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# Ranch Boards Approve Preliminary Budgets for Fiscal Year 2020

BY ERNIE SOLLER,  
 Community Correspondent

The boards of supervisors for the Lakewood Ranch Community Development Districts (CDDs) approved preliminary budgets for the next fiscal year for their respective districts at their June meetings.

Per state law, which requires a 60-day delay before final budget approval, the final budget votes will take place at their August board meetings.

The supervisors of District 1 appointed L. Robert Dapper, a resident since 2007, to the vacant seat on the board, created when long-time supervisor Gary Berns resigned his position after moving out of the district earlier this year. Berns was presented with a plaque honoring his 15 years of service to the district as a supervisor at an earlier meeting.

Dapper graduated with a degree in accounting from Penn State University, served in the U.S. Army as a finance officer, and went on to spend 31 years with the former Arthur Anderson accounting firm in various capacities, which included setting up a shared services center in Sarasota in the late 1990s.

He then joined United Health Care, where he continued working in human resources, internal management, and recruiting, retiring as senior vice president for human capital in 2007, the year that he and his wife moved to Riverwalk Ridge in Lakewood Ranch.

Dapper has served District 1 on several committees of the Summerfield-Riverwalk Association, including modifications, budget and communications.

The naming of a new supervisor in District 1 has resulted in a change of assignments for District 1 supervisors. Supervisor Alan Roth will take over as chairman of the District 1 board. Bob Swiatek will act as vice chairman and Inter-District Authority (IDA) representative. Dapper will be the new District treasurer. Preston Olinger will be backup IDA rep., as well as assistant secretary and liaison with the HOA. Laura Fox will be secretary and the liaison with the HOA safety committee.

The gopher tortoise survey taken recently in District 1 has been submitted to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Regarding the Bluffs neighborhood in District 1, the state has requested more information on the grant application for study and possible work to mitigate erosion.

District 1 chairman Alan Roth reported



New District 1 supervisor L. Robert "Bob" Dapper.  
 PHOTO BY ERNIE SOLLER

that the IDA has received funds from FEMA to compensate the community for money expended in cleaning up after Hurricane Irma.

## VENDOR-LEASED AREAS

The various CDD boards approved new agreements for the leasing of community-owned land at the operations facility to two vendors: Down to Earth Landscaping and Altec Lakes and Natural Areas.

Down to Earth had previously leased land from Lakewood Ranch, but the new agreement increases the space leased, and provides additional revenue to the community.

Altec is a newcomer in leasing land at the operations building. Altec will be leasing an area of about 10,000 square feet for storing their equipment that is used both in and outside Lakewood Ranch. They plan to erect a fence around their area at their own cost, and will leave the fence in place if and when they terminate their use of the property.

## CELL SERVICE

Executive Director Anne Ross informed the various CDD boards that, as the community's agreement with USA/CRAN is essentially dead, she will be reaching out to the various major cell phone service providers, such as Verizon, AT&T, and T-Mobile, in order to find out whether their plans include erecting small towers in and around Lakewood Ranch in order to better serve their customers.

## STORM DRAIN/PAVING REPAIRS IN DISTRICT 2

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**July 20th – Third Saturday**

- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 8 a.m.
- Football Club, soccer field #1, 8 a.m.
- Scribes, Town Hall, 10 a.m.

**July 21st – Third Sunday**

- Sunday Duplicate Bridge, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

**July 22nd – Fourth Monday**

- Art League Club, Town Hall, noon
- Spyglass Card Sharks, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.

**July 23rd – Fourth Tuesday**

- Bridge on Tuesday, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Football Club, soccer field/baseball diamond, 5:30 p.m.

**July 24th – Fourth Wednesday**

- Women's Duplicate Bridge, Town Hall, 8 a.m.
- Mah Jongg at One, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.

**July 25th – Fourth Thursday**

- Thursday Bridge, Town Hall, 2 p.m.
- Football Club, soccer field/baseball diamond, 5:30 p.m.
- American Asian Women, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

**July 26th – Fourth Friday**

- Women's Exercise Class, Town Hall, 9 a.m.
- Shanti Yoga, Town Hall, 10 a.m.
- Art League Club, Town Hall, noon
- Mah Jongg Queens, Town Hall, noon

**July 27th – Fourth Saturday**

- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 8 a.m.
- Football Club, soccer field #1, 8 a.m.
- Digital Photography, Town Hall, 9 a.m.

**July 29th – Fifth Monday**

- Art League Club, Town Hall, noon
- Spyglass Card Sharks, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.

**July 30th – Fifth Tuesday**

- Bridge on Tuesday, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Football Club, soccer field/baseball diamond, 5:30 p.m.

**July 31st – Fifth Wednesday**

- Mah Jongg at One, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.

**August 1st – First Thursday**

- Thursday Bridge, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Football Club, soccer field/baseball diamond, 5:30 p.m.

**August 2nd – First Friday**

- Women's Exercise Class, Town Hall, 9 a.m.
- Shanti Yoga, Town Hall, 10 a.m.

- Art League Club, Town Hall, noon
- Mah Jongg Queen, Town Hall, noon

**August 3rd – First Saturday**

- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 8 a.m.
- CERT - incident commander workshop setup, Town Hall, 8 a.m.
- Football Club, soccer field #1, 8 a.m.
- CERT - incident commander workshop, Town Hall, 9 a.m.

**August 4th – First Sunday**

- Sunday Duplicate Bridge, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

**August 5th – First Monday**

- Gardeners Out East, Town Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Handcrafts and More, Town Hall, 10 a.m.
- Art League Club, Town Hall, noon
- Spyglass Card Sharks, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.

**August 6th – First Tuesday**

- Lunch Club, Town Hall, 11 a.m.
- Empty Nesters, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Football Club, soccer field/baseball diamond, 5:30 p.m.

**August 7th – First Wednesday**

- Women's Duplicate Bridge, Town Hall, 8 a.m.
- Bingo, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Mah Jongg at One, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.

**August 8th – Second Thursday**

- Thursday Bridge, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Football Club, soccer field/baseball diamond, 5:30 p.m.
- CERT general membership meeting setup, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- CERT general membership meeting, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

**August 9th – Second Friday**

- Women's Exercise Class, Town Hall, 9 a.m.
- Shanti Yoga, Town Hall, 10 p.m.
- Art League Club, Town Hall, noon
- Mah Jongg Queens, Town Hall, noon

**August 10th – Second Saturday**

- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 8 a.m.
- Football Club, soccer field #1, 8 a.m.
- Republican Club, Town Hall, 9 a.m.

**August 12th – Second Monday**

- Art League Club, Town Hall, noon
- Spyglass Card Sharks, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.
- CERT board meeting, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

**August 13th – Second Tuesday**

- Women's Club - Blankets for Babies, 1 p.m.
- Digital Photography board meeting, Town Hall, 5 p.m.
- Football Club, soccer field/baseball diamond, 5:30 p.m.
- Democratic Club, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

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Keith Pandeloglou  
Director of LWRCAC

- 1 Install shutters** or precut covers on all windows to protect from wind-driven debris.
- 2 Unplug and secure** high-value electronics. When lowering a television antenna, be very careful and do not touch

power lines due to the risk of electrocution.

**3 Fill your vehicle's fuel tank** as soon as possible to avoid long lines at the gas station. Gasoline may not be available for days or weeks after the hurricane strikes. Gasoline pumps do not work when electricity is out.

**4 Stay tuned to radio** and television for the latest alerts, warnings, and advisories.

**5 If your house has a pool**, ensure that it is prepared for the storm. Lower the water level to accommodate heavy rains, but do not drain completely. Add extra chlorine to the pool and turn off electrical power to pool equipment.

**6 Store water in bathtubs**, barrels, jugs, and other containers. Use this water for bathing and sanitary purposes. Do not use this water for drinking.

**7 Ensure that your pets have current vaccinations** and you have this paperwork. It will be required when you check your pet into a pet-friendly shelter, hotel/motel, kennel, or veterinarian office.

**8 Obtain cash rolls of quarters** and small bills for use in vending machines. Remember that most vendors will not accept checks or credit cards after a hurricane.

**9 Pack non-perishable food and water.** Select items that require no cooking and are ready-to-eat. Include a can opener and plastic disposable utensils.

**10 Pack toiletries** and enough personal hygiene supplies for two weeks.

**11 Pack important documents and papers:** birth/marriage certificates, visas/passports, wills/power of attorney, computer disks/system disks with important information, video of household goods and of the interior/exterior of the house, and medications.

**12 Pack clothing, bedding**, and bathing supplies, including pants, shirts, undergarments, socks, pillows, sheets/blankets, and towels.

Visit [www.lwrcert.com](http://www.lwrcert.com) for more information on evacuation procedures/routes, special needs information, shelters, and more. Stay safe and don't wait until the last minute to prepare! Remember, it only takes one hurricane.

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**BLOOD DRIVE:** There will be a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 26 at the Lakewood Ranch Medical Center's main entrance, at 8330 Lakewood Ranch Blvd. All donors will receive a wellness check including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening. Donors

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**COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (aka CERT)** is a disaster support team that conducts house-by-house search and rescue in the neighborhoods pro-

viding first aid and evacuating the injured, reports the nature and severity of injuries to the County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for dispatch of emergency services, assesses flooding, accessibility of neighborhood streets, gas leaks and fires, and assists police, fire, and emergency medical services when they arrive on the scene. For more information contact Victor Kline at victorkline@verizon.net or at (941)752-0920.

**THE LAKEWOOD RANCH ANGLERS CLUB** offers fishing secrets from local charter fishing captains, helps children by assisting them in catching their first fish, and provides tips for fishing in both fresh and salt water. They meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at Town Hall. For more information contact Larry Naddeo at (941)567-4552 or at larry\_naddeo@hotmail.com.

**ART CLUB** invites all LWR residents who love to paint, draw, or sculpt to join! Are you artistic or creative? Or maybe you're not sure and would just like to try something new? The Art Club meets at noon on Mondays for painting and Fridays for classes at Town Hall. For more information contact Lydia Kaeyer at kaeyer@roadrunner.com or at (207)542-9268.

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**LWR TRIVIA "RANCH WRANGLERS" CLUB** – Join us for trivia at 6:30 pm. Every Tuesday at Beef O'Brady's on Lakewood Ranch Boulevard. You are not required to attend every week; you may opt in or out at any time. For more information email Harris Schild at harrisschild@gmail.com.

**LWR PICKLEBALL** – Our summer schedule is here! Open play from 8:30-10 a.m. Saturdays at Lakewood Ranch High School. There will be no clinic or events until September. For more information contact Robert Haskin at rahaskin27@gmail.com.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS & CLUB CALENDAR

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### August 14th – Second Wednesday

- Women's Duplicate Bridge, Town Hall, 8 a.m.
- Mah Jongg at One, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Community Activities, Town Hall, 5 p.m.
- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.

### August 15th – Third Thursday

- Thursday Bridge, Town Hall, 2 p.m.
- CERT training setup, Town Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- Football Club, soccer field/baseball diamond, 5:30 p.m.
- CERT Training, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### August 16th – Third Friday

- Women's Exercise Class, Town Hall, 9 a.m.
- Shanti Yoga, Town Hall, 10 a.m.
- Art League Club, Town Hall, noon
- Mah Jongg Queens, Town Hall, noon

### August 17th – Third Saturday

- CERT training setup, Town Hall, 7:30 a.m.
- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 8 a.m.
- Football Club, soccer field #1, 8 a.m.
- CERT training, Town Hall, 8:30 a.m.

### August 18th – Third Sunday

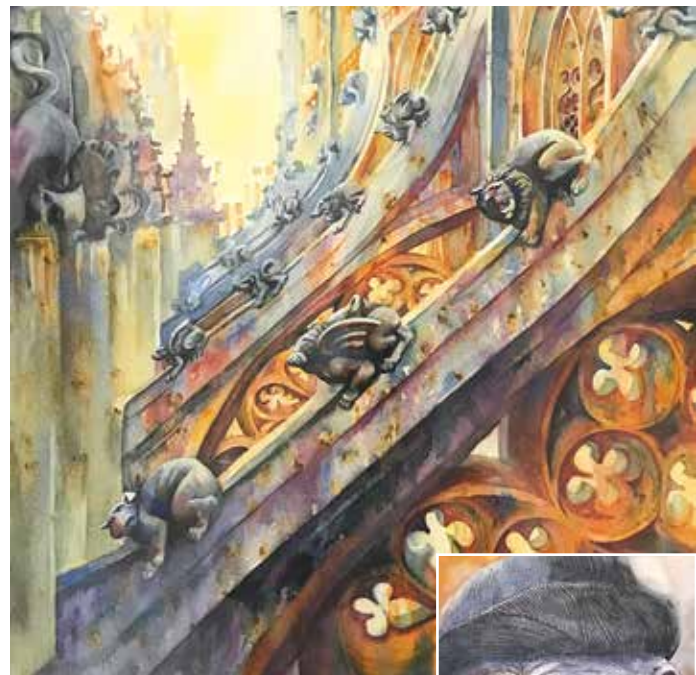
- Sunday Duplicate Bridge, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### August 19th – Third Monday

- Handcrafts and More, Town Hall, 10 a.m.
- Art League Club, Town Hall, noon
- Spyglass Card Sharks, Town Hall, 1 p.m.
- Adult Soccer, soccer field, 5:30 p.m.
- Creative Arts, Town Hall, 6 p.m.
- Running Club, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### August 20th – Third Tuesday

- Empty Nesters, Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Football Club, soccer field/baseball diamond, 5:30 p.m.



## Ranch Painters Recognized

Two Lakewood Ranch painters won honors at the Punta Gorda Open Aqueous Show. Linda Wokoun received an honorable mention certificate for her "View From Queen's Gallery" and William Perry received an honorable mention certificate for "Maynard."



From Top: View From Queen's Gallery, by Linda Wokoun; Maynard, by William Perry



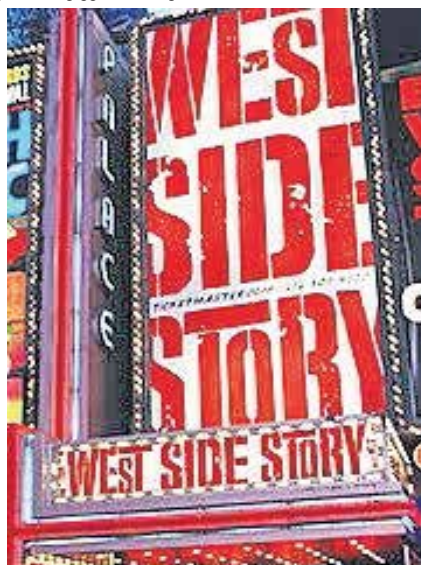
## AROUND THE RANCH ASPIRING ACTRESS LANDS ROLE IN *WEST SIDE STORY*

From the first notes to the final breath, *West Side Story* is one of the most memorable musicals and greatest love stories of all time. Arthur Laurents' book remains as powerful, poignant, and timely as ever. The score by Leonard Bernstein and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim are widely regarded as among the best ever written.

As soon as the Manatee Performing Arts Centers - Manatee Players' 2019-20 lineup was released, Kaleigh Valach, her fellow actors, and the rest of us were thrilled to see that *West Side Story* was the first of the season.

As a hard-working enthusiastic actress, Kaleigh began doing her research. She watched the original Broadway production, familiarized herself with the soundtrack, and knew that she would be auditioning. "The more research I did on the original production the more excited about the show I became," said Kaleigh.

Later, when Kaleigh saw the casting call coming in; her heart skipped a beat as she answered the phone. "When I heard what role, the Director wanted to cast me in I was shocked and wanted to make sure they called the right person," giggled Kaleigh.



Cast to play Consuelo, referred to, as the Puerto Rican Marilyn Monroe, Consuelo is the girlfriend of Shark member Pepe and performs in the number "I Feel Pretty."



Excited to embrace a character so different from herself Kaleigh believes she can learn a lot from the character. "She [Consuelo] is very confident and I can definitely learn a lot from playing this role," said Kaleigh.

"When she is involved in a show Kaleigh is helpful in many capacities and always does whatever is asked of her," said Production Manager Kirstin Ribble.

Averaging three shows per season and logging over 1200 volunteer actor hours since Fall 2017, this will be Kaleigh's seventh show with the Manatee Players.

"Kaleigh has a wonderful disposition and she is one of the most talented and motivated dancers we have had on our stage in quite some time. She is quick to cooperate and commiserate with fellow actors. We are lucky to have her," said Producing Artistic Director Rick Kerby.

Kaleigh grew up watching her cousins participate in Community Theater and was in awe of the friendships and camaraderie that came from being in a show. "Through theater I have met some of my closest friends and

made deep meaningful connections to individuals, characters, and shows that will last a lifetime," said Kaleigh.

Kaleigh studied dance and theatre at Ovation School of Musical Theatre in Lakewood Ranch throughout her youth before coming to Manatee Performing Arts Center when she was thrilled to be cast as a member of the ensemble in the Manatee Players Production of *The Producers*. "I had wanted to audition for the production of *42<sup>nd</sup> Street* the year before, but it didn't work with my schedule," said Kaleigh.

Recently graduating from Braden River High School, Kaleigh is registered to attend University of South Florida - Tampa where she will pursue a degree in Project Management with a minor in Theater. "I plan on staying involved in theater while attending college and want to audition for their production of *Cabaret*, since I was in the show at Manatee Performing Arts Center I can bring that experience to their stage," said Kaleigh.

As for Kaleigh's distant future -she would like to work at Disney and wants to continue performing on stage. Whether it ends up being professional or Community Theater, only time will tell.

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## CLUB SPOTLIGHT

# LWR “Handcrafts and More” Club Let’s Go Meet, Craft, and Eat!

BY ERNIE SOLLER,  
Community Correspondent

Recently I, a guy of a “certain age,” walked into the first June meeting of the Lakewood Ranch Handcrafts and More Club – which meets at the Town Hall on the first and third Monday of each month, from 10 a.m. until noon – and found myself the recipient of a most warm welcome from the women at the meeting.

The reason for my warm welcome was the fact that my late wife, Linda, had been a very active member of the Handcrafts and More Club almost from the time we moved to Lakewood Ranch until her death a couple of years ago. She loved the Club, and almost nothing would stop her from attending their meetings, unless she was dealing with medical issues or visiting our kids and their families out of town. For a long time, she was the Club’s “contact person” for anyone thinking of joining.

Several of the women in attendance at the meeting I attended had known Linda, and remembered many interesting tidbits that she had shared with her Handcrafts friends over the years, including a few comments about some of my adventures. But, in that sharing of stories lies one of the main attributes of the Handcrafts and More Club.

These folks get together twice a month and bring whatever project they are currently working on, be it a needlepoint canvas they may be stitching, or a quilt for which they are making sections out of small bits of cloth, or perhaps a large, complicated counted-cross-stitch picture on which they are working.

They sit around several tables placed so that the members can look at each other over their projects, and they converse perhaps about the efforts they are making to complete the canvas, or maybe about their families or grandchildren, or whatever is going on in their lives at that time.

One of the women commented to me that this camaraderie, this sharing of ideas and slices of their lives as they work on their projects, had been one of the primary reasons why she had decided to make the move to Lakewood Ranch, and she still feels that way about the Handcrafts and More Club.

Karen Marinoff, who on the day I visited was crocheting a doll dress, admitted that she had joined the Club years ago after being encouraged by her husband, who had seen a note in the paper about the club, but had quit for a time to take a part-time job. When the company she worked for closed up shop, she came back to the Club, and considered



leaving to again work part-time, but quit after one day. She realized that she loved Handcrafts and More ... more than the job.

As for Karen’s doll dresses, have you ever seen “Antebellum Barbie” dressed in a flower-bedecked pink dress?

After seeing these women communicating and exchanging ideas, I need not wonder why the group has been active in Lakewood Ranch since 2002, when the Handcrafts and More Club began its life at the old Lakewood Ranch Information Center building, in Summerfield Village, just south of State Road 70 on Lakewood Ranch Boulevard, before outgrowing that space and moving to the then-new Town Hall.

The projects that were being worked on at the early June meeting covered a variety of pursuits. One lady was actually working on a needlepoint canvas that had been originally purchased by my wife, but on which she had never worked. Another lady was cutting pieces of paper to use as backing for sections of a quilt. A couple of the other ladies were also working on quilt projects – although they were quite different from one another. Two of the women were working on counted-cross-stitch canvas; one with an ancient Egyptian theme, and the other a Jim Shore Christmas item, featuring Santa Claus. After all, Christmas is only six months away, and



PHOTOS BY ERNIE SOLLER



these projects take time to complete!

By this time, the clock was moving toward the noon hour which, if you’re a member of the Handcrafts and More Club, means that it was time to put away the projects and make the big decision as to where to go for lunch, since lunch is the item that caps off every meeting.

The conversations would continue over food, which is as it should be.

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# Cinci "Pilgrimage" Location Comes to The Ranch

BY ERNIE SOLLER,  
Community Correspondent

"It's a Cincinnati thing." At least that's what two different sets of diners told me when I asked them about Skyline Chili, as I ventured forth to test the spicy waters of childhood in one of Lakewood Ranch's newer culinary emporiums – Skyline Chili, located on the west side of Lakewood Ranch Boulevard, between State Road 70 and State Road 64, just north of 44th Ave. E.

Feeling about a "pint low" after donating blood earlier in the day, and having missed lunch, I walked into Skyline Chili hungry – make that very hungry.

I was greeted by a smiling, cheerful employee who welcomed me to Skyline and asked if I knew what I'd like to order. I replied that this was my first time at Skyline, and I was unfamiliar with the offerings of the place, so he provided me with a menu that featured salads, Coney dogs, wraps, chicken, and "Ways" ... the "Ways" being the several different ways a diner could order his or her Skyline chili.

Sensing my hesitancy to pick an item I'd never tried, my waiter offered to provide me with a sample portion of Skyline's basic "Three Way" chili (spaghetti pasta, chili, and cheese), and I was soon enjoying it.

Since I found this "basic" offering rather tasty – remember, I was QUITE hungry – I ordered a "small" plate of the "Three-Way" chili.

A few moments later, I was presented with a nice-sized oval dish, on which was a generous supply of chili-laden spaghetti,



PHOTO BY ERNIE SOLLER

topped with a GIANT mound of shredded cheddar cheese, with the added bonus of oyster crackers. These folks definitely did not skimp on the cheese! (And this was the "small" plate!)

The secret to Skyline's chili comes from the founder's recipe which incorporates finely ground beef, seasoned with cinnamon, allspice, cumin, nutmeg, and chili powder. The result is spicy, but not overwhelming.

I powered through this combination, feeling totally filled by the time I finished off my plate, and found that, unusual for me, I had no further appetite for dessert!

As for the other "Ways" offered by Skyline, "Four Way" involves the same basic spaghetti, chili, and cheese of the Three-Way, with the added feature of either onions or beans. "Five-

Way" comes with BOTH onions and beans, and the diner can also choose to have just the spaghetti and chili with none of the other items.

So, how did all this Cincinnati chili thing get started in the first place?

Well, according to the information proudly printed on Skyline Chili's menu, the restaurant was started back in 1949 by a Greek immigrant, Nicholas Lambrinides, who settled in – you guessed it – Cincinnati, eventually opening his restaurant "overlooking the skyline of Cincinnati."

Thus, Skyline Chili was born, and it quickly became a Cincinnati culinary staple, becoming a unique gastronomic treasure for the residents of southern Ohio and northern Kentucky.

As for the folks who gave me the answer of "It's a Cincinnati thing," when I asked them why they had come to Skyline Chili that afternoon, one couple, who had moved here from Cincinnati and had lived in the Lakewood Ranch area for some time, were obviously very happy that Skyline had come to town.

The other folks – two older ladies from – yes – Cincinnati, gave me the idea that this, to them, was much more than just a trip out to lunch. I was rather surprised that one of these ladies not only had a platter of Skyline Chili in front of her, but also a plate loaded up with TWO Coney dogs – also covered in chili and cheese! I could never have eaten all that but then, I did see a small boy come in to Skyline with them.

Skyline Chili has expanded over the years, and now has lo-

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# AROUND THE RANCH



Above: Stan Jernigan, winner, landscape; Bottom left: Gordon Silver, winner, nature



Susan DeVictor, winner, lifestyle



Gordon Silver, winner, market



Above: John Vilasi, winner, kids; Bottom right: Robyn Rose, runner-up, kids



Above: Tatian Chaput, runner-up, landscape; Below: Mark Allen Baker, runner-up, nature



## Residents Share Their Favorite Ranch Moments

Winners of the Lens on Lakewood Ranch photo contest, which ran from April 1-30, were recently announced. The contest asked residents to show Lakewood Ranch from behind their lenses. Prizes included a photo feature in LWRLife magazine and various gift cards. Thanks for all the incredible entries!

### LANDSCAPE CATEGORY

- Stan Jernigan – winner
- Tatian Chaput – runner-up

### NATURE

- Gordon Silver – winner
- Mark Allen Baker – runner-up

### LIFESTYLE

- Susan DeVictor – winner
- Ainsley Hunihan – runner-up
- John Vilasi – runner up

### KIDS

- John Vilasi – winner
- Robyn Rose – runner-up

### MARKET

- Gordon Silver – winner



Above: Ainsley Hunihan, runner-up, lifestyle; Below: John Vilasi, runner-up, lifestyle



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

(Please visit [www.LWRBA.org](http://www.LWRBA.org) to sign up for these events.)

### Networking Social: RITE Technology Wednesday, August 7

5-7 p.m.  
RITE Technology, 1744 Independence Blvd., Sarasota  
Free for members; \$15 non-members

Connect with fellow Alliance members at our August networking social, hosted by RITE Technology. Our monthly socials are the best place to make new connections to grow your business and mingle with your LWRBA friends. Complimentary appetizers and a cash bar.

### Luncheon: Regional Impact – What's Ahead for Sarasota and Manatee Counties Thursday, August 8

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Carlisle Inn, 3727 Bahia Vista Street, Sarasota  
\$30 LWRBA members; \$40 non-members

Learn how our two neighboring counties work together and what's in store for the future of our region. Sarasota County administrators Jonathan Lewis (Sarasota) and Cheri Coryea (Manatee) join us to present a look at their respective counties. This event is in partnership with the Great Sarasota Chamber of Commerce.

### Executive Briefing: Protecting Intellectual Property Wednesday, August 14

7:30-9 a.m.  
Keiser University, 6151 Lake Osprey Drive  
\$10 LWRBA members; \$20 non-members

What exactly is intellectual property, and how does it affect you and your business? Intellectual property (IP) refers to creations of the mind: inventions; literary and artistic works; and brands and symbols. Attorneys Alan Townner and Alicia Passerin-Hunt will provide an overview of how to protect your business's intellectual property.

## Lakewood Ranch's Shred Day Has Shared Benefits

BY ERNIE SOLLER,  
Community Correspondent

Lakewood Ranch's annual Shred Day has been a much looked-forward-to event in our community for several years now. The friendly folks at the Town Hall have partnered with Grow Financial Credit Union to offer a unique service to the community.

One particular Saturday morning each year – scheduled to happen just after “tax time” – a large document shredder truck pulls up to the Town Hall parking lot, and staffers from both the Town Hall and Grow Financial line up to take residents' boxes of old documents, old tax returns, old medical records, etc., out of their vehicles, and toss them into the bins provided.

The bins are hooked up to a conveyor belt that takes them up to the upper part of the truck, where the contents are dumped into a heavy-duty shredding machine inside the truck body, and.....BZZZZZT, those old docu-

ments are turned into instant confetti.

Residents don't even have to get out of their vehicles – the workers take their boxes, toss the documents into the bins, and put the boxes right back into their vehicles, at which point the drivers can simply drive off.

By making use of Shred Day, residents don't have to worry that their important records might be retrieved from their trash by unscrupulous individuals. Those documents are shredded on-site and will never be seen in their entirety again!

This year's Shred Day also offered a chance for residents to feed the hungry in our area, as several volunteers from The Food Bank of Manatee were on hand to accept donations of non-perishable food items. One of the volunteers commented that, by 10 a.m., they had already collected several barrels of food, meaning that Lakewood Ranchers are heeding their call to donate food for the hungry.

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# Neal Communities Offers New Models And Discovery Center at Indigo

Neal Communities recently celebrated the opening of five new model homes and a Discovery Center at Indigo, its gated, resort-style community in Lakewood Ranch.

Indigo offers an active lifestyle neighborhood in a serene setting with countless recreation, dining and entertainment options close at hand, officials said.

The 2,288-square-foot state-of-the-art Discovery Center, is open daily, with new home sales associates on site. The center houses two interactive display tables with touch screens, four offices, lounge areas and information on the area, available floor plans and the community.

The community also features a selection of single-family and paired villa homes inspired by island, Spanish and Tuscan architectural design. With the opening of the new models, the total number now open within Indigo totals five. Highlights of the model homes include:

- **Endless Summer 3** – This 2,181-square-foot home is “ideal for entertaining,” and features a gourmet kitchen with center island, a great room and an open main living area with a formal dining room. The plan also includes three bedrooms, two bathrooms and a two-car garage.

- **The Silver Sky 2** – This 2,762 square-foot home is “perfect for family as well as guests.” The floor plan features four bedrooms, three bathrooms, a three-car garage and options for an additional den and pool bathroom.

- **Victory** – This three-bedroom, two-bathroom, and two-car garage home provides “ample and accommodating” living areas throughout the 1,764-square-foot open design. The floor plan also features a great room and den.

- **Tidewinds & Sandcastle paired villas** – The Tidewinds is a two-bedroom, two-bathroom villa with a great room, open kitchen and separate den spread over 1,632 square feet of living space. Sandcastle, the larger of the two villa floor plans at 1,842 square feet, features three bedrooms, two bathrooms, a spacious great room, gourmet kitchen and a den.

Many of Indigo’s floor plans offer flexible space options, which can be tailored to fit the needs of the homebuyer with personalized options such as coffered ceilings, a den, guest suite, pool bath, outdoor kitchen wall and more. All floor plans include gourmet kitchens, spacious master suites with walk-in closet(s) and large master bathroom, and a covered lanai for entertaining, officials said.

In addition, Indigo features two recreational centers for its active residents: Indigo Oasis and Club Indigo. Indigo Oasis, a recreation



center exclusively for use by villa buyers, opened in 2018. The amenity center features a resort-style pool and spa, lounge deck, a gas grill and restroom facilities.

Club Indigo, a \$1.6 million clubhouse and recreation center, offers residents a resort-style pool and spa, culinary kitchen, fitness room and movement studio, and pickleball and bocce ball courts. An on-site, full-time activities director plans daily outings, classes and social events from movie nights to card games to potlucks. Residents can join the book club and bunco club or gather poolside for “wine down” Wednesday and Tai Chi Tuesday events.

Over 240 homes have sold within the community since it opened in 2015, and once completed, Indigo will have over 600 maintenance-assisted homes on 151 acres. With 16 floor plans to choose from, home designs range from 1,407 to 2,980 square feet. Home prices in the community start at \$259,990.

Located at the intersection of White Eagle Blvd. and 44th Avenue East, Indigo is ideally situated near shopping, A-rated schools and other recreational amenities in the area, including 150 miles of walking and bike trails, nature preserves and parks, and polo and cricket clubs. The Premier Sports Campus in Lakewood Ranch is available to host soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, rugby, archery, senior games, Ultimate Frisbee, Special Olympics, flag football, youth football, Frisbee golf and punt/pass/kick football on local, state, regional and national levels.

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## July Programs at Chabad of Bradenton & Lakewood Ranch

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### Talmud classes

**Mondays, 7:30-8:30 p.m.**

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For more information on any of the ongoing events, call Rabbi Mendy Bukiet at (941)752-3030 or e-mail [rabbim@chabadofbradenton.com](mailto:rabbim@chabadofbradenton.com).

## The Food Bank of Manatee Will “Sack” Summer Hunger

The Food Bank of Manatee, a program of Meals on Wheels PLUS, estimates it will distribute a total of 120,000 meals in summer hunger bags to food-insecure Manatee County students this summer. These summer hunger bags contain six kid-friendly entrée items and two snacks.

According to Manatee County Schools, over 60% of students in Manatee County qualify for the federal free and reduced lunch program whereby students receive breakfast and/or lunch from the district during the school year. When school is out for the summer, this food lifeline for children in Manatee County disappears. The Food Bank of Manatee is helping to bridge the gap for food-insecure students during the summer by providing summer hunger bags.

“It is critical that we ensure our students in Manatee County are fed,” said Maribeth Phillips, president & CEO of Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee. “It takes everyone in the community doing their part to help meet this need. For only \$5 we can provide a summer hunger bag to a child ... just \$5. Right now, we have a \$75,000 match from two very generous donors – there really is no better time to show your support for students in Manatee County, as every gift is doubled.”

The Food Bank of Manatee is encouraging the community to donate and volunteer. To register to volunteer to pack and distribute summer hunger bags, visit [www.MealsOnWheelsPLUS.org/SSH](http://www.MealsOnWheelsPLUS.org/SSH).

For more information on the Sack Summer Hunger cause or to make a donation that will be matched dollar for dollar visit [www.MealsOnWheelsPLUS.org/SSH](http://www.MealsOnWheelsPLUS.org/SSH).



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## GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

July 18 – August 14, 2019

Please note that all meetings will be held at Town Hall unless otherwise specified.

<b>July 18</b>	8:30 a.m.	CDD 1 Board Meeting 907-0202
	9 a.m.	CDD 5 Board Meeting 907-0202
	9:30 a.m.	CDD 2 Board Meeting 907-0202
	2 p.m.	CEVA Fining Committee 907-0202
<b>July 22</b>	10 a.m.	CEVA Finance Committee Meeting 907-7279
	3 p.m.	Augusta/Oakmont Neighborhood Comm. Mtg. 907-3448
	5:30 p.m.	Hollow Board Meeting 921-5393
<b>July 23</b>	8:30 a.m.	SRVA Modifications 907-0202
<b>July 24</b>	1 p.m.	Country Club Modifications 907-0202
	3 p.m.	Edgewater Modifications 907-0202
	7 p.m.	SRVA Board Meeting 907-0202
<b>July 29</b>	5 p.m.	SRVA Compliance Meeting 907-0202
<b>August 1</b>	3 p.m.	CEVA Restrictions Revision 907-0202
<b>August 5</b>	9 a.m.	CEVA Landscape Committee Meeting 907-0202
	5 p.m.	GBVA Compliance Meeting 907-0202
	7 p.m.	Brier Creek Neighborhood Meeting 907-1169
<b>August 6</b>	6 p.m.	Resident Orientation 907-0202
<b>August 7</b>	4 p.m.	GBVA Modifications Meeting 907-0202
	7 p.m.	SRVA Restrictions Revision Meeting 907-0202
<b>August 12</b>	9 a.m.	CDD 6 Agenda Review Workshop 907-0202
<b>August 13</b>	8 a.m.	IDA Board Meeting 907-0202
	8:30 a.m.	SRVA Modifications Meeting 907-0202
	10 a.m.	CDD 1 Agenda Review Workshop 907-0202
	1 p.m.	CDD 5 Agenda Review Workshop 907-0202
	2:30 p.m.	CDD 2 Agenda Review Workshop 907-0202
<b>August 14</b>	10 a.m.	CDD 4 Agenda Review Workshop 907-0202
	10:15 a.m.	CDD 4 Board Meeting/Budget Public Hearing 907-0202
	1 p.m.	Country Club Modifications 907-0202
	3 p.m.	Edgewater Modifications 907-0202
	7 p.m.	SRVA Restrictions Revision Meeting 907-0202

\*Meeting dates and times are subject to change

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Richard Ellis that these repairs will begin in July and should be completed within two months. A specific schedule of repairs will be available at the board meeting in July.

### NEW AERATOR/NEW CARP

Operations director Chetlain reported that a new aerator is being installed in pond 19 in District 6, and new grass-eating carp have been ordered for that pond.

### NEW DIRECTORY

Community Associations Director Gary Glass reported that there have been very few respondents to a request for information from residents for the new directory. The reason for asking residents to respond back to the Town Hall is to cull from the new directory the names of people who no longer live in Lakewood Ranch, in order that their names may be removed from the new directory.



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# Spring Fine Art Festival Draws Crowds

BY ERNIE SOLLER,  
Community Correspondent

Lakewood Ranch's Spring Fine Art Festival, held at LWR Main Street, became a pedestrian passage for those out for a nice stroll in the warm but not-yet-too-muggy weather.

The Spring Fine Art Festival is a juried art fair, an event where pre-screened artists can display their creations to the public in a casual setting, minus some of the more "crafty" or gimmicky art found in some art fairs. The artists here are serious practitioners, and the quality of the offerings found on Main Street was quite good.

The selections ranged from large installations – the type that would presumably take up a large portion of a home or office wall – to smaller, more intimate pieces, which could be used to uplift a small corner with color. There were also several jewelry makers who brought some of their works to the Festival. One jewelry artist made her items from sheets of soft acrylic, formed into intricate pieces, which were later painted in colors reminiscent of "carnival glass."

A broad range of media was to be found at the Spring Art Festival. Copper wall sculptures could be found, most of which had a coastal theme, along with hammered and painted figures – one notable was the large mermaid holding a bunch of flowers. One artist created various animals out of driftwood; imagine a great blue heron's head emerging from a large branch, or the tentacles of a large octopus coming out of a gnarled hunk of wood. There were a number of artists who had done their work using glass, from sculpted glass or decorative glass set into metal assemblies, to large works made by the "Glass Sisters," using glass tiles



PHOTOS BY ERNIE SOLLER

to create stunning pictures. One artist had made various sculptures using old red wine barrels, utilizing both the oak staves and the metal bands that once held the barrels together.

Imagination runs wild in the minds of these artists. One guy had designed three-dimensional assemblies depicting various sports stadiums, with the "fields" lit up from within. Another had fashioned fanciful depictions of the favorite watering holes to be found in various big cities and college towns.

One of the major themes of the event appeared to be paintings of bird life, and landscapes. One particular artist, Janet Herman, created textile pictures of these birds and landscapes, using cloth and stitching to evoke the image.

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# Family Night Highlights Community Involvement, Preparedness

BY ERNIE SOLLER,  
Community Correspondent

The Knights of Columbus of Council #13341, which meets at our Lady of the Angels Church on State Road 70, held a Family Night Social at the Church Center in order to not only showcase the charitable efforts of the Council over the last year, but also to give local residents a chance to hear about the best steps to take to prepare for a possible hurricane.

The meeting gave neighbors the opportunity to learn about just a few of the agencies and organizations that receive not only support, but in many cases, manpower in order to assist in helping others, from the Knights.

For a number of years, the Knights have delivered the food donated by Church parishioners to St. Joseph's Food Pantry, located on Bradenton's west side. The St. Joe's pantry is one of the largest in the County and has been serving people since 1977. During the last quarter of 2018, the St. Joe's Food Pantry served over 5000 people; this number represents 14,000 family members in need in Manatee County, a volunteer said.

Their ability to serve the hungry is aided by monetary donations from business and individuals, donations of food from supermarket chains, as well as food donations from other folks, such as that donated by the parishioners of Our Lady of the Angels. The Pantry also buys food from grocery chains at a large discount.

The Pantry operates five days a week, except on holidays, and has a staff of 120 full time volunteers. They keep computer records of their clients, noting how many people there are in a family who need food, and clients are given a "membership card" to the Pantry.

The summer months are busier, as there is a drop in the number of volunteers when snowbirds go north for the summer, and there is also lack of school lunches during the break.

The St. Joe's Pantry also brings food to the homeless population; certain volunteers get to know where the homeless can be found, and food delivered to them in a non-threatening manner.

The next speaker was Christine Wyckoff, admissions director and Spanish teacher at St. Mary's Academy, which is also a recipient of donations from Knights of Columbus Council #13341, who presented Wyckoff with a check for the Academy at the Social.

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The Special Olympics program is nationally supported by the Knights of Columbus, and a check from Council #13341 was presented to Jim Baar, of Manatee Special Olympics. Baar brought with him one of the athletes who participate in the program; Joey is a pretty good tennis player, who commented that



Jim Coon, Deputy Grand Knight John Holy, Christine Wyckoff of St. Mary's Academy, and Tom Rokosz. PHOTO BY ERNIE SOLLER

Special Olympics "keeps me fit and helps me meet new friends."

Every year, the Knights of Council #13341 participate in raising funds for Special Olympics at the Hunsader Farms Pumpkin Festival, which is one of the biggest pre-Halloween traditions in Manatee County. Organizations such as St. Mary's Academy and Special Olympics are also partially funded through the annual Knights of Columbus "Tootsie Roll Drive."

For the last portion of the program, the Knights called on Mark and Kay Marcus, of the Lakewood Ranch Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Kay Marcus, as the prime presenter, went through a series of questions that residents need to answer well ahead of a possible hurricane hit. Marcus said that she moved to Lakewood Ranch during the period when Hurricane Sandy was devastating the upper Mid Atlantic region. She decided to get involved with CERT and after 20 hours of training, got certified.

She noted that, in 1993, FEMA started training volunteers to assist in emergencies, and there are now 600,000 CERT-trained members across the country. Locally, the Manatee County Emergency Management office is responsible for preparing for a disaster and training volunteers. Currently, Lakewood Ranch CERT operates in the "Phase 1" area of Lakewood Ranch: community development districts 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6.

Marcus noted that hurricanes are famous for being totally unpredictable – they can follow the path that meteorologists expect they will follow – or not. As a result, the best thing residents can do is to be prepared. The key thing is to decide, way before a hurricane nears Florida, is whether to leave or stay. And if you stay, will you be able to shelter in your own home, or will you need to go to a shelter? And, if you go to a shelter, will the shelter accept your pets? If they do, you'll need a carrier or crate for the pet, along with the pet's meds, food, leash water bowl, shot record, etc.

Lack of availability of hospital services during a major storm can be a problem, Marcus said. The services may be totally unavailable, as the hospital may be full of nursing home patients who were moved to the hospital; also, emergency room personnel may not be able to get to the hospital to per-

form their usual functions.

Communication is likely to break down, Marcus said, and normal police and fire services may not be functioning until well after the storm, as many jurisdictions will restrict the movement of their personnel and vehicles in order to protect their staff and equipment until it is safe for them to operate.

If you decide that leaving town is your best alternative, you need to leave early. There will be a lot of people from counties north of Manatee who will have the same idea – hit I-75 and drive North – and if you do go north, make sure that if you make a hotel reservation the hotel is not in the path of the storm, otherwise you may get there and find that there are no employees on duty, because they too, decided to "get outta Dodge."

Whether you go or stay make sure that you have with you important items, such as your medication(s), medical history, marriage certificate, divorce decree, Social Security documents, insurance policies – including your flood insurance policy if you carry flood insurance – the deed to your home and, noted Marcus, go around your home and take pictures of everything, so that if you need to file an insurance claim you have proof that the items lost or damaged in the storm were there prior to the storm. Also plan on taking some food, water, clothing, and other items with you – like flashlights and batteries – even if you do leave early. Make sure that you go to the store and purchase any needed items now ...before the shelves are bare at Publix or Home Depot.

If you leave, also take copies of utility bills or tax bills, in order to prove that you are actually a resident of Lakewood Ranch, since there may be a curfew in place, and law enforcement may not allow you to return to your home if you can't prove that you are the resident. Marcus advises that if you leave, try to go at least five days before a storm is expected to arrive.

One last comment from Marcus – cash is king. Your credit and debit cards may be useless if businesses have no power. Take a good supply of cash, including lots of small bills to pay for small items you may need on your journey. Handing a convenience store clerk a big bill for a snack or bottle of water may not work if his cash register is locked up from a lack of power.

After all the presentations were completed, the Knights served their neighbors a staple of their meetings – food!

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*Serving the Gulf Coast Since 1978*

## 2019 LINCOLN MKC PREMIERE FWD



**at \$289** per month

36 month red carpet lease's through Lincoln Automotive Financial Services. \$3000 due at signing

C19049 5L/KUL15215

## THE 2019 LINCOLN MKZ PREMIERE FWD



**at \$329** per month

36 month red carpet lease's through Lincoln Automotive Financial Services. \$3000 due at signing

Z19072 3L/KR601740

## 2019 LINCOLN NAVIGATOR



**at \$889** per month

36 month red carpet lease's through Lincoln Automotive Financial Services. \$5000 due at signing.

N19258 5L/KEL13968

## 2019 LINCOLN NAUTILUS

TOTALLY REDESIGNED



**at \$395** per month

36 month red carper lease's through Lincoln Automotive Financial Services. \$3000 due at signing

X19285 2L/KBL42473

Payments Are Based on 36 Month Lincoln AFS Lease. Lease's are Based on 7,500 Miles Per Year. 3000 due at signing for 2019 LINCOLN MKC PREMIERE FWD, 2019 LINCOLN MKZ PREMIERE FWD, 2019 LINCOLN NAUTILUS. \$5000 due at signing for 2019 LINCOLN NAVIGATOR. Security deposit waived. Payments Exclude Taxes, State/Lease Fees and Tags. Price Excludes Taxes and Tags. Photos are for illustration purposes only. Offer Expires 07/30/19



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