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A ribbon cutting helped kick off a celebration of the new facilities at the Premier Sports Campus at Lakewood Ranch, including stadium seating, a press box, ticket offices, concessions, bathrooms, and even a Lakewood Ranch Information Center.

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COWORK LWR – A Work Place To Call Home

BY ERNIE SOLLER,
Community Correspondent

Kyanne Merrill, director of Lakewood Ranch's Community Activities Corporation, recently found herself needing to find office space which she could call "home," in as convenient an area as possible, while remaining in Lakewood Ranch. As she found out, this was no easy task. With the burgeoning popularity of Lakewood Ranch both as a place to live and a place to locate businesses, office sites are scarce in the community.

Enter COWORK-LWR. COWORK-LWR is located at 8130 Lakewood Main Street, between the University of South Florida's Culinary Innovation Lab and Main Street Travel. Founder Keith Pandeloglou wanted to establish a community of young entrepreneurs to work with

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each other. He feels that wonderful things happen when smart people are in the same room collaborating, and loves living – and working – in Lakewood Ranch

In COWORK-LWR, Merrill found a place to locate her office, in a central location in the heart of the Lakewood Main Street business area.

At COWORK-LWR, Lakewood Ranch Activities, as a founding partner, occupies a small area of the facility, which offers small businesses and startup companies a place to put down roots in the community and grow without having to shell out loads of bucks for rent.

What are some of the

features that COWORK-LWR offers?

First of all, it offers small business owners an address on Main Street in Lakewood Ranch. They can have their business mail sent there, and can use the COWORK-LWR Main Street address as the address for their company's mailings.

COWORK-LWR offers an area of work stations, where a startup company owner can go, set up his or her laptop, and do business, in a quieter, more private atmosphere than

the corner table at Starbucks. COWORK-LWR also provides a comfortable conference room area – a place where startup company owners can hold private meetings with clients and/or suppliers.

A new company just getting started needs lots of input in areas which might not be the forte' of their owner. So, COWORK-LWR offers assistance in technical fields, such as video production, blogging, and IT support, web design and web site development.

COWORK-LWR also offers expertise in business development, social media marketing, creative design, photography and communications, just to name a few areas. They can offer the budding entrepreneur a menu of options that he or she can take advantage of without first having to leave their current employment, and without having to plunk down major dollars to rent space.

COWORK-LWR offers three categories of membership:

“Community” membership costs \$299/year, and includes virtual mail handling, one day/month workspace access, event space access once/year, conference room access at \$20/hour, and recording studio access at \$40/hour. Two hours of business consulting is \$120 with this package.

The “Espresso” membership, which costs \$699/year, offers virtual mail handling, event space access twice/year, recording studio access at \$20/hour, and consulting service at \$60 for two hours.

The “Partner” membership, at \$2990/year, includes a dedicated person-



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al desk at the COWORK-LWR facility, virtual mail handling, 24-hour building access, event space access once/month, and includes conference room access, recording studio access and business consulting at no additional charge.

Memberships are also available on a monthly basis.

While working at COWORK-LWR, membership holders are welcome to use the kitchen facilities

and help themselves to freshly brewed coffee (AKA “growth fuel”).

COWORK-LWR is owned by UTC Venture Group. Interested business people can contact Keith Pandeloglou, the CEO of UTC Venture Group, by calling at (941)322-7199, or by e-mail at keith@utc-venturegroup.com.

Your business adventure can start now – at COWORK-LWR, on Main Street, in Lakewood Ranch.

LWR district boards approve LED lighting installation

BY ERNIE SOLLER,
Community Correspondent

The boards of supervisors of Lakewood Ranch Community Development Districts 1, 2, 4, and 5 approved going forward with the installation of LED street lighting in their districts. However, the board of District 6 (Country Club West) voted to put their participation in this program on hold, pending the receipt of additional feedback from their residents.

District 6 Board Chairman Jim Rogoze indicated that in District 6, the lights currently in place along Balmoral are closer to resident homes than they might be in other districts and with that in mind, he wanted to make sure that those residents whose homes are in the change-over area get a chance to make their opinions known. The district may

send out an email to residents asking for their opinion, but, for now, they are withholding approval of their portion of the program.

Finance Director Steve Zielinski noted that District 6 still had some time to approve the contract to install the new lighting, but he warned the District 6 board that if they wait too long to make up their minds, they might be faced with not being able to be included in the overall package pricing offered by the contractor, and may be faced with spending more money by "going it alone."

The overall expenditure for the lighting in districts 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6 would be \$266,736, with District 6's share only \$13,191 – an amount which is already in the budget. The costs to the other districts are: District 1 – \$89,000; District 2 – \$37,370; District 4 – \$48,808 and District 5 – \$78,270.

The LED lighting project involves replacing the fixtures at the top of the existing light poles and installing new fixtures that would hold the LED lights. The lights, which have been approved by the majority of the districts, are rated at 3000 Kelvin, with the wattage equivalent to 400 watts/fixture. The districts will get a five-year labor warranty, along with a 10-year fixture warranty for this job. During the District 2 board meeting, it was made known that District 2 could expect to recoup its cost for the lighting project in three years!

• District 1's June Stroup has retired from her seat on the District 1 board of supervisors. Stroup has been a continued presence in Lakewood Ranch governance for the past 16 years, and her colleagues both on the District 1 board and other district

boards expressed their thanks for her years of service and her willingness to share her expertise with not only her own fellow District 1 board members, but with members of other boards as well. Supervisor Alan Roth commented that he will miss her guidance, and Supervisor Bob Swiatek told Stroup that he may be calling her. Stroup replied: "You may be getting a busy signal!"

• Another board retirement to report is that of District 2 Supervisor Richard Moran. Dick Moran has been a part of the District 2 board since 2011 and in keeping with his love of photography, his board presented him with a plaque that was created using one of his own photographs.

• The Town Hall pur-

chasing manual has been revised, and includes language specifying the purchasing dollar amount levels which are given to various employees, based on their position.

• The Lakewood Ranch CDD boards approved contract language for a renewal of the contract for engineering services with Dewberry Engineers for the next year.

• During the District 6 board meeting, resident Angela Johnson requested that the Operations Department contact the supervisors of the landscaping crews to make sure that their workers pay closer attention to the trimming of trees and shrubs along sidewalks. She cited an incident in which she was riding her bike next to her granddaughter, when her

granddaughter struck the untrimmed stems of plants along the walk, causing her to swerve into Angela, who then crashed her bike, causing significant damage. Johnson noted that in her opinion, the landscapers were not looking for potential problems while they went about their trimming but appeared to be more intent on doing their work quickly and moving on, consequently missing potential problems such as overhanging tree limbs and untrimmed bushes along walks.

• The Lakewood Ranch IDA has been able to secure a new health care package for Town Hall employees, giving the employees good coverage while at the same time saving the community about 4% in costs.



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US Australian Football League's National Championships at PSC for first time

The Premier Sports Campus (PSC) at Lake-wood Ranch hosted the US Australian Football League's (USAFL) national championships for the first time Oct. 15-16. Billed as the world's largest Australian football tournament, more than 1,500 players, coaches, supporters and VIPs attended the two-day event. There were 40 teams competing across five divisions, with 30 matches live streamed and on demand replays.

Australian Football consists of 18 players

toughing it out on an oval-shaped field with no padding. Similar to the NFL, physical contact is high, with players kicking, handballing and bouncing a ball slightly bigger and more round than an American football trying to score goals (worth 6 points). The men and women who play AFL are physically and mentally tough and it drives a love for the game that sees Australians have one of the highest attendance records of any sport in the world.

The USAFL is the sole

representative of Australian football in the USA and is an international affiliate of the Australian Football League (AFL) in Melbourne, Australia. Founded in 1997, the league is a volunteer-based nonprofit committed to growing the sport, an active lifestyle, and Australian culture in the US. The league had 17% growth in 2015, and fulfilled its mandate to see 50% of players of American nationality.

The event featured a coaching course and a free kids' clinic, as well.



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The Ancient Oak Gun Club is set in a pristine area of the Lakewood Ranch community off of State Road 64 East, and is open to the public. We encourage all who have never shot sporting clays – or who have never shot at all – to visit and allow us to walk you through the sport to see if this is something that would interest you.

There are 28 covered shooting stations on two separate courses, which are operated by a wireless, radio controlled launching system that also offers a delay for the individual shooter and a 5-stand for shotgun shooting enthusiasts. All stations have three or more trap machines giving you a greater variety of target presentations. The 5-stand consists of five shooting stations and a variety of individual trap machines.

The Ancient Oak Gun Club has a well-trained staff to assist beginning shooters and to help host charity and corporate events, as well as sanctioned instructors for the more experienced shooters.

You need not be a member to shoot, although we do offer various memberships that afford discounts!

November 18 – The Gun Writer Clay Shoot. This shoot will benefit the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's youth charities. Registration is at 8 a.m.; safety meeting at 8:45 a.m. Cost is \$600 for a team of four, or \$150 for individual shooters. Cost includes ammo, continental breakfast, lunch and event T-shirt. There are also exciting raffle items! Register at thegunwriter.com.

We are looking for people who would like to volunteer to become trappers for our registered shoots. Please call the office to learn more about the benefits of becoming a trapper and what you will receive for your participation.

For more information visit www.ancientoakgunclub.com.

The block party ... Fun, food, and treats

BY ERNIE SOLLER,
Community Correspondent

In case you missed the Block Party this year, you may want to know: Was it as good as last year? Well, the consensus was that it was a LOT better! The event, which was the official kick-off for the annual Lakewood Ranch Tour of Homes, saw thou-

sands in attendance.

Not only were there a lot of businesses promoting their services and merchandise this year, but there were more food booths, and, for that matter, all of the businesses, most of which were members of the Lakewood Ranch Business Alliance, were giving out all sorts of treats. After all, we were coming

up on Halloween. Between the food booths, the beer and wine bars, and the goodies that were being handed out, you could have had a full meal – and then some.

There was pizza (one of the Major Food Groups, in my humble opinion), bags of popcorn, sandwiches, and so on. I actually saw a guy who bought two hamburgers ... one for his dog,



Photos by Ernie Soller



and one for himself. He handed a burger to the dog, and it disappeared so fast that I almost missed the action. OK, it was a big dog. There were lots of kids there, and lots of dogs. And, all of the great eateries on Main Street were open, so if you didn't want a burger or a slice, you could take your pick from seafood to Mexican,

and everything in between.

In addition to the block party, it was "Club Day" for the Lakewood Ranch Community Activities Corporation (CAC). All of the clubs that are part of CAC were out on the street signing up new members and telling residents about all the fun they have in their

clubs. The Garden Club brought plants, the Investment Club had a sign that read "Buy Low, Sell High"; and there was one booth that featured some exotic birds. There were even booths for both the Democrats and Republicans.

And speaking of parties ... everyone enjoyed the music.

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Community Activities Corner



KYANNE MERRILL
Director of LWRCAC



Building a true sense of community, through memorable events and social clubs.

CLUB DAY was a huge success on Main Street for the second year running. We want to thank Lakewood Ranch Business Alliance and Lakewood Ranch Main Street for partnering with us for this event! It was a beautiful evening and fun was had by all who attended; there were approximately 25 of the 48 clubs represented!

BOOFEST and FESTA ITALIANA were both very successful events and we want to thank all who attended! In addition, we want to thank our sponsors and volunteers who participated in our events. It takes a community coming together to make such memorable and fun events!



HOLIDAYS AROUND THE RANCH, our community holiday sensation of magical charm, takes place from 6-9 p.m. Dec. 9 on Lakewood Main Street. Children and adults alike will stand in awe at the sight of Santa Claus as he makes his grand entry in his beautiful white, horse-drawn carriage, decorated in white lights and garland. Gather around the fountain leading up to the countdown of the lighting of the spectacular tree. Children can experience outdoor skating on the acrylic rink and an ALL NEW snow tubing ramp! Once again, have a DVD made with Dance Heads Florida. Community Activities will offer a make-and-take Santa ornament craft for children. Sip on hot cocoa and egg nog



from our many street vendors while enjoying the annual line up of stage performances by numerous local dance and music studios. The season is made for sharing and this event like no other will bring us together to revel in the ambiance of the evening. Special thanks to all our event sponsors for making this event free of charge. Happy Holidays to all from Lakewood Ranch Community Activities!

CLUB NEWS AND GATHERINGS

BALLROOM DANCE CLUB: The Lakewood Ranch Couples Ballroom Dance Club will now be holding their Sunday Nite Socials at the beautiful Dancing at the Suncoast Studio, located in San Marco Plaza, 8215 Natures Way, Lakewood Ranch. Our next Sunday Nite Social will be held from 7-10 p.m. Nov. 20, followed by our annual New Year's Eve Party on Dec. 31. Please

email dancinrose1@gmail.com or visit our web page, www.lakewoodranchgov.org/clubs, for more information on becoming a member.

EVENING MAH JONGG is looking for some new members. They meet Tuesdays and Thursdays at Town Hall. Contact Cindy Tench for details at cindy-tench@gmail.com.

THE LUNCH CLUB AT LAKEWOOD RANCH welcomes adults in Lakewood Ranch to enjoy a delicious lunch from the 9th Street Bistro, socialize, and explore a variety of topics presented by guest speakers, and best of all, it's affordable and fun! Exciting topics for November and December include presentations on: "Grief & The Holidays," "Manatee Village Historical Park," and "Out Scam the Scammers." The Lunch Club meets every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Lakewood Ranch Town Hall. Please contact Jackie Godlewski or Sue Taylor at 941-749-0100 for more information or to reserve your seat. Reservations are encouraged, but walk-ins are always welcome. Please note, there will be no club on Nov. 22 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

JEWISH WOMEN'S CIRCLE of Lakewood Ranch meets for social, educational, and cultural purposes. The Jewish Women's Club will host weekly Torah & Tea classes every Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the home of Chanie Bukiet. Please contact Chanie for more information at 941-752-3030, Ext 2., or chanie@chabadof-bradenton.com. The Jewish Women's RCS course: "Simple Truths; Pivotal Jewish Insights into Centered Living" will hold a class at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 6 at The Chabad House, 5712 Lorraine Road, Lakewood Ranch.

DOUBLE DECK PINOCHLE: Our club members have been having fun together since 2008. We invite new members: young, older, married, single, divorced, widowed, male or female, experts or newbies. There is no membership fee except laughter. We play every Tuesday from 1 until 5 p.m., rotating among members' homes. You don't have to play every week; we all have other plans too! Email Val at valen3000@aol.com.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT): We ask residents who have signed up to take the CERT disaster preparedness training course to be patient as Lakewood Ranch Town Hall finalizes the schedule of dates for 2017 meeting room space. Our 2017 schedule of classes will be announced soon, and those on the course waiting list will be notified by email.

The CERT training course, developed by FEMA, covers family disaster preparedness, emergency first aid, fire safety, search and rescue, and terrorism. The course is free for Lakewood Ranch residents. For more information on the training, and helpful downloads about disaster preparedness, please visit the Lakewood Ranch CERT web site at www.lwrcert.org.

In the event of a major disaster, emergency services may be overwhelmed and first responders may be delayed in reaching all areas of the county. The more than 250 members of the Lakewood Ranch CERT have volunteered to serve on teams in their neighborhoods to help in the event of a major disaster, either weather-related or man-made. They will be here to conduct

search and rescue, and provide emergency first aid until emergency personnel are able to reach Lakewood Ranch.

There are still neighborhoods in Lakewood Ranch that do not have any CERT-trained residents. Please consider getting trained in disaster preparedness. Be ready to help your family and your neighbors ... just in case. For more information, visit www.lwrcert.org or email us at lwr.cert@gmail.com.

EVENING MAH JONGG: Evening Mah Jongg is played on Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Lakewood Ranch Town Hall. We are a fun, social group. We follow the national Mah Jongg rules. Beginners are welcome, as well as couples, men or singles. Please come with a card to play. If you have any questions please call Cindy Tench at 941-961-4224.

ST. GEORGE'S MAHJONGG: We play a friendly game according to National Mah Jongg rules at Town Hall from 1 to 4 p.m. All skill levels are welcome. We do not teach. If you would like to join us please contact Aida Pyle, Ampyle41@aol.com or give me a call at 941-907-3846.

DEMOCRATIC CLUB meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at Lakewood Ranch Town Hall. All folks are welcome!

MAH JONGG QUEENS: This group of Lakewood Ranch residents play competitive mah jongg using the National Mah Jongg League rules as well as a few house rules. They meet weekly from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Friday afternoons at Lakewood Ranch Town Hall. For more information about this group, please call Glenda Robertson at 941-907-8990 or e-mail her at: glenda-ron1@tampabay.rr.com.

BRIDGE ON TUESDAY GROUP: We meet the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. You are welcome anytime you like. We usually play from 1 to 4 p.m.

2016 Lakewood Ranch Calendar of Events

Dec. 9

Holidays Around the Ranch

LWR Main Street

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

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

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A note from Cool Today CEO Jaime DiDomenico:

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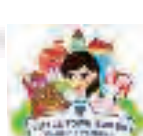
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Premier Sports Campus celebrates new amenities

BY ERNIE SOLLER

Community Correspondent

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AND ERIC NALPAS

Just a few years ago, the 140 acres of land where the Premier Sports Campus now sits was a landscape of tomato fields. There were no soccer fields, no parking area, no landscaping, fences, etc. Nothing was growing there but tomatoes – unless you consider the wildlife whose paths crossed those fields.

Then there was an idea: Build a set of playing fields second to none in this portion of the country ... and keep building as the demand for playing space increased and the number of kids (and adults) using

the fields increased.

And so it began, small at first, but it was done right. The fields were sodded with Celebration turf, in order to be durable and take the pounding punishment doled out by thousands of feet during games. The fields were equipped with drains, so that even if there was a heavy amount of rain that would have turned normal fields into an unplayable mire, the fields at Premier Sports Campus would not need weeks to dry out sufficiently to be playable.

Once the fields started to multiply, someone had another good idea: let's put in lights, so that events can be held after dark. And so there was light, and play continued after dark. There are 22 FIFA regulation

fields at Premier Sports, eight of which are equipped with lights. Not only are those fields home to hundreds of soccer games, but they are also used for football, lacrosse, rugby, and recently even Australian Rules Football.

The Premier Sports Campus became so popular that teams from all over the country have traveled there to play – especially in the big tournaments held several times a year – such as the Labor Day Showcase.

With the emergence of the Premier Sports Campus as a major destination for players and teams, the impact on the community at large has been huge. On weekends when there are major tournaments scheduled, hotel space in and around Lakewood Ranch becomes

very scarce. Restaurants and stores in the area have noticed a significant uptick in their business on tournament weekends.

To put another star in the galaxy of the PSC, the International Visibility Program, featuring the “European Showcase by Figo,” held a soccer tournament on Veteran's Day weekend, designed to give American players exposure to those coaches who can help them gain entry to the European stage, where soccer is THE sport. The tournament featured high-grade players from all over the country, and those players were evaluated by Luis Figo, a major European star, and his crew of coaches.

To celebrate all these great things, and especially the construc-

tion of the “stadium seating” recently built at PSC, a ribbon cutting and party were held in October, attended by community leaders such as Manatee County Commissioner Vanessa Baugh, Lakewood Ranch Executive Director Anne Ross, numerous local business people, and Lakewood Ranch visionaries such as John Clarke and Rex Jensen. The attendees were able to see for themselves the new facilities at PSC: the stadium seats, the press box, the ticket offices, concessions, bathrooms, and even a Lakewood Ranch Information Center built into one of the structures!

Those who came observed the latest enhancements in the transformation of those tomato fields into fields of dreams.





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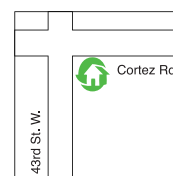
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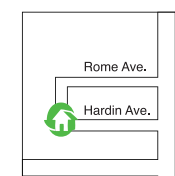


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November 22nd – Fourth Tuesday

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

November 23rd – Fourth Wednesday

- Mah Jongg at One, Town Hall, 1 p.m.

November 24th – Fourth Thursday

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

November 25th – Fourth Friday

CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY WEEKEND

November 26th – Fourth Saturday

- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 8 a.m.
- Football Club, soccer field 1, 9 a.m.

November 27th – Fourth Sunday

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

November 28th – Fourth Monday

- Art Club, Town Hall, noon

November 29th – Fifth Tuesday

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

November 30th – Fifth Wednesday

- Mah Jongg, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Asian Women's Club, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

December 1st – First Thursday

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

December 2nd – First Friday

- Art Club, Town Hall, noon
- Mah Jongg Queens, Town Hall, 12:30 a.m.
- Music on Main, LWR Main Street, 6-9 p.m.

December 3rd – First Saturday

- Adult Soccer, Summerfield Park, 8 a.m.
- Football Club, soccer field 1, 9 a.m.
- Scribes Club, Town Hall, 10 a.m.

December 4th – First Sunday

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

December 5th – First Monday

- Handcrafts and More, Town Hall, 10 a.m.
- Art Club, Town Hall, noon
- Garden Club board meeting, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Genealogy Club, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

December 6th – Second Tuesday

- Lunch Club, Town Hall, 10:30 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.
- Angler's Club, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

December 7th – Second Wednesday

- Mah Jongg, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Bingo, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Community Activities, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

December 8th – Second Thursday

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

December 9th – Second Friday

- Women's Club Board Meeting, Town Hall, 9:30 p.m.
- Art Club, Town Hall, noon
- Mah Jongg Queens, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- HOLIDAYS AROUND THE RANCH, LWR MAIN ST., 6 TO 9 P.M.

December 10th – Second Saturday

- Adult Soccer, Summerfield Park, 8 a.m.
- Football Club, soccer field 1, 9 a.m.
- Scribes Club, Town Hall, 10 a.m.

December 11th – Second Sunday

- Ladies' Soccer, soccer fields 1 & 2, 2 p.m.
- Jewish Club, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

December 12th – Second Monday

- Garden Club, Town Hall, 9 a.m.
- Art Club, Town Hall, noon
- History Club, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

December 13th – Second Tuesday

- Lunch Club, Town Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Bridge on Tuesday, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Empty Nesters, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Evening Mah Jongg, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Running Club board meeting, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Democratic Club, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

December 14th – Second Wednesday

- Women's Club board meeting, Town Hall, 9:30 p.m.
- Mah Jongg at One, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Digital Photography, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

December 15th – Third Thursday

- Ladies' Devotional Hour, Town Hall, 9:30 p.m.
- St. George's Mah Jongg, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Financial Forum, Caddy Shack in River Club, 9 a.m.

December 16th – Third Friday

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

December 17th – Third Saturday

- Adult Soccer, soccer field 1, 8 a.m.

- Football Club, soccer field 1, 9 a.m.
- Scribes Club, Town Hall, 10 a.m.

December 18th – Third Sunday

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

December 19th – Third Monday

- Hand Crafts and More, Town Hall, 10 a.m.
- Art Club, Town Hall, noon
- Jewish Club, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

December 20th – Third Tuesday

- Lunch Club, Town Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Empty Nesters, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.
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November 16	10 a.m.	CDD 4 Agenda Review Workshop 907-0202
	10:15 a.m.	CDD 4 Board Meeting 907-0202
	3 p.m.	CEVA Safety Meeting 907-6999
	4 p.m.	GBVA Modifications Meeting 907-0202
	4 p.m.	Mizner Reserve Neighborhood Meeting 373-3898
	4 p.m.	Sandhills Neighborhood Committee 907-0820
November 17	6 p.m.	GBVA Annual Board Meeting 907-0202
	8:30 a.m.	CDD 1 Board Meeting 907-0202
	9 a.m.	CDD 2 & CDD 5 Board Meetings 907-0202
	10:30 a.m.	CDD 6 Board Meetings 907-0202
November 18	6 p.m.	Watercrest Budget Meeting 907-0948
November 22	8:30 a.m.	SRVA Modifications Meeting 907-0202
November 23	1 p.m.	Country Club Modifications Meeting 907-0202
	3 p.m.	Edgewater Modifications Meeting 907-0202
November 28	5:30 p.m.	Hollow Board Meeting 752-4812
December 1	2 p.m.	CEVA Violations 907-0202
	3 p.m.	CEVA Restriction Revisions Meeting 907-9745
December 5	9 a.m.	CEVA Landscape Committee
	7 p.m.	Brier Creek Neighborhood Meeting 907-1169
December 7	4 p.m.	GBVA Modifications Meeting 907-0202
December 12	9 a.m.	CDD 6 Agenda Review Workshop 907-0202
December 13	8 a.m.	IDA Board Meeting
	8:30 a.m.	SRVA Modifications Meeting 907-0202
	10 a.m.	CDD 1 Agenda Review Workshop 907-0202
	1 p.m.	CDD 2 Agenda Review Workshop 907-0202
	2:30 p.m.	CDD 5 Agenda Review Workshop 907-0202
December 14	10 a.m.	CDD 4 Agenda Review Workshop 907-0202
	10:15 a.m.	CDD 4 Board Meeting 907-0202
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	3 p.m.	Edgewater Modifications Meeting 907-0202
December 15	8:30 a.m.	CDD 1 Board Meeting 907-0202
	9 a.m.	CDD 2 & CDD 5 Board Meetings 907-0202
	10:30 a.m.	CDD 6 Board Meetings 907-0202
December 19	5:30 p.m.	Hollow Board Meeting 752-4812

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BY ERNIE SOLLER,
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Representatives from family medical practices,

insurance providers, dental offices, dermatologists, fitness clubs, senior living residences, counseling services, the YMCA, and a host of other organizations came to one place to offer the citizens of Greater Lakewood Ranch the op-

portunity to learn about their services and the opportunities they afford our residents.

The event is an annual activity of Lakewood Ranch Community Activities Corporation.

There were volunteers at the door handing out goodie bags to be filled with information, as well as candy, pens, the all-important chip clips, and other giveaway items. It was almost like Halloween – for adults.

But the kids weren't forgotten. They could sample candy (and get a healthy apple to clean

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There were tables set up outside offering farm-fresh produce for sale, plants from the Lakewood Ranch Garden Club, and Kahwa Coffee, Lakewood Ranch's newest coffee house, was offering free coffee – hot, cold and even espresso – right out on the hospital's front lawn!

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Organizers at SCF Lake-

wood Ranch have collected more than 750 pounds of dog and cat food since January. The college began collecting the food after learning that many seniors were saving part of their Meals on Wheels deliveries for their pets because they couldn't afford pet food.

Pets offer seniors several benefits including companionship that can help alleviate or prevent depression, reducing blood pressure and increasing physical activity.

Too often, struggling seniors have to choose between caring for their

pets and caring for themselves. In addition to Meals on Wheels, the Food Bank offers 10 emergency food deliveries a week. Cindy Sloan, vice president of the Food Bank, has helped facilitate the food drive.

The pet food collection

is ongoing at SCF Lakewood Ranch. Students, faculty and staff all contribute to the drive. Cindy Sloan, vice president of the Food Bank, has helped facilitate the food drive. The collection box is in the lobby of Building 1 at SCF Lakewood Ranch, 7131 Professional Pkwy. E., Lakewood Ranch, 34240. Anyone can contribute.

For more information, contact Priscilla Glanville at glanvip@scf.edu or call 941-363-7275.



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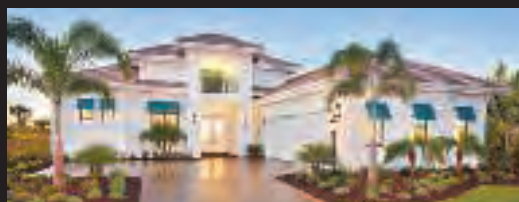
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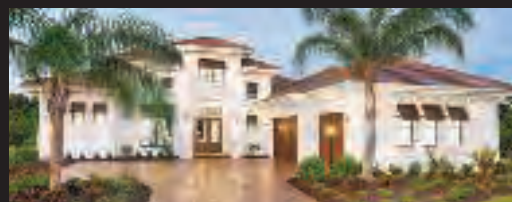
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