

Stoneybrook Happenings

By Denis Oldani, President HOA Greetings neighbors!

Stoneybrook

At the HOA August homeowner's meeting the board passed the repairs to the pickleball courts. As of this moment, the start date has yet to be scheduled, we hope to have it completed by fall. We are now back on track

to get the Miromar wall repaired; the project has been stalled for several months. The board passed the motion needed to get the project moving forward. Unfortunately, we were not on the contractor's schedule until now. It now looks like it will be the end of the year or the beginning of next year to get the project started. We hope it will be

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sooner, but it may not. We are currently working on the 2024 budget. Traffic will soon be picking up as we get into season, not only in the community but also on main roads. Please drive carefully, obey the speed limit, and stop signs in the community.

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First Day of Autumn September 23

Catch The Action

September On The Water

By Capt. Bill Russell

With the arrival of September, the end of summer is in sight as we gradually break away from hot muggy days and transition to the cooler days of autumn. This is great news for anglers fishing around Southwest Florida. Days become less humid with a slight drop in temperature, a welcomed relief after a hot Florida summer. Don't get me wrong, there will still be plenty of hot days, but they become much more tolerable as the month progresses. And let's hope after last September delivered devastating *Hurricane Ian*, this year tropical storms keep away.

Just as anglers enjoy the change of seasons, fish respond, as they become more active resulting in improved fishing. With a drop in water temperature after a hot summer, you can expect fish to exert more energy and feed consistently throughout the day. Of course, it's fishing, there are days when you can't buy a bite no matter what, but chances for success are tipped in your favor as the water cools.

Offshore, as water temperatures drop and the change of seasons begin, look for fish to move closer to shore in shallower depths and pelagic species heading south down the coast. Grouper, plus large snapper should be caught with consistency in depths from 65 to 90 feet in gulf waters. Artificial reefs that dot our coast, along with hard bottom and ledges in 30- to 70-foot depths are great locations to catch a variety of different fish from small to large.

Mangrove snapper fishing was very good through the summer and should continue strong this month. Snapper school up around some type of structure that could include bridge pilings, docks, piers, oyster bars, creeks, mangroves shorelines, or any type of manmade or natural submerged structure. Offshore, they are found in numbers over artificial reefs and limestone ledges. Scale down your tackle with a light fluorocarbon leader of 20 pounds or lighter and small hooks. Best baits include shrimp (live or dead), small pilchards or pinfish, and a variety of cut baits. Chumming is a great option to attract snapper and get them fired up.

It's possible over the month to come across schools of large redfish roaming the inshore shallows. Often several hundred or more travel along the edge of shallow bars and shorelines eating anything in their path. If you come across a school, make a long cast in front of the lead fish, and hang on. These big reds generally run 30 inches or larger and are schooling until we get our first real cold front, likely in October.

Bigger sea trout begin moving back into shallower water to feed; this is a great time to work a top water plug across your favorite trout flats. Plenty of sea trout are caught under the endless schools of baitfish, look for birds and surface activity. Trout fishing will get better as the water continues to cool over the month.

Snook will casually leave the beaches and Gulf passes where they spend the summer months and transition back inshore on the flats. Target snook around oyster bars, shorelines, sand holes, and structures such as riprap, docks, piers, and bridges. This is often one of the best months for snook fishing as they are active, on the move,

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and foraging on a variety of baits. Snook season reopens this month and runs through November.

Stay up to date with fishing regulations by visiting www.myfwc.com. Also, upload the Fish Rules app on

your phone. It has current regulations and seasons with pictures to help identify fish.

With a variety of fish and enjoyable weather, this is a great month to get out there and see what you can catch!

For charter information, please contact us at Gulf Coast Guide Service and "Catch the Action" with Capt. Bill Russell, call or text (239) 410-8576, website: www.fishpineisland.com, email: gcl2fish@live.com.

Capt. Bill Russell is a native and lifelong resident of Pine Island who has spent his entire life fishing the waters surrounding Pine Island and Southwest Florida.

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The play is set in the dining room of a typical well-to-do household, the place where the family assembled daily for breakfast and dinner and for any and all special occasions. The action consists of a mosaic of interrelated scenes some funny, some touching, some rueful – which, taken together, create an in-depth portrait of a vanishing species: the upper-middle-class WASP. The actors change roles, a wide variety of characters. Each vignette introduces a new set of people and events. Dovetailing swiftly and smoothly, the varied scenes coalesce, ultimately, into a theatrical experience of exceptional range, compassionate humor and abundant humanity.

Miss Bennet: Christmas At Pemberley - Nov. 1 To 19

Location: Naples United Church of Christ's McSpadden Hall, 5200 Crayton Road, Naples, FL



of her feet in Pride and Prejudice, the Bennet family is celebrating Christmas at Pemberley, the Darcy residence. When an unexpected visitor joins the celebrations, the sisters are forced to change their perspectives on life, love, and their role in society.

To purchase tickets for either show call the box office

at (239) 263-7990, stop by in person during business hours, or buy online 24/7.

The Naples Players, 701 5th Avenue South, Naples, FL 34102, (239) 263-7990, www. naplesplayers.org.



Consumer Alerts

Joining Forces To Help Stop Scam Calls

By Rosario Mendez, Attorney and Consumer Education Specialist, FTC



Robocalls

Nobody likes getting bombarded with robocalls. Not only are they annoying, but they're often pushing scams for things like fake auto warranties and credit card debt relief programs. The FTC and law enforcement agencies from all 50 states are taking action to stop them. And you

Recently, the FTC and its federal and state law enforcement partners announced Operation Stop Scam Calls, the latest joint effort in the fight against illegal robocalls. This announcement outlines the enforcement actions to stop multiple dishonest telemarketers, the companies that hire them, and Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) service providers that supply the technology for telemarketers to make millions of scammy robocalls.

Here's How You Can Help

- Know your rights. A robocall trying to sell you something is illegal unless the company has your written permission to call you that way. Read the article Robocalls (www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/robocalls) for more information.
- Spot the scams that use illegal robocalls. Many illegal robocalls lead to scams. They might try to convince you the call is from the government, tech support, or your auto warranty company, but it's not. It's a scam. Listen to some examples of robocall scams (www.consumer.ftc. gov/features/robocall-scam-examples).
- Hang up on phone scams. Some scammers will call you and say you won a prize, but you have to pay to get it. (Don't. It's a scam.) Or the scammer may say that you'll be arrested for money you owe and that you have to pay immediately. (That's also a scam.) Hang up or delete the voicemail. Don't press any number or call back. For more advice, read Phone Scams (https://consumer.ftc.gov/ articles/phone-scams).
- Report scams and illegal robocalls. Reporting helps law enforcement and investigators stop scams and illegal robocalls. Report scams at ReportFraud.ftc.gov and report illegal robocalls at DoNotCall.gov.

For more advice on how to stop unwanted calls, check out ftc.gov/calls.

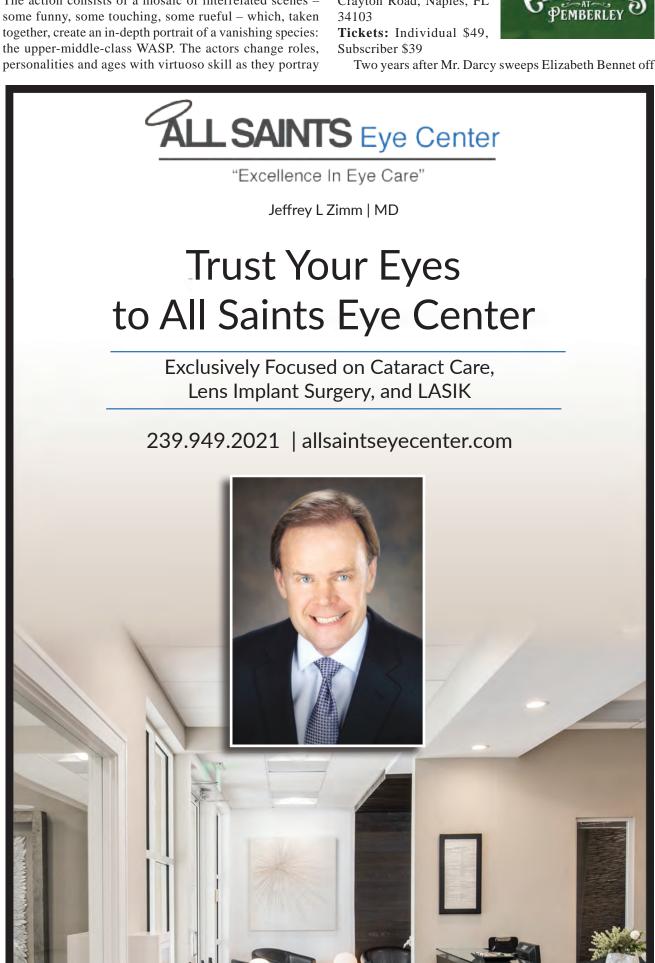
Did You Know? -

"Strengths" Is The Longest Word In The **English Language With One Vowel**

According to the Guinness Book of World Records, "strengths" is the longest word in the English language with one vowel. The word contains



nine letters, eight of them being consonants



Update On The Golf Course

By Eileen Huff, CDD Board Chairperson

For the month of July 2023, the actual rounds of golf were 3,944 to a budget of 1,850. There were two days closed due to rain. The course is still above the budgeted rounds of golf and revenues for the year. The course had a great month and is still doing great.

Bingo Nights

Bingo - Please Respond **ASAP**

Reminder: Please email Jewel if you are attending so we can distance the tables. If we do not get 10 people, bingo will be cancelled.

Upcoming dates are Sept. 21 and Oct. 5 and 19, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Stoneybrook Clubhouse.

Please bring your masks (optional). Stay safe and take care of yourselves.

The cost will be \$10 for three cards per game. We play 10 double games. Daubers are available for purchase. BYOB and snacks. This is for ages 18-plus only (Florida state law).

> Jewel Faerber and the Activities Committee, jcf0519@comcast.net



Ron Ritschel, Tom Syrocznski, Ken Huff (members of the Board of the Wednesday Men's League) and Danny Clark, bag drop supervisor

For the month ending July 31, total revenues were \$141,295 which is \$29,561 more than 2022 and \$59,830 over 2023 budget. Year-to-date revenues are \$3,570,835, which is \$345,073 over 2022 budget, and \$439,826 over 2023 budget. The expenses for the month ending July 31, were \$283,865 which is \$290 more than 2022 and \$69,005 more than 2023 budget. Year-to-date expenses are \$2,764,440 which is \$390,432 over 2022 and \$327,551 over 2023 budget. The net position as of July 31 is \$103,650 under budget.

The bag drop shed has been replaced. The staff is very happy with the changes in their area. Lloyd Sebby and Danny Clark were instrumental in getting the building and the installation. Also, the Men's Wednesday League has purchased and installed a sunscreen for the staff. This is a great help to the staff, especially in the early mornings.

The Board approved the budget for 2024. The Stoneybrook CDD portion of your next tax bill will be \$1,386.46 which is a \$21.91 increase over 2023. There was an increase in the Irrigation Fund and an increase in the General Fund, but the Board was able to adjust the budget accordingly to have as little impact to the resident as possible. The Clubhouse Fund, which is the fund for Duffy's and the Pro Shop will be used at a future time to help reduce the annual costs to the residents. The Board felt that it was prudent to wait two to three years before reducing that fund to insure we a have sufficient funds to cover the expenses for the building and property.

If you are interested in lessons or joining one of the Women's or Men's Stoneybrook Golf Leagues, please contact the Pro Shop at (239) 948-3933.

If you have any questions regarding these issues or any concerns, please email the CDD at cdd@ stoneybrookesterocdd.com, or attend the CDD meetings.

The September CDD meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 6 p.m. It will be held at the Stoneybrook Community Center.

Stoneybrook Master Association

Daniel "Todd" Madden, Secretary Denis Oldani, President

Directors:

Darrell Grigg, Kelly Moretti, Mark Ruset

The Board of Directors meets on the third Tuesday of the month in the Community Center. Meetings are open to all community members. Residents may address the Board during Residents' Open Forum which begins at 6:30 p.m. At the end of the Residents' Forum the general meeting begins.

Stoneybrook Community Development District (CDD) Board of Supervisors

The Board of Supervisors meets at 9 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month in the Community Center. Exceptions are: November and December held on the second Tuesday because of holidays, and February, May, June and August held at 6 p.m. Meetings are open to all community members. Agendas, minutes and other information

Board Of Directors

Melissa Mahmoud, Vice President John Detterbeck, Treasurer

Eileen Huff - Chairperson, Chris Brady - Vice Chairperson, Phil Olive - Assistant Secretary, Phil Simonsen - Assistant Secretary, Adam Dalton - Assistant Secretary

can be found on the CDD website: www.stoneybrookesterocdd.com.

Stoneybrook – A Golf Community

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Community Center	948-1787			
Community Center Fax	948-1786			
Pro Shop	948-3933			
Golf Course Superintendent	948-9057			
Main Line Irrigation Problems				
 during normal golfing hours 	948-9057			
Alliant Property Management LLC	454-1101			
Alliant Property Management Fax	454-1147			
Lennar (formerly US Home)	278-1177			
Lee County Sheriff's Office	477-1200			
Poison Control	(800) 222-1222			
Alligator Hotline	(866) 392-4286			
Animal Control	432-2083			
Mosquito Control	694-2174			
Comcast	432-9277			
Florida Power & Light	334-7754			
Lee County Utilities	936-0247			
to report "Lift Station" alarm	479-8700			
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Waste Services of Florida	332-8500			
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Master Board Contact us on the Home page on the Website: www.stoneybrookestero.org **Alliant Property Management LLC** Emergency (24-hour) Number: (239) 454-1101 www.alliantproperty.com 13831 Vector Ave, Fort Myers, FL 33907 **Community Center**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	Office Closed	5 Water Aerobics 9:00am Social Hour 5:30 pm @ Duffy's	6 Exercise 8:00 am Hand & Foot 12:45 pm	7 Water Aerobics 9:00 am ARC Meeting 4:30pm	8 Exercise 8:00am Mahjong 1pm	9 Water Aerobics 9:00 am
10	11 Exercise 8:00am Knitting 1pm	12 Water Aerobics 9:00am Ladies Lunch 11:30 am	13 Exercise 8:00am Hand & Foot 12:45 pm Men's Breakfast at Perkins 9am Compliance Meeting 6pm	14 Water Aerobics 9:00 am	15 Exercise 8:00am Mahjong 1pm	16 Water Aerobics 9:00 am
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Upcoming Activities

By Carol Oldani

Hello fellow Stoneybrookers! I hope everyone is enjoying the quiet (and very hot) days of summer. Meanwhile, the Adult Activity Committee is working hard scheduling activities for the fall and winter. No worries ... as you know Stephanie Crockett and her committee are scheduling many children's/family activities too, along with Coffee, Tea And Chat which became a huge success!

With Debbie Lane, and several others leaving the group, the **new Adult Activities Committee** consists of myself, Jewel Faerber, and headed up by Susan Schroeder. We've been working for several months lining up entertainment for the upcoming season. After all, we have some big shoes to fill! But I think we have a fabulous lineup planned.

We've brought back some of your favorites from last year such as the comedian **R C Smith**, along with the **Johnny Rogers Band. Joe Sassarini**, the DJ who hosted last year's **western night** will also appear with a mix of country music, oldies and other great dance music. The ever-popular **trivia party** will be held again too. In addition, we added new entertainers such as a **magician/illusionist** show; a popular band in the area, **Brylcream**; a band called **Fuze** playing

dance music with a talented female singer; plus a performer, **Dave DeLuca**, will sing and play dance music.

To encourage some of our younger adults to participate, we've tried to schedule as many of our activities as possible on weekends. We will sell tickets for every event on one evening to accommodate working folks, as well as on one morning

Along with Jewel hosting bingo and family-friendly events planned by the Children's/Family Activity Committee, we are all looking forward to a great fall and winter!

August Coffee, Tea And Chat

Submitted by Stephanie Crockett

This month's coffee chat theme was "Back to School" and it was definitely fun to remember how school was from years ago and compare it to how things are different now. Always a good turnout, and soon season will be here, and many neighbors and friends will be coming back. We look forward to seeing everyone. Next month come celebrate with us as it will be one year since we started this little idea of Joan's!





ARC Corner ... Did You Know?

Once again, some things bear repeating, so here are a few items as a reminder:

Driveways: Did you know you cannot paint or install pavers on your driveway without first receiving approval from the ARC? Doing so without proper approval may cost you a trip to the fining committee. **Any** and **all** alterations to the exterior of your residence must first be approved by the ARC. Request forms are available online or in the community center office. And remember, just because you submit a request form, doesn't mean you are free to start your project. You **must** receive a **signed** approval.

Swales: You may **not** plant anything or place anything in the swales between your homes. You know those slight "ditches" between your houses? Those were established by the developer for proper water drainage and disturbing this

area may cause increased issues with standing water and/or water not draining away properly from your homes ... not to mention the issue you may have with your neighbor!

And while we all love to watch the wildlife around us, bird feeders and fruit trees are a big **no-no**. It attracts unwanted visitors into our area. Birdhouses are okay, but not the feeders! Please be aware of this and remove any bird feeders from your property. Fruit trees also invite palm rats, raccoons and ants. Please be mindful of this restriction.

The ARC committee and your Board of Directors have been working diligently on an update to the ARC guidelines. It should be approved at the BOD next meeting. So, when in doubt, contact the office or any ARC member. We are here to help you and keep Stoneybrook beautiful! And now you know!

Book Club

Fall 2023 And Beyond



Oct. 16 The Lies I Tell by Julie Clark
Nov. 20 Green Light by Matthew McConaughey
Dec. 18 The Midnight Library by Matt Haig
Jan. 15, 2024 The Accidental Empress
by Allison Pataki

Monthly Motivation

The 10 Commandments Of Communication

By Joshua A. Sky, Executive Coach and Leadership Trainer
Toastmasters International is highly respected for their
education and support at chapters worldwide primarily for
individuals seeking to improve their public speaking skills.
But if we look at this list called "The 10 Commandments
of Communication," can we apply these concepts in our
personal conversations daily both professionally and with
family and friends?

- 1. Listen generously.
- 2. Say what you mean, and mean what you say.

- 3. Use the fewest words with the fewest syllables.
- 4. Align with your audience.
- 5. Be specific.
- 6. Suit the action to the word ... the word to the action.
- 7. Structure your speech.
- 8. Speak to be understood.
- 9. Speak for the benefit of others.
- 10. Speak from your highest self.

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Treasurer's Report

Financial Information As Of July 31, 2023

Cash On Hand

 Operating
 \$829,986.85

 Reserves
 \$320,027.98

 Total Cash
 \$1,150,014.83

 Year-To-Date Income

Actual \$1,382,127.98
Budgeted \$1,327,535.54
Variance \$54,592.44
Year-To-Date Expenses

 Actual
 \$1,471,753.46

 Budgeted
 \$1,327,535.61

 Variance
 \$144,217.85



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Engage NEWS

Roads And Traffic Issues

The Proposed Traffic Study

An Estero Village-Wide Traffic Study is included in the Fiscal Year 2023/24 budget. The Village



advertised the Village-Wide Traffic Study on July 18; responses were due by Aug. 10.

The Village Management considered which company to select and will finalize the contract over the next few months. The selection of the firm/contract will require Village Council approval.

Following a range of questions raised by the public about future traffic studies, Engage Estero reached out to the Village Management to seek clarification on these issues. The Village of Estero Councilperson George Zalucki and Village Management reassured that the following issues would be considered. Engage Estero expressed their thanks for their helpful guidance.

- The traffic study took into account estimates for the development of vacant parcels.
- It considered the impact on developments outside the Estero Village boundary.
 - It considered the peak traffic flow from January to May.
 - Workers' travel and service vehicles will be accounted for.
- There will be a few public meetings during the project and public meetings to discuss the report at Village Council meetings.
- Bicycle and pedestrian connectivity are covered in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. The first master plan was completed in 2019. The five-year Capital Improvement Plan includes an update for 2025/26. The Lee County MPO also recently completed a study on the rail/trail project. **Coconut Road**

Coconut Road was built before the Coconut Point Mall opened in 2006. The mall is an example of mixed-use development, including any combination of housing, office, retail, medical, recreational, commercial, or

industrial components. Coconut Road serves The Brooks Communities, The Colony, Meadowbrook, El Dorado, Pelican Landing, and Pebble Point. It is a local east-west/west-east



corridor to the mall, U.S. 41, or further west to the Hyatt Hotel and Raptor Bay Golf Course.

New developments on the west side of U.S. 41 on the twolane section of Coconut Road are being proposed that will significantly impact the area. This will be in addition to those communities already located on the west side of Coconut Road, such as Meadowbrook, El Dorado, The Colony, Estero Place, Pelican Landing, The Hyatt, and The Hyatt Residence Club.

The infrastructure needed for these new developments (the Woodfield Development on the northwest corner of U.S. 41 and Coconut Road and Saltleaf CDD west end of Coconut Road), such as road and path upgrades, water and sewage lines, electricity, and lighting, etc., requires urgent attention. Coconut Road is the only evacuation route for current and future residents along the western side of Coconut Road. It will pose a serious risk to residents if a solution is not found soon.

Given the additional impact this will have on Coconut Road, which is under Estero Village's control, it will be highly one-sided if there is no contribution from Lee County and Bonita Springs for road improvements to Coconut Road. It is appreciated that the Village leadership is asking Lee County and Bonita Springs to help finance necessary Coconut Road improvements to respond to its likely increased use. Hopefully, an amicable resolution will be found to address many concerns.

Estero Residents Have Their Say!

Engage Estero's July article "How You Can Impact The Future Of Greater Estero" generated significant interest. A cross-section of residents (259) responded to the short survey that was attached to the article. The directors and management of Engage Estero would like to thank all those who took the time to answer the survey questions.

Although the Village has indicated that they will be conducting a comprehensive Estero Village-Wide Traffic Study

that is included in the fiscal year 2023/24 budget, 97 percent of residents (those responding to the survey) would like Engage Estero to encourage the Village Management to



implement the project **as quickly as possible** and to conduct follow-up every four to five years.

When asked what organizations/companies they thought would be the most objective when conducting an independent traffic impact study, a third were unsure; 43 percent cited the Estero manager, 30 percent Lee County Management and only 3 percent the developer.

About whether Engage Estero should formally request that the Village require developers to present their plans to a nonbinding committee (open to the public) before formally presenting plans to the Planning, Zoning, and Design Board, an overwhelming 92 percent said yes that should be done.

Ninety-nine percent said Engage Estero should continue to inform the public of development requests and decisions involving the Estero Village Planning, Zoning, and Design Board (PZDB) and Village Council.

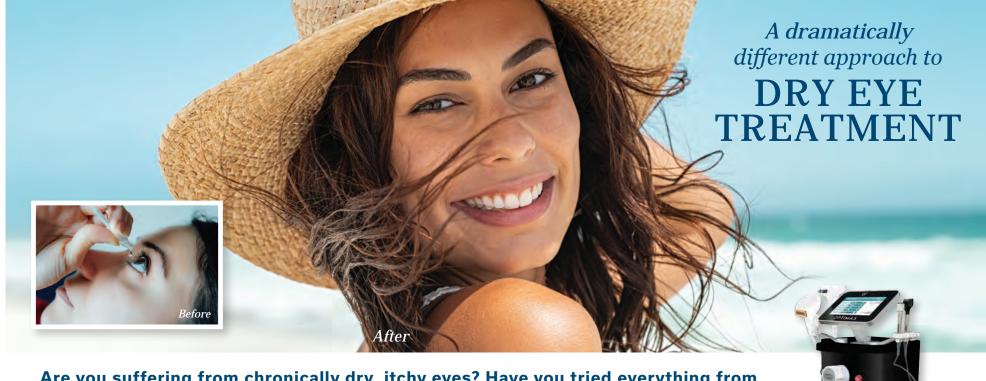
Although 46 percent indicated satisfaction with the council's communications and updates about developments, 29 percent were dissatisfied, with 22 percent neutral on this aspect.

Engage Estero will provide these essential findings to the council and management team for assessment and considered action.

Note the date for Engage Estero's public forum on "The Future of Estero" is Oct. 26 at 6 p.m. at FGCU.

The executive management team is finalizing the details of the expert panel in attendance. This will be an important meeting run similar to the two previous public forums that addressed the environment and water quality and the future of healthcare.

A series of critical questions will be asked of the panelists during the first part of the meeting before opening the meeting up for questions from the audience. More details will be forthcoming shortly.



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Warning Signs Of Identity Theft

The crime of identity theft has continued to grow and expand along with the development of newer technologies and consumer economic conveniences.

While the concept of identity theft has become somewhat commonplace, it is critical that individuals make their best efforts to protect their identity and to be observant for warning signs.

Most know to avoid sharing information such as social security numbers, account numbers, date of birth, etc., however, monitoring one's credit circumstances and taking proactive measures to protect against this crime are of equal importance.

Receiving credit card statements for accounts that you are unfamiliar with could be a

sign that someone has accessed your credit. Bills for items that you don't recall purchasing warrant your immediate attention.

Denials for loans/credit, when unwarranted, may indicate the theft of your identity.

Additionally, missing mail ... paper bills that seem to stop coming ... need to be looked into.

Pay close attention to all charges that appear on your credit card statement. While a bit tedious, consider saving all receipts and matching them to charges on your bill.

Let's return to the discussion of one's mail.

A significant amount of personal information is often exchanged through the mail system and protecting that mail will go a long way toward reducing or eliminating the chance of suffering identity theft. Collect your mail every day. Know the time of day that your mail is delivered and make efforts to retrieve it in a timely manner. Often, the only mail that we send out contains checks. That red flag hoisted on your mailbox, notifying your mail carrier of outgoing mail, may serve as an invitation to criminals. Make efforts to place outgoing mail in the mailbox just before your mail carrier is scheduled to arrive or consider mailing them at the nearest post office. Of course, should you see any suspicious activity at or around your mailbox, or the mailbox of a neighbor, please notify law enforcement immediately.

Lastly, take the time to request and review your credit reports from the three major reporting agencies, Equifax, (800) 685-1111; Experian, (888) 397-3742; and TransUnion, (888) 909-8872.

Should any of these reports contain signs of fraud, please ask these agencies to place fraud alerts and a credit freeze on your account. A credit freeze restricts access to your account and prevents anyone from applying for credit in your name ... including yourself. There is no cost or fee for this service. Should you need to apply for credit while a freeze is in place, you can request that it is temporarily lifted to allow you to do so. A credit freeze will remain in effect until you lift it.

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Friday, Oct. 13

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Club at Grandezza,

11481 Grande Oak Blvd., Estero, Fla.

Luncheon cost: \$35 inclusive

Reservations and cancellations must be received by Friday, Oct. 6.

Tables will be assigned for all guests. If you wish to be seated with friends, submit all names and checks together, plus contact name, phone number and any food allergies.

> Reserve with a check(s) payable to BSECWC and mail to: BSECWC, 20071 Seagrove St., #1003, Estero, FL 33928.

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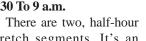
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August 18 – September 16



This clever adaptation of the Agatha Christie classic boasts glamour, intrigue, suspense and humor. The luxurious Orient Express is surprisingly full for the time of the year, but by morning the train is one passenger fewer. An American tycoon lies stabbed

to death, his door locked from the inside. Isolated and with a killer among them, the passengers rely on detective Hercule Poirot to find the murderer before he or she strikes again.

September 22 - October 28



It's 1962 and Baltimore's Tracy Turnblad, a big girl, with big hair and an even bigger heart, wins a spot on the local TV dance program and overnight is transformed from an outsider to a teen celebrity. Can this new trendsetter win the heart of heartthrob Link Larkin and

integrate a television show without denting her 'do? The upbeat score includes Good Morning Baltimore, You Can't Stop the Beat and the title song, Hairspray.

Dates may be subject to change.

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Tips From The Pro

Less Tension, More Freedom

By Chase Marinell, Lead Instructor for The Andy Scott School of Golf, The Executive Director of the SWFJGA

There have been times as a coach, I've heard a few of my students who have hit a wedge shot to 20 feet and were not very happy with that particular shot. As a matter of fact, this exact scenario occurred this past week during a playing lesson of mine with one of my juniors.

As soon as this junior expressed that he/she was displeased with their wedge shot of 20 feet, I pulled the statistical table up. This table represents the top players on the PGA Tour when it comes to proximity from the hole from 100 to 125 yards. I asked the junior what he/she thought the PGA Tour average was from 100 to 125 yards and this student said 10 feet. When I showed this table to my student, he/she was very surprised that the average proximity to hole from 100 to 125 yards on the PGA Tour was

20 feet and one inch. Little did this student know that they just hit their wedge shot to the PGA Tour average from 100 to 125 yards. This changed this particular student's mindset in a big way.

Sometimes in golf knowing these types of statistics can help our mindset in a big way. It can relax us, allow us to swing it with more freedom, and in the end make better swings.

During my time as a professional golfer, I felt like I needed to make every 8-foot putt that I looked at. Once I realized that the PGA Tour average from 8 feet was 50 percent, it relaxed me. The best players on the planet only make half of their 8-foot putts! Knowing this, it gave me more of a freewheeling attitude, allowed me to feel more freedom, and in the end make more 8-footers. The less tension, and more freedom we have, the easier it will be to pull off our desired golf shot.

If you're interested in lessons, please contact me at chasemarinell@yahoo.com or call (239) 848-2021.

Perspective is key!

Stoneybrook Ladies' Luncheons

The following Stoneybrook Ladies' Luncheons have been scheduled:

Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 11:30 a.m.

Saigon Paris Bistro, 12995 S. Cleveland Ave., Fort Myers

Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 11:30 a.m.

PF Chang's, Gulf Coast Town Center Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 11:30 a.m.

Cantina 109, Gulf Coast Town Center

Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 12 p.m. Holiday Luncheon, Hyatt Regency Resort, Bonita Springs

We will again be collecting donations for the Naples Shelter for Abused Women and Children. Suggested items include personal items and children's toys.

You may sign up for all luncheons at the Community Center or call to have your name placed on the list. Carpooling is encouraged. If you have any questions or need a ride match please contact Chris Costello, (239) 301-4510, chrispea46@hotmail.com or Helen Ruocco, (239) 992-0616, paradise11@comcast.net. See you there!

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By Thomas L. Patricca, CFP®, CEPS

Just as individuals possess unique traits that shape their personalities, they also exhibit distinctive financial behaviors that contribute to their financial personalities. Understanding these financial personalities is crucial, as they have a profound impact on an individual's overall financial plan and success.

Financial personalities can be broadly categorized into several archetypes: the saver, the spender, the investor, and the risk-taker. Savers are cautious, preferring to accumulate funds before making significant purchases. Spendthrifts enjoy present pleasures and are more prone to impulse buying. Investors prioritize long-term growth and often engage in strategic investments, while risk-takers embrace uncertainty, seeking high returns through adventurous ventures.

An individual's financial personality significantly influences their approach to budgeting, saving, investing, and risk management. Savers may excel at building emergency funds but might miss out on potential investment opportunities due to risk aversion. On the other hand, spendthrifts might struggle with long-term financial stability. Investors and risktakers may achieve impressive gains, but without proper risk assessment, they could experience substantial losses.

The key to financial success lies in finding a balance

between one's financial personality traits. A holistic approach to financial planning considers the strengths and weaknesses of each personality type. Savers can learn to invest wisely to maximize growth. Spendthrifts can embrace budgeting and saving strategies. Investors and risk-takers benefit from prudent risk management and diversification.

It's important to recognize that financial personalities are not fixed; they can evolve over time due to life experiences, education, and changing priorities. Developing a selfawareness of one's financial tendencies allows for intentional adjustments. Seeking professional financial advice is valuable, as experts can tailor strategies that align with an individual's unique personality traits and goals.

In the tapestry of financial personalities, there is no one-size-fits-all approach. Acknowledging your financial tendencies and proactively shaping them can pave the way for a more balanced, secure, and prosperous financial journey. By embracing the strengths of each financial archetype and mitigating their respective challenges, individuals can craft a tailored financial plan that leads to a brighter future. Of course, working with a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNERTM allows you to truly customize your financial plan to your unique financial personality.

September's Weird Fact

Dunce Caps Used To Be Signs Of Intelligence

Thirteenth-century philosopher John Duns Scotus believed that a pointed cap would help spread knowledge from the tip to the brain, and his "Dunsmen" followers wore them as a badge of honor. In the 1500s, though, his ideas became less popular, and the meaning of the Duns cap was turned on its head, becoming something of a joke.



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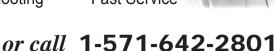
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