



GCEA NEWSLETTER

GCEA UPCOMING EVENTS



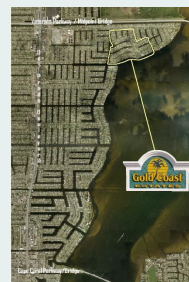
Please join us for our annual Spring Fling. Spring Fling will be held April 11th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the cul de sac on 27th St west. The association will supply a smoked brisket cooked by our famous chef Scott Litke and something new this year, a Venison roast by Peggy Spitzer. Music will also be provided by Kel and Siel, please bring a dish to pass and chairs and enjoy the afternoon with your community.

****Volunteers Needed:** Friday 5:00 pm help needed to set up tent frame. Saturday 10:00 am help needed to set up tents, tables, chairs, etc.

LOCAL EVENTS



Bike night is back on April 11, from 5 -7 pm. The event is hosted along 47th SE Terrace. Activities include the Slow Bike race at 8:00 pm on SE 11th Place, testing riders' balance and control. There are live musical performances though out the evening. A variety of food trucks and beverage options are available for attendee.



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WATER TESTING

If anyone is interested in participating with Canal Water Testing, they are always looking for volunteers. This information is on the Cape Coral City website.

Canalwatch Volunteer Program

The Cape Coral Canalwatch Volunteer program is a proactive component of the City's canal management effort. Program goals are to educate local homeowners about water quality issues, open communication between citizens and water managers, and increase residents' sense of ownership of our common resources.

Each month, volunteers collect environmental data and water samples throughout our City. The samples and data are then brought to Cape Coral's water quality laboratory for analysis. This volunteer monitoring process provides information about canal dynamics throughout the City, enabling better management of our waters. The data is published in the [Canalwatch Data Map, which is accessible here](#).

You can also [click here to view our StoryMap](#), which includes:

- What is Canalwatch?
- What nutrients Canalwatch tracks, and how they impact canals
- How you can help keep our canals healthy

We always welcome new volunteers! If you're interested, please call Harry at 239-574-0785.

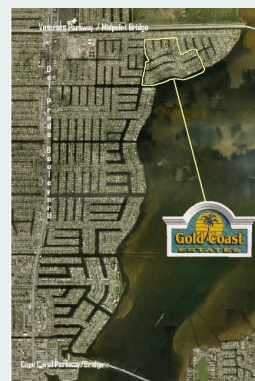
- [Map of Canalwatch sites](#)
- [Florida WaterAtlas](#) - Canalwatch information; Sampling locations and data can be easily viewed.

The "Canal Current" is a quarterly newsletter featuring articles about issues related to Cape Coral's canal system, a calendar of upcoming environment-related events, and the results of Canalwatch sample analyses.



In addition to canal water monitoring, the City also conducts ongoing testing to ensure the safety of our drinking water. Our city of Cape Coral utilities water production

team makes sure the water produced meets or exceeds all federal and state safety standards. They conduct regular water quality testing. From time to time the city needs water samples from end-users for such testing. If you are interested in participating over the coming summer, please contact Bill Boyd at 239-242-3895 for more information.



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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



Boat Poker Run

Thank you to Doug and Cheryl Shaw for another great Poker Run. 16 boats participated and there were 39 poker hands. There were 6 fun prizes and Mitzi Sanders won the best hand with a full house. Photos on the next page



Happy Hour

Our next happy our will be on April 24 at Gary and Donna Yannone's home at 2216 SE 27th St. Bring a dish to share, your own beverages, and bring a

neighbor!

Thank you to Susan and Guido Minaya for the March Happy Hour. About 40 people attended and their granddaughter Harper had a chance to show and sell her art. Photos on next page.

Launch of Shady Rest Institute on Positive Aging Initiative

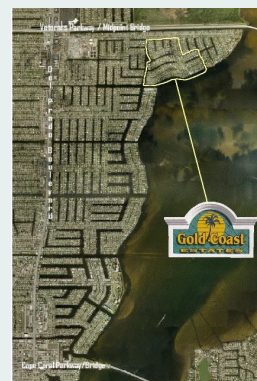


Dr. Guido Minaya was selected as one of 318 community leaders in Southwest Florida to participate in the launch of the Southwest Florida Healthspan Partnership, an initiative led by FGCU's Shady Rest Institute on Positive Aging. He and his wife, Susan, attended the

launch event on March 18 at the Arthrex campus in Naples. "I am honored to join fellow regional leaders in advancing this important initiative. Healthspan, the number of years individuals live healthy and active lives, requires more than healthcare alone. It is shaped by education, workforce development, and the strength of our communities.

This effort reflects the power of cross sector collaboration and has the potential to position our region as a model for healthier, longer, and more productive lives."

Guido and Susan look forward to sharing more in the months



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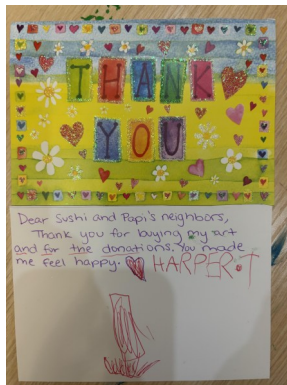
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Happy Hour Photos with a sweet thank you from Harper



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