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Connecting Communities in Southwest Florida

By Antonio Carangelo, Estero Council of Community Leaders (ECCL) Safety Council



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Hurricane Ian was devastating to the region. As families begin to recover, there is a sense of belonging outside of individual communities; people helping other people. A new sense of community that cuts across Southwest Florida (SWFL). Parks, civic/business venues, and roads/waterways are the links to connect us and help promote our emotional well-being. As Capital

Improvement infrastructure projects are being initiated to recover parks, venues, and roads, there is an opportunity to revisit long-term plans which can connect us with the roads and trails. Multimodal paths that support pedestrians and bicyclists of all ages and abilities can provide that connection allowing people to leave their communities without using vehicles. Families that use trails and multimodal paths increase their physical wellness, mental well-being, and emotional spirit as they connect with nature.

There are many groups and organizations focused on improving the

connectivity between the different venues available to residents, businesses, and visitors. These organizations collectively become the voice of the people to rally around healthy lifestyles and family activities, promoting pedestrian walkways and bicycle routes. Adding these multimodal paths and walking trails helps promote the surrounding businesses and the region as a whole. Trails and paths are another source of tourism besides the beach culture that exists today.

One organization that had a start in 2022 was Friends of BERT. This organization is over 1000 interested

parties (individuals and businesses) and provides a strong voice in the community toward advancing safe and healthy trails within Bonita Springs and Estero.

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Public Land is an organization whose goal is to develop 336 miles of connected trails spanning seven coastal counties. The Trust for Public Land focuses on both the unification of the family with nature, as well as promoting the economic impact that a connected trail has on business and tourism. This charter will improve the overall family quality of life throughout SWFL and attract businesses and increase tourism within SWFL.

However, there are regional groups aligned with this goal, too, which your family can benefit from, participate in activities and possibly join. Here is an opportunity to join these organizations and have your voice heard in the community.

Within Fort Myers region, the John Yarbrough Linear Park and Trail (www.leegov.com/parks/parks/linearpark) is a six-mile paved multiple-use trail that supports pedestrians and bicyclists of all ages and abilities. Lee County Parks & Recreation manages the park and trails. They provide programs and services that improve the quality of life for all Lee County residents and visitors.

The trail is landscaped, which provides shaded areas on the southern-

most section. This trail is an excellent example of connecting communities at critical junctures accessed by sidewalks or paths at Six Mile Cypress Parkway, Daniels Parkway, Danley Drive, Crystal Drive, and Colonial Boulevard.

One project you can advocate for will be to fund the John Yarbrough Linear Park and Trail to connect to downtown Fort Myers. This will bring residents and visitors another alternative to driving to the Fort Myers downtown businesses.

Within Estero and Bonita Springs, there are several aligned organizations; Estero Today, ECCL (A civic advocacy Organization), and Friends of BERT.

Estero Today (www.esterofl.org) and ECCL are organizations that work closely with the Estero Village Council and Public Works on Capital Improvement Programs, ensuring that roads and trails are developed with multimodal paths. The Village has a Pedestrian and Bicycle Master plan which will enhance roads and trails by creating multimodal paths as roads and intersections are being upgraded (www.estero-fl.gov/public-works).

The Friends of BERT is a new Organization whose charter is focused on

improving pedestrian and bicycle trails connecting Estero and Bonita Springs trails and roads (www.bonitaesterorailtrail.com). They are working closely with the city council, businesses, and interested individuals on advancing the acquisition and build-out of the Seminole Gulf Rail 14-mile Corridor, which connects Cape Coral, Estero, Bonita Springs, Naples, basically Lee, and Collier Counties.

Within Naples and Collier County, the Paradise Coast Trail Corridor (www.railstotrails.org/policy/trailstransform/projects/naples) is a family-friendly trail that connects schools, employment centers, state parks, beaches, and Collier Area Transit, providing non-motorized transportation options for residents across the city of Naples and Collier County to get to work, school and recreation. Connecting families to these sites promote a healthy lifestyle as well as minimizing vehicles on the roads.

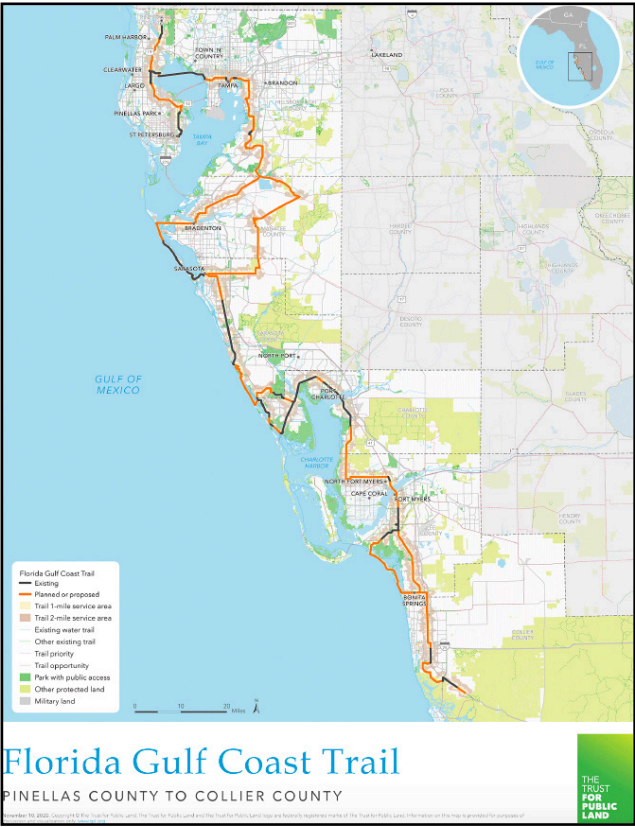


Photo: Florida Gulf Coast Existing and Proposed Trails

Lastly, there is a Lee County Initiative called Rails to Trails; a committee working with Lee County is trying to acquire the Seminole Gulf Rail Corridor as another north-south venture to create a connected trail system. To participate, you can join any of the groups/organizations listed above, as there is a unified goal among these groups to make this happen. 🐾

Lehigh’s Bright Future By Butch Swank



Photo: Butch Swank, President of Southwest Florida Business Alliance, goodladandswank.com

It’s a brand-new year, Lehigh Acres! We have come a long way with tons of new friends, neighbors, and some very cool businesses popping up right here in the neighborhood. I absolutely love how Lehigh continues to grow but somehow still maintains the feeling of a small town. It is the community aspect I think I like best – everyone is generally kind and looks after each other. Granted, we have way more than our share of crazy drivers, but overall, this place is great!

I thought it would be a fun way to start the year with some more positive news. We recently elected Mike Greenwell to represent us on the Lee County Commission. I catch a lot of grief because I prefer to work, work, work in my office and rarely venture out. I think I might be allergic to networking. However, earlier in December, I got a wild hair and arranged for a half-hour meeting to spend some time with our new Commissioner and get to know him. I asked if he could share

some details on what he’s working on to help us, you know, the people that elected him, and I was pleasantly surprised. He has a big map of Lee County behind his desk, and he popped right up and started showing me all the traffic hotspots he’s already been working on. I wanted to hug him! We could not get more into detail since I only arranged a half-hour meeting, but I walked out of there feeling like we are in good hands. I promise to spend more time with him in the future and report back on what I learn.

Another important item to share is that Lehigh now has its very own Representative in the State Legislature. We elected Tiffany Esposito, so I thought I should have a sit down with her, too. As it turns out, her December was booked. “Why?” you ask. I am thrilled to report for a truly excellent reason! Tiffany and the rest of our lawmakers were in Tallahassee for a special session to fix our broken home insurance market. If I made a Christmas list with all the legal changes needed to fix things, it would look exactly like what our legislature just made happen. (Good Lord, is that not the lamest Christmas list ever? Santa must just shake his head when he gets

my letters.) Back to business, there were no half-measures. This was exactly what we Floridians needed, and our legislature delivered. It will take no less than one year for things to actually begin improving, but the important thing is that we’re finally going in the right direction, and our few remaining insurance carriers got the lifeline they so desperately needed. So far, I am happily reporting our elected leaders sure seem to be listening and, most importantly, they are acting!

You’ve heard me bark a lot about how Lehigh has been ignored. You’ve also heard me say we should take full responsibility for that. It is 100% our fault we’ve been neglected. The tremendously good news, though, is that it is 100% in our power to fix that. Look, we’re all busy with a million things to do. I get it. Now here comes the “But” part... But, I ask you to pick just one thing that is important to you and work towards making that right. Take the road medians, for instance. They’re a disaster in most places of Lehigh. Lee Blvd actually looks pretty great with the trees, and it is well maintained. Elsewhere though, it is a mess. Garbage, weeds, dead plants. Did you know Lee County has a De-

partment of Transportation? It’s true. Look them up and make a call. Don’t like traffic in an area? Make a call. Feel like we don’t need yet another Dollar General? Make a call. Now that you’re on the line ask some questions. Be nice and polite, but make your voice heard. When I call, I always give a short explanation for my call and then ask who I should contact to have it addressed. Believe it or not, they really do want to help and are batting 1000% for me so far. They can’t help if we don’t let them know where we need it.

The bottom line is that we do have the power to keep Lehigh getting better and better. We need to invest some time in making connections with those in power to fix things. It’s not good enough to complain about things and not act. We all know that person – rhymes with itch about something all the time but then never does anything about it. Those days of whining but not acting are over, and if you look around, the proof is everywhere because we’ve already made a big difference. Lehigh is on a great path, and I say it is on our shoulders to make sure the future we all want becomes a reality.

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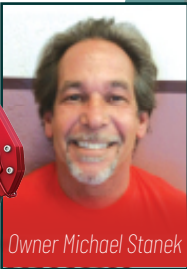
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Montage Women’s Club

By Rita Artwohl

The Montage Women’s Club is a social and philanthropic club open to all women residing in Lee County. We meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at The Landings Yacht, Golf, and Tennis Club (community entry off McGregor Blvd between Cypress Lake Drive and College Pkwy). Meetings begin at 11:30 a.m. with a short social period followed by lunch at Noon and normally an informative speaker program. Within the organization are various interest groups for members’ participation. Membership is open to both year-round and seasonal residents. We welcome you to visit Montage for a luncheon.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 26th, and our guest speaker will be Tiffany Wood,

Crime Prevention Practitioner, Lee County’s Sheriff’s Office. Officer Wood will be educate us with a personal safety presentation. Luncheon fee is \$28.00 and the planned regular menu will be Italian chicken cutlets with fresh lemon mist, harvest rice, and both chef’s choice of vegetable and dessert. The plant-based/vegan option entree will be carrot Osso Bucco over parsnip puree with sauteed mushrooms, blistered tomatoes and wilted spinach with a lentil relish and fresh fruit for dessert

If you would like to attend a Montage meeting, need further information, or would like to make a reservation, please call Rita Artwohl at (239) 703-7787. Reservations cut-off to attend this meeting is Noon, Thursday, January 19th. 🐾

Choosing Pet Insurance

By Dr. Veja Tillman, DVM

As pet owners, we welcome cats and dogs into our homes, and we hurt when they become ill or suffer an injury. Even worse, our hearts break if we can’t afford proper care. But pet insurance can make the difference between providing life-saving and quality-of-life care, or losing a beloved pet too early.

Today, pet owners can choose from more than 20 pet insurance options in the United States and Canada. Having pet insurance is a great idea if you don’t want to pay large sums of money if your pet becomes sick or suddenly injured.

DO YOUR RESEARCH

All pet insurance companies are not the same and coverage varies. The best advice I can give is that no matter what you end up choosing, read the fine print and ask the right questions. Insurance companies are not hiding anything from you, but it’s just up to you to decide how deep you want to go.

A great resource for comparing pet insurance is petinsurancereview.com. This site helps you research and compare insurance companies and suggests plans that fit your needs at different budgets. This site does not sell insurance (and I am not affiliated with them). It allows the users to browse, compare rates and coverage

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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- What about chronic or recurring medical problems?
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- Are prescription drugs, supplements, nutraceuticals, and prescription food covered?
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- Is dental care covered? Does it include disease or just accidents?

About Claims

- Does the provider offer pre-approval to ensure coverage?
- What is the average time to receive reimbursements?
- What is needed to start a claim? How long does it take for a claim to be processed?
- What are the customer service hours?

General Information

- Is there a physical exam required to get coverage?



Photo: Couple researching Pet Insurance For Their Pet

- Is there a waiting period? If so, is there a difference based on condition requiring treatment?
- What percentage of the bill do they pay — after the deductible?
- Are there any co-pays or payment caps?
- Are there penalties for making changes to the policy?
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- What is the cancellation policy?

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ABOUT DR. VEJA TILLMAN, DVM

Dr. Tillman is a 2002 graduate of Tuskegee University School of Veterinary Medicine. Her veterinary practice and work experience focuses on pet health and wellness. She is the owner of Just 4 Pets Wellness Center and can be reached at 239-270-5721. 🐾

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Children's Advocacy Center Receives A Record Number Of Donations For Its 2022 Holiday Toy Drive

Center Donates Thousands Of Toys To Local Children

Submitted By Josh Milton

The Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida (CACSWFL) hosted its largest toy drive this holiday season, collecting over 2,500 gifts for local families in need. The CAC also hosted its Adopt-A-Family holiday program that allows generous donors to sponsor local families. This year there were 28 families that received gifts for the entire household.

In addition to the toy drive, CAC's spirit of giving turned into the spirit of gratitude during their community holiday event sponsored by Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A. on December 10. This holiday party at East United Way House included food trucks, crafts, a DJ, and even Mr. and Mrs. Claus made an appearance. With all the generous donors supporting the toy drive, the CAC was able to distribute over 300 toys to community clients that day.

The CAC also set up a Toy Shoppe at their main campus where parents and children chose their favorite toys. Children's Advocacy Center CEO, Julie Boudreaux, thanked donors for their continued support. "We are so grateful and have already collected over 2,500 gifts," said Boudreaux. "We have seen so many parents and caregivers get emotional and hug our staff as they are overwhelmed by the generosity of our community. Thank you so much for giving toys and other donations to put smiles on the faces of the children we serve."

Since 1981, CACSWFL has worked to improve the lives of children and their families through a coordinated response to child abuse and neglect, offering them a safe and friendly environment in which to heal. CAC provides abuse determination services, pet therapy, therapeutic counseling,

parenting education, and prevention programs in Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Charlotte Counties. All services are provided free of charge thanks to the support of generous donors. For more information about CACSWFL or treatment options available, please call 239-939-2808. If you would like to support the children in Southwest Florida, consider making a donation at cac-swfl.org and sign up for the CAC newsletter.

ABOUT CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

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abuse determination services, pet therapy, therapeutic counseling, parenting education, and prevention programs in Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Charlotte Counties. All services are provided free of charge. For more information, please call 239-939-2808 or visit cac-swfl.org. CAC is a United Way Partner Agency. 🐾



Photo: Two Children Enjoying A Visit With Santa And Mrs. Claus At Childrens Advocacy Centers Toy Shoppe

Family Initiative To Host Autism Activist Temple Grandin For Redefining Autism Speaker Series On Jan. 7

Submitted By Holly Boldrin

Family Initiative, a nonprofit dedicated to supporting children and families with autism, is continuing its Redefining Autism speaker series with a presentation by renowned autism activist Dr. Temple Grandin on Saturday, Jan. 7 at 1:30 p.m. at Christ Community Church, 4050 Colonial Blvd. in Fort Myers.

As part of the Redefining Autism series, Grandin will discuss how the world needs to take a closer look at our autism community. "At the heart of that message is this: Rigid academic and social expectations could wind up stifling a mind that, while it might struggle to conjugate a verb, could one day take us to distant stars. The skills that people with autism bring to the table should be nurtured for their benefit and society's," Grandin said.

Grandin, 75, grew up with autism in the 1950s, and became a profes-

sor of animal science at Colorado State University as well as a world-renowned autism advocate. Grandin has famously said, "If I could snap my fingers and be nonautistic, I would not. Autism is part of who I am."

Grandin is an author of several books and published works, has a biographical movie created about her life and is an international speaker working to change the world's perception on what it means to live with autism.

"Temple Grandin is one of the nation's foremost speakers on autism, and we are thrilled to bring her to Southwest Florida," said David Brown, president of Family Initiative. "Our Redefining Autism speaker series is all about changing the way we look at autism, and Temple Grandin brings fresh insights and perspective into the world of autism."

Registration is not required for the Jan. 7 event. For questions and more information, email rfecteau@fi-florida.org. Upcoming events in the Redefining Autism Speaking Series are posted online at FI-Florida.org.

ABOUT FAMILY INITIATIVE

Established in 2015, Family Initiative, Inc. is a Florida-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization dedicated to supporting children with autism and strengthening their families. Its team of clinicians

serves children from a compassionate, personalized approach through Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) and Occupational Therapy (OT) services, and offers autism play groups, teen meetings, parent education, community conversations and more. In addition, the organization provides child welfare caregiver training and support through its Family Impact Program. Visit fi-florida.org or find Family Initiative on Facebook and Instagram at @FamilyInitiative and on Twitter at @FI_Inc 🐾



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Greater Fort Myers Chamber To Host ‘New Year, New Friend’ Networking Event Jan. 11

Submitted By Emily Golden

The Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce’s Women in Business and Leadership NEXT committees are partnering to co-host a “New Year, New Friend” networking program from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 11 at the Gulf Coast Humane Society.

The Gulf Coast Humane Society is a private nonprofit animal welfare organization that has served Southwest Florida for more than 75 years, providing refuge to more than 3,000 animals each year who are in need of compassionate care. Attendees of the Chamber program will hear from Gulf Coast Humane Society Executive Director Gary Willoughby, Community Relations Coordinator Brian Wierima and Events Coordinator Lori Hardacker about the history of the nonprofit, how it navigated through Hurricane Ian and the organization’s vision moving forward.

The program will include group tours of the Humane Society building and opportunities to learn more about the adoption process. For those interested in adopting, long-time Gulf Coast Humane Society

supporter Goldstein, Buckley, Cechman, Rice & Purtz will be distributing “golden tickets” to attendees that are interested in offering a “forever” home, providing free or reduced-price adoption fees for cats and dogs of various ages.

The event’s nonprofit spotlight is Beesley’s Paws Prints. A collaborative effort among members of the United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades Counties network, the program brings together registered therapy dog teams to provide emotional support, comfort and affection to adults and children facing physical, emotional and mental challenges.

The Chamber program will be held at Gulf Coast Humane Society’s location at 2010 Arcadia St. in Fort Myers and includes a complimentary drink and light bites provided by Chicken Salad Chick. Registration is \$10 for Chamber members and \$20 for future members. Attendees can register in advance at FortMyers.org or call 239-332-2930.

PF&A Design is sponsoring the

event and Nova Southeastern University is the evening’s scholarship sponsor. Women in Business’ Annual Sponsor is HBKS Wealth Advisors and HBK CPAs & Consultants. Leadership NEXT’s annual sponsor is the Florida Gulf Coast University Alumni Association. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available for the January program.

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and events. For additional information regarding membership opportunities or events, please call 239-332-2930 or visit www.fortmyers.org. For the latest news and updates, follow the Chamber on Facebook at www.facebook.com/gfmcc.



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Sign Language Classes Offered To The Community

Submitted By Amy Turner

Sally J. Pimentel Deaf & Hard of Hearing Center (DHHC) will offer weekly American Sign Language (ASL) classes in four locations and online starting January 4, 2023.

In-person classes will be held Tuesdays at 6 PM at the Goodwill Community Resource Center 11601 Bonita Beach Rd SE, Bonita Springs, FL 34135, Wednesdays at 2:30 PM at the Goodwill Community Resource Center 5100 Tice St. Fort Myers, 33905, Wednesdays at 6 PM at the Lehigh Acres Community Center Building 201 Plaza Dr. Suite 103, Lehigh Acres, FL 33936, and Thursdays at 2:30 PM and 6 PM at the Sally J. Pimentel Deaf & Hard of Hearing Center located at 1860 Boy Scout Drive B208, Fort Myers 33907.

Online classes through Zoom technology are offered on Wednesdays at 2 PM, 4 PM, and 6 PM.

Classes are \$75 for the five-week course, with discounts for the hard of hearing and immediate family mem-

bers of a deaf person. Classes for the deaf are free. Each course is taught in a fun and engaging way by qualified instructors. Students will receive a certificate of completion at the end of the course. The beginner’s course is one of five levels of ASL taught at DHHC. Additional courses are available for more advanced signers.

An ASL Family Class is offered free to families with deaf or hard of hearing children on Tuesdays from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Siblings and other family members are encouraged to attend the weekly classes designed for parents and family members to learn basic ASL and Deaf Culture to communicate on a deeper level with their child.

“We are so grateful to United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades, which has allowed us to expand our ASL program by collaborating with other United Way partner agencies,” said Amy Turner, executive director of the Sally J. Pimentel Deaf & Hard of Hearing Center. “ASL is key for communi-

cating with deaf or hard of hearing individuals. And it also gives your brain a workout, introduces you to a new culture and community, and gives you a new way to meet people and make new friends!”

Individuals can register at www.dhhc.life or by calling (239) 461-0334, ext. 6.

DHHC uses “Signing Naturally” curriculum, which is designed to aid in communication with the deaf and hard of hearing community and educate those who may be losing their hearing.

ABOUT SALLY J. PIMENTEL DEAF & HARD OF HEARING CENTER

DHHC is a 501(c)3, a proud United Way partner agency, and is partially funded by Lee County Board of Commissioners, City of Cape Coral, United Way, The Community Foundation, Rotary Club of Fort Myers, and other private donors.

Founded in 1983, the Sally J. Pimentel Deaf & Hard of Hearing Center provides programs and services for the deaf and hard of hearing and their families in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry, and Glades counties. DHHC offers interpreting services, free telephone equipment loans, Deaf mentor program, American Sign Language classes, information and referral services, employment assistance, family education, advocacy, community outreach and education, and adaptive equipment sales.

The mission of the Sally J. Pimentel Deaf & Hard of Hearing Center (DHHC) is to empower Southwest Florida’s Deaf and hard of hearing citizens and their families through education, advocacy, and community involvement.

For more information, visit www.dhhc.life, email amyturner@dhhc.life, or call (239) 461-0334 voice phone or (239) 247-5821 video phone. 🐾

SWFL Climate & Community Summit set for Jan. 17

Submitted By Dave Breitenstein

Hosted by SWFL Climate & Community Initiative and powered by Hertz, the inaugural SWFL Climate & Community Summit will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Arthrex Conference Center, 1 Arthrex Way in Naples.

Postponed following Hurricane Ian, the event is open to the public and features a dynamic program that brings together national and regional experts, environmental innovators, elected officials and Southwest Florida community and business leaders to address solutions that protect Southwest Florida from changes in weather, land, water and lifestyle.

Tickets for the Jan. 17 Summit are \$25, and online registration is open through Jan. 10 at <https://swflclimate.org/summit/>.

“The Summit builds on the success of the ‘Save Our Water Summit,’ presented in 2019 by USA Today Network-Florida (The News-Press and Naples Daily News) and The Water School at FGCU, and brings residents, experts, community leaders and businesses together to educate and inspire action,” said Dr. Greg Tolley, the executive director of The Water School at FGCU. “Our goal is to gather the entirety of Southwest Florida to answer two questions: What can we do individually? And what can we do together? By uniting our community, Southwest Florida aims to be a leader

in implementing creative solutions to achieve successful results that protect our paradise.”

The SWFL Climate & Community Summit is sponsored by Hertz with support from The Water School at FGCU, Collier Community Foundation, Conservancy of Southwest Florida, Collaboratory and Everglades Foundation. The Initiative is led by a consortium of community organizations and businesses including Collaboratory, Collier Community Foundation Conservancy of Southwest Florida, Growing Climate Solutions, The Water School at FGCU, Naples Daily News, The News-Press and WGCU.

Two workshops called “Climate & Conversations” were held in Lee and Collier counties to help shape the direction of the Summit.

“It is clear from these workshops, as well as a recent survey of residents, that Southwest Florida’s vulnerabilities to heat, flooding, severe storms, water quality and impact on infrastructure are the greatest areas of concern,” said Rob Moher, president and CEO, Conservancy of Southwest Florida. “What’s encouraging is that workshop participants were engaged and solution-driven, and suggestions were flowing. Our hope is that the Summit will further escalate awareness and engagement, and bring forth solutions that can be implemented by

consumers and residents, as well as adopted at the professional and governmental levels. We must work together as a community to adopt real solutions to protect our paradise for tomorrow.”

Sessions presented during the event will include an overview of the current global and local climate challenges that Southwest Florida is experiencing and the impact on the regional economy, health, topography and weather, as well as existing public perceptions. The luncheon panel, organized by ULI’s SW Florida Chapter, will address rebuilding resiliently after Hurricane Ian.

Additionally, the event will showcase current Southwest Florida resiliency efforts, and attendees will hear from those who are on the frontlines of statewide and local efforts, as well as learn how the community can become involved and support various efforts.

The Summit will include multiple table-top discussions. This interac-

tive community exercise will be professionally facilitated and include the participation of residents, business and civic leaders, and regional elected officials. The purpose of this exercise is to prioritize the region’s actions for combating climate challenges and protecting our paradise. The documented results of these discussions will be shared with local government leaders for policy consideration.

ABOUT SWFL CLIMATE & COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

The SWFL Climate & Community Initiative is a region-wide movement to bring education about our changing climate and realistic solutions to the people of Southwest Florida. With a focus on air, land and sea, the goal is to inform the Southwest Florida community of the unique challenges the region is facing, as well as the steps each individual and the community collectively can take to make a real difference. For more information, visit SWFLclimate.org. 🐾





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East Lee/Lehigh Acres Heads into 2023 with Continued Ian Cleanup – East Lee Chamber Gala Set for March 4, 2023

By Mike Welch



Photo: Mike Welch
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Over the past few months East Lee has been seeing some of its newly elected public officials tour our region. The past year’s redistricting saw a new state senator come to represent the northern half of Lehigh Acres and communities along the SR 80 area. His name is Senator Ben Albritton. Senator Kathleen Passidomo continues to represent the southern areas including Lehigh Acres and Gateway.

On December 8th, the Chamber

Board hosted a reception for Senator Albritton that included other public officials including Property Appraiser Matt Caldwell and Lee School Board Chair Armor Persons. An impressive gathering of about 50 joined Chamber staff and board members for an early evening reception. Senator Albritton gave our guests an update on the Legislature’s attention to the troubled property insurance market in Florida. His insightful remarks assured us that he and his colleagues understand the gravity of the situation for everyday Floridians.

The following week a Special Session was held in Tallahassee result-

ing in measures designed to bolster the insurance market in our state. Realtors and some of our area’s business leaders asked constructive questions and were able to relate our concerns in East Lee/Lehigh Acres. The senator will be back shortly for another tour of our area with Chamber officials going into the New Year.

Ready! Get Set! Gala 2023 is set for Saturday, March 4, 2023, at the Plantation Golf and Country Club. Invitations will be going out at the beginning of the New Year!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

Chamber members and friends were able to make that special com-

mitment with the Salvation Army’s Angel Tree program this past Christmas season. This year many of the designated children in our area asked for essentials such as clothing and footwear. Several asked for warm coats – all this besides a list of toys. While the Chamber fulfilled each child’s need and request, we were reminded that there is much need in our community. Blessings also to the Salvation Army and the work it continues to perform along with so many other great agencies in the region.

On behalf of the Chamber, we wish you a prosperous New Year! 🐾



Photo: (Left to Right) School Board Chair Armor Persons, Senator Albritton, East Lee Chamber Boardmember Dr. Joe Restino



Photo: Chamber Chair Mike Welch with Chamber Members



Photo: Senator Ben Albritton

Impaired Driving By Sheriff Carmine Marceno



Photo: Sheriff Carmine Marceno, Lee County Sheriff

Being in the midst of high season, our thoughts often consist of entertaining family and friend, shopping, and travel plans.

While we prepare for the high season, we must take a moment to remember that this season has already been one of struggle and loss for many residents in Lee County. This message is a reminder that we have all lost a great deal and need not add to the great losses that we have already suffered.

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Photo: Adult Male With Beer Driving Car

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January 21 National Hugging Day
What a great day! Hugs are loving. Hugs are therapeutic. Hugs are caring. Hugs are celebratory. Hugs make you feel good inside.

January 26 Spouse's Day
Spouse's Day is a time to enjoy and appreciate your better half. Show your spouse you love them! Use it as a time to show your spouse that you care and appreciate all of the things that they do for you and for the household.

January 31 Backward Day
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