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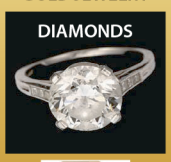
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Master POA Report

SARAH HARTMAN

The rain seemed to begin just as the last group of our seasonal residents headed back to their summer homes. With the drought conditions currently affecting our area, here's hoping we get the needed rainfall in the coming months without getting deluged with severe weather.

The dining and golf reciprocal arrangements went into effect May 1. For those of you remaining here in the summer, be sure to take advantage of the opportunity to bring guests to Grandezza and to visit other participating clubs.

Our April board meeting was held on Thursday, April 23 at 5:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. In addition to the customary review of our most recent financials, our Treasurer, Mickey Wheeler, also presented information regarding the Association's 2025 tax return and most recent audit. You may not be aware that we have an internal Audit Committee that reviews the audit materials. The Committee's review letter was also discussed at the April meeting. The audit was conducted by an external, independent CPA firm.

You may wonder why the Association is required to file a tax return. Our income comes from two primary sources: 1) interest income earned from the CDs in which our cash reserves are periodically invested; and 2) the amortized treatment of our Comcast bonus. Our expenses include property management fees, external accountant fees, and the offsetting amortization of the Comcast bonus.

In addition to the financial items discussed, we received updates on the common landscaped areas and infrastructure projects (most notably the entrance monument fountains, where plumbing upgrades are underway). Two cherry blossom trees were recently planted in the common area between Sabal Palm and Villa Grande and I look forward to watching them grow and bloom in the years ahead. Additionally, we received the latest news from Engage Estero.

Like many full-time residents at Grandezza, I travel occasionally during the off-season months. One of my most recent family trips was to the Smoky Mountains and Dollywood in Tennessee. Although I was somewhat familiar with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, I didn't realize the reading program now reaches over 3 million children worldwide. As an avid reader myself, I enjoyed learning how many children benefit from receiving these free monthly books.

By the time this newsletter is published, many of the beautiful orchids throughout the community may have lost some of their luster. It has been a pleasure seeing

them on so many trees while walking through the communities and playing golf on the golf course. I thought I'd include a photo of one particularly lovely grouping that I recently had the pleasure to see. So many gorgeous colors!



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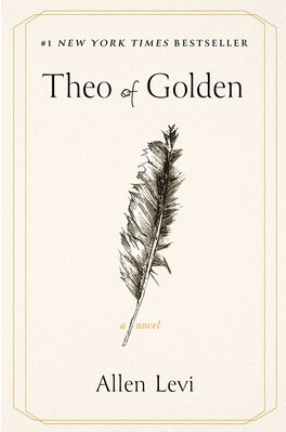
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Reader's Corner – Theo of Golden

SUSAN SHERWIN



There is a particular kind of novel that does not announce itself with drama or spectacle, but instead arrives softly, like a stranger in a green flat cap sitting beside a fountain. Allen Levi's debut novel, *Theo of Golden*, feels like a loving hug. It is the story of a mysterious eighty-three-year-old man who arrives one spring morning in a small southern city, visits a local coffeehouse, and discovers ninety-two pencil portraits of the townspeople lining its walls. What follows is one of the more quietly radical acts of generosity in recent fiction.

Theo, an elderly Portuguese man, decides to purchase the portraits one by one and gift them to their subjects. It sounds simple, almost whimsical, but the author understands that the act of returning someone's likeness to them is, at its core, an act of profound recognition. What Theo exemplifies is the act of truly seeing another person is itself a form of kindness.

Theo's circle in Golden expands to include Simone Lavoie, a graduate cello student; Basil Cannonfield, a street musician; Tony Wilcox, the witty owner of the Verbivore bookshop; and Ellen, an unhoused, intelligent woman with mental illness. Each of Theo's encounters is its own small story, and Levi weaves them with warmth and care. In particular Theo's relationship with Ellen is particularly poignant. After receiving her portrait, she shares that thirty years earlier, authorities took her infant daughter away, declaring Ellen mentally unfit. For Christmas, Theo sends her tools to develop her artistic creations, which she eventually grows into a small business. This is but one of the tender portrayals of how consistent, patient kindness can quietly restore a person's sense of self and possibility. Theo's intervention in her life and in the others' lives allows each to stand up straighter, to appreciate their own worth, and to experience hope for the future.

Theo is full of hope and expresses love in a winsome way through kindness and generosity, although he asks questions more than he offers answers. He is genuinely curious about the people he meets, and that curiosity is itself a form of respect. His true identity is not revealed early on and this reviewer will not spoil your surprise.

Theo of Golden is an uplifting novel that earns its warmth. It argues, gently but persistently, that the invisible threads connecting us to one another are woven through small acts of attention. In a world increasingly distracted, that feels like a message worth hearing. Grandezza readers, this writer highly recommends *Theo of Golden*!



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Understanding Grandezza's Stormwater Infrastructure

PETER DERSLEY, DIRECTOR, MPOA,
INFRASTRUCTURE, LAKES, PRESERVES AND FOUNTAINS

As we enter hurricane season, it's helpful for residents to understand how Grandezza's stormwater system is designed to protect our homes and manage heavy rainfall.

HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS

Grandezza's stormwater system was designed more than 20 years ago in accordance with strict civil engineering and regulatory standards. Its primary purpose is to safely collect, store, and gradually discharge stormwater during heavy rain events.

- **Our 24 lakes are the backbone of the system.** They collect and store rainwater throughout the community.
- **Most lakes are interconnected.** 22 of the 24 lakes are linked by large underground pipes, which also connect to street drains. This ensures that water levels remain equal across the system.
- **Street drains reflect lake levels.** When you see water in a street drain, it is not a blockage. It simply means the lakes have reached that same level.
- **Streets provide temporary storage.** During significant storms, when the lakes reach capacity, water is intentionally stored on roadways until it can safely drain.

CONTROLLED WATER RELEASE

Grandezza has **three regulated outfalls**—two along the Ben Hill Griffin berm and one near the Corkscrew Road maintenance exit. These structures release water at a **controlled rate approved by the South Florida Water Management District**.

This controlled discharge is critical. It ensures that surrounding roads and neighboring communities are not overwhelmed during major storm events.

KEY DESIGN ELEVATIONS

The system is carefully engineered using specific elevation benchmarks:

- **Lake control level:** 17.0 feet above sea level
- **Road elevation (minimum):** 19.0 feet
- **Perimeter berm elevation (minimum):** 19.2 feet (constructed higher in practice)
- **Home finished floor elevation (minimum):** 20.5 feet



Once lake levels exceed 17 feet, water begins flowing out through the controlled outfalls.

WHY FLOODING CAN OCCUR (AND WHY THAT'S OK)

The system is designed to meet the standard for a **"100-year storm"** which is defined as approximately 13.5 inches of rain over a three-day period. Under these conditions:

- Temporary street flooding is expected
- Water may take up to **12 days to fully recede**

This is not a failure. It is exactly how the system is designed to function to protect homes.

POST-HURRICANE IRMA IMPROVEMENT

Following Hurricane Irma, Grandezza added an important enhancement:

- A **12-foot-wide emergency spillway** was constructed along Corkscrew Road
- Elevation: **19.2 feet above sea level**
- Purpose: To accelerate drainage during extreme events when water levels exceed berm height

While this spillway helps reduce drainage time, it does **not eliminate temporary street flooding** during severe storms.

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NOTE REGARDING SAVONA

The Savona neighborhood follows the same stormwater design principles described above, with one key difference—**its overall elevation is approximately one foot higher than the rest of Grandezza**. As a result, Savona's road elevations, home finished floor elevations, perimeter berm height, and lake control levels are all correspondingly higher. Savona also includes an overflow feature functionally equivalent to the community spillway, which provides additional capacity to discharge excess water during extreme storm events. While the elevations differ slightly, the system operates in the same manner and provides the same level of protection.

KEY TAKEAWAYS FOR RESIDENTS

- The lakes are designed to **store stormwater**
- Water levels are **equal throughout the system**
- Streets are intended to serve as **temporary overflow storage**
- Water in drains means the system is working—not clogged
- Outflow is **intentionally restricted** to prevent regional flooding
- The spillway helps **drain water faster**, but flooding during major storms is still expected

CONCLUSION

Grandezza's stormwater infrastructure has performed as designed through multiple major storm events. While residents may observe temporary street flooding during heavy rains or hurricanes, the system's primary goal of **protecting homes from flooding** has been successfully achieved.

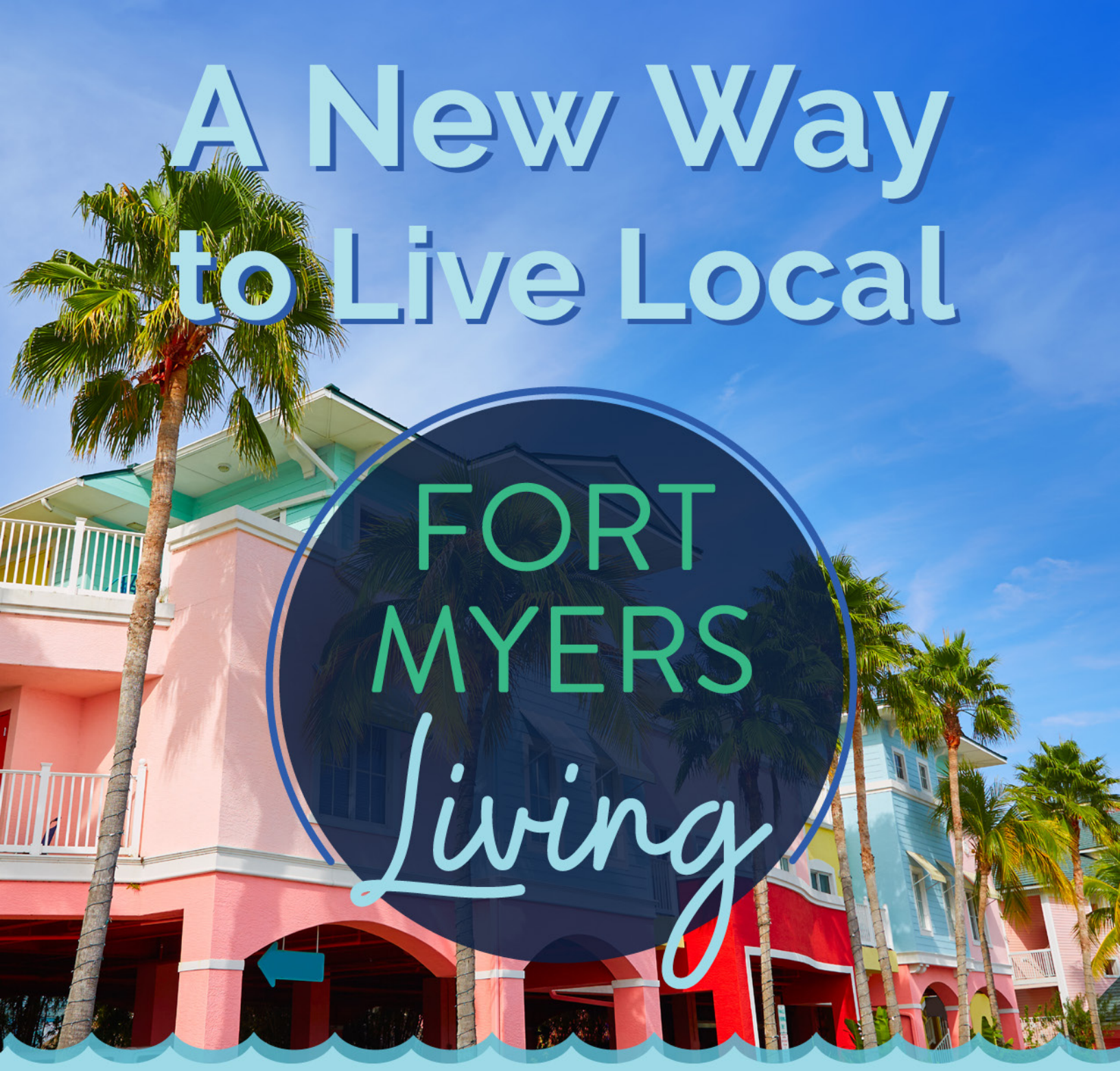
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STORMWATER SYSTEM – AT A GLANCE

Grandezza's lakes are designed to store stormwater, with lakes interconnected and maintained at the same level. During heavy rain, streets temporarily hold excess water once lakes reach capacity and this is by design. Water drains out at a controlled rate to protect surrounding areas. Homes are built above road level for protection. Savona follows the same design, with elevations approximately one foot higher.

STORMWATER FACTS

- Lakes store stormwater
- Lakes are interconnected
- Street flooding is temporary and expected
- Water levels in streets = lake levels (not clogged drains)
- Outflow is controlled to prevent regional flooding
- Homes are built above road level
- Savona operates the same system at slightly higher elevations



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READ JUNE

Celebrations and Holidays of June 2026

June in the United States marks the beginning of summer and brings with it a mix of meaningful observances and lighthearted celebrations. While it is not the most holiday-packed month, a few key dates stand out and reflect the country's history, culture, and family traditions.



One of the most significant is **Juneteenth** on June 19. This federal holiday honors the day in 1865 when enslaved people in Texas were informed of their freedom, more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation. Today it celebrates African American heritage and resilience.



Another widely recognized observance is **Father's Day**, celebrated on the third Sunday in June which is June 21 this year. Families take time to appreciate fathers and father figures with gifts, cards, and shared meals. Popular activities often include backyard barbecues, fishing trips or golf, and simply spending quality time together.



June also features **Flag Day** on June 14, a more modest observance that commemorates the adoption of the American flag in 1777. Though not a federal holiday, it is marked by displays of patriotism and educational programs.

From honoring history to celebrating family, June's holidays capture both the spirit of remembrance and the joy of the season.

EDITOR'S THOUGHT OF THE DAY

> I believe that if, at the end of it all, according to our abilities, we have done something to make others a little happier, and something to make ourselves a little happier, that is about the best we can do.
>
> ~ Roger Ebert





Stress: Friend or Foe?

YVETTE BERNOSKY, B.MS.,
DIRECTOR OF FITNESS & WELLNESS, *THE CLUB AT GRANDÉZZA*

Stress has long been viewed as the enemy.

In the 1960s, the United States began its war on fat, with many people believing that all fat was bad for you. At an alarming rate, people began cutting fats from their diets. Over time, however; research showed that there are two types of fats: healthy and unhealthy. Studies have found that healthy fats can reduce the risk of stroke, heart disease and cancer, support cognitive function, and even help maintain a healthy body weight.

During that same era, the World Health Organization reached a similar conclusion about stress, deeming all stress harmful and therefore a foe. Stress can certainly cause wear and tear on multiple bodily systems and contribute to disease, but that may not be the full story. A certain amount of stress can be beneficial.

In the book *The Upside of Stress*, Stanford psychologist Kelly McGonigal explains that stress has been blamed for everything from the common cold to depression. McGonigal conducted a study involving 30,000 adults, asking how much stress they had experienced over the previous year and whether they believed stress was harmful to their health. What she found was remarkable: those who believed stress was harmful were 40% more likely to die over the next eight years than those who did not believe stress was harmful.

Their mindset had a direct correlation to their health.

In another experiment, Stanford psychologist Alia Crum studied employees at a financial firm during a financial crisis. One group watched continued →



a video explaining how the right amount of stress can be beneficial and even help build resilience. The other group was told that stress was harmful and did not watch the video.

The results showed that the group who viewed the video experienced improved mental well-being, greater energy, fewer physical symptoms, improved concentration and increased happiness. Their work performance even improved, all because they had "reframed" their mindset around stress.

A simple example of healthy stress is going to the gym. When we lift weights, the body experiences stress and muscle tissue breaks down. During recovery, whether through rest, stretching, walking or sleep, the body repairs itself and becomes stronger and more resilient. Over time, the body can handle greater loads and increased intensity.

In periodized training programs designed for competition, athletes also include tapering phases before major events so the body can fully recover and perform at its best.

Without recovery, however, the body weakens and becomes more susceptible to injury. Just as physical stress from exercise can help us become stronger with proper recovery, the stresses of everyday life can also help us grow when balanced with intentional recovery strategies.

Here are three stress-recovery strategies organized into three levels: micro, mid and macro.

Micro-level recovery occurs in short moments throughout the day. Taking a walk, listening to music, practicing breathwork, meeting a friend for lunch or taking a short nap can provide brief mental and physical resets that help recharge us during busy routines.

Mid-level recovery involves longer; more consistent habits built into daily life. Taking days off, spending quality time with family and friends, enjoying hobbies and getting a good night's sleep are all examples of mid-level recovery practices that allow us to unplug and restore ourselves more fully.

Macro-level recovery occurs when we take extended time away to fully unwind and reset, such as going on vacation. Often, when we step away for a longer period, we discover some of our most creative ideas and gain renewed perspective. Just as a car needs a tune-up to perform at its best, so do we.

In today's world, it is easy to overlook the importance of recovery while navigating life's constant demands. Yet recovery has always been part of human nature. That is why it is important to develop recovery strategies and practice them regularly to maintain a healthy balance.

Within these practices, we may discover greater peace, enjoyment and fulfillment that genuinely add to our lives and happiness. And by reframing our mindset around stress, we may become better equipped to handle life's challenges, developing greater resilience along the way. In time, stress itself may even become a friend, giving us opportunities for growth and reducing the fear we often attach to it.

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  June 11 at 3pm in the Formal Dining Room

- **BLOOD DRIVE**
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- Increasing enhanced disinfecting of surfaces and equipment.

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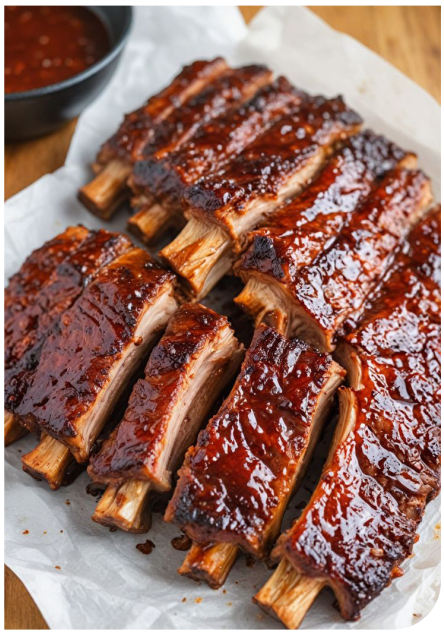
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Cook's Corner

JOHN DEJOY

COMING IN HOT... HOW ABOUT SOME BBQ?



Summer is coming! With that we get to celebrate some of my favorite holidays. Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day are all great opportunities to gather with friends and family. The menu invariably revolves around some kind of BBQ item. For this month's issue, I thought I would share my BBQ Rib recipe. We always started with Pork Baby Back Ribs. They prove to be a bit leaner and meatier. This is just my preference. St. Louis Style and Beef Baby Backs are also tasty. Whatever style you choose, the key here is flavor layering.

Step 1: On the underside of the rack you will find a thin membrane that needs to be removed. Using a butter knife, you can start in the corner of the ribs and peel that thing off.

Step 2: We are going to braise the rack. In a roasting pan, place the rack rounded side up and cover them with water. Some like to add beer here, one beer mixed with the water is good. I also add a few ounces of Cider Vinegar, chopped white onion, a bay leaf and whole black peppercorns. Cover the roasting pan with plastic wrap, then foil (this needs to be a tight cover to create some steam) and braise in a 275-degree oven for 2.5 hours.

Note: I like to check the ribs after 2 hours. We want the meat to still stick to the bone but be almost tender enough to break away. We will cook them some more before they are served.

When we reach the point we are looking for, remove the ribs from the roasting pan and place them on a cookie sheet. Liberally apply the dry rub.

BBQ RUB RECIPE

1 Cup Brown Sugar
.5 Cups Sugar
.5 Cups Paprika
2 oz Chili Pepper
1 oz Black Pepper
.5 oz Cayanne Pepper
.5 oz Dry Thyme
.5 oz Onion Powder

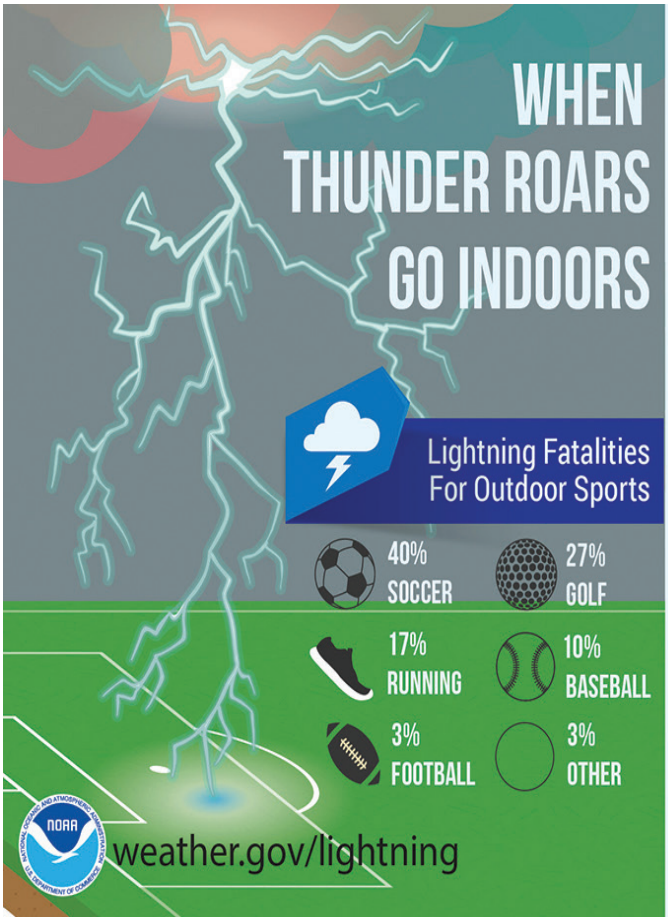
Step 1: Mix all these in a bowl. Taste and adjust to your liking.

Step 2: To finish this step: your ribs are now braised. Cooked to about 90%. Both sides of the ribs are rubbed with a good coating of the rub. Now. Wrap them up and reserve overnight.

Step 3: It's almost dinner time. We need to finish off the ribs. You have some options. You can wrap the racks in foil with a nice slathering of your favorite BBQ sauce. Wrapped loosely, place them back in the 275-degree oven for another 40 minutes or so and serve. Another option is to fire up the grill, place the racks on it, and slather them while they cook. This is my favorite option. Last, you could add a layer of smoke and slather, finishing the ribs in a smoker.

Final Note: This rib preparation was a hit at John Palmer's Bistro 40. We always ran a third of rack as a summer appetizer special. We also served these for our annual Fund Raiser for the National Multiple Sclerosis Foundation. They are fun to make and fun to eat, particularly with a cold beverage and a yard full of family and friends. I hope you enjoy this recipe!

Compliments of Chef John and Michelle De Joy, Owners of John Palmer's Bistro 44, in Concord, Ohio, and currently Saraceno residents.





THANK YOU!

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE

In our community today:

- ⇒ **1 in 5 residents** experience hunger
- ⇒ **1 in 3 seniors** are living with loneliness
- ⇒ **1 in 4 people** are struggling with mental health challenges
- ⇒ **60% of Lee County students** live in households facing financial hardship

"United is the Way" and you've shown exactly what that means.

Because of your generosity, Grandezza residents joined together to contribute **$240,313** to United Way Lee, Hendry, and Glades surpassing our goal of $220,000.

Your support drives real impact helping families secure vital resources, opening doors to new opportunities for children, and lifting up lives within our community.

Your generous donation brings nourishment, hope, and healing to our neighbors.

If you feel inspired and would like to get more involved, we invite you to consider joining our dedicated United Way Campaign Committee. We would be delighted to welcome new members who want to help shape next year's success. To join the committee please reach out to Barbara Alderson at BAlderson@UnitedWayLee.org or one of the committee members below.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Your United Way Grandezza Committee

Pat and Bill Motzer, Campaign Chair
Peter Dersley, Mary Kay and Deemer Durham, Dennis Noice,
Don Platt, Winnie Powel, and Pat & Neal Van Duyn

Scan the QR code for an impactful video.

UNITED WAY
Lee, Hendry, and Glades

United Way Names Grandezza Community Committee of the Year

Grandezza is proud to announce that our United Way Committee has been named **Community Committee of the Year** by the United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades.



Dennis Noice and Bill Motzer accepted the prestigious honor on behalf of the committee from United Way Board Member Carolyn Rogers at a recent United Way ceremony. The award recognizes Grandezza's outstanding dedication, sustained support, and meaningful impact in advancing United Way's mission throughout our community.

Additionally, this recognition is a testament to the collective efforts of our residents and volunteers who continue to make a difference. We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with the United Way and look forward to building on this achievement in the years ahead.



Wild Grandezza

KEVIN RYAN

Southwest Florida is a biodiversity hotspot and home to a wonderfully amazing collection of wildlife. Living in Grandezza means we are really lucky to share this area with large iconic mammals, reptiles and marine life, and such an absurd array of birds that it's impossible to count them all. Wading birds, shore birds, songbirds, raptors, and so many birds of prey that the list seems endless. I have been lucky enough in the 19 years of living in Florida to capture a few decent photos of some of its finest and I'll feature them here in Wild Grandezza.

TODAY'S FEATURE: THE EASTERN DIAMOND BACK RATTLESNAKE

I went left of the cart path on Grandezza's hole number six looking for a wayward tee shot and I happened upon this fellow. He was resting comfortably near the base of one of the cabbage palm trees. I noticed him from about 10 feet away and he was not at all bothered by my presence. I would guess he had just had a good meal because like most snakes he was not interested in human contact and seemed pleased that I decided to slowly back away. I've learned from multiple encounters with venomous snakes that they're a lot like insurance companies… you leave them alone; they leave you alone. That's how it works!

OVERVIEW OF THE EASTERN DIAMONDBACK

Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnakes are one of six venomous snake species found in Florida out of the approximately 20 species in the United States. They are the largest venomous snake in North America.



They are generally not aggressive and will avoid human contact if given a chance to do so. They will use their distinctive rattle as a warning to indicate that they do not want to bite so it is unquestionably best to slowly back away from the source of that sound. Most snake bites happen when people try to handle or unnecessarily kill the snake. Their bite will deliver a hemotoxic venom that will severely damage human tissue, disrupt blood clotting and if untreated could potentially cause death.

Insurance: You leave them alone; they leave you alone!

Diamondbacks favor places like dry pine flatwoods, Palmetto thickets, scrubby coastal areas, ***edges of golf courses (Oh Really?),*** and undeveloped lots**.** They are especially common in regions like the Everglades and Big Cypress National Preserve where their natural habits remain largely undisturbed, but they can turn up anywhere with good cover and enough prey.

Around Grandezza this means you must pay close attention to where you are walking, especially near the golf course (palmetto thickets, water based heavy grasses) or anywhere where we have natural or "preserve" type landscapes. If you see rabbits or squirrels, then it is likely that predators like the Eastern Diamondback also are nearby.

Diamondbacks typically range from three to five feet but can sometimes exceed six feet in length. They are heavy-bodied with distinctive dark diamond patterns and a thick tail with a prominent rattle. Their camouflage blends nearly perfectly with pine needles and sand so it's likely they will see you long before you see them.

I'M JUST MISUNDERSTOOD

The Eastern Diamondback, in SW Florida, is a very important and often misunderstood part of the ecosystem. For Florida, the Eastern Diamondback is less a "dangerous snake" than a keystone mid-to-top or APEX predator helping maintain balance in upland ecosystems. It is one of Florida's most important native predators, and its role in the ecosystem goes well beyond being just another snake. In Florida's pine flatwoods, scrub, coastal hammocks, and prairie habitats, it helps keep food webs balanced in several ways.



1. Rodent population control - They eat small mammals—rats, mice, rabbits, squirrels, and similar prey.

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2. Disease ecology - Because rodents can carry ticks, fleas, and pathogens, predators like diamondbacks indirectly influence disease dynamics.

3. They are both predator *and* prey - Young diamondbacks are prey for birds such as hawks, eagles, and wading birds, as well as mammals like raccoons and foxes.

4. Indicator of healthy longleaf pine ecosystems – The presence of diamondbacks often indicates relatively healthy habitat with good prey diversity, appropriate ground cover, natural fire cycles, and a connected upland habitat supporting other species like Gopher Tortoises, Red-cockaded Woodpeckers, and many native pollinators.



5. Connection to gopher tortoise burrows - Diamondbacks frequently shelter in burrows created by the Gopher Tortoise. Those burrows are used by hundreds of other species, so protecting tortoise habitat often benefits diamondbacks and vice versa making them a key part of a larger "burrow community."

6. Maintaining natural selection pressures - As ambush predators, diamondbacks influence prey behavior—where rodents forage, when they move, and how they use cover. This "landscape of fear" effect can shape plant regeneration and small-animal behavior across an ecosystem.

THREATENED IN FLORIDA

Habitat loss, road mortality, and intentional killing have significantly reduced populations in parts of the state. Eastern Diamondbacks reproduce relatively slowly so local populations can take years to recover and in some areas they have likely disappeared forever.

So, in other words ... if you think "The only good snake is a dead snake!" — **Please don't be that guy.** The Eastern Diamondback is an extremely important part of Florida's ecosystem and biodiversity. It prefers that you simply leave it alone and it will go on about its business of being nature's pest control.



Please Pick Up After Your Pet

We all love our dogs—they're part of the Grandezza family! But no one enjoys stepping in or seeing dog waste left behind on sidewalks, lawns, or common areas. Please be a responsible pet owner and pick up after your dog every time. Dog waste is not only unpleasant, it can spread bacteria and harm our beautiful community landscape. Let's all do our part to keep Grandezza clean, healthy, and enjoyable for everyone—two-legged and four-legged alike!

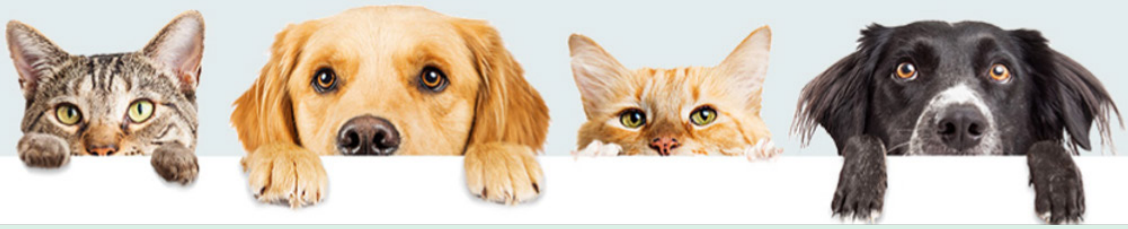
Writers Wanted!

In an effort to make the Grandezza Gazzette interesting and readable to our residents, we invite you to share your stories, experiences, and perspectives. We welcome articles about books, travel, pets, sports, TV and movies, tech, and/or content that will get our community talking and sharing! Just avoid topics such as politics and religion in keeping with our policy of avoiding controversy.

Please try to limit your words to between 200 and 600 words and feel free to include a couple of jpeg photos with high resolution. We'll be happy to give you a byline!

Send your submissions to sjsherwin18@gmail.com.

Calling All Pet Owners!



Tell the rest of Grandezza about your beloved pet! Share favorite stories that reveal your pet's personality in 300-600 words and we'll feature your pet with a few pictures in the next issue of the Grandezza Gazzette.

Send your article to: sjsherwin18@gmail.com.

Exploring History Close to Home

BARRY BLANK



I have always loved walking as a form of exercise, yes, but also as a way of slowing down and truly taking in the world around you. Whether traveling by car, bus, train, or plane, you simply can't absorb your surroundings the way you can on foot. On our trips, Myrna Wernick and I make a point of hiking each day. From the Galápagos to the Amazon, the environment keeps us engaged and curious. But you don't have to travel far to find something worth exploring.



Right here, close to Grandezza, there are local areas that are both interesting and rewarding to walk. One that many residents may not know about is a short drive away and offers a pleasant trail with genuine historical significance.

The Buckingham Army Airfield no longer exists, but its story is worth knowing. In 1941, a group of Lee County and Fort Myers officials purchased land and leased it to the War Department for the construction of a military airfield. The project infused $10 million into the local community and required draining the surrounding swamp to complete. The original site spanned 7,000 acres and included a Gunnery Training

School. At its peak, it was a vital part of the World War II war effort.



After the war, the abandoned Buckingham AAF was purchased in the 1950s by marketing entrepreneur Lee Ratner and his protégé Gerald Gould, who went on to develop Lehigh Acres along with an astonishing 11,000 miles of roads. Many of the service veterans who trained at Buckingham eventually returned to the area to retire and put down roots. Remnants of the airfield can still be found throughout the region today.

The **Buckingham Trails Preserve**, located on Buckingham Road, is a walkable piece of that World War II history. The 572-acre preserve features a 2.3-mile hiking loop through pine flatlands and open scrub habitat.

Myrna and I recently walked the **Wild Turkey Strand Preserve**, which offers a 1.8-mile "Gunner's Trail." The trail includes markers highlighting points of historical significance alongside beautiful natural scenery. It has recently been upgraded with an elevated boardwalk, making the walk even more enjoyable. Along the way, hikers will encounter remnants of military history woven into the landscape.

A few practical notes: the preserve is open from dawn to dusk, and pets are not permitted.

Given its proximity to Grandezza, this is an easy, drivable outing that fits comfortably into a morning or afternoon. The only caveat, as any local will recognize, is the seasonal traffic on Ben Hill Griffin Parkway and Daniels Parkway. Time your drive accordingly, and you'll have a peaceful and memorable walk well worth the short trip.

There Have Been 27 Versions of the American Flag

KERRY HINTON, HISTORY FACTS

A nation's flag is not merely a piece of cloth used to identify a country or mark territory. It also allows people with a shared culture to celebrate what unites and represents them. In other words, flags matter — which may help explain why the American flag has gone through no fewer than 27 iterations. In fact, the United States holds the world record for the most changes to a national flag, as the design was continuously updated as the country expanded and more states were added to the union.

The first official American flag (which, contrary to popular myth, was most likely not designed by Betsy Ross) was approved by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. It featured 13 red and white stripes meant to represent the 13 original colonies, and a blue canton — the rectangle in the upper left corner — with 13 stars in a circular pattern. After Kentucky and Vermont became states, the Second Flag Act of 1794 authorized a new design with two additional stars and stripes. The version of this 15-star flag that flew over Baltimore's Fort McHenry during the War of 1812 became known as the "Star-Spangled Banner," and inspired Francis Scott Key to write the United States' national anthem.





In 1818, the number of stripes in the flag design was reduced to the original number, 13, and the number of stars increased to 20, for the 20 states in the union at the time. The Flag Act of 1818 further specified that in the future, a star would be added for each new state, and the addition would take effect on the Fourth of July following the state's admission. Over the next several decades, as the U.S. grew, the stars in the flag's canton were arranged in different patterns. In 1912, President William Howard Taft signed an executive order that specified, for the first time, almost every detail of the flag, including its proportions and arrangement of stars. This flag looked very similar to the current design, but with 48 stars, as Alaska and Hawaii had not yet become states. In 1960, an updated flag design was made official by President Dwight D. Eisenhower and became the standard 50-star flag that still flies today.

BY THE NUMBERS

- Nations whose flag is not square or rectangular (Nepal): **1**
- American flags currently on the moon**: 6**
- White stripes on the American flag: **6**
- Red stripes on the American flag: **7**

DID YOU KNOW?

THE AMERICAN FLAG IS DISPLAYED BACKWARD ON MILITARY UNIFORMS.

Ever wondered why the American flag appears to be pointing in the wrong direction on certain military uniforms, aircraft, and space shuttles? In the standard design, the flag's star-filled blue canton is positioned in the upper left corner of the flag, but on military uniforms, the star field appears in the upper right corner instead. The idea behind this reversal is to make the flag look like it's flying in the breeze as it moves forward, as if being carried into battle. This military exception is actually stipulated in the U.S. Flag Code, the official guidelines around the proper use and display of the American flag. According to U.S. Army regulations, "The full-color U.S. flag cloth replica is worn so that the star field faces forward, or to the flag's own right."

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Ticket and Toll Scams

Have you recently gotten a text saying you did not pay an outstanding traffic ticket yet you have no memory of it? Be wary of such a text because it is probably a scam. Read on for advice on how not to fall for such texts.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV) is warning drivers about a recent text message scam targeting Floridians. The scam claims the recipient has an unpaid traffic ticket and threatens to suspend their driver license and vehicle registration if payment is not made immediately through a fraudulent link. Various reports have been received throughout the state, therefore the extent of the scam is not known. If you receive a similar text message, remember that FLHSMV will never contact you via text to demand payment or threaten suspension or arrest. Do not click any links or share personal or financial information. FLHSMV asks that you immediately report any such text message to local law enforcement and the Federal Trade Commission.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has reported on a similar scam, after having received consumer complaints about imposters sending fraudulent text messages claiming to be from one of several legitimate toll payment companies. The scam texts states that the recipient has an unpaid toll or owes a balance on their account, which will be suspended if immediate payment is not made.

The sender's number may be spoofed to look like it's from a toll company.

The scam text will likely include a link and ask you to click the link to pay immediately or verify your information. The link appears to be an official website but is actually a phishing site designed to fool you.

Scam messages often ask you to pay through non-standard methods such as gift cards or wire transfers, which is almost always a dead giveaway that it's an imposter scam. Other clues:

- The sender's number may be an international number.

- There may be other phone numbers included as recipients.

Scam messages may also use generic greetings such as "Dear Customer" or "E-ZPass user," rather than addressing you by name. E-ZPass typically uses the name on the account in a greeting.

Toll operators typically don't use text messages to collect on overdue accounts, and do not use threatening language to rush customers into action.



What you should do if you receive one of these messages:

▪ **Do Not Engage with the Texter**. Do not reply to the message, including pushing a button or responding "Y" or "N."

▪ **Do Not Click** any links embedded in the text.

▪ **Find Out if the Text Message Is Legitimate**. Call a customer service number or log into your account to check for any valid violations or unpaid tolls. If your account is in order, report the scam text to your toll company.

▪ If the text claims to be from a toll company operating in a different state, independently find a customer service phone number online and call before sending any money or providing personal information.

▪ **Block the Number**. Consider blocking the sender's number to prevent future scam attempts.

▪ **Report the Scam to Law Enforcement**. If you suspect a text message is a scam, report it to the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) at www.ic3.gov.

▪ **Do Not Share Your Info**. Never share personally identifiable information or financial information in response to unsolicited or suspicious messages.

▪ **Don't Be Bullied**. Any request that you receive urging immediate action can lead to a rushed response that may be unwise.

▪ **File a Complaint with the FCC**. Your information helps to inform FCC enforcement and policy efforts and helps us raise public awareness of these scams.

Southwest Florida Crime Stoppers Help Keep Us Safe

In a community like Grandezza where neighbors look out for one another, public safety is a shared responsibility. One valuable partner in that effort is Southwest Florida Crime Stoppers, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping law enforcement solve crimes and keep our region secure.

WHAT IS CRIME STOPPERS?

Southwest Florida Crime Stoppers provides a simple but powerful tool: a way for citizens to report information about criminal activity **anonymously**. Whether it's knowledge about a theft, vandalism, fraud, or a more serious crime, individuals can submit tips without revealing their identity. This removes a major barrier that often prevents people from coming forward.

HOW IT WORKS

Tips can be submitted via phone, mobile app, or online. Each tip is assigned a unique code—not a name—ensuring confidentiality. If the information leads to an arrest, tipsters may be eligible for a **cash reward**, typically up to several thousand dollars, depending on the case.

OBJECTIVES

The organization's mission is straightforward:

- Assist law enforcement in solving crimes
- Encourage community involvement in crime prevention
- Provide a safe, anonymous way to share information
- Deter criminal activity through public awareness and accountability

PROVEN RESULTS

Crime Stoppers programs across the country including those here in Southwest Florida have a strong track record. Locally, the organization has helped generate **thousands of tips**, leading to numerous arrests and the recovery of stolen property, illegal drugs, and weapons. Just as important, it has helped prevent crimes before they occur by enabling timely intervention.

WHY IT MATTERS TO GRANDEZZA

While Grandezza remains a safe and well-managed community, no neighborhood is entirely immune to crime. Programs like Crime Stoppers complement our own Neighborhood Watch efforts and partnership with the Lee County Sheriff's Office by extending the reach of law enforcement through resident participation.

SEE SOMETHING? SAY SOMETHING—ANONYMOUSLY

If you ever have information about suspicious or criminal activity whether inside or outside our gates consider using Crime Stoppers. Your tip could make a meaningful difference, and you can do so safely and anonymously.

Working together, we help ensure that Grandezza remains not just a beautiful place to live but a safe one as well.


SWFL CRIME STOPPERS
1-800-780-TIPS (8477)
YOUR TIP CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING.
REMAIN ANONYMOUS.
MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
100% ANONYMOUS
NO CALLER ID
NO RECORDED LINES
NO TRACKING
OVER 8,000 TIPS
RECEIVED IN ONE YEAR—
EVERY TIPSTER STAYED ANONYMOUS.
IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING.



Sheriff Carmine Marceno's May Safety & Security Tip: Safe Living Solo

Do you live alone?

The Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida finds nearly 22 percent of seniors, 65 and older live alone, putting them at risk for social isolation and other safety concerns. Maybe you're not a senior, but are still living solo.

Living alone safely requires proactive habits: locking all doors/windows, using deadbolts, and installing smart cameras or video doorbells. It is important you build a safety network by getting to know your neighbors, establishing a check-in buddy, and avoiding sharing vacation plans on social media.

Secure your perimeter with motion-activated lights and never hide spare keys outside.

HOME SECURITY BASICS

- **Lock Up:** Always lock doors and windows, even when home, and use deadbolts and chains.
- **Lighting:** Use motion-activated lights for entrances and keep the exterior well-lit.
- **Secure Entry Points:** Use dowels in sliding door tracks and reinforce doors with security bars or a type of secondary lock.
- **Maintain Privacy:** Keep blinds or curtains closed at night.
- **Keys:** Give spare keys or garage code to a trusted neighbor or family member, never hide them outside.

SMART TECHNOLOGY AND TOOLS

- **Cameras & Doorbells:** Install video doorbells or security cameras to monitor entrances.
- **Alarms:** Use doorstop alarms or window alarms to deter intruders.
- **Safety Apps:** Use safety apps for daily check-ins.

DAILY HABITS AND PREPAREDNESS

- **Know Your Neighbors:** Trusted neighbors can watch for suspicious activity.
- **Trusted Check-in:** Have a friend or family member know your daily schedule.
- **Emergency Plan:** Create an emergency exit plan and keep important contact numbers accessible.
- **Maintenance Safety:** Verify service workers' credentials before letting them in. Another recommendation is to have a friend join you, if strangers are working in your home.
- **Sound Confident:** If someone knocks, make it known someone is there.
- **Avoid Oversharing:** No one needs to know you live alone, not your driver, service provider, or any other stranger.

SAFETY OUTSIDE THE HOME

- **Situational Awareness:** Stay alert and avoid looking at your phone while walking.
- **Self-Defense:** Consider taking a self-defense class to build confidence.
- **Personal Safety Tools:** Carry self-defense items or a personal alarm.

Every day, we find ourselves in all types of situations. We should always feel comfortable and safe. Do not hesitate to call for help. Ever. We are here for you.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office offers more than a dozen free crime prevention programs, discussing best practices for safety and security. To schedule one for your community, business, organization or house of worship, please call (239) 477-1CRU (1278) or email us at CRU@sheriffleefl.org.



THE 2026 HURRICANE FORECAST: KNOW WHAT COULD BE COMING YOUR WAY!

A new hurricane season brings a familiar question: are you ready if the chaos crosses your path? While no two storm seasons are the same, your priority remains unchanged - to protect what matters most. Hurricanes don't have to make landfall where you live to disrupt your routine - or your life. The highest-frequency areas for hurricanes of any category include coastal North Carolina, south Florida and southeast Louisiana, about every five to seven years.

The best time to prepare for a storm is well before it happens. Stay ahead of any weather event with the supplies and information you need to keep you and yours ready for anything.



SOME USEFUL TIPS:

- Photograph your expensive possessions
- Check your Carbon Monoxide and smoke alarms are fully functional.
- Ensure you have an emergency medical kit, and things like flashlights, radio that does not require electrical power, food items that do not require refrigeration and water.
- Make sure you have any pharmaceutical or other medical products you take with around a month's supply.
- Remember food in your refrigerator is only safe to eat for about 4 hours without electricity. Beyond that, the recommendation is to discard meat, poultry, fish, eggs and leftovers.
- A full freezer will hold a safe temperature for 48 hours (24 hours if half full). These times are only true if the appliance door remains closed.
- Help keep children as calm as possible before, during and after a hurricane with a little guidance and reassurance to ease fears and stress.
    - Talk about your safety or evacuation plans before a storm arrives.
    - Let them help gather supplies and feel part of the process. Keep in constant communication during a storm or hurricane. Talk through what you're experiencing and share your plans for what happens after the storm.
    - Pack water, snacks and first aid items including bandages and antibiotic ointment. Include toys, games and other comfort items that don't require power.

You can check out the complete article by accessing the following link https://wp.me/pgats9-bZV

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

TRANSPORTATION IN ESTERO & SOUTHERN LEE COUNTY

TERRY FLANAGAN,
VICE PRESIDENT OF ADMINISTRATION,
ENGAGE ESTERO

On April 17, more than 130 residents packed the room for Engage Estero's transportation forum. Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Director Don Scott opened with a question. He asked, "How many of you have moved here in the past five years?"

About half the audience raised their hands. That moment captured the essence of Estero's traffic challenge. Today's congestion did not happen by chance. It stems from deliberate policy choices made more than a decade ago as Lee County worked to recover from the devastating 2008–2010 housing crash, during which the area led the nation in foreclosures.

The result is a significant backlog of required road projects. Lee County's three-tier transportation project list totals roughly $2.5 billion in today's dollars, and the cost is far higher when future inflation is considered. Yet only about $70 million per year is available for new capacity projects. Traditional funding sources, including the already-maxed-out local gas tax and impact fees, cannot bridge this gap.

In the full article written by Terry Flanagan, VP, Administration, he explains what this means for those living in Greater Estero. See the link at https://esterotoday.com/transportation-in-estero-southern-lee-county/.



ESTERO RESIDENTS DESERVE ANSWERS REGARDING THE I-75 PLANNED EXPANSION

At Engage Estero's April 17 Community and Member Meeting, over 130 residents gathered to discuss one of the most pressing issues facing Greater Estero: traffic congestion, future road improvements, and the planned widening of I-75 through the community. The meeting focused on transportation updates, the impacts of future development, and the long-term expansion of the interstate corridor.

Watch the full April 17 Engage Estero Community and Member Meeting on YouTube.

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The strong turnout reflected how deeply these issues affect daily life in Estero. Traffic congestion affects commutes, school travel, emergency response times, and local businesses. Major highway construction affects mobility, safety, noise levels, and the character of surrounding neighborhoods. For many residents near I-75, this is not simply a transportation project; it is a quality-of-life issue that could affect health, property values, and the future of their communities.

Residents expected FDOT to provide updates on the I-75 expansion, explain what it had learned from community feedback, discuss noise mitigation options, outline project timelines, and answer public questions directly. These topics had been identified in advance. Instead, attendees were informed at the start of the meeting that FDOT representatives would not attend. This they conveyed to Engage Estero less than 48 hrs before the meeting.

The concerns expressed by a large group of residents was recorded and sent to FDOT. WINK News referenced the meeting in various news bulletins emphasizing FDOTs withdrawal from the meeting despite making the point that their mandate was to understand the views of the public. Other reports of the meeting were published in the Fort Myers News Press, Naples Dailey News and the Banner.



https://esterotoday.com/apr2026

POTENTIAL PLANS FOR ESTERO RIVER PARK

During a Workshop session on May 6, 2026 at the Village of Estero Council meeting, updated plans for the Estero River Park project were presented.

“The Village is advancing the strategic redevelopment of the ±32-acre publicly owned site within the Eco-Historical Hub located north of the Estero River. This initiative envisions the creation of a vertically integrated mixed-use development anchored by multifamily residential and activated by complementary ground-floor retail and neighborhood-serving commercial space.

The project is intended to leverage public land ownership as a catalyst for long-term private investment and deliver a cohesive, walkable urban environment.

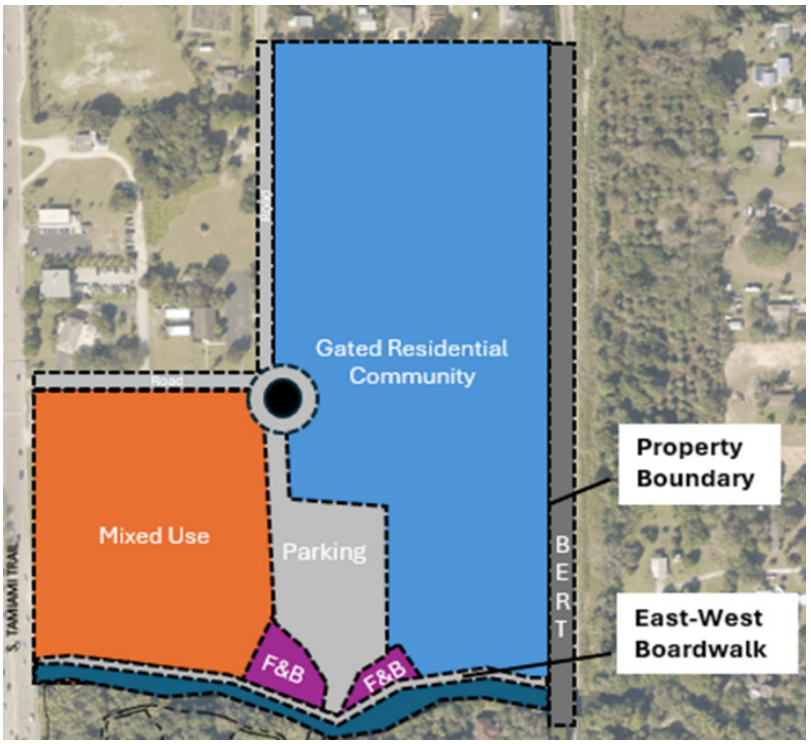
The proposed east-west boardwalk along the Estero River allows for a scenic, walkable site allowing visitation to the food and beverage (F&B) elements

while connecting users to the western trail and BERT line.

The parking portion of the site completed construction in May of 2026 and will be available to the general public, supporting access for all visitors to the site and surrounding amenities. The additional illustrated site uses are still very much preliminary; the Village is open to alternative development options from proposals that would best fit the long-term vision for the site."

"By combining residential living with neighborhood-serving commercial spaces, the development would promote walkability, daily activity, and year-round economic engagement. The project is positioned to function as a catalytic investment that strengthens the development and supports long-term community growth through collaboration between public and private stakeholders"

The full article with the slideshow presentation can be seen at https://wp.me/pgats9-bZA





"Be Informed, Get Engaged, and Make an Impact!"

Grandezza Classified Ads

To place a classified ad Grandezza residents may e-mail sjsherwin18@gmail.com. An ad will run for THREE (3) MONTHS beginning with the first submission. Please inform us when the item has been sold or if you wish to have it deleted from the column. Also, you must notify us to continue an ad for an additional cycle after the initial 3-month period has expired or it automatically will be deleted. (Ending cycle of the ad running is noted at the end in parentheses.)

ITEMS FOR SALE

Leather Palliser Power Swivel Glider Recliner with head rest in a neutral Bali Harvest (light taupe). Built in USB port. (We are redecorating.) Two years old, mint condition, originally priced $1700. Asking $300. Text Bob at 317-646-0060. (Expires 7/26)

Leather Sofa—black triple power recliner. Perfect condition, purchased in November 2025 for $1,999. Heading North and asking only $1,100. Call or text 309-838-7533 to view at our Saraceno Drive address. (Expires 8/26)



Nearly new Acorn Stairlift. Installed in February 2026. Will fit Sabal Palm Unit #6 from 1106 to 2806. Original price was $13,695; sale price negotiable. Contact Arlene Alderfer (215) 237-3333 (Expires 9/26)

2023 Buick Encore GX Select. Like new - 4,100 miles. Recently purchased extended warranty to 4/2032. Avg. mpg: 42. Only locally driven by one driver. All recommended maintenance completed each year with supporting documentation. Reason for sale: wife & I retired & we're reducing from 2 cars to one. Available for viewing, along with documentation in Grandezza. Price: $24,400. E-Mail Brad at: bradlrobinson@gmail.com. (Expires 9/26)

SERVICES OFFERED

Services as a home health care nurse, personalized and tailored according to specific needs including overnight stays. Call Terry at 262-309-1434. (Expires 7/26)

Visitor Access Control System at the Grandezza Front Entrance

Our *DwellingLIVE* access control system continues to be successfully used by most Grandezza residents. However, some residents are still calling the gatehouse directly to register their guests.

To help our gatehouse staff and ensure faster, more accurate visitor processing, we ask that you please register your guests using one of the following preferred methods instead of calling the gatehouse:

- The **DwellingLIVE mobile app** on your smartphone
- The **DwellingLIVE website** on your computer
- The **Guest Registration System** by phone (for those unable to use the app or website)

If you need to use the **Guest Registration System**, please follow these simple steps:

1. Call **239-986-8627** or **888-994-4117**.

2. When prompted, clearly state the following information:
   - **Name:** Say your visitor's name (e.g., "Perfect AC Systems").
   - **Date:** Say the date (e.g., "September 21").
   - **Time:** You do not need to specify a time.
   - **Number of days:** State how long the pass should be valid (e.g., "one day" or "two days").

3. Press **#** when you are finished and then hang up.

Please keep your message brief. The DwellingLIVE system automatically recognizes your phone number and saves the voice message in your account. When your visitor arrives, the gate officer will retrieve the information from your account and issue a pass accordingly.

Thank you for helping us keep Grandezza's access control system running efficiently and securely.





RESOURCE HUB

GRANDEZZA MASTER WEBSITE
WWW.GRANDEZZAMASTER.COM

Gatehouse
(239) 498-8895

Gatehouse
(DwellingLIVE Automated # to register guests)
(239) 986-8627

Address
11450 Grande Oak

Clubhouse
(239) 948-3569

Grandezza Express - Take Out Food
(239) 738-7113

Golf Pro Shop
(239) 948-2900

Tennis Pro Shop
(239) 738-7111

Wellness Director
(941) 999-1331

Golf Maintenance
(239) 947-6296

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COORDINATORS

Grandezza is a safer community because of Neighborhood Watch.

Avalon	Peggy Dempsey	610-662-2082
Cypress Cove A (Buttermere)	Mike Patricelli	239-464-0780
Cypress Cove B	Kevin O'Neil	239-265-5982
Grande Estates	Mike Bresson	603-812-8455
Oakwood I (bldg 1-8 & 23-29)	Al Meyer	239-313-0580
Oakwood II (bldg 9-22)	Lillian Bennett	239-992-5583
Sabal Palm	Mark Sherwin	201-370-4160
Santa Lucia	Celia Platt	239-498-8158
Saraceno	Jeanne Basso	239-600-2828
Savona	Sharmin McKenny	239-989-2334
Solemar	Bob Lindgren	651-895-6210
Ville Grande	Steve Bajinski	678-575-2397

REMEMBER-

- **Call 911** for a crime-in-progress (emergency) or
- **Call the police at 239-477-1000** to report suspicious activity/behavior (non-emergency)
- **Call the Guest Registration System** to register a guest 239-986-8627.
- **Call the Grandezza Gate at 239-498-8895** to inform them that the police may be coming and why.
- **Notify your Neighborhood Watch Coordinator**

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Poison Control	(800) 222-1222
Alligator Hotline	(866) 392-4286
Animal Control	(239) 432-2083
Mosquito Control	(239) 694-2174
Florida Power & Light	(239) 334-7754
Sunshine Before You Dig	(800) 432-4770
Waste Services of Florida	(239) 332-8500
Free Residential Appliance Pickup	(239) 337-0800

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