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THE MARKET AT LAKEWOOD RANCH WRAPS UP ANOTHER GREAT SEASON! April 24 was the last day of the season for The Ranch's farmers' market. This was the second year for the event, which will return at the end of this year for its third season! For more photos see pages 18-19. Photo by Karen Arango

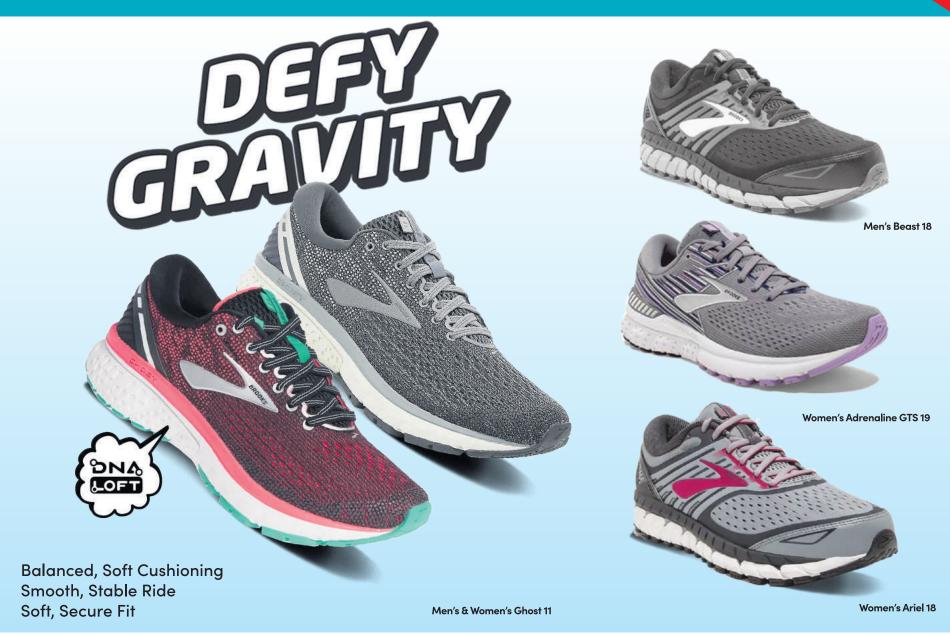
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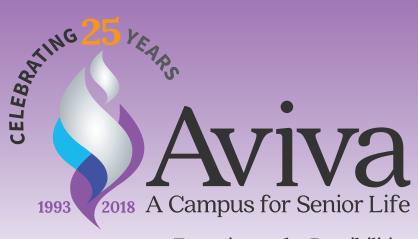
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COMMUNITY EVENTS & CLUB CALENDAR

May/June 2019

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May 20 – Third Monday

- · Handcrafts and More, Town Hall, 10 a.m.
- · Italian American Club, Town Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Art League Club, Town Hall, noon
- Spyglass Card Sharks, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.
- Running Club, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Jewish Club board meeting, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

May 21 – Third Tuesday

- · LWR Talks, LWR Golf and Country Club, 10 a.m.
- Empty Nesters, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Football Club, soccer field/baseball diamond, 5:30 p.m.

May 22 – Third Wednesday

- · Women's Duplicate Bridge, Town Hall, 8 a.m.
- Mah Jongg at One, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- · Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.

May 23 – Third Thursday

- · Thursday Bridge, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Football Club, soccer field/baseball diamond, 5:30 p.m.
- CERT general membership meeting set up, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- CERT general membership meetings, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

May 24 – Third Friday

- · Women's Exercise Class, Town Hall, 9 a.m.
- · Shanti Yoga, Town Hall, 10 a.m.
- · Art League Club, Town Hall, noon
- Mah Jongg Queens, Town Hall, noon
- · Pro Jam, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

May 25 – Third Saturday

- · Adult Soccer, soccer field, 8 a.m.
- Football Club, soccer field #1, 8 a.m.
- · Digital Photography Club, Town Hall, 8:30 a.m.
- · SUGAR Volunteers, Town Hall, 10 a.m.

May 27 – Fourth Monday

· Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.

May 28 – Fourth Tuesday

- · Bridge on Tuesday, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- · Football Club, soccer field/baseball diamond,
- Italian American Club, Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

May 29 – Fourth Wednesday

- · Mah Jongg at One, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- · Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.

May 30 – Fourth Thursday

- · Thursday Bridge, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- · Football Club, soccer field/baseball diamond, 5:30 p.m.

May 31 – Fourth Friday

- · Women's Exercise Class, Town Hall, 9 a.m.
- · Shanti Yoga, Town Hall, 10 a.m.
- · Art League Club, Town Hall, noon
- Mah Jongg Queens, Town Hall, noon

June 1 - First Saturday

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

June 2 – First Sunday

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

June 3 – First Monday

- Gardeners' Out East, Town Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Handcrafts and More Town Hall, 10 a.m.
- · Art League Club, Town Hall, noon
- · Spyglass Card Sharks, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- · Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.

June 4 – First Tuesday

- · Lunch Club, Town Hall, 11 a.m.
- Empty Nesters, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- · Football Club, soccer field/baseball diamond, 5:30 p.m.

June 5 – First Wednesday

· Bingo, Town Hall, 1 p.m.

- · Mah Jongg at One, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- · Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.

June 6 – First Thursday

- · Thursday Bridge, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- · Football Club, soccer field/baseball diamond,
- · CERT Training Committee, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

June 7 – First Friday

- · Women's Exercise Class, Town Hall, 9 a.m.
- · Shanti Yoga, Town Hall, 10 a.m.
- · Art League Club, Town Hall, noon
- · Mah Jongg Queens, Town Hall, noon

June 8 – Second Saturday

- · Adult Soccer, soccer field, 8 a.m.
- Football Club, soccer field #1, 8 a.m.
- · Republican Club, Town Hall, 9 a.m.

June 9 – Second Sunday

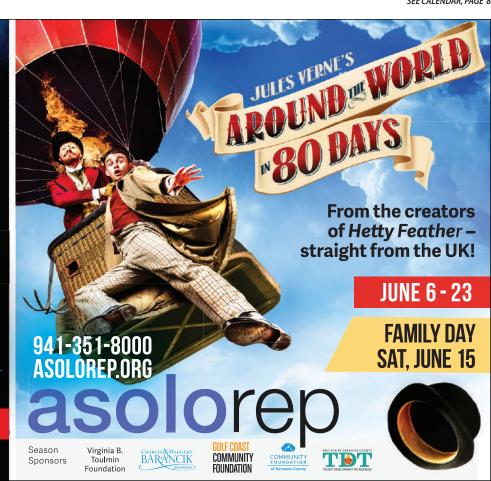
• Ladies' Soccer, soccer fields 1 & 2, 2 p.m.

June 10 – Second Monday

- · Art League Club, Town Hall, noon
- Spyglass Card Sharks, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- · Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.
- · CERT board meeting, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS & CLUB CALENDAR

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June 11 – Second Tuesday

- · Women's Club "Blankets for Babies, "Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Digital Photography Club board meeting, Town Hall, 5 p.m.
- Football Club, soccer field/baseball diamond,
 5:30 p.m.
- Democrat Club, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

June 12 – Second Wednesday

- · Mah Jongg at One, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- · Community Activities, Town Hall, 5 p.m.
- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.

June 13 – Second Thursday

- · Thursday Bridge, Town Hall, 2 p.m.
- Football Club, soccer field/baseball diamond, 5:30 p.m.

June 14 – Second Friday

- Women's Exercise Club, Town Hall, 9 a.m.
- · Shanti Yoga, Town Hall, 10 a.m.
- Art League Club, Town Hall, noon
- Mah Jongg Queens, Town Hall, noon

June 15 – Second Saturday

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

June 16 – Third Sunday

• Sunday Duplicate Bridge, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

June 17 – Third Monday

- Handcrafts and More, Town Hall, 10 a.m.
- · Italian American Club, Town Hall, 10 a.m.
- Art League Club, Town Hall, noon
- Spyglass Card Sharks, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- · Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.
- Running Club, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Jewish Club board meeting, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

June 18 – Third Tuesday

- Empty Nesters, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Football Club, soccer field/baseball diamond, 5:30 p.m.

June 19 – Third Wednesday

- Mah Jongg at One, Town Hall, noon
- · Women's Book Club, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- · Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.
- CERT Radio Communications Committee, Town Hall, 7 p.m.
- Indivisible LWR, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

June 20 – Third Thursday

- · Thursday Bridge, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Football Club, soccer field/baseball diamond,
 5:30 p.m.

Knights of Columbus to Host Community Awareness Night

BY ERNIE SOLLER

Community Correspondent

The Knights of Columbus of Council #13341 at Our Lady of the Angels Church will host a public service community awareness family night social on Thursday, May 23 at the church hall, located at 12905 E. State Road 70, at the corner of White Eagle Boulevard, in Lakewood Ranch. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Hurricane season begins on June 1, and the primary focus of the event will be a talk on hurricane preparedness, conducted by Kay and Mark Marcus, of the Lakewood Ranch Community Emergency Response team (CERT). The CERT team in Lakewood Ranch has been active in recruiting and training volunteers from the community to assist their neighbors should an emergency event take place.

They will discuss family preparedness, whether or not to evacuate, what to consider if you want to "shelter in place," and what oth-



er steps to take NOW to keep you and your family safe during an emergency such as a hurricane.

The second portion of the program will be a talk by Roger Brown of the St. Joseph Food Pantry, who will discuss the problem of hunger in our community, and how to help. The Knights at Our Lady of the Angels have, for some years, participated in collecting food donations at the church and transporting them to the Pantry for distribution to the hungry.



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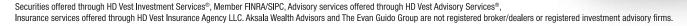
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Keith Pandeloglou

wood Ranch Brain Health Coalition, working to support the overall mission of this study and ultimately build a culture of brain health and well-being at Lakewood Ranch. More than 20 organizations are currently part of this coalition.

The study will position the greater Gulf Coast community, Lakewood Ranch, and its CORE (Collaboration Opportunities for Research and Exploration) campus at the epicenter of groundbreaking brain health research. The global team of world-renowned experts including researchers, clinicians, innovators, and entrepreneurs will be focusing on the study of the risks and protective factors that contribute to brain health and performance. With time, they expect to discover both positive and negative factors regarding brain health and performance across the lifespan at all personal, social/community, and biological levels.

The first phase has already been completed, which included the collection of initial survey information, indicating Lakewood Ranch community brain health priorities, and the shaping of research factors for the long-term study. The next two phases launched a \$1.6 million community fundraising campaign.

On May 21, Dr. Stephanie Peabody from ABHP will be joining **LWR Talks** at the Lakewood Ranch Golf & Country Club to discuss this revolutionary initiative coming to Lakewood Ranch, and demonstrate how you can get involved ... starting today!









Networking will be from 10-10:30 a.m. and the seminar will begin promptly at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$10 per person and include a continental breakfast.

Please visit the Lakewood Ranch Community Activities homepage at LWRCA.org or our Facebook event page to purchase tickets. For more information on The Brain Health Initiative at Lakewood Ranch or to support project funding, visit www.brainhealthylwr.com.

The **2019 Tribute to Heroes block party and parade** will be held from 6-8 p.m. May 19 on Main Street at Lakewood Ranch. Every year, thousands of attendees line Main Street in support of our local veterans and heroes. We want

YOU to get involved in this community event. The block party fun starts at 6 p.m. and the parade will kick off at 7 p.m. Arrive early for a good spot on the street! Attendees are welcome to bring chairs and their four-legged friends (on a leash), but coolers are not allowed. All proceeds will benefit local veterans' groups and organizations. There will also be a VIP seating area for veterans.

CLUB NEWS

Here is a selection of upcoming LWR community groups and social club events that promote brain health and wellness ... sign up today to meet new neighbors, have fun, and support your own brain health!

ART CLUB meets from 1-4 p.m. Mondays and Fridays at the LWR Town Hall. Are you artistic or creative? Do you like to paint, draw or sculpt? Or maybe you're not sure and would just like to try something new! Join us Mondays for painting and Fridays for classes. For more information contact Lydia Kaeyer at Kaeyer@roadrunner.com or (207)542-9268.

RUNNING CLUB meets at 6 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Braden River Nature Park and at 6 a.m. Saturdays at the Summerfield Park Pavilion. This club is a group of fun people that enjoy running and/or walking. They have people at all levels and speeds! For more information, contact James Nelson at (941)345-3868.

JEWISH CLUB meets monthly, and their mission is to provide an environment that enhances the Jewish community

at Lakewood Ranch, focusing on Jewish themes related to social, cultural, and educational opportunities through independent programming and in partnership with other organizations. All Lakewood Ranch residents are welcome to attend and participate. For more information contact Leonard Drexler at Ihdrexler@gmail.com or at (941)538-3571.

ery third Thursday of each month at Woodland Community Church. During their meetings, they have a presentation about some aspect of digital photography as well as arranged, organized field trips to areas of photographic interest and photographic workshops. The aim of the club is to promote growth in members' appreciation and skill in taking and making digital photographs through mutual education and learning in both the science and art of photography. For more information, contact Mindy Towns at (941)755-7787.

SUGAR stands for Showing Unconditional Goodwill and Respect. SUGAR is a volunteer-run organization for students looking to earn community service hours, and to inspire children to give back to the community at a young age. For more information and to get involved, contact Stefanie Guido at stefanie@sugarvolunteers.com.

EMPTY NESTERS meets every first and third Tuesday of each month for lunch. Singles and couples are welcome. They plan activities around members' suggestions. For more information contact Peggy Walther at mfwalther@verizon.

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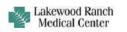


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LWR Main Street Hosts Lightning Watch Party

Lakewood Ranch "had a few friends over" for the Lightning's last game of the regular season against the Boston Bruins on April 6. There was plenty of spirit on display during the event, which included a youth hockey tournament and various other activities before the game started. Tampa Bay won 6-3; unfortunately, it turned out to be the Lightning's last win of the season, as they lost four straight games to the Columbus Blue Jackets in the first round of the playoffs. We'll be ready for next year, though! GO BOLTS!

More photos on page 14.















"AROUND THE RANCH" TEEN TAKES ON NEW ROLE

Confident, well spoken, and motivated, Joshua Roberson of Lakewood Ranch lights up a room with his cheerful spirit wherever he goes.

Over the years, being involved with the Programs at Manatee Performing Arts Center has helped shape Josh into the well-rounded, high-energy individual he is today.

Moving to the area from Las Vegas with his family when he was 8 years old Josh, remembers watching Broadway hits like *Mamma Mia* and *The Lion King*, yearning for the stage and saying to his mom, "I want to do that."

Not long after arriving in the area, Josh was excited to hear about a local community theater that was casting youth in the hit show *Oliver*. Josh auditioned and was cast as an orphan boy, setting the stage for a wonderful childhood growing up in the theater lights.

"Over the years everyone here has become like family," says Josh. "Being involved at the center has really helped me... Whenever I was having a rough time I could come here and focus." Everything else in the outside world could wait.

Josh remembers having a few hours between school and rehearsal, "So I would come and volunteer in other departments. That is actually how I learned how to sew," he laughs.

Year after year, role after role, Josh has grown into his own and has taken on a multitude of roles in Manatee Players productions.

"The most fun I had was being a part of the ensemble of *Producers*, because I got the chance to play so many different characters."

As for his favorite character role, Josh loved getting the opportunity to play Fritzie in the 2018 production of *Cabaret*. "It was a really great experience and I got a lot of great feedback from the audience."

"Josh has always been up for a challenge, a good sport and willing to do almost anything," says Producing Artistic Director Rick Kerby.

Naturally, Josh began to share his experience by volunteering during the Spring Kidz and Broadway Bootcamps. Josh enjoyed helping younger generations thrive and find their light in the theater life.

Being involved with the Manatee Performing Arts Center, and having an art-infused education at Manatee School for the Arts, has really helped Josh find a balance in life. Josh is a better



public speaker, and can articulate his ideas better, because of his training and education. "I am more empathetic to others' ideas and work well with others because of the skills I have gained," Josh says with a smile.

Josh hopes to one day direct on stage and perhaps work in the film industry. In August, he will begin his next chapter at Texas State University in San Marcos where he plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in Fine Arts.

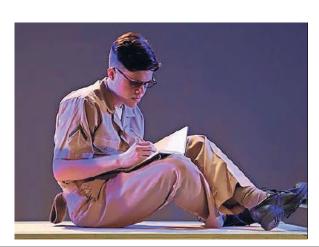
"He literally grew up here," says, Production Manager Kristin Ribble. "It's been enjoyable watching him grow up on our stage. I am so happy he is going to pursue his dreams at Texas State University." "I don't know where life is going to take me... Manatee Performing Arts Center will always hold a special place in my heart." - Josh Roberson

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Meredith Wilsons, The Music Man Broadway Bootcamp runs weekdays July 1-19. Broadway Bootcamp picks up where Kidz Camp left off and is open to young adults ages 12-17. Professional teaching artists and musical directors teach camps. The three-week camp ends with a full-scale production of the popular musical.

Registration for Summer 2019 Kidz Camp and Broadway Bootcamp is now open.



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Country Club Districts Look At Enhanced Security At Gates

BY ERNIE SOLLER, Community Correspondent

Community Development Districts 2 and 5, which represent the majority of residents in the Lakewood Ranch Country Club area, are considering enhancing their gate security by installing new security measures, such as gate kiosks that can be used at times when actual gate guard personnel are not present. If a guard is not on site, the kiosk would be used to identify the person seeking entry into the Country Club, and the entrance seeker would be able to communicate with an off-site guard, who would be able to remotely grant access.

Nothing is set in stone yet, but the idea is gaining traction among Country Club CDD supervisors. Recently, the gate guard company that had been providing services was discharged for a number of problems, including guards who didn't bother to show up for their shift, requiring Town Hall staff members to come in and man the gates. Another guard service company was hired, with the understanding that other changes might be made in the future.

RESIGNATION OF GARY BERNS

Gary Berns, long- time District 1 supervisor, resigned his seat on the District 1 Board, effective April 16, for personal/family reasons that involve his moving out of the District. The board vacancy will be advertised and candidates will be asked to step forward to be considered for the vacancy.

CELL TOWERS

The cell tower installation situation is in a holding pattern, as the contractor, USA-CRAN, has yet to enroll enough carriers to make the installation economically workable. The company has another month remaining on its contract extension to come up with the needed commitments, but the recent news that the proposed merger between T-Mobile

and Sprint might not happen has created additional doubt.

During the District 1 CDD board meeting, Supervisor Alan Roth noted the objections that certain residents had come up with the last time that additional cell towers for Lakewood Ranch had come up for discussion. Residents had alleged health concerns that, even though they may have been unsubstantiated, caused the initial project to be scrapped. The end result has been a very poor quality of cell phone service in parts of Lakewood Ranch. District 1 Supervisor Laura Fox suggested that the possibility of putting cell towers on top of existing buildings might salvage the effort, citing the fact that she recently found that the HOA fees for a particular condo development were considerably less than neighboring units - due to revenue from the cell tower on their roof.

SOIL MOISTURE SENSORS

Community Associations Director Gary Glass announced that there are still quite a few opportunities for residents to get into the Soil Moisture Sensor program – at no cost to the resident. By installing a SMS system, the resident is contributing to lowering the cost of irrigation water for the community, as well as being able to guarantee that his/her land-scaping will be irrigated as needed, since the system may allow for additional watering if the soil is dry enough to need it, while preventing over-watering, which contributes to plant failure. Contact the Community Associations office at the Town Hall for details. This program is a win-win for residents!

LAND LEASING AT OPERATIONS CENTER

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The Market at Lakewood Ranch Wraps Up Its Second Season

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Not surprisingly, the kids' activities provided each week wrapped up on April 24. Market Manager Morgan Bettes were a big hit with the families and kids. And of course, dinsaid that among the new things offered, one was a surpris- ner hour with the food trucks and live music were crowd ing standout. "Goat Yoga was new this year, and honestly it favorites. "By 7 p.m. (Market close) each night towards the was pretty popular," Bettes said. "Once a month we hosted end of season, we were politely asking guests to leave so goat yoga using Yolkers Wilde Dairy Goats – also a vendor – we could break the booths down," Bettes said. "They didn't want to go!"

"Bingo was also very popular this year," Bettes continued. Next season's market has some big surprises, Bettes said

















SMR Hosts Annual Polo Brunch at Sarasota Polo Club

BY ERNIE SOLLER, Community Correspondent

The Sarasota Polo Club was the scene once again as the folks at Schroeder-Manatee Ranch, the developers of Lakewood Ranch, held their annual Polo Brunch at the end of March.

The weather was absolutely gorgeous – the kind that locals are tempted to bottle and send to their friends "up North" – the friends who send text messages and emails showing their cars covered in that white stuff known as "snow." The food at the party was delightful, and there was an artist on hand painting a polo scene, but then, most of the action was out on the field. It was a great day for people-watching, as the attire ranged from shorts and jeans to, for the ladies, cowboy hats, "picture hats" and "fascinators."

For starters, prior to the start of the match, the Crossfire Cowgirls horseback drill team from Lakeland paraded the Stars and Stripes around the field, accompanied by the flags of



the various military services. With Old Glory and the service flags flying proudly, the Star-Spangled Banner was sung and the action commenced.

At the halftime period, the Cowgirls returned with a different set of flags, representing the various First Responder groups, since the match that day was in honor of the military and first responders. The trophy for the



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match was designated as the "Commander-in-Chief's Cup," and featured an American Flag, on which was placed a horseshoe.

After the Cowgirls returned with their First Responder flags, the crowd participated in the "stomping of the divots," with at least one little girl unclear as to what constituted a divot and what constituted "something else." (Hint - the game of polo is played on horseback.)

And of course, what could be more traditional at Sarasota Polo than a big red wagon pulled by Clydesdale horses, on which the kids could take a wagon ride around the field.

The match pitted the Tito's Vodka team against the Whiskey Pond team, with Tito's coming out on top by unleashing a barrage of goals, and the big red wagon was pressed into service again to carry the teams to the award presentation.







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ALLIANCE INTRODUCES NEW PRESIDENT/CEO, DOM DIMAIO

The Lakewood Ranch Business Alliance is pleased to announce it has selected Dom DiMaio as its next president/CEO. Dom will work with the board of directors and staff to initiate, implement and evaluate all aspects of Alliance activities, and develop growth strategies to further build on the value delivered to members and sponsors. As a regional leader on the Suncoast, Dom brings a proven record of business management, strategic vision, and relationship building through decades in



the banking industry and involvement on numerous boards and community organizations.

Dom has a strong connection to our region. He has been actively involved in many community organizations, including roles on the Alliance board and executive committee since 2017, most recently serving as board secretary. His passion for the region and relationships will be invaluable in taking our organization to the next level.

Welcome, Dom!

UPCOMING EVENTS

(Please visit www.LWRBA.org to sign up for these events.)

Executive Briefing: Get to the Point - Communicating with Brevity, Clarity Wednesday, May 15

7:30-9 a.m.

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Keiser University, 6151 Lake Osprey Drive \$10 LWRBA members; \$20 non-members

Speaker Joan Lowery joins us to share how to become more engaging and effective communicators. Participants will learn about core techniques that enable getting to the point clearly and concisely, and how to deliver a listener-focused, compelling message in 20 seconds or less.

Luncheon: Gems of the Region Wednesday, May 22

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Lakewood Ranch Golf & Country Club, 7650 Legacy Blvd.

\$27 LWRBA members; \$37 non-members

Our May luncheon will feature a panel discussion with three "Gems of the Region." Representatives from Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium, Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, and the Players Centre for Performing Arts join us to share future plans for their organizations and what they mean for the Lakewood Ranch region.

Networking Social Wednesday, June 5

5-7 p.m.

Raymond James, 8120 Lakewood Main Street, Suite 201

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Gulfcoast CEO Forum: Bet on Yourself with Molly Bloom Wednesday, June 12

7:30-9 a.m.

Sarasota Yacht Club, 1100 John Ringling Blvd., Sarasota

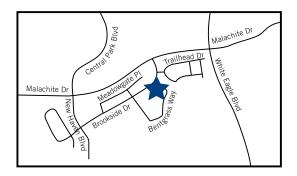
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Molly Bloom is an inspirational keynote speaker, entrepreneur, and bestselling author of "Molly's Game," which was adapted into an award-winning film of the same name by Aaron Sorkin. Bloom's memoir chronicles her journey from college student to LA waitress to building and operating the largest and most notorious private poker game in the world.



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May Programs at Chabad of Bradenton & Lakewood Ranch

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Torah Studies

Saturdays, 9-9:30 a.m.

Participate in a fascinating class on the Torah portion of the week. Discover the mystical meanings and lessons behind ancient stories. Admission is free.

Torah and Tea

Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-noon

Join Chanie Bukiet in her home for a weekly dose of delicious tea and refreshments and learn about the meanings of our daily prayers.

Weekly Shabbat Services Friday night, 6:30 p.m.; Saturday mornings,

9:30 a.m.

Enjoy warm, family friendly services at The Chabad House. Saturday morning services are followed by a delicious buffet Kiddush.

Talmud classes

Mondays, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

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CTeen – TGIS Dinner Friday, May 17, 7 p.m.

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RCS – On Higher Ground Thursday, May 16, 12 p.m.

Women are invited to join RCS's latest course "Larger Than Life – Weaving G-d in the Details," for the seventh class entitled "On Higher Ground – With Liberty and Justice for All." Lunch will be served. Course fee is \$75 (textbooks included) or \$18 per class.

Lag B'Omer BBQ & Grand Torah Parade Thursday, May 23, 6 p.m.

Join the Chabad family for a Lag B'Omer BBQ highlighting a Grand New Torah Parade, and featuring CKids Parade-a-Thon, marshmallow roasting, bungee jumping, rock climbing, moon bounce, bonfire and live music. Open to all ages.

For more information on any of the ongoing events, call Rabbi Mendy Bukiet at (941)752-3030 or e-mail rabbi@chabadofbradenton.com.

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wood Ranch. The company recently requested that they be allowed to increase the size of the area being leased, in order to provide space for equipment used not only in Lakewood Ranch, but in surrounding areas.

At the same time, Al-Tec, the company doing work in our ponds and natural areas, has also asked for equipment storage space in this area.

The Operations Department is studying the proposed changes, but their focus is going to be to accommodate the company that is using the space for the work actually done in Lakewood Ranch. Revised contract(s) would have to be drawn up to take care of any changes in the current lease agreement.

DISTRICT 2 ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

As there has been some controversy as to the methodology used to assess property in District 2, a consultant has been working on coming up with solutions. Per Attorney Andrew Cohen, a special meeting was advertised and scheduled for May 7. The goal was to have a conclusion and a public hearing on the proposed changes by the time of the workshop meeting in June, so that changes can be approved at the June regular board meeting, and be formally adopted. These meetings will be advertised and mailed notices will be sent to residents.

The various CDD boards approved the acceptance of their audit engagement letters with the accounting firm of Purvis, Gray and Company for the auditing of their fiscal 2019 finances.

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LWR Rotarians Work to Provide Clean Water

BY ERNIE SOLLER, Community Corresponden

Years ago, on a trip to New Mexico, I visited the Taos Pueblo. This United Nations World Heritage Site has existed for hundreds of years, and is quite an amazing place. There is a stream which flows through the Taos community, and near the stream there were signs asking people to refrain from dumping anything into the stream. But the rest of the words on the signs really caught my attention – the words which stated that this stream represented the community's drinking water!

For those of us who live in a nice modern community with plenty of infrastructure, we tend to take for granted that there will always be clean water from the tap, along with paved streets, electricity, etc.

But what if you were to live in a community in which these factors were absent; where there was no clean water system, and where you had to use buckets to haul water – very possibly polluted water – from a long distance just to accomplish drinking, bathing and washing your clothes? Your water source might be a stream into which the villages upstream may have tossed garbage, or even human or animal waste, contributing to recurring illness among your family members and neighbors. And your child might be one of the 2,000 children who, every day, die of water-borne disease.

This is the situation faced by people in small communities in Third World countries.

Right here in Lakewood Ranch, there is an organization that is trying to change all that by partnering with other organizations to provide access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene to everyone by 2030.

That organization is the Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch, and our local Rotarians have embarked on a long-term program to provide clean water to such communities by involving local citizens in these villages, as well as local Rotary Clubs in developing countries. So far, the Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch has gone into 50 communities in Guatemala, the Philippines, and most recently Peru, to construct clean water systems, which are then operated by the local population.

The Rotarians have developed techniques for constructing these systems, and provide training to the local populations in operating the equipment as well as making the system self-sustaining. (Each household pays for their own water.) In this effort, they also teach individual families good hygiene practices. Since this is not just a "one-and-done" operation for the Lakewood Ranch Rotarians, several of the members traveled to Peru late last year to evaluate the systems that were already in place in that country, as well as to plan for future such projects.

To make their efforts more visible to our local community, the Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch held a "Water Walk" this spring at Benderson Park. Walkers were asked to donate \$15 each toward the clean water goal, and were asked to carry buckets of water for about a mile, the distance representing the chore of walking a long distance to a water source in









developing countries. Along the walk path, there were signs that read:

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The Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch was joined in the Water Walk effort by sponsors such as Lakewood Ranch OB/GYN, with help from Palm Printing, Whole Foods, and the Sugar Volunteers.

Because a lot of the recent efforts to provide clean water have been taking place in Peru, a group of llamas – and an alpaca – arrived at the scene of the Water Walk, courtesy of Oak Rest Farms, where llamas have been raised for more than 20 years. These animals have even been used as therapy animals; everyone loved the llamas!

Latin music was also on tap for this event, provided by the Voces Libres Latin Band.

By the way ... how do you tell the difference between a llama and an alpaca? Llamas have ears that curve like a banana, while alpacas have straight ears. Either way, they're very cute!

Everybody who came out had a great time, for a great cause.

If you'd like to contribute to this effort, or you'd like more information about the Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch, visit www.lakewoodran-chrotary.com, or call (941)870-0002.

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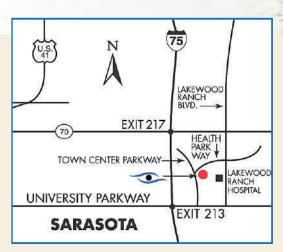
May 16	8:30 a.m.	will be held at Town Hall unless otherwise specified. CDD 1 Board Meeting 907-0202
	9 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	CDD 5 Board Meeting 907-0202 CDD 2 Board Meeting 907-0202
	11 a.m.	CDD 6 Board Meeting 907-0202
	2 p.m.	CEVA Fining Committee 907-0202
May 20	3 p.m. 10 a.m.	CEVA Safety Committee 850-396-2695 CEVA Finance Committee Meeting 907-7279
May 20	3 p.m.	CEVA Finance Committee Meeting 907-7279 CEVA Board Workshop 907-0202
	4 p.m.	CDD 1 Budget Workshop 907-0202
	5:30 p.m.	Hollow Board Meeting 921-5393
May 21	10 a.m.	CDD 6 Budget Workshop 907-0202
May 22	1 p.m.	Country Club Modifications 907-0202
	3 p.m. 4 p.m.	Edgewater Modifications 907-0202 CDD 4 Budget Workshop 907-0202
	4 p.m.	Sandhills Neighborhood Committee 907-0820
	7 p.m.	SRVA Board Meeting 907-0202
May 23	10:30 a.m.	CDD 5 Budget Workshop 907-0202
	3 p.m.	CDD 2 Budget Workshop 907-0202
May 28	8:30 a.m.	SRVA Modifications Meeting 907-0202
	3 p.m. 5 p.m.	CEVA Board Meeting 907-0202 SRVA Compliance Meeting 907-0202
May 30	1:30 p.m.	Whitemarsh Neighborhood Committee Mtg 412-389-0033
June 3	9 a.m.	CEVA Landscape Committee Meeting 907-0202
	5 p.m.	GBVA Compliance Meeting 907-0202
	7 p.m.	Brier Creek Neighborhood Meeting 907-1169
June 5	7 p.m.	Pointe Neighborhood Committee Meeting 907-0569
June 5 June 6	4 p.m. 3 p.m.	GBVA Modifications Meeting 907-0202 CEVA Restrictions Revision Meeting 907-0202
June 10	э р.т. 9 а.т.	CDD 6 Agenda Review Workshop 907-0202
Julie 10	7 p.m.	SRVA Safety Meeting 917-921-2562
June 11	8 a.m.	IDA Board Meeting 907-0202
	8:30 a.m.	SRVA Modifications Meeting 907-0202
	10 a.m. 1 p.m.	CDD 1 Agenda Review Workshop 907-0202 CDD 5 Agenda Review Workshop 907-0202
	2:30 p.m.	CDD 2 Agenda Review Workshop 907-0202
June 12	10 a.m.	CDD 4 Agenda Review Workshop 907-0202
	10:15 a.m.	CDD 4 Board Meeting 907-0202
	1 p.m. 3 p.m.	Country Club Modifications Meeting 907-0202 Edgewater Modifications Meeting 907-0202
	7 p.m.	SRVA Landscape Meeting 907-0202
June 13	8:30 a.m.	CDD 1 Board Meeting 907-0202
	9 a.m.	CDD 5 Board Meeting 907-0202
	9:30 a.m.	CDD 2 Board Meeting 907-0202 CDD 6 Board Meeting 907-0202
June 17	11 a.m. 3 p.m.	CEVA Board Workshop 907-0202
June 17 June 19	3 p.m. 2:30 p.m.	GBVA Restrictions Revision Meeting 907-0202
Julie 13	2.30 p.m. 4 p.m.	GBVA Modifications Meeting 907-0202
	4 p.m.	Mizner Reserve Neighborhood Committee Mtg 373-3898
	6 p.m.	GBVA Board Meeting 907-0202

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