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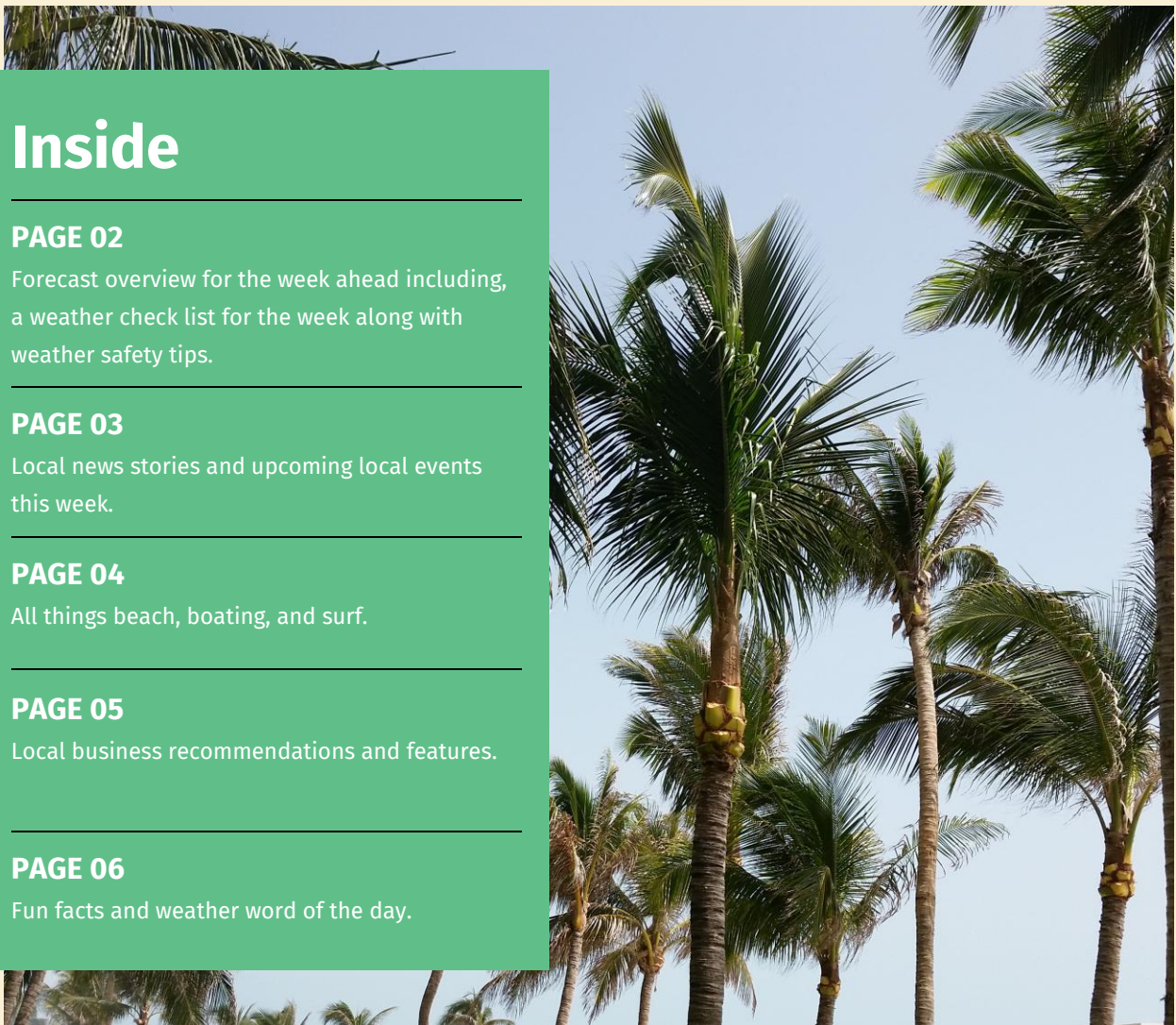
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This Week's Weather Overview

This week continues our dry spring stretch with little to no rain in the forecast. We start off warm in the low 80s°F on Monday and Tuesday with partly cloudy skies. By Wednesday and Thursday, we'll see a slight dip in temperatures, with highs cooling off into the upper 70s°F and a bit more cloud cover expected. The sunshine comes back in full force just in time for the weekend, warming us right back into the lower 80s°F. Overnight lows will be comfortably cool in the lower 60s°F early on, creeping up to near 70°F by the weekend with increasing humidity. For detailed daily forecasts, check my Facebook page & website.

Quick Weather Checklist for the Week:

- ✓ **Dress for:** Short sleeves most of the week, but you might want a light layer for those slightly cooler mid-week mornings in the low 60s°F.
- ✓ **Outdoor plans:** You are good to go every single day. Wednesday will be the cloudiest day if you are looking to avoid direct sun.
- ✓ **Driving:** Expect dry roads and clear visibility all week long.
Pets/plants: The dry spell continues! With zero rain expected, make sure to keep up with your manual watering routines for the lawn and garden.
- ✓ **Energy saving:** Take advantage of the mild mid-week temperatures and cooler nights on Wednesday and Thursday to open the windows and give the AC a little break.
- ✓ **Best time for:** Getting outside mid-week when the extra cloud cover and slightly lower temps make it incredibly comfortable.



Weather Safety

Safety Tip of The Week:

Another dry week means brush fire risks are spiking. Keep grills away from dry brush, avoid parking over tall grass, and hold off on any yard burning until we get substantial rain.

Hurricane Preparedness Tip of the Week:

Take 10 minutes to record a video walk-through of your home and belongings. Back it up to the cloud! This simple digital inventory makes insurance claims much easier if a storm hits.
Source: [weather.gov/safety/](https://www.weather.gov/safety/)

Local News Highlights

Upcoming Local Events this Week

- April 20th @7PM - Queen Nation: Tribute to the Music of Queen - Venice, FL
- April 21st @1PM - Circus Secrets of Venice Trolley Tour - Venice, FL
- April 22nd @3PM - The Gentlemen of Jazz - Venice, FL
- April 23rd @1PM - Flamingo/Turtle Mixed Media Art Class - Venice, FL
- April 24th @7:30PM - Venice Theatre presents Emma - Venice, FL
- April 25th @7AM - 2026 Venetian Cup Regatta - Venice, FL
- April 25th @12PM - Jazz, Blues & Classic Rock Brunch - Sarasota, FL
- April 26th @1:40PM - 2026 Venice Little League Youth Baseball Day - Venice, FL



Sarasota County: Sarasota EDC Launches CEO Academy:

The Economic Development Corp. of Sarasota County just launched the CEO Academy! This nine-month program is designed to help local executives accelerate business growth, build leadership skills, and foster meaningful community connections to help local companies expand. Click [here](#) to read more.



Manatee County: AI-based System Elevates Cardiac Care at Manatee Memorial:

Manatee Memorial Hospital is advancing cardiac care with a state-of-the-art AI tool. This platform helps cardiologists identify blockages with incredible precision, significantly reducing the need for invasive techniques and vastly improving local patient recovery times. Click [here](#) to read more.



Charlotte County: Port Charlotte Retail Site Sold for \$2M, to be Developed as Whataburger:

In a fun win for local foodies, a real estate firm just purchased nearly an acre of land in Port Charlotte to build a brand-new Whataburger! The new restaurant off Veterans Boulevard will bring exciting, fresh dining options to the area. 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: This week's beach days look a bit cloudier than normal for much of the week. We will mainly see more clouds than sun likely, but by the weekend mostly sunny skies will return! Otherwise, Monday (today) and Tuesday look like the breeziest beach days with winds gusting up to 20-25 mph at times. Any other day looks just fine with no significant hazards expected!

Best Boating Day: Offshore boating/fishing is looking rough on many of the weekdays with seas ranging between 3 and 6 feet at times and winds gusting up to 30-35 mph. By the weekend seas lower to normal levels of 1 foot or less. Nearshore boating will not be super ideal for most of the week as gusty winds are expected. Otherwise, no other significant weather hazards are expected.

Surf Report

Best Surf Day: Some minor beginner surf up to 2 feet is expected on Thursday, but otherwise much of the week will not feature much surf due to mostly offshore winds.

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:

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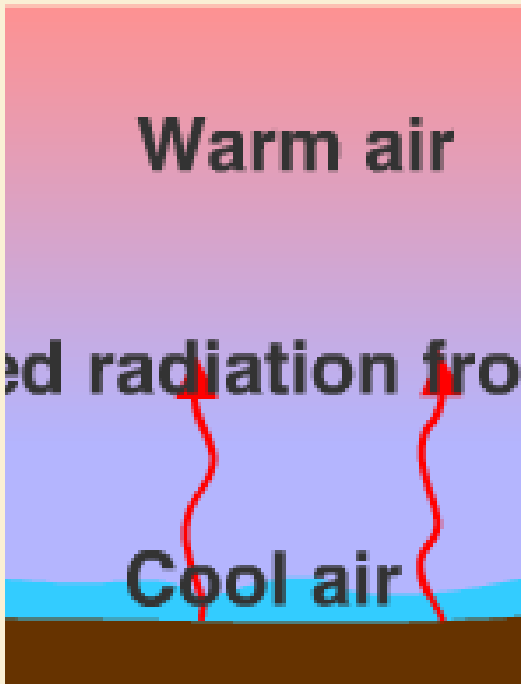
OR

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 **Radiational Cooling**.

The process where the ground loses heat into space at night. This happens fastest when skies are clear and the air is dry.

Example: Those comfortably cool, 62-degree mornings we are expecting mid-week? That is radiational cooling at work! Because we have zero cloud cover acting as a "blanket," the daytime heat easily escapes into the atmosphere overnight.

Did you know?

April is historically one of the driest months in Southwest Florida!

It's not just your imagination. April is historically one of the driest months of the year in Southwest Florida! Venice typically averages only about 2 inches of rain for the entire month as we wait for the summer rainy season to kick in.



Weekly Sunset Photo



This week's photo was sent in by Julie Lamaack! 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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