



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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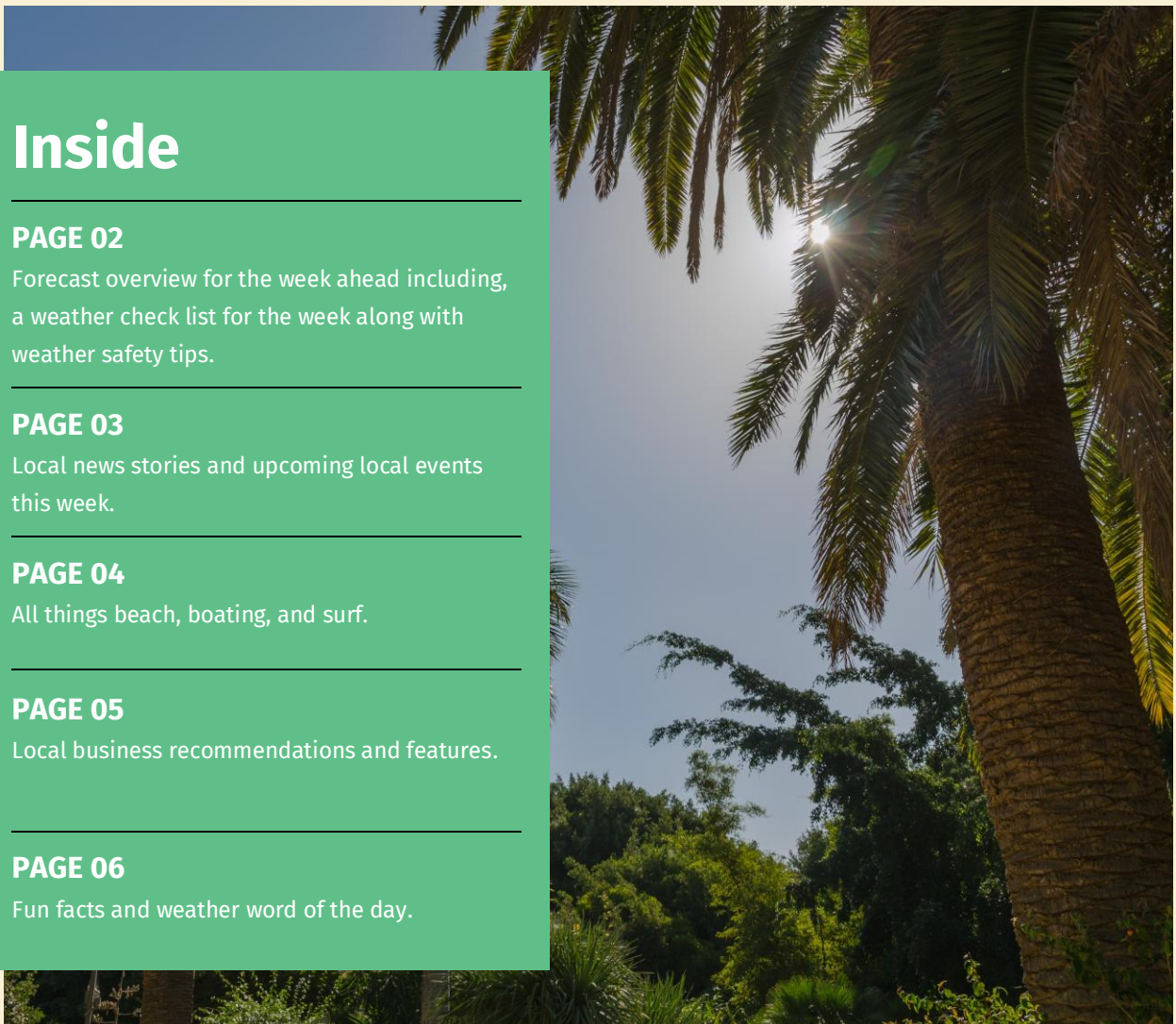
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This Week's Weather Overview

Welcome to the first week of August! We are deep into the heart of Southwest Florida's summer, which means we can expect the familiar pattern of hot and humid conditions to persist. High temperatures will continue to hover in the low to mid-90s°F, with the heat index making it feel even warmer. Our typical afternoon sea-breeze thunderstorms are expected to make a reliable appearance each day, bringing scattered but heavy downpours, mainly inland. While mornings will be predominantly sunny, be prepared for those sudden afternoon shifts in the weather. Overnight lows will remain very muggy, staying in the upper 70s°F. For detailed daily forecasts, check my Facebook page & website.

Quick Weather Checklist for the Week:

- ✓ **Dress for:** Peak summer heat in the low to mid-90s°F. Lightweight, breathable clothing and sunglasses are essential, and an umbrella is mandatory for the afternoons.
- ✓ **Outdoor plans:** The morning hours are your best friend! Schedule your exercise, errands, and yard work 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 will handle most of the lawn watering this week, but always check pavement temperatures before morning dog walks!
- ✓ **Energy saving:** With overnight lows stuck in the upper 70s°F and surging humidity, your AC will definitely be working 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: Consider creating a designated "hurricane closet" or a large, waterproof bin where you store all your non-perishable hurricane supplies (flashlights, batteries, first-aid kit, radio, and shelf-stable foods) year-round. Having everything in one dedicated spot prevents frantic searching when a storm is approaching.

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

Local News Highlights

Upcoming Local Events this Week

- August 4th @ 6:00 PM - National Night Out: Building Community, One Backpack at a Time - Margate, FL
 - August 5th @ 5:00 PM - Wags on the Water: DOGS DAY OUT @ Slipaway! - Cape Coral, FL
 - August 5th @ 5:30 PM - 🎮 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPORTS: Weekly [Madden / NBA 2K] Tournament! 🎮 - Arcadia, FL
 - August 5th @ 6:30 PM - Cooking Class - Make Your Own Dumplings at 3 Daughters - Saint Petersburg, FL
 - August 8th @ 8:00 PM - ALX and Doug Deming @Sarasota Fogartyville - Sarasota, FL
 - August 8th @ 5:00 PM - Summer Vibes at Belmont Pop-up Market - Ruskin, FL
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Sarasota County: New Director of Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources Appointed:

Sarasota County welcomes a new Director of Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources! This leadership update will help maintain and elevate our beloved local parks and environmental programs. Click [here](#) to read more.



Manatee County: County Advances Environmental Conservation Funding Referendum:

Manatee County is placing a proposed Environmental Lands Finance Referendum on the November 2026 ballot! The initiative seeks to authorize up to \$75 million in bonds to further support the acquisition and maintenance of environmentally sensitive lands, protecting drinking water and preserving natural habitats. Click [here](#) to read



Charlotte County: County Recognized Nationally for Digital Excellence:

Charlotte County has been ranked sixth nationwide in the 2026 Digital Counties Survey for populations between 150,000 and 249,999! This prestigious award from the Center for Digital Government highlights the county's exceptional use of technology to improve public services and enhance government operations. 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

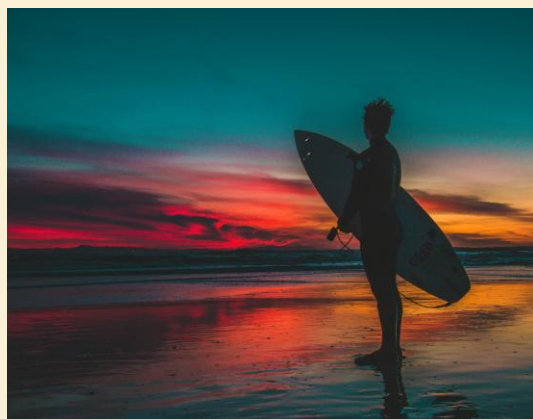
Best Beach Day: You will once again be dodging raindrops and storms at the beach this week, but there should be more opportunity for sunshine in-between! Most days look the same weather wise, so pick a day! Mornings seem better than afternoons at this time.

Best Boating Day: Offshore boating/fishing looks back to normal this week with seas 1 to 2 feet or less likely! Nearshore boating/fishing looks great as well with no other significant weather hazards of concern expected!

Surf Report

Best Surf Day: This week will not feature any beginner or significant surf!

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



ROBERT HANNA GROUP REAL ESTATE

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

We will be covering:

- Flood Zones & Storm Mitigation
- Insurance & Taxes (keeping them low!)
- HOA Communities & Fees
- NEW Construction VS. Resale
- Home Inspections
- Latest Market Expectations

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Fun Facts & Word OTW



Weather Word of The Week

This week's word is **Squall Line!**

A solid or nearly solid line or band of active thunderstorms.

Example: Instead of our usual isolated pop-up showers, a strong cold front moving through can organize those storms into a squall line, bringing a continuous, heavy band of rain and gusty winds across the entire area!

Did you know?

Lightning strikes are hot!

Lightning strikes are incredibly hot, in fact, a single bolt of lightning can reach temperatures of around 50,000 degrees Fahrenheit! That is roughly five times hotter than the surface of the sun, which is why it rapidly expands the surrounding air, creating the booming sound we know as thunder.



Weekly Sunset Photo



This week's photo was sent in by Delaney Kristine! 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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