



# Bay Harbour Project Gets Lee LPA OK

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The controversial proposed Bay Harbour Marina Village mixed use development for San Carlos Island received a 5 to 1 approval from the Lee County Local Planning Agency (LPA) before roughly 30 people at the Administration East Building in Downtown Fort Myers on Monday morning, March 26.

It took three LPA Motions and two votes, however, before the Lee County LPA passed the measure to approve converting the 7.47-acre Main Street site from Industrial & Suburban Future Land Use (FLU) to Destination Resort Mixed Use Water Dependent (DRMUWD FLU), after the initial Motion did not receive a Second, and the next vote failed in a 3 to 3 tie. Lee County LPA member James Ink abstained from attending, as he is a Bay Harbour consultant, and it appeared his absence might carry significant consequences after the second vote.

In addition to the DRMUWD

FLU designation, Bay Harbour sought bonus density and accommodations for additional residential development, among other items. Lee County Staff recommended the LPA forward most of the request to the Lee County Board of Commissioners to designate the property DRMUWD FLU, with several amendments.

In 2015, Bay Harbour applied for a comprehensive plan amendment to change its property from Industrial FLU to Central Urban FLU and add it to the Mixed Use Overlay. Jack Mayher and Nick Ruland, partners in the Bay Harbour project at 1195 Main Street, proposed 175-foot-high residential buildings with 113 units, 37 for “workforce” or “moderate income” housing, with a 286-space boat barn, 520-car parking garage, and 15 townhouses. The Oak & Main Streets site was home for years to Compass Rose Marina, until Hurricane Charley destroyed that in 2004.

A Lee County hearing examiner in late 2016 [Cont'd pg.6](#)



Audience members at the Bay Harbour Marina Village meeting before the Lee County LPA.

## Town Staff Report: NO to TPI-FMB Third Report Issued March 16

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The level of public interest in the TPI-FMB downtown redevelopment application is unprecedented in recent history on Fort Myers Beach. The way it's being handled by the Town is also unprecedented with multiple, late staff reports, questionable third party reports and uncertainty as to how Town Council should handle the process.

Going back to the beginning, TPI-FMB filed an application with the Town of Fort Myers Beach in late March 2017. That application was the first official application for the project. While at least two previous

concepts had been discussed, the only one that crossed Town Hall's counter was the TPI-FMB project.

Once submitted, Principal Planner Matt Noble and Community Development Director Kara Stewart began reviewing the application and working with the applicant, TPI-FMB, to confirm that it was complete and had addressed all pertinent issues. This is done with all development applications and is a normal part of preparing an application for a Local Planning Agency (LPA) and Town Council hearing.

In April, Town Council broached the subject of hiring a consultant, with Mayor Dennis Boback [Cont'd pg.21](#)

## “The Impossible Dream” Captain Allen Fiske Sails On

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Allen Fiske was born in Central Massachusetts and, like a lot of native New Englanders, sailing was in his blood from a young age, with his Dad building him a 9-foot sailing pram by the time he was 10-years-old. As a young man Allen moved to Connecticut, where he owned three sailboats while sailing the Long Island Sound. He dreamed of eventually moving to a warm weather climate, where he could live on a sailboat and maybe even take a year or two off to go cruising. In 1982, at

age 36, however, Allen was in a car accident and became a paraplegic; his sailing days apparently over.

Or so he thought! Captain Allen not only got back on board; he became an innovative sailing instructor, as well as taking part in the Tall Ship Festival to commemorate Canada's 150th anniversary in the summer of 2017. He detailed his “Impossible Dream” at the final program of The Mound House's 2017-18 lecture series before roughly 40 people on Tuesday evening, March 27.

“I broke my back in the accident,” he explained, “so I sold my boat and, in a way, my [Cont'd pg.4](#)



Beach school children attending “Beach Day” on a Friday in 1942.

## A Walk through Estero Island History The early years of Beach Elementary: A community-built school

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It is said the character of a community can be judged by how it treats its most vulnerable residents. If this is true - and surely, children are a community's most tender and vulnerable citizens - then Fort Myers Beach has shown a heart of gold and a sterling character in providing education and care for its

youngest. It all started more than 80 years ago.

With no formal education available for the scattering of children who resided on the island in 1937, local mothers decided to found a school, and set about making it a reality within one season. The families of Canady, Geddys, Joyner, Kingston, McCleniston, Reese, Santini and Yeomans scraped together the [Cont'd pg.14](#)

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# LETTERS to the EDITOR

## VOTE YES ON TPI

TPI-FMB will be a wonderful addition to Fort Myers Beach. The sites where TPI proposes to place their development is an area of years of continuous disrepair. Since Hurricane Charley, it has been an extremely unwelcoming entrance to our town.

Twelve buildings occupy the beach side site. Ten will be demolished resulting with an unprecedented four-block street view of the Gulf where none is now. This pool area will never be built upon, though code allows. New metered parking will provide revenue to the town.

The hotel, located on the bay side, includes two pedestrian overpasses that will greatly reduce traffic stoppage at the Times Square signal. Yes, traffic backs up. It has been doing so since the swing bridge. TPI is endeavoring to help where it can on Estero Island on TPI land.

There is overwhelming support from neighboring businesses and residents island wide. Hired by the town, the author of the town's land use code wrote an 85-page report following a 6-month examination of the proposal. The town's LPA advisory committee, all local residents, voted 5-2 in favor of the development after reviewing the report. This proposal meets the spirit of the code and will tremendously improve our downtown area. I urge my FMB town council to approve this opportunity.

Jan Fleming  
Fort Myers Beach

## SQUEAKY DOORS

There is truth in the adage, "The squeaky wheel gets the grease." I know. Having been one at various times in my life, I've found that making noise about an issue is a good way to get it fixed. It seems, however, that while being squeaky might bring about a lube job on a wheel, being a squeaky door hinge doesn't seem to command the same respect, at least at the Fort Myers Beach Town Hall.

From the day our newly purchased and renovated building opened in October 2015 to the present, the hinges on the front doors, the ones We, the People, go through to attend meetings and do other business, have squeaked loudly and painfully. Since that date, we are on our fourth mayor, third town manager, second public works director, third town attorneys, God only knows how many community development/planning staff and a mixed variety of councilpersons. And not one of them has noticed this problem and suggested fixing it.

OK, granted. This isn't as big an issue as stormwater drainage, downtown re-development or taxes, not to mention totally unnecessary laws about newsracks. But the fact that it's been there all this time and nobody did anything about it speaks volumes about the efficacy of our town government. If they can't be trusted to take care of this little detail, which would take no more than a shot of WD-40 and twenty seconds to

fix, how can they be trusted with the important stuff? Could it be because they all enter the building using side and back doors which are punch-key-coded and never have to pass through the portals we common folks use? And analogously, that, too, speaks volumes.

The chances are very good that the sun will continue to rise each morning even if this never gets fixed. But as a testament to my devotion to the town, I'll pledge a donation of a small can of WD-40. For that matter, if it will relieve the maintenance budget of the twenty seconds worth of labor, I'll even come over and give the hinges the squirt they so badly need. I'm sure I can work it into my schedule sometime in the next couple of years.

Jay Light  
Fort Myers Beach

## DON'T FEED THE MANATEES

I'm writing this letter in hope that all of our visitors who come to Florida & enjoy our sun and wonderful wildlife read this. I work at a fresh market here on the beach, and a woman came in & bought all of our lettuce. She then said she was going to use it to feed manatees. I informed her that it was against the law for the protection of manatees, and that also she could be fined. When she didn't care, I explained that it was harmful to the creatures to get used to humans and that most manatees have scars because of this practice and that it's disrespectful to these animals and our environment. Not caring, she left to go feed them. Would I go north and harm their creatures? I'm disgusted and angry. How dare you?

I know that most of our visitors are wonderful & respectful, but it only takes one like this to leave a foul taste.

Annie Swartz  
Fort Myers Beach

## ARTFUL INTERSECTION THANKS

Many and Great thanks to all involved with the Friends of the Mound House most recent fundraiser, Artful Intersection, held at the FMB Woman's Club on March 23rd. We want to acknowledge our generous contributors. Sponsor: Tom & Mari Torgerson. Advertisers: Sunstream Hotels & Resorts, PWT Back Office Solutions. Our business donors: Castaways, Comfort by Design, Dolphin Inn, Island Fit Physical Therapy, Island Time Dolphin & Shelling Cruises, Lagerhead Cycleboats, Publix, Pure Florida Cruises, Skyes Mexican and More, South Beach Grille, The Sea Gypsy Inn, Truly Scrumptious. And our individual donors (a blend of artists and Mound House fans): Nina Bean, Jeanni Burgwald,

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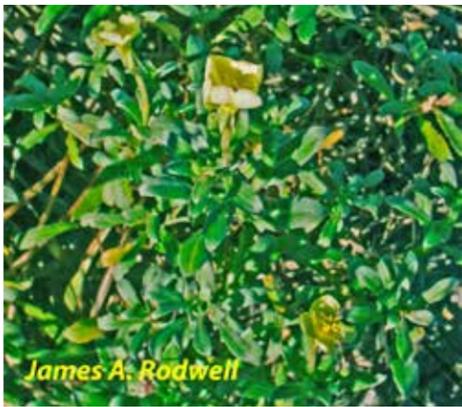
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### Beach Botany by Jim Rodwell



James A. Rodwell

#### SEABEACH EVENING PRIMROSE

This week's beach species is not very common on the beach. The Seabeach Evening Primrose, *Oenothera humifusa*, appears occasionally as a ground cover on the sides of sand dunes. *Humifusa* is a sprawling biennial that grows from a deep taproot that eventually forms a thick mat 3 to 6 inches in height. Succulent leaves covered with soft whitish hairs helps to retain water. Lanceolate leaves with slightly toothed margins are arranged in an alternate order along the stems.

Flowers grow from the leaf axils 1 to 6 inches in height. The flower's corolla is made up of four yellow petals attached to a calyx of four green sepals. Eight yellow stamens grow from a tunnel at the corolla's center. *Humifusa* blooms at night to attract moths and other night-flying insects as pollinators. Flower diameter is about one inch.

This species is found on sand dunes in most of the State's coastal counties. *Humifusa* is one of eleven species in the genus *Oenothera* that grow in Florida. Another *Oenothera* species, Cutleaf Evening Primrose, *O. laciniata*, was found growing under a beach access boardwalk. More on this later.

## "The Impossible Dream" Captain Allen Fiske Sails On, Cont'd from pg.1

dream. Around this time, another sailor named Harry Horgan, from Newport, Rhode Island, became a paraplegic as well. He was just feeling sorry for himself, and his Dad told him, 'Shake A Leg!' He pulled his life together, and after a few years founded 'Shake-A-Leg,' a non-profit to get people of all abilities out on the water, including developing a 20-foot accessible sailboat called the 'Freedom Independence 20.'

Tragedy struck another family, this time in Miami, the son of former Dolphins Hall of Fame linebacker Nick Buoniconti. His son, Mark, broke his neck while playing football for The Citadel, rendering him a quadriplegic. "To help Mark, Nick went to the National Football League (NFL) and the City of Miami for financial support, and Shake-A-Leg acquired one of the most beautiful waterfront locations in the area, on Biscayne Bay, for \$1-a-year, and Shake-A-Leg Miami was born!"

The next significant partnership was football-related as well. "We hooked up with the University of Miami football program," Allen related, "and they raised \$2 million to construct the building. Our main supporter is Gino Torretta, a former UM starting quarterback who won The Heisman Trophy and played several years in the NFL. He hosted a golf tournament fundraiser, inviting 30 or so of his NFL friends, and we sold foursomes at \$5,000-a-piece, to golf with an NFL player, and made \$150,000-a-year for several years in a row."

#### SHAKE-A-LEG!



Captain Allen Fiske thanks a Mound House patron for attending his lecture. Photo by Gary Mooney.

In the meantime, Allen began sailing again, first with Shake-A-Leg in Newport, before moving to South Florida, coincidentally right when the organization expanded to Miami. He became the Shake-A-Leg Miami (SALM) Outreach Director in 1994, spending the next 12 years there, and helped to organize the nation's largest Disabled Sailing Program, before retiring in 2006 and relocating to Florida's West Coast.

It was through SALM that Allen received his invitation to participate in the Tall Ships Festival, to sail from Boston to Quebec City, to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary, from June 21 to July 21, 2017, as a crewmember onboard "The Impossible Dream," a 58-foot-long, 27-foot-wide wheelchair-accessible catamaran with an 85-foot-tall mast that cost

\$4 million and is the only boat of its type in the nation. "It is totally electric, including the sails and anchor, with a lift to help disabled sailors aboard. Everything is on the same level, including the dinette, galley, and fully-enclosed helmsman's station, to protect against bad weather. The deck goes all around, so it is ideal for wheelchairs, and lifts take you down to the ADA bedrooms and bathroom; it can sleep 8 handicapped sailors, so it is amazing."

The first day out of Boston, along with about 40 Tall Ships, "The Impossible Dream" struck rough weather. "Winds reached 35 knots, and we hit 12-foot seas in the middle of the night," related Allen. "The good news is I was a sailor most of my life, and that boat was most stable than any other one I was ever on. It was on auto-pilot

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most of that night, but the captain asked if I wanted to take the helm, to see what I could do, so I did, and everything was fine! We opened the window a bit, however, for fresh air, and suddenly caught a huge wave that took us about 50 feet in the air. When we crashed down, freezing ice water came through the window and drenched me! When I finally went to bed, I wore two jackets with three blankets and still froze! The next day, we sailed around Prince Edward Island on the smoothest imaginable sea, and that was what made that trip so funny – for the next 29 days, the weather was never again so bad or so nice!”

Most days on the Canadian voyage were cold and grey, even for summer. “Everything was rocks and cold water,” he recalled, “with quaint villages every so often. We bought a Canadian flag for the boat, as you always fly the flag of the country you are in, and the Tall Ships all around us looked like old haunted pirate ships. There were few disabled people in these small towns, so anytime they learned about ‘The Impossible Dream,’ they came on-board to meet us and receive encouragement that they can achieve anything they set their minds to do.”

## YO-HO-HO & A BOTTLE OF RUM!

In an amazing coincidence, they crossed paths with the designer of “The Impossible Dream!” As for those on the trip, “there was a lot of comradery and partying,” said Allen. “I could not attend many events on other ships, as none except for one was ADA-accessible, but since our



The Impossible Dream docked in Quebec during Canada’s 150th Anniversary celebration. Photo courtesy of impossibledream.us.

sponsor was Bacardi Rum, we had little trouble getting other sailors onboard ours!” Once the Tall Ships reached Quebec City, there was a huge celebration with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, with Allen leaving the next morning to fly back to Fort Lauderdale.

Though retired from SALM, Allen’s association with the group continues. “I not only received ‘The Impossible Dream’ opportunity through SALM, but once a year, I return to help instruct a unique class, with other disabled people, aboard ten specifically-designed sailboats, to teach University of Miami Physical Therapy Graduate Students how to sail. This is a reverse forum, where the disabled teach the abled how to teach the disabled!” To learn more about SALM, see [www.shakealegmiami.org](http://www.shakealegmiami.org).

The Mound House, Estero Island’s oldest standing structure, is owned by the Town of Fort Myers Beach and has been restored to its 1921 grandeur. Dozens of program are offered there each month. Admission is \$10 for ages 13 & up, \$8 for students with IDs, \$5 ages 6 to 12, and 5 & under free, with Town residents receiving a 50% discount. It is open Tuesdays through Saturdays through April 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and then reverts to off-season hours of Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Mound House is at 451 Connecticut Street, with additional parking at 216 Connecticut; for information call 239-765-0865 or see [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org).

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issued a scathing 53-page report against the project, stating it was too dense and out-of-character with the island's working waterfront heritage. The hearing examiner's ruling is not final, but the hearing provides a neutral place for development plans to be vetted before reaching Lee County Commissioners. The Bay Harbour proposal led some San Carlos and Estero Island residents to form the Beach Area Civic Association (BACA) to weigh in on Fort Myers Beach area development projects.

Shortly thereafter, the Lee County LPA did not recommend it, determining it was inconsistent with the Lee Plan based on the potential density increase in the Coastal High Hazard Area. Bay Harbour then asked Lee Commissioners, who agreed, to remand it back to Staff, while concurrently filing an application to rezone the property. Its current proposal is for a maximum of 113 residential units; 37 for "workforce" or "moderate income" housing; 30,000-square-feet of commercial office, retail and mini-storage; a marina with a maximum of 29 wet and 286 dry slips; 4,000-square-feet of civic space; and 200 public parking spaces; with a maximum height of 145 feet.

## TWELVE EASY PIECES

At the Lee County LPA meeting, Bay Harbour requested 12 items: 1) amending its property to DRMUWD FLU; 2) add bonus density; 3) accommodate Mixed Use development; 4) allow the



The Lee County LPA prepares to hear the Bay Harbour Marina Village case.

DRMUWD to include Mixed Use development; 5) allow bonus density in the DRMUWD using affordable housing; 6) lower minimum DRMUWD land size from 8 to 7 acres; 7) delete locational criteria DRMUWD verbiage; 8) allow all San Carlos Island to be under DRMUWD consideration; 9) provide subject property developmental parameters; 10) allow DRMUWD affordable housing bonus density; 11) all DRMUWD developments must participate in airport shuttle service and 12) allow a hurricane mitigation fee at Lee County's discretion.

In the Staff follow-up, Lee County Principal Planner Sharon Jenkins-Owen recommended the LPA approve #1, #2, #3, #6, #7,

#8, & #12; while denying #4, #5, #9, #10, & #11, but to approve the overall DRMUWD FLU designation and send it to the Lee County Commissioners. Following this, 16 people spoke in Public Comment, with 11 against Bay Harbour and 5 in support.

Charlie Whitehead, BACA president, said "I would love to say BACA supports this, but it doesn't. BACA and the developers continue to discuss ways to find solutions we can all live with, but we have not yet reached that point. We requested the developers delay this meeting, as we have the same concerns as two years ago, but they declined." Nick White said, "San Carlos Island residents have spent dozens if not hundreds of hours

in meetings on this. The project does not belong on our island, as it is too dense." Joanne Semmer provided LPA members with thick opposition packets, containing over 230 letters against Bay Harbour, stating that, "facts are the enemies of their truths! This is too big and too dense, especially for a Coastal High Hazard Area."

The most interesting opponent was Joe McHarris, of McHarris Planning & Design, who wrote the DRMUWD definition for the already-approved but not yet built Ebb Tide development for San Carlos Island, roughly one-quarter-mile from the Bay Harbour site. "These developers use Ebb Tide as a precedent, but that is inappropriate. We did this with the community, and when Ebb Tide came before the LPA, I am proud to say there was little if any opposition. Bay Harbour does not fit this category, and the Hearing Examiner agreed it does not even make sense as a stand-alone project; the DRMUWD is being hijacked for an inappropriate purpose. I hate bashing anyone's project, but you turned this down last time for good reasons, and they had the opportunity to revamp it, but they did not listen to anyone, and are back with the same old crap."

Kathy Young, however, favors Bay Harbour: "I am a BACA member, but this has been a blighted area for a long time, and needs a dramatic cleanup. It will be great for new business, so let's have this go through!" Margie Tyree agreed: "I live Cont'd next pg.

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Joanne Semmer, with a box full of 230 Bay Harbour Marina Village opposition letters. Photos by Gary Mooney.

on Oak Street and have to look at this mess, so it is a pleasure to see something nice that will make our property values increase. This is a resort area, so there will always be traffic, whether we like it or not, because people come to the beach and they have that right, so I think this is good."

### THIRD TIME THE CHARM

Following this and brief Lee County LPA member comments, Vice Chair Stan Stouder made a motion to support Bay Harbour amendments that were consistent with the Lee Plan, while eliminating those that allow bonus density. This, however, did not receive a second and failed.

Lee County LPA member Justin Thibaut then made a motion

to approve the request, as modified by the applicant, to allow moderate and workforce housing as bonus density consistent with the Lee Plan, with Hank Zuba, who is also Chair of the Fort Myers Beach LPA, providing the second. This ended in a 3 to 3 tie, with Stouder, Frank Feeney and Kristine Smale against, so it failed.

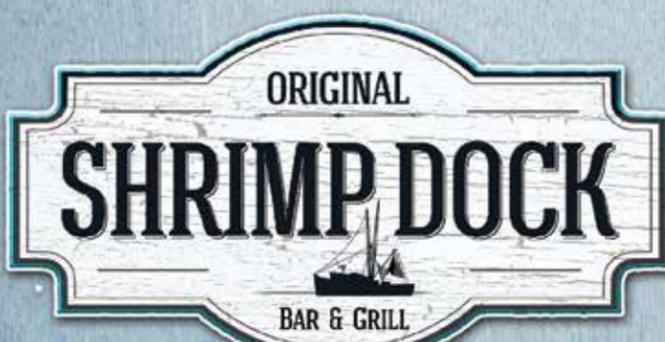
Thibaut then made a Motion to approve the request, with the Staff modifications to allow density for low and very low affordable housing consistent with the Lee Plan, with Zuba providing the second. This passed 5 to 1, with Stouder against citing concerns over increased density and height in a Coastal High Hazard Area, moving the matter to the Lee County Commissioners, before adjourning at 10:30 a.m.

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ARABA Shriners is a local, non-profit organization dedicated to providing safe medical transportation and care for children. The "Cincinnati Firemen" are a group from the Cincinnati area, including firemen & EMT's, that encourage donations for the Shriners during their shows.

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# Cruiser's Appreciation Day



Fort Myers Beach Mooring Field. Photo by M. Layfield.

The Town of Fort Myers Beach welcomes boaters to our area year round by providing a mooring field in the back bay, with 70 rental mooring balls. Working with Matanzas Inn to provide land-based services like showers and laundry facilities, the Town provides a welcome spot for cruisers looking for a day, a week or several months off from life on the high seas. The Anchorage Advisory Committee advises the Town on mooring field concerns.

Once a year, the Town celebrates these cruisers that visit our shores with a Cruiser's Appreciation Day, open to cruisers, residents and visitors. This year the party will be held on Saturday, April 7, 2018 from noon to 3:00pm in the Matanzas on the Bay waterfront courtyard. The event will feature free admission for all, barbeque, live entertainment, drinks, door prizes, giveaways and friendly island hospitality. This year's menu items include Smoked Ribs and Caribbean Pork Shank with sides, Smoked Fish Dip with chips, Dave's Dockside Pizza, soft drinks, water and beer, all available at reasonable prices.

The Fort Myers Beach mooring field provides 70 mooring balls available for rental year-round at \$18/day, \$103/week or \$312/month. The rental fee includes use of the shower, laundry facilities and vessel pump-out service. A public dinghy dock is available for public use to tie up dinghies 10' or less (no overnight tie-ups). The Town's mooring field is very popular and highly rated by boaters throughout Florida.

Matanzas on the Bay is located at 416 Crescent Street (under the Sky Bridge), Fort Myers Beach. For more information on the event or to rent a mooring ball, call Matanzas on the Bay at 239-463-9258.

# Student Art Show April 7-12

The Fort Myers Beach Art Association (FMBAA) invites the public to support the local arts and local student artists by viewing the Fort Myers Beach Art Association Student Exhibit, on display at the FMBAA Gallery from April 7-12 at 3030 Shell Mound Blvd., Fort Myers Beach. A Student Scholarship Award Reception will be held on Sunday, April 8, 1-3pm. Admission is free to the public.



Marge Lee will head the judging team that will determine this year's awards, totaling over \$3800. The exhibit will include works from college-bound high school seniors from Cypress Lake Center for the Arts, Cypress Lake High School as well as artwork from 6th-8th graders from Cypress Lake Middle School. Shown here are the 2017 Student Show artists.

The FMBAA Gallery will be open from 10am-3pm Monday-Saturday through April 14. Summer hours begin April 15: Open Wednesday and Thursday from 9am-noon. Photo by Gary Mooney.

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# Editorial

## HAPPY EASTER!

This weekend marks a turning point as surely as New Year's Eve marks the end of the year, and Memorial Day and Labor Day bracket the summer. Easter is a big day for our Island as it marks the end of high tourism season.

Of course Easter is also, or more accurately, is first, the greatest celebration of the Christian year, the marking of the resurrection of Jesus Christ by Christians worldwide. That resurrection is honored as a triumph of good over evil, sin and death. Without Easter, Christmas means nothing. While Easter's story lacks the cute and cuddly of Christmas, it holds the most basic and critical beliefs of Christianity. It is a celebration that sweeps through every Christian denomination.

The churches of Fort Myers Beach will hold services this Easter and invite you to join them. An ecumenical service will be held at 6:30am at the Pier on Easter Sunday morning, led by Pastor Jeanne Davis. A full schedule of Easter Services at our six churches can be found in this issue and on our website.

Many of our seasonal residents begin the process of moving to their northern homes after Easter. We wish them safe journeys home and a wonderful spring and summer! We also hope they hurry back to see us. If you've never been here in May & June or October & November, consider a visit during those months. The weather is beautiful, traffic is much lighter with fewer visitors making those months the perfect time to enjoy all Fort Myers Beach has to offer without the crowds or traffic!

I won't lie and claim that it's possible to zip down Estero unimpeded in April. That particular joy is most likely to be found in summer and early fall. And with our construction 'zipping' anywhere on Estero is a bad idea. But you may spot a wistful look on the faces of year-round Islanders next month as they dream of those days.

Before visitors head home, we ask that they prepare their home for turtle nesting season if they are near or on the beach. Our nesting turtles will begin arriving later in April. Help us be ready for them. Lights shining from open windows or lanais can disorient nesting and hatching turtles. If you rent your place out, leave clear instructions to keep drapes closed and outside lights off facing the beach (unless you use Amber LED bulbs). Full details on turtle season precautions can be found at TurtleTime.org

Do you have to head north now? There are plenty of great reasons to stick around for a few more weeks. The Fort Myers Beach Film Festival will be held April 25-29, with plenty of independent films and workshops. Popeyepalooza is April 29. The Mini-Masters Golf Tournament is April 19, same day as the Local Artist Showcase Concert. Music on the Mound is April 21. Taste the Beach on May 6 will highlight the best food on the beach. And that's just a few events coming up in the next month or so. Think about sticking around and enjoy our Island without the crowds. Besides, you're probably heading back to a landscape done in grays and browns, while here we are perpetually green with touches of brightly colored flowers. You're gonna miss that color.

Year round Island residents enjoy this time of year as it marks not only the end of our busiest season but the beginning of the time of year when most of us get our chance to enjoy the paradise that that surrounds us and draws thousands of visitors to our Island.

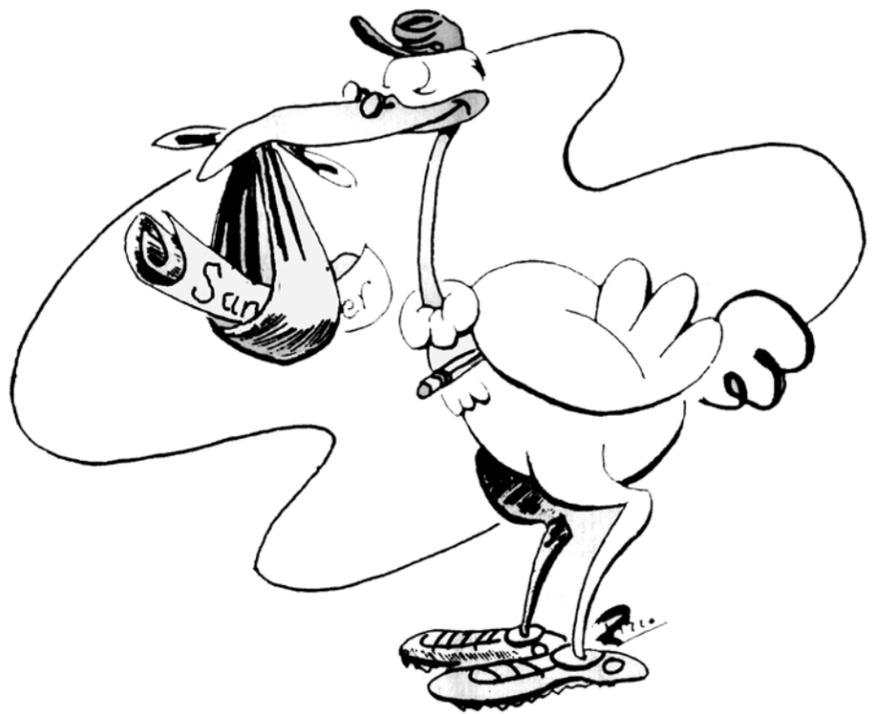
We are happy to see our seasonal visitors arrive as our economy depends on them. We're happy to work extra hours serving and welcoming them to our Island paradise. Islanders, both residents and businesses, appreciate the business that tourism brings our Island.

But it means that during season, most Islanders are working so much that going to the beach or a day spent strolling Times Square is a luxury. So end of high season means a well-deserved break, a time when Islanders get to enjoy for themselves all that the beach has to offer.

Come April 2nd, listen close and you'll hear a little sigh of relief on the Island as the pace slows just a little, the crowds thin a bit and days off again become possible.

Happy Easter to our full and part time Islanders!

Missy Layfield



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Anita Cereceda, Cheyenne Curran, Tracey Gore, Jeanne Steele Jones, Kelly Leary, Joanne Shamp, Bill Sunkenberg & Sue O'Brien, Pat & Ellen Vaughan, Al & Carolyn Veglia.

AND great thanks to strolling supper & auction attendees! Evening vibe: a great time was had by all! Stay tuned for the next act of the Friends of the Mound House Fun Raising Events coming to you in the Fall of 2018... An event to raise more \$\$\$...Our aim: achieve 2018 fund raising goal of \$25,000 in support of Mound House Summer Camp scholarships for local beach kids.

Gayle Crabtree-Pergoli & Ellen Vaughan  
Friends of the Mound House

## TOWN NEEDS TPI-FMB PROJECT

I am writing in response to the letter submitted by Ron Ustruck (Letter, "Neighbors Support Project = Irony" Island Sand Paper March 23, 2018), who seems troubled that the 5Decide leadership team, who support TPI-FMB, are in his assessment, neighbors of the Torgerson family.

I am a member of the core 5Decide group and I live on the south end of Estero Island. Many citizens of this seven-mile long island want the community to thrive. The redevelopment of the Times Square area is KEY! The 5Decide group formed to provide an opportunity for FMB voters who support the TPI-FMB project an opportunity to "shout out support" via parades and beyond and to counter false information spread by opponents of the project.

As an example, in a letter to the editor (Letter "TPI-FMB Details Matter," January 26, 2018, Island Sand Paper), Doug Speirn-Smith, owner of Matanzas Inn wrote, "I would like to see what a plan consistent with our Development codes would look like." In a March 7th, letter to (another publication), he wrote "TPI could have easily suggested a more modest plan...way out of scale with our entire core."

On March 11th, TPI-FMB released a density graph with six existing developments on the "north" end of Estero Island, in comparison to the proposed TPI-FMB development. This graph shows Harbour House, also (developed) by Mr. Speirn-Smith, approved and built after the incorporation of FMB, at a greater density than the proposed TPI-FMB project. Since the release of that information, no one from the VOICE camp or other known stakeholders, has made a statement to debunk the information.

The decline of the Time Square area in the aftermath of Hurricane Charley in 2004 and the Great Recession in 2008 created a sorry stew of decline. TPI-FMB is great project. We NEED to embrace it.

Ellen Vaughan  
Fort Myers Beach

## LOST & FOUND NEEDED

Fort Myers Beach needs a designated Lost & Found Department. I walk the beach from Town Hall to the pier every morning. I pick up about four bags full of debris and I find a lot of stuff people lose on the beach: keys, glasses, sunglasses, pocketbooks, wallets, cameras, phones and more.

In many cases I can track the owner down. In some cases, I cannot. My favorite is the time I found a set of keys that had car keys, and house keys and do-dads. It also had one of those remote key buttons so on my way home, I walked the sidewalk and kept punching the remote. At the shopping area near the Post Office, the alarm went off, blinking the lights of a white pick-up truck.

I taped a note to the truck with my telephone number and several hours later I received a call from a young man who said that they were his keys.

I told him where I lived and he said he would be right there.

Before I gave him the keys, I said I have two questions for you: When did you know you lost your keys? And where did you spend the night?

He said he knew he lost his keys when it became time to leave the beach and go home. He called his father to come pick him up because he lives in Fort Myers.

Happy Ending.

I contacted the FMB Chamber of Commerce and asked them if they would be willing to act as a depository for items found on the beach for

### Gretchen Johnson 1926 - 2018

Gretchen Johnson of Fort Myers Beach passed away Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at the age of 91.

Gretchen was born in San Francisco on June 29, 1926 to Richard and Lyndall Adam. She attended Santa Monica High and the Los Angeles Art Center. She married Stan Johnson on April 21, 1951 in Santa Monica CA. They raised their family in Iowa, Kansas and Minnesota. She and Stan moved to Fort Myers Beach in 1990 to begin their retirement. Gretchen was an active member and past president of the Fort Myers Beach Art Association. She was a volunteer at Lee Memorial Health System, Iona Hope Thrift Shop, and Community Cooperative, Inc. and God's Table Soup Kitchen. Gretchen was honored with the 2016 Citizen of Distinction Award by the Fort Myers Beach Town Council.



She is survived by brother-in-law Berwyn Johnson, her children, Susan Herzog of Brooklyn, Chris and Mary Johnson of Fort Myers Beach, Curt and Dee Johnson of Ocala and Benjamin and Karla Korn of Philadelphia; grandchildren Lara, Carl, Moshe Mordechai, Cody, Yosef, Emanuel, Avichai, Nechama; great-grandchildren Natalie, Garrett, Rachelli, Ahuva, Shmuel Yaakov, Tehilla Bracha, Paloma and Santiago, many special nieces and nephews and her special friends, "The Sinful Seven." They know who they are.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Stan Johnson, her parents, brother and sister-in-law Dick and Bonnie Adam and grandson Akiva.

Services will be held Monday, May 14, 2018 at 11:00 a.m., at St. Raphael's Episcopal Church, conducted by the Reverend Dr. John S. Adler

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which people might be looking. They thought it was a great idea because they are near the beach, near Times Square and easily recognized. They are open Monday-Friday.

Eddie Foster  
Fort Myers Beach

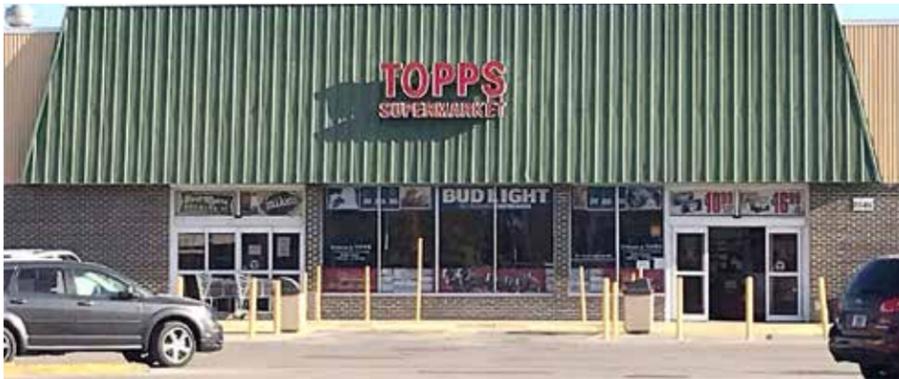
**Editor note:** Anyone who has found an item is asked to bring it to the Chamber office at 1054 5th St. MO-FR 8am-4pm. Their phone number is 239-454-7500. After 30 days, items will be turned over to the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

## TOPPS CLOSING

It is with deep regret to inform you that Topps Supermarket will be closing May 1st due to the loss of our lease. To the people of Fort Myers Beach, we are extremely thankful for your support and your loyalty over the past 22 years. It has been a pleasure serving you. You will be missed!

To Joe and Joy (with us 25 years), our sons Dave and Jay, Vicky (a very special woman with us since the beginning), Chris and Angie (20 years), Ron (meat manager 25 years), Lee (15 years), Janice (15), Linh (12 years), and so many more employee who have contributed throughout the years to our success, we say THANK YOU! We appreciate and love every one of you! It has been a great ride but we believe all things happen for a reason. May God bless you and guide you as you move forward into the next chapter of your life!

Dave and Debbie Carney  
Topps Supermarket



# King Guys Swing Propeller Lounge



Despite the unseasonable chill and strong breezes, the March Friends of the Arts concert received a warm reception last Thursday evening at a concert held in a Fish-Tale Marina boat barn, dubbed The Propeller Lounge.

The big band style of the King Band was complemented early in the program by the appearance of local songstress Jo List, giving concert attendees a glimpse of the April 19th Local Artists Showcase. The fifth and final concert in the FOA Winter Concert Series on April 19th will feature Sheena Brook, Jo List and the Pearl Street Band. Tickets (\$25) are available now at fmbarts.org or call 239-463-3600 x3.

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# “100 Things to Do in Fort Myers & Sanibel” FMB Prominently Featured

By Gary Mooney  
gary@fortmyersbeach.news

“Why are we all here?” asked Nancy Hamilton to the roughly 25 people at the Fort Myers Beach Public Library on Friday morning, March 23, as she discussed her new book, “100 Things to Do in Fort Myers & Sanibel,” before answering her own question. “We are here because this is Paradise!”

There is no mystery behind the title or hidden meaning to her book. “It is just a fun list of things to do,” she related. Although she ranked her selections from #1 through #100, Nancy revealed that, “they are actually in no particular order.” She divided her work into five sections, each containing roughly 20 recommendations: Food & Drink; Music & Entertainment; Sports & Recreation; Culture & History; and Shopping & Fashion, as well as two short sections at the end, with “Suggested Itineraries” for the beach, nature, sports & family fun, among other items; along with



Author Nancy Hamilton signs copies of her book at the Beach Library.  
Photo by Gary Mooney.

“Activities by Season.”

“I love Southwest Florida and hope you all do too,” continued Nancy, “and that is why we are all here, because it is so great; I even changed careers to stay here! I was a reporter and editor with the ‘Naples Daily News’ in the 1980s, but to be a success in that profession, you need to move a lot, but I fell in love with the Fort

Myers area and looked to see what I could do to remain here. I was a freelance journalist for a while, then went to work for the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB), to promote our region to tourists, traveling journalists from around the world, and travel programs, about the many gems of Southwest Florida and the fun that goes with them.”

Nancy is now semi-retired, “but I still contribute to newspapers and travel publications about tourism-related businesses. This allowed me to work on one item on my Bucket List – to write a book – so it was natural to combine all these interests into this project that became a labor of love. I came across ‘Reedy Press’ that published informative guide books on Detroit and Denver and contacted them, about doing one on the Fort Myers area, and they responded within 8 minutes, and it was a done deal. I was thrilled, as Southwest Florida is filled with fabulous figures and stories!”

Fort Myers Beach is prominent in Nancy’s book, appearing in at least 18 of her “100 Things,” including our Pink Gold Shrimp that leads the list at #1. “This is the gold standard of shrimp,” Nancy explained, “and turned the Fort Myers Beach sector into one of the nation’s leading fishing ports. Soon, all of Southwest Florida was nationally known for two things – seafood and tourism – and it remains very much that today, as one in five people in Lee County works in some capacity of the tourism industry. After all, the first tourist who came here was Ponce De Leon, fittingly by boat, and that is a tradition that continues to this day!”

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Another famous tourist who became, according to Nancy, “our first Snowbird was Thomas Edison, whom ‘Life Magazine’ named as Man of the Millennium, and we still honor him each year with the Edison Festival of Lights. James Newton, who was Harvey Firestone’s assistant and famous in his own right on Fort Myers Beach, wrote about Edison and his famous acquaintances, including Henry Ford, in his book entitled ‘Uncommon Friends.’”

Other well-known Fort Myers Beach attractions in “100 Things” include The Heavenly Biscuit, Outrigger Beach Resort, “Pieces of Eight” Pirate Ship, Island Hopper Songwriter’s Fest, Turtle Time, Lovers Key State Park, The Mound House and the Great Calusa Paddle Trail, as well as “The Big Three,” Nancy joked! “In our world, that does not mean ‘Lions & Tigers & Bears,’ but Dolphins & Manatees & Alligators! People always contacted us at the VCB to find out where they can go to see them, and we would always say to get on a boat, as we are an island destination!”

You can purchase a copy of “100 Things” at the Beach Book Nook in the Santini Marina Plaza at 7205 Estero Boulevard; The Outrigger Beach Resort guest services center at 6200 Estero Boulevard; on Amazon.com; or for a personalized copy, directly from Nancy at 100ThingsFortMyersSanibel@gmail.com.

As you read the book, beach goers will notice the absence of several noteworthy island events and attractions, such as the American Sand Sculpting Competition, Paint the Beach Plein Air Art Festival and Fort Myers Beach Film Festival. When asked about these notable exceptions, Nancy smiled broadly and replied, “I had to keep some things in reserve for my next volume!”

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# VIEWPOINTS

## IF HILLARY HAD WON

By Bob Franken

The death of astrophysicist Stephen Hawking brings to mind Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton. How weird is that? But bear with me. Hawking credibly speculated about a parallel universe on the other side of a black hole. What if, in that alternative existence, Hillary Clinton had won the 2016 presidential election? How, in that black hole that is U.S. politics, would she be doing as president?

In a word, badly. She wouldn't be the disgrace that Donald Trump is -- there's no way anyone can match his bigotry, hateful appeals to our worst instincts or his simple-minded impetuosity. In fact, "Hillary" and "impetuous" would make up a classic oxymoron. While President Trump is moronically care-less, Hillary is methodically calculating, or at least appears that way, which is even worse.

As a result, she squanders her advantages, like her formidable brainpower, because she's missing the lobe that processes empathy impulses -- the real ones, not the artificial contrivances concocted by her sycophantic consultants. By now, she would have frittered away much of her hugely historic significance as the nation's first woman chief executive. It would have dissipated, overridden by the personal flaws that have come to define Hillary Clinton. Her careful dissembling would be easy prey for Republicans, always ready to pounce. Her perceived sense of superiority and that of the people who flit around her soon would antagonize just about all us unworthies.

Hillary Clinton provides an object lesson for those trying to grasp what a candidate should not be. Her recent appearance in India is a case in point.

She offered the analysis that she had beaten Trump in places populated by those who are "optimistic, diverse, dynamic, moving forward" -- as opposed to those who are "backward," riffraff in her mind, who were driven away by the elitist sense of entitlement that she exudes. Her arrogant, meritocratic view of the "deplorables" doesn't compare with Trump's vile demagogic manipulation of their fears and prejudices, but the condescension openly displayed by Hillary and so many of her supporters for all who don't share their phony values is almost as divisive.

Add to that Hillary's long coziness with the richest of the rich, and it would stoke the same resentments that Trump has been able to exploit to his advantage. He is a master at convincing the little people that he's on their side at the same time that he symbolizes the worst excesses of conspicuous consumption and an entirely selfish life.

Both are phonies, but also polar opposites. One huge difference: Trump is entertaining, grossly so. And his slapstick collection of supporting actors is a laugh a minute.

Clinton as president would bore us to death. Where The Donald mindlessly stomps through issues, Hillary takes carefully thought-out baby steps. It's preferable for policymaking but stifles any passion. We'd be desperate for excitement, even some misstep from that other President Clinton, whose time as POTUS was certainly, uh, interesting.

For now, we're stuck in our Trump black hole. Still, as Stephen Hawking argued, "Things can get out of a black hole, both to the outside, and possibly, to another universe." The problem is, that "other universe" is not all that appealing either. Or maybe this is the alternative universe.

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## DON'T BORK GINA HASPEL

By Rich Lowry

President Donald Trump's pick for CIA director is about to experience a good Borking.

No one doubts her professionalism, and she's been endorsed by Obama intelligence officials. Yet Gina Haspel's long career at the agency, including extensive work undercover in the field, is getting blotted out by her reported involvement in the CIA's black-site interrogation program, which has become a warrant to say anything about her.

Her critics assert she should be in jail, and The New York Times editorial page wrote about her nomination under the headline "Having a Torturer Lead the C.I.A."

Not to be outdone in demagogic attacks on anyone associated with our national security apparatus, Sen. Rand Paul calls Haspel "the head cheerleader for waterboarding," and claims she mocked a detainee for his drooling. The only problem is that this anecdote comes from a book by a contractor who worked with the CIA, James Mitchell, and it describes a man, not a woman, making the comment.

Factual accuracy aside, the attacks on Haspel are ahistorical in that they ignore the context of the CIA program, and unfair insofar as they portray her as a remorselessly cruel prime mover behind it.

The interrogation program began when al-Qaida operative Abu Zubaydah was captured in March 2002. At the time, we believed another 9/11-style attack was imminent, and preventing it had an urgency fueled by raw memories of an event that was literally yesterday's news.

The interrogation program wasn't a rogue operation. The CIA repeatedly briefed select congressional leaders, especially the top Republicans and Democrats on the intelligence committees. It was approved at the highest level of the U.S. government, and the CIA sought, and got, explicit legal approval from the Department of Justice.

Haspel is connected in the press to the interrogations of Abu Zubaydah, although the CIA hasn't confirmed her participation and insists much of the reporting about her work in this period is erroneous.

But let's consider Zubaydah's case. He was not a detainee who had nothing to tell us, as he is often portrayed by critics of the CIA. Shortly after his capture, he identified Khalid Sheikh Mohammed as the mastermind of 9/11.

The enhanced interrogations were brutal. Zubaydah was struck, placed in stress positions, confined in small boxes and repeatedly waterboarded. During one session, he became unresponsive. By any standard, this was extreme and right up to the legal line.

The CIA didn't learn of any planned attack in the U.S.; it did become confident that Zubaydah wasn't holding back anything. From his capture to his transfer to the Department of Defense on Sept. 5, 2006, information from him produced 766 intelligence reports.

In the cold light of day, we would have handled all of this differently. But this was a national failing, and at a time when we understandably believed we were in a race to prevent another atrocity on our shores. To punish Gina Haspel more than 15 years later for doing what her country asked her to do, and in response to what she was told were lawful orders, would be a travesty and a disgrace.

But so were the confirmation hearings of Robert Bork.

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# Sands of Time

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\$27 monthly rent (later that year raised to \$35) for the Mayhew Page cottage at 2563 Cottage Street, made available by the Page family and named in memory of their recently deceased young son.

The tiny cottage only had room for two dozen first, second and third grade children. Hired to instruct them all was Lois Alexander, a recent graduate of the Florida State College for Women (now Florida State University). The Lee County School Board paid her \$80 monthly salary and provided her with a desk. She was charged \$12.50 in rent to live in the cottage and earned a bit of extra money by providing janitorial services.

Parents made sure all the kids got to school and back home daily, as there was no school bus. Children brought their lunch and on chilly days, mothers took turns providing hot soup.

Within a year the student body had outgrown the cottage. In 1938 the New Deal government



A two-room school building was built in 1938 at 175 Sterling Street on Fort Myers Beach.

program, the Works Projects Administration (WPA), provided labor while islanders donated materials to build a two-room school at 175 Sterling St. - site of the present Woman's Club - on land provided by M.R. Pence.

According to Rolfe Schell's, History of Fort Myers Beach Florida: "Bingo games were held at

Voorhis Red Coconut Trailer Park pavilion to augment monies donated. The county furnished the furniture and the mothers repainted it and bought a piano. Mr. and Mrs. Al Williams gave a Victrola and Mrs. J. Watt Harris supplied records."

Other funds were raised through community fish fry's, box

lunches and dances. Everyone pitched in, "even the bachelors".

That year a second teacher, Ardys Klenzing, doubled the teaching staff to two; she taught Grades 4, 5 and 6. Given the distance of this school from where most families lived on the northern two miles of Estero Island, Lee County provided a school bus for the next ten years, which Ms. Klenzing drove.

The young school enjoyed a moment of great pride in 1941, winning First Prize in the Edison Pageant of Lights Parade by carrying plywood and cardboard replicas of Thomas Edison's inventions. The entire student body was invited to visit the widowed Mina Edison at the Edison Estate after the parade.

In 1943 two more teachers joined the faculty, including Mildred Bassett, who later served as principal from 1955 - 64 (one of 14 principals in the school's 80-year history).

Behind the original cottage a lunchroom was built. Parents provided swing sets, monkey bars, a maypole and volleyball net. They cleared land to create a baseball lot. Physical Education classes began, and on Fridays the entire school went swimming at the beach.

During World War II the Beach School hosted patriotic plays and civic functions. In the evening, teachers and parents trained in aircraft identification. The school bus, after dropping its local pupils back home after classes, sometimes gave free transport to soldiers and airmen stationed at Buckingham Airfield and Page Field who came to the beach for R&R.

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Mildred Bassett, the school's 4th principal.

population boom and an influx of seasonal residents required a larger school. Construction began in 1948, and in September 1949 the school moved to its third (and current) location at 2751 Oak Street, boasting 5 teachers and a principal.

The new Beach School was a large cement structure with open courtyards -- very different from the previous small cottages. It held not only individual classrooms for each of Grades 1 - 6, but also an office for the principal, a combination workroom/first aid station/library and a large auditorium. A cafeteria was added in 1955. Now students could enjoy a daily hot lunch.

Fundraising efforts by the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) added playground equipment and swing sets. In following years the

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# Sands of Time



Students stand in front of the Mayhew Page Cottage that served as the very first school on Fort Myers Beach in 1937. Photos courtesy of Estero Island Historic Society.

parents funded window screens, a drinking fountain, covered pavilion and paved sidewalk. Each year the graduating class added a square with each student's name, and the sidewalk grew in length.

The new location, bordering on the untamed Matanzas Preserve, gave both students and faculty a first-hand education in local wildlife. Opossums, raccoons, snakes and gopher tortoises frequented the property. One day the children learned that a panther had visited. Staff made plaster casts of the gigantic panther paw-prints found underneath the swing set.

The school became a community gathering place where polio serum was distributed for island families in the 1950's and tetanus shots were administered after Hurricane Donna struck in 1960. Various civic associations and local Boy Scouts held meetings in the school, and for a number of years, adult education classes were offered at night.

Only in 1972 did the school add two kindergarten classes, a role formerly filled by two private facilities on the island.

In more recent years the auditorium - used not only by the school but also for community performances - was converted into a computer lab and media center. Other additions were offices, more classrooms - including a special education classroom - and a doubling in size of the cafeteria (with an added stage). The school was air-conditioned in the 1960's with island and PTO support, and received up to date student computers, inter-school television broadcasting and Smart boards in every classroom. The school now holds kindergarten through 5th grade classes.

## FOND MEMORIES 50 YEARS LATER

In April 1992 the entire surviving cohort from the Beach School Class of 1942 gathered for a 50th anniversary reunion at Lakes Park on Gladiolus Drive. Some were students from the inaugural group that had attended the Mayhew Page school location in 1937. Also on hand was first teacher/principal/

janitor, Lois Alexander Congdon - who left the school when she married in 1945 and moved to Fort Myers, remaining a decades-long teacher and community volunteer.

The reunion group was given a homework assignment to list their earliest classmates, describe their fondest recollections of the Beach School and recount how they rode out hurricanes.

Josephine Canady Hughes recalled:

"I always enjoyed May Day at the Beach School. We would fill baskets, which we made ourselves with wildflowers and deliver them to the few existing homes in nearby McPhie Park. [One year] we made a plaster cast mold of the island on a sheet of plywood. Every house and business was carved from a bar of Ivory soap. We won first prize at the fair that year and the Chamber of Commerce in Ft. Myers displayed it in their window."



The current beach school, photo taken in 1992

Edythe Shawcross Taylor, a former teacher, wrote:

"My fondest recollection of the Beach School was the total commitment of the parents to the good of the students and the community. We teachers had full cooperation and interest at all times."

How many schools can claim such standing in their community? Perhaps the pride stems from a true grass-roots effort by local residents during the hard-scuffle years of the Great Depression.

As the school website

notes: "Fort Myers Beach is the smallest public elementary school in Lee County and is proud to be a true community school, ranked A by the District and on the Register of Historic Buildings in this area."

Fortunate indeed are the students, teachers, staff and community to share this history and enjoy such strong bonds.

Many thanks to A.J. Bassett of the Estero Island Historic Society for providing information and photos from the school's earliest days.

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# Library Tightens Energy Use

By Missy Layfield  
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The Board of Directors for the Fort Myers Beach Library met on Tuesday evening for their monthly meeting, approving the financial report, hearing reports on the architect designing a new entry canopy and the library's energy usage.

Library Director Dr. Leroy Hommerding told the board that an architect is looking at solar options for the new entry canopy. Last month the board approved \$11,155 for the design phase of the Entry Canopy Project.

Board Chair Sallie Seabury, explaining the project to visitors attending the meeting who are involved in their library in Nova Scotia, said, "We have solar panels on the roof and on our chiller. We're working on our entry area and thinking about using solar panels there also. We're trying to be as environmentally efficient as possible."

Hommerding told the board that an energy survey done about two months ago identified several areas where the building could be more energy efficient. One was a beverage cooler/icemaker in the café area, since replaced, that was not being used much and was consuming excess energy. Other areas of the library have had their lighting adjusted so that the lights do not turn on when a person enters the area, such as the 2nd floor Living Room, unless there is insufficient natural light. Timers have been added to some machines also.

During the Director's Report, Hommerding reported that there was \$175 in memorial donations and \$174.40 in cash gifts in February. Library usage was up 15% from February 2017 and Community Room attendance up 12% from last February.

The next Library Board meeting is scheduled for April 24 at 6:30pm at the Beach Library.

# Offshore Regatta Naples to Fort Myers



Overall winner, "T-Bone" skippered by Jason Richards finished the 22-mile race in 4:03.

time of 4 hours and 3 minutes with an average speed of 5.4 knots. Second place overall and second place in the Spinnaker Class was awarded to skipper Dan Spence aboard "Vagabond" with an elapsed time of 4 hours and 16 minutes. "Ad Bellum" skippered by Roger Horton took third place overall in the race, plus first place honors in the True Cruising Class. The Non-Spinnaker Class win was earned by skipper Diane Fowler and her "Windy City" crew.

Full class results can be found at <http://bit.ly/SailNpsFM>

Although each sailing club maintains their own schedule of regattas and cruises for their respective members throughout the year, these clubs do enjoy getting together for events throughout the year and encourage interested sailors to gain more information on each club's respective web site.

*Provided by the Caloosahatchee Marching and Chowder Society*

Members of the Caloosahatchee Marching and Chowder Society and Gulf Coast Sailing Club participated in a Naples to Fort Myers sailboat race on Saturday, March 10th. An approaching weather front made for a windy morning that gave way to light, but persistent rain in the afternoon and evening hours for the sailors. The race began at 10:00 a.m. local time with boats tasked to cover a 22 nautical mile distance.

All of the skippers and crews enjoyed a great first half of the race with mixed clouds and sun and a strong breeze, tailor-made for a nice long spinnaker reach. The second half of the race became slower for most boats racing, followed by a damp finish as the rain set in. In all, there were 12 boats registered in the race with 10 boats finishing. The race was followed by a great after party at Salty Sam's Marina located on the harbor side of San Carlos Island overlooking Fort Myers Beach.

The winning boat overall and top boat in the Spinnaker Class, "T-Bone", skippered by Jason Richards completed the race with an elapsed



Sailboats with the Caloosahatchee Marching and Chowder Society and Gulf Coast Sailing Club participated in the Naples to Fort Myers race earlier this month. Photos provided.



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# NORTH END BEACH HOTELS DENSITY TO LDC EQUIVALENCY



1) Pink Shell includes land on the bayside of Estero; room count is an estimate count based on property tax records and CPD records; Pink Shell obtained approval after incorporation of the Town to transfer density from bayside to gulfside and go up an additional 4 stories to 11 total stories  
 2) Edison House land includes a 0.26 acre parcel across Estero that transferred extra density onto the gulfside; includes 4 "lock-out" units they sell and market as standalone units  
 3) Harbour House was originally approved at 0.57 acres and later amended to 0.47 acres  
 4) Avg. Room Sizes based on estimates and categorized into one of the 3 following categories per the LDC in sq ft: <450, 450-750, and >750  
 5) Difference between TPI-FMB's 348% vs. 400% is 348% is an increase to "equivalent-density" without any rounding off, for comparison all others are exact also without rounding  
 6) Land acreage was measured from Lee County GeoView website (<http://gissvr.leepa.org/geoview2>); excludes all land gulfside of 1978 CCCL

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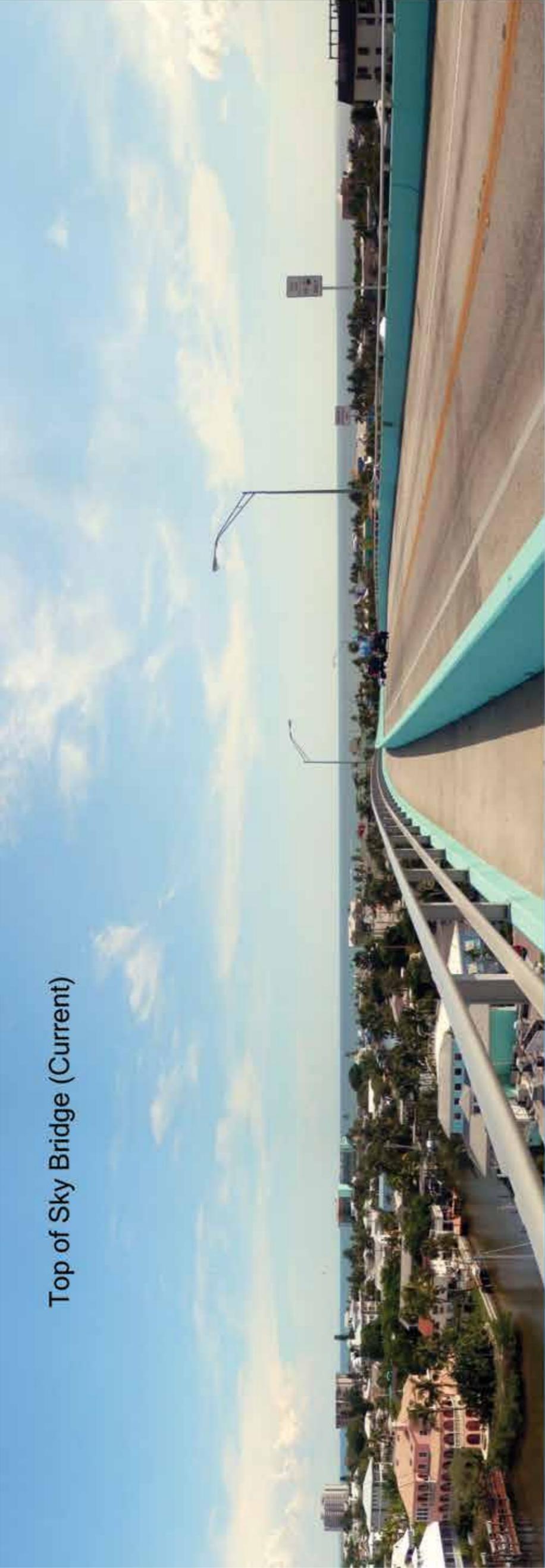
Approved Since Town Incorporation (Dec 1995)			
	Harbour House	Edison House	TPI-FMB
CPD Approved with Deviations	April 2001 May 2006	April 1997 June 2001	TBD
No. Rooms Per Size			
<450 sq.ft.	34	28	290
450-750 sq.ft.	17	4	278
>750 sq.ft.	6	16	12
	11	8	0
Equivalency Factor			
<450	3.0	2.0	3.0
450-750	2.5	1.5	2.5
>750	2.0	1.0	2.0
(A) Dwelling Units Needed per Hotel Room Size	Sum Total of Units ÷ Factor <b>13.6</b>	Sum Total of Units ÷ Factor <b>20.7</b>	Sum Total of Units ÷ Factor <b>97.5</b>
Actual Land Acreage	0.47	0.79	4.74
(B) Dwelling Units Allowed w/out a Deviation	0.47 x 6.0 <b>2</b>	0.79 x 6.0 <b>4</b>	4.74 x 6.0 <b>28</b>
<b>% Increase (A)÷(B)</b>	<b>680%</b>	<b>518%</b>	<b>348%</b>
<b>Public Benefits:</b>	<p><b>None Indicated</b></p> <p><i>Harbour House's approved 2001 CPD with 0.57 acres of land calculates to a FAR of 2.1. The CPD was amended in 2006 to 0.47 acres of land calculating to a 2.55 FAR (Bldg. Sq. Ft. includes Pkg. under Bldg.). This compares to the previously approved Seafarer's CPD of 1.77 FAR and the proposed TPI-FMB CPD of 1.55 FAR</i></p>	<p><b>None Indicated</b></p> <p><i>CPD approved April 1997 with condition requiring construction of a community TOWN PARK across the road. Four years later, Edison House requested a CPD amendment, approved in June 2001, to change use from TOWN PARK to a for-profit PARKING LOT. In Dec. 2001, Edison House sold the for-profit PARKING LOT for \$225,000.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Reinvigorates downtown area that was part of the Comp Plan Vision in 1998</li> <li>✓ Restores downtown area 14 years post Charley devastation</li> <li>✓ Building concentration bayside allows for a permanent grade level Gulf view corridor of approx.. 375'</li> <li>✓ Building concentration on bayside also avoids restricting Skybridge Gulf view</li> <li>✓ Two pedestrian bridges which creates access from the skybridge to the beach through the resort, without vehicle conflict</li> <li>✓ Town owned Canal St. expanded to accommodate up to 26 public parking stalls</li> <li>✓ Adds a new/additional public beach access</li> <li>✓ Public access to Gulf side restrooms</li> <li>✓ All improvements funded by private monies at no cost to the Town</li> <li>✓ Lowest traffic generation use, Destination Resort, generates almost identical peak hours vehicle trips as the existing use does.</li> <li>✓ Eliminates 7 vehicle ingress/egress points currently existing along Estero Blvd.</li> <li>✓ All service and utility vehicle delivers off of Fifth Street and under the building off of the street</li> <li>✓ Concealed vehicle parking</li> <li>✓ 168 Bike Racks</li> <li>✓ Town Increased Revenue Streams from                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Property Taxes</li> <li>▪ Public Parking Revenues</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ Public accessible venues Gulf side:                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Aquatics Social Club, pay to enter</li> <li>▪ One casual bar/restaurant at beach level</li> <li>▪ One more upscale bar/restaurant second level</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ Unprecedented Community involvement in generating the project design</li> </ul>



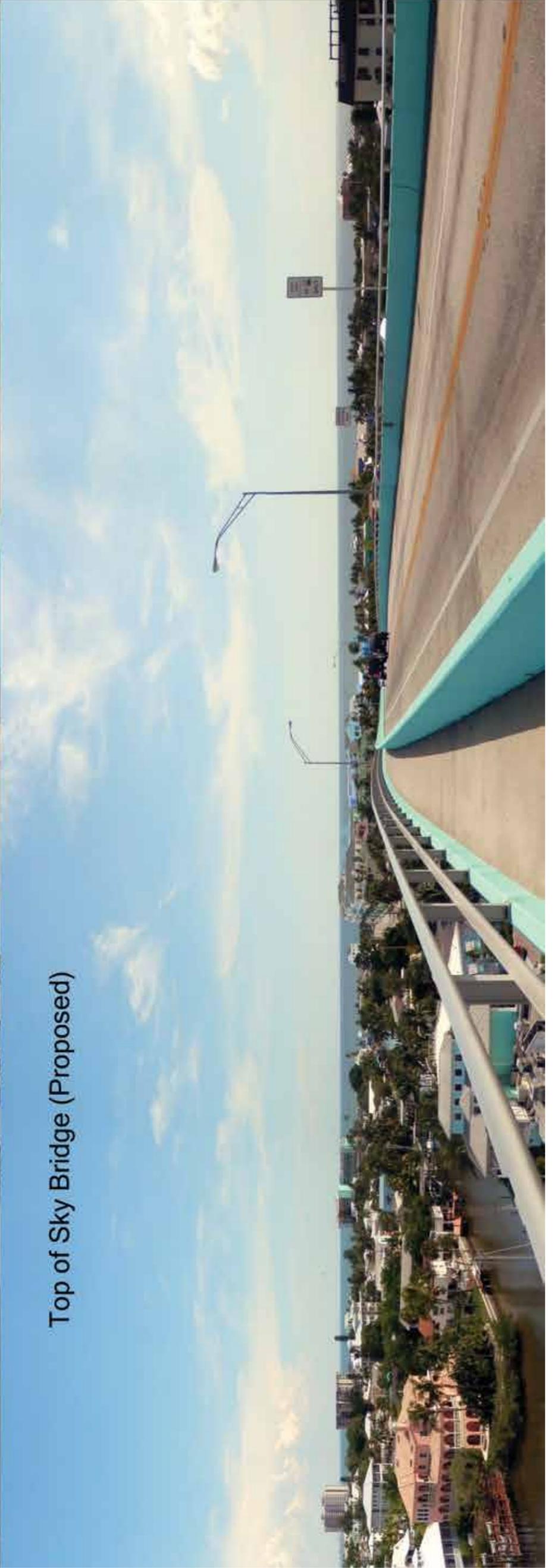
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# Town Staff Report: NO to TPI-FMB Third Report Issued March 16, Cont'd from pg.1

suggesting Bill Spikowski, to assist in the analysis of the application. At that time, staff indicated that they would contact interim Town Manager Jim Steele if staff decided it needed assistance. A new Town Manager, Roger Hernstadt, was hired in late April 2017.

In July 2017, the Town hired Bill Spikowski as a special consultant to assist in the analysis of the complex project under review. Spikowski, long known on the Island as the ultimate expert on the Town's Comp Plan and Land Development Code (LDC) helped write them in 1999 and 2004 respectively.

Spikowski became the lead reviewer of the project. Stewart resigned and left the Town's employ at the end of September 2017. Noble resigned and left in December 2017. Jason Green a planner with Weiler Construction began working with the Town in October, though his role in the TPI-FMB review prior to the issuance of Spikowski's 85-page analysis in late January is unknown. He is the author of two subsequent "supplemental" reports issued after Spikowski's analysis, one on February 7, 2018, six days prior to the LPA hearing, and the second on March 16, 2018, well after the LPA hearing.

## TPI-FMB ASKS

The TPI-FMB application requests rezoning of their downtown property to Commercial Planned Development (CPD) with four deviations from the LDC. The Comp Plan, adopted in 1999, provides a vision of what the Town wants to look like. The LDC, adopted in 2004, translates that into law or code. Anytime someone wants to build anything that does not comply exactly with the LDC or is over the limits set by the LDC, they have the right to petition the Town. So long as the project does not exceed the Comp Plan, the Town Council may approve it. This arrangement is often described, as the LDC is the floor of what's allowed, the Comp Plan is the ceiling. Town Council may approve anything between the two. Anything that exceeds the Comp Plan would require a Comp Plan amendment. The TPI-FMB project is asking for four deviations from the LDC, not the Comp Plan and is within the realm of council approval according to Spikowski.

Deviation #1 requests 290 hotel rooms by raising the equivalency factor from 3.0 to 12.0. The LDC includes a multiplier that converts the number of single-family homes allowed on a piece of property to the number of condos or hotel rooms that can be placed on that property. The maximum multiplier is now 3.

Deviation #2 requests height deviations that would allow the main resort building to be 4 stories and 40 feet tall. In an odd set of definitions, as far as the LDC is concerned, "stories" are counted from the ground, while the number of feet is counted from base flood elevation. So, 4 stories include street level (limited to parking and storage by FEMA rules), then 3 floors over that. TPI-FMB Gulf-side plans include a bar plus storage on the first floor, then a restaurant on the second floor, with 2 floors of rooms above that. On the Bay-side, plans include parking on the first floor plus 3 floors of hotel rooms.



Deviation #3 seeks to allow a floor area ratio of 1.6 for the entire CPD. Floor area ratio or FAR is a way the LDC control the size of a building. It is calculated by adding up the floor area of all stories of all buildings and dividing by the size of the parcel being developed. The LDC caps FAR at 1.4 for properties fronting on Estero Blvd and 1.0 for other Downtown zoning district properties. TPI-FMB is asking for a FAR of 1.6 for the entire CPD.

Deviation #4 requests an alternate buffer plan along Estero Blvd, Crescent St. and Fifth St. The Comp Plan calls for a pedestrian-friendly ground floor with shops, but FEMA building code rules have made that all but impossible as only parking and storage are allowed on the ground floor in new construction. The TPI-FMB plan includes a system of street trees, sidewalks and trellis that would result in wide sidewalks on Estero, Crescent and Fifth. This plan would be a deviation from the standard 15-foot buffer required of parking lots. Most parking lots that have come before the LPA and Town Council are not held to the 15-foot buffer standard as it reduces the number of parking spaces.

## REPORTS

### SPIKOWSKI

Spikowski's 85-page analysis of the application did not make a specific recommendation, instead offering explanations of the issues to be considered and a discussion of the options available. He provides a walk through the application and requests, relating them to each other and to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code (LDC), offering conditions to be considered. The report was provided to the LPA on January 29, 2018 in advance of their February 13 meeting.

### GREEN #1

On February 7, one week prior to the LPA hearing, a supplemental report was posted online by Jason Green addressing parking, height, traffic and the Fifth Street pedestrian bridge, among others. In the report, Green calculated the need for 847 parking spaces compared to Spikowski's 371 and the TPI application's 362. Green's calculation included parking for each accessory use as a separate use, an inaccurate interpretation of the LDC, which was later pointed out at the LPA meeting by Spikowski. It also failed to apply the downtown discount related to the "park once" strategy encouraged in the Comp Plan. He questioned back up planning for parking if the valet service couldn't

meet demand. The Fifth Street pedestrian bridge was dinged as not providing any public benefit and he claimed traffic impact was not addressed properly. On the flip side, Green complained that too much information had been supplied by the applicant, noting, "...exhibits and/or information not specifically related to zoning considerations are not part of consideration or approvals."

### GREEN #2

Following the LPA's approval of the zoning request, Green produced a third Town report and his second, on March 16, 2018, over a month after the LPA hearing, providing staff information that the LPA did not have for its consideration. In this report Green computed a 601 parking space need, this time using the downtown discount. He also included employee parking, which TPI-FMB has consistently stated will be off-site, like many hotels in congested areas. In this report Green finally makes the call that Town staff and his previous reports have been leading up to— he says no to TPI-FMB's requested deviations:

"Staff cannot recommend approval of the requested deviations as presented as many of them rely on a best case scenario with no back stop to protect the Town if the best case doesn't occur."

Green does not mention previous deviations granted to downtown developments and whether "back stops" were required of them. Green is not technically a Town employee but a contract employee and serves at the Town Manager's pleasure. Town Manager Roger Hernstadt has indicated his preference for contracting Town workers rather than hiring them as Town employees having filled several other vacancies with contracted employees in his first year as manager.

### TETRA TECH

Tetra Tech, a firm currently deeply involved with Lee County and the Town in infrastructure improvements, was asked by Town Manager Roger Hernstadt to weigh in on traffic. The Tetra Tech March 16, 2018 five page response memo by Michael Thatcher calls into question TPI-FMB's traffic studies, parking and pedestrian bridge plans. The Town has several more years of working with Tetra Tech on infrastructure projects. That conflict of interest was not addressed in the memo.

### TOWN ATTORNEY

At a recent council meeting, Council Member Anita Cereceda

questioned the process of hearing the TPI-FMB request, triggering a debate on whether it should be considered an Ordinance with two public hearings or a resolution with one. Town Attorney John Turner said it should be an ordinance if there is rezoning involved and it should include two hearings. Cereceda wondered aloud what that would mean for previous zoning changes that were handled as a resolution with only one hearing. Turner was asked to obtain a second legal opinion and on March 26, 2018, he submitted a memo concluding that the two reading ordinance was required, citing conversations with members of the Florida Municipal Attorney's Association and two additional attorneys.

Town Council will have two additional reports to consider, Green's March 16th report and Tetra Tech's March 16 memo that the LPA did not have. The LPA approved the CPD request 5-2 on February 13, 2018. The LPA is the Town's planning and zoning citizen board and law requires them to review all land use changes. Additional materials or altered applications available to council but not the LPA is a problem that has troubled members of the Town's LPA for years. Decisions made by the LPA do not bind Council, but LPA members have objected multiple times to application changes between LPA approval and Council hearings.

In addition to the above official reports, a two-page report titled, "Excerpts from the Fort Myers Beach Comprehensive Plan" have circulated. The first page of the report, which is critical of TPI-FMB on density, parking, traffic and small town character, includes an official Town seal watermark. The watermark indicates that the document came from someone at Town Hall or was written by someone who wanted readers of the document to believe it came from Town Hall. The copy the Sand Paper received was originally emailed March 14, 2018 by Paul Malbon, co-owner of Best Western Plus Beach Resort and one of the founding members of Voice of Fort Myers Beach, a group of Fort Myers Beach hoteliers opposed to the TPI-FMB project. Malbon had not responded to The Sand Paper's request for comment by press time.

All of the official reports on the TPI-FMB project are available on the Town's website [fmbgov.com](http://fmbgov.com), however, the Town has announced that their website will be down the next two weekends, beginning Friday, March 30 and Friday April 6, with restoration of access by the following Monday mornings.

Town Council will hold their first public hearing on Monday, April 9 at 9:00am at Town Hall. A large crowd is expected. To voice your opinion on the TPI-FMB project prior to the hearing, residents can contact council members by email at: [tracey@fmbgov.com](mailto:tracey@fmbgov.com), [joanne@fmbgov.com](mailto:joanne@fmbgov.com), [dennis@fmbgov.com](mailto:dennis@fmbgov.com), [bruce@fmbgov.com](mailto:bruce@fmbgov.com) and [anita@fmbgov.com](mailto:anita@fmbgov.com). Recent council discussions have revealed that some council members prefer hearing from voting Town residents so writers should indicate if they are a voting Town resident.

# BACA & Bay Harbour County LPA Decision Discussed

By Gary Mooney  
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In its first meeting since the Lee County Local Planning Agency (LPA) granted the Bay Harbour Marina Village its requested future land use designation, the Bay Area Civic Association (BACA) gathered in Bonita Bill's Community Room to discuss pertinent measures before roughly a dozen people on Wednesday evening, March 28. In an unusual arrangement for such as potentially adversarial relationship, Bay Harbour developers Jack Mayher and Nick Ruland are BACA members, resulting in a cordial conversation.

On Monday, March 26, the Lee County LPA voted 5 to 1 to recommend the approval of the Destination Resort Mixed Use Waterfront Designation Future Land Use (DRMUWD FLU) category requested by Bay Harbour Marina Village, forwarding it to the Lee Board of County Commissioners. BACA representatives attended the hearing and went on record with its objections that are unchanged over the prior two years. BACA did not, however, take a position in support or opposition to Bay Harbour, but left the window open to do so in the future.

The BACA Board met earlier with a subcommittee of its members, who continue to meet with Bay Harbour developers to seek an equitable solution. The subcommittee feels there is progress toward a more palatable project, and dialog should continue. Due to these ongoing discussions, Bay Harbour developers already



The BACA Board explains the Lee County LPA decision on Bay Harbour. Photo by Gary Mooney.

requested a delay with Lee County over its upcoming zoning hearing that was to occur this May, and promised they would withdraw their pending application for a Central Urban land use that the Civic Association vigorously opposes.

"It took the Lee County LPA three votes to grant approval," related BACA president Charlie Whitehead. "Their first motion to approve Bay Harbour's request for the DRMUWD would not include any bonus density, meaning they could only have 76 residential units and not the requested 113, failed because it did not receive a second. The next motion was to approve the designation to allow 37 Medium Income Workforce Units in the monthly rental range of \$1,600 to \$1,700 but that failed in a 3 to 3 tie vote. The third motion was to approve the 113 units, with the Workforce ones only for low to very low incomes passed 5 to 1, so those will be very affordable."

### A BETTER FIT

Whitehead stated he

addressed the Lee County LPA during its hearing. "I made our official BACA statement, that we had a lot of issues with the plan, and went through those, but we chose not to oppose the request, stating that we are working with Jack and Nick, and are making progress to a better alternative. The LPA vote is a recommendation that moves the item on to the Lee County Commissioners, so if we cannot come up with something, which we can all live with, we can still go on record with our opposition at that point. This is not a small-scale amendment, when you start to change the Comprehensive Plan language, so the Commissioners would have to send that on to the State government in Tallahassee for their review, then they would send it back to the Lee County Commissioners for another public hearing over whether or not to adopt it. The Hearing Examiner must still hear the zoning case, so there are plenty of opportunities to weigh in. In the meantime, we will continue to meet with Bay Harbour to see if we can fashion something

that we all think is a better fit for the community."

The current Bay Harbour Marina Village proposal at 1195 Main Street calls for a maximum of 113 residential units, 37 of which are for "workforce" housing; 30,000-square-feet of commercial office, retail, and mini-storage; a marina with a maximum of 29 wet and 286 dry slips; 4,000-square-feet of civic space; and 200 public parking spaces; with a maximum height of 145 feet. The Oak & Main Streets site was home for years to Compass Rose Marina, until Hurricane Charley destroyed that in 2004.

Following this, BACA members undertook a lengthy discussion over whether it should proceed with its planned public information session and format to discuss the TPI-FMB Downtown Redevelopment Proposal for Fort Myers Beach on Monday, April 2, at The Shrine Club at 19171 San Carlos Boulevard on San Carlos Island at 7 p.m. Results of this conversation appear in a related article in this edition.

In other matters, Mayher stated that Bay Harbour and the BACA subcommittee will meet with the Florida Department of Transportation about potential improvements to the Buttonwood Drive and Main Street intersection; and Whitehead responded to a question about the approved but stagnant Ebb Tide development for San Carlos Island. "They have all their approvals, but that is all they have," Whitehead said. "My impression is they are still looking for investors."



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# BACA to Host TPI-FMB Forum

By Gary Mooney  
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The primary topic for the Bay Area Civic Association (BACA) meeting on Wednesday evening, March 28, was to be the group's reaction to the Lee County Local Planning Agency (LPA) approval of the controversial Bay Harbour Marina Village's requested future land use designation on Monday, March 26. After discussing that however, the bulk of the session delved into whether the Civic Association should proceed with its public fact-finding forum on the equally controversial TPI-FMB Downtown Fort Myers Beach Redevelopment Proposal on Monday, April 2, at The Fort Myers Beach Shrine Club at 19171 San Carlos Boulevard at 7 p.m. Once BACA members agreed to continue it, they chose its format, which will include questions from the general public.

BACA president Charlie Whitehead will moderate the evening that will feature TPI-FMB representatives, as well as representatives from the "VOICE of Fort Myers Beach" who oppose the proposal. This will occur one week prior to the Town of Fort Myers Beach Council deciding the future of TPI-FMB at its meeting on Monday, April 9, in Town Hall at 9 a.m.

"We scheduled the TPI-FMB forum one week before the Town Council discusses the issue," began Whitehead, in expressing concern over whether BACA should go ahead with its session. "Perhaps that was presumptuous, so I want to discuss this with you



BACA members agree to proceed with the TPI-FMB April 2 forum. Photo by Gary Mooney.

all, to determine if it appropriate for us to jump in here. TPI-FMB is the applicant, and everyone knows that, but we want to clarify who is the 'VOICE,' as they oppose it, and we want them to state their reasons in an open forum. My concern is we do not get brought into an 'Us versus Them' circus, as I don't want that. I love spreading information, but I don't want BACA to be a public relations tool for either side."

An audience member stated he never heard of "VOICE" and asked its origin. "They are a group of Fort Myers Beach hoteliers," replied Charlie, "who banded together and hired a public relations firm to carry their message that TPI-FMB is too big and too dense."

Whitehead reported that the Town recently released a third Staff report on TPI-FMB that still questions the necessary number of resort parking spaces, with Town Staff once again contradicting the information it contracted from Bill Spikowski, who authored the Town's Comprehensive Plan and Land

Development Code, and was to be its chief advisor on the TPI-FMB decision. "The Town LPA agreed with Spikowski, but this new report, while lowering the parking space numbers from the second one, is still much higher than Spikowski's."

BACA Board member Dave Anderson stated the Town Staff calculated parking for TPI-FMB in a different format than for any other previous island development: "Without getting myself into trouble, and I am pretty good at that, it seems that the Town always brings this back to parking, as the last best option to kill this."

## WHEAT FROM THE CHAFF

Jack Mayher, co-developer of the Bay Harbour Marina Development on San Carlos Island, asked at whose direction Town Staff keeps preparing these contradictory reports, with Anderson replying that no one will answer that. "Matt Noble was the

Town Planner," added Whitehead, "but he left, and now the Town has a shiny new contract employee, and they just threw him into this. Some folks believe in TPI-FMB and some folks don't, so it is tough to separate the wheat from the chaff." Anderson added that no matter what action BACA takes, "Town Council will do what they want, and will make up their own minds." "You are right," said Mayher, "but it never hurts to let people talk."

BACA members agreed to proceed with the April 2 TPI-FMB session, with the conversation next turning to the format. Anderson suggested asking questions of the TPI-FMB representatives, then allowing VOICE members, or any other interested groups, such as "5 Decide" or the Estero Island Taxpayers Association to respond as well. Mayher thought a Question & Answer style seemed best, "or you might end up in a debate that would last for 10 hours!" "You can argue to minutia of this thing to death," agreed Whitehead.

He asked that BACA members email him questions they want to ask over the next several days. He also suggested having index cards at the meeting for audience members to use for questions as well, and he will select which ones to ask the forum participants, as a way to keep control of the process, and BACA members favored this. They encouraged the general public to submit their own questions, right to Charlie, by noon on Sunday, April 1, at Charliedad239@hotmail.com. BACA additionally requests that the April 2 audience members make a small donation that evening, to help offset The Shrine Club rental fee.

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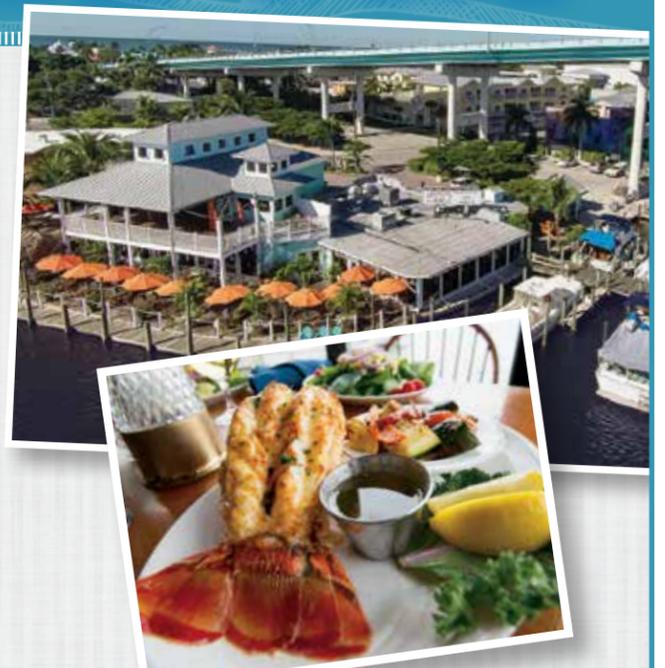


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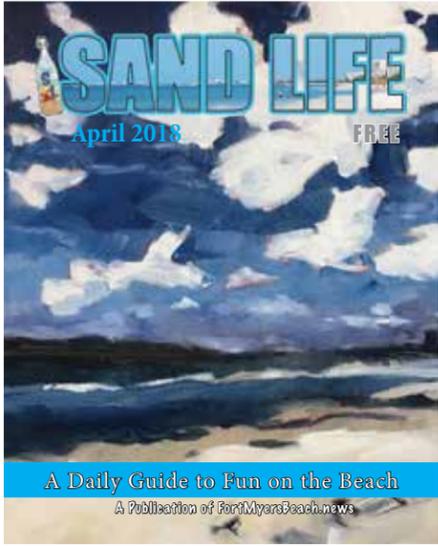
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## EASTER EGG HUNTS

**BAY OAKS:** Saturday, March 31. Ages 12 & under. 8am Registration; 9am Hunt begins. Gifts, games, bounce house. All are welcome.

**CHAPEL BY THE SEA:** Saturday March 31. Ages 2-5th grade. 9:30am Activities begin.

10:30 Hunt begins. Easter Bunny, games, crafts & egg-dying. All are welcome.

**LANI KAI:** Sunday, April 1. Ages 2-10. 2pm start. Toys, treats & over 4,000 eggs. All are welcome.

## DELMAR FIRE FUND

Beach Baptist Church has set up a fund to support the Tally Family following the loss of their home to a fire on Delmar Ave. on March 13. The family includes a child who attends Beach Elementary. Monetary gifts can be dropped off at or mailed to Beach Baptist Church, 130 Connecticut St, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931. The church office, located in the rear of the church, is open MO-FR from 9am-4pm. Checks should be written to "Beach Baptist Church" with a note indicating Tally Family Fund. Call 239-463-6452 for more information.

## CONNECTICUT ST. MEETING

The Town of Fort Myers Beach and the State of Florida Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting to discuss future pedestrian improvements to Connecticut Street on WE Apr. 4 from 5:00pm-6:30pm at Town Hall, 2525 Estero Boulevard, FMB. For more information contact 239-765-0202 x 1701.

## BEACH KIDS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Beach Kids Foundation is now accepting applications for its Scholarship Program. Applications are available at Fort Myers Beach Century 21 offices at 2001 and 5689 Estero Blvd and at the Red Coconut RV Park office. The deadline to return applications is April 11. Winners will be announced in May.

## VCA #1 SUPPORTS MILITARY FAMILIES

Thirty local military families will have a ham for their Easter dinner this year thanks to the Veterans Club of America Post 1 (VCA). Names of the 30 families were provided by local recruiters' offices in a coordinated effort with the Veterans Club of America (VCA). VCA is a 501(c)3 organization, which supports veterans programs, as well as programs for active duty military and their families. The VCA is located at 16701 San Carlos Blvd. For more information about the VCA's services, contact Casey Enger, 239-466-3177.

## BUNCHE BEACH BIRDS

Join a naturalist guide to explore the mud flats of Bunche Beach on SA, Mar 31 at 7:30am. Bunche Beach offers an amazing opportunity to view shorebirds, shells and possibly a manatee or dolphin. Bring camera, shoes that can get wet, bug spray and drinking water. Bunche Beach, 18201 John Morris Rd. Meet on the beach. Free with paid parking. Leeparks.org for more info. 239-707-3015

## MOON WALK

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## FOOD RESCUE

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## BOATING CLASSES

The San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron offers several boating classes at their classroom at 16048 San Carlos Blvd. For more information on classes, times and registration, call 239-466-4040 or visit www.scbps.com Upcoming classes include:  
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## BEACH LUAU

Wrap up another glorious season with a Beach Luau with the Friends of Lovers Key! WE Apr 11 from 5:30-8:30pm join in the Hawaiian fun at the Luau on the Beach, a Hawaiian themed evening of good times with

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## LOCAL ARTIST SHOWCASE

The Fort Myers Beach Friends of the Arts Winter Concert Series will wrap up the season with a spectacular closing concert on Thursday, April 19 from 7-9pm at the Fish-Tale Marina Propeller Lounge with several outstanding local musicians. Headlining will be Sheena Brook, who was seen on The Voice last season. Also performing will be Jo List, whose musical talent is well-known among Islanders and the Pearl Street Band, featuring a number of local musicians. Tickets

are \$25 and available at FMBArts.org or by calling 239-463-3600.

## MUSIC ON THE MOUND

Make plans now to attend Music on the Mound featuring Sheena Brook on SA Apr 21 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Mound House. Bring your chairs or blankets. Food and beer available. No coolers allowed. Parking at 216 Connecticut St. or Beach Baptist Church. Tickets available at the gate or by calling 239-765-0865.

## MARKET SEASON

The Island is home to three Farmer's Markets through April:

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-TU 8am-1pm; **The Santini Market** at Santini Plaza.

-WE 9am-2pm; **Beach Baptist Market** at Estero Blvd and Connecticut

The Town of Fort Myers Beach will be doing some computer hardware upgrades the next two weekends. As a result, the websites for the Town, including Bay Oaks and Mound House, will be offline and inaccessible over the weekend. The first phase of the work begins on FR Mar 30 at 4pm. The second phase is scheduled to begin on FR Apr 6 at 4pm. The work is expected to go on through the weekend with access available by the following Monday morning.

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# Funnies Page



## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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On the first day of school, the teacher asked a student, "What are your parents' names?" The student replied, "My father's name is Laughing and my mother's name is Smiling." The teacher said, "Are you kidding?" The student said, "No, Kidding is my brother. I am Joking."

A little girl and her older brother were visiting their grandfather's farm. The older brother decided to play a trick on his younger sister. He told her that he discovered a man-eating chicken. The girl was frightened, and ran inside in fear. Then the older brother heard his little sister scream. He ran inside immediately. She was screaming at their grandfather, who was chowing down on a plate of fried chicken. "What is it?" he asked. The sister turned to him in fear and said, "It- it's- IT'S A MAN EATING CHICKEN!!!"

## The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



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# Funnies Page



**"Major Tom to Ground Control."**  
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Jan M Beard

*"Hey honey does this harness make my A& look big?"*  
Alice Dickson

*"Oh man, now I gotta pee."  
"Honey, I told you to go before we got up here"*  
Sarah List

Every weekend I draw a cartoon and put it up on my FB page, and ask my friends to contribute captions for the cartoon. I also ask they vote for the ones they think are funniest ('Like' as many as you like). (The uncaptioned cartoons can be found on the FB pages of Mark List.)

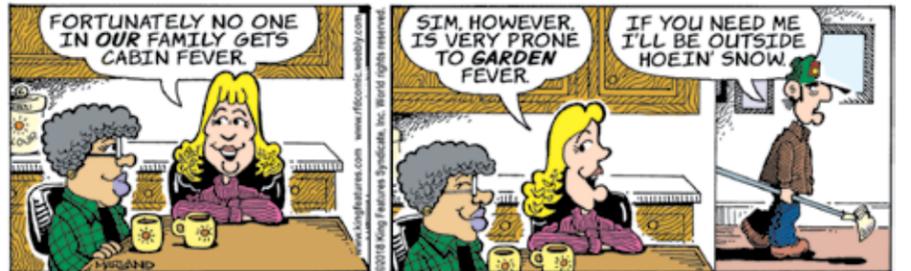
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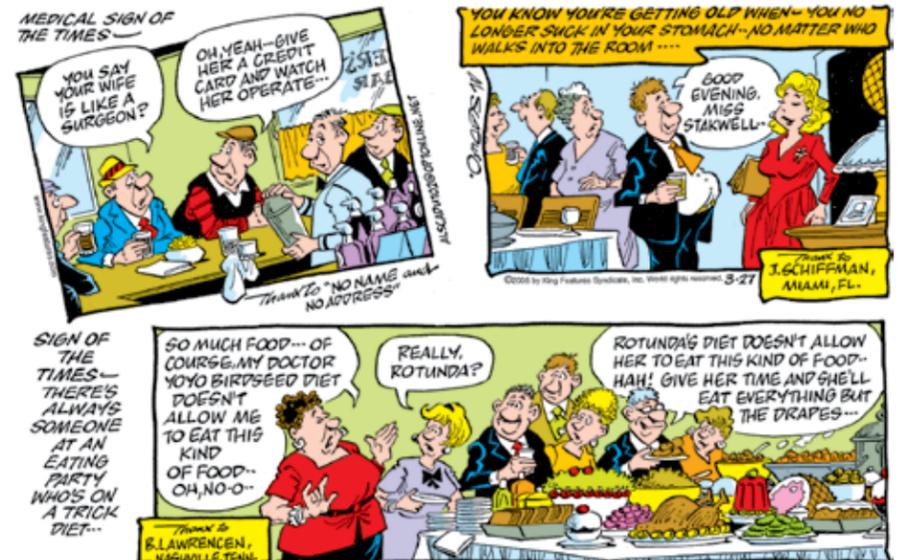
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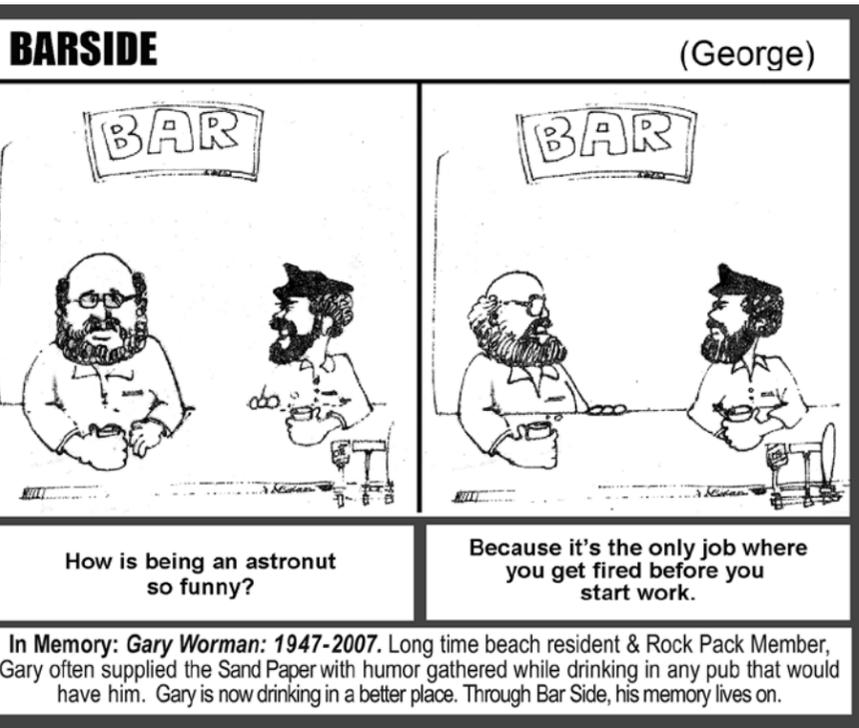
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# Super Crossword

SILENT DUO

- ACROSS**
- 1 Watchful
  - 8 Abjectly submissive
  - 15 Floral shop receptacles
  - 20 More candid
  - 21 Fingernail surround
  - 22 Novelist Munro
  - 23 Bands of fibrous tissue enclosing muscles
  - 24 Inept warrior in armor?
  - 26 Like escaped convicts
  - 28 See 17-Down
  - 29 Slaughter of the diamond
  - 30 Member of a certain antelope fraternity?
  - 34 Plasma particle
  - 36 "Hurlyburly" playwright David
  - 37 Med. drips
  - 38 Certain book of liturgy
  - 43 Anti-DUI ad, e.g.
  - 46 Ending for Alp or salt
  - 47 Concept, to Jean-Luc
  - 49 Activity when shopping for sweaters?
  - 51 Person who repositions tiny flies?
  - 54 "Life of Pi" novelist
  - 55 Something easy-peasy
  - 56 Apia resident
  - 57 "Nothin'—!" ("Easy-peasy!")
  - 59 In the dossier, e.g.
  - 60 First-class
  - 63 Sword stopper
  - 67 Bireme tool
  - 68 Shoelace snarl of note?
  - 73 Young male, urban-style
  - 74 Like many offshore rescues
  - 75 Outdoor enclosure for tabbies
  - 76 In a mischievous way
  - 79 Inside: Prefix
  - 81 Beautiful guy
  - 85 Persian-founded faith
  - 86 "That feels go-o-od!"
  - 89 "One-l lama" poet, grind your teeth!?"
  - 92 Had some friends south of the border?
  - 95 Poker cost
  - 96 Norma — (Field role)
  - 97 Horse's kin
  - 98 Call halfway to a walk
  - 99 "Delish!"
  - 100 Wound, after a few days
  - 101 Twisty letter
  - 102 Far northern city inhabited by trolls?
  - 106 Sheep's hair
  - 109 Wear down
  - 114 Convenient kind of shopping
  - 115 Confession after hitting your physician with your leg joint?
  - 118 Angel, musically
  - 122 Big rig, e.g.
  - 123 Lava spewer
  - 124 Automaker Maserati
  - 125 Impetuosity
  - 126 Very vivid
  - 127 Totally faded
  - 41 Maya of architecture
  - 42 Cable TV's Spike, once
  - 43 Rack-and- steering
  - 44 Camp for Colonel Klink
  - 45 According to
  - 47 "But is —?"
  - 48 Faye of films
  - 49 NBAer, e.g.
  - 50 Rubber check abbr.
  - 52 Food-order option
  - 53 French political units
  - 58 "What a piece of work —"
  - 59 Aromatic substance
  - 61 "Where — start?"
  - 62 Bungle
  - 64 Wearing a disguise, informally
  - 65 Airport info
  - 66 Illuminated
  - 68 Holy books of Islam
  - 69 Cubbyholes
  - 70 Bray sound
  - 71 Slight push
  - 72 A party to
  - 73 Easter cake
  - 77 Hem and —
  - 78 Bird perches
  - 80 Toledo "two"
  - 82 User busters
  - 83 Rockabilly singer Chris
  - 84 "Come Back, Little —"
  - 86 Rocker Rose
  - 87 Be laid up
  - 88 Drama unit
  - 90 See 15-Down
  - 91 Got tangled
  - 93 Slacked off
  - 94 Eggy quaff
  - 99 Marilyn of "The Misfits"
  - 100 Depleted
  - 101 Opt
  - 103 Lunchtimes, often
  - 104 Early name in arcades
  - 105 "Bonanza" star Greene
  - 106 Among
  - 107 Creole pod
  - 108 Difficult task
  - 110 Shankar of Indian music
  - 111 Take too much, briefly
  - 112 Knucklehead
  - 113 Nero's "Lo!"
  - 116 Stretch (out)
  - 117 Almond-hued
  - 119 Prefix for "equal"
  - 120 Erwin of films
  - 121 Young kid

**BARSIDE** (George)



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# CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: N equals S

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FTL IQ OEQNUBUZD NZUM U VZN

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# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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	8					4	1	
5			1				6	3
		7		5				2
	6				3	4		
		3	8					5
1			6			7		2
	2			4			9	

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate    ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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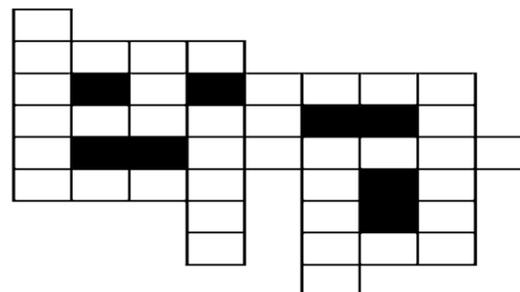
**TODAY'S WORD**

# FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

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- ♥ NEWRIT
- ♥ BUTOR
- ♥ GLOO
- ♥ ARTSLA
- ♥ ONW
- ♥ AGTO
- ♥ NOGRW
- ♥ UBR
- ♥ AIRNET
- ♥ GREAN
- ♥ NWSE



Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ RATHER becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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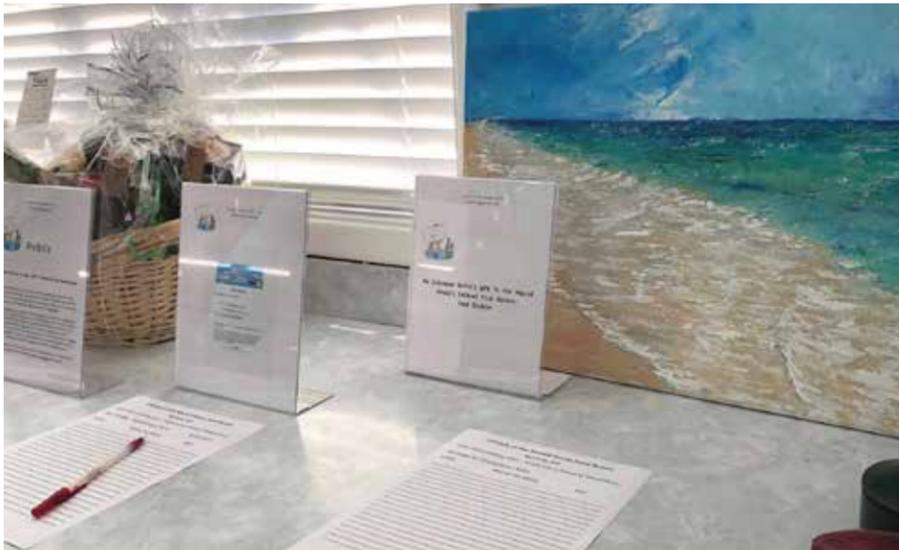
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# Artful Intersection



Betty Simpson greets arrivals at Artful Intersection.

The Friends of the Mound House inaugural art auction & dinner fundraiser, "Artful Intersection," brought together a variety of art with art enthusiasts at the Fort Myers Beach Woman's Club last Friday. Proceeds from the event will support education programming at the Mound House. *Photos by Sarah List.*



Varied artwork was available for purchase, including a seascape by an unknown artist given to the Mound House's first docent Ceel Spuhler.

# Style Show Supports Community



The Fort Myers Beach Community Foundation held its annual Style Show on Saturday at the new Fish-Tale Restaurant. The open-air restaurant's waterfront location was the perfect backdrop for the spring styles presented by Local Color and The Islander. Shown here is volunteer model Bobbi Kemp. Proceeds from Foundation events are returned to the beach community via support for a variety of programs. Last year the Community Foundation returned more than \$30,000 in funding and scholarships to the community. *Photo submitted.*

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	Low	6:58 PM	0.4			
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	Low	7:41 PM	0.1			
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	Low	8:23 PM	0.0			
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Tu 3	High	3:51 AM	1.8	7:16 AM	Set 9:32 AM	94
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**SCRAMBLERS**  
 solution

1. Ample; 2. Scope; 3. Retain; 4. Falter

Today's Word  
**PLASTIC**

**FEAR KNOT**  
 answer

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## FMB Woman's Club Elects Board

The Fort Myers Beach Woman's Club held its annual general meeting on Monday, March 26, 2018, and elected their 2018 Board. This year, the Woman's Club expanded its membership from 20 to 90 members. "We have a lot of work to do this year, engaging our members and growing the club" said Beverley Milligan, President. The club is interested in reaching out to all non-profit groups on the island as well as anyone interested in the Woman's

Club facility, to share their ideas for the club. "We want to hear from the community about what the community wants."

Shown here, from left: Gayle Crabtree-Pergoli, Director at Large, (DAL); Rossana Reily, DAL; Beverley Milligan, President; Stephanie Bubotz, Treasurer; Ellen Vaughan, Secretary; Shannon Orlandini, 2nd VP; Clarey Zingler, 1st VP; Bobbi Kemp, DAL and Mari Torgerson, DAL. *Photo provided.*

## Smoke Alarm Recall



Recalled Kidde smoke alarm.



A yellow cap on the inside of the smoke alarm. Photos courtesy of Kidde.

Last week a nationwide recall of over 450,000 Kidde smoke detectors was announced by the US Consumer Product Safety Commission. Kidde smoke detectors model PI2010 ns PI9010 of Kidde dual sensor smoke detectors may have a defect that can compromise the detectors' ability to detect smoke.

Smoke detectors included in this recall may not work properly and may not be able to detect

smoke. The Florida State Fire Marshal has determined that this recall poses an "Immediate" and "Dangerous" risk for all Floridians.

The Fort Myers Beach Fire Department recommends that all residents immediately inspect their smoke alarms: Remove the smoke alarm and inspect it through openings on the side of the alarm for the presence of a yellow cap. DO NOT take apart the casing or remove the yellow cap. If a yellow cap is seen,

residents should contact Kidde by calling toll-free 833-551-7739 from 8:30am-5pm ET Monday-Friday and from 9am-3pm weekends. They can also go to [www.kidde.com](http://www.kidde.com) online and click on "Product Safety Recall" for additional information. The recalled detectors will be replaced by Kidde.

The recalled detectors have "KIDDE" printed on the center of the alarm. The model number and date code are printed on the back

of the alarm. This recall effects both battery powered (PI9010) and hard-wired (PI2010) alarms with date codes from 2016 Sep. 10 through 2017 Oct. 13.

The Fort Myers Beach Fire Department reminds residents, property managers and vacation rental owners that smoke detector batteries should be checked and replaced every six months.



# Beach Theater

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**Ready Player One**  
[PG-13] 2:15 5:30 8:30

When the creator of a virtual reality world called the OASIS dies, he releases a video in which he challenges all OASIS users to find his Easter Egg, which will give the finder his fortune.

Starring: Tye Sheridan, Olivia Cooke and Simon Pegg



**The Leisure Seekers**  
[R] 3:00 6:00 8:45

A runaway couple go on an unforgettable journey in the faithful old RV they call The Leisure Seeker, traveling from Boston to The Ernest Hemingway Home in Key West. They recapture their passion for life and their love for each other on a road trip that provides revelation and surprise right up to the very end.

Starring: Helen Mirren and Donald Sutherland



**I Can Only Imagine**  
[PG] 2:45 4:15 5:45 8:45

The film brings to life the true story behind the song of ultimate hope, 'I Can Only Imagine.' A transformed relationship with his troubled father inspired Bart Millard, the lead singer of the Christian band MercyMe, to write what is now the most-played radio single in Christian music history. The story beautifully illustrates that nobody is ever too far from God's love -- or too far from an eternal home in Heaven.

Starring: Dennis Quaid and Michael Finley



**Peter Rabbit**  
[PG] 2:00 6:30 8:45

Feature adaptation of Beatrix Potter's classic tale of a rebellious rabbit trying to sneak into a farmer's vegetable garden.

Starring: (voices) James Corden Margot Robbie and Sia

Ticket Prices: - Matinee - \$9.50 (\$12.50 3D) - Adult - \$12.00 (\$15.00 3D) - Senior (65) & Child (12 and under- \$9.50 (\$12.50 3D)

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# WHO'S PLAYING WHERE ON AND AROUND THE BEACH

CLUB	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<b>BEACHED WHALE</b> 1249 Estero Blvd 463-5505	MICHAEL O'NEIL 6-9PM	TOMMY V 6-9PM	SAM DeARMOND 6-9PM				TYLER KLUSNER 6-9PM
<b>CASTAWAYS</b> Santini Marina Plaza 463-4644	MOON CHILD 8-MIDNIGHT	ELECTRIC LIPSTICK 8-MIDNIGHT	KARAOKE 8-MIDNIGHT	N2L TRIO 8-MIDNIGHT	WAYWARD SOULS 8-MIDNIGHT	ELECTRIC LIPSTICK 8-MIDNIGHT	TORCHED 8-MIDNIGHT
<b>SHUCKERS/COTTAGE</b> Gulfshore Grill 765-5440	ROGER WILLIAMS 3-6PM TROUBLEMAKERS 9PM-1AM	CHRIS CASDIA 4-7PM CHARLEY MOON 9PM-1AM	CHRIS CASDIA 4-7PM TROUBLEMAKERS 9-1PM	STEVE FARST 4-7 3 CROOKED STEPS 9PM-1AM	BOBBY BLAKELY 4-7PM BAD BANDITOS 9PM-1AM	KEEFE KLUG 4-7PM STEVE FARST 9PM-1AM	JOHN HOUSLEY 4-7PM THE NEW VINYLs 9PM-1AM
<b>CRACKER BOX</b> 16910 McGregor 466-4344	CRACKER BOX BAND 7-10PM	JESSE ALLEN 7-10PM			JESSE ALLEN 6:30-9:30	JAM SESSION 6:30-9:30	FRANK & IRIS 6:30-9:30
<b>DIXIE FISH CO.</b> Fisherman's Wharf 233-8837	MARK WESLEY 5:30PM-9:30PM	MIKE O'NEIL 1-4PM ANTHONY WAYNE 5:30PM-9:30PM	MEGAN ROSE 4-7PM	BOBBY BLAKEY 5:30-8:30	CHRIS CASDIA 5:30PM	ANTHONY WAYNE 5:30-8:30PM	TEQUILA TOM 5:30-8:30PM
<b>DOC FORDS</b> 708 Fishermans Whf. 765-9660	KAPO KINGS 6:30-9:30		DEB & THE DYNAMIC 1-4PM		STEVE McDUGALL 6:30-9:30PM	GIRL MEETS BOY 6:30-9:30PM	KAPO KINGS 6:30-9:30PM
<b>MATANZAS on the BAY</b> 414 Crescent 463-3838	WAYNE DELORIA 12-5PM DANIEL D 5-9PM	SCOTTY BRYAN 12-5PM MARY WINNER 5-9PM	GREG WATTS 12-5PM SAILOR LARRY 5-9PM	SCOTTY BRYAN 5-9PM	SAILOR LARRY 5-9PM	PETE BEARD 5-9PM	MARY WINNER 5-9PM
<b>NERVOUS NELLIES</b> 1131 1st St 463-8077	RASHIMBA 12-4 OLD SCHOOL CHARLIE 6-10PM	KEVON 12-4pm OLD SCHOOL CHARLIE 6-10PM	SMOKIN BILL 12-4PM HIGH TIDE 6-10PM	MICHAEL ANTOINE 12-4 SMOKIN BILL 6-10	TERRY CLEMSON 12-4 KEVON 6-10PM	HAZY, HOT & HUMID 6-10PM	MIKE GLEAN 12-4 MIKE GLEAN 6-10PM
<b>OUTRIGGER</b> 6200 Estero Blvd 463-3131	ALAN SMALL 5-8	MEAGAN ROSE & SMOKIN' BILL 2-5PM	SMALLTOWN 2-5PM		MEAGAN ROSE 5-8PM	ENDRE D 5-8PM	TWO HANDS 5-8PM
<b>PARROT KEY</b> Salty Sam's Marina 463-3257		FRANK TORINO 7-10PM		FRANK TORINO 3:30-8PM	GAITLIN 7-10PM	GAITLIN 7-10PM	FRANK TORINO 7-10PM
<b>PETE'S TIME OUT</b> Time Square 463-5900			DAVE COLLATON 6-10PM	DAVE COLLATON 6-10PM	FRANK THOMPSON 6-10PM	JAMES GRAGG 6-10PM	JAMES GRAGG 6-10PM
<b>PIERSIDE</b> BY TOWN PIER 765-7800	SHERRIN 1-5 JEFF WHIDBY 6-10	FRANK THOMPSON 1-5 6-10	FRANK THOMPSON 1-5 BILL ZINK 7-10	ANTHONY WAYNE 1-5 GREG WATTS 6-10	BILL ZINK 1-5PM JEFFREY WHIDBY 6-10	BILL ZINK 1-5PM MARY WINNER 6-10PM	BILL ZINK 1-5PM ANTHONY WAYNE 6-10PM
<b>PINCHERS TIKI BAR</b> 6890 Estero Blvd 463-2909	KATE KEYS 6-9PM	BACKLASH 6-9PM		SHAWN RUSSELL 5-8PM	SAM DeARMOND 5-8PM	AARON SEYFFERTH 5-8PM	N2L 5-8PM
<b>SALTY CRAB</b> 1154 Estero Blvd 233-8224	ANTHONY WAYNE 12-4 SHEENA BROOKS 4:30- 8:30PM	AWESOMESAUCE 1-5PM AARON SEYFFERTH 6-9PM			BUSTED STUFF 5-9PM		JEFF GREENE 1-5PM CHRIS KEMP 7-10PM
<b>SHARK BAR &amp; GRILL</b> 17979 San Carlos Blvd 313-6012				RASHIMBA 3-6PM COLLABORATION BAND 7-10PM	MARY WINNER BAND 2-5 DJ BRIAN SAVAGE 6-10PM	MARTY KEENE 2-5PM	LAURIE STARR DUO 3-6PM BRENDA'S KARAOKE 7-10PM
<b>SOBs</b> Old San Carlos Blvs 463-3474	ANTHONY WAYNE 6-10PM	DAVE COLLATON 6-10	WILL KAISER 1-5PM LEE HAGAN 6-10PM	WILL KAISER 6-10	ANTHONY WAYNE 6-10	FRANK THOMPSON 6-10	SHAWN RUSSELL 1-5PM DAVE COLLATON 6-10
<b>SUNSET BEACH</b> FMB TIMES SQUARE 463-1028				JENNY VE 8-11PM	CLIVE LIVE 8-11PM	DANNY D 8-11PM	
<b>SURF CLUB</b> 1167 Estero Blvd 765-0644	JAMES GRAGG 6-10PM	THE REGULARS 6-9PM			SHAWN RUSSELL 6-9PM		KARAOKE WITH CAM 6-9PM

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