THE ISLANDER

LIFESTYLE NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2025



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MARCH MERRIMENT & CONNECTION AWAIT! CELEBRATE COMMUNITY, INCLUSION, AND FUN THIS MARCH!

MARCH IS HERE, BRINGING A FRESH SEASON OF OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT, CELEBRATE, AND ENJOY EXCITING EVENTS! WHETHER YOU'RE EAGER TO MEET NEW FRIENDS, EXPLORE FUN ACTIVITIES, OR EMBRACE THE WELCOMING SPIRIT OF OUR COMMUNITY, THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE.

> JOIN THE FUN! GET INVOLVED: VOLUNTEER AND HELP MAKE THESE EVENTS UNFORGETTABLE!

SHARE YOUR IDEAS: YOUR INPUT MATTERS—LET US KNOW WHAT YOU'D LOVE TO SEE!

SPREAD THE CHEER: INVITE FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND NEIGHBORS TO JOIN IN THE FESTIVITIES.

LET'S MAKE THIS MARCH A CELEBRATION OF TOGETHERNESS, INCLUSION, AND JOY. TOGETHER, WE SHAPE THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY!

WARM REGARDS,

DAWN GIBSON, LIFESTYLE DIRECTOR

P.S. STAY CONNECTED AND UP-TO-DATE BY FOLLOWING US ON



LET'S MAKE MEMORIES THIS MARCH!

March Events Schedule

1st - An Evening of Music with Kalani 7-9pm Town Center 2nd - Ping Pong Tournament 1-3:30pm Town Center 3rd - Red Rock Cravings Food Truck 4:30-7:30 pm by Bocce Courts 4th - Farmers Market 8:30-11:30 am Post Office 5th - Canidate Night 6-8:00 pm Town Center 6th - Annual State of the Market 2025, Finance & Housing Focus 5-7pm Town Center 7th - Wacky Trivia 6-8pm Town Center 8th - IW Annual Garage Sale 10-2pm 9th - Paint Together Annual Art Show 12-4pm Town Center 10th - Crepes R US Food Truck 4:30-7:30pm Bocce Court Parking 11th - Farmers Market 8:30-11:30 am 11th - Empty Bowls Pottery Painting 6-8pm Town Center 12th - On the Spot Dermatology Bus 7:30-3:30pm 13th - Concur Canidate Roundtable 6:00-9:00pm 14th - The Not So Newly Wed Game 7-9pm Town Center 15th - IW Paper Shredding Event - 9-12 Bocce Parking 15th - St. Patrick's Day Pool Party 3-7pm 17th -The Food Rock 4:30-7:30pm Bocce Court Parking 18th - Farmers Market 8:30-11:30 am 18th - Volunteer Cocktail Party 5-7pm Town Center 19th - G&P Music @ the Pool 5-7pm 21st - St. Matthews Food Drive 10-1pm Post Office 21st - Home Maintenance Expo 5-7pm Town Center 22nd -Avow Community Donation Pick Up Day 9-1pm Bocce Parking 22nd New Horizons Band Lawn Party 6:30-8:00pm 23rd - 4th Annual Self-Care Retreat 9:30-1pm Town Center 23rd - Trivia w/ Fred Galanga 7:00pm - 8:30pm 24th - Yo Samara Food Truck 4:30-7:30pm pm Bocce Court Parking 25th -Farmers Market 8:30-11:30 am 26th - HOA Annual Meeting 7pm Town Center 28th - Retreads Classic Rock Dance Party 7-9pm Town Center 29th - Health Optimizing Potluck Dinner 6-8pm Town Center

For more information or to reserve your spot at any of our events, please reach out to Dawn Gibson at dgibson@castlegroup.com, or sign up outside the Lifestyle Office.

Lifestyle Updates

The Lifestyle team has been busy this season hosting a variety of exceptional events. To ensure everything runs smoothly, please review the following guidelines for event sign-ups:

Payment Instructions

Make checks payable to **IW HOA** unless otherwise specified. Clearly include the event name in the memo section of your check. Please note envelopes are not necessary.

Group Purchases

For large groups, avoid listing individual names on the check or the sign up sheet.

For group ticket purchases, ensure all members of your group know to check in under your name.

Sign-Up Guidelines

If you have registered online via Sign Up Genius, please do not add your name to the paper sign-up list outside the Lifestyle office to prevent duplicate reservations.

Important Reminder

Reservations cannot be held without timely payment. Please submit payment promptly to secure your spot. **Unpaid reservations will be removed.**

Thank you for your attention and support in making our events enjoyable and successful!



February Fun!

























An Evening of Music featuring Oldies from 50-70's Classic Hits



March 1st 7-9pm Town Center \$5 at the door

Please sign up in advance outside the Lifestyle Office



Knowledgeable Aging
Speaker Series

Annual State of the Market 2025: Finance and Housing Focus

JOIN US!

Thursday, March 6 | 5:00-7:00 PM Drinks and Light Refreshments Included

In this two-hour seminar, you'll gain crucial insights into the 2025 housing market in our region, including local trends, homeowners' insurance options, interest rates, Medicare, Social Security, and other financial topics relevant to our community. Enhance your knowledge and prepare for the year ahead with expert guidance tailored to the unique needs of Southwest Florida.

Don't Miss Our Featured Speakers in Key Areas

Housing Market Trends

 Explore the latest developments in the SW FL housing market for 2025, including supply and demand dynamics, pricing trends, and projections for the year ahead

Homeowners' Insurance Insights

 Understand the key factors affecting homeowners' insurance rates and coverage options, and learn how to protect your investment.

Interest Rates Overview

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 Gain insights into current and projected interest rates, how they impact mortgage affordability, and what to expect in the coming year

And Much More...

Medicare Essentials

 Discover the fundamentals of Medicare, including eligibility, coverage options, and how to make informed choices for your healthcare needs.

Social Security Strategies

 Learn about Social Security benefits, how to maximize your payouts, and the importance of timing in your retirement planning.

Critical Financial Topics

 Delve into other essential financial matters that can impact your long-term financial health and decision-making.

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With Lori Hardecker

Enjoy a night of trivia questions about random and wacky topics! This is a trivia you can't study for! Learn facts and information that you never knew you wanted to know! Prize for the highest scoring team!

> March 7th 6-8pm \$5pp @ the door

IWCommunity Annual Garage Sale

March 8th, 2025 10am - 2pm

Town Center Circle, Naples, FL

email: dgibson@castlegroup.com to have your address included

Island Walk





Annual Art Show

Sunday, March 9th 3-6pm IW Town Center



One Bowl at a Time The "Empty Bowls Project" is an international grassroots effort to raise both money and awareness in the fight to end hunger. The mission is to create positive and lasting change through the arts, education, and projects that build community. The basic premise is simple: + Potters, educators, students, and volunteers work with the community to create handcrafted bowls.

+ Local restaurants donate soup and bread to serve.

+ Guests are invited to a simple meal of soup and bread served at Cambier Park each year.
Empty Bowls Naples is an annual fundraiser started by a group of volunteers under the leadership of Donna Torrance and her Barron Collier High School students in an effort to help fight hunger in their community.
The event benefits local organizations that provide food to those in need and allows us to offer grants to organization directly fighting hunger.

Pottery Painting for a Purpose

Come join us for a fun-filled evening of creativity and community giving! We'll be painting bowls for the Empty Bowls Naples Project, helping to fight hunger one brushstroke at a time. Each participant will receive a bowl and all the paints needed to bring their masterpiece to life! A \$20 donation supports Empty Bowls and their mission. All finished bowls will be donated to the annual fundraising event to make a meaningful impact! Let's paint, laugh, and give back together!

Tuesday March 11th

6-8pm Sign up outside the llfestyle Office by 3/9 or email Dgibson@castlegroup.com

ONSPOT DERMATOLOGY Mobile Dermatology



Hosted by IslandWalk - Naples

Did You Know? 1 in 5 Americans develop skin cancer by age 70.



Wednesday, March 12th

7:30AM - 3:30PM



Parking Lot by the Bocce Courts

FAQS

• Skin cancer exams, lesion removal, acne & eczema treatment, and much more!

- In-network with most insurance plans
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Easily book an appointment by calling (941) 444-0011 or by visiting onspotdermatology.com/iwnaples Island Walk Properties

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March 15th 9-12pm Bocce Parking Lot

DESTROY your personal documents PREVENT identity theft PROTECT the environment

Must be Island Walk Resident

LIVE MUSIC WITH THE HARP & THISTLE BAND

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LIFESTYLE PRESENTS

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CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER FROM CASA COTZELLI \$20

\$5 pp at the door

SOUND BATH

90-MIN TRANSFORMATIVE MEDITATION

JANUARY 31ST / 6:00 PM-7:30 PM FEBRUARY 23RD / 6:00 PM-7:30 PM MARCH 16TH / 6:00 PM-7:30 PM APRIL 13TH / 6:00 PM-7:30 PM

Held in the Island Walk Barbados Room. Immerse your body's energy centers in crystal singing bowls, Himalayan singing bowls, wind gongs, tuning forks, and equilibrium chimes. Please bring a yoga mat, pillow, and light blanket. Due to individual chakra work, session capacity is limited. Scan the below QR code to preregister.



TEXT ERICA, RESIDENT AND CERTIFIED SOUND BATH GUIDE, AT 239-537-9949 WITH QUESTIONS. Knowledgeable Aging Speaker Series

Home Maintenance in Florida Through the Years

JOIN US!

Friday, March 21st | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Drinks and Light Refreshments Included

Living in Southwest Florida presents unique challenges for homeowners, from intense heat and humidity to frequent storms and salt exposure. This seminar will provide essential knowledge and practical tips to help you protect your home and maintain its value in this tropical climate.

Don't Miss Our Featured Speakers in Key Areas

Plumbing Systems

 Prevent plumbing problems before they start. Tips for well-maintained plumbing system that can save you money, time, and stress in the long run

Mold Prevention and Remediation

 Discover effective ways to manage moisture and prevent mold growth in your home.

A/C System Maintenance

 Learn how to maintain your A/C system to extend its lifespan and improve energy efficiency.

Contractor Perspective on Home Maintenance in Florida

 Tips on protecting homes from Florida's humidity, storms, and heat, focusing on general maintenance for both exterior and interior spaces

Protect and Enhance: Paint Strategies for Florida Homes

 Explore various paints and coatings that protect your home from the harsh Florida sun and rain, while also considering options for enhancing your interior spaces

Smart Cleaning Solutions

 Effective cleaning strategies to maintain a pristine home in Southwest Florida's unique environment

And much more ...

Contact Us

Food Drive Island Walk for St. Matthew's House

Friday, March 21st 10am - 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 it creates pest problems. No clothing please.



New Horizons Band Lawn Party

March 22nd 6:30-8pm On the Lawn at the Gazebo

Collection will be taken for the band. Suggested donation \$5 pp

4TH ANNUAL SELF-CARE RETREAT IslandWalk Town Center Naples, FL Sunday, March 23, 2025 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Rediscover Your Radiant Self

Join us for a transformative half-day retreat designed to focus on different aspects of your being and reclaim aliveness with grace, beauty, and joy.

Your expert guides:



Susan Falkenstein - Tai Chi/Qigong Instructor

Experience the gentle yet powerful movements of Tai Chi and Qigong under Susan's expert guidance. These ancient practices are known for enhancing balance, flexibility, and vital energy while promoting mental clarity and inner peace.



Susan Lovett - Yoga & Acupressure Instructor

Discover the harmonious integration of mind, body, and spirit combining yoga, and acupressure techniques. Her practices will help cultivate inner balance and activate your body's natural healing abilities.



Bronia Ichel - Art Instructor Extraordinaire

Unlock your creative potential through a delightful watercolor painting experience. Under Bronia's expert guidance, discover how engaging with art can transform both brain and body, bringing new dimensions of joy and vitality to your life. No prior artistic experience needed—just bring your willingness to explore and create!



Tracy Waugh - Sound Journey Facilitator

Embark on a transcendent sound journey as Tracy weaves together voice, synthesizer, and carefully curated sound elements to create an ethereal musical experience. This immersive sound bath is designed to calm your nervous system and guide you into expanded states of consciousness and deep relaxation.



This intimate gathering will offer you experiences that uncover a calm awareness that feels natural and expansive.

Through mindful practices and community connection, you'll develop self-care tools to tap into the infinite essence of who you truly are.

Imagine living each day with a sense of clarity, purpose, and ease.

Our 4th annual retreat returns with special focus on cultivating youthful energy as we age, embracing each stage of life with vitality and wisdom.

Important Details:

- Arrival Time: 9:15 AM, at the Gazebo
- Maximum Participants: 40
- What to Bring: Yoga mat, favorite props
- Included along with presentations are:
- A delicious Vegan lunch and dessert All beverages Art materials and supplies

Special goodie bag for each participant



Cost \$72 per person, Reservation Deadline: Sunday, March 16, 2025 1. Email Susan Falkenstein (sweetsusan62@gmail.com) with:

- Your name

- Email address
- Phone number

2. Submit payment (your payment confirms your reservation): - By check payable to: HWC: * Drop off outside Dawn Gibson's office in the black box, OR * Mail to: Susan Falkenstein, 4930 Kingston Way, Naples FL, 34119 - By Venmo: @Susan-Falkenstein

Drills & Skills Challenge

Sunday, March 23rd 2:30 – 7 pm



Pickleball, POP Tennis and Tennis

Raffle for tennis racquet, pickleball and pop tennis paddles. Bring cash for raffle tickets.

Registration: February 14 – March 14 Entry Fee, includes supper: \$15 Supper Only: \$10

Scan the QR code below to register.

Check preference for ONE racquet sport to play, or supper only.



Questions: Louise Gallagher lwkgallagher@gmail.com

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MARCH 28th 7-9pm



The Mobile Bike Shop That Comes To

Your Community

March 28th at Island Walk Bocce Parking Lot 12:30pm Bike Drop-Off

Reservations Required – Limited Spots Available





Online booking required - book online based on your repair needs at www.mobilebikemedic.com/community-days/ Plan to leave it with us for a while. If *needed*, *they will call to discuss options and possible price changes*. You will be notified when your bike is ready for pick up.

Payment is due at time of booking.

Cancellations must be made 24 hours prior to appointment for full refund.



Health Optimizing Potluck Diner + Social

Saturday March 29th, 6 – 8 pm at the Island Walk Town Center Come join us for a fun evening of delicious and nutritious food at our Health Optimizing Potluck! Let's eat, chat, and make new friends!!

Bring your favorite healthy dish to share with others

Food must meet the Healthy Vegan Food standard

- Zero animal products, zero alcohol, zero added oil, zero salt, zero refined sugar.
- Contains actual plant fiber.
- Bring a dish for 4-6 people, a printed ingredient list, and serving utensils.
- BYO plate, utensils, napkins (reusable preferred), and water.

Click here for details and to register on Eventbrite Or scan the QR below code with your phone.





MARCH FOOD TRUCKS

March 3rd - Red Rock Cravings March 10th - Crepes R Us March 17th The Food Rock March 24 Yo Samara March 31st Red Rock Cravings 4:30-7:30pm Bocce Court Parking

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

This month our New Owners Welcome Orientation is scheduled for Saturday March 22nd at 10AM in the Antigua Room in the Town Center.

If you purchased a home within the last 6 months or have not been able to attend an orientation now is your chance.

Our Welcome Coffee orientations provide new residents with key information, an ability to meet other new residents and an opportunity to have their questions answered by Board members and management staff. You will receive a new resident information packet, and light refreshments will be served. The gathering lasts approximately 1 hour.

For planning purposes, please RSVP to Kelly Daley before March 22nd at kdaley@castlegroup.com or call 239-513-0045 if you plan to attend.

If you cannot attend the upcoming orientation, let us know so we can send you information on the next scheduled date.

> Hope to see you there! Communication Committee









BONE BUILDERS

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY

9:30 - 10:30 am

in the

BARBADOS ROOM

Questions? Contact Mariane Newton 239-260-7688 marianen@comcast.net

Get Fit With Us!

Stay in shape with Zumba Fitness! We have an engaging and curated class to get you fit through fun exercises.

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NO ONE IS JUDGING YOU BY YOUR DANCE ABILITIES JUST HAVE FUN AND FEEL THE MUSIC: JUST DO IT!

9am - 10am

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Tai Chi Simple: A Revitalizing and Empowering Practice



Yoga at the Town Center at 8:00 AM. \$10

LiRa Bennett

239-290-1153 cabot1000@aol.com

A balanced sequence of yoga postures allows you to stretch, enhance flexibility, improve balance, focus on body and breath awareness and to strengthen the entire body, while releasing tension and tightness from the muscles, emotions and mental anxiety. Each class has a nice warm up before we move into stronger poses. All classes include modifications for every level.

Monday: A slow flow yoga practice with modifications.

Wednesday: A stretch/therapeutic class to support and sooth all aspects of your being.

Friday: Strength and stretch, incorporates core enhancement and stretch.



Instructor: Susan Gold Falkenstein Experience: 14 years of practice and teaching in Tai Chi and Qigong, focusing on health and longevity.

Tai Chi Simple is rooted in the ancient Chinese practices of Tai Chi and Qigong, designed to enhance health and well-being. This class will help you develop flexibility and suppleness, allowing you to bend, twist, and stretch without pain. You'll learn ShiBashi, a traditional practice from China consisting of 18 movements that cultivate mindfulness and awareness in your movements.

The Tai Chi movements taught in this class will improve your balance and range of motion, particularly in areas like the hips and lower back. Gentle breathing exercises, stretching, and tapping techniques will also boost your immune system. The movements are easy to follow and can be performed seated if necessary. The goal is to equip you with a "mind-body toolbox" that you can incorporate into your daily routine to support all your other activities.

By the end of the class, you'll feel refreshed, calm, ready to tackle the rest of your day. Key Health Benefits: • Relief of chronic pain

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Stress reduction
Improved sleep quality
Enhanced cardiovascular fitness, including lower blood pressure
Better balance and coordination for fall prevention
Cognitive capacity retention (brain plasticity)
Increased energy levels
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FEES: FIRST CLASS IS FREE; DROP -IN: \$6 CLASS CARD: \$40 FOR TEN CLASSES

10:45am - 11:30am; herbal tea is served after every class



OUR HOT PRODUCTS Get Them While They Last!

Saturdays 12-1pm Bocce Court Parking

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- Grouper & Shrimp Pot Pie
- Beef Tenderloin Pot Pie
- Roasted Chicken Pot Pie
- Taco Pot Pie
- Salmon Cottage Pie

Island Walk Lifestyle presents:

Farmers Market

Dive into the Tuesday Market! Discover Fresh Produce, Unique Crafts & Local Treats! Don't Miss Out!

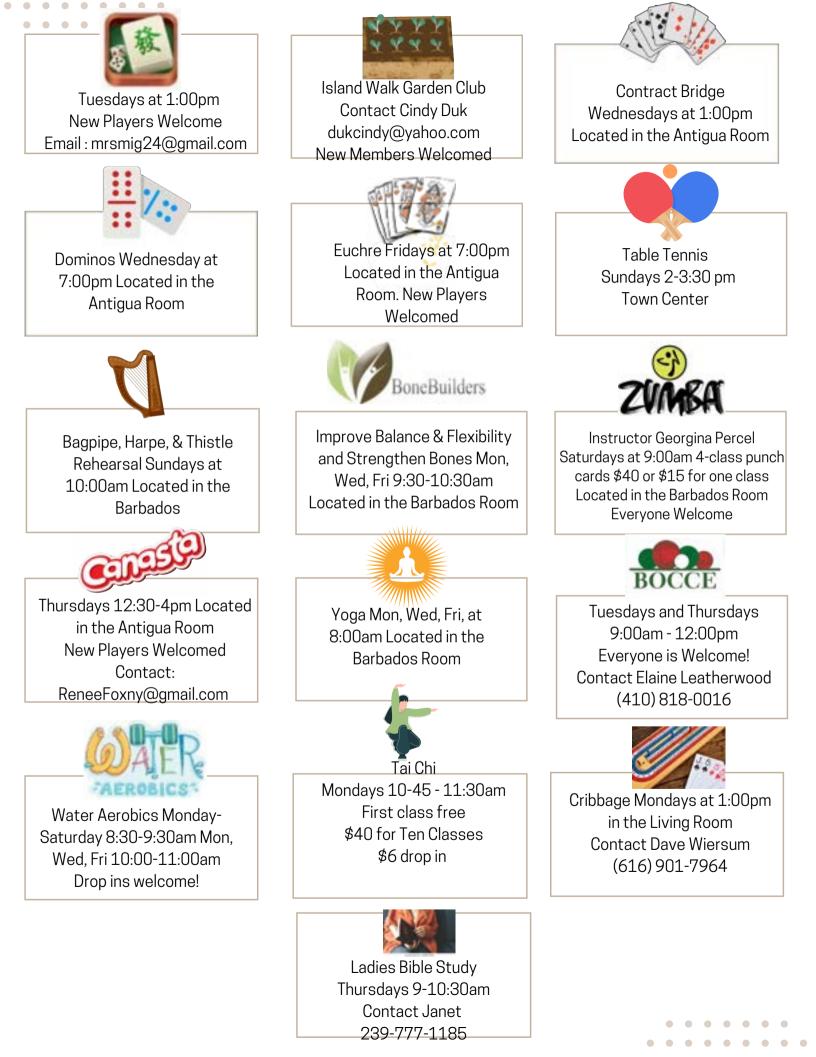
Every Tuesday 8:30am - 11:30am now thru April

Located outside of the Post Office

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Each week, the Town Center 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. Contact information for the group organizer can be found on the Island Walk website, or you can contact the Lifestyle Director's office and she can provide you with that information. Island Walk Office: Ph: (239) 513-0045 E: dgibson@castlegroup.com





UPCOMING POP-UP SHOP SALE DATES

Thursday, Mar. 6th, 12-4pm - P. O. Tuesday, March 11th, 12-4pm - P.O. Thursday, Mar. 27th, 12-4pm - P.O.



NEW ARRIVAL.... Stainless Wine Tumbler – only \$15 each Pick yours up today & be ready for the next Wine at 5 event!

We also offer a variety of other items including Ladies and Mens Style Tshirts, fully embroidered, sizes small through 4X, in 26 different colors (\$15), our extra large 35x70 embroidered Terry Velour Beach Towels (\$22) in 4 vibrant colors, Canvas Tote bags, Hats, Backpack, Key Ring. Prices as low as \$5, tax included.

**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.

CASH, CHECK, VENMO ACCEPTED. NO CREDIT CARDS