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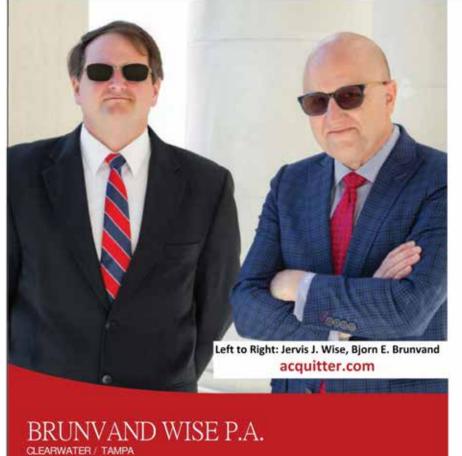
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publisher's note

WELCOME TO THE INAUGURAL ISSUE OF Harbor Bluffs Living

Our exclusive neighborhood magazine is written by, for, and about the residents of our incredibly unique neighborhood. The goal of producing this magazine is to turn our neighborhood into a close-knit community where we can better get to know each other, share experiences and events and hopefully make new friends.

I am genuinely thankful to have this opportunity to get to know all the residents of Harbor Bluffs and create stories about your precious pets, little athletes, scholars, musicians, featured family, home of the month, yard of the month and events. We have amazing families in this neighborhood with some fascinating backgrounds, talents, successes, and businesses, and it is my great pleasure to bring their stories to you.

I would like to thank our advertising partners that allow us to provide you with this magazine each month. Not every business gets to become an advertiser in this magazine. I only work with referrals, am very selective and take a great deal of pride with whom I partner. My aim is to recommend only businesses that are reputable, so I interview everyone to determine that their business philosophy and practices match our requirements. You can feel confident that if a company is advertising or featured in Harbor Bluffs Living, they will provide excellent products and services. In addition, many of our neighbors are entrepreneurs with their own businesses, in the next issue, you will be able to find them in our Resident Business Index.

If you are a business owner and would like to be included in our index, please contact me at devin.pappas@N2pub.com

If you see the Harbor Bluffs Living Golf Cart driving around, please stop us to introduce yourself. We would love to meet you. If you are interested in being featured in our magazine, writing articles or helping me gather content, please contact me at devin.pappas@N2pub.com. I am looking for stories about your pets, children, vacations, homes, events, successes, etc.

Keep an eye out for our "Neighbors Night Out" starting soon. This is where you can mingle and meet each other and the business owners that support this monthly magazine.

I am looking forward to meeting you, placing your stories and photos and providing you with a fun and exciting Harbor Bluffs Living magazine.

Have a very happy and safe Fourth of July! I can't wait to hear from you,

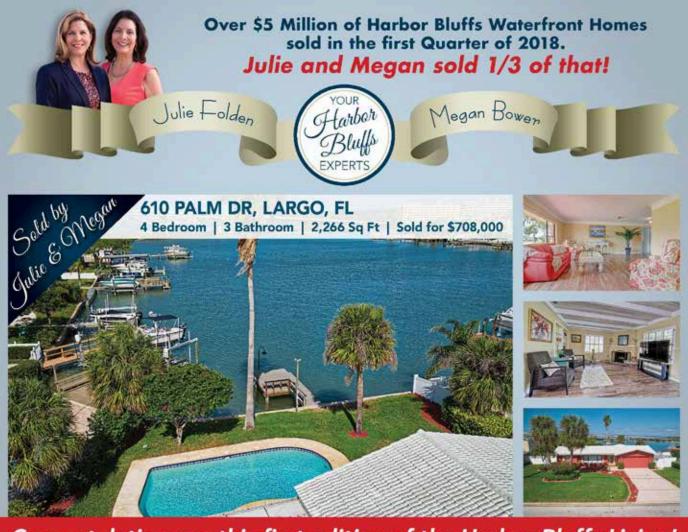


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L to R Cynthia King, Yvonne Morris, Denise Taylor and Darlene Sheets

NEIGHBORHOOD

By Resident Darlene Sheets

Harbor Bluffs is a very generational neighborhood. Kids, their parents and their grandparents live in this community. Prior to 2016 the original Neighborhood Watch, spear-headed by Barb Sherman, involved several neighbors that started a "phone tree" and would call neighbors when/if there was an incident in the neighborhood. Block captains were assigned and the communication was by phone.

Fast forward to 2016, I heard of this app called Next Door, looked into it and discovered this is an awesome tool to reach out to neighbors. Next Door is an excellent way to let neighbors know what is going on in the community!

Neighbors invite neighbors to this portal to communicate. Harbor Bluffs, since this tool has been one of the BEST rated and safest communities in the county earning in 2017 the Leadership Award and in 2018 the Crime Prevention Award.

Harbor Bluffs has Neighborhood Watch Walks every two months and Neighborhood Watch Meetings with Deputy Sheriff Jessica Hughey, three times per year. The next NW Meeting will be Tuesday September 25th from 7-8 p.m. at 301 Crestwood Dr. with information from Deputy Jessica!

Neighbors are given the opportunity to get involved in where they live!

So much more to talk about ... LOVE this community. I have lived in Largo 32 years and waited six years to purchase into this neighborhood watching the market and stats of the county. This is BY FAR the BEST area!!!

Thanks for what you do Devin and Marc!

Darlene Sheets

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MEET

When we set out to find the first family to focus in our inaugural issue, the choice was very clear that it had to be the Ries Family, so talented, so giving and so gracious. This is their story.

Father, Kevin Ries, originally from Staten Island New York, worked as a Commodity Futures Trader on the floor of the Chicago Board of Trade for 20 years. His wife Jenifer, born and raised in Chicago, is a professional photographer. Their sons Charlie & Kevin Jordan are talented young professional musicians, and for the

last seven years, their band, The Ries Brothers (pronounced "Rees") has become an incredibly huge success.

Firstborn, Charlie was born in Chicago, while the youngest Kevin Jordan is the only family member native to Florida. These days, the Ries Brothers are on the road more days than they are home, but when they do come back home, it's right here in Harbor Bluffs, where the family has lived for the last 20 years.

When asked, what do they love about this neighborhood, Jenifer's response was, "Harbor Bluffs is a great neighborhood to live. We have such fond memories of our family growing up in this community. We love the uniqueness of our area and think this is a hidden gem as it is super close to the beach and within walking distance of great restaurants and shops."

The brothers got their start performing at the Original Crabby Bill's on Indian Rocks Beach, and now they are in high demand all over the United States. Their last tour was 27 cities in 30 days starting in Madison, Wisconsin and ending in Dallas, Texas. Kevin and Jenifer like to meet up with the boys at times to see their shows.

The Ries Brothers sound is a blended rock, blues, funk and reggae into a soulful-sophisticated sound. Older brother Charlie sings lead vocals while simultaneously playing drums and keyboard bass giving the band it's unique and full sound. Younger brother Kevin Jordan completes the band's "sonic creativity" on guitar, provides background vocals and co-writes many of their songs. They have twice toured nationally as the opening act for the iconic band CHICAGO. Their first ten-city tour with CHICAGO included a performance at the historic Ryman Auditorium in Nashville. Last year they did a 15-city tour opening for the late Butch Trucks (Allman Brothers) & The Freight Train Band.

family focus

I have to tell you that you never cease to blow my mind! I still cannot believe how much music and great playing/singing, compositions and soloing comes out of the two of you! says Tris Imboden, Drummer — CHICAGO.

blues, classic and alternative rock into a sonic stew that's palatable for all ages," says Jay Cridlin, Pop Music Critic, Tampa Bay Times.



The Ries Family are also known for their community service outreach work. They hold food drives for their local headlining shows, have helped RCS in Clear-

in Manhattan ... with special guest Vini "Mad Dog" Lopez, the founding member of the E Street Band and member of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. When the concert was over, they left the crowd begging for more." The Ries Brothers have also opened for David Cook, Daughtry, Toby Keith, Los Lonely Boys, REO Speedwagon, Little River Band, The Edgar Winter Band & The Family Stone among others. Last year they sold out three headlining shows at Ruth Eckerd Hall's Murray Theatre in Clearwater, Florida. They have also appeared at the House of Blues & Viper Room in Los Angeles.

Late last

year the brothers

completed their first

headlining tour, highlight-

ed by a performance at "The

House that Les Paul Built," the

legendary Iridium in NYC. Reviewed

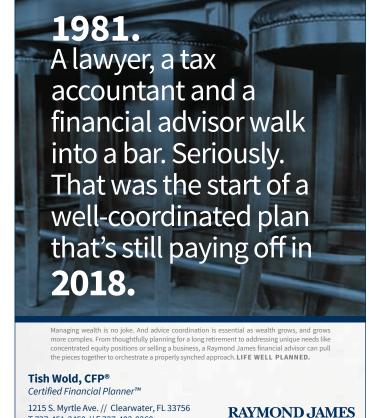
by Kyle Stevens of the Huffington Post:

"The insanely talented duo played the Iridium

Grammy Museum's Music Revolution Project at Ruth Eckerd Hall. In the summer of 2014, the boys were part of the Van's Warped Tour in Florida. The Ries Brothers were named by The Tampa Bay Times as one of their favorite artists of 2015 and by Creative Loafing as a 2016 Breakout Artist. They have released three EPs and a Live Concert DVD. Their first full album will be released late spring 2017.

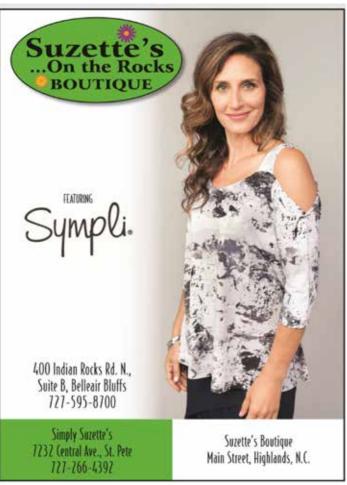
"Credit goes not only to their humble and hardworking nature but talent and sound that's far beyond their years. Blending elements of pop, jazz,



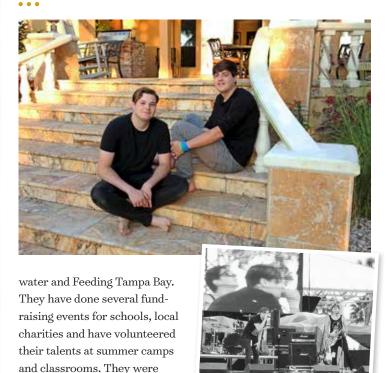


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raiser benefiting Julie Weintraub's Hands Across the Bay.

also the band for last year's

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When asked how this family likes to relax, the response was," When the boys are not on tour we love to enjoy our backyard and our beautiful Florida sunsets." This family also likes to cheer on the Tampa Bay Rays, Bucs and Lightning teams.

If you are interested in following the Ries Brothers, meeting your neighbor or to check out one of their shows, please go to Ries-Brothers.com or @RiesBrothers Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

If you would like your family to be the *Harbor Bluffs Living* Focus Family, please contact me at devin.pappas@n2pub.com. I would love to meet with you and send our professional photographer from Beth Kelly Photography over for a family photo shoot.





If you would like your family focused in the magazine or know of a family with an interesting story, please contact devin.pappas@n2pub.com



precious pets



Every Once In A While, A Dog Enters Your Life And Changes Everything.

Family member names: Joe Logar Pet's name: Katie Type of animal/breed: Dog-chihuahua/Min Pin Male or female: Female Pet's age: 14

Where/why did you get your pet?

I found her 13 years ago wandering around loose in downtown Largo.

Is there a story behind its name?

When you look at her, you just know her name has got to be Katie.

Is there anything unique or unusual about them (talents/quirks)?

Yes, any time I have friends or family visit, her eyes remain focused on me. She stares a lot!!!

What do you like best about your pet?

Everything, hardly any shedding, has never gone to the bathroom in the house, barks only when she needs to. When God created Katie, he said this is man's best friend!

Any funny stories?

I went on a 10-day vacation while a friend was watching Katie on Belleair beach. Apparently, the person watching Katie did not realize that Katie likes to escape to try to find me, LOL. She walked across the street and into a home where a young mother and her two small children were unloading the groceries out of their car that was

parked in the garage with the overhead garage door open. Katie walked through the garage, into the house and sat down in the middle of their kitchen looking up at three curious onlookers. Katie was not wearing her collar at that time, so she was not easily identified. They called animal control to see if anyone had placed a missing dog notification. Katie was able to spend the night with two children who completely fell in love with her. Fortunately, the person that was dog sitting Katie was able to retrieve her and bring her safely home.

How spoiled is your pet?

Horribly!! I take her blankets and warm them up in the dryer so that she is warm and comfortable.

What else should we know about your pet and how your pet has enriched your home/family? Katie is the epitome of the phrase "man's best friend.



For all those pet lovers out there! We can't wait to feature your pet in an upcoming issue! Submit all content to devin.pappas@n2pub.com



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How did you come up with the name JENERGY? I love to exercise and am an active and energetic woman who enjoys life to the fullest. My energy and enthusiasm have earned me the name "Jenergy" years ago, and when you get to know me, you will know exactly why! Air Conditioning and energy usage go hand in hand, so we figured if you want to saving energy by calling Jenergy would be something that stands out in our industry! When I am not at the office, you can usually find me at Get Fitness, Gold's Gym or Orange Theory in Largo.

Where did you grow up?

My husband and I grew up right here in Seminole; we even attended Seminole Schools.

How long have you lived in the area?

We moved to the Indian Rocks Road area in 1998 and built a new home in the same location in 2007 because we love it here so much!





Tell us about your family.

We have been married since 2000 and have two children Cierra Reynolds who is 17 and a junior at the Pinellas County Center for the Arts magnet program at Gibbs High school and our son Logan who is 10 and attends Anona Elementary.

Tell us about the events that led up to where you are now (i.e., education, career path).

Joel's father owned a local appliance repair and A.C.

company, and when he was 14, he started helping his dad on service calls. His father recognized early on Joel's mechanical skill and ability and started giving him appliances and air conditioners to take apart in their backyard in his free time. It wasn't long before he was installing full A.C. systems and has been doing so for almost 25 years, eventually becoming one of the top A.C. technicians in the area. In 2002 Joel went to school and received his own Mechanical A.C. license #CAC1813572.

As for me, I am the third generation of an HVAC family. My grandfather

and father both owned their own A.C. companies and I have worked in the HVAC industry my whole life, so it was only natural when I fell in love with an A.C. guy (with my father's full approval). Originally, I had been aiming towards a career in music education but eventually started helping in the office of Joel's

We wanted to start a "neighborhood" friendly AC business that when people call, they don't fear the salesman that is going to walk through their door but instead, are excited to see a trusted friend.

family's business and one thing led to another. After having our first child and losing 80 lbs, I pursued a career in the fitness and personal training industry but eventually circled back to the family business.

Though this time I took on learning A.C. sales and marketing all while growing a vast network of local business contacts and friends. After many years of working for someone else, Joel and I decided to go into business for ourselves as Jenergy Air Services.

What is your business and how/why did you start your business?

We do all aspects of residential and light commercial air conditioning.

We install, maintain and repair central air conditioning and duct systems and are the local experts at doing the same for "mini-split" or "ductless" style systems. We started our business because we saw our industry take a turn for the worst. A.C. repair

and installation companies are changing from service oriented to sales aggressive type companies. A lot more technicians are more worried about hitting their sales goals then

they are at solving problems. We wanted to start a "neighborhood" friendly AC business that when people call, they don't fear the salesman that is going to walk through their door but instead, are excited to see a trusted friend.

What is unique about your business (what sets you apart from the rest)?

From the initial phone call into the office to get on the schedule, all the way to the startup of your repaired or newly installed system, our goal is to provide our customers with an impressive customer service experience that puts a smile on their face! We

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combine the best technology, several decades of experience and our professional demand to create the most comfortable indoor climates possible to please our customers. We are also experts at cooling any space. Utilizing "mini-split" or "ductless AC" technology we can cool pretty much anything you want!

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Given your business expertise and the nature of what you do, what advice (whether general or specific) can you offer to the residents?

The advice we give to our friends and customers often starts with maintenance, don't ignore your A.C. system or it will fail on you. Change your filters regularly and don't ever pour any toxic chemical down your drain. Allow a professional to care for your system to avoid damaging it long term.

Also, if you see a company advertising something ridiculous, there is always a catch.

> Often times a "\$29 tune-up special" is never just \$29.

There will be a salesman in your home and not a true HVAC technician, and you can guarantee he or she will pitching a new AC system or super expensive repair or add-on. Do your homework before calling any service company and read reviews. Our industry is becoming review driven, and if you let the company you select know you will give reviews online you can bet they will do a superb job!

What else we should know about you, your family, or your business?

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On a personal note, Joel and I love to vacation with our kids (in the winter) when Joel is not working on home improvement projects. As a family, we absolutely just love being together; whether it's dining out at our favorite local spots, hanging out at home or Indian Rocks Beach or being with friends.









Shrimber 1980 Avocado C. E. V. I. C. H. E.

Prep Time: 20 minutes DIRE

INGREDIENTS

1 lb. of raw shrimp (cut into small pieces)

1 avocado, diced
1/2 red onion, diced
1 cucumber, diced
3 med. tomatoes, diced
1 jalapeño, diced
1/2 bunch of cilantro, finely chopped
1 1/4 cup of real lime juice
1 cup lemon juice
1/2 cup of Worcestershire sauce
salt and pepper to taste
hot sauce to taste
1 Bag of your favorite nacho chips

DIRECTIONS

• Clean, devein and cut shrimp in into bite-size pieces. Combine shrimp and 1 cup of lemon juice to a large nonmetallic bowl, cover and refrigerate until shrimp turns mostly pink. At least 2 hours, but overnight is preferable.

By **Dottie Schack**

- Dice onion, avocado, cucumber, and tomatoes and set aside in a separate bowl. Add finely diced jalapeño and fresh chopped cilantro.
- When shrimp turns pink, combine the entire contents of both bowls and add Worchester sauce and salt and pepper to taste
- · Add lime and mix well.
- · Serve in a large bowl with plenty of nachos and hot sauce.

Optional; scallops, calamari or your favorite seafood can be added to this recipe. Total protein should be one pound and should be cooked the same way in the lemon juice.

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Two weeks post procedure. Patient did not receive any other aesthetic

treatments. The fullness of her face is a result of lifting the displaced tissue.

our bodies - most notably in the face. You may notice it around the eyebrows, areas around the eyes, cheeks, jowls and neck. The result? A longer, more square-shaped and older-looking face as we lose our youthful V-Shaped face.

PDO Threads actually restore the V-Shape. The lower third of the face can be challenging when treating with wrinkle relaxers or dermal fillers. PDO Threads do not give the look of too much added volume that sometimes occurs with fillers.

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Is the Procedure Safe?

The procedure is typically very safe, however no procedure is without risk. The PDO Thread treatment is a very safe procedure and complications are extremely rare. Minor complications may include temporary swelling and bruising. Patients may feel slight tightness or a pulling sensation following the treatment which subsides over a few

What is the Downtime from a PDO Thread Lift?

Most people can return back to normal activities the next day. Mild swelling and bruising can happen and cover-up make-up may be necessary for a few days to weeks. Strenuous exercise is not recommended since straining right after the procedure may move the threads.

Will PDO Threads Work for Me?

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At PureLife Medi-Spa, we embrace and encourage youth maintenance rather than anti-aging. It would be easy to assume that "at a certain age" a nip or tuck would be inevitable. We beg to differ.

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by Dr. Fitzenal

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Laura Busch, Mike Busch, Owners of Simply Suzette's and Susan Davis



Denise Brunvand, of Brunvand Wise PA

It's always exciting when our neighbors come out for fun events in our community, and The Bluffs Wine Walk on March 24 was no different. The Wine Walk is a yearly event hosted by the Bluffs Business Associate where guests can sample wine and appetizers at over 40 businesses in our Belleair Bluffs community. You don't even need to worry about driving or walking because The Jolley Trolley is available to take you from one plaza to the other when you have finished sampling, shopping, listening to the music and dancing in the streets throughout the stroll.

This year *Harbor Bluffs Living* was honored to participate in the festivities with a booth located at Belleair Bluffs City Hall, where there was live music, BBQ and many shall we say, joyous people ... lol. We had such a

great time meeting and getting to know so many of our neighbors.

If you would like to be featured in our residential magazine, please contact us at devin. pappas@n2pub.com

We are looking for stories about Precious Pets, Kids Accomplishments, Athlete of The Month, Musician of The Month, Student of The Month, Team Sports, Home of the Month, Vacations, Weddings, Proms, Births, Birthdays, Fundraisers, Volunteers of the Month, New Boat, Car, Motorcycle etc. Let's meet for coffee or lunch!!

Be on the lookout for our first "Neighbors Night Out" Details to follow

April Skye, Ron Flurnoy, Ashley Plumstead, and Marya Flurnoy, Owner of Creative Design Team

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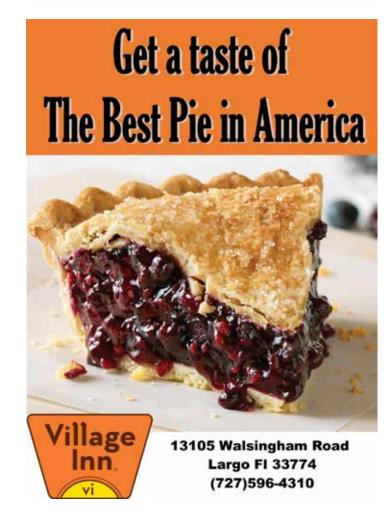
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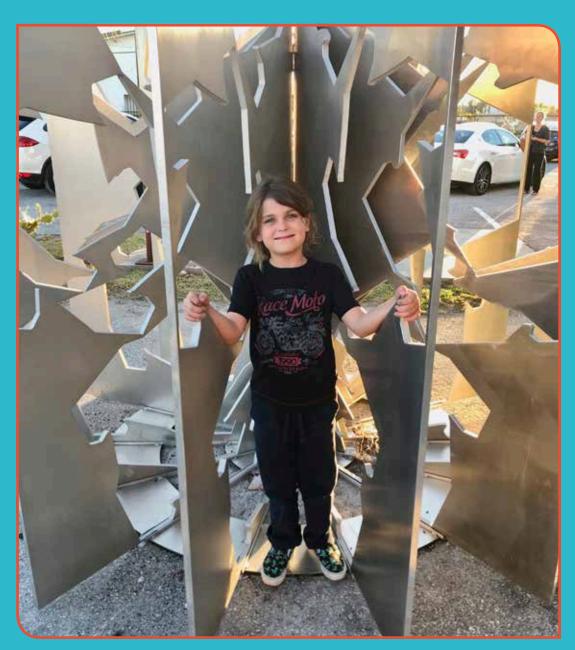








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Name: Nova Berlin Tropf
Age: 8
Grade: Second
School: Anona Elementary
Brothers or Sisters: Nope!
Sports I play: I love to swim
Musical instrument I play: I love to sing but I
previously took drums and piano lessons
Musical instrument I want to learn: Guitar
Something unique about me: I have super
long hair for being a boy, a kind heart and I'm
amazing at video games!
When I grow up I'm going to be: A singer,









FAVORITES

Activities/Hobbies:

Cub Scouts, Playing ball tag, running, swimming and doing flips into the water, reading, climbing trees, video games, making people laugh, being a big helper.

Animal: I love cats!

Color: Blue

Food: Tacos & Smoothies

Movie: Batman Rises

Music: Imagine Dragons

Place to play: My best friend Sammy's house!

Sports teams: None

Subject in school: PE Because I love to run

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TV show: Batman Show (Can you tell I love Batman?)



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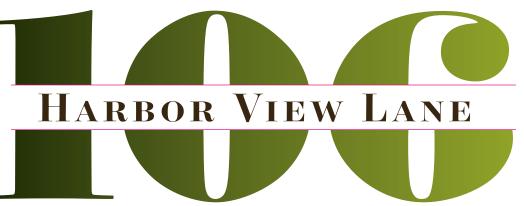
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Congratulations to Marty and Marilyn Landry for being selected for July's "Yard of the Month".

The Landrys' have lived in the neighborhood since 1994 and take a great deal of pride in their yard which they maintain themselves.

yard of the month

Photographs by **Beth Kelly Photography**



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The event was held for the second year at Belleair Country Club.

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PURELIFE MEDI-SPA SUPPORTS CMA'S DESIGNER BAG BINGO

At The Belleair Country Club

PureLife Medi-Spa was honored to be the presenting sponsor at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium's (CMA) second annual Designer Bag Bingo fundraiser held on April 12 at the Belleair Country Club. Unlike traditional bingo, all of the prizes were designer purses donated by the event sponsors. From Kate Spade and Michael Kors to Cole Haan and Coach, the bags came in a variety of shapes and sizes. The event featured 12 bingo games, as well as raffles for high-end purses by Valentino and Tiffany & Company. Attendees also enjoyed food, a silent auction and exclusive swag bags for all guests. "This is one of my favorite fundraisers," said PureLife Medi-Spa owner, Elif Fitzgerald. "CMA is such an important part of our coastal community. We're dedicated to helping raise money for its expansion. Increasing the size of the rescued dolphin habitats, expanding education areas and building new hospital facilities are a few of CMA's anticipated improvements. It's very exciting and we are proud to support these efforts."For more information about the Clearwater Marine Aquarium visit www.seewinter.com.



CMA's Chief Development Officer, Kelly Jordan, thanks the guests and introduces CEO, David Yates.



Winners at CMA's Designer Bag Bingo show off their prizes.



PureLife Medi-Spa provided swag bags with complimentary Signature Facials for all guests.



Guests Kathy Hart, Elif Fitzgerald and Kelly Woodruff.



PureLife Medi-Spa owner, Elif Fitzgerald, purchases raffle tickets in hopes of winning the grand prize.



Sue Menges, Pam Barber, Elif Fitzgerald and JoAnn White



CMA's Chief Development Officer, Kelly Jordan and Development Coordinator, Tammy Baureis.



a little bit about us

The Publisher

I am not a big fan of talking about myself, but I feel its only fair that in the first issue of our magazine that you get to know a little about the people who are bringing it to you.

We are Devin and Marc Pappas, and while we have only lived in the neighborhood for the last four years, my family has lived in Harbor Bluffs since 1986 and over the years I have been a very frequent visitor. I was born and raised in Barrington Rhode Island and chose not to move to Florida with the rest of my family in the late eighties. I decided to focus on my career in retail management. For over twenty years I was a District Manager for Nine West

shoes with a territory from Maine to New York. In 2001, I went to work for American Eagle Outfitters again managing a vast district. It wasn't until a car accident in 2007 left me in chronic pain, that we decided to move to Florida to escape the cold and snow.

With my ability to work extended hours severely limited, I began to work parttime at Patchington in Belleair Bluffs and volunteering at a battered women's
shelter in Clearwater, known as the Haven of RCS. Shortly thereafter I started
a program at the shelter known as the Career Club, in which I teach the
ladies self-esteem building, behavioral interviewing, appropriate attire for an
interview and many other aspects of life to help them transition to a functional
and productive life free from their abusers. In addition, Patchington became
a drop off location for slightly used clothing which I take to our makeshift
storage facility, also known as both stalls of our garage. There I sort and
process all of the clothing, handbags, shoes, etc. and each week load up the car
and take the items to the shelter, where we set up a little fashion area, and the
girls are able to try on and pick out clothes they may need for work that week.
Many of the girls enter the shelter with little more than the clothes on their





backs. It is my goal to ensure that they have not only the skills but the clothing they need to secure and maintain a good job when they leave the shelter.

Working at the shelter exposed me to the dire need for funding to keep these vital programs going. Thus, it was a no-brainer when I was asked to Chair the Inaugural Grande Gala for RCS, an event that I am proud to say raised more than \$173,000.

For the last two years, I have been honored to Chair the Denim and Diamonds Gala to benefit Julie Weintraub's Hands Across the Bay, an event that raised approximately \$75,000 last year and is expected to exceed that figure this year.

Enough about me let me tell you about Marc. Originally from New Hampshire, Marc has been involved in the Real Estate industry for over thirty years. During his career he has specialized in all aspects of residential sales, building and investing. While Real Estate has always been his first passion, politics was a close second. During his time as a Broker, he also served eight years in the New Hampshire House of Representatives, hosted a political round-table TV show, and has worked or consulted for hundreds of local, state, and federal political campaigns, not to mention six presidential campaigns.

Marc spent many years serving on various boards and commissions, including the oversight board of the Pease International Trade Port in Portsmouth New Hampshire and served as one of only two members from the United States at The World Hellenic Inter-Parliamentary Association in Athens Greece.

When he is not glued to one of the cable news channels or a computer screen, Marc loves to work on our home. Over the years of buying and selling investment homes, he garnered a knack for remodeling and is able to do just about every aspect of home remodel. I just wish he would finish one project before starting another. Anyone else have that problem?

We both really love to travel, see the world and experience different cultures. By far our favorite spot in the world has to be Santorini, Greece. While we have experienced many places around the world, Santorini holds a special place in our heart. Having said that, there is still no place like home. We all live in Paradise, only minutes away from one of the most beautiful beaches in the world, perfect climate, interesting and warm neighbors. We truly have it all right here and we wouldn't want to live anywhere else.

That is why we decided to start this magazine. We want to take our little slice of heaven and bring it closer

together. Help neighbors connect with one another and hopefully along the way, meet many new friends.

We genuinely hope you enjoy this publication and will join us in building and growing our little neighborhood magazine.

Devin and Marc Pappas

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THE ABILITY EXPERIENCE

Inclusion is as easy as riding a bicycle and The Ability Experience is here to prove it! Every year, a team of roughly 30 men from all over the country cycle over 800 miles for "Gear Up Florida", a program designed to raise awareness and funds for inclusion. From Miami to Tallahassee, cyclists stop in cities and towns along the way visiting local organizations with similar missions and passions.

The HUG Team was able to catch up with the cyclists at The Disability Achievement Center in Largo, Florida. Help Us Gather was honored to present the first ever HUG Swag Award to The Ability Experience for their efforts of inclusion, fun and friendships!

Will Pechous, a cyclist from Kenosha, Wisconsin said, "This ride means a lot to me because I have a twin brother with a disability. He cannot do the things that I do, so I am doing this for him. This trip is truly meaningful and represents the best part of being in college. It is a wonderful experience and provides me with the opportunity to be part of something bigger than myself."

Follow their ride through Florida on Facebook and Instagram @abilityexp.

HELP US GATHER

Help Us Gather or HUG is a local nonprofit organization that connects people with disabilities to social activities and events in the community by providing an online event calendar, hosting events, the HUG Ambassador program and community outreach efforts. Check us out at HelpUsGather.org and on Facebook and Instagram @helpusgather.org.

Know someone that goes above and beyond to encourage inclusion? We are always looking for individuals, organizations and businesses that make extra efforts to include everyone. Let us know who you think should receive the next HUG Swag Award by sending an e-mail to events@helpusgather.org.

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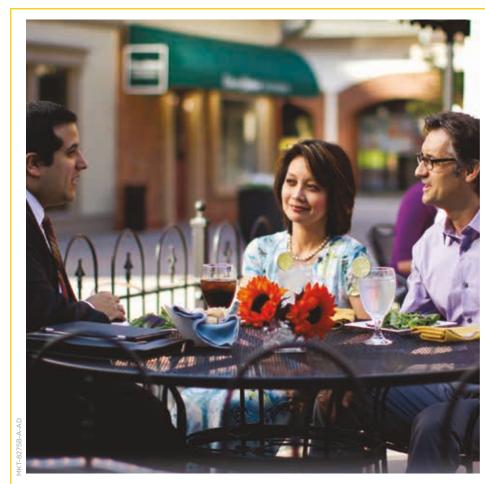
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