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Just Sold in Grandezza



20048 Seadale Court, Cypress Cove

MLS 226017503

Listed at $619,000

I represented the sellers of this fine home in Grandezza- I thank them as well as the buyers and their excellent agent who helped make it, again, a smooth transaction. We welcome the new owners to the community!



Just Sold in Grandezza - Villa Grande



20174 Markward Crossing

MLS 225056049

Listed at $799,000

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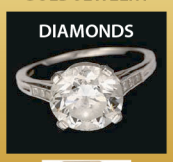
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Master POA Report

SARAH HARTMAN

By the time this article is published, I'll have returned from my annual fly-fishing trip. I started fly fishing in the 1990s, alternating between horseback-riding and fishing trips for several years. My late husband took up fly fishing after we married and quickly became more skilled than I was. This year, I may even add a little horseback riding to the trip for old times' sake. It's on the schedule, but we'll see!

The board met at the clubhouse on Thursday, May 28, at 5:00 p.m. for our final meeting until September.

Highlights from the meeting follow:

- Our financial position remains strong, with expenses running $13k below budget year to date.
- A major lightning strike at the south maintenance gate caused damage to surveillance cameras, the RFID reader, and other equipment, resulting in unplanned repair expenses.
- We discussed ongoing challenges with the Access Control Management System. More information will be shared in the coming months.
- The board received updates on Neighborhood Watch activities and discussed recent issues with unauthorized companies soliciting within the community. Please call the Sheriff's non-emergency number at 239-477-1000 if you notice suspicious activity.
- Updates were also provided on landscaping, infrastructure, and communications.

Although monthly board meetings will pause for the summer, work throughout the community will continue.

Construction at the clubhouse is progressing, and those of us here during the off-season are adjusting to the temporary arrangements. The club's regular social media updates have been especially helpful, since much of the work is hidden behind protective fencing and inside Bogey's and the pro shop areas. Be sure to check the pictures out if you haven't already seen them.

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Don't forget to take advantage of the dining and golf reciprocals available. I've only visited three other clubs so far, but I've really enjoyed each one. Fortunately, I appreciate the scenery, because my golf game still leaves a *little* to be desired! Here are a couple wildlife photos from my outings.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer wherever you may be.





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A Heartfelt Thank You to Lanell and Jim Shields

Every community has those rare individuals whose presence quietly lifts everyone around them. For Estero, Lanell and Jim Shields have been exactly that, steady hands, generous hearts, and joyful partners in shaping the place we are proud to call home.

As they prepare to leave Estero for a new chapter closer to their daughter in Yorktown, Virginia, the Engage Estero leadership and Board of Trustees join the entire Grandezza community in expressing our deepest gratitude and warmest wishes.

For more than two decades, Lanell and Jim have been woven into the story of Estero's growth. From their home in Grandezza, they devoted countless hours to strengthening our community, not for applause but because they believed in what Estero could become. If dedication were a sport, the Shields would be perennial MVPs.

Jim's leadership, paired with Lanell's unwavering support and tireless work with Breaking Par for Lead Estero, helped raise several hundred thousand dollars in scholarships for local students. That's not just generosity; it's changing lives, opening doors, and giving young people the confidence to dream bigger.

For many years Lanell volunteered as President of the Board of Directors of the Grande Estates Homeowners Association, Vice President of the Grandezza Master Board and chaired the Landscape Committee for both the Master Property Owners Association and for Grande Estates.

Jim and Lanell's commitment to Junior Achievement has been equally transformative. Through their



support, students across our region have gained financial literacy and leadership skills and have come to believe they can shape their own futures. The ripple effects of that work will be felt for generations.

Jim's civic engagement also has left a lasting imprint. Through his involvement with the Estero Council of Community Leaders, now Engage Estero, he helped guide conversations and initiatives that shaped the village we know today. His thoughtful voice and steady presence made our community stronger, more informed, and more united.

And then there is *Forging a Better Path*, the book Jim coauthored with Engage Estero's president,

Allan Bowditch.* This important work captures Estero's history and the spirit of the citizens who built it. It stands as a testament to the vision, perseverance, and community pride that have defined Estero for more than 20 years. Jim's role in preserving that story is a gift to us all.

Lanell and Jim's legacy is not a single project or accomplishment. It is the sum of years of leadership, generosity, wisdom, and kindness. It is the example they set – that community thrives when people care enough to give their time, talent, and heart.

While we will miss seeing them at community meetings, events, and around town, we are truly happy they will be closer to family. Virginia is gaining two treasures, and we hope they know how lucky they are. From all of us at Engage Estero and Grandezza: **Lanell and Jim, thank you** for your service, your heart, your humor, and for believing in Estero and helping it become the vibrant, connected, and caring community it is today.

We wish you joy, good health, and wonderful new adventures in the years ahead. Your legacy will always be part of Estero's story.

*More about the book Jim helped write may be found at: https://esterotoday.com/history-book/

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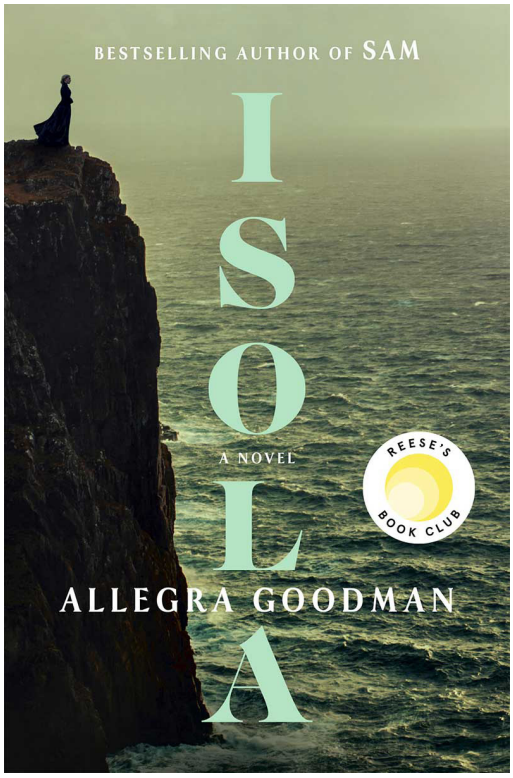
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Reader's Corner – Isola

FAINA MENZUL



From Allegra Goodman, an acclaimed writer of historical fiction, comes *Isola*, a stunning medieval thriller based on a true story of a young 16th century French noblewoman, who survived after being cast off on an uninhabited island off the coast of North America and lived to tell her story.

After the untimely deaths of her parents, the future of Marguerite de la Rocque, a fifteen-year-old heiress to a large fortune, depends on the whims of her uncle, who becomes her legal guardian.

Overnight, Marguerite, who is accustomed to a luxurious and carefree life, is thrust into a bitter existence of isolation, loneliness, harsh cold and hunger, all on the orders of her uncle. On rare visits to the castle her guardian reduces the number of her servants and limits Marguerite's very movements. He orders Marguerite to move to a remote room in one of the castle's towers and forbids her to ride her horse or walk in the gardens. The guardian further leases the castle to a rich merchant's family who is not aware that the true owner of the estate is exiled in a drafty, cold tower nearby.

Initially, Marguerite believes that despite her guardian's erratic behavior in ruling her life he will protect her interests and eventually arrange for her an acceptable marriage to a member of the French nobility. As time goes by, her expectations gradually grow dim when she learns that the guardian has squandered her estate and forfeited her inheritance to finance his own adventures in the New World.

Several years later, the guardian orders Marguerite to accompany him on a voyage bound for the new French colonies in North America. Her devoted nurse Damienne is the only caring and close person allowed to accompany Marguerite on the ship.

During the long, exhausting sailing, Marguerite befriends Auguste, a young man who serves as her uncle's secretary. The two young people develop an intense attraction to each other and fall in love. However, when their relationship is discovered, the

guardian brutally punishes the couple. Marguerite, Damienne, and Auguste are cast out and abandoned on a small uninhabited island away from the coast with few meager supplies and no hope for escape.

Over the next several months the trio struggles to survive against severe forces of nature. When the brutal winter descends on the tiny island, cold winds and lack of food further exhaust their strengths. Damienne, who cared for Marguerite from birth, succumbs first. Soon after, Auguste dies from hunger and mortal wounds he sustained in a deadly struggle with a polar bear. Left alone Marguerite must learn to hunt, build shelter, and defend herself against animal predators.

Two years later, Marguerite is accidentally discovered by Basque fishermen who bring her back to France. Eventually, Marguerite is granted an audience with Queen Marguerite of Navarre, who helps her reclaim her identity and encourages Marguerite to share her incredible story.

This moving, lyrical and heartbreaking story reads as an emotional page-turner, exploring boundaries of the human will to live, the power of true love, and the limits of human resilience. While the novel examines the powerlessness of 16th century women who were required to depend upon men for their livelihood, it strongly resonates with modern times when many women still must fight for their rights and independence. *Isola* was picked in 2025 for Reese's Book Club for its poignant, passionate narrative, derived from a real-life story.

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Summer Holidays in July and August

SUSAN SHERWIN

During the summer months in Southwest Florida full time residents and vacationers enjoy light traffic on the roads, restaurants reward us with numerous specials, and reservations are much easier to obtain. While the summer months of July and August are often associated with school vacations and sunny weather in the Northern Hemisphere, we tend to enjoy a quieter time here.



In the United States, **Independence Day** on **July 4th** is likely the highlight of summer. It commemorates the country's Declaration of Independence from Britain in 1776. Americans celebrate with fireworks, parades, barbecues, and patriotic displays.



Similarly, **Canada Day** on **July 1st** marks Canada's confederation and is celebrated with concerts, fireworks, and national pride.



France celebrates **Bastille Day** on **July 14th**, honoring the storming of the Bastille prison in 1789, a turning point of the French Revolution. Like the U.S.'s celebration of Independence Day France celebrates Bastille Day with parades, fireworks, and parties across the country.



In Japan, the **Obon Festival**, held in **mid-August**, is a time to honor deceased ancestors. Families clean graves, light lanterns, and participate in traditional dances.

Other nations also celebrate their independence during these summer months. In Latin America, **Peru** celebrates its independence on **July 28th and 29th**, while **Bolivia's Independence Day** falls on **August 6th**, both with patriotic events and cultural performances. **India's Independence Day** on **August 15th** commemorates the end of British rule in 1947, celebrated with flag hoisting, cultural programs, and speeches.

Summer holidays in July and August often bring people together, whether it is through national pride, religious observance, or family/friend traditions. However the ways we celebrate in Grandezza, enjoy the summer!

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Medicare doesn't pay for dental care.[1]

That's right. As good as Medicare is, it was never meant to cover everything. That means if you want protection, you need to purchase individual insurance.

Early detection can prevent small problems from becoming expensive ones.

The best way to prevent large dental bills is preventive care. The American Dental Association recommends checkups twice a year.

Previous dental work can wear out.

Even if you've had quality dental work in the past, you shouldn't take your dental health for granted. In fact, your odds of having a dental problem only go up as you age.[2]

Treatment is expensive — especially the services people over 50 often need.

Consider these national average costs of treatment ... $274 for a checkup ... $299 for a filling ... $1,471 for a crown.[3] Unexpected bills like this can be a real burden, especially if you're on a fixed income.

[1] "Medicare & You," Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 2025. [2] "Aging changes in teeth and gums", medlineplus.gov, 4/17/2022. [3] FairHealth, Inc. National average dental fees. Data current as of July 2025; subject to change.

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On a warm summer morning, dust rises with each strike of a horse's hoof as José Fonseca gallops across Costa Rica's Nicoya Peninsula to begin his day's work. Looking at this vibrant man, you might assume he is in his seventies. In reality, José is 100 years old.

In Loma Linda, California, 94-year-old Marion Westermeter dives into a cool swimming pool as part of his daily routine. He swims every day, year-round. In Okinawa, Japan, Ushi Okusha became one of the region's most celebrated centenarians, living to the remarkable age of 109 while enjoying a life surrounded by 13 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. What do these extraordinary individuals have in common?

They all lived in places known as Blue Zones, or regions of the world where people consistently live longer, healthier lives. Author and explorer Dan Buettner partnered with National Geographic to identify these communities and later featured them in the Netflix series *Live to 100: Secrets of the Blue Zones*. His travels took him to five Blue Zones: Okinawa, Japan; Nicoya, Costa Rica; Sardinia, Italy; Ikaria, Greece and Loma Linda, California.

Despite their cultural differences, Buettner discovered nine common lifestyle habits shared by people in these longevity hotspots. Together, they became known as the Blue Zones Power 9.

MOVE NATURALLY

People in Blue Zones don't rely on gyms or structured workouts. Instead, their environments naturally encourage movement through walking, gardening, household chores and daily physical activity.

PURPOSE

Having a sense of purpose can add years to life expectancy. José Fonseca's daily horseback ride to work provided him with a meaningful reason to get up each morning.

DOWNSHIFT

Chronic stress contributes to many diseases. Blue Zone residents regularly build time into their lives to slow down through prayer, naps, reflection or social connection.

THE 80 PERCENT RULE
Rather than eating until they are full, many people in Blue Zones stop when they feel about 80% satisfied. This simple habit helps prevent overeating and supports healthy weight management.

PLANT SLANT
Their diets are centered on fruits, vegetables, legumes and whole grains. Meat, eggs and fish are consumed sparingly. Meals are made from whole, minimally processed ingredients rather than packaged foods with lengthy ingredient lists.

WINE AT FIVE
In most Blue Zones, people enjoy a glass or two of wine with friends or family, often as part of a social meal. The exception is Loma Linda's Seventh-day Adventists, who typically abstain from alcohol.

BELONG
Research suggests that participating in a faith-based community can significantly contribute to longevity. Of the 263 centenarians interviewed during Buettner's research, all but five belonged to a faith community.

LOVED ONES FIRST
Strong family connections are a hallmark of Blue Zone cultures. Families prioritize spending time together, caring for older relatives and maintaining close intergenerational relationships.

RIGHT TRIBE
The people around us influence our habits. Blue Zone residents intentionally cultivate social circles that encourage healthy behaviors and positive lifestyles.

One could argue that these communities are set up for success because of their environments. Blue Zone communities create environments where healthy choices are often the easiest choices. Daily movement, strong social connections, and wholesome foods are woven into everyday life. In contrast, many aspects of modern American life can work against these habits. Convenience foods, oversized portions, busy schedules, and endless digital distractions can make it more challenging to prioritize our health and well-being.

The good news is that we can shape our own environments in ways that support healthier living. By making nutritious foods, daily movement, meaningful connections, and moments of rest easier to access, we can create our own version of a "Blue Zone" wherever we live.

Take time to reflect on the Power 9 and consider which habits you can begin weaving into your daily life. Even small, intentional changes can have a lasting impact. In doing so, you may find that these principles help you not only add years to your life, but also more purpose, connection, and joy to the years you have.

For more inspiration and practical ideas, explore Dan Buettner's book *The Blue Zones Challenge: A 4-Week Plan for a Longer, Better Life*.

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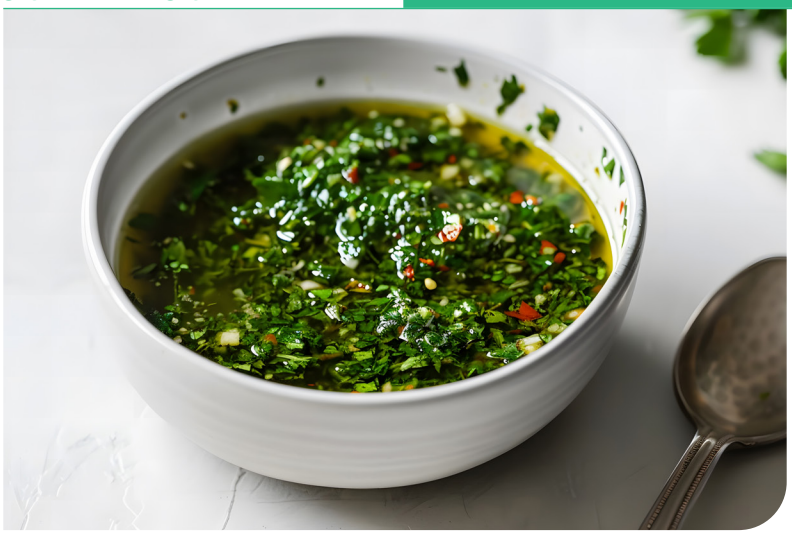
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Cook's Corner

JOHN DEJOY

GRILLING WITH CHIMICHURRI SAUCE



CHIMICHURRI SAUCE

1 Large Bunch of Flat Leaf Parsley
3 Cloves Garlic
2 T fresh Oregano
1/3 Cup Extra Virgin Olive Oil
1/4 Cup Red Wine Vinegar
2 t Finely grated lemon zest
1 pinch red pepper flakes
Kosher Salt to taste

"For this month's recipe, I stuck to the "Season of Grilling" theme. A "Chimichurri" Sauce is the perfect accompaniment to anything grilled. Fish, chicken and especially beef. By origin this sauce originates from Argentina. It will remind you of "Pesto" but with Parsley or a "Gremolata" but wet with Vinegar and Oil. We used this at John Palmer's Bistro on a Grilled Sirloin that we served with "Truffle Tator Tots" (maybe for another article).

1). Chop the parsley. You can do this by hand (preferred) or pulse the parsley in a food processor. If you are using a knife, go ahead and chop the garlic and add it to the chopped Parsley. If you are using a food processor, Add the garlic and pulse both items together.

2). Transfer parsley to a mixing bowl and stir in the oil, vinegar, lemon zest, red pepper flake and salt.

3). The finished Chimichurri should be very Parsley forward but be spreadable. Get a little bit in every bite.

Note: The food processor is perfectly fine, although the Chef in me would prefer a Knife cut.

Note: Dried oregano can be used instead. I have used other vinegars in this recipe as well. Balsamic or Sherry Vinegars are both great substitutes.

Note: We serve the "Chimichurri" on the table when the meal is served and leave the amount desired up to the diner. This sauce combines some really bright flavors and can be enjoyed on many different proteins. It's best used the day it's prepared, but can be stored and used 3 or 4 days later. I hope everyone is having a great summer. Enjoy.

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





Orchids Thriving Outdoors: Nature's Living Decoration

BETH KANTNER

Many folks are enhancing the beauty of Grandezza by growing orchids outside on trees. You can see them blooming on the golf course and in most neighborhoods. These gorgeous flowers are quite remarkable and can survive indefinitely on trees during the summer months—often for decades! Southwest Florida's summer provides high ambient humidity and warm temperatures, which are the natural growing conditions for many orchid species.

Snowbirds, this is one of the few flowers you can leave and they will be waiting for you when you return. So, if you are tempted to remove these plants please reconsider doing so as most will not only survive but thrive where they are sharing their beauty for many years to come.









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!

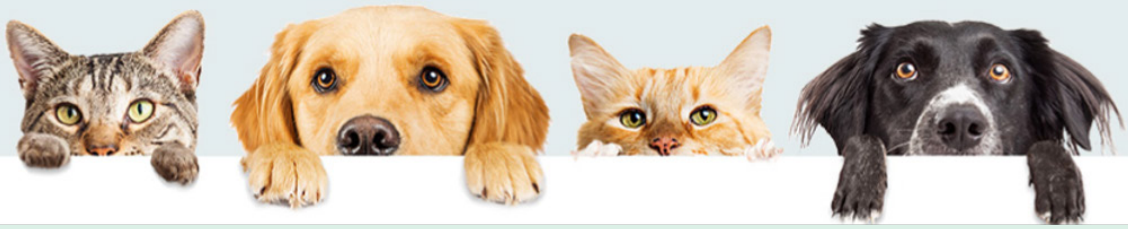
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In an effort to make the Grandezza Gazzette interesting and readable to our residents, we invite you to share your stories, experiences, and perspectives. We welcome articles about books, travel, pets, sports, TV and movies, tech, and/or content that 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.

Wild Grandezza – The Swallow-tailed Kite Southwest Florida's Master of the Sky

KEVIN RYAN

Each spring I enjoy seeing the first arrival of the majestic Swallow-tailed Kite. None of the many remarkable birds that call Southwest Florida home captures the imagination quite like these graceful fliers. Its striking black-and-white plumage, long pointed wings, and deeply forked tail make this elegant raptor appear almost weightless as it glides through the sky. The annual return of the Swallow-tailed Kite in spring signals the arrival of warmer weather and the beginning of Florida's nesting season. The bird's graceful flight, social behavior, and incredible migration make it one of the most fascinating wildlife species in the region. Southwest Florida is particularly important to the species, providing some of the most productive nesting and feeding habitats in North America.

A DISTINCTIVE BIRD OF PREY

The Swallow-tailed Kite (Elanoides Forficatus) is one of North America's most beautiful raptors. Adults measure about 20 to 25 inches in length and possess a wingspan of approximately four feet. Their bodies are bright white, contrasting sharply with black wings and tails. The bird's most recognizable feature is its deeply forked tail which functions much like a rudder, allowing for extraordinary maneuverability during flight.



SWALLOW-TAILED KITE IN FLIGHT WITH NESTING MATERIAL

While hawks and eagles frequently perch while hunting Swallow-tailed Kites spend much of their lives airborne. They are capable of catching prey, drinking water, and even collecting nesting materials while in flight. They are most often seen gliding effortlessly without flapping their wings for extended periods, banking and turning with remarkable precision. Their aerial agility has appropriately earned them a reputation as one of the most graceful birds in the Americas.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA: A CRITICAL STRONGHOLD

Southwest Florida contains some of the most important habitats in all of the United States for Swallow-tailed Kites. Large conservation areas such as the Corkscrew Regional

Ecosystem Watershed (CREW), Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, and the extensive wetlands and forests throughout Lee, Collier, Hendry, and Charlotte counties provide ideal nesting and feeding conditions. Researchers have documented numerous nesting territories within these landscapes, emphasizing their importance to the long-term survival of the species.



SWALLOW-TAILED KITE WITH FLEDGLING ON THE NEST

The region's tapestry of cypress swamps, pine flatwoods, wet prairies, marshes, and forested wetlands offers both nesting sites and abundant prey. Swallow-tailed Kites prefer large, relatively undisturbed forest tracts with tall trees rising above the surrounding canopy. These elevated trees provide security from predators and excellent vantage points for launching into feeding areas.

The species is one of Florida's most iconic birds, and as such it serves as the symbol of the Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail which is a network of more than 500 wildlife viewing sites across the state. The wildlife trail is a go-to resource for finding the best spots to see Florida's native birds, butterflies, and other wildlife.

AN EPIC ANNUAL MIGRATION

One of the most remarkable aspects of the Swallow-tailed Kite's life is its extraordinary migration. Each year the birds spend the winter months in South America, particularly in the Amazon Basin and surrounding regions. Beginning in late February and early March, they return to Florida after traveling thousands of miles across continents. Southwest Florida is often among the first regions where returning birds are observed. I first saw them in Northeast Florida, near Jacksonville, where these distinctive, graceful fliers appeared to dance effortlessly high overhead, serving as a welcome indication that spring had arrived.

Upon arrival the birds establish breeding territories and begin nesting activities. They remain throughout the spring and summer, raising their young before

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gathering in large communal roosts during July and August. These pre-migration gatherings may include hundreds or even thousands of birds. Once the breeding season ends, they begin another long journey southward, crossing the Gulf of Mexico, Central America, and portions of South America before reaching their wintering grounds.

Scientists estimate that most of the United States breeding population nests in Florida, making the state's conservation efforts particularly important for the species.

NESTING AND FAMILY LIFE

Swallow-tailed Kites typically begin nesting shortly after returning to Florida. Pairs often reuse traditional nesting areas and may return to the same locations year after year. They build relatively small nests composed of sticks, Spanish moss, and other vegetation, usually near the tops of tall pines or cypress trees. Nests are often placed more than sixty feet above ground and typically are very difficult to spot with the naked eye.

Unlike many birds of prey that defend large territories, Swallow-tailed Kites are surprisingly social. Several pairs may nest in the same general area forming loose colonies. This social behavior provides additional protection against predators and helps individuals locate productive feeding areas.

Females typically lay two to four eggs, and both parents participate in caring for the young. During the nesting season, adults spend much of their time hunting food and delivering it to the nest. Young birds remain dependent on their parents for several weeks after fledging before joining larger groups later in the summer.

MASTERS OF AERIAL HUNTING

The diet of the Swallow-tailed Kite is as unique as its flight style. These birds feed primarily on large insects, including dragonflies, cicadas, grasshoppers, beetles, termites, and wasps. They also consume small reptiles such as lizards and snakes, along with frogs and occasionally small birds.

What makes their hunting behavior incredible is that most prey is captured while the bird remains airborne. Swallow-tailed Kites can grab insects from the air, snatch lizards from treetops, and even carry entire wasp nests back to feeding perches or nests. Their specialized digestive systems make them the Honey-Badger of the skies because it allows them to consume prey that many other birds avoid including stinging insects. Wasps? Kites don't care about stingers!

In Southwest Florida the wetlands and forests surrounding nesting sites provide abundant food sources. Wet prairies, marsh edges, rivers, and forest openings are particularly important feeding habitats.

CONSERVATION SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES

Historically, Swallow-tailed Kites nested across much of the southeastern and central United States, extending as far north as Minnesota and Wisconsin. During the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, however, the species experienced a dramatic decline. Habitat destruction, shooting, egg collecting, and wetland drainage contributed to the contraction of its range. By the mid-twentieth century, the bird's breeding distribution had been reduced to a small portion of the southeastern United States.

Today, populations appear more stable, thanks to extensive conservation efforts and habitat protection but, like many other species, habitat loss remains one of the Kite's greatest threats. Development pressures continue to affect many forested wetlands and large tracts of undeveloped land in Florida. The loss of mature nesting trees and changes to natural water sources and flows can reduce nesting success and limit suitable habitat.

Researchers in Southwest Florida continue to monitor nesting success and habitat use. Recent studies around the CREW lands and adjacent conservation areas have provided valuable information about nesting ecology and habitat requirements. These efforts help guide conservation planning and land management decisions that benefit both Swallow-tailed Kites and many other wildlife species (Remember the Eastern Diamondback Rattler?)

A SYMBOL OF WILD FLORIDA

Few wildlife experiences compare to watching a Swallow-tailed Kite soar overhead on a spring or summer morning. The bird's effortless flight embodies the beauty of Florida's remaining wild landscapes. Whether gliding above the Grandezza golf course where we are fortunate to frequently see them, wetlands of Corkscrew, circling over the forests of CREW, or gathering in large flocks before migration, the species serves as a puzzle piece reminder of the enormous ecological mosaic that exists across the SWFL region.

The future of the Swallow-tailed Kite is closely tied to the preservation of Southwest Florida's forests, wetlands, and wildlife corridors. As long as these habitats remain protected, future generations will continue to witness one of North America's most spectacular aerial acrobats returning each spring from its incredible journey across the Americas. Through conservation, research, and public appreciation, the Swallow-tailed Kite can remain a defining symbol of Southwest Florida's natural heritage for decades to come.

LINKS TO RESOURCES MENTIONED IN THIS ARTICLE:

1) Great Florida Birding & Wildlife Trail
2) CREW Land & Water Trust
3) Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary

Walking Distance from Grandezza

BARRY S. BLANK

If you are interested in reading about hiking, I recommend an "oldie but goodie" book titled "A Walk in the Woods" by Bill Bryon. If you are interested in experiencing a nearby walk, I recommend exploring Florida Gulf Coast University. Yes, FGCU dedicates half of its 800-acre campus to protected nature preserves and restored conservation areas. It is the student's living laboratory to study ecosystems that we all can enjoy. Look for the signs off the roads and near the dormitories that lead to the paths for walking. There are miles of boardwalks and unpaved trails that are open for hiking, running and wildlife walking. The University manages this protective space as a preserve to remove any invasive species that try to take over the natural habitat. The paths create a limited view of the preserve to help protect the environment.

My suggestion is to park near the shops on the Florida Gulf Coast Property and proceed on the path to South Village where you can pick up another path. There is an easy-to-walk walkway and if you are so inclined you may drop down onto the nature walk; note that the outdoor classroom may be difficult to walk due to the wetland. You really do need waterproof boots if you stay on the path.

The aerial view will give a good idea of the paths that you may enjoy trying. The nature trail walk passes through the uplands which is several inches higher than the rest of the land. It is interesting to note that the sabal palms and









other palms are fire resistant due to the close layers of their bark. Also, you will see oak trees in the lower area that provide a canopy of shade for the ferns to grow. As shown here, the paths have helpful markings on the trees to define which path you are on according to colors.

After your leisurely walk back to your car, I highly suggest visiting one of the many nearby restaurants to enjoy the added calories that you so deserve.



Sheriff Carmine Marceno's Fraud Alert: "Your Account Has Been Compromised" Scam

The Lee County Sheriff's Office is warning residents about an increase in phone calls, text messages, and emails claiming that your bank account, Social Security number, or online account has been compromised.

Scammers often create a sense of urgency by saying:

"Your account has been locked."

"Suspicious activity has been detected."

"You must verify your information immediately."

"A warrant has been issued for your arrest."

Their goal is to trick you into providing personal information, banking details, passwords, or payment through gift cards, cryptocurrency, or money transfer apps.

Protect Yourself:

- Never provide personal or financial information to unsolicited callers.
- Hang up and contact the company directly using a verified phone number.
- Do not click on links in unexpected emails or text messages.
- Enable multi-factor authentication on important accounts.
- Be cautious of pressure tactics that demand immediate action.

Remember: Legitimate government agencies, banks, and law enforcement will never demand payment by gift card, cryptocurrency, or wire transfer.

If you believe you have been targeted by a scam, report it to the Lee County Sheriff's Office (239) 477-1000 and your financial institution immediately.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office offers more than a dozen free crime prevention programs, discussing best practices for safety in public and online, and security in general. 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.



CONSUMER RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

President John F. Kennedy introduced the concept of consumer rights in 1962, when he defined four basic rights of consumers to Congress. Later, the United Nations expanded the number of rights to eight. To be a savvy consumer, you must be an informed consumer, aware of the rights afforded to you as well as your responsibilities in that role. Do you know your rights and responsibilities as a consumer?

"Right" is defined as a moral or legal entitlement to have or obtain something, such as a power or privilege, or to act in a certain way. In this context, consumers' rights are protected by regulations which prevent consumers from harm. The Consumer Bill of Rights enumerates eight rights of consumers:

1. **Right to safety** – the right to protection from products which pose a hazard to humans and property, in both the sale and marketing of products, and leads to the expectation that items are safe when used in the manner intended and any warnings are abided.
2. **Right to choose** – the right to access to a range of products and services at reasonable prices.
3. **Right to be heard** – the right to voice concerns or complaints to a business, or to a government entity to influence policy.
4. **Right to be informed** – the right of consumers to be given certain reliable and sufficient information by businesses about products or services to make knowledgeable decisions. This right protects against false labeling, misleading claims, or incorrect marketing information.
5. **Right to redress** –the right of the consumer to have problems resolved fairly when brought forth.
6. **Right to consumer education** – the right to be provided with the tools, both knowledge and skill, to make sensible decisions as a consumer, such as comparing quality or cost.
7. **Right to service** – the right to be treated courteously and with respect.
8. **Right to a healthy environment** – the right to work and reside in an environment which is protected from pollution.

Each of the rights above assumes the consumer utilizes their rights, i.e. the consumer is responsible for availing themselves of the information and opportunities provided for them. Using the rights above, what responsibilities does the consumer have?

1. **Right to safety** – the consumer is responsible for reading and considering product labels and directions.
2. **Right to choose** – the consumer is responsible for comparing price and value when choosing products and services, identifying unfair or dishonest practices, and being honest with sellers.
3. **Right to be heard** – the consumer is responsible for reporting sellers or products do not adhere to law or safety practices, informing a business when a product or service falls short of your expectations, and utilizing this right without misusing it.
4. **Right to be informed** – the consumer is responsible for reviewing and considering provided information, seeking additional information if needed, and verifying the accuracy of information on a product or service.
5. **Right to redress** – the consumer is responsible for knowing how to pursue a solution to any complaint or grievance with a product or service, and following instructions when requesting a provider honor a guarantee or warranty.
6. **Right to consumer education** – the consumer is responsible for becoming an informed consumer and using the resources provided to protect their rights.
7. **Right to service** – the consumer is responsible for expecting to be treated respectfully and treating others respectfully in return.
8. **Right to a healthy environment** – the consumer is responsible for being environmentally conscious and making well-informed decisions about their environmental impact.

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Division of Consumer Services serves as the state's clearinghouse for matters relating to consumer protection, consumer information, and consumer services regardless of whether the specific industry is regulated by the department. A variety of consumer resources are available at Consumer Resources - Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services. If you have a dispute or grievance that has not been satisfactorily resolved, you can file a complaint with the division.

Engage Estero NEWS

THE ESTERO RIVER AS A GATEWAY: OPENING THE DOOR TO OUR HIDDEN ESTUARY

Most people in Estero live just a few miles from one of Southwest Florida's most remarkable natural treasures—the Estero Bay Estuary. Yet for most, it remains unseen and unexperienced. It sits quietly beyond the river, behind private shorelines, limited launch points, and the long, congested drive around the system that most residents simply don't make.

The river has functioned more as a boundary than a bridge. We catch glimpses of it from bridges or park edges. We know it's there. But the full, living estuary—the winding waterways through mangroves, the sudden openings into Estero Bay, the dolphins, manatees, roseate spoonbills, and the quiet rhythm of tidal life—stays out of reach for everyday Estero residents.

What if we changed that single perspective?

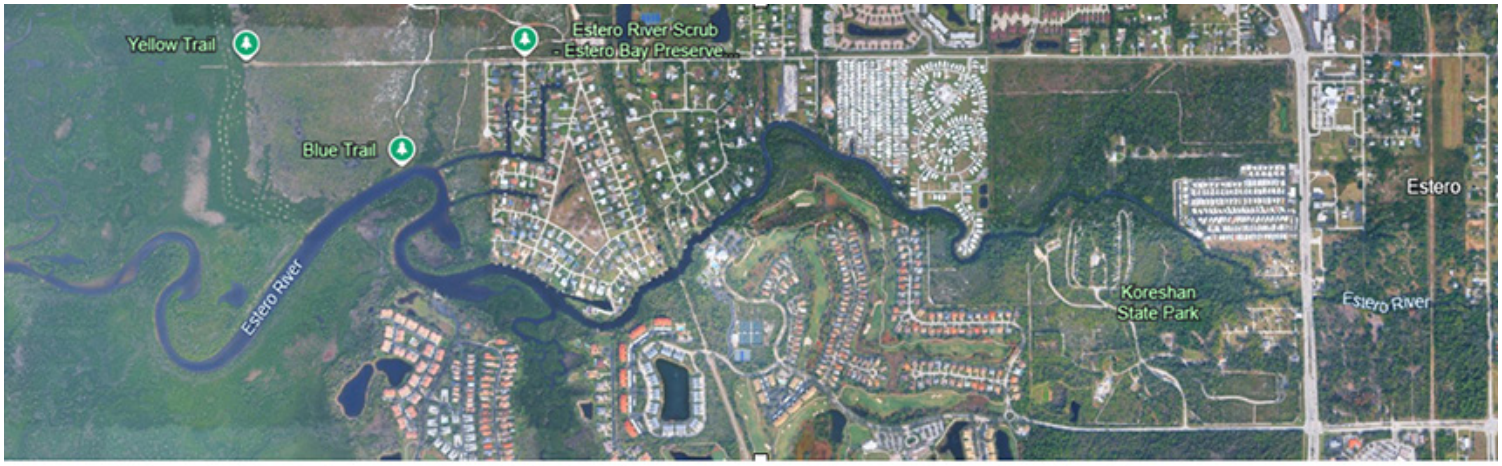
The Estero River has the potential to become a true gateway to our hidden estuary, connecting residents and visitors to one of Southwest Florida's most remarkable natural resources.

What if we stopped seeing the Estero River only as a scenic edge for parks and started seeing it as Estero's front door to the estuary—a true public gateway that invites residents in rather than keeping the water world at arm's length?

This is not a small shift in language. It is a profound shift in what is possible.

When the river becomes a gateway rather than a boundary, ordinary days gain an extraordinary dimension.

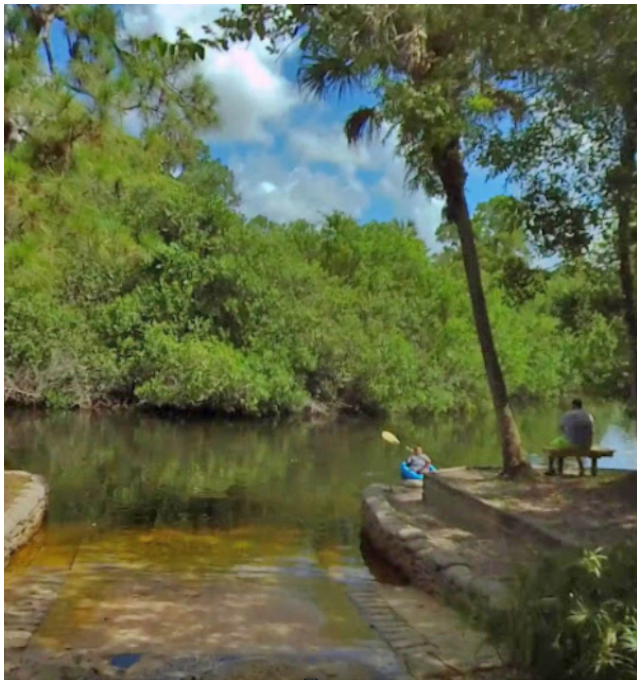
Estero has always had this extraordinary asset at its heart. The Eco-Historic Planning Study recently completed for the Village of Estero gives us the framework. The Village now holds key riverfront land.



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The community survey already told us people want this connection. There was strong support for waterfront and riverfront experiences. Now is the moment to make sure that desire is fully reflected in the final plan.

A full article explores a vision for transforming the Estero River into a welcoming entrance to the estuary—enhancing recreation, education, and





environmental stewardship while strengthening our community's connection to the water.

See the full article by clicking on this link: https://esterotoday.com/the-estero-river-as-gateway-opening-the-door-to-our-hidden-estuary/



GREATER ESTERO'S JULY 2026 NEWS ITEMS

Despite the fact that local residents are finding that traffic density has decreased, access to stores and shopping for food has fewer checkout lines, and getting into your favorite restaurant is easier, there is still a great deal going on! Here are some of the top stories from Engage Estero. continued →

THE ESTERO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP)

The Village of Estero has released its updated the 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) covering fiscal years 2026–27 through 2030–31. This annual update refreshes project costs, timelines, grants, and development agreements—but the biggest story this year is money.

For the first time, the Village is using major debt-financing tools, giving it far greater capacity to take on large community projects than in previous plans. Compared with the May 2025 CIP, the new plan shows a clear shift in both priorities and strategy. Estero is now using significant debt financing.

- **$12.75 million loan**
- **$69 million bond (net proceeds)**
- **About $5 million per year in bond payments starting FY 2026–27**

The Village also notes that **additional bonds will be needed** to cover the resident share of future Utility Expansion Projects (UEPs). Even with these commitments, projected fund balances after 2030–31 remain positive, tight, but stable.

The Sports Park is now the Village's signature investment.

- **Phase 2 jumps to a $42.67 million project**
- **$26.9 million from the General Fund (GF) alone**
- Driving Range expanded to **$5 million GF**
- New **$10 million "Future Partners"** placeholder for additional facilities
- **$3.65 million** for project management

Phases 3–5 are still part of the long-term vision but now sit in a new "Projects Not in 5 Year CIP" section—meaning they're planned but not yet funded.

OTHER PARK PROJECTS

- **Estero River Park Phases 1 & 2:** Now **$8.5 million GF** (up from ~$4.9 million)
- **River Oaks Preserve: $2.5 million GF** plus grant reimbursement

ROADWAY PROJECTS

Most of the roadway projects cited in the CIP are essentially the same as those identified in the 2024 Estero Traffic Study, conducted by The Johnson Engineering Group on behalf of the Village.

The biggest roadway shift is on Broadway West (road, bike/ped, drainage):

- Total cost: $12.5 million
- Village funding is now almost entirely from the General Fund
- Large $11.8 million grant reimbursement
- Faster timeline than the previous RIF-heavy approach

Meanwhile, major widening projects (Corkscrew Rd, Three Oaks Pkwy, Ben Hill

Griffin Pkwy) are now clearly identified as Lee County responsibilities or placed in the "wish list" section.

Intersection Improvements. This is an important focus within the CIP.

- **U.S. 41/Pelican Colony signal** continues with developer funding
- **Williams Rd–Atlantic Gulf Dr:** Now mostly GF funded ($4 million) with grant support
- New developer supported signals/turn lanes at:
  - Via Rapallo/Fountain Lakes
  - Wildcat Run
  - Wild Blue/River Creek
- Additional GF or Gas Tax turn lane projects at key intersections, including Estero Pkwy–US 41

Overall, the Village Council is taking a more active role in addressing traffic impacts from new development. In addition, Leah Holmes, who conducted much of the work on the 2024 Traffic Study, has been asked to prioritize recommendations that could be addressed for less than $1M. If additional funds become available, the Village has specific items that can be addressed in sequence.

The full Engage Estero interpretive report can be found at https://esterotoday.com/village-of-estero-updates-its-5-year-capital-plan/

HEALTH RELATED INFORMATION

I. SOUTHWEST FLORIDA PROTON

Although it has been only 6 months since the Proton Center on Estero Parkway began accepting patients, the extensive procedures required for the cyclotron setup are complete. During a recent visit to the center, Dr. Shannon MacDonald mentioned that they are already seeing 40 patients per day! Dr. MacDonald noted that patients could also undergo a range of diagnostic imaging procedures at the center. Not only was this convenient for patients, who did not have to travel to other locations, but it also enabled doctors to have immediate on-site access to test results. The latest state-of-the-art equipment includes:

1. Diagnostic imaging, including MRI, PET, and CT.

2. Conventional radiation therapy (TrueBeam LINAC), in addition to the Proteus ONE Proton cyclotron. The current range of cancers that are already being treated at the center includes: Prostate Cancer, Sarcomas, Skull Base Tumors, Pediatric Malignancies, Breast Cancer, Head & Neck Cancers, and selected Brain Tumors and Gastrointestinal Malignancies, along with other rare tumors.

- The center has its own entrance and waiting area.
- Parents and guardians have a very close proximity to their child when doctors are examining them

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• They have a special “play area” that can interest them and helps reduce stress.
• Care has been taken to avoid frightening the children, disguising the equipment and seating area.

Indeed, the center’s interior has been designed to provide a modern, welcoming, friendly, and professional environment for everyone. **The more detailed article is available at https://esterotoday.com/southwest-proton/**





II. DIAGNOSING PROSTATE CANCER

In conjunction with Dr. Paul Rodriguez, a urologist with extensive experience treating cancers of the urinary tract and prostate and a pioneer in robotic surgery, Allan Bowditch, President, has prepared a detailed summary of the range of procedures, including their pros and cons. It is a potential condition that concerns a great many men.

For the record: Prostate cancer accounts for about 11% to 12% of all cancer-related deaths in men. It is the second-leading cause of cancer death among American men, with lung cancer first. The good news is that although prostate cancer can be deadly in the more advanced stages of the disease, it has a 5-year relative survival rate of over 99% when detected early.

For more information, check out the full article at https://esterotoday.com/prostate-cancer/



III. WHERE ARE OUR DOCTORS GOING?

Patients in Southwest Florida are running into a combination of physician shortages, retirements, population growth, and health-system turnover, which can leave practices unable to provide a replacement when a doctor leaves. In 2023, the inaugural Primary Care Scorecard made clear the systemic lack of support for primary care in the United States, which is harming people's health and weakening the U.S. health system.

- Florida's physician workforce reports show that a large share of practicing doctors is nearing retirement age.
- Demand for primary care and specialists has risen faster than the supply of physicians, creating long wait times and making it difficult for health systems to recruit replacements quickly.
- Long hours, administrative burdens, reimbursement pressures, and work-life balance concerns have led some physicians to retire early.

However, there is encouraging information from Lee Health. In the 2026 fiscal year, Lee Health will add approximately 250 providers to the team, with some through acquisitions (such as Florida Heart Association) and many through hiring. The graduate medical education program at Gulf Coast Medical Center has not yet started. It will grow to over 300 residents by 2033. This will help address physician shortages and build a pipeline for the future workforce. Over 60% of medical students stay in the area where they complete their residencies. This will result not only in adding to Lee Health's family medicine clinicians but also to its specialists. **The complete article can be accessed at https://esterotoday.com/the-doctor-dilemma/**

UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETINGS YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS!

Engage Estero's new season of Community Meetings starts in September. Here are some brief details:

September 24th at 6 pm



Engage Estero and the East Corkscrew Alliance will host a meeting on Thursday, September 24th, 2026, 6pm, Estero Fire Rescue Station 45 (18743 Corkscrew Rd, Estero, FL 33928 – Across from Verdana Village)

- President Allan Bowditch will present the results of the recent East Corkscrew survey.
- Nick Cameratta will introduce the K-12 Charter school coming to Kingston
- True North Classical Academy will present its plan for a K-12, 3100 student charter school in the Kingston development.
- Lee District Schools have been invited.
- Optima Academy has been invited.

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October 26th at 2 pm at the Estero Library.





Engage Estero is delighted to announce the lineup for our October 22nd Community meeting. Lee County Commissioner David Mulicka and Estero's Mayor Joanne Ribble will be available for residents to speak with our local leaders as they discuss their respective roles in "Guiding Estero Forward." Both individuals are extremely busy, and Engage Estero is extremely appreciative that they have agreed to speak with residents on this topic. Don't miss this opportunity to meet our local leaders.

Please consider a donation to strengthen our ability to remain an independent, trusted voice for the Estero community. We would greatly appreciate your support as we continue working to protect Estero's character and future. A summary of our achievements in 2025 is provided in the 2025 Annual Report available on our website www.esterotoday.com

Contributions by check should be payable to "Engage Estero" and mailed to PO Box 424, Estero, Florida 33929. Please include your email and phone number.

Or go to the link on our website: https://esterotoday.com/donate/ and click on "Donate Now."

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CLASSIFIEDS

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 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 — $23,650. Like-new condition, low-mileage (4,100 mi). Extended warranty through April 2032. Averages 42 mpg. Single local driver in Estero. All maintenance documented. Selling due to retirement, downsizing from two cars to one. Available to view in Grandezza. Contact Brad: bradlrobinson@gmail.com (Expires 10/26)





RESOURCE HUB

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WWW.GRANDEZZAMASTER.COM

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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

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(239) 738-7111

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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)	Al Meyer	239-313-0580
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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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.





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