

Holidays Around The Ranch

Holidays Around The Ranch took place Dec. 9 on Lakewood Main Street, #10-11



Photo by Ernie Soller

Santa Claus made his grand entry, the lighting of the tree took place, and kids got to experience outdoor skating on the acrylic rink and an all new snow tubing ramp! The annual event is organized by Lakewood Ranch Community Activities.



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Grand Ovation Celebrates 10th Year in Lakewood Ranch

With final preparations for Grand Ovation at Lakewood Ranch underway, organizers of the 10th annual arts festival are confident that this year's event will be another successful celebration.

"Our schedule for both stages is full, and we are thrilled with the line-up of talented performers," said Rachel Gray, the event's coordinator. "We're pleased to welcome some of our favorite groups from years past as well as some new acts that will be joining us for the first time. We're especially excited to have the Mote Marine Touch Tank back again this year. There will be plenty to see and do. We're certain everyone will have a wonderful time."

Beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4, Grand Ovation will once again take over Lakewood Ranch Main Street, replacing vehicles with pedestrians and seating at two live performance stages. As always, parking and admission will be free. A charming mix of street festival

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GRAND OVATION

and concert hall, Grand Ovation is a celebration of the region's thriving cultural arts community with performances by top musicians, dancers, thespians and vocal groups. Among those scheduled to participate in this year's event are the Curry Creek Cloggers, Florida Studio Theatre, LWR Ballroom Dance Club, LWR HS Theatre, Next Level Performing

Arts, Sarasota Ballet, Sarasota Opera, School of Russian Ballet, and That's Dancing.

The wide array of street vendors and booths is always a fun part of the Grand Ovation experience, and this year will be no exception. Look for displays and booths from the Ringling Museum, Imagine School at Lakewood Ranch, the Lake-

wood Ranch Fine Arts Department, as well as most of the performing groups.

Lakewood Ranch Main Street will be closed to traffic during the festival hours of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Seating for the performances will be provided, and coolers are prohibited. Grand Ovation was founded and is supported by LWR Communities LLC.

For more information, visit lakewoodranch.com/event/grand-ovation-at-lakewood-ranch, or call Rachel Gray at 941-757-1548.

Ranch cellphone reception the topic of board discussions

BY ERNIE SOLLER,
Community Correspondent

Spotty cell phone service has been a topic of conversation amongst Lakewood Ranch residents for years.

Several years ago, a cell tower company attempted to gain approval for the construction of cell towers in Lakewood Ranch, but the effort died after a number of residents fought the project, claiming potential health risks for those living near the towers.

Now, another company, USA Group, has come forward with a proposal to build "small cell" towers in the community - low-wattage towers that would take up far less space and would be much less obtrusive than the larger towers that most of us are familiar with.

Supervisor Alan Roth of District 1 noted that this may provide a chance to get better cell reception in Lakewood Ranch, but that it would be a mistake to support a particular company's efforts, since there are other contractors that have not yet had a chance to present their proposals.

Supervisor Tom Green of District 2 commented that cell service in the community "is horrible."

Discussions on this topic took place during all the December CDD board meetings, with one partic-



Photo by Ernie Soller

Bob Crain.

ular point made regarding the difference in obtaining approval for the underground wiring needed for such a project. The Lakewood Ranch Country Club area, which has district-owned roads, has the ability to grant approval by their own district boards for the use of their district-owned land for such work, but districts 1 and 4 have county-owned roads, and so the approval would have to come from Manatee County.

It was also noted during the discussions that it would be wise for the Country Club boards to go along with whatever plan might be first approved by the County, since that would make for a smoother effort toward improving service to area residents, community-wide.

The Country Club boards of districts 2, 5, and 6 are looking into setting up a meeting to obtain public comment on

any proposed new cell tower installation.

They are familiar with the comments that were brought up at prior sessions, and are hoping that residents who attend this meeting will be courteous to their neighbors, and refrain from harping on a particular viewpoint.

NEW SUPERVISORS

Districts 1, 2, and 6 have new supervisors, whose terms started in December.

District 1 welcomed Laura Fox as a new member, replacing retired supervisor June Stroup. Fox's background includes working at Allstate Insurance, during which time she was a member of the team sent to Florida to assist in the recovery operation post-Hurricane Andrew. She also worked with at-risk gang kids in the Cleveland area.

After moving to Lakewood Ranch 10 years ago, she's been active in the real estate business, and has volunteered with the Bradenton Kiwanis and the Lakewood Ranch Medical Center auxiliary.

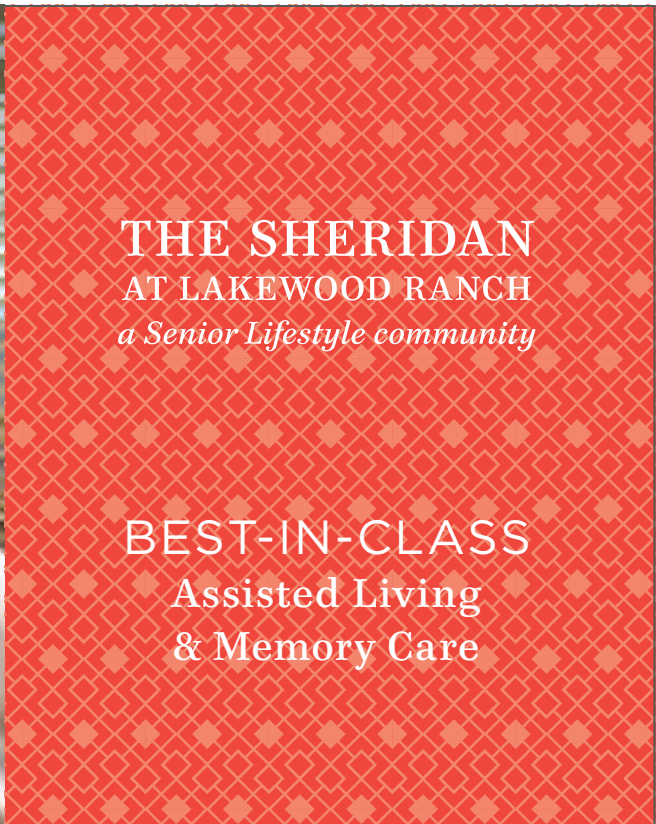
District 2's newest board member is Donald Avolio, who takes the place of retired supervisor Richard Moran. Avolio has been the chair of the HOA in both the Canterbury and Laurel Valley neighborhoods. He's a Michi-

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January/February Events
(Please visit www.LWRBA.org to sign up for these events.)

2017 Annual Membership Luncheon
Wednesday, January 25

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Fete Ballroom at Polo Grill & Bar
10670 Boardwalk Loop
\$35 LWRBA members;
\$45 non-members

Our 2017 annual membership meeting will honor our outgoing board members and reflect on the successes of the past year, as well as introduce the 2017 board of directors and take a look at what's in store for the Alliance in the coming year.

Young Leaders Alliance 2017 Kick-Off Social
Thursday, January 26

5:30-7:30 p.m.
The Capital Grille
180 University Town Center Drive
Free for YLA members;
\$10 non-members

Join the Young Leaders Alliance and meet fellow young professionals at our 2017 kick-off social at The Capital Grille at the Mall at UTC.
More info at www.LWRILA.com.

February Networking Social: Grow Financial Credit Union
Wednesday, February 1
5-7 p.m.

Grow Financial Credit Union
11008 Arcade Place, Lakewood Ranch
Free for LWRBA members;
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Join us at Grow Financial Federal Credit Union as we come together for our February networking social. Meet new faces and catch up with old friends while enjoying a cash bar and appetizers compliments of Grow Financial.

LWRBA Luncheon
Wednesday, February 15

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Lakewood Ranch Golf & Country Club
7650 Legacy Boulevard
\$25 LWRBA members;
\$35 non-members

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gan State grad who was a manager of several areas for Xerox in Rochester, NY prior to moving to Florida and Lakewood Ranch.

Bob Crain is District 6's newest member. Crain is a Western Michigan grad and former marketing specialist with Dow Corning, and since 1979, with Steelcase in Grand Rapids, Mich. Bob retired as Steelcase's vice president for strategic markets in June of 2016. He and his wife have 12 grandchildren.

IRRIGATION WATER QUALITY ISSUE-DISTRICT 2

Operations Director Paul Chetlain reported that significant issues have developed regarding the clogging of irrigation heads and sprinklers in Edgewater and common areas in District 2. The problem appears to come from solid matter, he said, including shell fragments, which are coming from irrigation water being pumped from Lake Uihlein.

Per Chetlain, the problem has existed since mid/late October. Additional filtration may be needed to prevent further problems. This issue has already resulted in additional expenses for the district and residents whose irrigation heads and sprayers have become clogged and have had to be taken apart in order to be cleaned of debris from the system.

Supervisor Tom Green asked Executive Director Anne Ross to draft a letter



Photo by Ernie Soller

Laura Fox.

to Braden River Utilities regarding a fix for the problem.

TRANSPONDER REQUESTS FOR COUNTRY CLUB RESIDENTS

Executive Director Ross asked for and received approval for her office to have some leeway in approving unusual transponder requests from residents with specific out-of-the-ordinary needs. She cited the case of a major league baseball official who travels in and out of the area on a regular basis, and often uses rental vehicles to get to his home in the Country Club.

DISTRICT 6 ISSUES

Resident Angela Johnson spoke to the District 6 board regarding the trimming of trees and bushes along the bike paths she uses along Lakewood Ranch Boulevard, Hidden River Trail, Lorraine Road, and University Parkway, citing her complaint to the Board a couple of months ago for the same issue. She stated that there had been a very minimum amount of trimming done. Johnson commented that she saw only a couple of branches trimmed and thrown onto adjacent grass areas, and

that there still existed a large problem. Low-hanging tree branches and overgrown bushes along the bike paths have made using them dangerous, she said.

Operations Director Chetlain stated that the landscapers had informed his department that the issue had been dealt with, but that he would have his own staff do their own inspection, to make sure that the paths are made safer.

The District 6 board approved the purchase of a large lighted menorah, to be erected in the area of the Balmoral gatehouse. The decision to purchase the menorah came as a cost-saving measure after their review of the rather large fee that a rental company would have charged for placing the display.

BUDGET WORKSHOPS

Finance Director Zielinski reported the dates for the various district budget workshops for the next fiscal year (all meetings at the Town Hall).

They are:

District 1

- March 27 at 7 p.m.
- April 24 at 7 p.m.
- May 22 at 7 p.m.
- Final approval June 15th

District 2

- March 30 at 3 p.m.
- April 27 at 3 p.m.
- May 25 at 3 p.m.
- Final approval June 15th

District 4

- March 29 at 6 p.m.
- April 26 at 6 p.m.
- May 24 at 6 p.m.
- Final approval June 14th

District 5

- March 30 at 10:30 a.m.
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- May 22 at 10:30 a.m.
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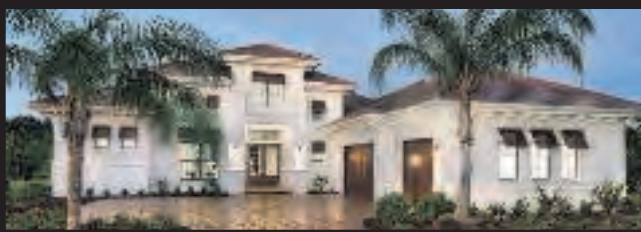
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Holidays around the Ranch: A firmly established tradition

BY ERNIE SOLLER,
PHOTOS BY ERNIE SOLLER
Community Correspondent

The Holidays Around the Ranch event was scheduled to start at 6 p.m. I got there before 5, armed with the knowledge that had I delayed my arrival, I risked not being able to find an open parking spot. This is one popular event! With that detail out of the way, I made my way to the heart of Main Street, Lakewood Ranch, knowing that I'd see and greet lots of familiar and friendly faces, and have time to take a few photos before the skies became dark.

The restaurants along Main Street were already starting to fill up, with some, like the Main

Street Trattoria, opening a booth out in front of their venue, the better to distribute pizza to hungry parents and kids out for a good time and a chance to see Santa.

And see Santa they did, with the jolly old elf arriving on Main Street in his traditional white horse-drawn carriage, accompanied by a crew of eager children. Once around the big Christmas tree at the end of Main Street, and Santa was on his way to his big white rocking chair next to the tree, prepared to hear all those wishes.

The kids were ready to explain to Santa that, even though they weren't perfectly good this year, they still had a Christmas list of items worthy of whispering in his ear.

As for the adults, their wishes reminded this writer of the old "Santa Baby" song, in which a high-pitched female voice asks "Santa Baby" to "Hurry Down the Chimney Tonight" with things like the key to an apartment, a new car, and a diamond ring for Christmas. (Sounds like a pretty good deal to me!)

The arrival of Santa marking the Christmas season on Lakewood Ranch Main Street wouldn't be the same without music, and again this year, the event didn't disappoint. Santa arrived on Main Street to the sounds of "Here Comes Santa Claus," a song that the "Singing Cowboy," Gene Autry, wrote in 1947, and which has become a perennial favorite at Christmas time.

This year Holidays Around the Ranch welcomed the Blue Skye Pipe and Drum Band - a traditional Celtic pipe band - made up entirely of female musicians!

As for other activities, along with all the food and goodies being passed out along the street and the "ice skating" rink set up in the area in front of the movie theater, partygoers could wander down to the other end of Main Street for a chance to do something totally un-Floridian: sliding down a snow-covered "hill" on a rubber tube.

That's right folks, we had snow on Main Street this year!

Holidays Around the Ranch continues to offer an abundance of tradition, yet with something new and different every year.



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KYANNE MERRILL
Director of LWRCAC

Happy New Year 2017!

There were so many great events and happenings in Lakewood Ranch throughout 2016, and we hope to make 2017 another successful year!

FISHING SEMINAR & TOURNAMENT: This annual favorite will be held Feb. 11, with the tournament on Feb. 18. We are looking for sponsors for this event. If there are any local businesses interested in supporting this event, please contact info@lwrcac.com.

Registration for the event is open at www.lwrcac.com! The Lakewood Ranch Anglers Club does a great job every year with this event!

HEALTH & WELLNESS EXPO: We have moved the date of this expo to the month of February to honor Heart Health Awareness Month. We will incorporate the fresh and vibrant FARMER'S MARKET again. We have changed the expo hours as well; they will now be 9 a.m. to noon.

CONNECTING SPONSORS AND CLUB MEMBERS: Community Activities Corporation Director Kyanne Merrill will be visiting with the clubs at their various meeting locations throughout the year and introducing several of the corporate sponsors to the club members. This will allow the corporate sponsors the ability to introduce themselves, describe what their companies/services provide to the community and interact and develop relationships with community members. The LWRCAC non-profit program is supported by the residents of Lakewood Ranch and corporate sponsors; therefore, we will focus on bridging the gap between local businesses and the community members!

CLUB NEWS:

THE LUNCH CLUB AT LAKEWOOD RANCH welcomes adults in Lakewood Ranch to enjoy a delicious lunch from the 9th Street Bistro, socialize, and explore a variety of topics presented by guest speakers, and best of all, it's affordable and fun! Exciting topics for January and February include the following: 1/24 - Financial Pitfalls in Retirement, 1/31 - Humor Therapy, 2/7 - Medicare vs Private Duty, 2/14 - Geriatric Care Management, 2/21 - Adapting Your Home to Senior Living. The Lunch Club meets every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Lakewood Ranch Town Hall. Please contact Jackie Godlewski or Sue Taylor at 941-749-0100 for more information or to reserve your seat. Reservations are encouraged, but walk-ins are always welcome.

JEWISH WOMEN'S CIRCLE OF LAKEWOOD RANCH meets for social, educational, and cultural purposes. The Jewish Women's Club will host weekly "Torah & Tea" classes every Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the home of Chanie Bukiet. Please contact Chanie for more information at 941-752-3030, Ext 2., or chanie@chabadofbradenton.com. The upcoming Rosh Chodesh Society - "Simple Truths" class will take place at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 7 at The Chabad House, located at 5712 Lorraine Road, Lakewood Ranch. "Simple Truths" will help guide participants to learn pivotal Jewish insights for more centered living.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT): Lakewood Ranch CERT continues to grow, as more "regular citizens" get involved to help keep their families and neighbors safe in the event of a major hurricane or other disaster. While our area was spared the severe flooding and wind damage felt elsewhere from hurricanes Hermine and Matthew, we did have



two tornadoes early in 2016, with two deaths in Manatee County. Let's hope 2017 is a quiet season for tornadoes and major storms, but let's stay prepared regardless.

The new CERT officers for 2017 are Jon Lyon, president; Mike Miller, vice president; Karen Lyon, treasurer; and Donna Messina, board secretary. Added to the Lakewood Ranch CERT board of directors are Robert Cheung and Allan Silverglat.

Almost one hundred residents have expressed an interest in taking the CERT basic training course. Three courses have been scheduled for 2017 and every effort is being made to accommodate as many residents as possible.

The Central Park community is launching its own CERT program in 2017, thanks to the Central Park residents who have completed the CERT training and form the core of this new team. For Central Park resi-

dents interested in getting involved with Central Park CERT, there will be more information coming soon.

Anyone looking for information on hurricane and disaster preparedness, or who want more information about the CERT basic training course, you should visit the Lakewood Ranch CERT web site at www.lwrcert.org.

ART CLUB: The club meets from noon to 4 p.m. Monday and Friday, usually in salon A/B at the Lakewood Ranch Town Hall.

On March 3, 2017, we will hold an art reception at 6 p.m. at the Manatee Art Center and the public is invited to attend. We currently have an exhibit of our work available for viewing and sale at the ComCenter on Town Center Parkway, Lakewood Ranch. This exhibit will be on the premises thru end of April, 2017.

THE FINANCIAL FO-

RUM will continue its twice a month meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at the Caddy Shak restaurant at the River Club Golf and Country Club, 6600 River Club Blvd, Bradenton, 34202. Questions can be directed to: stevenrkalt@comcast.net.

LADIES' DEVOTIONAL HOUR: We meet every Thursday from 10 - 11:30 a.m. at Lakewood Ranch Town Hall, with refreshments, prayer and devotions. We are ladies of every age, church and backgrounds. This is our 14th year as a club, and members have formed many friendships, receiving constant joy. Please join us any Thursday. For more information contact Shirley Surowiec, shsur46@gmail.com, or Carol Tumey, 941-727-3789.

LWR DEMOCRATIC CLUB: At 7 p.m. on Feb. 14, Mark Weston, author of "The Runner-Up Presidency: The Elections That

2017 Lakewood Ranch Calendar of Events

Jan. 19	Volunteer Appreciation	Gold Coast Eagle Co.
Feb. 18	Fishing Tournament	Lake Uihlien
Feb. 25	Health & Wellness Expo & Farmer's Market	LWR Medical Center
March 11	Irish Celtic Festival	Greenbrook Adventure Prk
April 8	Eggstravaganza	Greenbrook Adventure Prk
May 28	Tribute to Heroes	LWR Main Street
Oct. 13	Club Day on Main St. Block Party	LWR Main Street
Oct. 27	BOO Fest	LWR Main Street
Dec. 8	Holidays Around the Ranch	LWR Main Street

For up-to-the-minute activities, events and clubs, visit our website at www.lwrcac.com. You can enjoy past pictures from all our popular events and even join our mailing list. Just enter your email in the "Get Notified" section, located on the right side of the home page.

If Facebook is your social connection of choice, you can "like" our fan page at www.facebook.com/LWRCommunityActivities. Thanks to the hundreds of residents who have already joined, we are well on our way to hearing where you are going and what you're enjoying.

Defied America's Popular Will," will discuss the history of the Electoral College and today's ramifications.

ST GEORGE'S MAH-JONGG: We play a friendly game according to Na-

tional Mahjongg rules from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursdays, at Lakewood Ranch Town Hall. All skill levels are welcome. We do not teach. If you would like to join the "Dragon Ladies," please call Aida Pyle at 941-907-3846 or email

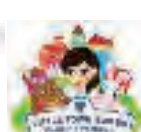
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WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB: The Feb. 15 book selection is "Euphoria," by Lily King. For more information, call Mary Button at 941-755-0012.

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January 2017

- 08 Holcomb-Kreithen Plastic Surgery and MedSpa
Tailgate Theme: College National Championship
- 15 Lakewood Ranch Women's Club
- 22 Dinan Realty Group
Tailgate Theme: Fireside Chat
- 27 Polo Last Friday of the Month; 3pm —
Lakewood Ranch Business Alliance
- 29 Country Club East, Lakewood Ranch

February 2017

- 05 Pre-Super Bowl Party
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- 12 The Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota
Tailgate Theme: Show Me Your Love
- 19 Suncoast Porsche
Tailgate Theme: Hawaiian Luau
- 24 Polo Last Friday of the Month; 3pm —
The Mall at University Town Center
- 26 The Observer Cup /
SMR Cup Weekend
Tailgate Theme: Cowboy Polo

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March 2017

- 05 Schroeder-Manatee Ranch, Inc.
- 12 BMO Private Bank
Tailgate Theme: St. Patty's Day
- 19 The Players Centre for the
Performing Arts
Tailgate Theme: Spring Break-Mexico
- 26 Raymond James
- 31 Polo Last Friday of the Month; 3pm —
Southeastern Guide Dogs

April 2017

- 02 Fidelity Investments, Sarasota
- 09 Saint Stephen's Episcopal School
Tailgate Theme: Glitz and Glam

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Sock Menorah lights up the Lakewood Ranch Night

BY ERNIE SOLLER,
Community Correspondent

One thing can be said about Rabbi Mendy Bukiet: His tenure as the leader of Chabad of Bradenton/Lakewood Ranch has been marked by some innovative events, notably the ways that he's used to make the celebration of Chanukah just a little bit different each year.

Several years ago, Rabbi Mendy instituted a public celebration of Chanukah on Lakewood Ranch Main Street, welcoming all to take part in the Feast of Lights. And, every year since, he's managed to come up with a unique Chanukah menorah (an eight-branched candlestick) for the Lakewood Ranch event.

In past years, a coin menorah appeared on Main Street. Then there came a can menorah, constructed from cans of food donated to feed the poor.

Last year, in a moment of creative energy, a menorah sculpted from a large block of ice was the center of attention, lit from below and capped with the eight lamps signifying the miracle of the Feast of Lights - that, at a time when the Temple of Jerusalem was being rededicated, the small amount

of lamp oil which was expected to last only one day lasted for eight days. (In our Florida temperatures, the ice menorah didn't last eight days, but it was definitely different!)

This year, using the slogan of "Knock, Knock, Give a Sock - Warm the Feet, Warm the Soul," the Chabad's Chanukah menorah took on a totally new "look" - a menorah festooned with socks - socks to be given to the poor and homeless of our area. Not only was the menorah hung with pair after pair of socks, but there was also a large pile of donated socks on the platform beneath the menorah which, after songs and lessons, was lit by the "official menorah lighter," Dr. Steve Shapiro.

If you see a pattern here, you've gotten the message. Chanukah is not only a feast of giving gifts to each other. It is a feast that reminds people that they need to share with those people who are less fortunate.

In his comments regarding Chanukah, Rabbi Mendy remarked that it is a good thing to stand up for what is right. If you see something that is wrong, say something!

He asked questions, primarily to the children present, such as what the difference was between



the temple menorah and the Chanukah menorah (one has seven branches, the other eight). Or, is Chanukah a time when Jews usually eat a lot of dairy food (true).

There was also a question as to whether the Maccabees got to be famous for their beekeeping

prowess (Actually, it was for their military successes - Judah Maccabee, the big-time Jewish military leader of his time, was known as "The Hammer"). The Chanukah celebration took note of this military prowess in that one young man was dressed as Judah, com-

plete with sword and shield. There was also another dressed as a walking dreidel, the spinning top used to play Chanukah games. The dreidel motif was repeated in the decorations on the sides of the bounce house, which was full of energetic kids.

After songs and speech-



Photos by Ernie Soller

es from officials such as Manatee County Commissioner Vanessa Baugh, the entertainment continued with a performance by acrobatic high-jumping stilt walkers.

Once again the lamps of the Chanukah menorah lit up the darkness on Lakewood Ranch Main Street.

Rowing and Fitness Studio open in Lakewood Ranch

The Manatee-Sarasota area has rapidly become known across the country – and beyond – as a major center for rowing, with three sites being used for the sport across the two-county area (Fort Hamer Park in Manatee County, and Nathan Benderson Park and Blackburn Point Park in Sarasota County). Rowing has spiked significantly in popularity.

Local rowing and fitness experts Trish and Kevin Chastain and Bev Kinder, have opened a rowing and fitness facility in Lakewood Ranch that serves to bridge the gap between rowers who are in the water, and fitness enthusiasts who want to enjoy a low impact, highly effective strength and cardio workout on a regular basis.

Powerhouse Row and Fitness is located in the plaza on SR 70 and Lakewood Ranch Blvd., 11540 Palmbrush Trail. The facility has more than 15 rowing machines (ergs), and classes range in lengths, intensity, and cross-training techniques, with currently more than 35 classes offered per week. TRX suspension training is soon to be added to the schedule as well. “The goal is to give people an amazing, well-rounded workout, utilizing rowing combined with other fitness modalities”, Kinder said.



“There are specialized fitness studios popping up all over that cover spin, yoga and weight training, but none that focus on rowing,” said co-founder Trish Chastain. “Rowing offers an intense, low impact total body strength and cardiovascular workout and we are excited to bring this option to our community.”

In addition to multiple classes per day, Powerhouse Row and Fitness plan to take their classes on the road at times and offer on-location rows, such as at area parks, or the beach. The Chastains each have more than 20 years of rowing experience including as coaches at area rowing facilities.

Additionally they, and Kinder, have more than 20 years of experience in the fitness industry as personal trainers and hold several other professional certifications.

“We offer a wide range of classes, at different times, for different levels and with a diverse group of instructors,” Kinder said. “Our focus is on small group training with individualized attention. We want to make sure people get maximum results and have fun at the same time.”

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COMMUNITY EVENTS & CLUB CALENDAR

NOTE: NOT ALL CLUB MEETING DATES HAVE BEEN SECURED FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2017 AT TOWN HALL SO PLEASE VISIT THE WEBSITE TO VERIFY DATES lakewoodranchgov.org/reservations/month

January 18th – Third Wednesday

- Mah Jongg at One, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Women's Book Club, Town Hall, 1 p.m.

January 20th – Third Friday

- Women's Exercise, Woodland Baptist, 9 a.m.
- Shanti Yoga, Town Hall, 10 a.m.
- Art Club, Town Hall, noon
- Mah Jongg Queens, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.

January 21st – Third Saturday

- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 8 a.m.
- Football Club, soccer field 1, 8:30 a.m.
- Scribes Club, Town Hall, 10 a.m.

January 22nd – Third Sunday

- Italian/American Winter Picnic-Pavilion, 2 p.m.
- Ladies' Soccer, soccer fields 1&2, 2 p.m.

January 23rd – Third Monday

- Women's Exercise, Woodland Baptist, 9 a.m.
- Art Club, Town Hall, noon
- CERT General Meeting, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

January 24th – Fourth Tuesday

- Lunch Club, Town Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Kiwanis, Polo Grill, noon
- Bridge on Tuesday, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Double Deck Pinochle, various homes, 1 p.m.
- Evening Mah Jongg, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Italian American Club, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

January 25th – Fourth Wednesday

- Women's Exercise, Woodland Baptist, 9 a.m.
- Women's Duplicate Bridge, Town Hall, 8:30 a.m.
- Asian Women's Club, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

January 26th – Fourth Thursday

- Ladies' Devotional Hour, Town Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday Bridge Club, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- St. George's Mah Jongg, Town Hall, 1 p.m.

January 27th – Fourth Friday

- Women's Exercise, Woodland Baptist, 9 a.m.
- Shanti Yoga, Town Hall, 10 a.m.
- Art Club, Town Hall, noon
- Mah Jongg Queens, 12:30 p.m.

January 28th – Fourth Saturday

- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 8 a.m.
- Football Club, soccer field 1, 8:30 a.m.
- Digital Photography Focus Group, Town Hall, 8:30 a.m.

January 29th – Fourth Sunday

- Ladies' Soccer, soccer fields 1&2, 2 p.m.

January 30th – Fourth Monday

- Women's Exercise, Woodland Baptist, 9 a.m.
- Art Club, Town Hall, noon
- Angler's Club, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

January 31st – First Tuesday

- Lunch Club, Town Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Kiwanis, Polo Grill, noon
- Double Deck Pinochle, various homes, 1 p.m.
- Bridge on Tuesday, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Evening Mah Jongg, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

February 1st – First Wednesday

- Women's Exercise, Woodland Baptist, 9 a.m.
- Bingo, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Mah Jongg at One, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- History Club, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

February 2nd – First Thursday

- Women's Exercise, Woodland Baptist, 9 a.m.
- Women's Devotional Hour, Town Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday Bridge Club, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- St. George's Mah Jongg, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- CERT Training, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

February 3rd – First Friday

- Women's Club board meeting, Town Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Art Club, Town Hall, 10 a.m.
- Mah Jongg Queens, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- MUSIC ON MAIN, LWR MAIN STREET, 6 – 9 P.M.

February 4th – First Saturday

- Adult Soccer, Summerfield Park, 8 a.m.
- CERT Training, Town Hall, 8 a.m.
- Football Club, soccer field 1, 8:30 a.m.

February 5th – First Sunday

- Ladies' Soccer, Adventure Park, 2 p.m.
- Sunday Duplicate Bridge, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

February 6th – First Monday

- Women's Exercise, Woodland Baptist, 9 a.m.
- Handcrafts and More, Town Hall, 10 a.m.
- Art Club, Town Hall, noon
- LWR Garden Club, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Genealogy Club, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

February 7th – First Tuesday

- Lunch Club, Town Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Kiwanis, Polo Grill, noon
- Double Deck Pinochle, various homes, 1 p.m.
- Empty Nesters, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.

February 8th – Second Wednesday

- Women's Exercise, Woodland Baptist, 9 a.m.
- Mah Jongg at One, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Community Activities, Town Hall, 5 p.m.
- Digital Photography Club, Town Hall, 5 p.m.
- Angler's Club, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

February 9th – Second Thursday

- Women's Golf, Legacy, 7:30 a.m.
- Financial Forum, CaddyShack in River Club, 9 a.m.
- Ladies' Devotional Hour, Town Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday Bridge Club, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- St. George's Mah Jongg, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- CERT Training, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

February 10th – Second Friday

- Women's Exercise, Woodland Baptist, 9 a.m.
- Shanti Yoga, Town Hall, 10 a.m.
- Art Club, Town Hall, noon
- Mah Jongg Queens, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.

February 11th – Second Saturday

- Adult Soccer, Summerfield Park, 8 a.m.
- Fishing Seminar at Pavilion/Summerfield Park, 8 a.m.
- Football Club, soccer field 1, 8:30 a.m.

February 12th – Second Sunday

- Ladies' Soccer, soccer fields 1&2, 2 p.m.

February 13th – Second Monday

- Women's Exercise, Woodland Baptist, 9 a.m.
- LWR Garden Club, Town Hall, 9 a.m.
- Art Club, Town Hall, noon
- Gardeners Out East, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Creative Arts, Town Hall, 6 p.m.
- Jewish Club, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

February 14th – Second Tuesday

- Lunch Club, Town Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Kiwanis, Polo Grill, noon
- Bridge on Tuesdays, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Double Deck Pinochle, various homes, 1 p.m.
- Evening Mah Jongg, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Democratic Club, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

February 15th – Third Wednesday

- Women's Exercise, Woodland Baptist, 9 a.m.
- Mah Jongg at One, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Women's Book Club, Town Hall, 1 p.m.

February 16th – Third Thursday

- Ladies' Devotional Hour, Town Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Financial Forum, CaddyShack in River Club, 9 a.m.
- Thursday Bridge Club, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- St. George's Mah Jongg, Town Hall, 2 p.m.

February 17th – Third Friday

- Women's Exercise, Woodland Baptist, 9 a.m.
- Art Club, Town Hall, 10 a.m.
- Mah Jongg Queens, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.

February 18th – Third Saturday

- Adult Soccer, soccer fields 1&2, 8 a.m.
- Digital Photography Club focus group, Town Hall, 8:30 a.m.
- Football Club, soccer field 1, 8:30 a.m.
- Scribes Club, Town Hall, 10 a.m.

February 19th – Third Sunday

- Ladies' Soccer, soccer fields 1&2, 2 p.m.
- Sunday Duplicate Bridge, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

February 20th – CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY PRESIDENTS' DAY

GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Please note that all meetings will be held at Town Hall unless otherwise specified.

January 19	8:30 a.m.	CDD 1 Board Meeting 907-0202
	9 a.m.	CDD 2&5 Board Meeting 907-0202
	10:30 a.m.	CDD 6 Board Meeting 907-0202
	3 p.m.	CEVA Safety Meeting 907-6999
	7 p.m.	Ashland Neighborhood Committee Meeting 907-9745
January 23	10 a.m.	CEVA Finance Committee Meeting 907-0202
	5:30 p.m.	Hollow Board Meeting 752-4812
	7 p.m.	Whitemarsh Annual Meeting 907-9891
January 24	8:30 a.m.	SRVA Modifications Meeting 907-0202
	3 p.m.	CEVA Board Meeting 907-0202
January 25	1 p.m.	Country Club Modifications Meeting 907-0202
	3 p.m.	Edgewater Modifications Meeting 907-0202
	7 p.m.	SRVA Board Meeting 907-0202
January 26	2 p.m.	CEVA Violations Hearing 907-0202
January 31	9 a.m.	Country Club West Annual Meeting 359-1134
February 1	4 p.m.	GBVA Restrictions Revision Meeting 907-0202
February 2	3 p.m.	CEVA Restrictions Revision Meeting 907-0202
February 6	9 a.m.	CEVA Landscape Committee Meeting 727-0899
	7 p.m.	Brier Creek Neighborhood Meeting 907-1169
February 8	1 p.m.	Country Club Modifications Meeting 907-0202
	3 p.m.	Edgewater Modifications Meeting 907-0202
February 13	9 a.m.	CDD 6 Agenda Review Workshop 907-0202
	8 a.m.	IDA Board Meeting 907-0202
February 14	8:30 a.m.	SRVA Modifications Meeting 907-0202
	10 a.m.	CDD 1 Agenda Review Workshop 907-0202
	1 p.m.	CDD 2 Agenda Review Workshop 907-0202
	2:30 p.m.	CDD 5 Agenda Review Workshop 907-0202

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