

## Tribute To Heroes Parade in Lakewood Ranch keeps growing!

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Photo by Ernie Soller

Lakewood Main Street honored veterans at the annual event, which adds more participants and observers each year.

## Lakewood Ranch home sales soar in first quarter

The first quarter of 2017 saw a remarkable jump in Lakewood Ranch new home sales over the same period in 2016. There were 318 homes sold in the Ranch between Jan. 1 and March 31, compared to the 2016 total of 161 – a 98% increase. March's sales alone were phenomenal, totaling 114 versus last year's 42 ... a 171% increase year over year.

The notable sales numbers come fresh on the heels of having been named the fourth best-selling, master-planned community in the country for 2016, after having been in the top 10 for the five preceding years.

The pace and distribution of sales is especially encouraging, according to Laura Cole, vice president of marketing for LWR Communities, LLC. "We are seeing solid sales across all villages, price points, and product types," Cole said.

Sales are credited to the Ranch's successful market segmentation—the targeting of various age, income, and household segments with appropriately priced and designed residential product types and lifestyle amenities. There are now more than 20 builders in Lakewood Ranch with 50+ models, ranging in cost from \$200,000 to more than \$1 million.

The active employment market, coupled with great schools and amenities, continue to attract buyers, as does the availability of various healthy community features such as easily accessible parks and multiuse paths and trails that offer a variety of experiences, including biking, walking, running, hiking.

Marketing efforts have garnered a significant increase in traffic to the Ranch's website, and foot traffic to the information centers continued to be dominated by Floridians, both local and throughout the state; New York, Connecticut and New Jersey; and Washington D.C., Maryland and Virginia.

Coming online in mid-2017 is Lakewood Ranch Waterside, the newest village at the Ranch, located in Sarasota County. LWR Waterside will feature single-family homes,

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# Hyatt Place Sarasota/ Lakewood Ranch opens

The first Hyatt Place hotel in Manatee County has officially opened in Lakewood Ranch. The hotel brings the Hyatt Place brand's design, casual atmosphere, and practical amenities – such as free Wi-Fi and 24-hour food offerings – to the Sarasota/Manatee area.

Located on the western side of Lakewood Ranch, between Sarasota and Bradenton, the five-story building is situated by Interstate 75, right off the University Parkway exit. Offering some of the most spacious hotel accommodations in Sarasota and Manatee counties, and situated near dazzling upscale dining options and sports activities, Hyatt Place Sarasota/Lakewood Ranch combines the best experiences of this modern metropolis with timeless, thoughtful hospitality, hotel officials said.

“As Lakewood Ranch continues to grow and thrive economically, we are excited to add to the momentum by welcoming the first Hyatt Place hotel to the area,” said General Manager Ashleigh Gonzalez. “With our smartly designed social spaces and guest-rooms with separate areas to work and sleep, Hyatt Place Sarasota/Lakewood Ranch offers multitasking travelers the room they need to spread out, and our free hot breakfast is just the thing to get our guests going in the morning.”

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“Lakewood Ranch is a vibrant, growing city with an ever-expanding list of great places to visit and

things to do or see,” said Executive Vice President Ida Pesce, Lodgco Hospitality. “This hotel is central to all of these attractions, and we are confident that Hyatt Place Sarasota/Lakewood Ranch will exceed guest expectations and provide them with everything they need while visiting our area.”

Hyatt Place Sarasota/Lakewood Ranch is under the leadership of General Manager Ashleigh Gonzalez and Director of Sales Cecilia Maddi. In her role, Gonzalez is directly responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the hotel, including overseeing the hotel's 30 associates and ensuring guests encounter the thoughtful service for which the Hyatt Place brand is known. Maddi is responsible for providing sales service and support to travelers and meeting planners frequenting the Lakewood Ranch area.

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BY ERNIE SOLLER,  
Community Correspondent

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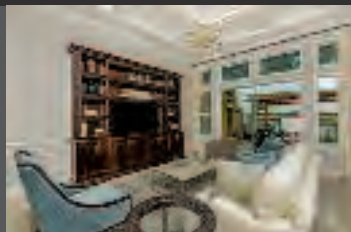
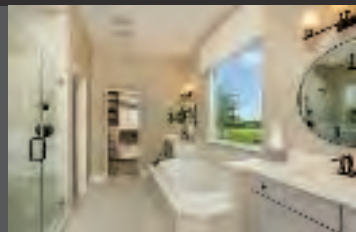




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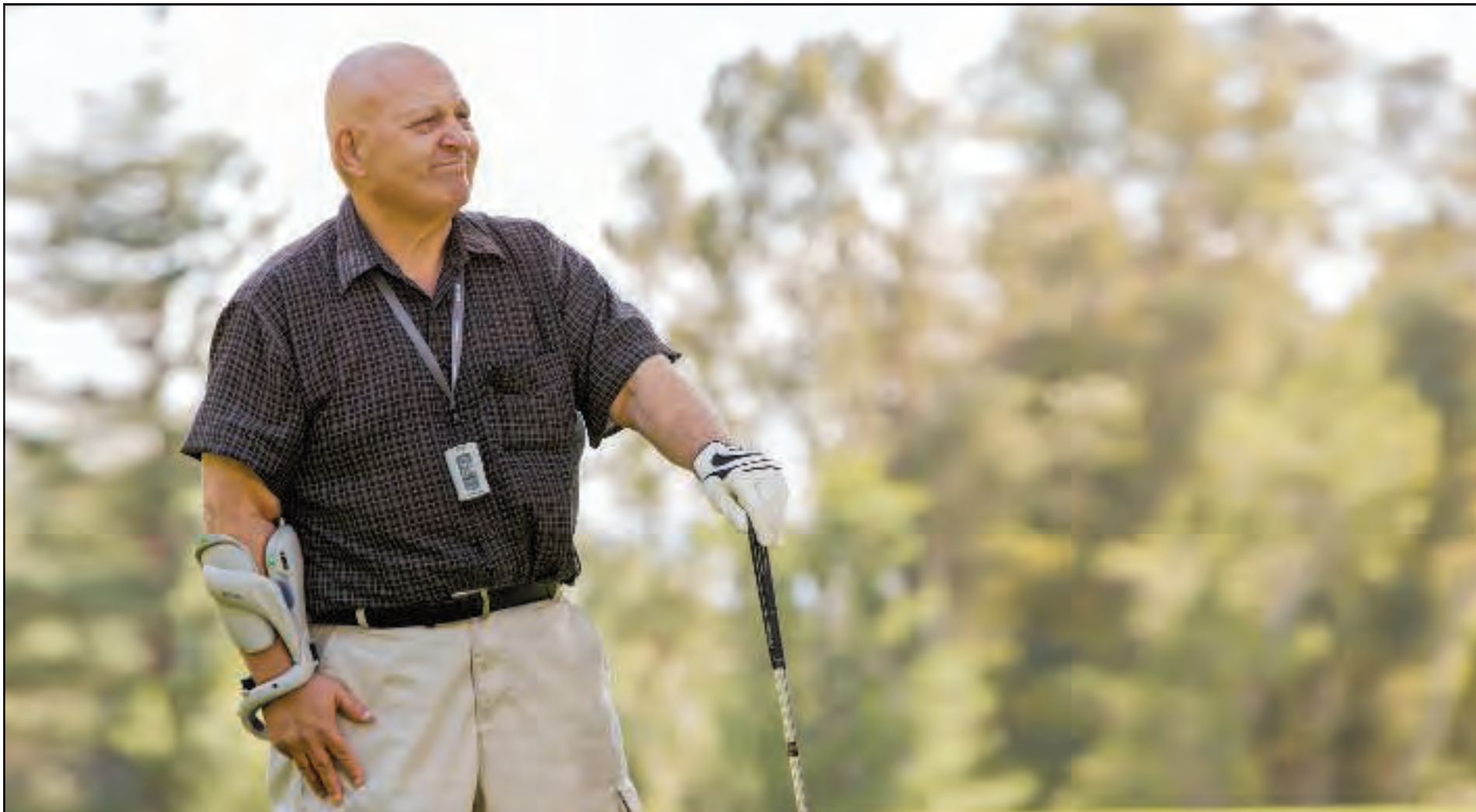
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In taking lead of this parade for the first time, I'll have to admit. I didn't know what to expect. Luckily for me, we have a strong and passionate committee made up of community leaders, our beneficiaries, board members, and valued volunteers to lend a hand. Most people don't look into the logistics of organizing 40-plus sponsors, 750-plus parade participants, and dozens of veterans. I was able to have a first-hand look at what the finished product looked like, as I was able to ride down Main Street on the LWR Community Activities float.

To be able to shake the hand of our two grand marshals, Frank Royer and Hank Lackey, and thank them for their service, is a moment I won't forget soon. To think of the sacrifices these men and women made for their country, putting on a parade to honor them is the least we can do.

Thank you George Johnston, Ken Green, Graham Ellis, Reggie Davis, Ron Babcock, Roland Kelly, Don Courtney, Bobby Fearon, CJ Bannister, Chuck Daughtrey, Daniel Powers, Ernie Freedman, Denny King, Lee Waters, Richard Donoghue, Melissa Sharp, David M. Sharp Sr., and Gus Andreone. Thank you to all of our fallen heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice, and thank you to those who have served and currently serve.

Days like Sunday remind me of the power of community, specifically the power of Lakewood Ranch. The community I'm proud to call my home.

### CLUB NEWS:

**THE ASIAN WOMEN'S CLUB OF LWR** would like to invite the LWR Communities to a presentation on "feng shui" at 7 p.m. June 29 at Lakewood Ranch Town Hall.

**EVENING MAH JONGG** has changed its hours to 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Town Hall. Friendly mah jongg game with standard rules, beginners welcome as well as couples! It's a \$3 buy-in to play. Email Cindy Tench at cindytench@gmail.com.

**LAKWOOD RANCH DEMOCRATIC CLUB** will



hold a "round table" discussion meeting at 7 p.m. July 18.

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**THE DOUBLE DECK PINOCHLE CLUB** celebrates its ninth anniversary this year. We continue to invite new players to join for fun every Tuesday from 1-5 p.m., rotating among members' homes. Male or female, young or older, married, widowed or single, newbie or



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**THE WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB** will meet June 21 at Town Hall. The June selection is "Movement of Stars," by Amy Brill. Come at 1 p.m. to meet and greet, with discussion beginning at 1:30 p.m. for an hour. The July 19 selection is "Fahrenheit 451," by Ray Bradbury. For more information, call Mary Button at (941)755-0012. LWR residents are always welcome.

**THE LADIES DEVOTIONAL HOUR** will take the summer off but will return the first Thursday of September. We meet at Town Hall every Thursday 9:45 a.m. for coffee, refreshments, then devotions and





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The LWR Women's Club welcomes the Cuban Ballet story to Lakewood Ranch. From left: Trish Newman, program chair; Monika Templeman, president; Martine Moscovita, program committee; Leonard Kesten, SCBS board chair; Ariel Serrano, president/CEO, co-founder and co-artistic director; and performer Harold Mendez.

prayer. Ladies of all churches and ages are welcome every Thursday. You will find friendship and joy. Contact Shirley Surowiec at shsur46@gmail.com or call (941)447-3625.

**LAKWOOD RANCH WOMEN'S CLUB:** The May general meeting of the LWR Women's club featured guest speaker Ariel Serrano, president/CEO, co-founder and co-artistic director of the Sarasota Cuban Ballet School.

Serrano and his wife Wilmian are a Cuban-born husband and wife team who founded the Sarasota Cuban Ballet School in 2012. Serrano related his story about his training, his career path (beginning as a young

### 2017 Calendar of Events

Oct. 20	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

child), and how he overcame many hardships for himself and his family to become the renowned ballet professional today.

Born and raised in Oriente, Cuba, Serrano grew up training in the National School of Ballet system, and went on to graduate from the National School of Arts in Italy in 1990. Upon his return to Cuba, he danced with Ballet Camaguey, and then joined the Youth Corps of the National Ballet of Cuba. Next, he became a principal dancer with the Ballet de Monterrey in Mexico. In 1993, he and his wife Wilmian Hernandez defected from Cuba. In 1994 they were invited to join the Sarasota Ballet, then under the direction of Robert de Warren, where they both danced principal roles until they retired in 2000.

In 2013 Serrano and Hernandez co-founded the Sarasota Cuban Ballet School (SCBS). SCBS is the first-ever school in the U.S. to exclusively teach the Cuban ballet style to beginning through pre-professional dancers. Serrano recruits the students internationally, regionally and locally.

Under Serrano's direction, SCBS's students have competed at multiple national and international competitions, where the school has earned top awards such as "best teacher" and "best school," and students have taken home exclusive awards including several gold

and silver medals. Additionally, Serrano has taught as a guest at many prestigious schools throughout the U.S., United Kingdom, South America and the Caribbean and has served as an expert judge in international ballet competitions.

One of Serrano's greatest accomplishments is the success of his students who have gone on to perform and study at such prestigious schools and companies as the Dance Theater of Harlem, Milwaukee Ballet, Cincinnati Ballet, Tulsa Ballet, San Francisco Ballet, Ballet West, Boston Ballet, Ballet Manila, Ballet Municipal de Lima and the Royal Ballet School and Company.

Serrano was given a donation from the club.

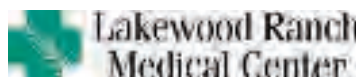
**THE LAKEWOOD RANCH DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB** next meets on July 18; doors open at 6 p.m., and the meeting runs from 6:30-9 p.m. The aim of the club is to promote growth in members' appreciation and skill in taking and making digital photographs through mutual education and learning in both the science and art of photography. Monthly meetings are designed and offered for all levels of photographic understanding. Special interest workshops are provided as needed to both beginning and advanced photographers. Visitors and guests are welcome at regular monthly meetings, but we ask that they make a \$10 donation that helps us pay for our meeting room. If a guest chooses to become a member by the end of their first meeting, we will apply the \$10 donation to the cost of membership. However, guests are not permitted to participate in field trips or other special club events. Membership starts at \$40.

Monthly meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at the Woodland Community Church. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Our monthly meetings include guest speakers, demonstrations of techniques, "print of the month" competition and "share your work."

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### Upcoming Events

(Please visit [www.LWRBA.org](http://www.LWRBA.org) to sign up for these events.)

### LWRBA Luncheon: Economics & 3rd Grade Reading Wednesday, June 21

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Lakewood Ranch Golf & Country Club  
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# LWR Tribute to heroes – How we've grown!

BY ERNIE SOLLER,  
*Community Correspondent*

You meet the most interesting people at a Memorial Day parade, and the folks who showed up to either march or watch the 2017 edition of the Lakewood Ranch Tribute to Heroes Parade proved that.

There were lots and lots of kids, many of them waving American flags, or dressed in their finest red-white-and-blue outfits. There was even a girl dressed up in what might be called a "Betsy Ross" outfit – a Revolutionary War cos-

tume of stars and stripes from cap to toe.

Along with the kids there were older residents, perhaps a bit more somber in their outlook, remembering their own history, and perhaps the conflicts which they may have served in. Some waved flags, some merely sat and watched the parade in appreciation.

One pair of young girls held up signs reading "Thank You, Vets," and "Salute to the Military." Some got there early and managed to corner tables at MacAllisters or the Main Street Trattoria, relaxing in the warmth of the evening with some food and glass of wine. The

Balloon Man was on site, crafting critters from his balloons, and a couple of large carts loaded with flags and toys were on hand to provide souvenirs of the event.

One face in the crowd noticed me, and shouted out to me as I wandered around snapping pictures: John Breiner, former owner of Ed's Tavern, and one of the founders of the Tribute to Heroes Parade years ago. John was amazed at how the parade had grown over the years.

Let's just get a glimpse of the participants in this year's parade:

The Fifth Grade Drum Line from Rowlett Academy provided some

needed rhythm, and further back in the line came the Blue Sky Pipe Band, an all-female group, complete with swirling bagpipes and drummers twirling their drumsticks. There was also an Asian-themed band – The Great Sahib Oriental Band."

Patriotic bikers rode their motorcycles along the parade route, adding a bit of rumble and roar to the festivities. The DeSoto Heritage Festival Crew came out in force, complete with their plumed Spanish-style helmets, and riding in their "galleon," the San Cristobal II. The New World Celts also came out in costume – kilts and swords.

Parades also require the presence of both beauty queens and politicians, and they were both out in force. The De Soto Heritage Queen was there, along with several other tiara-wearers, and Manatee County Commissioner Vanessa Baugh threw out candy to the crowd from her convertible.

The Lakewood Ranch High ROTC members marched in force, as did the Boy Scouts, and the Knights of Columbus, all of whom carried flags, and whose members stopped at several places to loudly sing out "It's a Grand Old Flag."

Bands, kids, flags and patriotism – what more could you ask for?



Photos by Ernie Soller





## District boards still mulling over cell phone issue

BY ERNIE SOLLER,  
Community Correspondent

During the Lakewood Ranch Community Development District (CDD) board meetings in May, supervisors discussed the possible impact of new state legislation regarding cell phone service. Per the attorneys, the new legislation passed by the Florida legislature gives incorporated cities and counties the right to regulate cell phone infrastructure. Whether it may impact Community Development Districts is somewhat unclear. In any case, the measure must get the signature of the governor before it becomes law.

Since residents of Lakewood Ranch have been complaining for years about cell service in the community, the various CDD boards elected to hire a consultant to assess what type of improvements might be made to enhance cell phone reception, in order to be able to move rapidly to improve service once all the facts are known. The USA Group has already offered a plan to put up small towers on district property, which may be a better alternative to the possibility of large towers being constructed on county property.

Executive Director Anne Ross noted that Schroeder-Manatee Ranch, Inc. has agreed to be a party to this move to engage a consultant, and to share in the expense.

The consultant's work will cost the community a total of \$4,000, and will be shared by all districts.

### WATER USAGE

Finance Director Steve Zielinski reported that irrigation water usage is up by a large amount, due to the drought conditions. This will result in higher costs for irrigation water.

While the use of soil moisture sensors helps to control over-watering, as District 5 Supervisor Marty Cohn noted, only 220 residents have taken advantage of the rebate program recently offered by installing these sensors in their irrigation system.

Residents are encouraged to report any over-watering by their neighbors, as this costs the entire community money and wastes resources.

### BALMORAL GATE TRAFFIC TIE-UPS

Engineer Richard Ellis reported that his firm has studied the problem of traffic tie-ups for vehicles entering the Country Club via the Balmoral gate, and has concluded that the problem rests mainly in situations in which a large vehicle, such as a construction truck, is part of the flow into that gate. There does not seem to be a large problem with automobile traffic alone.

### ALGAE GROWTH AND POND CONDITIONS

With the lack of rainfall, and the hot temperatures that we have experienced lately, algae growth in our ponds has become a larger problem earlier in the season. Lower water levels exacerbate this situation, since algae growth is enhanced by sunlight passing through shallower water levels. Operations Director Paul Chetlain noted that Aquatic Systems has just completed treatments for algae blooms in area ponds, and that residents can expect less algae formation in the near term. Operations has also done some additional planting on the littoral shelves of some ponds, now that the water level has been reduced. One supervisor jokingly asked if this were a good time to remove some of the muck from the ponds' littoral shelves. District 1 Supervisor Gil Pearce commented on all the new "beaches" that we now have in Lakewood Ranch.

### TRANSPONDER UPDATE

The Town Hall is currently looking into acquiring a new system to replace the equipment, such as the "readers" currently in use

with the transponders which Country Club residents use to gain access to their area. The current system is obsolete (Some of the older transponders will not work with certain readers), and some of the current equipment cannot be replaced, as it has been discontinued by the manufacturer.

### LED STREET LIGHT INSTALLATION

The installation of LED streetlights in most areas is complete. District 5 supervisor Tom Leavey asked if some trees might need to be trimmed to make sure that the light from the new fixtures is getting to the areas needed. Operations Director Paul Chetlain replied that there are some areas in which the trees may need trimming so that the tree branches do not interfere with the projection of light from the new lamps.

District 6 supervisors tabled the discussion of what they will do regarding the LED lights in their District until their August board meeting. District 6 did not contract for the installation of the lights when the other districts elected to do so, electing to get a handle on how their residents felt about the idea before going ahead with a contract.

### BUDGETS

The Lakewood Ranch Inter-District Authority

budget for the next fiscal year will result in NO assessment increases to CDDs.

### SHRED DAY

The annual Lakewood Ranch Shred Day was held

on April 29th, and was a big success. Over 200 cars were relieved of their old records, which were placed into the shred truck at the Town Hall.



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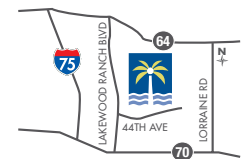
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# Construction begins on new LWR church

BY ERNIE SOLLER,  
*Community Correspondent*

Have you ever seen a Catholic bishop, clad in his ecclesiastical finery and holding his crosier (the fancy staff which resembles a shepherd's crook), clomping over rough ground in an area which, until recently, had been covered in brush and spike-wielding vines?

Well, if you were at our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church in late February, you would have seen that unusual sight – and more.

Bishop Frank Dewayne of the Diocese of Venice in Florida, a large crowd of the parishioners of Our Lady of the Angels, along with their priests and a good-sized contingent of the Knights of Columbus, clad in their distinctive regalia, traversed that somewhat rough ground on their way to break ground for the construction of a new church building for Our Lady of the Angels parish.

They all gathered around an area which had been cleared and set up with a semi-circle of fresh dirt especially brought in for the groundbreaking. Bishop Dewayne commented on the efforts of parishioners to pitch in to grow the parish, as well as to fund the construction of the new church building. Father Mike Scheip, newly appointed administrator of the parish, and Father John Hoang, his associate, commented on the success of the parish, and thanked some of the officials, such as Schroeder-



Photos by Ernie Soller

Manatee Ranch, Inc.'s Rex Jensen, and Manatee County Commissioner Vanessa Baugh, who had helped make sure that all the various agency permits and other required paperwork items were completed correctly in time for the groundbreaking. The area upon which the new church building will stand was sprinkled with holy water and incensed by Bishop Dewayne.

Right about that time, a bald eagle soared overhead, a sight which has a special meaning for the people of Our Lady of the Angels, since there is an active eagle nest on the property, and there are requirements that any

construction near an active nest be limited to a certain distance from the nest. (Eagle lovers take note: There will be a 330-foot distance from the nest to the structure of the new church!)

Then the fun part began. Bishop Dewayne, along with the priests and those parishioners who had purchased commemorative shovels created especially for the groundbreaking, started to heave chunks of dirt, signifying the start of the construction project.

Along with Lakewood Ranch, Our Lady of the Angels parish has grown by leaps and bounds since its founding in 1999. At

that time, Father Damian Amantia, a Franciscan friar, celebrated the first mass of his new parish at the Living Lord Lutheran Church building, since there was yet no actual building to house the fledgling Catholic parish.

Several years later, in 2003, the building which currently houses the church was completed. However, even at that time, parishioners knew that the 2003 structure was only a temporary stop on the way toward building a much larger facility.

The current church building was built with a capacity of only 500 persons and, especially of late, ushers have had to



stand in the entrance area of the church to count the number of people entering, so as to not violate the fire code! This has been especially true during "season." At that time, lots of snowbirds, tourists, baseball fans who've come down for spring training, and athletes and their families who have come to participate in activities at the Premier Sports Campus, just down the road from Our Lady of the Angels, descend on the area in large numbers. Even the early morning masses have been filling up to approach "standing room only" status.

The new church building will double the capacity of the old one, in addition to providing space for a proper choir area, as well as a small chapel for celebrations which don't require the use of the larger main church area. The structure will be built with an eye for possible expansion, if need be.

Although Our Lady of the Angels parish has

existed for less than 20 years, it has seen great changes – and not just in the number of parishioners. The original pastor, Father Damian, was transferred to St. Petersburg in 2011. He was replaced by Father Dan Smith, who had made his living as an accountant for a dozen years before he decided that the priesthood was his real calling. Father Dan died, unexpectedly, in June of 2016, and, for the next several months Father John Hoang "took care of business" until a new administrator could be appointed.

The current, and recently appointed (he took over on Feb. 1.) administrator for Our Lady of the Angels is Father Mike Scheip, who has already made lots of friends within the parish community. One of his first moves was to add a mass at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, a move that will relieve overcrowding – at least until the new church is completed in early 2018.



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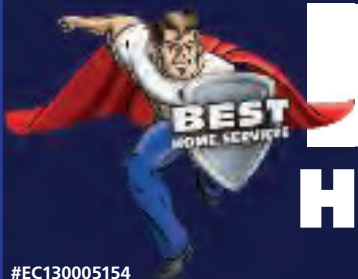
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### June 20th – Third Tuesday

- Lunch Club, Town Hall, 11 a.m.
- Kiwanis, Polo Grill, noon
- Empty Nesters, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Double Deck Pinochle, various homes, 1 p.m.
- Evening Mah Jongg, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### June 21st – 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.
- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.
- Football Club, soccer field #1, 6 p.m.

### June 22nd – Fourth Thursday

- Financial Forum, CaddyShak at River Club, 9 a.m.
- Rotary, LWR Country Club, noon
- Thursday Bridge Club, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- St. George's Mah Jongg, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Digital Photography, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### June 23rd – 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, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.

### June 24th - Fourth Saturday

- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 8 a.m.
- Football Club, soccer field #1, 8:30 a.m.

### June 25th – Fourth Sunday

- No club meetings

### June 26th – Fourth Monday

- Women's Exercise, Woodland Baptist, 9 a.m.
- Art Club, Town Hall, noon
- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.

### June 27th – Fourth Tuesday

- Lunch Club, Town Hall, 11 a.m.
- Bridge on Tuesday, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Italian American Club, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Evening Mah Jongg, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Running Club, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### June 28th – Fourth Wednesday

- Women's Duplicate Bridge, Town Hall, 8:30 a.m.
- Women's Exercise, Woodland Baptist, 9 a.m.
- Total Health Club, Town Hall, noon
- Mah Jongg at One, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.
- Football Club, soccer field #1, 6 p.m.

### June 29th – Fifth Thursday

- Financial Forum, River Club CaddyShak, 9 a.m.
- Rotary, LWR Country Club, noon
- Thursday Bridge Club, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- St. George's Mah Jongg, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Asian Women's Club, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### June 30th – Fifth 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.

### July 1st – First Saturday

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

### July 2nd – First Sunday

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

### July 3rd – First Monday

- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 8 a.m.
- Women's Exercise, Woodland Baptist, 9 a.m.
- Handcrafts and More, Town Hall, 10 a.m.
- Art Club, Town Hall, noon

### July 4th – First Tuesday

- Closed for the Holiday

### July 5th – First Wednesday

- Women's Exercise, Woodland Baptist, 9 a.m.
- Mah Jongg at One, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.
- Football Club, soccer field #1, 6 p.m.

### July 6th – First Thursday

- Women's Exercise, Woodland Baptist, 9 a.m.
- Financial Forum, CaddyShak in River Club, 9 a.m.
- Rotary, LWR Country Club, noon
- Thursday Bridge, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- St. George's Mah Jongg, Town Hall, 1 p.m.

### July 7th – First Friday

- Shanti Yoga, Town Hall, 10 a.m.
- Art Club, Town Hall, noon
- Mah Jongg Queens, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.

### July 8th – Second Saturday

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

### July 9th – Second Sunday

- No club meetings

### July 10th – Second Monday

- Women's Exercise, Woodland Baptist, 9 a.m.
- Art Club, Town Hall, noon
- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.

### July 11th – Second Tuesday

- Lunch Club, Town Hall, 11 a.m.
- Kiwanis, Polo Grill, noon
- Bridge on Tuesdays, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Double Deck Pinochle, various homes, 1 p.m.
- Women's Club, Town Hall, 1 p.m.

### July 12th – Second Wednesday

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

- Community Activities, Town Hall, 5 p.m.
- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.
- Football Club, soccer field #1, 6 p.m.

### July 13th – Second Thursday

- Financial Forum, CaddyShak in River Club, 9 a.m.
- Rotary, LWR Country Club, noon
- Thursday Bridge Club, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- St. George's Mah Jongg, Town Hall, 2 p.m.

### July 14th – 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.

### July 15th – Third Saturday

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

### July 16th – Third Sunday

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

### July 17th – Third Monday

- Women's Exercise, Woodland Baptist, 9 a.m.
- Handcrafts and More, Town Hall, 10 a.m.
- Art Club, Town Hall, noon
- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.
- CERT General Membership Meeting, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

### July 18th – Third Tuesday

- Lunch Club, Town Hall, 11 a.m.
- Kiwanis, Polo Grill, noon
- Empty Nesters, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Double Deck Pinochle, various homes, 1 p.m.

### July 19th – 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.
- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.
- Football Club, soccer field #1, 6 p.m.

### July 20th – Third Thursday

- Financial Forum, CaddyShak in River Club, 9 a.m.
- Rotary, LWR Country Club, noon
- Thursday Bridge Club, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- St. George's Mah Jongg, Town Hall, 2 p.m.



## GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

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

<b>June 21</b>	4 p.m.	Mizner Reserve Neighborhood Committee Meeting 373-3898
	6 p.m.	GBVA Board Meeting 907-0202
<b>June 22</b>	2 p.m.	CEVA Violations Hearing 907-0202
<b>June 26</b>	10 a.m.	CEVA Finance Committee 907-0202
	5:30 p.m.	Hollow Board of Directors Meeting 752-4812
<b>June 27</b>	8:30 a.m.	SRVA Modifications Meeting 907-0202
	3 p.m.	CEVA Board Meeting 907-0202
<b>June 28</b>	6 p.m.	SRVA 2018 Budget Workshop 907-0202
	7 p.m.	SRVA Board Meeting 907-0202
<b>July 5</b>	4 p.m.	GBVA Modifications Meeting 907-0202
<b>July 10</b>	7 p.m.	CDD 4 Safety Workshop/GBVA Safety Committee 907-0202
<b>July 11</b>	8:30 a.m.	SRVA Modifications Meeting 907-0202
<b>July 12</b>	1 p.m.	Country Club Modifications Meeting 907-0202
	3 p.m.	Edgewater Modifications Meeting 907-0202
<b>July 17</b>	9 a.m.	CDD 6 Agenda Review Workshop 907-0202
<b>July 18</b>	8 a.m.	IDA Board Meeting/Budget Public Meeting 907-0202
	10 a.m.	CDD1 Agenda Review Workshop 907-0202
	1 p.m.	CDD2 Agenda Review Workshop 907-0202
	2:30 p.m.	CDD5 Agenda Review Workshop 907-0202
	4 p.m.	GBVA Modifications Meeting 907-0202

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Daily Schedule:

9:00am Drop Off • 9:00am - 11:30am Golf Activities  
11:30am - 12:30pm Lunch • 12:30pm - 2:30pm Golf  
2:30pm - 4:00pm Golf or Swimming (see below)  
Pool will be on Tuesday/Thursday weather depending  
Golf will be Monday/Wednesday/Friday



Monday - Friday  
9:00am - 4:00pm, Ages 6 - 15  
PGA Golf Instruction on Full Swing,  
Short Game, Putting, Etiquette,  
Rules and Play on the Golf Course.

Camp Dates:

Session #1: Monday June 5 - Friday, June 9    Session #5: Monday July 10 - Friday, July 14  
Session #2: Monday June 12 - Friday, June 16    Session #6: Monday July 17 - Friday, July 21  
Session #3: Monday June 19 - Friday, June 23    Session #7: Monday July 24 - Friday, July 28  
Session #4: Monday June 26 - Friday, June 30    Session #8: Monday July 31 - Friday, August 4  
Session break no camp July 3-7

### To Register:

Contact: Dan Knop, PGA, Golf Academy Instructor  
Lakewood Ranch Golf & Country Club  
7650 Legacy Boulevard  
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202 • (941) 907-4710  
[Dan.knop@lakewoodranchgolf.com](mailto:Dan.knop@lakewoodranchgolf.com)



### Camp Cost:

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# New SCAT transfer station at University Town Center

Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT) hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new transfer station at The Mall at University Town Center earlier this year.

The new station is SCAT's fifth transfer station, and serves two routes Monday through Saturday – routes 15 and 30 – and one route on Sunday – route 215S. These routes service Lakewood Ranch, the Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport and downtown Sarasota. The new facility is equipped with security cameras, lighting, restrooms, ample seating and shade for riders who are waiting for their transfers.

The new station is also



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within walking distance of Nathan Benderson Park, which is hosting the World Rowing Championships in September and October.

"We are ecstatic about this new transfer station,

which will help connect residents to all the wonderful amenities the University Parkway and Interstate 75 corridor have to offer," said SCAT Director Rocky Burke.

# Resident orientation sessions scheduled

Lakewood Ranch resident orientation sessions are scheduled through November, and will cover local, special purpose governments, or community development districts (CDDs); the Inter-District Authority (IDA), and the homeowners' associations. Residents will learn how each of these entities operate and how they all work together to make Lakewood Ranch the best

community to call home. Town Hall staff is eager to share this information with residents, who will have the opportunity to ask questions of staff.

Those interested should RSVP to Kay DePaolo at (941)907-0202 or via e-mail at [kay.depaulo@lwrtownhall.com](mailto:kay.depaulo@lwrtownhall.com). The dates of the two-hour informational sessions are listed below. All sessions are held at Lakewood

Ranch Town Hall, 8175 Lakewood Ranch Boulevard, LWR.

## 2017 RESIDENT ORIENTATION DATES

- Wednesday, August 2, 2017 from 6 to 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 6, 2017 from 4 to 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 3, 2017 from 6 to 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 1, 2017 from 4 to 6 p.m.

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Carey Miller at 941-748-4842, ext. 113

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### Tennis & Sports Camp

at The LWR Athletic Center  
**Paul Lederman, Director (941) 907-2935 or (941) 907-2255**

Open to children ages 4-12 years old, the program include tennis, swimming and other group sport activities. Various arts and crafts are also part of this innovative and dynamic camp.



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**Daily Schedule of Activities:**

9:00-9:15 am Daily Registration  
 9:15-10:30 am Outdoor Sports  
 10:30-11:15 am Pool/Swim  
 11:15-12:30 pm Tennis  
 12:30-1:00 pm Lunch  
 1:00-2:00 pm Kids Choice\*

(\*Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball, Tennis, Arts & Crafts)

**Camp Dates & Pricing:**

Dates: June 5th—August 4th  
 Monday – Friday: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

\$165 per week or \$45 per day (members)\*  
 \$185 per week or \$55 per day (non-members)\*  
 \*Pro-rated for the week of July 4th

After Hours Care: 2:00pm-4:00pm,  
 \$10.00 an hour, \$15 additional fee after 4:00 pm  
 (Advance payment required for all after hours care)

**Camp fees are due prior to the start of each session. Credit Card payments are made at the Fitness Center.**

**CAMP FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE**

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**What Should My Child Bring?**

- ◆ Lunch, snacks & drinks
  - ◆ Sunblock
  - ◆ Swim Suit & Towel
  - ◆ Change of Clothes
  - ◆ Tennis Racquet


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**Registration Form—email to Tammy Clark at: [tammy.clark@lakewoodranch.com](mailto:tammy.clark@lakewoodranch.com)**


Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contact Name and Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

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Session 1	6/5-6/9	Session 4	6/26-6/30	Session 7	7/17-7/21
Session 2	6/12-6/16	Session 5	7/3-7/7	Session 8	7/24-7/28
Session 3	6/19- 6/23	Session 6	7/10-7/14	Session 9	7/31-8/4



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