**

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#### Coloring For Adults

**Tuesday, June 26 – 2 to 3 p.m.**

**Thursday, July 10, 24 – 2 to 3 p.m.**

Come and experience the latest trend in relaxation, adult coloring books! Studies show coloring can have a calming effect on the adult mind and helps promote overall wellness. Coloring pages designed especially for adults as well as colored pencils will be provided. Location: Meeting room B.

#### Book Discussion: *Hillbilly Elegy*

**Wednesday, July 11 – 2 to 3 p.m.**

From a former marine and Yale Law School graduate, a probing look at the struggles of America's white working class through the author's own story of growing up in a poor Rust Belt town. Location: Meeting room B.

#### Craft Corner: Knitting, Crochet, And Embroidery

**Tuesday, July 17 – 2 to 3 p.m.**

A casual self-guided group of knitters, crocheters, and embroiderers share ideas, techniques and patterns. Attendees should bring their own projects. Location: Meeting room B.

## River District – Downtown Fort Myers

### Fort Myers Freedom Fest

**Wednesday, July 4 – 4 to 10 p.m.**

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On July 13, see jazzy Naples quartet The Woodwork headline for opening act Mountain Holler from St. Petersburg, Fla. Then on July 27, Curate SWFL takes over the Sounds of Summer stage for surprise performances from local leaders in the music scene.

Aug. 10 showcases one of the area's best reggae bands, Roots Almighty. Plus, enjoy opening act The Regulars, who were last year's Singer-Songwriter Competition winners. The Second Annual Singer-Songwriter Competition closes out the series on Aug. 24, where original artists compete for a performance spot at the Island Hopper Music Festival and recording time at SBDAC's Six Fingers Studios.

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July

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Banana  
 Grapefruit  
 Lemon  
 Mandarin  
 Orange

### Vegetables

Beanshoots  
 Broccoli  
 Brussels Sprout  
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 Cauliflower  
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