



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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This Week's Weather

Overview

Next week brings a classic mid-winter Florida mix of cooler mornings, comfortable afternoons, and a few light showers possible on Thursday. Highs start in the low-to-mid 60s°F early in the week before climbing into the low-to-mid 70s°F by midweek and staying there through the weekend. Lows will be chilly, ranging from the low-to-mid 40s°F early on, warming slightly to the upper 50s–low 60s°F later. Expect mostly sunny to partly cloudy skies Monday through Wednesday, with a chance for scattered AM showers Thursday. Rain totals stay light (under 0.10 inches), and humidity remains low. No other significant weather hazards are forecast. For detailed daily forecasts check my Facebook page & website.

Weather Impacts: What It Means for You

This Week: This week offers a refreshing change of pace, cool mornings in the 40s°F are perfect for a brisk walk or sipping coffee outside, while afternoon highs in the 70s°F feel comfortable for errands, outdoor chores, or casual outings. The light showers Thursday morning won't disrupt plans much, just keep an umbrella handy for that brief window. Low humidity and mostly sunny/partly cloudy skies make it ideal for enjoying the outdoors without the usual summer sweat. Nights stay chilly enough for cozy blankets, so sleeping with the windows open could be a treat. Overall, it's a great week to embrace Florida's winter, stay hydrated, dress in layers, and savor that crisp air!



Weather Safety

Safety Tip of The Week: With cooler mornings and longer nights, use extra caution around driveways and parking lots at dusk—visibility drops quickly. Turn on headlights earlier than usual and watch for pedestrians or cyclists who may be harder to see.

Hurricane Preparedness Tip of the Week: Check the expiration dates on your first-aid kit supplies (bandages, ointments, pain relievers, etc.). Replace anything outdated now while stores are fully stocked.

Source: [weather.gov/safety/](https://www.weather.gov/safety/)

Local News Highlights

Upcoming Local Events this Week

- January 19th @9:30AM - Watercolor Workshop: Flamingo - Venice, FL
- January 19th @6PM - Yoga with Laurie - Venice, FL
- January 21st @5PM - Together Through Time: Venice at 100 - Venice, FL
- January 22nd @4PM - Sunset with scooter and siesta key rum - Osprey, FL
- January 23rd @9AM - Live2Lead Southwest Florida - Sarasota, FL
- January 24th @8AM - The Oasis Community Garage Sale - Venice, FL
- January 24th @10AM - 18th Annual Downtown Venice Craft Festival - Venice, FL
- January 24th @12PM - Englewood Sunset Rotary Beer Fest - Englewood, FL



Sarasota County: Sarasota Station Breaks Ground, Marking City's First Live Local Project:

A local developer has officially broken ground on Sarasota Station, the city's inaugural Live Local Act project, which will deliver 202 workforce housing apartments to help address housing needs. Click [here](#) to read more.



Manatee County: Manatee County Turning Trash into Energy with Waste to Worth Project:

The county is advancing its innovative "Renewable Natural Gas (RNG): From Waste to Worth" initiative, partnering to capture methane from the Lena Road Landfill and convert it into clean, usable energy potentially powering thousands of homes while reducing emissions. Click [here](#) to read more.



Charlotte County: Florida Wildlife Experts Urge Public: Don't Feed the Pelicans:

Wildlife officials are reminding residents and visitors not to feed pelicans, as human-provided food can harm their health, cause dependency, and lead to dangerous interactions, especially during the current active season in coastal areas. Click [here](#) to read more.

Beach Boating Surf

Enjoy the beaches free of red tide this week! If there were to be any changes to red tide in the future, you can look for my weekly updates every Friday here: <https://vffws.com/red-tide-report/>



Boating & Beach Report

Best Beach Day: The best beach days this week will be any day except Thursday due to some cloudier skies and rain showers possible. Otherwise, expect comfortable temperatures and plenty of sunshine at the beaches this week!

Best Boating Day: Offshore boating/fishing is not recommended for most of this week due to seas being on the rougher side. The best chance for offshore boating/fishing will be on Friday, Saturday and Sunday where seas will range between the 1 and 3 feet range as of now. Nearshore boating will be your best bet any day this week! Otherwise, I do not see any other significant weather hazards of concern this week!

Surf Report

Best Surf Day: No significant or beginner surf is expected this week.

For a FULL daily marine & beach forecast including wind, waves/surf, tides, and water temperatures please check out my forecasts on my website here: <https://vffws.com/marine-beach-forecasts/>





Local Business Spotlight

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Advertising Opportunities:

Would you like your business small or large featured here in this weekly newsletter? If so, please reach out here:

<https://vffws.com/contact/>

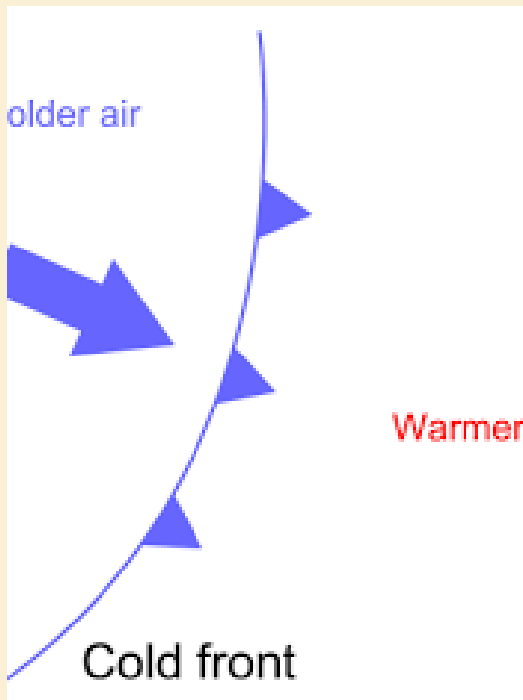
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Send an email to:

info@vffws.com and let me know you're interested in an advertising opportunity, and I'll get back to you ASAP with more details! Thank you!



Fun Facts & Word OTW



Weather Word of The Week

This week's word is Advection:

Advection is the horizontal movement of air (and the temperature, moisture, or other properties it carries) by the wind.

Example: When a cold front moves through Florida, cold air is advected (carried) southward from the north. That's why you can go from feeling like summer in the morning to needing a jacket by afternoon, classic cold-air advection in action!

Did you know?

Florida is no longer the official U.S. lightning capital!

Yep, in 2025 Oklahoma took the top spot for lightning capital in the United States according to AEM's 2025 lightning report. The shift happened due to drier conditions in Florida and a surge in activity in the Great Plains, though Florida still led in lightning fatalities, and some experts note Florida remains a major lightning risk area.



Weekly Sunset Photo



This week's photo was sent in by Becca Travis! Hope you enjoy this one! If you are interested in sending in your own photo for next week's newsletter, I will be accepting submissions every Thursday on my Facebook page. The post usually goes out at 5 PM, so check back to my page at 5 PM every Thursday to submit a sunset photo to be featured below.



Thank you

Hope you found some value in this week's newsletter, be sure to like & follow the Facebook page for daily weather updates and more if you haven't already and stay tuned for next week's newsletter. Have a safe and enjoyable week.

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