

MAY  
2024

# The Islander



# Welcome May!

What a fantastic start to the spring season! As we embrace the sunny days here in Florida, let's not forget that May also marks the beginning of our rainy season—a much-needed respite from the dry spell!

Late May through June typically brings about severe storms alongside heavy rainfall and frequent lightning.

I'm excited to share that I'm currently collaborating with Matt Devitt, the Wink News Meteorologist, to bring you a presentation on the upcoming Hurricane Season. We'll explore what to expect in terms of storms this year.

May 16th at 1pm in the Barbados Room. Please sign up in advance via email at [dgibson@castlegroup.com](mailto:dgibson@castlegroup.com) or in the Town Center.

Despite the rainy forecast, we have some exciting events lined up for May. Let's keep our fingers crossed for clear skies during our outdoor gatherings!

On another note, please be aware that renovations on the Tahiti, Barbados, and Antigua rooms are scheduled to begin in mid-May. This will impact the availability of these rooms for use.

*Dawn Gibson, Lifestyle Director*

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Month	EVENT	TIME	OTHER	Food Truck	Time
29-Apr				Viva La Taco	4:30-7:30pm
1-May					
2-May					
3-May					
4-May	Quatro de Mayo	3-7pm	Pool		
5-May					
6-May				Between the Bunz	4:30-7:30pm
7-May					
8-May	Karaoke by pool	5-7pm			
9-May	Twice the Geek Workshop	10-11:30am	TC		
10-May					
11-May					
12-May					
13-May				Cajun Gringo	4:30-7:30pm
14-May					
15-May					
16-May	Coffee with Castle	10-11am	TC		
16-May	Wink Weather Presentation	1-2:30	TC		
17-May	St. Matthews Food Drive	10am-1pm	Post Office		
18-May					
19-May					
20-May				Vesuvius Wood Fired Pizza	4:30-7:30pm
21-May					
22-May	Karaoke by Pool	5-7pm			
23-May					
24-May					
25-May	IW Kids Pirate Criuse	2pm			
26-May					
27-May	Memorial Day Celebration	12-2pm		Cheeseburgers in Paradise	
28-May					
29-May					
30-May	Last day of School				



If you missed out on our concert on the lawn featuring the incredible Nostalgics, you missed an unforgettable event! We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful evening—a stunning sunset, fantastic company, and an abundance of families all gathered to enjoy the wonderful music. Don't worry if you missed it; there will be more fantastic events coming your way soon!





# Karaoke & Cocktails

What a fantastic turnout for another poolside event! It was such a fun evening with so many wonderful people. A big thank you to everyone who joined us! Your presence made the event truly special.



# Karaoke & Cocktails





**ISLAND  
WALK**



# **FOOD TRUCK** *Mondays*



**Parking by Bocce  
Courts**  
**4:30pm-7:30pm**

May 6 Between the Bunz

May 13 Cajun Gringo

May 20 Vesuvius Wood  
Fired Pizza

May 27th No Food Truck

June 3 The Food Rock

June 10 Between the Bunz

June 17 Open

June 24 In a Pickle  
Street Deli



# ROB MAGNOTTI

## Comedian Impressionist

Come by Lifestyle office and drop your name in the hat for a free ticket to the show! Drawing Friday 4/26

- CBS "LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN"
- SOPRANOS LIVE TOUR
- "PAUL BLART: MALL COP 2" WITH KEVIN JAMES
- FOX TV, NBC, 77 WABC RADIO



PERFORMING LIVE  
AT

OFF THE HOOK  
COMEDY CLUB

April 29 & 30th  
@ 7:00pm



CALL FOR TICKETS  
239-389-6901  
Off The Hook Comedy Club  
2500 Vanderbilt Beach Rd  
Naples, FL 34109

# Next Fitness Center Free Clinic



Want to learn more about ...

***Strengthening your core to  
prevent back pain?***

Register on clip board in Fitness Center  
or email

[islandwalkfitness1@gmail.com](mailto:islandwalkfitness1@gmail.com)

This free clinic will be held  
***May 3rd- Friday from 2:00-3:00PM.***

Trainer: Susanne Buschbeck, CPT



# HAPPY QUATRO DE MAYO

4TH MAY

ITS A DAY EARLY TO  
FIT IN MORE FUN!

**3-7pm @ the Pool**

\$5 at the door for the DJ

\$10pp for Taco Bar

**Margarita's by Casa Cotzelli or  
BYOB**

Food by Viva La Taco

*MUSIC BY DJ OCD*





# TWICE THE GEEK TECH WORKSHOP

May 9th 10-11:30am  
Town Center

Introducing Twice the Geek Half the Price® Computer Repair Inc.,  
proudly serving Naples, Florida for over 18 years!

As Island Walk residents, we're fortunate to have them right in our  
community.

Join us on May 9th from 10 am to 11:30 am in the Living Room at the  
Town Center for an exclusive session with Twice the Geek. They'll  
be on hand to answer all your burning questions about Apple,  
Microsoft, and Android products.

Whether you're grappling with device quirks or seeking tips and  
tricks, this is your chance to get expert insights—all for free! Bring  
along any questions you have about your devices, and let's dive  
into the world of tech together!

See you there!

# COFFEE

WITH CASTLE

Light bites, refreshments, Q&A opportunity is on the menu!



THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024 @ 10 AM

LOCATED IN THE TOWN CENTER LIVING ROOM

This event is being co-hosted by Compact Pavers They have worked on the community's common areas as well as residents' private properties on multiple occasions.

Your Management Team will also be present to take general comments and questions. No RSVP is necessary.





Join us for an informative presentation by Wink News Weather Woman Nikki Sheaks as she discusses the upcoming Hurricane Season.

**May 16th**  
**1:00 - 2pm**  
**Barbados Room**



Please RSVP to [Dgibson@castlegroup.com](mailto:Dgibson@castlegroup.com) or sign up outside of the Lifestyle Office



# **Food Drive**

## **Island Walk for St. Matthew's House**

**Friday May 17th**

**10-1pm**

**Outside Post Office**

**Tuna, Noodles, Pasta,  
Sauce,  
Cereal, Peanut Butter,  
Mac & Cheese, Paper  
Goods**

**Please do not leave food in the Post  
Office prior to the drive. No clothing  
please.**

## **WELCOME NEW OWNERS**

If you recently purchased a home in Island Walk (during the last 6 months) and did not get an opportunity to attend a new resident orientation, then we strongly encourage you to attend our next one scheduled for April.

Our Welcome Coffee orientations provide new owners with key information, an ability to meet other new residents and an opportunity to have their questions answered.

Members of the Board and our management company will be present to provide you with valuable information and any assistance you may need as a new owner. You will receive a new resident information packet, and light refreshments will be served. The gathering lasts approximately 1 hour.

**DATE: Saturday, May 18th, 2024**

**TIME: 10:00 a.m.**

**LOCATION: Antigua room, Town Center**

For planning purposes, please RSVP to Dawn Gibson at [dgibson@castlegroup.com](mailto:dgibson@castlegroup.com) if you plan to attend.

If you cannot attend the upcoming gathering, let us know as our new owner orientations are held monthly.







# IW KIDS PIRATE CRUISE



2PM -  
3:30PM

\$29 ALL  
INCLUSIVE

MAY

# 25TH



CRUISE LEAVES SALTY SAMS MARINA  
2500 MAIN ST. FT MEYERS, FL

INCLUDED - PIRATE SHOW, FAKE TATOOS, FAKE SWORD FIGHTING,  
TREASURE HUNT AND LOTS OF PIRATE FUN!

SIGN UP NOW IN THE TOWN CENTER, CHECK MADE OUT TO IW HOA  
MAX 90 PEOPLE.



FLORIDA'S PREMIER DINNER THEATRE  
**BROADWAYPALM**

THE ORIGINAL BROADWAY



**Swing!**

Jump and jive with over 30 songs from the Big Band Era! Swing exploded out of Harlem and shattered cultural and ethnic barriers and now you can relive the dance phenomenon that swept the world. This all singing, all dancing extravaganza features *It Don't Mean a Thing If It Ain't Got that Swing, Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy, In The Mood, Sing Sing Sing, Stompin' at the Savoy, Cry Me A River, Bounce Me Brother* and more.

**Step into the spotlight and join us for a spectacular Matinee Show on June 1st!**

**Indulge in a delicious lunch starting at 11:30 am, followed by the captivating show at 1:00 pm.**

**Hurry, only 20 tickets available! Secure yours today for just \$60, which includes gratuity. Don't miss out on this unforgettable experience!**

**See Dawn Gibson in the Lifestyle office for your tickets! checks made payable to IW HOA**

## UPCOMING POP-UP SHOP SALE DATES

Thursday, May 2nd, 2-5pm, Post Office  
Thursday, May 16th, 2-5pm, Post Office  
Thursday, May 23rd, 2-5pm, Post Office  
Thursday, May 29th, 2-5pm, Post Office

Ladies embroidered V-neck T-shirts available in sizes XS - 3X and come in 13 beautiful colors. Mens embroidered soft style T-shirts come in 13 different colors, sizes S - 3X. T-shirts are only \$15 (tax included). Pick one up for yourself or as a gift.

We also offer a variety of other items including our extra large 35x70 embroidered Terry Velour Beach Towels (\$22) in 4 vibrant colors, Canvas Tote bags, Hats, Backpack, Key Ring with prices as low as \$5. \*\*All profits go into our operating budget.

If you would like to purchase something but can't make it to one of the scheduled sale days, send an email, with your phone number, to the Communications Committee at [NY2FLBABY@gmail.com](mailto:NY2FLBABY@gmail.com).

**CASH, CHECK, VENMO ACCEPTED. NO CREDIT CARDS**





# Island Walk Photo Share



*Beauty*



**A Lovely bed of Iris**  
Submitted by Rebecca Gibson-Laemel,  
Prescott Lane

**A fiery sky over Island Walk.**  
Submitted by Jerry Schiano, Hawkesbury Way



**WILDLIFE**



**How handsome is this Aninga.**  
Submitted by Rebecca Gibson-Laemel, Prescott Lane

**A majestic Bald Eagle**  
Submitted by Sherry Kieffer, Inagua Way

**Pets**

**A TRUE "SNOW BIRD," CISCO A 32 YEAR OLD BLUE AND GOLD MACAW, WINTERS IN FL AND SUMMERS IN PA. SUBMITTED BY JAN AUMILLER-SZEERBA, MAUPTI WAY**



**Fun**



**Come join the Island Walk Croquet Club!**  
Submitted by Laurie McGrath, Charlton Way

REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR PHOTOS IN BY THE 20TH OF EACH MONTH TO IWPHOTOSHARE@YAHOO.COM. MAYBE YOU WILL SEE YOUR PHOTO FEATURED! PLEASE NOTE, BY SUBMITTING A PHOTO, RESIDENTS ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE TO ALLOW ISLAND WALK NAPLES AND CASTLE MANAGEMENT, AS AN AGENT OF ISLAND WALK NAPLES, THE USE OF THEIR PHOTOS IN ANY IW PUBLICATIONS, INCLUDING THE ISLAND WALK WEBSITE.

# Weekly Activities

Each week the Town Hall is filled with excitement, laughter and fun times among friends, as various groups and reoccurring activities take place. Below is a list of the current selection of weekly events. Have additional questions on one of the activities?

Contact information for the group

organizer can be found on the Island Walk website, or you can contact the Lifestyle Directors Office and she will be happy to provide that information to you.

Island Walk Office: Ph:(239) 513-0045 E: dgibson@castlegroup.com



**Mondays 1:00pm**  
**Thursdays 12:30pm**  
No experience needed.  
All are welcome!

**Mondays & Wednesdays**  
**6:00pm - 9:00pm**  
**Located in the Living**



## **Bingo**

**Every Monday - Doors open at 5:30pm**  
**- Games start at 7:00pm**

No need to sign up in advance. Hope to see you there!



**Knitting Group**  
**Tuesdays at 1:00pm**  
Located in the Living Room.

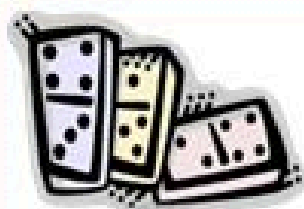
**Mah Jongg**  
**Tuesdays at 1:00pm**



**Painting Class**  
Wednesdays  
at 11:30am  
Located in the Tahiti Room.

## **Contract Bridge**

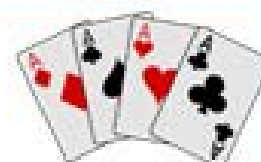
Wednesdays  
at 1:00pm  
Located in the Antigua Room.



**Dominos**  
Wednesdays  
at 7:00pm  
Located in the Tahiti

## **Euchre**

Friday  
at 7:00pm  
Located in the Tahiti



**Ping Pong**  
Wed 6:30-8:30pm  
Sat & Sunday  
1:00-2:30pm

## **Bagpipe, Harp and Thistle Rehearsal**

Sunday at 9:30am  
Located in the Antigua





**Island Walk Garden Club  
contact**

Islandwalkgardenclub@gmail.com

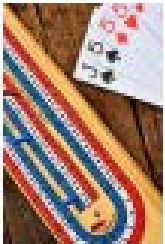


**JB Hanson Wine Society  
contact Mike Kaminski for info  
michaeljkaminski@aol.com**



**Island Walk Fishing Club  
contact Dick Norwood  
dicknorwood@gmail.com**

**Mondays & Wednesdays  
6:00pm - 9:00pm  
Located in the Living Room.**



**Cribbage Mondays 1pm  
in the Living room.  
Contact Dave Wiersum  
616-901-7964**



**Mondays 1:00pm  
Thursdays 12:30pm  
No experience needed.  
All are welcome!  
Located in the Antigua Room.**



**BoneBuilder**  
Passionately Sponsored by The Village of!

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
9:30am - 10:30am Located in the Tahiti Room.  
No cost class/ need Doctors Release—  
available at office**

**Improve Balance & Flexibility Strengthen Bones**



**Zumba w/ Instructor Georgina Percel  
Every Saturday - 9:00am**

**Saturday at 9:00am Punch Card \$40.00 for 4 classes or \$15.00 for one class Located in the Tahiti Room.**

**Yoga**

**Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays at 8:00am**

**Located in the Tahiti Room**





# Blue Zones Wine @ 5

BLUE ZONES®  
*Living Longer, Better*

## Water Aerobics

Monday–Saturday 8:30am-9:30am

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10:00am - 11:00am



## ISLAND WALK PICKLEBALL FOR WOMEN

Please email Jane Kreig, [senoraj@me.com](mailto:senoraj@me.com) or Judy Koontz, [jakoontz61@yahoo.com](mailto:jakoontz61@yahoo.com)

### THE RESISTANCE AND STRENGTH TRAINING CLASS

#### Overview

The American Heart Association recommends strength training at least twice to three times a week to increase muscle mass, joint flexibility and reduce the risk of bone fractures. This class is designed to work all major muscle groups with a warm-up in the beginning and stretching at the end. Instructor has taught the class at IW for 17 years.

#### Meeting Details

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays from 8:30-9:30 on Zoom.

#### Requirements (cost, equipment, supplies)

Cost \$5.00 per class

A set or two of hand weights, an exercise mat, exercise band, a small step and a small ball (Gina can provide you with the band, step and ball if you do not have one)

Contact Gina for zoom room number and password along with a waiver form to take the class.



#### Contact

Gina Horton, [hortonsgro08@yahoo.com](mailto:hortonsgro08@yahoo.com), 317-514-3553



## Bocce Ball Club

Tuesday & Thursday 9am

Contact Elaine Leatherwood  
[theleatherwoods@gmail.com](mailto:theleatherwoods@gmail.com)

# TENNIS LESSONS

HERBERT WORMSER TENNIS PRO

## FEES

\$ 35 FOR A 30 MINUTE LESSON

\$ 50 FOR 45 MINUTE LESSON

\$ 65 FOR A 60 MINUTE LESSON

FOR KIDS AND ADULTS.

THE MORE PARTICIPANTS THE  
FEE GETS DIVIDED BY THE  
NUMBER OF PLAYERS.

QUESTIONS?

CONTACT

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WORMSERB@AOL.COM



**Laura  
Gindroz**

PPR Certified Coach

Lgindroz@yahoo.com

503.997.1639

## Pickleball Lessons

### lesson options

Private lessons 60 min \$40

Semi-private (2-3 people) 60 min \$30 each

Group lesson (4+ people) 60 min \$25 each

Clinic pricing varies







# In the Spotlight

Watch for a new recurring feature in The Islander Newsletter called “In the Spotlight”. Each month we will feature different members of our Island Walk “family” and tell you a little bit about them, their travels, past or current jobs, talents, hobbies, etc. and what they do for our community. The three different “Spotlights” include:

- RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT.....get to know your neighbors
- VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT.....a week in the life of
- STAFF SPOTLIGHT.....a look behind the scenes

And we need your help. If you would like to be featured in our Resident or Volunteer “Spotlight” or know someone who should, please send the information to the Communication Committee at [ny2flbaby@gmail.com](mailto:ny2flbaby@gmail.com).



Island Walk's *"In The Spotlight"* is excited to share a glimpse of Castle Management's Lifestyle Director, Dawn Gibson. Dawn joined Castle Management four years ago, and she is currently the "hub" for all social activities and events for Island Walk.

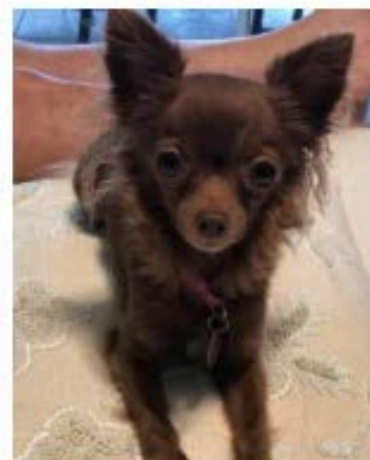
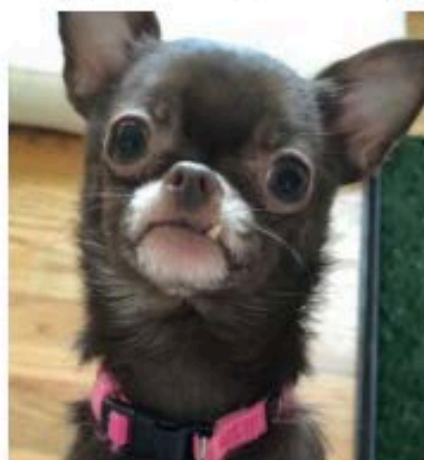
After living in Denver for 30 years, she moved to North Virginia, then to Syracuse, and finally came to Naples five years ago.

Dawn has quite an eclectic and entrepreneurial background. She owned a diner/sandwich shop at the age of 20, did catering and then finished a two-year Culinary Arts degree. She was an Office Manager and Meeting Planner for a worldwide client base and supervised a staff of sixteen. After ten years, she moved to the oil services industry in Central Colorado as an Office Manager and was promoted to Facilities Manager for a 65,000 sq. ft facility, while being the office manager to 250 people. Dawn backpacked in Italy following a one-month train journey. She also purchased a vacation home on the beach in Yucatan, Mexico.

The move to Lifestyle Director for Castle Management was a perfect transition and blend of all her previous experiences. She stated that this gives her an opportunity to build a robust program with her own stamp. Dawn develops a full activities/events calendar, coordinates with maintenance on event set-ups, distributes a weekly business newsletter, a monthly Activities Newsletter and reminders. Dawn works with many different vendors. She set up the blood drives, dermatology screening, food trucks and started IW's first Farmers' Market and most recently the March Music Madness!

Responsible for marketing, public relations and community relations, Dawn ensures that communications are distributed to all in a timely and ongoing manner.

Once Dawn has built a comprehensive program for Island Walk, one of her goals is to achieve professional/personal balance. Though she admits she has not achieved work/life balance, she does take as much time as possible for family (five siblings including a sister in Naples and "a bevy of nieces and nephews"). She is also a proud "Mom" to two teacup chihuahuas, Carmelita and Mia. Dawn is grateful for her family, health and general happiness.



With her energy, enthusiasm and committing countless hours, she is well on her way to building a comprehensive program for Island Walk. As often as we see Dawn at every activity and event, we know that she is keeping a pulse on the community and ensuring that there is always something new and exciting to enjoy.



# ISLAND WALK GARDEN CLUB

## Membership Drive

islandwalkgardenclub@gmail.com

### COME BE PART OF THE BEAUTY

Island walk residents it is that time of year again, the IWGC annual membership drive.

The IWGC is a great place to meet new people with similar interests while helping to beautify our picturesque community.

Our IWGC maintains a lovely butterfly garden on the main lake as well as orchids dotted in trees around the community. The IWGC is a great place to learn about our tropical plants native to Florida. Also, we bring in experts to discuss many pertinent gardening topics.

We are looking forward to cultivating friendships old and new.

*Colleen Harris, Membership Chairperson*

### FALL '23 - SPRING '24 IWGC CALENDAR

- Dec 8 - Christmas Party
- Jan 13 - Orchids 201
- Feb 10 - Butterfly Gardens
- Mar 9 - Butterfly Garden of Village Walk
- Apr 13 - Earth Day, Workday
- May 11 - Show 'n Tell

**Note: Most IWGC events are held on Saturdays.**

### JOIN, RENEW, OR DONATE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- Join \$20
- Renew \$20
- Donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Please return above information with your payment to Colleen Harris 3530 Zanzibar Way.