



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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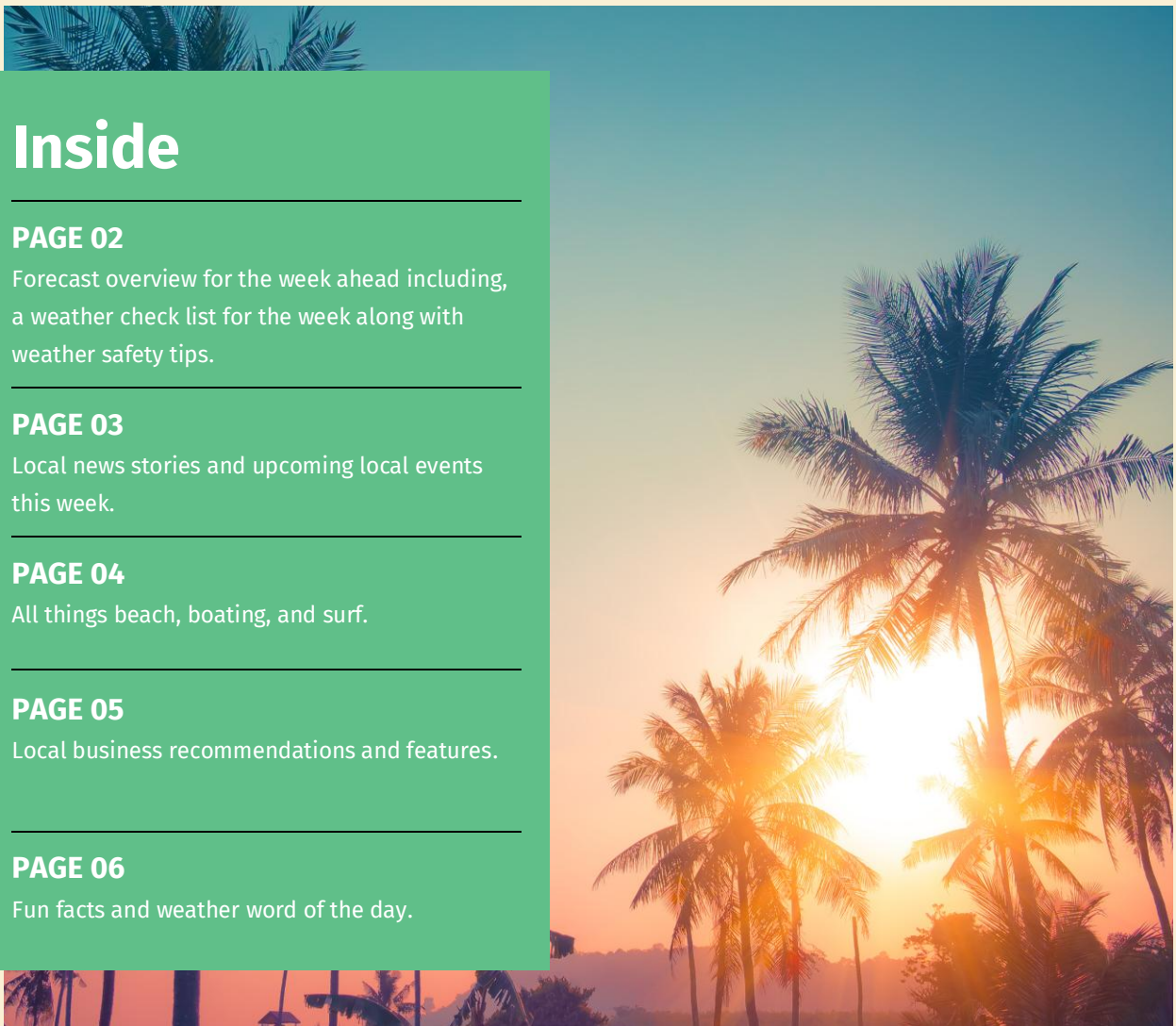
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This Week's Weather Overview

After a brief dry spell last week, we are officially back to our classic Southwest Florida summer weather patterns all thanks to some tropical moisture in the northeastern Gulf. Expect hot and sticky conditions all week long, with high temperatures hovering in the low-to-mid 90s°F. Mornings will feature a mix of sun and clouds along with thick humidity, but storm clouds will reliably build up inland each afternoon, bringing scattered heavy downpours at times. Overnight lows will remain incredibly muggy in the upper 70s°F. Keep that umbrella close! For detailed daily forecasts, check my Facebook page & website.

Quick Weather Checklist for the Week:

- ✓ **Dress for:** Hot, sticky days in the 90s°F. Light, breathable clothing is essential, and an umbrella is mandatory.
- ✓ **Outdoor plans:** The morning hours are your best friend! Get your exercise and yard work done early before the PM storms fire up.
- ✓ **Driving:** Expect slower afternoon commutes. Heavy downpours will cause sudden drops in visibility and slick local roads.
- ✓ **Pets/plants:** Mother Nature is taking over the watering duties again, but be mindful of how hot the pavement gets during those sunny morning walks.
- ✓ **Energy saving:** With overnight lows stuck in the upper 70s°F and the humidity through the roof, your AC will be running around the clock.



Weather Safety

Safety Tip of The Week: With afternoon temperatures in the 90s°F and extreme humidity, our heat index will routinely push past 100°F. Drink plenty of water before you feel thirsty, take frequent shade breaks, and check on elderly neighbors.

Hurricane Preparedness Tip of the Week: Keep your gas tank full! Gas stations rely on electricity to power their pumps. Make it a habit during hurricane season to never let your vehicle's gas tank drop below half-full so you aren't caught waiting in massive lines if a storm threatens.

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

Local News Highlights

Upcoming Local Events this Week

- July 20th @ 6:00 PM - Charcuterie Workshop at 99 Bottles - Sarasota, FL
 - July 20th @ 6:30 PM - Night of Comedy - Venice, FL
 - July 21st @ 5:00 PM - Open Mic at Brewburgers!!! - Venice, FL
 - July 22nd @ 5:00 PM - Nokomis Drum Circle - Nokomis, FL
 - July 23rd @ 6:30 PM - Joey Nickel Headlining Comedy Dinner - Venice, FL
 - July 24th @ 7:30 PM - Head Over Heels (SummerStock) - Venice, FL
 - July 25th @ 10:00 AM - Christmas In July Arts & Crafts Fair - Venice, FL
 - July 26th @ 6:00 PM - Back To School Splash Bash! - North Port, FL
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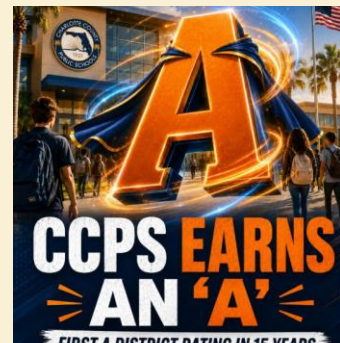
Sarasota County: Community Foundation Awards \$500K to Local Nonprofits:

The Community Foundation of Sarasota County is bolstering our local community by awarding over \$507,000 in grants to 46 different nonprofit organizations! These vital funds will help support local literacy, mental health, affordable housing, and hunger relief initiatives right here in Sarasota. Click [here](#) to read more.



Manatee County: West Manatee Fire Rescue Redefines Community Service:

West Manatee Fire Rescue is going above and beyond their emergency duties this summer! Local firefighters recently teamed up with a community summer literacy program to read books with local children, fostering safe, supportive environments where local kids can learn and flourish. Click [here](#) to read more.



Charlotte County: Charlotte County Public Schools Earn Historic 'A' Rating:

For the first time in 15 years, Charlotte County Public Schools has earned an 'A' district rating from the Florida Department of Education! This incredible educational milestone is also a massive win for local economic development, proving our community is building a bright future for tomorrow's workforce. 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 start of this week won't feature much great beach days due to the wetter weather expected. By the end of the week conditions may dry out making way for much better beach days!

Best Boating Day: Much of the week should feature great offshore/nearshore boating/fishing! By the end of the week, we could see seas begin to build up to around the 2-3 feet range. Otherwise, no other significant weather hazards of concern are expected.

Surf Report

Best Surf Day: The best surf days look to be by this weekend with 2-3 footers possible!

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



MOVE SMART!

CONSIDERING FLORIDA?

Our next "Move Smart!" Florida ZOOM WEBINAR is Friday, August 7.

We will be covering:

- Flood Zones & Storm Mitigation
- Insurance Costs & Taxes (keeping them low!)
- HOA Communities VS. Non HOA
- NEW Construction VS. Resale
- Home Inspections
- Relocating from out-of-state

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Fun Facts & Word OTW



Weather Word of The Week

This week's word is **Waterspout!**

A whirling column of air and water mist that forms over a body of water, usually connected to a developing cumulus congestus cloud.

Example: If you are spending time at the beach this week and see a funnel extending down from a dark cloud over the Gulf, you are looking at a waterspout! Most are relatively weak, but you should always head indoors if one moves toward the shore.

Did you know?

Florida is the waterspout capital of the world!

The incredibly warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico combined with our daily summer thunderstorms create the absolute perfect atmospheric conditions for these marine tornadoes to form right off our beautiful coastlines.



Weekly Sunset Photo



This week's photo was sent in by Jackie Jennings Dykstra! 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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