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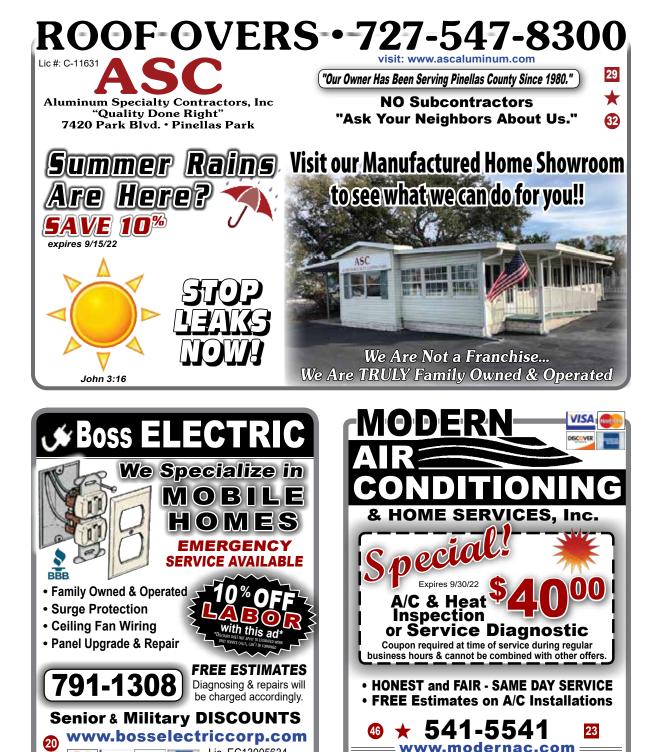


COFFEE AND DONUTS

e've got some interest in reviving Coffee and Donuts on Wednesday mornings. Tim has the funding to get this started, as well as coffee, creamer and sugar. We're looking for someone to run this each week. It would involve getting the donuts, setting up, making coffee and clean up. You



will receive the money for the pastries, but will need to charge for the coffee and donuts to fund the next week. Maybe \$1 for coffee and \$1.50 for coffee and donut. Please talk to Tim at 727-332-3294 or see him at Lot 149 if you're interested in running this event.



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THINGS TO DO

Largo Events Center

I Like it HOT! Festival Saturday September 11th – 10am till 5pm – Sunday September 12th 11am till 4pm Including Live Music, pepper eating contest, amateur hot sauce competition, amateur salsa competition, amateur BBQ Sauce competition, Hot Hula Hoop Contest, Extreme Lolly Lick-A-Thon, Frozen T-Shirt Contest Free Admission – Free Parking – Family & Pet Friendly Largo Event Center - 6340 126th Ave N. Largo - www.ilikeithotfestival.com







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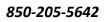
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Dunedin History Museum

Located along Main Street and the Pinellas Trail, the Dunedin History Museum is all about sharing Dunedin's legacy and heritage. While exploring Downtown Dunedin, hop into the museum for only \$5 to learn all about the city's unique history. Pro-tip: grab a sweet treat from Lane's Lemonade, located outside of the museum in an old box car! Tuesday thru Saturday 11:00am-4:00pm 5 Sunday 12:00pm-4:00pm - 349 Main Street, Dunedin

For the pups

Dog Parks for small and large dogs at Eagle Lake Park, 1800 Keene Rd., Largo Please remember to pick up after your dogs here in the park.



FIRST FRIDAY

Te had a great turnout for our August first Friday at the clubhouse. Everybody enjoyed our

"famous" Shangri La Taco Bar!! There were beef and shrimp soft and hard shell tacos with all the fixins, mexican street corn, refried beans, chicken enchilada stuffed shells, coleslaw, guacamole, cinnamon buns, whipped pistachio salad and soda and iced tea. If you haven't been to one of our first Fridays, please come. You'll enjoy fantastic food and great company. Bring a dish, or donate for the next month's meal. Everyone is welcome. You can find more information about Shangri La events at our Facebook homepage Shangri La HOA.

Also, we have "Butt's Out" every Friday 4:30 at the Clubhouse. Get your butts out of the house and come on over and enjoy great company, music, games and swimming.













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TRANSPORTATION DURING A HURRICANE

his article is a repeat, but since we normally get hit by hurricanes in September (I think) I thought I'd leave it in.

For those who need to evacuate, but don't have their own transportation, a hurricane can cause anxiety. Pinellas County officials want to make sure that everyone can get to safe shelter.

If you don't require special needs transport, PSTA buses will run nearly all their routes until it's no longer safe to travel. PSTA will attempt to operate all routes until winds reach tropical storm force (40mph). Routes may be modified. During an evacuation, buses will also run from transfer stations to local shelters. All rides are free during an evacuation. Be prepared in advance by locating your nearest bus stop. Some people may not qualify for special needs transport, cannot ride the bus and have no other means of transportation to evacuate. If you are in that situation, contact your local fire department or the Department of Emergency Management, in advance, for special assistance. Take advantage of the help that is there for you. Don't stay in a dangerous situation just because you don't have your own ride. Call the PSTA Info Line (727) 540-1900. For current route information during a storm, go www.psta.net

If you have special needs, please sign up for the special needs registry www.pinellascounty. org/emergency/specialneeds, you will then be asked about your transportation plans. If you need a ride to a shelter, your local fire department will be in contact with you to make arrangements when the time comes to evacuate.

LOCAL SHELTERS

Ross Norton Rec Center - 1426 S. Martin Luther King Jr Ave., Clearwater Dunedin Highland Middle School - 70 Patricia Ave., Dunedin (Special Needs) Bauder Elementary – 12755 86 Ave, Seminole Bellair Elementary - 1156 Lakeview Rd, Clearwater Clearwater Fundamental - 1660 Palmetto St., Clearwater Largo High - 410 Missouri Ave., Largo (pet friendly) McMullen-Booth Elementary – 3025 Union St., Clearwater Mildred Helms Elementary - 561 Clearwater Largo Rd., Largo Oak Grove Middle School - 1370 S. Belcher Rd., Clearwater (Special Needs) Remember: public shelters do not have cots or generators, and the space you will be able to utilize is limited. Prepare by bringing:

- a one-person air mattress
- earplugs
- books and activities
 - covering for your eyes for sleeping

- a fan
- other hygiene, comfort items and medications. Often, there is food and water served, but you may want to bring your own food if you are on a special diet.



Priest was approached by Satan himself one night. "Do not be frightened," said Satan. "I have an offer to make. I will make you tremendously powerful, famous and rich in return for just one small favor: half of your ability to hear." The priest was stunned. "Let me think about it for a few days." The next morning, the priest requested to meet the bishop. "Your Excellency, I need your advice for a temptation I have been given!" He told him about his strange encounter. The bishop was shocked. "A deal with Satan?! Do not do it, it will destroy your soul!" But he could see the priest was not convinced. So the bishop arranged a meeting with the archbishop. "Your Excellency, this priest has an urgent matter he needs advice about!" He told the archbishop the story. The archbishop bowed his head in silent prayer, and after a few moments responded. "Firstly, your hearing is a gift from God. It would be forbidden to sacrifice any part of it. Secondly, a deal with Satan?!? Never do it!" but the priest wasn't convinced. He was imagining all the wealth, fame and power he'd receive. So the archbishop requested an audience with the Pope. The three of them came into the Papal office in great awe. They sat, and the archbishop spoke. "Your Holiness, this priest has a terrible temptation and needs advice!" "Sorry, could you speak a little louder?" Asked the Pope.

KNOW YOUR EDITOR

I've been asked to write about myself for a "Know Your Editor" So, here I go.



was born in Massachusetts and lived in South Weymouth during the school year and Rockport Mass in the summer. I graduated from Weymouth High in 1981 and went to Burdett Secretarial School in Boston. After Burdett, I worked as a secretary until being laid off in 1989. My mother passed away at the age of 59 shortly after, so a friend talked me into going to St. Croix, USVI "for a couple of months." Three years later, I moved back to Massachusetts and sold real estate, which I sucked at. So I started selling advertising. I sold advertising until 2013.

At that time, it got too difficult to chase people for checks, so I decided to clean houses, which I still do. I also spent 8 years in Maine, where I had a 10 acre farm until moving to North Florida in 2011 and then Shangri La in 2013. I have always loved animals, and started riding horses when I was five. I've had horses, goats, dogs, ducks, chickens, rabbits and a guinea pig named Kosmo. Those have always been my "kids." I love living here at Shangri La. I have the best friends and the best neighbors. Nine and a half years and counting...

Norma Rowe - Lot 136





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KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR



Seven and a half years ago Ken Goyette had just sold his house in Largo and was driving around looking for a place to live and found lot 91. Ken was born in Flint Michigan on Sept. 12, 1952. The youngest of four children he has a sister and brother living out of state. He graduated from Flint Central High School in 1970. Ken attended one year in a Junior college, leaving to go to work. States his "very first job was as a bus boy" while in school. He worked at various jobs until he moved to Florida in 1974. Upon moving to Clearwater, he

started working at The St. Pete's Times as a district manager. He transferred to the "downtown plant" for a few years. He decided to "take a route to give me extra time for other jobs". For the next 17 years Ken held two jobs. Besides the route, Ken manufactured and sold twenty four Catamarans ("I had to go to Australia to get the molds to make them) as well as selling and installing shelving in U.S. Homes. Thirty-five years later, he retired. Ken was married, divorced, and had two sons, both deceased. He bought a home in Largo and sold it twenty-five years later. Moving into Shangri La was " a good move. I like the residents and the pool is great". He enjoys playing Bingo on Tuesdays and started a poker night. (Wednesdays at 6 pm). Each Friday evening he attends the get togethers at the pool side. Ken enjoys playing golf on line. "I've met many strangers from other countries who have become friends"From the sound of Ken's "workaholic" life, we are happy to see him sit back and enjoy living in our park. Thanks Ken for sharing your history with us.

Your Roving Reporter Polly Pifer

RECIPE: TATER TOT CASSEROLE Ingredients 1 lb ground beef 1 small onion – chopped 1 pkg 16oz tater tots 1 can – 10 ³/₄ oz cream of mushroom soup 2/3 cup milk 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese Preheat oven to 350°. In a large skillet, cook beef and onion over medium heat until meat is no longer pink; drain. Season with salt and pepper. Transfer to a greased 2-qt. baking dish. Top with Tater Tots. Combine soup and milk; pour over potatoes. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake, uncovered, 30-40 minutes or until heated through.

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HISTORY OF LARGO

The area now known as Pinellas County was first inhabited by the Timucua Indians, one of four tribes in Florida. The Timucuans cultivated cornfields, constructed substantial homes and were very involved in trading with the tribes of the north. When Spanish explorer Panfilo de Narvaez landed on the Pinellas Peninsula in 1528, he met great resistance from the Timucuans, and he and his crew suffered the ravages of storms, hunger and exposure which decimated the exploring party. Only four men found their way back to Spanish settlements in Mexico. Over the next 300 years, various parties of French and Spanish explorers attempted to settle the area, with little success. In fact, it wasn't until 1823 that Count Odet Phillippe, a surgeon in Napoleon's army, became the first permanent settler in Pinellas County. A steady stream of settlers moved to the area throughout the 1800s, including such notable families as the Taylors, McMullens, Wilcoxes and Belchers. It was 1886, when the Orange Belt Railroad was coming through the area that residents came together to give their community a name. It seemed that the railroad would only build a station if the stop had a name. Some residents wished to name the town after the daughter of a prominent resident Gideon Blitch - Luluville. But ultimately they chose to name their town Largo, after the town's large lake. (In an ironic twist, the lake which gave name to Largo was completely drained by the Cross Bayou Drainage District 50 years later). Others argue that Largo gained its name from the city of Largo, Scotland, where several of the area's settlers came from. Because of its central location and rich farmlands, Largo quickly became the center of the area's citrus industry, earning the title "Citrus City." Largo citrus was being shipped by the ton to eager customers in the North. The town was officially incorporated in 1905, and in 1913 became the first town in Florida - and second in the nation - to adopt a town manager form of government. The town grew rapidly through the boom times of the 1920s, but was hit hard by a freeze in the latter part of the decade, and then by the Great Depression. Due to mounting debt, the City of Largo was contracted to its original 1905 boundaries and once again became the Town of Largo. When World War II veterans returned home, they quickly discovered the joys of living on Florida's suncoast, previously only known to the local farmers and a few rich vacationers, brought to the area on the rail lines built by Henry Flagler and Henry Plant. The population boomed, growing from just 1,500 residents in 1950 to over 5,300 ten years later. An unexpected freeze in 1962 dealt a serious blow to Largo's agricultural industry, and as groves were sold off, developers were quick to move in to build homes for a growing population. By 1970, Largo's population reached more than 22,000, and a new City was born. Personally, I wish they had gone with "Luluville"

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CLEANING TIP:

Give the stove Cleaning. I know there are plenty of products out there for cleaning your glass top stove. Personally, I find that comet works better and is cheaper. Again, love me some Dollar Tree. First wipe the stove with a damp cloth. Sprinkle comet over the stove top. Using the scrubbing side of a sponge (don't use a brand new sponge as the scrubbing side will be too rough) gently scrub the stove top all over. Wipe the comet off with a couple of paper towels to get the majority of it off. Wipe the stove again with a damp cloth. Then spray windex or cleaning vinegar over the top and wipe with a clean dry cloth. This will make the stove top shine like new. I know, it seems like a lot of steps, but your stove is going to shine and look great. Even my pickiest cleaning customer has commented on how great his stove looks when I'm done.

DAY TRIPPIN' ~ Caladesi Island

Take a short drive to Dunedin and then take the ferry to beautiful Caladesi Island. The ferry service to Caladesi leaves from Honeymoon Island State Park hourly beginning at 10 a.m. The park closes at sunset, and is open 365 days a year. Whether it is a stroll along the island's pristine beaches or a kayak trip through the bayside mangrove forest, a trip to Caladesi Island is an unforgettable experience. Take a nature trail walk to the historic Scharrer Homestead through the island's interior and listen to the ocean breeze whisper through old-growth slash pines and feel the

embrace of expansive live oaks. Discover why homesteader Myrtle Scharrer Betz called this place "paradise" in her memoirs. If you are a beach lover, head over the boardwalks, and when you hit the sand, walk in either direction a short distance and find your own little quiet piece of paradise. Spend time swimming in the beautiful blue-green waters of the Gulf of Mexico or just lay back on your beach towel and let your batteries recharge. Enjoy hiking the park's 3-mile nature trail. Spending time walking among the slash pine, some of them over 100 years old, is a relaxing experience. About a mile in to your hike, you will come upon large live oak trees, and, if it has rained recently, the limbs will be draped with bright green resurrection fern. Take a minute, close your eyes and breath in. Smell the scent of this beautiful forest. It is hard to imagine that you are only 1 mile from one of the most densely populated areas in Florida. As you retrace your steps back to the marina you may spot osprey nesting in the pines. You also may catch a glimpse of several species of hawks. Along the way you might encounter gopher tortoise or even an Eastern diamond back rattlesnake. Just make sure you observe it from a distance. One of the best ways to experience Caladesi Island is to take the paddling trail, which begins and ends at the park's marina and café. The trail begins by winding through an extensive





mangrove forest. As you approach the entrance, it is shaded by a canopy of branches overhead, which almost seem to form tunnels. The water is often clear over white sand. The trail then exits to shallow seagrass flats. Many visitors choose to take the shorter 1-mile loop and head back along the edge of the mangroves to the beginning of the trail. More adventurous paddlers head back into the mangrove forest, taking the longer 3-mile loop to the Scharrer Homestead Ruins, which date back to the early 1800s. Wading and diving birds such as blue herons, great egrets and osprey are common sights, along with fish such as mullet, snook and red drum. The lucky paddler may see dolphins, manatees, bald eagles or bright pink roseate spoonbills. You are welcome to bring your own kayak, paddleboard or other non-motorized vessel. Back at the marina, stop by Café Caladesi for a cold drink and something to eat. The cafe has a small gift shop and is located steps away from the ferry dock. Beach chairs, beach umbrellas and kayaks are available for rent. For more information on prices, visit Florida Beach Services or call 727-443-4369. Park closes at sunset for the general public. For private events, special arrangements can be made at South Beach Pavilion by calling 727-260-5503. Ferry service to Caladesi Island State Park is provided by the Caladesi Island Ferry, 727-734-1501.



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BEST FLOWERING PLANTS FOR FLORIDA

Every ere are some of the best flowering plants for Florida gardens and containers. I will feature more next month. I know, I know, here I am giving you info on flowering plants while I have three empty planters in front of my house. . . One of the easiest flowers to grow in Florida, **Pentas**, blooms nonstop, producing showy clusters of red, pink,



lavender, or white flowers. The blooms are beautiful and also irresistible to butterflies and hummingbirds. It thrives in both container gardens and landscapes. Coreopsis is Florida's official state flower. Most varieties show off daisy-shaped golden-yellow flowers, but you can find selections with single or double flowers, and blooms in shades of yellow, gold, orange, red, and pink. No matter what variety of coreopsis you grow, it's likely to be a butterfly magnet and drought-tolerant, as well. Bolivian Sunset Gloxinia A showstopper in Central and South Florida gardens, Bolivian Sunset gloxinia has glossy, dark green leaves and outrageously orange flowers in late autumn and winter. It's a must-have for winter color. It typically grows up to 24 inches tall. Blue Salvia is native to the Southwest United States but also does well here in Florida. It features spires of violet-purple or white flowers throughout spring, summer, and fall. It's a favorite of bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. It's also a top choice for low-maintenance landscapes and container gardens and planters. Different varieties can grow 18 to 36 inches tall and about 12 to 18 inches wide. Purslane is an easy-care, heatloving annual that holds up well to hot, dry spots -- making it an ideal pick for Florida gardens. It's often used as an annual ground cover or in pots and planters, as well as hanging baskets. Traditional colors include pink, orange, yellow, and white. Most purslane varieties grow about 12 inches across and 6 inches tall.

SUMMER ALLERGIES

Why do I still have allergies even though it's raining almost daily??!! Overall, rain is good if you have pollen allergies. But rain can cause issues for those with allergies to grass, weeds, dust and mold. When it rains, grass and weed pollen is high, drops can hit the ground and break up clumps of pollen into smaller particles. They then quickly disperse, causing a sudden increase in allergy and allergic asthma symptoms during the rain shower. This tends to happen more during sudden, heavy downpours. If you're in a rainy and humid season, mold and dust mite counts can climb. Mold thrives in damp conditions. Remove leaves before they can become a problem. Lower your indoor humidity to keep mold at bay indoors. Dust mites can also multiply in humid conditions. If the rain is keeping you indoors, take steps to control your indoor allergens.



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DON'T GET SCAMMED

Senate Special Committee on Aging. No one is exempt from being a potential target of a scammer, and many con artists prey upon seniors who are well-educated and have above-average incomes. They use sophisticated, convincing sales pitches that sound legitimate, making it easy for anyone to become a target. According to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA), the most common impersonation scam involves scammers claiming to be **IRS representatives**.

Romance scams are also common. Some seniors who think they are in a legitimate romantic relationship with their scammers have refinanced their homes, drained their bank accounts, or even lost their life's savings in romance scams.

Phone scams are the most common types of scams affecting senior citizens. These generally involve payment with credit cards, gift cards, or wire transfers. These scammers may threaten victims with arrest, foreclosure, or even deportation if payments aren't made. According to the National Council on Aging, seniors make twice as many purchases over the phone than other consumers, so they are accustomed to shopping over the phone and are comfortable doing so.

Health Care - Another common scam targeting seniors involves unscrupulous companies that claim to be selling comprehensive healthcare plans. They falsely claim that they are experts who provide government-sponsored health insurance policies, and some even claim to be affiliated with AARP or be providers of Medicare supplement insurance plans. In reality, the plans these companies are selling are not comprehensive and have limited benefits. Some plans are medical discount plans rather than insurance plans, and they don't offer adequate coverage.

Tech Support - Some scammers operate fake technical support operations, which are promoted through internet ads directed toward those needing technical support or password recovery assistance. When consumers click on these ads, they are provided with options for diagnostic testing. This fake testing will reveal that viruses are creating problems for their computers. This "testing" is a tool that these companies use to convince people that they need to purchase a service plan to remove these viruses and prevent further problems. People who

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are unaware of this scam and decide to purchase these service plans are putting their financial well-being at risk when they provide credit card information for payment.

"Be your own boss. Enjoy your golden years. Fire your boss and build your dreams." These are just some of the claims you may have seen in ads made by scammers running business opportunity schemes. These ads make unsubstantiated claims that people who purchase their programs or sign up for their services can make thousands of dollars in a short time. In reality, consumers end up paying thousands of dollars for worthless programs, and they will never get their money back. In addition to investing large amounts of money, many people have also ended up with loans or credit card debt to cover the cost of these financial scams.

Money Transfer -There are several different types of money transfer system scams that con artists use to steal money from unsuspecting consumers. Some may claim to provide transfer services for a fee to send money overseas. Others may tell you that you've won a lottery or cash prize, and you need to send them money to cover processing fees and taxes. Some scammers pose as representatives from charities who want you to transfer money as a donation. Another common way scammers use money transfer scams is to pose as sellers on auction websites, such as eBay. When a consumer purchases a product and uses a money transfer to pay for it, the seller takes the money but doesn't send the product.

Anti-Aging Products - Scammers often target seniors by selling fake anti-aging products that promise miraculous results. From fake Botox alternatives and face creams to youth serums and stem cell therapy treatments, the products are endless. Some companies make unsupported claims that their products can help cure medical conditions, such as Parkinson's disease and macular degeneration. Unsuspecting consumers can end up spending several thousand dollars as they sign up for expensive initial anti-aging treatments and then find out they need more treatments to achieve the promised results. Some of these anti-aging products are nothing but placebos, and some may include harmful chemicals, such as formaldehyde.

Tips to Avoid getting Scammed:

If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is - Never share your personal or financial information over the phone – Don't by anything from solicitors over the phone – Remember, you may be scammed by someone close to you. Family members and caregivers, for example – Monitor your credit card and bank accounts -

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