

The Islander Newsletter

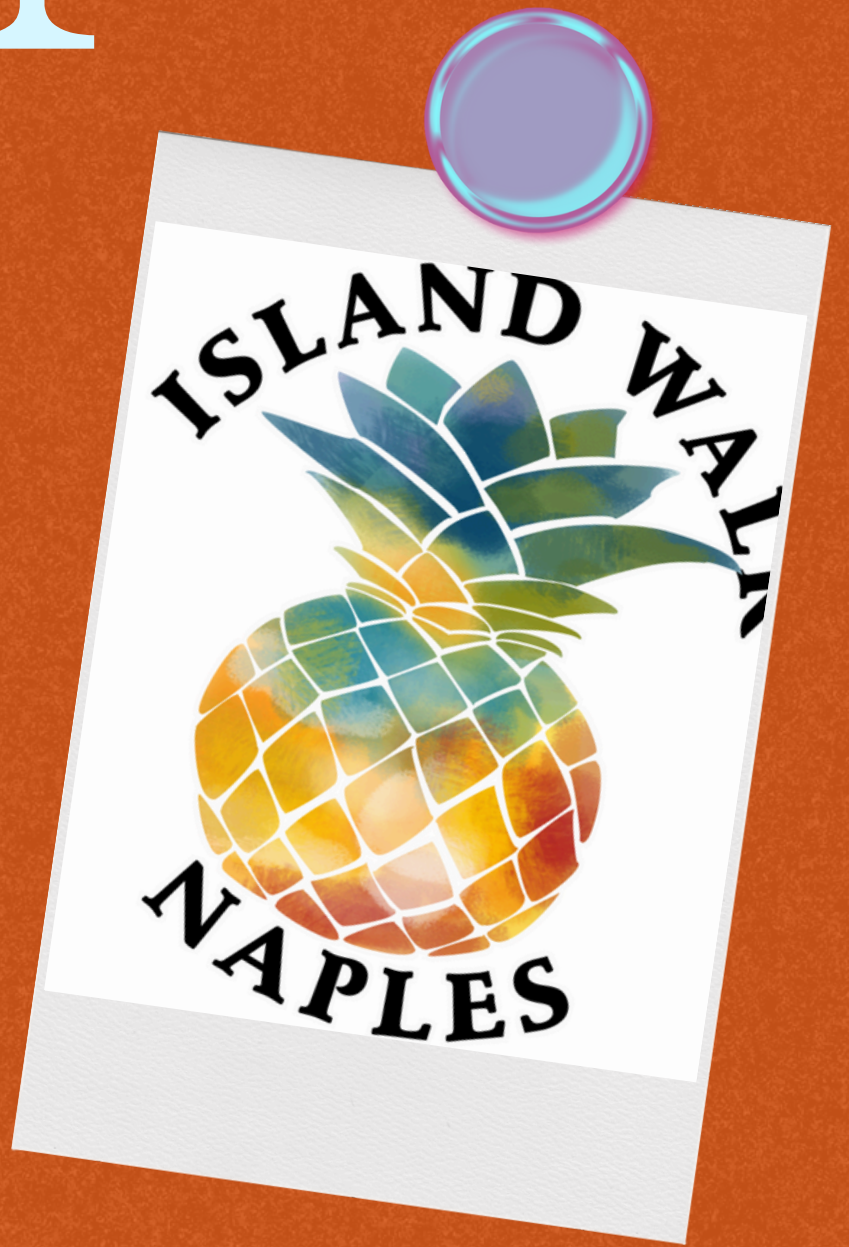
January 2026

Hello

2026



HAPPY NEW YEAR



MAY THIS YEAR BRING YOU JOY, SUCCESS, AND COUNTLESS BLESSINGS. HERE'S TO ALL THE ADVENTURES THAT AWAIT.

CHEERS TO A WONDERFUL YEAR AHEAD!
2025 FLEW ON BYE AND THATS A WRAP.
LOOKING FORWARD TO TAKING ON 2026, STAY TUNNED FOR
A CALENDAR FULL OF EVENTS.



Monday Night Bingo

Every
Monday Night

Doors Open at 5:30pm | Ticket Sales start at 6pm
Bingo Starts at 7:00pm-9:00pm

Please Contact: Dick Norwood
for details.

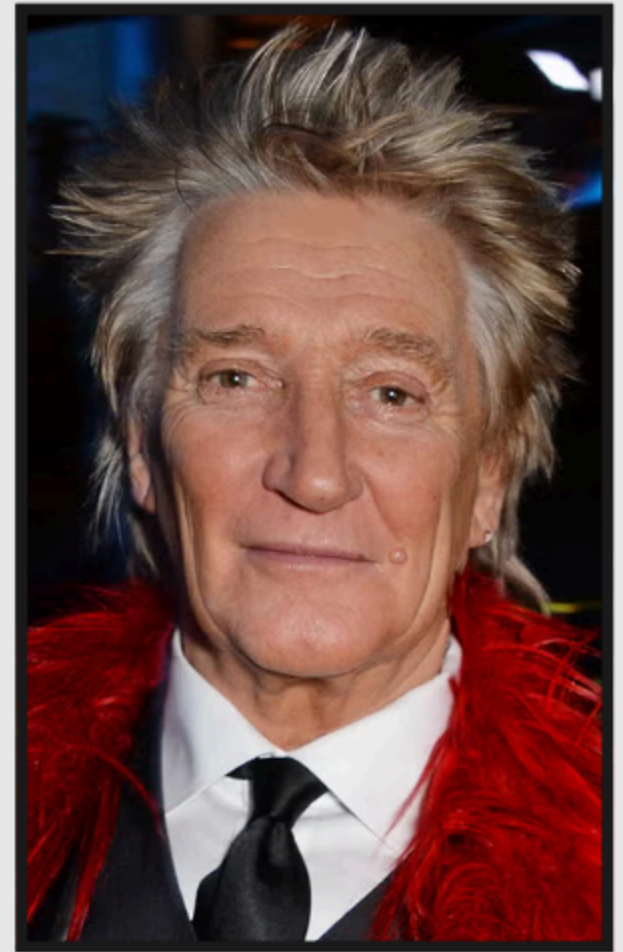
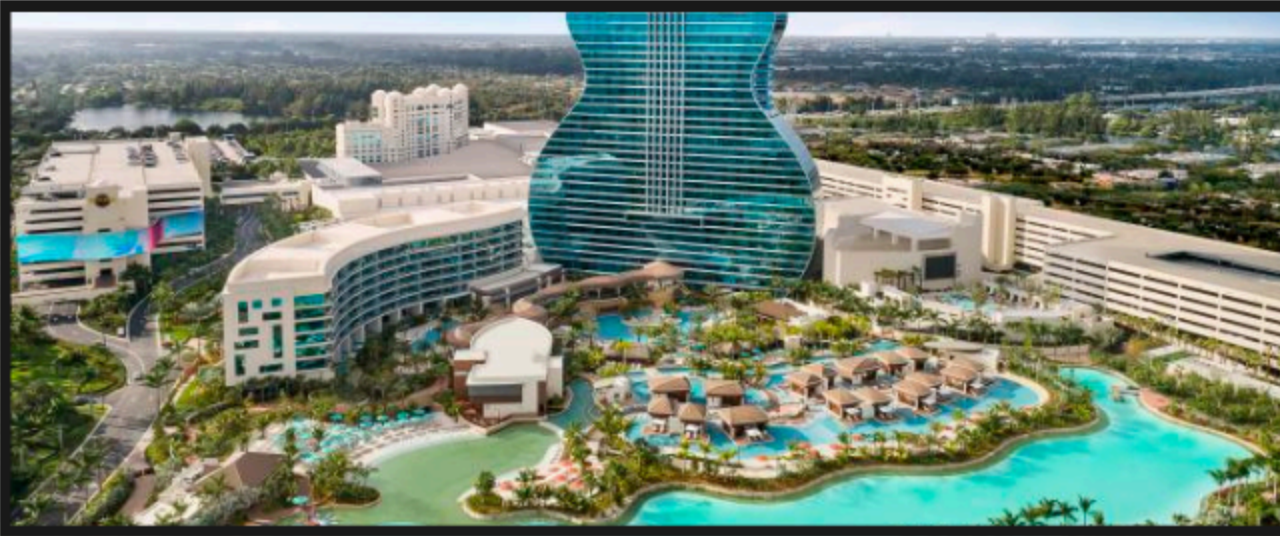
Email: dicknorwood@gmail.com

Phone: 630-818-5429

HARD ROCK CONCERT TRIP

2-DAY TRIP

ROD STEWART



FEB 27, 2026

CALLING ALL ROD STEWART FANS!

ROD STEWART CONCERT TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED UP FRONT THEY ARE \$207-PP. DEADLINE LINE DATE TO SIGN UP AND PURCHASE TICKETS IS NOVEMBER 2. PLEASE NOTIFY LIFESTYLE DIRECTOR IF INTERESTED
COST IS \$589-PER PERSON INCLUDES TRANSPORTATION, ALL DETAILS BELOW & ROD STEWART CONCERT TICKET.

TRIP/CONCERT DETAILS:

DAY 1- DEPART FROM OUR CLUB HOUSE TOWARDS MIAMI

LUNCH AT VERSAILLE

GUIDED - NARRATED BUS TOUR OF CALLE OCHO

CHECK IN AT THE FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES

DEPART FOR DINNER AT TROPICAL ACRES

ARRIVE AT SEMINOLE HARD ROCK CAFE FOR ROD STEWART CONCERT

RETURN TO HOTEL

LUNCH & DINNER IS INCLUDED ON DAY 1

DAY 2 - BREAKFAST BUFFET AT HOTEL

DEPART FOR HOLLYWOOD HOT GLASS BLOWING DEMONSTRATION

GAMING AT SEMINOLE HARDROCK WITH \$25-FREE PLAY & 25% DISCOUNT AT ALL CAFES IN HARDROCK

DEPART BACK HOME AFTER CASINO



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

We come together after hurricanes and other disasters impacting IslandWalk.

A FEMA-designed training course is offered free.

Join us if you:

- want to help your community, or
- have a medical background, or
- have experience in emergency response, or
- have a leadership/teamwork background

Upcoming Monthly Meetings

Friday, Jan. 2

Friday, Feb. 6

12 - 1 pm in Town Center Tahiti Room

Questions? Contact Jane at 0712janes@gmail.com



YOUR SOUL

Retreat into You

SAVE THE DATE

FOR THE FIFTH ANNUAL SELF-CARE RETREAT
FOR WOMEN.

LOCATION: ISLANDWALK TOWN CENTER

DATE: SUNDAY, MARCH 15

TIME: 9AM -1PM

DISCOVER PRACTICES IN THIS HALF-DAY
RETREAT TO HELP YOU HEAL, THRIVE AND
OPEN TO YOUR INNER WISDOM.

ENJOY FIVE TRANSFORMATIONAL SESSIONS,
DELICIOUS VEGAN LUNCH, MAKE NEW
FRIENDS, GIFTS TO NOURISH AND SUPPORT
YOU!

FOR INFORMATION, EMAIL
sweetsusan62@gmail.com

Pop Up Shop Dates

THURSDAY

JANUARY 8TH 12-4

AT POST OFFICE

THURSDAY

JANUARY 15TH 12-4

AT POST OFFICE

WEDNESDAY

JANUARY 21ST 12-4

AT POST OFFICE

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE SOMETHING BUT
CAN'T MAKE IT TO A SALE, JUST EMAIL THE
COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE AT

NY2FLBABY@GMAIL.COM

FAMILY **GAME**



Pizza & Drinks \$5.00-pp

kids ages 4-under free, but must register for proper food accommodations.

Board Games - Game Stations - Prizes - Lots of fun

Date: January 2

Time: 6pm-8pm | Town Center

Online registration only

**Email the Lifestyle Director for the RSVP payment link at
Maribel.ortiz@castlegroup.com**

ISLAND WALK PRESENTS

NEW YORK RHYTHM

GREAT LIVE MUSIC PERFORMANCE

**SATURDAY
JAN 3RD
TIME: 5-8PM**

PERFORMING LIVE AT

POOLSIDE

THIS IS NOT KARAOKEE

COME DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY WITH US ON THE
POOL DECK.

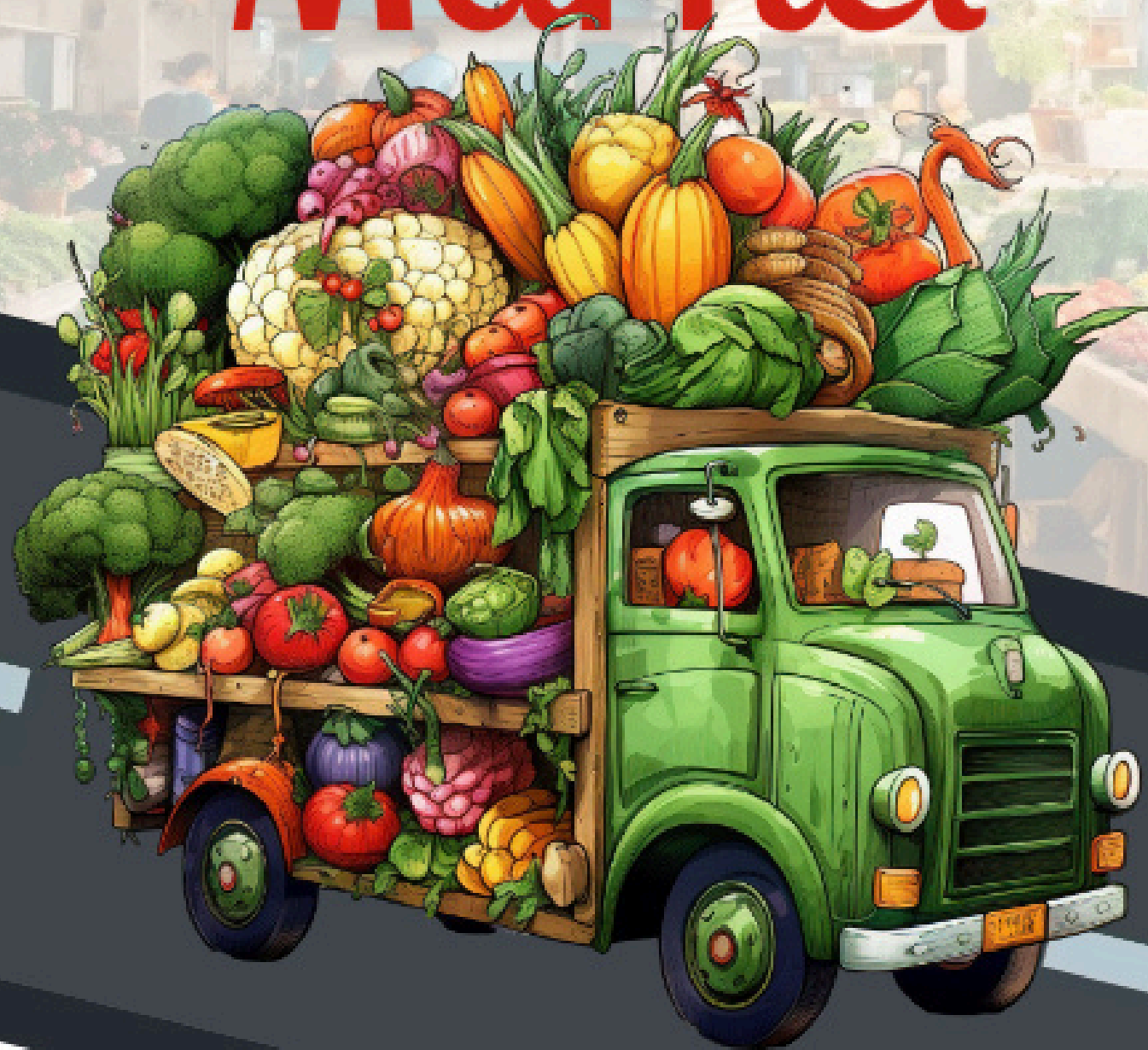
THE RESTAURANT'S ORDER WINDOW WILL BE
OPEN FOR DRINK ORDERS AND SPECIALS.

JUST ASK FOR THE POOL PARTY SPECIAL DRINKS
AT THE WINDOW.

**NEW YEAR FREE COMMUNITY EVENT
BRING THE WHOLE GANG!**

Sunday - JANUARY 4TH & 18TH
Time: 11am-2pm

FARMER'S **Market**



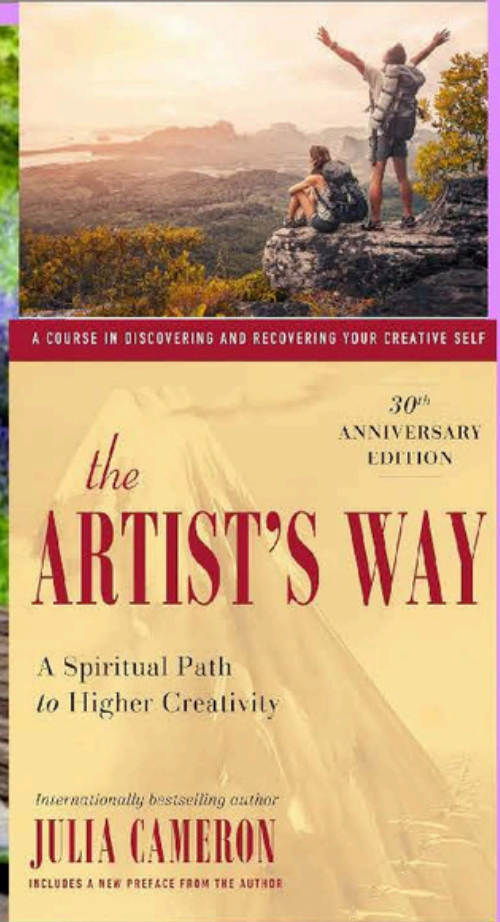
Location:
Gazebo/Grass Area

TWICE A MONTH - DON'T MISS IT!

Please join us and check out our Farmers Market Vendors.
Each month we will increase vendors as season picks up.
Hope to see you all there.

The Artist's Way

Be Open to your Creative Potential



The Artist's Way by Julia Cameron

Island Walks's Health & Wellness Council is offering a 12-week course in discovering and/or re-discovering your creative self. This group will work through the 12 chapters, one at a time, starting January 7th. It is for anyone seeking a spiritual path to explore creativity in any way. Cameron's book has inspired over 5 million followers, to tap into their creative energy. You don't have to be an "artist" to benefit from this book. If you read the reviews, people talk about overcoming obstacles to discover what

really brings them joy without judgement or fear of expressing oneself.

- ▶ Are you ready for a new chapter in your life?
- ▶ Looking for enriched meaning and value?
- ▶ Ready to discover an inner creative light?
- ▶ Join Us...

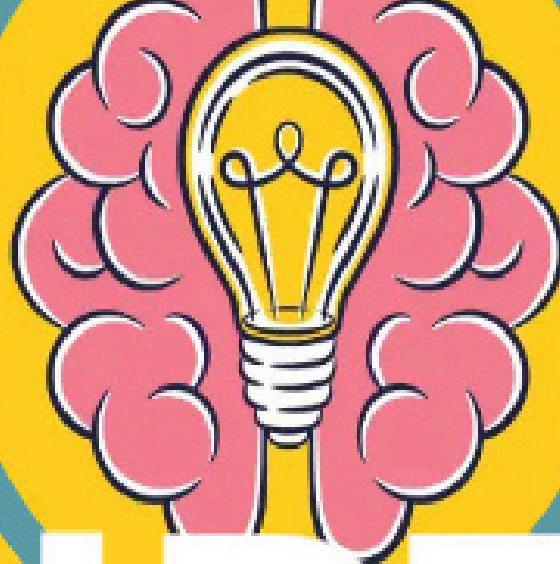
When: Wednesdays starting January 7th 2026

Where: Town Center - Tahiti Room

Time: 7PM - 8PM

Other: email Sally Hawk
hawk283@comcast.net to sign up!

The Artist's Way by, Julia Cameron is available on Amazon



DIRTY TRIVIA NIGHT

THURSDAY,
JAN 8

TIME: 6PM-8PM

Location:
Town Center

\$7-PP

ADULTS ONLY
BYOB Welcome
Coffee & Water
Station Provided
LOTS OF FUN!!!

Sign up on line or email Maribel for the RSVP Link
at: Maribel.ortiz@castlegroup.com
or drop off a check in the black mailbox outside
the lifestyle Directors office.
Make checks payable to: IW HOA
please put Trivia in description.



The Mobile Bike Shop That Comes To You

January 9 at Island Walk Town Center Bocce Parking Lot

12:30 PM Bike Drop-Off

Reservations Required - Limited Spots Available

New Giant Bicycles Available For Sale



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.**

January 2026 - welcome letter

Welcome to Island Walk and congratulations on your new home purchase.

We want to formally invite you to our New Homeowner Welcome Coffee and Orientation, SATURDAY, JANUARY 10th at 10am in the Antigua room in our newly renovated Town Center.

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 by Board members and management staff. You will receive a new resident information packet, and light refreshments will be provided. The gathering lasts approximately 1 hour.

For planning purposes, please RSVP to Kelly Daley before JANUARY 9th at kdaley@castlegroup.com or call 239-513- 0045 if you plan to attend.

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

We hope to see you there!

Communications Committee



How the Drip Becomes the Damage: What You Need to Know about Water and Water Intrusion

This seminar helps Florida homeowners understand how small issues can quickly escalate into costly repairs. Residents will learn the most common sources of water intrusion, early warning signs to watch for and hidden risks that often go unnoticed. The session explains how water moves through a home, how to identify vulnerabilities in roofing, exterior surfaces, plumbing systems and air conditioning components and what proactive maintenance can prevent minor drips from becoming major structural or mold damage. Practical, prevention-focused and tailored to Florida homes, this seminar empowers homeowners to protect their biggest investment.

LOCATION

Island Walk

DATE

Tuesday, January 13

TIME

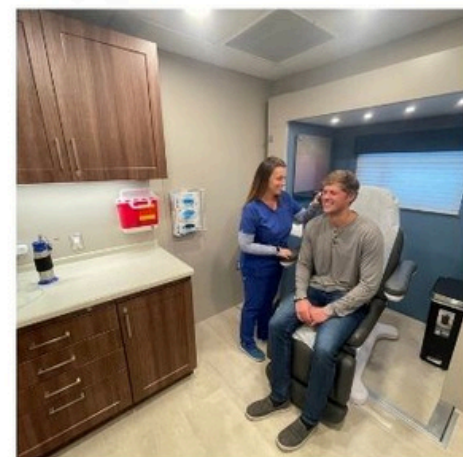
5:30 - 7:00 PM

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MOBILE DERMATOLOGY COMING TO YOU!

Island Walk Naples



Wed. January 14th
7:30AM - 3:30PM



15 minute appointments for skin cancer screenings, lesion removal, prescription needs and much more!



Parking Lot Near
the Bocce courts



OnSpot is in-network with most major insurance plans. Office visits and additional procedures are subject to your specialist copay or coinsurance/deductible. Self-pay options are also available.

SCHEDULE YOUR
APPOINTMENT



 941-444-0011

onspotdermatology.com/iwnaples



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



FLOWER ARRANGEMENT CLASS WITH KATHY WHALEN

DATE: THURSDAY - JANUARY 15 | TIME: 12PM-2PM | TAHITI ROOM - TOWN CENTER

\$15-PP - PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO KATHY WHALEN & PLACE IT INSIDE THE BLACK MAILBOX LOCATED OUTSIDE THE LIFESTYLE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE.

INVITE A FRIEND OR TWO TO JOIN IN ON THE FUN. BRING A UNIQUE CONTAINER OR VASE TO SEE IF IT GETS PICKED FOR A FLORAL ARRANGEMENT BY KATHY TO TAKE HOME. YOU CAN REGISTER UP UNTIL THE DAY OF THE EVENT. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE.

NEW YEAR • NEW CHOICES • OPTIMIZED HEALTH

Thursday January 15th, 2026, 6 – 8 pm

Island Walk Town Center, Antigua Room

Start the New Year with nourishing food, meaningful conversation, and a supportive community.

Join us for another fun evening of delicious, health-optimizing, whole-food plant-based dishes, where neighbors come together to eat well, connect, and support healthier living in 2026.

A simple, enjoyable way to begin the year feeling your best — no resolutions required.

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 and compostable are preferred), and water.

This is a free and fun event!

This event is presented by the Island Walk Health & Wellness Council and aPlantBasedDiet.org

[Click here to register on Eventbrite and to get full details on the event](#)

Or scan the QR below code below with your phone



Health Optimizing Potluck Dinners are held monthly this season at the Island Walk Town Center. Upcoming dates are February 12th and March 12th.



ISLAND WALK ST. MATTHEW'S HOUSE FOOD DRIVE

**FRIDAY, JAN 16th
10am-1pm**

OUTSIDE POST OFFICE

**UNOPENED, NON
PERISHABLE, BOXED
AND CANNED
FOOD. PLEASE DO
NOT LEAVE
DONATIONS INSIDE
POST OFFICE.**



ISLAND WALK PRESENTS

WELCOME BACK WHITE OUT PARTY


Gear up in your all-white ensemble and enjoy the party!
Fancy Jewelry, Catered Dinner, All white dessert station
LIVE MUSIC BY KAILA LOVE
BYOB IS WELCOME.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2026
LAST DAY TO RSVP IS JANUARY 15, FOR FOOD
ACCOMMODATION.
TIME: 6PM-9PM
LOCATION: TOWN CENTER



Ticket Price: \$40.00-PP

Please sign up online or in person in the town center
located outside the Lifestyle Directors Office.
or email the Lifestyle Director for registration link at:
Maribel.ortiz@castlegroup.com
Phone: 239-513-0045 Ext 2



Don't miss out on your ticket!

**2ND ANNUAL ISLANDWALK
RACQUET CLASSIC 1/17/2026 8AM START
SIGN UP STARTS 12/29/25 DEADLINE 1/11/26**

**PLAY/LUNCH
\$20**



**LUNCH ONLY
\$10**

PAYMENT IS REQUIRED AT TIME OF SIGN-UP

- **CHOOSE ONE SPORT TO SIGN UP FOR PICKLEBALL, POP, OR TENNIS**
- **THERE ARE 4 SIGN-UP SHEETS, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE SIGNING UP ON THE CORRECT SHEET**
- **IF YOU HAVE SOMEONE WHO ONLY WANTS LUNCH, HAVE THEM SIGN UP ON THE LUNCH SHEET ONLY. YOU CAN WRITE ONE CHECK FOR BOTH OF YOU.**
- **SPACE IS LIMITED- FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE WAITING LISTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR EACH SPORT**
- **CHECKS MADE OUT TO RSC (MAKE SURE YOUR CHECK # IS ON THE SIGN-UP SHEET TOO)**
- **QUESTIONS? CONTACT LAURA GINDROZ 503.997.1639**

Pickleball Lessons

lesson options

Private lessons 60 min \$50

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

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

Clinic pricing varies

PPR Certified Coaches:

Laura

Lgindroz@yahoo.com

503.997.1639 or

Michael

206.833.8596



Island Walk
Presents

JOINT IMPLANT SURGEONS OF FLORIDA

"The Best Surgeons in the Joint"



Live Well, Move Well:
Naples Orthopedic Talk Series

Hip & Knee Surgery:
What Are Your Options?

With Matthew Sweet, MD
Orthopaedic Surgeon | Fellowship Trained
Joint Implant Surgeons of Florida

Event Details:

Date: Friday, January 23

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Town Center

PRACTICE INFORMATION:

JOINT IMPLANT SURGEONS OF FLORIDA
1020 CROSSPOINTE DRIVE, SUITE 110
NAPLES, FL 34110
PHONE: 239-337-2003
FAX: 239-337-3168

What You'll Learn:

- The differences between inpatient vs. outpatient joint replacement
- Non-surgical treatment options for hip and knee pain
- When hip or knee surgery becomes the right choice
- Q&A session with a fellowship-trained orthopaedic surgeon

Please RSVP online or in person at the Town Center, located outside the Lifestyle Director's office.



Christine's Boutiques

Join us for a day of Community Shopping with
multiple vendors, boutiques and pop up shops
Let's shop ti'll we drop!



Sunday - January 25
Time: 11am - 3pm
Location: Town Center

The background of the entire image is a soft, pastel-colored gradient transitioning from light pink on the left to light blue on the right. It is decorated with numerous colorful butterflies in shades of yellow, orange, blue, and pink, as well as faint, stylized floral patterns.

*Abused Shelter
for
Women & Children Tour &
Lunch Trip,
Limited to 14 rsrps*

Date: January 27, 2026

Time: 10:00am

Lunch at:

Rebecca's Wine & Bar Restaurant
breakfast - lunch - dinner served
transportation NOT Provided.

**The Abused Shelter for Women & Children
will be the chairty organization we are supporting for our
annual fashion show charity event.**

WISDOM & WELLNESS EXPO



January 29th

1 PM - 4 PM

*Enjoy complimentary
wine and cheese when
you RSVP in advance!*



Exhibitors May Include:

- Medicare / Medicaid Specialists
- Elder Law
- Doctor / Hospital Resources
- Aging in Place Resources
- Senior Housing
- Alzheimer's Support
- Home Care
- Home Health
- Mobility Devices
- Balance Awareness
- Physical Therapy
- Vision / Hearing
- Care Management
- Financial Planning
- Long Term Care Insurance

Meet our Speakers



CHRIS SCANLON
Edward Jones



JEFF ALEXANDER
AVOW Care Services



DR. DREW CLARK
Breakthrough
Health Centers

If you are ready to explore your options for aging well, this is your chance! On January 29th, EngAging Events will be bringing you a variety of keynote speakers, educational panel discussions with Q&A, vendors representing local experts, and your chance to ask questions and gain resources that you need to live your best life.

We encourage you to stay for the entirety of this fun, interactive and informative event that concludes with wine and cheese and a chance to win a sunset cruise for six!

Presented By:

Left Center Right



The Original

ADULTS GAME NIGHT



\$5.00 - PP ENTRY FEE | Snacks & Drinks Included

Thursday - January 29 | Time: 6pm-8pm | Town Center

High Rollers Table (Dollar Bills) \$3 dollars-per game

Coin tables (quarters) 3-quarters per game

be sure to bring exact change to play

BYOB is welcome

Sign up on line or email Maribel for RSVP Link at:

Maribel.ortiz@castlegroup.com

Broadway Palm Theater
Fort Myers.



Fiddler on the Roof

Saturday – Jan 31st
Time: 11:30am – Lunch
1:00pm – Show

\$85.00–pp

**Last day to purchase tickets
is January 8th, 2026**

Please make all checks payable: to Island Walk HOA
Description: Fiddler Broadway. Please drop off checks in the mailbox outside
the Lifestyle Director's office or contact Maribel for details at: 239-513-0045
Ext 2 or Maribel.ortiz@castlegroup.com

Curso de Ingles

ENGLISH CLASSES

4- WEEK COURSE

Starting January 14 - Every Wednesday for 4-weeks

Time: 9:30am - 10:30am

Location: Town Center

\$40- per person for 4-week course or \$20- for one class.

Please contact Gorgina Parcel to
register at 239-404-9493

Island Walk Presents

CHESS

Club Wanted

Are you a strong chess player?

we are looking to start a chess club.

looking for strong players to play 5-minute chess

Please contact Marck Schneider 410-241-5834



WEEKLY REOCCURRING ACTIVITIES

WELCOME

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN THE FUN!

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
<p>Cribbage 1:00pm Living Room Dave-616-901-7964</p> <p>Monday BINGO Doors open 5:30pm Game starts 7pm No need to signup Town Center.</p> <p>Poker Night 5:30pm-9:00pm Town Center Living Room. Contact: John Prisco 917-697-4733 to join.</p>	<p>Paint Together Art Group 8:30am-11:30am Tahiti Room All Welcome to join.</p> <p>Bocce Ball 9:00am-12:00pm Everyone Welcome Elaine: 410-818-0016</p> <p>Mahjong 1:00pm-4:30pm Antiqua Room New Players Welcome Email: MrsMig24@gmail.com</p> <p>Knitting Group 1:00pm Living Room Aleta: 201-406-9499</p>	<p>Contract Bridge 1:00pm Antiqua Room</p> <p>Poker Night 5:30pm-9:00pm Town Center Living Room</p> <p>Dominos 7:00pm Antiqua Room</p>	<p>Ladies Bible Study 9:00am-10:30am Antiqua Room Janet: 239-777-1185</p> <p>Bocce Ball 9:00am-12:00pm Everyone Welcome Elaine: 410-818-0016</p> <p>Canasta 12:30pm-4:00pm Antiqua Room New Players Welcome Email: reneefoxny@gmail.com</p> <p>Hand & Foot 12:30pm Antiqua Room Annemarieclark@gmail.com</p> <p>Social Bridge 7:00pm-9:00pm Antiqua Room Anne1215@icloud.com</p>	<p>Euchre 7:00pm Antiqua Room New players welcome</p> <p>Saturdays Zumba Fitness 9am-10am</p> <p>Sundays Bagpipe, Harp & Thistle Rehearsal Sundays 10:00am Barbados Room Everyone is welcome.</p> <p>Table Tennis 2:00pm-3:30pm Town Center</p>



WELCOME TO OUR FITNESS CLASSES

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
<p><u>Yoga</u> 8am-9am Barbados Room</p> <p><u>Water Aerobics</u> 8:30am-9:30am</p> <p><u>Bone Builders</u> 9:30am-10:30am Barbados Room</p> <p><u>Water Aerobics</u> 10am-11am</p> <p><u>Tai Chi Outdoors</u> 9:30am-10:15am \$40 for 10-classes or \$6 drop in. Sue Gold sweetsusan62@gmail.com</p>	<p><u>Resistance & Strength Training Class</u> w/Gina Horton 8:30am-9:30am \$5-pp Via Zoom Only call: 317-514-3553</p> <p><u>Water Aerobics</u> 8:30am-9:30am</p> <p><u>Barbados Room</u></p>	<p><u>Yoga</u> 8am-9am Barbados Room</p> <p><u>Water Aerobics</u> 8:30am-9:30am</p> <p><u>Bone Builders</u> 9:30am-10:30am Barbados Room</p> <p><u>Water Aerobics</u> 10am-11am</p>	<p><u>Resistance & Strength Training Class</u> w/Gina Horton 8:30am-9:30am \$5-pp Via Zoom Only call: 317-514-3553</p> <p><u>Water Aerobics</u> 8:30am-9:30am</p> <p><u>Move & Grove</u> Chair Exercise. 10:30am Barbados Room \$40-punch card Drop-ins welcome Georgina: 239-404-9493</p>	<p><u>Yoga</u> 8am-9am Barbados Room</p> <p><u>Water Aerobics</u> 8:30am-9:30am</p> <p><u>Bone Builders</u> 9:30am-10:30am Barbados Room</p> <p><u>Water Aerobics</u> 10am-11am</p> <p><u>Saturdays</u></p> <p><u>Water Aerobics</u> 8:30am-9:30am</p> <p><u>Resistance & Strength Training Class</u> w/Gina Horton 8:30am-9:30am \$5-pp Via Zoom Only call: 317-514-3553</p> <p><u>Zumba Fitness w/Georgina</u> 9:00am-10:00am Town Center \$40-punch card 4-classes or \$15-drop in Georgina: 239-404-9493</p>

If you're an adult golfer interested in future tournaments, please contact Marv Bomberg at iwputtinggreen@gmail.com. Tournaments are currently scheduled bi-weekly on Tuesday mornings.

Island Walk Men's Golf League

Did you know Island Walk has a **Men's Golf League**? From **January to April**, league matches and tournaments take place at Stoneybrook Golf Course in Estero. The rest of the year, league golfers play weekly at courses across Collier and Lee counties. For more information, contact **Dave Riepe** at davidriepe@yahoo.com.

This is a wonderful time to get involved, meet neighbors, and enjoy our newest community amenity. See you on the green!

Ladies Golf Group

Some ladies in the Putting Green Group expressed interest in reviving the Island Walk Ladies Golf Group. With some research, we discovered that it's easiest for us to join the established Ladies League at Bonita Fairways, at least through season.

They play on Tuesdays with tee times from 8:30 to 9:30 (depending on number of participants). There are about 40 players each week.

You can play 9 or 18 (and change each week based on your schedule and interest). You don't have to play every week.

It's a casual league with no handicaps, fun weekly games and a winner in each foursome.

The league started in November and runs through early April.

League rates through Dec. 31:

9 = \$40

18 = \$63

League rates starting Jan. 1:

9 = \$56

18 = \$82

To join, email Head Pro Chris Ewing at chris.ewing@bonitafairways.com. Let him know you are from Island Walk.

Chris sends an email each week to see who is interested in playing the following week. You can request to play with specific people or say "pair me with someone from Island Walk."

On Mondays, Chris sends the tee time information.

We look forward to seeing everyone on the course!



NAPLES
COUNCIL ON
WORLD
AFFAIRS

Your Passport to Global Affairs

Naples United Church of Christ
5200 Crayton Road, Naples FL

Sessions on Mondays at 3:45 and 7:30 pm unless otherwise noted.

2025-26 Lecture Series: “Our Enduring Global Crises”

November 3, 2025: Distinguished Fellow Barbara Slavin of the Stimson Center in Washington, “Conflict: Iran.”

November 17, 2025: Edward Luce, National Editor of the Financial Times, Author of *ZBIG*, a Cold War biography of Zbigniew Brzezinski.

December 8, 2025: Ambassador William Taylor [US Ambassador ret. Ukraine]: Distinguished Fellow with the Atlantic Council’s Eurasia Center. “Russia’s War on Ukraine: An Update.”

January 12, 2026: Mona Yacoubian, Senior Advisor and Director, Middle East Program at the Center for Strategic and international Studies.

January 26, 2026: Daniel Alpert and experts from The International Club of Business Economics: “Impacting the Global Economy” (*One session at 5:30 pm followed by a social mixer with speakers*)

February 9, 2026: Michael E. O’Hanlon, Brookings Institution, “To Dare Mighty Things: U.S. Defense Strategies Since the Revolution”.

February 23, 2026: Tim Ditter, Senior Research Scientist, Center for Naval Analyses. “Advances in Chinese Military and Uncrewed Technology”.

March 9, 2026: Prof. Paul Webster Hare, Master Lecturer, Boston University. “Diplomacy and Negotiation: Cuba and Latin America”.

March 23, 2026: Louis Mead Treadwell, 11th Lieutenant Governor of Alaska and Chair of the U.S. Arctic Research Commission.

April 7, 2026, TUESDAY: Ambassador Douglas Lute, former assistant to President George W. Bush and Deputy National Security Advisor for Iraq and Afghanistan, which earned him the title “War Czar.” He retains his position on the National Security staff, “A Global National Security Conversation.”

Note: Members may access videos of past lectures through our archives.



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An Invitation to Guests to Attend a FREE NCWA Lecture!

The Naples Council on World Affairs warmly invites people in our area who want to learn more about global developments affecting our lives to join us!

People who are not members may sample our program by attending **ONE FREE LECTURE** in person during the 2025-2026 season. They will have an opportunity to absorb the details behind the headlines and hear the stories behind the events.

Our lectures by national experts in foreign affairs cover a range of topics from the Middle East to international finance to new approaches in modern warfare. The depth of experience and research of these experts helps our Southwest Florida community understand and interpret rapidly evolving events with more clarity and perspective.

Our members have a *personal experience with the experts* not found elsewhere, standing face to face as they ask the questions they been wondering about, gathering to chat after the lecture, or taking advantage of small luncheons offering informal exchanges.

Of course, we offer a variety of other programs, including small Great Decisions discussion groups and the Foreign Affairs Book Club for adults and competitions and scholarships that prepare local students for leadership. Our nonpartisan educational nonprofit organization of almost 1,700 members has been serving the community with educational programs for adults and youth for 45 years.

Guests may reserve their own seats for one or two persons by going to <https://ncwa-fl.org> and click on the Guest Pass link shown on the home page. We hope they decide to become members.

Please note: Guests are limited to one free lecture visit per season.

See the back of this sheet for our 2025-2026 lecture schedule.



Retirement is a welcome passage in the lives of physicians. The need for strict schedules and fights with insurance companies are gone. However, many of us find that we miss the interactions with other physicians, and we have not lost our interest in continuing developments in medical science. This is why we are glad to have found the Retired Physicians Association of Southwest Florida.

If this description fits you, you should consider joining the Retired Physicians Association of Southwest Florida. Our group was founded in 1996 to continue social and educational interests of retired physicians. We have four luncheon lectures every season that focus on the latest developments in fields of general interest, as well as two social luncheons that focus on topics of community interest. We hold two social events as well, and spouses or companions are welcome.

All the luncheons for members are covered by the annual dues, and the social events are subsidized.

The local practicing physicians and scientists donate their time to us. Our first lecture this season will be on November 19 at the Alzheimer's Support Network, 1421 Pine Ridge Rd, Naples, which has been our gracious hosts for several years now. Local orthopedist John Guerra will talk about Orthopedic Surgery Advances.

We welcome you to come to one of our lectures and get to know us. You can contact me at michaelfinkelmd@gmail.com, or our administrator Heather Simco at rpaswfl@gmail.com.

Our staff can give the dates of our lectures if you cannot make November 19.

Come join us!

Michael F Finkel MD
Past President RPASWFL

ISLANDWALK MONTHLY CLUBS

Interested in Joining ? Contact info is below.

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IslandWalk Garden Club

New Members Welcomed. Contact Cindy Duk.
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WE HOPE TO SEE JOIN IN ON THE FUN!

Island Walk Garden Club

The Garden Club is dedicated to enhancing the beauty of our landscape.

We have been gradually adding orchids to the trees around the town center.

If you have an orchid that has stopped blooming and you wish to discard it, think of us instead. Donate the orchid(s) to us and we will hang them. Let it bloom from the trees for all to see.



Orchids that seem damaged, but still have a leaf, can be resuscitated.

Contact Michael Finkel, of the Island Walk Garden Club at Michaelfinkelmd@gmail.com when you are ready to donate your orchids.

Thank you for supporting the Garden Club

THANK YOU FOR DONATING!

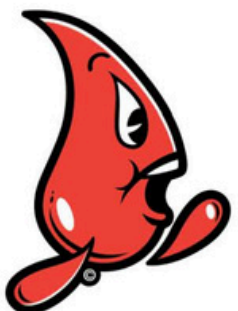
There's life in every drop

Island Walk
December 5, 2025

11 Blood Donors

7 Pints of blood collected

21 Lives saved



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