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Lens on Lakewood Ranch:

LWR Communities sponsored a photo contest from March 13 through May 7 of this year. We wanted to see what life in Lakewood Ranch looked like through the eyes of the people who call this community home. Winners will be announced in August. See pages, **14-15**



In the meantime, we wanted to share some of your neighbors' artistry before the big unveil! Enjoy!

Lakewood Ranch Business Alliance Page 9 Community Activities Page 7 Community Calendar and Events Page 26 The Players Centre For Performing Arts announces first \$1 million gift toward new complex

The Players Centre for Performing Arts received a \$1 million gift toward its new state-of-the-art complex in Lakewood Ranch. The donation is the lead gift since the theatre had announced plans last year to sell its current property and move to Lakewood Ranch's newest village, Waterside, in Sarasota County.

The Muriel O'Neil Fund of the Performing Arts at the Community Foundation of Sarasota County is providing the gift to kick off the theatre's capital campaign to raise \$30 million for the complex. Approximately one-third of the funding will come from the sale of the existing property.

"It takes courage to change a community and we are thrilled that the board of directors at the Community Foundation of Sarasota County has that courage," said Michelle Bianchi, managing director/CEO of The Players Centre for Performing Arts. "Muriel O'Neil had been a past patron and donor. We are so thankful for the gift as the cornerstone to our capital campaign and discussions are underway for a potential naming opportunity at the new Centre."

The new Players Centre will feature a 480-seat main stage auditorium with balcony seating, a 125-seat black box theatre, a 100-seat cabaret theatre with dining, and the main campus of The Arnold Simonsen Players Studio, which is the education arm of the organization.

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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

FROM PAGE 1R PLAYERS

"The Players family is excited for this lead gift and we are already making plans to create great theatre in our new home," said Artistic Director Jeffery Kin. "With our upcoming Storytelling Theatre at the Ranch program and our Outdoor Theater at the Polo grounds in the works, we are rapidly building the foundations for many exciting theatrical experiences."

For their part, the **Community Foundation** of Sarasota is "thrilled" to be a partner in the new chapter of the Players' long history in Sarasota. "What an incredible opportunity to honor the legacy and charitable intention of Muriel O'Neil, a donor

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home. Town Hall staff is eager to share this information with residents the opportunity to ask questions of staff.

Those interested should RSVP to Kay DePaolo at (941)907-0202 or via e-mail at kay.depaolo@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

who cared so much for supporting our region's theatres and enjoyed many performances at the Players," said Roxie Jerde, president and CEO of the Community Foundation of Sarasota County. "Aligned with their mission to promote community inclusiveness, this gift will ensure that Muriel's passion for performing arts will continue to be shared with all people of our community for years to come."

The Players Centre's move is a major step toward connecting Sarasota's Cultural Coast to Lakewood Ranch, the fourth best-selling community in the U.S. With more than 600 annual performances and a children's theatre school, The Players will draw arts and entertainment enthusiasts from around the region.

"One can envision a

theater patron enjoying a great show and then dining and strolling along the lakefront in Waterside Place, the vibrant town center being planned for our new village," said Rex Jensen, president and CEO of Schroeder-Manatee Ranch, Inc., developer of Lakewood Ranch.

The Players Centre for Performing Arts has been the creative home of Sarasota's amateur theatre artists since 1930. It continues to provide a unique semiprofessional venue for the area's exceptional volunteer actors to join with professional directors and design teams to share their talents with the local community and with visitors drawn to the area by the city's artistic climate.

For more information visit theplayers.org, or call (941)365-2494.

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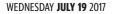
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Turn your sprinklers off already!!!

BY ERNIE SOLLER, *Community Correspondent*

The numbers are shocking. After a very dry winter season, with little or no rainfall in Lakewood Ranch, residents who got perhaps a bit overly desperate to make sure that their lawns and beds remained green kept their sprinklers running at a furious pace. They watered at times when they should not have watered. They watered for longer periods of time than allowed. Some residents - those who had installed soil

moisture sensors – probably watered at appropriate levels, but their thriftiness was far outweighed by those who just kept pouring water on their lawns. Some residential sprinkler systems were operating even after the storms arrived and while rain was pouring down

The result: a water bill from Braden River Utilities, the irrigation water supplier to Lakewood Ranch, for more than 213 million gallons of irrigation water. The previous record of just over 160 million gallons occurred in December of 2016, which was after the "dry season" took hold. The May 2017 usage represents a 33% increase in usage over the previous high use month, while the average usage in May, over a six-year period, has only been 101,770 gallons. This May's usage also represents a 109% increase over the sevenyear average!

Per Steve Zielinski, finance director for Lakewood Ranch, there may be reasons for the increase that may not solely be attributed to residents going overboard with watering. Among them:

There have been efforts on the part of Braden River Utilities to increase the water pressure in the system as a whole. This was done in response to resident complaints that the water pressure was very low, meaning that they formerly may have had to water longer to give their lawns a proper amount of moisture. That situation has been corrected, and should no longer be an excuse to over-water.

Another issue, which could turn out to be a major problem, might be that "snowbird" residents, at the time when they left our area to head north, kept their sprinkler systems on, due to the dry conditions that persisted all winter, almost to the end of May. Their sprinkler systems may be inaccessible to district personnel who might be charged with cutting back on the watering of snowbird lawns. This could remain a persistent - and expensive - problem.

During the District 1 CDD Board meeting, supervisor Alan Roth noted that five years ago, their board had budgeted for higher irrigation water costs, and now the community seems to be right back to having to increase that budget item once again.

RIVER BANK ISSUE

During the District 1 Board meeting supervisor Laura Fox presented a request from a resident whose lot backs up to the Braden River. The issue, for the resident, is that the river is encroaching on his vard, and the resident asked what the district could do about it. Both District 1 Board chair Gary Berns and supervisor Roth were on the board at the time a similar issue had come up several years ago, and both noted that, per the advice of the district's legal counsel, the district could not assume responsibility for correcting the problem. If the district were to assist the

homeowner, that homeowner would be obligated to pay the district for any costs incurred.

LED LIGHTING

District 2, which originally opted to only put LED light fixtures on their portion of Lakewood Ranch Boulevard, has reconsidered and has decided to replace the light fixtures in the rest of District 2 with the LED lights. District 6 has tabled its LED proposal until its August board meeting.

BUDGETS

All of the Lakewood Ranch Community Development District boards passed their respective budget proposals for the coming fiscal year. The boards will hold public hearing on the budgets during their August meetings, prior to final adoption.

Parents and coaches an important role | July programs

BY ANTONIO SAVIANO

When defined the right way, competition in youth sports is both good and healthy for children. It teaches them a variety of important life skills. The true definition of competition is seeking together where the opponent is. The more the team works together, the more chances the team has of winning.

Any sport is about learning to deal with challenges and obstacles. Without a worthy opponent, without any challenges, sports are not so much fun. The more the challenge, the better the opportunity you have to go beyond your limits. As parents and coaches, we should be well aware that any athlete we coach, no matter what their age, plays to win. Moreover, at the end of the game our athletes know exactly if the opponent was stronger or if there was anything that could have been accomplished to achieve better results.

Defeat is not a fun outcome but can be useful at times. Defeat is part of our growth, part of our life. It helps build character and it helps our athletes learn from their mistakes. It is ok as long coaches or parents do not dwell on it and make a big deal about it, which can easily damage our athletes' psychological growth.

BELOW ARE SOME OF THE EXCUSES COACHES OR PARENTS ARE LIKELY TO MAKE:

• The field was in very bad condition

• The referee kept making wrong calls

• The coach made the athlete play a different role than he was used to • Certainly good luck was not on our side today...

Parents and coaches should accept the defeat and should face the fact that the opponents may have been the most talented side during the competition. Our feedback should be concentrated on stimulating our athletes, giving them positive reinforcement, and identifying the positives. We need to make sure to encourage the effort the athletes show and what to do to improve moving forward.

Antonio Saviano is the Director of the Premier Sports Campus at Lakewood Ranch, and the founder of Soccerkix, Scuola Calcio, Italian Premier Soccer School and Soccerkix Academy. He is also a freelance writer for Soccer Coaching Magazine and author of several books on youth development, among them, "U-6 - U-12 Development Theory," and "U-8 – U-10 Soccer School Development Manual."

July programs at Chabad of Bradenton and Lakewood Ranch

Please note that all events take place at The Chabad House located on 5712 Lorraine Road, Lakewood Ranch, unless otherwise noted. • Torah Studies Saturday mornings, 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.

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







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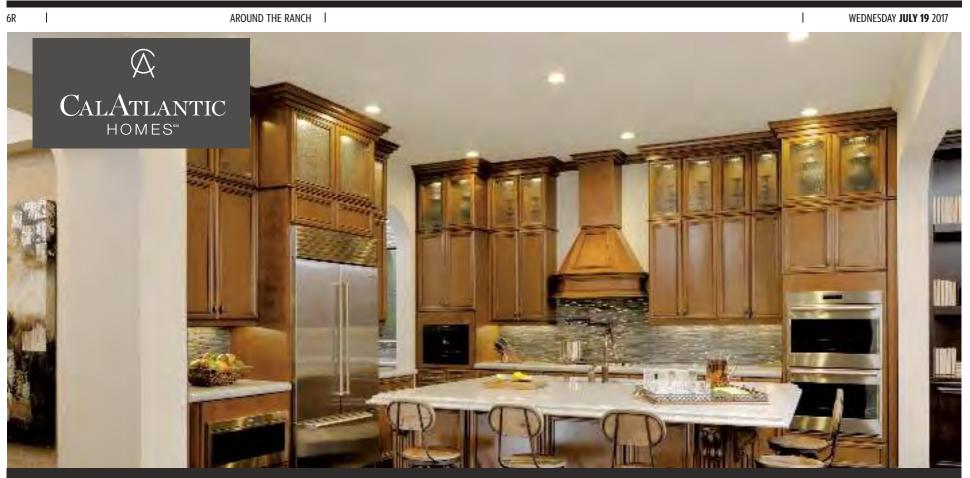
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LWR Night at the Marauders

On July 1st, we celebrated Lakewood Ranch Community Activities night at the Bradenton Marauders game. More than 100 Lakewood Ranch residents came out in full force. They were greeted by the first pitch being delivered by the Director of Lakewood Ranch Community Activities, Keith Pandeloglou.

We need your help!

We would like to get some information about your interest in different events and activities in the area. If you could spare a few minutes to participate in a quick survey, it will be greatly appreciated and help us to plan for the future of our organization, and meet our mission of serving the residents and businesses of Lakewood Ranch. Please visit our website at lwrcac.com/feedback and share your thoughts!

CLUB MEETINGS

THE AVIAN CLUB wants to help you find out what kind of parrot matches your personality! Many types of pet birds are available at the local parrot rescue in East Manatee and are looking for their forever homes. Below is a guide to help you decide on what species of these intelligent and loving parrots will fit the bill.

• A quiet bird that whistles sweet songs – a COCKA-TIEL is a perfect small and very easy pet.

• A clown that loves to play – a CONURE is small enough to sit on your shoulder and just enjoy being with you.

• A mimic – an AFRICAN GREY will have you surprised at the sounds it can make.

• A cuddle bug – an endearing COCKATOO wants to be attached to you all day long.

• A real talker – an AMAZON will have you laughing with clever conversation.

• A big bird personality – a MACAW is as smart as it is beautiful but can be a practical joker.

If you are interested in a bird as a pet, or can FOSTER or SPONSOR a bird while it waits for a new family, please call Cindy Gordon at (443)745-6150 or email shorebird@tampabay.rr.com. We can



discuss the perfect bird for your lifestyle.

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)

It is the time of year when Florida weather gets to be the most exciting for meteorologists and Florida residents alike. Florida has more electrical strikes, more tornados, as well as more hurricanes, than any other state in the nation. Unfortunately, they all can be deadly. That's why being connected to information on weather changes and alerts is paramount to one's safety.

Midland Weather Radios are available for purchase online. One of their models is also available for purchase at Publix stores. These radios sound an alarm followed by a description of the weather status and if necessary, some information to take action for your safety within your home. "Code Red" is available to all Manatee County residents just by signing up for the service. Visit lwrcert.org where you will find information about "Code Red" that will enable you to receive alerts on your home phone, cell phone or computer.

Many local TV news stations have apps that can be obtained on the App Store for your smartphone; they send severe weather alerts to your cell phone and allow you to see the radar images of the weather.

Reach out to Lakewood Ranch's CERT website, www.lwrcert.org to find more information about the action you can take to help you and your family stay safe when bad weather arrives in your location.

LWR ITALIAN CLUB will not be meeting in July and August. Our September meeting will be at 7 p.m. Sept. 26, at Town Hall. Sunday dinners will continue; and

2017 Lakewood Ranch 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

members will be notified by email. Contact Larry Naddeo at larry_naddeo@hotmail.com.

LAKEWOOD RANCH DEMOCRATIC CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. Aug. 8. Speaker TBD.

MAH JONGG AT ONE is a group of women who play competitive mah jongg at Town Hall from 12:45 to 4 p.m. Wednesday afternoons. We welcome Lakewood Ranch women who are experienced mah jongg players. However, all play is by reservation only. We meet every Wednesday, year 'round. If you are seeking fastplaying, competitive games, please contact Joan Robbins at joanrrobbins@hotmail.com for more information.

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

ST. GEORGE'S MAH JONGG plays a friendly game according to National Mah Jongg League rules at

Town Hall from 1 to 4 p.m. on Thursdays. All skill levels are welcome. We do not teach. If you would like to join the "Dragon Ladies" please call Aida Pyle at (941)907-3846 or email Ampyle41@aol.com.



THE DOUBLE DECK PINOCHLE CLUB celebrates its ninth anniversary this year. We continue to invite new players to join for fun from 1-5 p.m. every Tuesday, rotating among members' homes. Male, female, young, older, married, widowed, single, newbie, or expert: all you really need is the desire to have fun. Call Val at 941-739-7107 or e-mail valen3000@aol.com.

THE LADIES' DEVOTIONAL HOUR will not meet for the summer, returning at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 8, in Town Hall. All ladies of every age and church are welcome to join us each Thursday for coffee, devotion and fellowship. Contact Shirley Surowiec shsur46@gmail.com or call (941)447-3625.

THE LAKEWOOD RANCH DIGITAL PHOTOG-

RAPHY CLUB next meets July 20. Doors open at 6 p.m. The meeting runs from 6:30-9 p.m. Our July speaker is Spencer Pullen, who will be talking about large format photography and bringing along his large format film field camera.

The Aug. 17 meeting opens at 6 p.m. The meeting runs from 6:30-9 p.m. and the topic is TBD.

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.

THE WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB will meet Aug. 16 at Town Hall. The selection is "Flight of Dreams." by Ariel Lawhon. Come at 1 p.m. to meet and greet, with discussion beginning at 1:30 p.m. for an hour. Any questions, please contact Mary Button at (941)755-0012.



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LAKEWOOD RANCH BUSINESS ALLIANCE

The Lakewood Ranch Business Alliance (LWRBA) is a business organization committed to connecting, educating and strengthening the business community in the Lakewood Ranch region. The LWRBA's 550+ member businesses reflect a wide variety of small and large businesses across all industries in and around Lakewood Ranch, Florida. More information is available online at www.LWRBA.org.

Upcoming Events

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

LWRBA Luncheon: It's not an MBA... It's Real Life Leadership Wednesday, July 26 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Fete Ballroom at Polo Grill & Bar 10670 Boardwalk Loop \$27 LWRBA members; \$37 non-members

Do you want to make executive level decisions, master conversations and drive actions in real-time? Speakers Doug Van Dyke and Michael Corley demonstrate how to comfortably and confidently handle daily management situations and position yourself as an effective leader.

Networking Social: Gold Coast Eagle Distributing (With Gulf Coast Latin **Chamber of Commerce**) Wednesday, August 2 5-7 p.m. Gold Coast Eagle Distributing 7051 Wireless Court Free for LWRBA members; \$15 non-members

It's a 2-for-1 social exchange! Join us for an extra-fun social as we mingle with the Latin Chamber. Get to know our chamber neighbors and make some new friends along with mixing with our Alliance members.

Breakfast of Champions: Pivoting as a Leader Wednesday, August 23 7:30-9 a.m. Lakewood Ranch Golf & Country Club 7650 Legacy Blvd. \$25 LWRBA members; \$35 non-members In business and life, sometimes the

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Arbor Grande Club debuts in Lakewood Ranch

BY ERNIE SOLLER, Community Correspondent

It is certainly no secret that Lakewood Ranch is a growing community. And, because of the great reputation that Lakewood Ranch has achieved as an excellent place to call home, more and more quality home builders are looking to partner with Schroeder-Manatee Ranch (SMR) and plant the roots of their own future growth in Lakewood Ranch.

One of the latest home builder to open a new neighborhood in Lakewood Ranch is CalAtlantic Homes, Builder Magazine's "Builder of the Year" for 2016. If you have not heard of CalAtlantic, you might be familiar with Ryland Homes or Standard Pacific. Those two companies merged in 2015 to form CalAtlantic. That merger made CalAtlantic the fourth largest home builder in the United States. They currently operate in 25 markets coast-to-coast.

After three years of developmental work with SMR, CalAtlantic opened their newest neighborhood in Florida, Arbor Grande at Lakewood Ranch, located south of State Road 64, off Gatewood Drive, east of Lakewood Ranch Boulevard.

Arbor Grande features both single-family homes and attached villas, with square footage ranging from 1,800 to around 4,400 square feet.

The models are presented in three distinct elevation styles: The "European cottage" elevation, which features areas of stonework on the front of the homes; the "Italianate" style, which features arched areas around windows and doors and, at least in the "Saratoga" model, a balcony on the second floor; and the "Spanish" elevation, with hints of Spanish colonial touches in the design. One stellar feature which will appeal to Arbor

Grande residents is the

beautiful Arbor Grande Club - at which a grand opening was held in June an airy, large, spacious social structure that sits next to a large community pool, which itself is adjacent to a barbeque/ outdoor lounge area. The clubhouse is bordered on two sides by a pond, and features décor with an aquatic theme. One can imagine entertaining a

large group at the clubhouse, feasting and enjoying the warm Florida breezes while your old neighbors up north are shoveling snow! Surely a thought to warm your heart.

The interior designs of the CalAtlantic models are fresh and elegant. No two are alike, and you may want to check out these new homes for yourself, if for no other reason than to find new ideas for your existing home, although be forewarned you may find one of these home irresistible. They feature some top-drawer amenities ... in one villa home this means a dog washing station. It's a mini walk-in shower, complete with a sliding shower head, just inside the door leading to the

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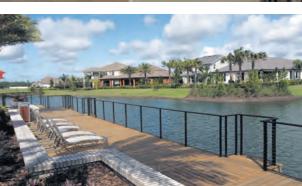
garage, in which you can hose down your dog when he comes in from the great out-of-doors with more than a little dirt on his paws!

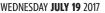
Speakers at the grand opening of the Arbor Grande Club included Manatee County Commissioner Vanessa Baugh, and Dave Bullock, divisional president for CalAtlantic.













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Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch puts its funds to good use

BY ERNIE SOLLER, *Community Correspondent*

The theme of the annual Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch Food and Wine Fest is "Good Food, Good Drink, Good Cause." Our local Rotarians raise a lot of money through the vehicle of the Food and Wine Fest. It is their prime fundraiser of the year.

How much is a lot of money? Rotary of Lakewood Ranch, through the Food and Wine Fest, raised \$112,000 in 2016.

So, just what do these folks do with all that money?

Rotary is a service club, and their purpose is the betterment of their own community, as well as the funding of causes which benefit people and communities around the world. In April, Toni Milholland, past president of Lakewood Ranch Rotary and chair of the Wine Fest Grant Committee, presented grant money to 32 agencies and programs, most of them focusing on area needs. Each recipient was given two minutes to quickly explain to the Rotarians the ways in which their organization helps the community.

SEVERAL AWARDS WENT TO ROTARY -SPONSORED ACTIVITIES:

Rotary Gift of Life - Sponsors teams of health professionals who go into developing countries to provide needed surgery to kids in those countries.
Rotary Clean Water Matching Grant - Enables communities in poor areas overseas to build and operate clean water systems, preventing disease. The grants supplement the money raised by the communities themselves.

 Rotary Club Youth Services - Helps to engage promising youth with a view toward involving them in their community in order to provide leadership for the future. Rotary Books for Kids -Provides readers who go out into local underperforming schools to read to children, and provides actual books which are given to the kids to take home with them. Rotary Suncoast Playground Project - Supports the construction of playgrounds in our area-and makes sure that those playgrounds are handicappedfriendly.

OTHER GRANT RECIPIENTS INCLUDED:

• The Childrens' Guardian

Fund – Provides services to kids who are removed from their homes due to neglect or abandonment.

Nature's Academy – Promotes literacy in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math among local students.
Big Brothers/Big Sisters – To provide for an improved screening process for adults involved in their programs.
The Children's Healthy Pantry – Provides snacks and bottled water to 6000 kids/year, who might otherwise go hungry during the school day.

• Teen Court of Sarasota – A "second chance" for kids who find themselves in trouble.

• Southeastern Guide Dogs – Provides not only guide dogs for the blind, but also has a program, "Paws for Patriots," to assist veterans who've either been injured or suffer from PTSD resulting from their military service.

• Take Stock in Children – Provides mentors for bright, but at-risk, kids, guiding them through their educational journey, and provides scholarships to those kids to assist them in paying for higher education.

• The Payton Wright Foundation – To pay for transporting kids who need cancer treatments to their doctors or treatment centers. This is critical, since there are less than 70 pediatric oncologists in the U.S., meaning that many families have to travel long distances to get treatment for their children.

• The Family Network on Disabilities – To provide "respite services" to family caregivers to give these caregivers and family members a break from caring for children with special needs. • ITN of Sarasota – Provides transportation for the visually impaired. They plan on providing 15,000 rides in 2017.

• Children First. Children – Provides early childhood education and aims to strengthen learning in the child's first five years. The grant will be used to provide hearing screening for kids.

The Children's Dream
Fund – Provides kids with
life-threatening conditions
the opportunity to go to
"Give Kids the World Village," where they can be
kids and have a good time.
Turning Points – Works on
preventing homelessness in
Manatee County, providing
aid to veterans, free medical and dental services,
and a day resource center.
Manasota BUDS – To
provide "new parent kits"

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and support for new and expectant parents of kids with Down's Syndrome. • Mothers Helping Mothers – Provides support to 9,500 kids and 6,700 families/ year, offering school supplies, food and clothing. • The Haven – Training for kids and adults with disabilities in order to help them gain skills for life and work.

Feeding Empty Little Tummies - Feeds 3,000 meals to kids in Manatee County each week. They go to kids who may be on a free lunch program at school, but get little or nothing to eat at home.
Tidewell Hospice - Will go toward the establishment of a 12-bed hospice haven in Lakewood Ranch, to be open in 2018.

• Shelter Box USA – A longtime Rotary initiative that



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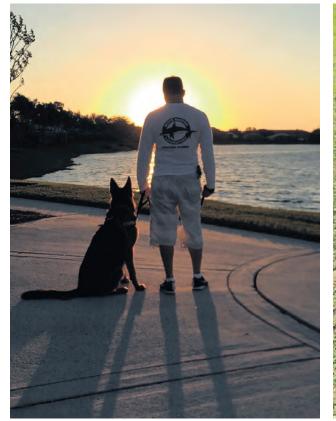
Lens on Lakewood Ranch ... **Your snapshots. Your stories**

LWR Communities sponsored a photo contest from March 13 through May 7 of this year. We wanted to see what life in Lakewood Ranch looked like through the eyes of the people who call this community home. Winners will be announced in August. In the meantime, we wanted to share some of your neighbors' artistry before the big unveil! Enjoy!





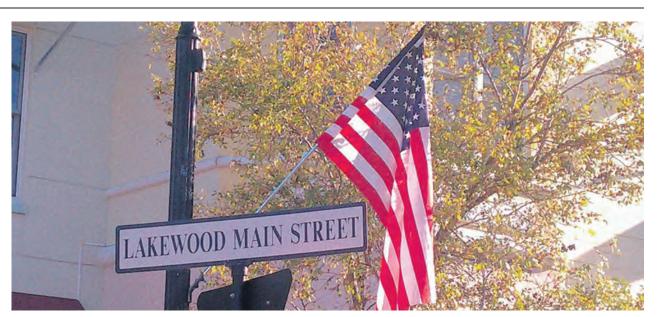






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LWR Schools earn "A" grade from State

Fourteen schools in Manatee County earned "A" grades for 2016-'17, the Florida Department of Education announced at the end of June. Lakewood Ranch

schools accounted for five of the 14 - Gullet, McNeal and Willis elementaries, as well as Nolan Middle, and Lakewood Ranch High School.

Lakewood Ranch was

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sends both people and shelter kits to areas where homes have been destroyed by disasters, such as wars, hurricanes, earthquakes, etc.

· The Stillpoint House of Prayer - To serve the community around it with food, clothing, diapers, etc. for needy families.

 Manatee Technical College - New equipment and tools for its baking and pastry-making courses. Search and Rescue of Manatee County - A relatively new group that spe-

cializes in finding lost children, and, more recently, elderly people, who may wander away from home, and may become endangered.

• The Florida Cancer Specialists Foundation - To meet the financial needs of patients and their families who, burdened by the cost of treatment, may need help paying their rent, the utility bills, etc.

 The Foundation for Dreams - To offer scholarships to kids with special needs or childhood illnesses to attend their camp program.

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· Meals On Wheels - Delivers nutritious meals to homebound seniors, and operates a food bank and an adult day center. · Easter Seals of Southwest Florida - Provides speech and language therapy, a child therapy center, and respite care for the caregivers of children with special needs. Good job, Rotary!







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Naughty Monk brings craft beer to Lakewood Ranch Boulevard

BY ERNIE SOLLER, *Community Correspondent*

My friend Chuck must have felt that not only had he "dodged a bullet" when the U.S. Army sent him to Germany instead of Vietnam, but also that he had been truly blessed in being sent to the capitol of beerdom. Chuck used to refer to beer as "liquid bread" – the "staff of life" in a glass.

After all, beer in European countries like Germany, Belgium, Austria, the Czech Republic, the Netherlands, etc., is not only something consumed during a soccer game or at a picnic, but a liquid refreshment enjoyed daily by almost all, regardless of age.

But, back to beer conditions in the good old U.S. of A.

There were a lot of breweries in America in the "old days." In 1873 there were 4,131 breweries in the United States. Most breweries were small and catered to a very localized customer base. Besides, there were no freeways,

and moving beer from one town to the next took a lot of time and manpower. Then Prohibition became the law of the land, and breweries by the hundreds closed their doors forever. The bigger breweries managed to survive the Prohibition era by producing "near beer" - with a very low or no alcoholic content. Some, like the Stroh Brewery in my hometown of Detroit, made ice cream! After the repeal of Prohibition, the brewing industry started to recover, but it was a slow process, especially considering that there were still laws on the books forbidding home brewing, which was finally authorized in 1978. The number of breweries continued to shrink. Many smaller companies went out of business and larger breweries consolidated their holdings to the point that in 1983, six major breweries controlled 92% of the American beer market.

More recently, a new type of brewing has come to the attention of the American public, called "craft brewing." Guys like my friend, Chuck had developed a taste for European beers, ones with more body and flavor than many of the domestic mass-market offerings. And some of these folks decided that since they and their friends really liked beer with more flavor, why not start brewing beer the way they liked it ... and the "craft beer" movement was born.

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Small breweries started popping up all over the country, with brewers home-brewing their beer, and if that beer happened to make their friends stand up and take notice (or sit down and drink more), they may have opened their own standalone brewery.

With the advent of craft brewing in America, there also arose what are known as "brew pubs," where patrons can not only get a good glass of beer, but also enjoy some good food along with the beer.

So, what is the big news, beer-wise, here in Lakewood Ranch? It's the

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Naughty Monk Brewery, that's what!

Diana and Joe Eibler, Eric and Judy Keller, and Tony Martin have teamed up to open the Naughty Monk Brewery on Lakewood Ranch Boulevard, just south of State Road 64 and right next door to Crowder's Hardware. Look for the sign featuring a leering, grinning, redhaired monk who looks like he's up to no good!

Naughty Monk offers residents and visitors alike the opportunity to enjoy the products of a craft brewery right here in Lakewood Ranch. The Naughty Monk Brewery offers both table seating and seats at a long bar,



pool tables to test your skill with a cue stick, 24 taps mounted behind the bar, a private party room, and a selection of various craft beers produced on site. During days of good weather, patrons can, while enjoying their beer, take advantage of the outdoor seating at Naughty Monk, and perhaps get in a game of corn hole, with equipment provided by the Naughty Monk Brewerv.

If you desire a glass of Bud, they have it, but they also offer alternatives such as several brands of hard cider, an interesting alternative to beer, with a kick all its own.

As for their own craft brewed options, the naughty Monk Brewery has beer for any taste. If you don't want to go too far from "generic American big brewery flavor," try "Naughty Light." It's what the brewers refer to as a "gateway beer"; not

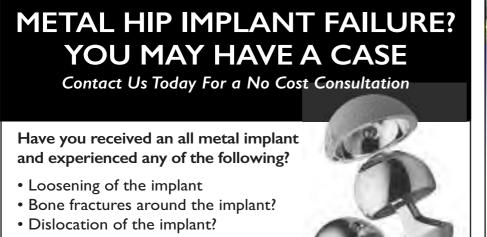
too far in taste from the average grocery store brand, but brewed for a bit more flavor. A nice, easydrinking choice. The Naughty Monk also offers a brown ale, Skeletor – a "double IPA," and since we're in Florida, a beer called Coco Joy Stout, brewed with a touch of coconut. Interesting taste! The artist's drawing for the Coco Joy label can be found on the wall of the brewery, and features a pirate-type chap sitting at the base of a palm tree, with an attractive woman ready to drop a coconut on his head from her perch up the trunk of the tree. Why not?

One unique feature of the Naughty Monk Brewery is its "Beer It Forward Wall." Patrons can come in and purchase a brew for a friend, writing their name and the friend's name on the wall. The friend, when he or she comes in, is then invited to accept the "forward" and to continue in kind.

The Naughty Monk Brewery looks to becoming a workspace for customers by offering "Naughty Guest Wi-Fi." So bring in your laptop, grab a beer, and get to work already!

The Naughty Monk Brewery currently serves no food, but patrons are allowed to bring in their own, or if you settle in for a couple of beers and decide that you want to order a pizza, that's ok, too.

Their "official" grand opening was held June 22! For more information visit naughtymonkbrewery.com, stop in at 2507 Lakewood Ranch Blvd., or call (941)708-2966.



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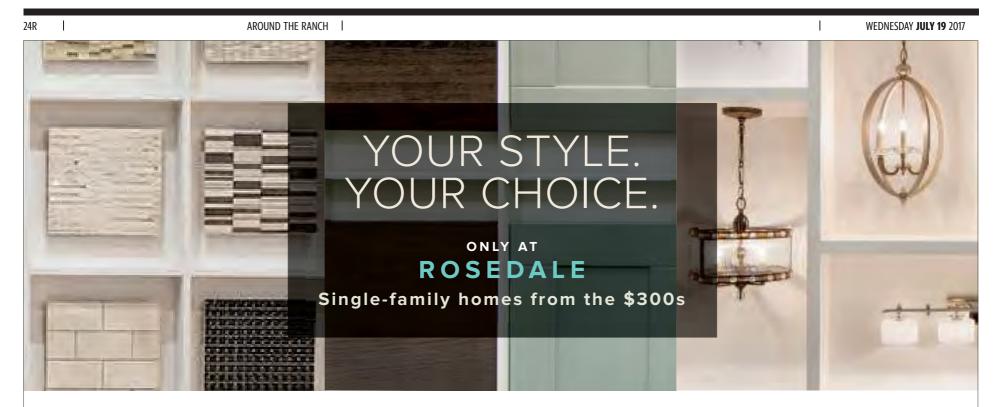
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July 20th – Third Thursday

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- 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 21st – Third Friday

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

July 22nd – Fourth Saturday

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

July 23rd – Fourth Sunday No club meetings

July 24th – Fourth Monday

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

July 25th – Fourth Tuesday

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

July 26th – Fourth Wednesday

- Women's Duplicate Bridge, Town Hall, 8:30 a.m.
- 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 27th – Fourth 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.

July 28th – Fourth Friday

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

July 29th – Fifth Saturday

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

July 30th – Fifth Sunday

No club meetings

July 31st – Fifth Monday

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

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

August 1st – First Tuesday

- Lunch Club, Town Hall, 11 a.m.
- Empty Nesters, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.

August 2nd – 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.

August 3rd – First Thursday

- Financial Forum, Caddy Shack 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.

August 4th – First 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.

August 5th – First Saturday

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

August 6th – First Sunday

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

August 7th – First 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.

August 8th – 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.
- Evening Mah Jongg, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Democratic Club, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

August 9th – Second Wednesday

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

August 10th – 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, 1 p.m.

August 11th - Second Friday

Art Club, Town Hall, noon.

• Shanti Yoga, Town Hall, 10 a.m.

August 12th – Second Saturday

Adult Soccer, soccer field, 8 a.m.

August 13th – Second Sunday

August 14th – Second Monday

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

• Running Club, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

• Empty Nesters, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.

August 16th – Third Wednesday

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.

Indivisible LWR, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

• Rotary, LWR Country Club, noon

• Thursday Bridge, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.

• St. George's Mah Jongg, Town Hall, 2 p.m.

• Women's Exercise, Woodland Baptist, 9 a.m.

• Mah Jongg Queens, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.

• Adult Soccer, soccer fields 1 & 2, 8 a.m.

• Football Club, soccer field #1, 8:30 a.m.

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

August 17th – Third Thursday

August 18th – Third Friday

Art Club, Town Hall, noon

• Shanti Yoga, Town Hall, 10 a.m.

August 19th – Third Saturday

August 20th - Third Sunday

Women's Book Club, Town Hall, 1 p.m.

• Double Deck Pinochle, various homes, 1 p.m.

Women's Exercise, Woodland Baptist, 9 a.m.

• Financial Forum, Caddy Shack in River Club, 9 a.m.

• Jewish Club, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

August 15th – Third Tuesday

Lunch Club, Town Hall, 11 a.m.

Kiwanis, Polo Grill, noon

Art Club, Town Hall, noon

No club meetings

Women's Exercise, Woodland Baptist, 9 a.m.

• Mah Jongg Queens, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.

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

Women's Exercise, Woodland Baptist, 9 a.m.

GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

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

July 19	10 a.m.	CDD4 Agenda Review Workshop 907-0202		
	10:15 a.m.	CDD4 Board Meeting 907-0202		
	4 p.m.	Mizner Reserve Neighborhood Committee Meeting 373-3898		
	5 p.m	GBVA 2018 Budget Workshop 907-0202		
	6 p.m	GBVA Board Meeting 907-0202		
July 20	8:30 a.m.	CDD 1 Board Meeting 907-0202		
	9 a.m.	CDD 2 & CDD 5 Board Meeting 907-0202		
	10:30 a.m.	CDD 6 Board Meeting 907-0202		
July 24	5:30 p.m.	Hollow Board of Directors Meeting 752-4812		
July 25	8:30 a.m.	SRVA Modifications Meeting 907-0202		
July 26	6 p.m.	SRVA 2018 Budget Workshop 907-0202		
	7 p.m.	SRVA 2018 Budget Workshop 907-0202		
July 27	2 p.m.	CEVA Violations Hearing 907-0202		
August 2	4 p.m.	GBVA Modifications Meeting 907-0202		
August 7	9 a.m.	CEVA Landscape Committee Meeting 907-6766		
	7 p.m.	Brier Creek Neighborhood Meeting 907-1169		
August 8	8:30 a.m.	SRVA Modifications Meeting 907-0202		
August 9	1 p.m.	Country Club Modifications Meeting 907-0202		
	3 p.m.	Edgewater Modifications Meeting 907-0202		
August 14	9 a.m.	CDD 6 Agenda Review Workshop 907-0202		
	3 p.m.	CEVA Board Workshop 907-0202		
August 15	8 a.m.	IDA Board Meeting 907-0202		
	10 a.m.	CDD 1 Agenda Review Workshop 907-0202		
	1 p.m.	CDD 2 Agenda Review Workshop 907-0202		
	2:30 p.m.	CDD 5 Agenda Review Workshop 907-0202		
	4 p.m.	GBVA Modifications Meeting 907-0202		
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