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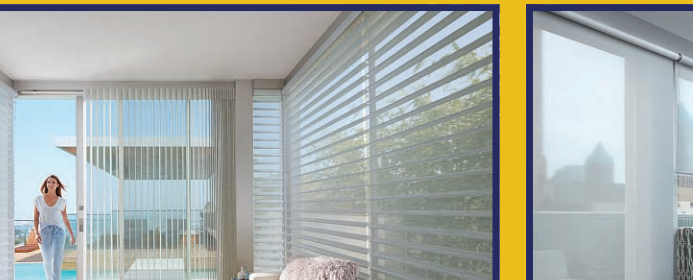


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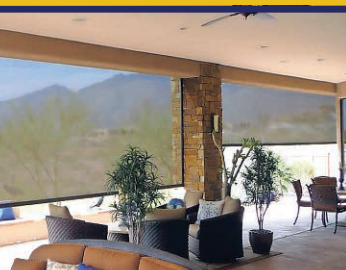
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Early Voting A Big Deal At LWR Town Hall

BY ERNIE SOLLER,
Community Correspondent

You might have thought that there was a presidential election in progress – or that some company had leased out the Town Hall and was holding a promotional give-away program inside. You might even have been taken aback by the sheer numbers of cars in the Town Hall parking lot, even on days when the Town Hall was not “open for business.” But, no, it was just the early voting push for this year’s mid-term general election. This year, early voting was a really big deal in Lakewood Ranch!

All you had to do to figure that something major was afoot was to drive by Lakewood Ranch Town Hall. There were political signs all over the place – signs lining the sidewalks around the Town Hall, signs being carried by folks trying to promote their candidate or their particular amendment position, and signs posted on the tents set up by the various political parties to shelter their respective promoters and supporters.

The Democrat Party had one such tent set up, while the Republicans had two: one for the Republican Party of Manatee County itself, and one for a group promoting a re-election bid for President Trump in 2020. This group was asking for donations and, for a \$15 donation, the donor received a Trump 2020 T-shirt. The shirts featured well-known Trump slogans such as “Build the Wall” and “Drain the Swamp.”

The popularity of early voting has increased in the years since its inception, and Lakewood Ranch’s Town Hall has become one of the more active early voting locations in Manatee County. It scored the highest number of early voters in the County in the recent primary election, so it is perhaps no surprise that there were throngs

of voters who lined up ... even lining up out the door and into the parking area of the Town Hall to cast their ballots.

I discussed the aspects of early voting with two women in the parking lot of the Town Hall. One woman, Kathy Lane, said that she was very happy that early voting was possible, and said that she thought that the voting was going very well. Her friend, Brenda Kahn, who had accompanied her to the Town Hall, commented that she had actually voted by mail, but that she thought that early voting was a great idea, and noted that people were even bringing their dogs with them into the Town Hall to accompany them while they voted!

As for the opinions and reasons why the folks carrying signs in front of the Lakewood Ranch Town Hall were spending their time there, opinions varied.

One school board candidate touted his experience as a teacher and administrator. Another commented that, in his opinion, the Republican Party was the only party able to fix the education system. One of the Democrat Party folks noted that, according to him, a lot of people who had formerly voted Republican had come by and told him that they had “voted Democrat for the first time in their lives.” The folks at the Republican Party booth told me that their main focus was on the current strength of the economy.

Then there were the signs carried by supporters of various amendments, such as the proposed amendment to ban dog racing (No. 13 on the ballot), and the proposed amendment to restore voting rights to prisoners who had served their sentences, including parole and probation (No. 4 on the ballot).

Early voting in Manatee County differs from “normal” voting in that there are, at this time,

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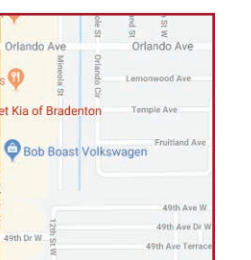
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The Isles At Lakewood Ranch Celebrates Grand Opening

Toll Brothers celebrated the grand opening of its newest community, The Isles at Lakewood Ranch, at the end of October. Prospective home buyers were invited to visit the sales center and tour three designer-decorated model homes.



The Isles at Lakewood Ranch will eventually include 450 luxury single-family homes and will feature numerous amenities, including a private residents' clubhouse with a state-of-the-art fitness center and resort-style swimming pool, as well as a variety of parks, including a dog park, boardwalk, and walking trails.

Priced from the mid-\$400,000s, The Isles at Lakewood Ranch will offer 15 home designs with an array of appointments, including gourmet kitchens, spacious living areas, and master bedroom suites, officials said. Home exteriors will include numerous details characteristic of island architecture and ambiance, with select models featuring flat tile roofs, exterior walls finished in light tones, and vibrantly colored plantation shutters. Many of the community's home sites feature water and preserve views.

"The Isles at Lakewood Ranch offers buyers an inviting community to enjoy the area's terrific lifestyle and all the luxury and quality of a Toll Brothers home," said Rodney Tucker, vice president of Toll Brothers' West Florida Division.

Ranging from 2,229 to over 3,400 square feet, The Isles at Lakewood Ranch Executive Collection includes the Palacios, Avery, Carver, Carver Elite, Athena, Biscayne and Kingsdale home designs. The Avery and Carver Elite model homes are currently available to tour.

The one-story, 2,443 square-foot Avery includes three bedrooms, three and one-half baths, and a three-car garage. The gourmet kitchen features a center island and walk-in pantry, while the master bedroom is highlighted by a "lavish" master bath with dual vanities and a shower with a bench.

The Carver Elite is a two-story, 3,431 square-foot home featuring three bedrooms, a study, four and one-half baths, and a two-car garage. The home's open floorplan features a great room and dining area with direct access to the gourmet kitchen and covered lanai. The first-floor master bedroom includes two walk-in closets and a master bath with a glass-enclosed shower, a Roman tub, and dual vanities. Upstairs, the home features a spacious loft and full bath.

Ranging from 2,710 to 4,140 square feet, The Isles at Lakewood Ranch Estates Collection includes the Sandpiper, Sandpiper Elite, Aragon, Solana, Solana Elite, San Giorgio, Maxwell, and Fullerton.

The one-story, 3,362 square-foot Solana will also be a featured model home. Its open floorplan includes four bedrooms, three and one-half baths, and a three-car garage. The home's gourmet kitchen overlooks the sunlit dining area and expansive great room, which both feature a coffered ceiling and provide direct access to the large covered lanai. The master bedroom is highlighted by a "luxurious" master bath with a Roman tub, a glass-enclosed shower with a bench, dual vanities, and a dressing area.

"Toll Brothers is very selective about where they choose to build," said Laura Cole, vice president of marketing for Lakewood Ranch. "They design beautiful communities with great sensitivity to their surroundings and meet the design and lifestyle needs of discerning buyers. We anticipate The Isles will be very successful in Lakewood Ranch."

The Isles is located off University Parkway, just east of Lorraine Road, and is conveniently located near I-75, as well as shopping, dining, and entertainment. A new Publix grocery store recently opened just two miles from the community.

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Keith Pandeloglou
Director of LWRCAC

Following the end of another BooFest, Lakewood Ranch Community Activities welcomes the 2018 holiday season. Mark your calendars for Holidays Around the Ranch on Dec. 14, which is just around the corner. Sip on hot cocoa and eggnog from our many street vendors while enjoying the annual line up of stage performances by many local dance and music studios. The season is made for sharing and this event will bring us together like no other.

Gearing up for the winter months, I would like to extend my warmest welcome to our seasonal and newest residents of Lakewood Ranch. Many new and seasonal residents are looking for a way to get connected and immersed in Lakewood Ranch living.

On Dec. 4, "Life On the Ranch: New Resident Social" will be held at the Lakewood Ranch Information Center. This event will provide new and seasonal residents ways to meet others and get connected in the Lakewood Ranch Community. At the social, information on Lakewood Ranch amenities like trails, parks and town history will be provided to answer any questions a new resident might have. At the New Resident Social local events, information on clubs and volunteer opportunities will be available to attendees.

Stay up to date with all things "Happening in the Ranch" by joining our mailing list. Visit LWRCA.org to sign up!



Above: BooFest, photo by the Lakewood Ranch Digital Photography Club
Right: Holidays Around the Ranch, photo by Ernie Soller

CLUB NEWS

LAKEWOOD RANCH PICKLEBALL CLUB – Meets from 5 to 7 p.m. every Friday at Lakewood Ranch High School. If you are new to pickleball, free beginner and introduction classes are held the first and third Saturdays of the month from 8:30-10 a.m. For more information email Robert Haskin at raskin27@gmail.com

MAH JONGG AT ONE – This is a group of Lakewood Ranch women who play mah jongg per the National Mah Jongg League's rules of play, plus a few table rules to add spice to the game. The group plays from 12:45-4 p.m. Wednesdays at the Lakewood Ranch Town Hall. If you'd like to join this happy group of mahj enthusiasts contact Joan Robbins at (941)929-2995 or at joanrobbins@hotmail.com. All play is by reservation.

SHANTIYOGA – This is a peaceful yoga practice as learned from yogis in India, with time for pranayama and meditation. The group meets Fridays from 10-11 a.m. at the Lakewood Ranch Town Hall.



NEW! LUNCH, LAUGHTER AND MAH JONGG – This group meets from 12 to 4 p.m. Fridays at the Lakewood Ranch Golf and Country Club. If you want to meet and make new friends and you love the game of mah jongg, and you don't mind laughter while having lunch, and if you are or want to be a member of the Lakewood Ranch Golf & Country Club please think about joining this happy band of mah jongg lovers. Call Joan Robbins at (941)929-2995 or email her at joanrobbins@hotmail.com for further information.

HISTORY CLUB meets each month to learn about the diverse aspects of U.S. and global history. The next meeting is at 7 p.m. Dec. 6. This club usually meets the third Tuesday evening of the month at the Lakewood Ranch Town Hall at 7 p.m. For more information email Robert Toplin at RBTKLB@gmail.com.

LAKEWOOD RANCH SCRIBES are calling all Lakewood Ranch writers for a fun way to exchange ideas and grow creatively in a group. Pick up your pen; Lakewood Ranch Scribes Club meets first and third Saturdays (most months) at 10 a.m. in LWR Town Hall. To learn more, email Aroon Chaddha at achaddha@aol.com.

AMERICAN ASIAN WOMEN'S CLUB – The mission of the Asian Women's Club of Lakewood Ranch is to make a positive difference in the community and in our members through

2018 Lakewood Ranch Calendar of Events		
December 4	Life on the Ranch: New Resident Social	LWR Information Center
December 14	Holidays Around the Ranch	LWR Main Street

friendships and enhance awareness of Asian customs, culture, food, music, art and traditions. To learn more about this club email Maria Cora Gaffar at mcg200@aol.com.

JEWISH CLUB – This group meets monthly at Lakewood Ranch Town Hall to provide an environment that enhances the Jewish community at Lakewood Ranch. All Lakewood Ranch residents are welcome to attend and participate. To find out more email Leonard Drexler at drgolf1950@gmail.com.

LEGACY LADIES GOLF – After being refurbished all summer long, the "new" Legacy Golf Club opened Sept. 28, taking tee times as normal. Sporting new tiff eagle greens, renewed bridges, cart paths, bunkers ... plus the beautiful renovations done to the clubhouse (Arnold Palmer would be proud!). Come see Legacy as you've never seen her before!

The Legacy Ladies Golf Association opened its 2018-19 season Oct. 18, with its opening day tournament and luncheon. The calendar this year boasts plenty of exciting games and tournaments like the member/member on Jan. 24 and member/guest on Feb. 28. Regular league play is every Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 a.m., encouraging both 9- and 18-hole ladies to come join the fun.

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EMPTY NESTERS CLUB invites you to join them at Town Hall on the first and third Tuesday of the month for lunch at 12:30 p.m. to plan future club activities. Attend as many or as few activities that interest you, couples and singles are welcome. To join this club, email Peggy Walther at mfwalther@verizon.net.

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Mizu Sushi: “Try It, You’ll Like It!”

BY ERNIE SOLLER,
Community Correspondent

One thing that’s great about living in greater Lakewood Ranch is the selection of restaurants available to residents and visitors alike.

Sure, there are the usual fast-food burger joints like McDonald’s, Wendy’s, Five Guys, Burger King etc.. Then there are Chicken restaurants like Chick Fil-A, and several Italian and Mexican places where you can indulge your taste for tacos, enchiladas, spaghetti with meatballs, and the like.

And, of course there are the Main Street eateries which run the gamut from barbeque to sports bar to Scottish to French cuisine.

Recently a new asian restaurant, Mizu Sushi and Hibachi Express, has opened in the Publix shopping center at the corner of Lakewood Ranch Boulevard and State Road 64. This center is fast becoming a mecca for ethnic eating, with offerings in Mexican, Middle Eastern, Italian, and now Japanese food choices.

Now, when some people think of Japanese food, they either think of a knife wielding chef cooking on a grill in front of your eyes, or they think of raw fish and rice and sake – and it is true that fish and rice are a staple of the Japanese diet. After all, Japan is an island country and, as such, depends on the sea for a large portion of the national diet. As for rice and sake, they seem to be the proper go-together items for a Japanese meal, although Japanese beer is quite good, and Mizu has several good selections, so you needn’t worry about getting thirsty.

The location of Mizu Sushi and Hibachi Express is anything but pretentious, being as it is in a neighborhood shopping center location, and in entering the restaurant, you will not find all sorts of fancy asian decorations.

The décor is done in a clean and neat, modern fashion, with pictures of food on the walls, and, in a portion of the small dining area, a cooler in which is displayed some of the food offerings.

As the name of the restaurant indicates, not only does Mizu serve sushi, and sashimi (raw fish dishes), they also offer cooked specialties from the hibachi.

Not being all that familiar with sushi, other than having had some during a couple of outings with my older son, who is kind of a sushi addict, I asked a friend with a bit more sushi experience to accompany me to Mizu.

We began our Japanese food adventure with a “Maki combination,” which consisted of a mixture of “California roll”, tuna roll, and salmon avocado rolls, served with a side of teriyaki sauce.

All were very tasty, although I had a little bit of difficulty dealing with the chopsticks, so our waitress brought over a fork, for which I was grateful.

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October saw the debut of the newly redone 20,000-square-foot Grande Clubhouse at The Lake Club at Lakewood Ranch. Architecture was handled by Fawley Bryant, with interiors by Winter Park's Soco Interiors. The opening event also featured tours of new Lake Club models.

The Grande Clubhouse features "world-class culinary experiences" with indoor and outdoor dining venues, and an expansive fitness center, with private exercise room and steam and sauna, officials said.

The newly redone banquet room will host social events, dinners, weddings, and private parties; the new indoor/outdoor bar area is open for service in the clubhouse as well as on a spacious balcony seating area. Inside, the new lounge and

bar is a wonderful place to gather for drinks and conversation.

Another addition is a much larger gaming and lifestyle center. The billiards/card room offers a modern, comfortable atmosphere, designers said, with opportunities for mah jongg, canasta, bridge and other card games.

The lower level of the Grande Clubhouse is dedicated to health and wellness, and now features a larger, expanded fitness center, multipurpose massage and treatment room, yoga room and locker rooms.

There are more enhancements on the way, officials said, with plans that include six tennis courts, bocce ball, pickleball and a lakeside café at the resort-style pool.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS & CLUB CALENDAR

November/December 2018

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November 20 – Third Tuesday

- Legacy Ladies Golf Association, Legacy Golf Club, 8:30 a.m.
- Empty Nesters, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Women's Club - Blankets for Babies, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Football Club, soccer field/baseball diamond, 5:30 p.m.
- Evening Mah Jongg, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

November 21 – Third Wednesday

- Women's Exercise Class, Town Hall, 9 a.m.
- Mah Jongg at One, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.
- CERT Radio Communications Committee, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

November 22 – Fourth Thursday

- Thanksgiving
- Legacy Ladies Golf Association, Legacy Golf Club, 8:30 a.m.
- Football Club, soccer field/baseball diamond, 5:30 p.m.

November 23 – Fourth Friday

- Thanksgiving Weekend

November 24 – Fourth Saturday

- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 8 a.m.
- Football Club, soccer field #1, 8 a.m.
- Digital Photography training, Town Hall, 9 a.m.

November 25 – Fourth Sunday

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

November 26 – Fourth Monday

- Women's Exercise Class, Town Hall, 9 a.m.
- Art Club, Town Hall, noon
- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.
- Anglers' Club, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

November 27 – Fourth Tuesday

- Legacy Ladies Golf Association, Legacy Golf Club, 8:30 a.m.
- Bridge on Tuesday, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Football Club, soccer field/baseball diamond, 5:30 p.m.
- Italian American Club, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Evening Mah Jongg, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

November 28 – Fourth Wednesday

- Women's Duplicate Bridge, Town Hall, 8:30 a.m.
- Women's Exercise Class, Town Hall, 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.

November 29 – Fifth Thursday

- Thursday Bridge Club, Town Hall, 12:45 p.m.
- St. George's Mah Jongg, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Football Club, soccer field/baseball diamond, 5:30 p.m.
- American Asian Women Association, Town Hall, 6 p.m.
- CERT Membership Meeting, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

November 30 – Fifth Friday

- Women's Exercise Class, Town Hall, 9 a.m.
- Shanti Yoga, Town Hall, 10 a.m.
- Optimal Living Club, Town Hall, 11 a.m.
- Art Club, Town Hall, noon
- Mah Jongg Queens, Town Hall, noon

December 1 – First Saturday

- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 8 a.m.
- Football Club, soccer field #1, 8 a.m.
- Holiday Art Show, Town Hall, 9 a.m.
- Scribes, Town Hall, 10 a.m.
- Digital Photography, Town Hall, 1:30 p.m.

December 2 – First Sunday

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

December 3 – First Monday

- Women's Exercise Class, Town Hall, 9 a.m.
- Handcrafts and More, Town Hall, 10 a.m.
- Art Club, Town Hall, noon
- Lakewood Ranch Garden Club Meeting, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.
- Genealogy Club, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

December 4 – First Tuesday

- Life On the Ranch: New Resident Social, LWR Information Center, 4-5 p.m.
- Legacy Ladies Golf Association, Legacy Golf Club, 8:30 a.m.
- 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.
- Anglers Club, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Evening Mah Jongg, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

December 5 – First Wednesday

- Women's Exercise Class, Town Hall, 9 a.m.

December 6 – First Thursday

- Thursday Bridge Club, Town Hall, 12:45 p.m.
- St. George's Mah Jongg, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Football Club, soccer field/baseball diamond, 5:30 p.m.
- History Club, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

December 7 – First Friday

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

December 8 – Second Saturday

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

December 9 – Second Sunday

- Ladies' Soccer, soccer fields 1 & 2, 2 p.m.
- Holiday gathering, Pavilion, 5 p.m.
- Jewish Club, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

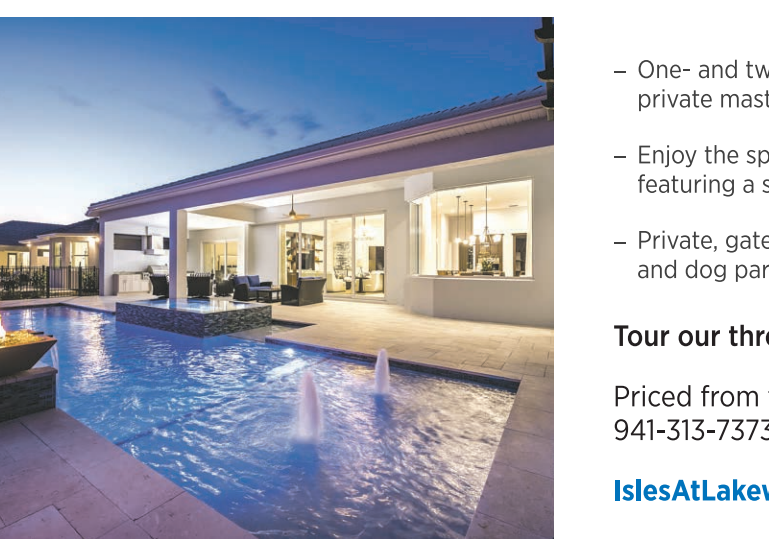
December 10 – Second Monday

- Lakewood Ranch Garden Club, Town Hall, 9 a.m.
- Italian American Club, Town Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Art Club, Town Hall, noon
- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.
- Jewish Club, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS & CLUB CALENDAR

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- December 11 – Second Tuesday**
- Legacy Ladies Golf Association, Legacy Golf Club, 8:30 a.m.
 - Bridge on Tuesday, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
 - Women's Club - Blankets for Babies, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
 - Football Club, soccer field/baseball diamond, 5:30 p.m.
 - Evening Mah Jongg, Town Hall, 7 p.m.
- December 12 – Second Wednesday**
- Women's Exercise Class, Town Hall, 9 a.m.
 - Mah Jongg at One, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
 - Community Activities, Town Hall, 5 p.m.
 - Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.
- December 13 – Second Thursday**
- Optimal Living Club, Town Hall, 11 a.m.
 - Legacy Ladies Golf Association, Legacy Golf Club, 8:30 a.m.
 - St. George's Mah Jongg, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
 - Football Club, soccer field/baseball diamond, 5:30 p.m.
 - Digital Photography, Town Hall, 6 p.m.
- December 14 – Second Friday**
- Holidays Around the Ranch, LWR Main Street, 6-9 p.m.
 - Women's Club Board Meeting, Town Hall, 9 a.m.
 - Women's Exercise Class, Town Hall, 9 a.m.
 - Shanti Yoga, Town Hall, 10 a.m.
 - Art Club, Town Hall, noon
 - Mah Jongg Queens, Town Hall, noon
 - American Asian Women Association, Town Hall, 6 p.m.
 - Pro Jam, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- December 15 – Third Saturday**
- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 8 a.m.
- December 16 – Third Sunday**
- Ladies' Soccer, soccer fields 1 & 2, 2 p.m.
 - Sunday Duplicate Bridge, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- December 17 – Third Monday**
- Handcrafts and More, Town Hall, 10 a.m.
 - Art Club, Town Hall, noon
 - Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.
 - Running Club, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- December 18 – Third Tuesday**
- Empty Nesters, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.
 - Football Club, soccer field/baseball diamond, 5:30 p.m.
 - Italian American Club, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
 - Angler's Club, Town Hall, 7 p.m.
 - Evening Mah Jongg, Town Hall, 7 p.m.
- December 19 – Third Wednesday**
- Mah Jongg at One, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
 - Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.
 - Indivisible LWR, Town Hall, 5:30 p.m.
 - Indivisible LWR, Town Hall, 7 p.m.
- December 20 – Third Thursday**
- Thursday Bridge Club, Town Hall, 12:45 p.m.
 - St. George's Mah Jongg, Town Hall, 2 p.m.
 - Football Club, soccer field/baseball diamond, 5:30 p.m.
 - Democratic Club, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Lakewood Ranch to Host First Seafood & Music Festival

The inaugural Lakewood Ranch Seafood & Music Festival is scheduled to take place from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 24 and 25, at Lakewood Ranch Main Street.

Organizers promise "exquisite and delectable seafood dishes" prepared by local restaurants using indigenous and sustainable ocean resources from Florida's coastal waters. Menu items include grouper, mahi, stone crabs, oysters, shrimp and soft-shell crabs. Meat entrees include Italian and Polish sausage, steak sandwiches and chicken-on-a-stick. Also, a variety of vegetarian and rice dishes will be offered. Both alcoholic (beer, wine and mixed-drinks) and non-alcoholic drinks (water, sodas and blended fruit drinks) will be available.

Entertainment will include local and regional musicals groups performing live on stage, including the Kate Keys Band (blues, rock, variety), Sarasota Steel Pan Band (Caribbean), Big Night Out (Latin funk, Motown R&B dance music), The Whole Band featuring Callie Chappell (Americana, rock, bluegrass and R&B), Twinkle & Rock Soul Radio and the Billy Rice Band (country rock). There will also be a marketplace of arts and crafts, gourmet food items, and specialty products.

General admission is free. VIP tent admission is \$70, and includes an open bar serving premium drinks in a private tent with a dedicated service staff. The tent's location enjoys optimal viewing of the stage. VIP tickets are available thru EventLive.

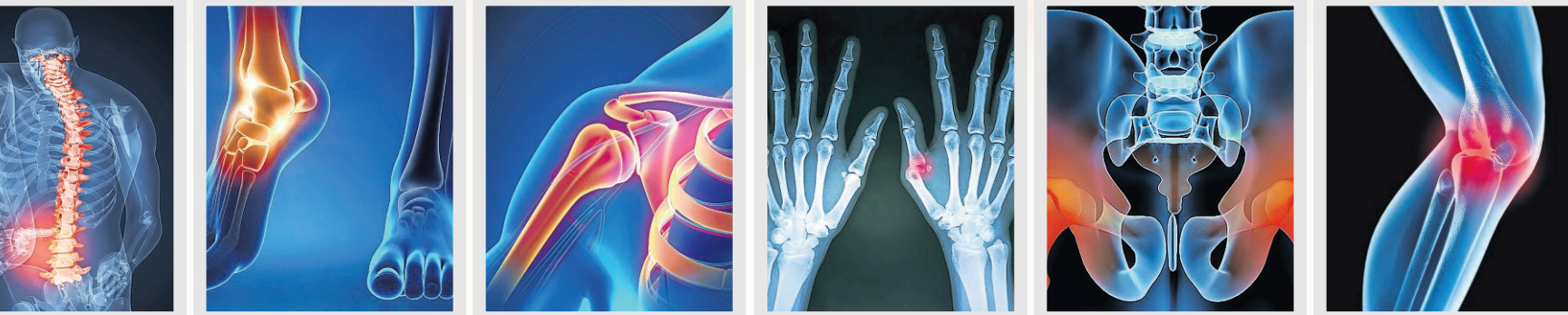
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Waterside Place In Lakewood Ranch Breaks Ground

Groundbreaking for the much-anticipated Waterside Place commenced Oct. 4, with more than 150 in attendance, including representatives of the government, school board, and the business community. The future lakefront town center, located south of University Parkway and east of I-75, will feature shops, restaurants, office space, The Players Centre for Performing Arts and Waterside Park, an eight-acre peninsular park.

Waterside Place will be the centerpiece of Lakewood Ranch Waterside, the Ranch's first residential development in Sarasota County. Completion of the Schroeder-Manatee Ranch project is expected in mid-2020. Construction is not being phased; Willis Smith will build the entire commercial portion at one time.

Although the specific businesses cannot be named at this point, letters of intent have been signed by such businesses as nail and hair salons, a yoga studio, gym, travel agency, a women's boutique, and both in-line and free-standing restaurants, according to Kirk Boylston, president of LWR Commercial.

"Waterside Place presented a unique opportunity to create a mixed-use project that has a significant amount of waterfront restaurants, shops and office space," Boylston said. "We have spent almost two years in planning and design to make this a special place for our residents and expect it to be a regional destination. There will be a number of open gathering spaces, parks, and a marina located directly on the waterfront, which will make Waterside Place a setting unlike any other retail area in the region. It isn't just a place to go shop or dine, but a place to hang out, relax and enjoy the surroundings."

Another exciting component of Waterside Place will be the Waterside Place Apartments by Davis Development. Scheduled to break ground at the end of 2018, Davis will deliver more than 800 units to the town center (including 22 rental townhomes). This will enhance



the vitality of the town center with day shoppers and diners.

Home sales at Lakewood Ranch Waterside are brisk; more than 100 homes have been sold since the first builder opened its doors just over a year ago. There are currently

four home builders in two villages in Waterside: Homes by Towne, Arthur Rutenberg, and Lee Wethington in LakeHouse Cove, and Pulte in Shoreview. Many residents cited Waterside Place and its offerings as an incentive to buy in the village.

"Living in a brand-new community within the well-established amenities of Lakewood Ranch is ideal," said Lakewood Ranch Waterside resident Mike Collins. "We are particularly excited about lakeside 'winning and dining' in the new Waterside Place."

When Waterside is finished, it will feature 12 compact, walkable neighborhoods connected to each other and to Waterside Place via trails and waterways. Built around seven lakes, the community has more than 20 miles of shoreline and acres of nature preserves. Waterside Place will also feature a marina and water taxi.

"We want this to be a place where fun and entertainment are embraced," Boylston said. "Our leasing efforts are focused on bringing in great food, craft beer and cocktails, music, entertainment and other elements that create a place that is fun to be at, where people will want to return to frequently. We want this to be the place in our region where everyone goes to hang out with friends and family."

The construction of Lakewood Ranch Waterside included the added benefit of much-needed regional infrastructure, including the extension of Lorraine Road as a four-lane thoroughfare to Fruitville Road, which was complete in September of 2017, updates to Deer Drive, and the extension of Lakewood Ranch Boulevard to Fruitville Road, which began in July of this year.

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only five designated polling places for early voting in Manatee County: The Lakewood Ranch Town Hall, the Manatee County Utilities offices on Bradenton's west side, the Palmetto Library, the Rocky Bluff Library in the Ellenton/Parrish area, and the Supervisor of Elections Office in central Bradenton.

During the early voting period, which took place this year between Oct. 24 and Nov. 3 in Manatee County, voters could cast their ballots at any of the early voting locations.

After early voting closed, if they still had not voted, voters were required to go to their normally designated precinct to vote on Nov. 6.

One of the reasons why so many residents chose to use early voting would appear to be the fact that this year's general election ballot contained so many items, from the usual major offices of governor, senator, congressional and state-



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wide office positions, to a total of 12 proposed constitutional amendments to the Florida's constitution. Then there were the judgeships, county commission seats, school board seat, etc.

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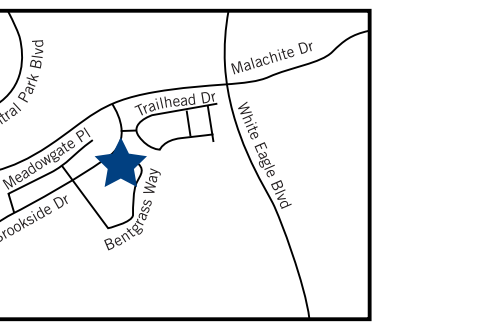
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Sarasota Polo Club To Start New Season

BY RON TRYTEK

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10 FUN FACTS FROM SARASOTA POLO:

1) It takes a minimum of 60 polo ponies to play one regulation polo match. Each of the eight polo players ride six to eight ponies per match. Additionally, there are two mounted umpires, each of whom ride two ponies per match, bringing the total to more than sixty polo ponies!

2) The game lasts approximately two hours and consists of six, seven-and-a-half-minute "chukkers," between which players change mounts. Each player will bring one pony for each chukker and one or two spare ponies that wait on the sidelines in case a player's pony gets tired. You may enjoy watching the action at the sideline on the Southwest end of the field, as riders quickly get off and on their mounts between chukkers. Think of a NASCAR race car visiting the pit – minus the loud engines!



3) The Sarasota Polo Club, established in 1991, was the first development in Lakewood Ranch.

4) A polo field is 10 acres in size – you can fit nine football fields inside of one polo field. A regulation-sized polo field is larger than any other regulation-sized sporting field played today. Don't worry, you won't miss the thundering of 10, 1,200-lb. ponies with their riders across a flat open polo field, but do pay attention; the polo ball reaches 110 mph at full velocity. You may also wish to bring a pair of field glasses in order to be able to always see the action up close.

5) Polo is one of the world's oldest known team sports, first played by nomadic warriors more than 2,000 years ago. The first



recorded polo tournament was in 600 B.C. between the Turkomans and the Persians – the Turkomans were victorious.

6) Polo ponies are not actually ponies; they are horses bred specifically for polo. Polo ponies are smaller and more compact than many other horses. Polo ponies are often a cross of a quarter horse (for agility), and a thoroughbred (for speed). Polo ponies

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Annual Tour of Homes Kicks Off on Main with the LWR Block Party and Club Day

Lakewood Ranch's annual Tour of Homes kicked off with a Block Party and Club Day, a can't-miss event. Everyone was at Lakewood Ranch Main Street ... from local businesses and restaurants, to clubs and social groups. Attendees of all ages got a taste of what life on The Ranch is really like! This year's party featured a builders' lounge (for the first time), live music, and food and beer.

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It was difficult to count, but an estimated 3,000 to 4,000 people were said to have turned out for the 2018 BooFest, staged by Lakewood Ranch Community Activities. In addition to live performances, trick-or-treating, and a kids' zone, there were vendor and activity booths. BooFest has become one of Lakewood Ranch's most popular events.



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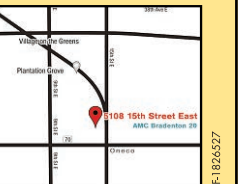
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Chanukah Gelt Drop Coming To LWR Main

Chabad of Bradenton & Lakewood Ranch will ignite a nine-foot menorah at Lakewood Ranch Main Street, followed by a community-wide celebration on the third night of Chanukah, which falls on Dec. 4. The ceremony begins at 6 p.m. and will feature prominent community officials. Following the menorah lighting ceremony, hundreds will dance, sing and eat the night away accompanied by live music.

The events festivities will also include food from Falafel with Yoav and a kosher BBQ, Kona's ice truck, doughnut decorating, a juggler, latke bike, and hot latkes. Activities include face painting, Judah the Maccabee and dreidel mascots, dreidel bounce house, stuff-a-dreidel, raffles, and more.

Highlighting this event will be a first for this celebration: "The Chanukah Gelt Drop." Gelt is Yiddish for money and on Chanukah it is customary to give money to children to bring the joyous spirit of the holiday to them. Alex Kaufman, from Kaufman Construction, will drop thousands of chocolates with some dollar bills as well, from a cherry picker for the children to gather. A live bubble show will highlight this event as well.

The public menorah lighting was organized by Chabad-Lubavitch Rabbi Mendy Bukiet, spiritual leader at Chabad of Bradenton & Lakewood Ranch. "The Menorah serves as a symbol of Lakewood Ranch's dedication to preserve and encourage the right and liberty of all its citizens to worship God freely, openly, and with pride," Bukiet said. "Specifically in America, a nation that was founded upon and vigorously protects the right of every person to practice his or her religion free from restraint and persecution, the Menorah takes on profound significance, embodying both religious and constitutional principles."

Today, the unprecedented public display of Chanukah has become a staple of Jewish cultural and religious life, forever altering the American practice and awareness of the festival. Lakewood Ranch's menorah is one of more than 15,000 large public menorahs sponsored by Chabad in more than 90 countries around the world, including in front of landmarks such as the White House, the Eiffel Tower, and the Kremlin, helping children and adults of all walks of life discover and enjoy the holiday message.

be presenting scores of Chanukah events and celebrations, including public menorah lightings, giant menorahs made from ice and Legos, Menorah parades, latkes parties, giant dreidel houses, "Chanukah wonderlands," and more. To find a local event in Florida or practically anywhere throughout the world, visit www.chabadofbradenton.com/ChanukahEvents. For more information about Chanukah and a local schedule of events visit www.chabadofbradenton.com/Chanukah.

The Chanukah celebration is free and is sponsored by Lakewood Ranch Main Street and The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee.

OTHER CHANUKKAH EVENTS:
C-Teen - Chanukkah Emoji Party
7 p.m. Nov. 20

The Chabad House, 5712 Lorraine Road
 Enjoy Chanukah emoji-themed food, activities and games! Come and show your humanitarian side by cheering up those who are not well and more! CTeen annual membership is \$180 including all trips and activities except the International CTeen Shabbaton in NY. CTeen 5779 is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee

C-Kids - Maccabee Marketplace
11 a.m. Dec. 2

The Chabad House, 5712 Lorraine Road
 Dream, create, build. Anything is possible in our Maccabee Makerspace. Filled with tools, recyclables, and building materials, this teamwork-building workshop brings kids and families together for total imagination domination. Make a spinning robot dreidel, help build a jumbo s'mores menorah, and join us for the lighting ceremony! Admission is \$10 and free to CHS students.

Chanukah in Ellenton
6 p.m. Dec. 6

The Ellenton Outlets, 5461 Factory Shops Blvd.
 Join us for the Miracle and Magic of Chanukah at the Ellenton Outlets featuring fun activities such as magic shows, raffles, music, latkes and doughnuts! Special thanks to the Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee and Ellenton Outlets for sponsoring the event. Admission is free.

Home Depot Menorah Workshop
3:30 p.m. Dec. 9

The Home Depot, 5475 University Parkway
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November 21 – December 18, 2018
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November 21	2:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.	GBVA Restrictions Revision Meeting 907-0202 GBVA Modifications Meeting 907-0202
November 26	5:30 p.m.	Summerfield Hollow Board Meeting 921-5393
November 27	8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.	SRVA Modifications 907-0202 GBVA Compliance Meeting 907-0202
November 28	1 p.m. - 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.	Country Club Modifications 907-0202 Edgewater Modifications 907-0202 SRVA Annual Members Meeting 907-0202
November 29	1:30 p.m.	Whitemarsh Neighborhood Committee Meeting 907-0202
December 3	5 p.m. - 7 p.m.	SRVA Compliance Meeting 907-0202 Brier Creek Neighborhood Meeting 907-1169
December 5	2:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. - 4 p.m.	GBVA Restrictions Revisions Meeting 907-0202 GBVA Modifications Meeting 907-0202 Sandhills Neighborhood Committee 907-0820
December 6	9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	CDD 2 Special Workshop 907-0202 CEVA Fining Committee Meeting 907-0202
December 10	9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	CEVA Landscape Committee Meeting 907-0202 Summerfield Hollow Board Meeting 921-5393
December 11	8:30 a.m.	SRVA Modifications 907-0202
December 12	1 p.m. - 3 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Country Club Modifications 907-0202 Edgewater Modifications 907-0202 Presidio/Riviera Neighborhood Meeting 907-0644
December 13	1:30 p.m.	Whitemarsh Neighborhood Committee Meeting 907-0202
December 17	9 a.m.	CDD 6 Agenda Review Workshop 907-0202
December 18	8 a.m. - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	IDA Board Meeting 907-0202 CDD 1 Agenda Review Workshop 907-0202 CDD 5 Agenda Review Workshop 907-0202 CDD 2 Agenda Review Workshop 907-0202

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The sushi was crisp where it was supposed to be, salty at times, and generally very fresh and delicious.

Next we partook of a hot selection of hibachi cooked shrimp and scallops, served with fried rice.

Here again, the food did not disappoint. The shrimp were great, and the scallops were large – about two inches in diameter, sliced to thinner sections, and cooked to perfection. Our combination included soup, a salad, and veggies that were cooked and served along with the scallops and shrimp.

Altogether, this represented a very satisfying meal, and I look forward to returning to Mizu Sushi and Hibachi Express for another Japanese dining experience.

The menu at Mizu is very long, with all sorts of possibilities. Their cooked appetizers include things like shrimp teriyaki, and deep-fried softshell crab, along with edamame for veggie lovers.

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