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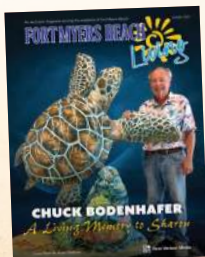
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- By Gary Mooney -

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Our “Calendar of Events” is growing again as residents and visitors are finding their way back to FMB!

When we relaunched *FMB LIVING Magazine* this past Spring, approximately a half-year after Ian, we had perhaps no greater challenge than finding enough activities for a decent “Calendar of Events.” We listed Town Council, Local Planning Agency, and FMB Woman’s Club meetings, with a few off-island activities like Fort Myers Mighty Mussels games and Broadway Palm Dinner Theater productions, but that was just about it.

Now, just a little more than a year after Ian, the “October Calendar of Events” features the Times Square Farmer’s Market; Mound House events, lectures and Eco-Kayak Tours; the Lovers Key State Park Welcome & Discovery Center; FMB Chamber “Coffee Connections,” Luncheons and “Business After Hours” socials; and FMB Art Association exhibits, among other programs and attractions. And this is just the start, as November will usher in the reopening of the Bay Oaks Recreational Center with its new slate of children and adult activities, and Beach Elementary School welcoming our kids back to the island.

You need look no further than the *FMB LIVING* “Calendar of Events” to witness how much progress our island made and continues to make in our post-Ian world!

As we welcome in October, remember to patronize the local businesses and non-profits as well as our sponsors as they work hard every day to share their expertise and services and help make our island what it is due to their dedication and drive.

We hope you have a wonderful month and a quiet end to hurricane season!




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Chuck Bodenhafer

An Animal's Best Friend

- By Gary Mooney -

"I was born in Kendallville, Indiana and lived there until I graduated high school," relates Chuck Bodenhafer. "After that, I lived in Fort Wayne until relocating fulltime to FMB in 2010. I still occasionally visit Fort Wayne but in the summer as I hate cold weather!" Professionally, Chuck built an insurance agency in 1970 that he sold to Wells Fargo in 2006, though he worked with them until fully retiring in 2012. "I love helping people and insurance allowed me to do that, as we specialized in things like group plans, retirement programs and 401K investments."

For almost 50 years, Chuck was married to Sharon until cancer took her on July 9, 2017. "We met in Fort Wayne when she was in beauty school, as Sharon was a hairdresser, and I in college, then we married in 1968 so we almost celebrated 50 years. Sharon loved being a hairdresser and ran a great business. More importantly, she loved all animals that she affectionately called her 'critters!'"

Sharon and Chuck did not have children "so our kids were the four-legged

kind," he recollects. "We lived on a 154-acre farm north of Fort Wayne so people constantly dropped off strays and Sharon found a home for each one; she always called on our friends and neighbors to adopt them and did not take NO for an answer! For our 49th wedding anniversary, we knew she would not make it to our 50th so I bought her 49 yellow roses and to this day wish I could have bought her that 50th. Sharon put up with me for over 50 years, counting the time we dated; she was an angel and I miss her!"

I Call This Community "Eclectic!"

Chuck first discovered FMB in the early 1980s when he took week-long golfing vacations with friends, staying at the Island Winds. "Eventually I extended my stays because when the guys left, Sharon came and we enjoyed it. We began looking for a Southwest Florida home, checking out Sanibel, Captiva, Naples and Marco but nothing topped Fort Myers Beach because I call this community 'eclectic!' We purchased a condominium in 2005 and began to build our Estero Boulevard home in 2008 that was complete in 2010 and

where I still live. It was frustrating at first because we had to build to the new floodplain codes, but my home survived in mostly intact, so I am grateful we have those higher standards."

The Bodenhafer's chose their Estero Boulevard location near the island's south end "to avoid the heavy seasonal traffic," explains Chuck. "We wanted a quiet area away from the north end's entertainment district and this was peaceful and on the beach, with terrific neighbors."

Sharon Bodenhafer Critter Clinics

Giving back to his community is a priority to Chuck, starting in Fort Wayne. "I was on the Allen County Board of Zoning Appeals for 19 years and the County Plan Commission for 16, including being President of both, and even though I enjoyed it, there is no greater title than 'Ex-President!' Another that gave me great satisfaction was the Indiana Associated Builders & Contractors for which I served as Statewide President that recently celebrated its 50th anniversary, so when I relocated to FMB, volunteerism followed me. I served one term on the Town's Local Planning Agency, am on the FMB Chamber's Executive Committee and was on the boards of Good Wheels and the Moose Lodge #964. You cannot truly be a community member until you give back and that feels good!"

Philanthropy is another priority, particularly in Sharon's memory. "In Fort Wayne, we worked with the Allen County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) that became the Humane Fort Wayne Pet Shelter & Adoption Program. This year, Humane Fort Wayne broke ground on its new animal shelter, the 'Sharon Bodenhafer Critter Center,' because the love of animals is important to Sharon and me."

That compassion followed them to Southwest Florida. The Animal Refuge Center (ARC) at 18011 Old Bayshore Road in North Fort Myers is home to the new "Sharon Bodenhafer Critter Clinic." "This is a 2,500-square-foot intake and state-of-the-art medical center that treats hundreds of dogs and



*Chuck & Sharon were married for almost 50 years:
"She was an angel and I miss her!"*



*Chuck commissioned local artist Vicky Firestone
to paint benches and statues depicting "critters"
loved by he and Sharon.*

cats abandoned, injured or surrendered by their previous owners," explains Chuck. "The ARC is Southwest Florida's largest no-kill shelter, meaning that it will not destroy one animal to make room for another. As a 501c3 non-profit, it is entirely dependent on the support of public donations, so if you can help financially or adopt a pet, contact the ARC at animalrefugecenter.com."

In addition to the Sharon Bodenhafer Critter Clinic, Chuck provided generous donations to the Cape Coral Animal Shelter & Veterinary Clinic for X-ray equipment and to the Gulf Coast Humane Society for new air conditioning. This passion for animals will continue after his eventual passing through the "Chuck & Sharon Bodenhafer Critter Foundation." "These are all tributes to Sharon because of her love for animals," explains Chuck. "The Foundation will help our four-legged friends into the future and will only donate to 'no-kill' shelters."

Crazy, But Would Stay Again!

As Ian devastated FMB, Chuck remained in his home "with eight others and one dog! I built my house to withstand a storm like Ian and it did, so call me crazy, but I would stay again during another major hurricane. The surge tore through my lower-level breakaway walls and swept off everything including my cars but we did not receive a drop of water upstairs, meaning that 95% of my home came through Ian without a scratch so I feel fortunate. I have a generator so we never lost power including for the air conditioning. I especially thank all the Lee County Sheriffs Office personnel for their assistance after Ian – they are all great people!"

While his home came though Ian essentially unscathed, "I cannot describe how it felt to see my neighbors' houses literally washed away, as mine is the only one still standing. I keep in touch with several former neighbors but am not sure how many will rebuild. Ian scoured the land on either side of my house down to the beach, so before anyone can rebuild, the Town must repair that as those are mosquito breeding grounds."

The New Normal

While Chuck's home survived Ian, his life like everyone on

FMB is no longer "normal." "We can never again have our formally 'normal' lives," he philosophizes. "We lost too many lives, too many neighbors, too many homes and too many businesses so what we have now is 'The New Normal.' FMB will recover, repair and rebuild but we will never be what we were before Ian."

When Chuck considers what FMB will look like in five years, he concludes, "Wonderful! I foresee many more restaurants and entertainment venues and hope the Town plans for quasi-business districts with larger and higher development. Everybody loved our small cottages but Ian made those things of the past, so let's rebuild for the future. A major catalyst will be Margaritaville; in fact, I donated to the resort a six-foot-high Loggerhead Sea Turtle statue in Sharon's memory. I donated a second one to the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) on Sanibel as well as a 16-foot-high mother-&-baby manatee sculpture to the Lovers Key State Park Welcome & Discovery Center as a living memory to Sharon, with its dedication set for later this year."

Regardless of what FMB looks like after Ian's rebuild, Chuck knows the Town "will retain its small-town vibe because it is the people who make Fort Myers Beach what it is and not its architecture. Sharon and I moved here because no one was snobby and you did not have to 'keep up with the Joneses' or join this or that club – whatever works for you, there is a place here for you. That is why I call it 'eclectic' and that will not change!" ■



October

**Fri., September 29 and every Friday
Fort Myers Beach Market**

@Times Square
In partnership with the Town of Fort Myers Beach, this Downtown FMB Market offers fresh produce, artisan foods, arts, crafts, clothing and more. Times Square is next to Lynn Hall Memorial Park with ample parking right next to the beautiful beach.

Time: Every Friday 9am-1pm
Cost: Free

www.41markets.com

**Sat., September 30
Island Hopper Songwriters Festival:
"Music On The Mound"**

@The Historic Mound House
FMB's own Sheena Brook along with Brian Sutherland headline the Island Hopper Songwriters Fest's "Music On The Mound!" Admission includes beverages, appetizers & museum admission; limited parking at 451 Connecticut Street so please consider alternative transportation or carpooling.

Time: 2 to 4pm
Cost: \$45-per-person

www.islandhopperfest.com

**Sun., October 1
Island Hopper Songwriters
Festival: Chris Janson**

@Pink Shell Resort
Country Music Star Chris Janson headlines the "Pink Shell Pool Party" that concludes the 2023 Island Hopper Songwriters Fest. Janson is known for his #1 hits "Fix A Drink," "Good Vibes," and triple platinum "Buy Me A Boat." "Rolling Stone" proclaimed Janson "a live legacy in the making!"

Time: 5pm
Cost: \$45-per-person

www.islandhopperfest.com

**Mon., October 2
FMB Town Council Meeting**

@DiamondHead Beach Resort
The FMB Town Council continues its efforts to rebuild Fort Myers Beach following the devastation of Hurricane Ian.

Time: 9am
Cost: Free

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**Wed., October 4
Welcome & Discovery Center**

@Lovers Key State Park
The Welcome & Discovery Center educates and informs visitors about the various habitats of Lovers Key. Interactive displays immerse guests with the desire to explore these actual areas within the park.

Time: Wednesday-Sunday 10am-1pm
Cost: Free

www.friendsoflovesskey.org

**Wed., October 4
FMB Woman's Club Monthly Meeting**

@The Historic Mound House
Join the best club on the entire island; bring a dish to pass and all are welcome! Due to the complete loss of their beloved FMB Woman's Club Building to Hurricane Ian, Monthly Meetings are at The Historic Mound House.

Time: 6:30pm
Cost: Free

www.fmb-wc.org

**Thurs., October 5
FMB Town Council Management
& Planning Session**

@DiamondHead Beach Resort
The FMB Town Council continues its efforts to rebuild Fort Myers Beach following the devastation of Hurricane Ian.

Time: 9am
Cost: Free

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**Thurs., October 5
Shell Mound Tour**

@The Historic Mound House
Discover the archaeology and history of the Mound House property and learn the clues uncovered about this 1,600-year-old shell mound. This hands-on 30-minute tour explores the environmental and cultural history of the site and features replica artifact demonstrations.

Time: Every Tuesday & Thursday at Noon
Cost: \$5 per person plus Mound House admission.

www.moundhouse.org

**Sat., October 7
Baile y Comida:
History of the Estero Rancho**

@The Historic Mound House
Guests learn about the Rancho de Pescadores on FMB during the late 1700s & early 1800s during this multisensory event! Following a short walk that traces the history of the US Latino fishing camp – or rancho – dance instructor Angela Hicks teaches a 30-minute fandango and salsa dance before you savor a Cuban rancho dinner of roasted pork, fried yucca with mojo sauce, and black beans & rice.

Advance registrations necessary at www.moundhouse.org.
Time: 6-8pm

Cost: \$30 Mound House members; \$40 non-members.

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**Tues., October 10
FMB Local Planning Agency Meeting**

@DiamondHead Beach Resort
The FMB LPA, appointed by Town Council, continues efforts to rebuild Fort Myers Beach following the devastation of Hurricane Ian.

Time: 9am
Cost: Free

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**Thurs., October 12
FMB Chamber Membership Luncheon**

@The Rude Shrimp Company
Join your FMB Chamber friends and hear from Annie Meehan of AM Speaking & Consulting who discusses "Choose to Soar," her book on surviving Hurricane Ian along with strategies, tools and techniques to improve your personal and professional life. Our host this month features Hawaiian Fusion cuisine inspired by the flavors of the North Shore!

Time: 11:30am-1pm
Cost: Members \$30; prospective members \$40

www.fortmyersbeach.org

**Sat., October 14
Mound House Eco-Kayak Tour**

@The Historic Mound House
Explore the winding mangrove creeks and hidden backwaters of the Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve. This unique 2-hour tour offers the rare opportunity to experience the abundant life within an estuary. The Mound House provides all paddling and safety equipment; ages 12 & up, weather permitting and participants must wear shoes and bring water.

Time: Every Saturday from 9 to 11am
Cost: \$50 per person that includes Mound House admission; Mound House members \$20.

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Mon., October 16

FMB Town Council Meeting

@DiamondHead Beach Resort

The FMB Town Council continues its efforts to rebuild Fort Myers Beach following the devastation of Hurricane Ian.

Time: 9am

Cost: Free

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Tues., October 17

Mound House Lecture Series

**Medical Anthropology:
A Holistic & Global Look
at Human Health**

@The Historic Mound House

Medical Anthropology takes a holistic and global look at human health. Dr. Max J. Stein, FGCU Assistant Professor of Medical Anthropology, examines how social, cultural, political, economic, historical and ecological factors affect everyday experiences of health in societies around the world. A complimentary wine and refreshments reception precedes the lecture.

Time: Reception: 5:30pm; Lecture 6pm

Cost: \$7 for Mound House members and \$15 non-members.

www.moundhouse.org

Thurs., October 19

FMB Chamber

“Business After Hours”

@To be determined

Join your FMB Chamber friends for networking, tasty complimentary appetizers and a cash bar. See the website for “Business After Hours” location.

Time: 5:30-7pm

Cost: Members Free; \$15 perspective members

www.fortmyersbeach.org

Tues., October 24

FMB Woman’s Club Monthly Social

@Salty Sam’s Pirate Cruise Ship

AHRRRRR & Shiver Me Timbers Maties!

Join your FMB Woman’s Club friends on the spectacularly-fun Pirate Ship for a whale of a good time! All are welcome!

Time: 6pm

Cost: \$36 adults; \$29.50 kids; 2 & under free

www.fmb-wc.org

Wednesday, October 25

FMBAA Fall Show: “Rush of Color”

@First Presbyterian Church Bonita Springs

As the FMB Art Association prepares to rebuild its iconic gallery destroyed by Hurricane Ian, its annual “Fall Show,” entitled “Rush of Color,” is at the First Presbyterian Church in Bonita Springs through Friday, November 17.

Time: Weekdays 8am-5pm

Cost: Free

www.fortmyersbeachart.com



The New Bay Oaks Little League Ballfield

Play Ball!

Bay Oaks Little League Field Ready to Go

– By Gary Mooney –

The Bay Oaks Recreational Center Little League field is ready for balls & strikes, hits & errors and fun for island children after the devastation from Hurricane Ian thanks to the Town of FMB receiving a grant from the Scotts Company LLC and Major League Baseball (MLB), in addition to a donation from 7-11.

Scotts and MLB awarded three communities \$50,000 grants to refurbish youth baseball and softball fields as part of the Scotts Field Refurbishment Program, with the Oak Hill Recreational League in Ohio and the Wellpinit Boys & Girls Club in Washington State the other recipients. 7-11 provided an additional \$25,000 with Jason Clark of ICS Materials donating his time and equipment to prepare the field.

The Scotts Field Refurbishment Program, now in its eighth year, received over 600 grant applications from 47 states, with a blue-ribbon panel from Scotts & MLB as well as former World Series Champion Cliff Floyd and softball Olympian Gold & Silver Medalist Jennie Finch choosing the three winning organizations. To date, including these projects, Scotts Field Refurbishment Program will renovate 38 fields in 20 states at a total cost exceeding \$2 million as part of Scotts “Gro More Good” initiative to improve children’s health and well-being through increased connections to greenspace.

Jeff Hauge, FMB Director of Culture, Parks & Recreation, explains how Bay Oaks received the Scotts / MLB grant: “My son plays Little League so I am on the MLB app and received a personal email telling me about this \$50,000 grant for field refurbishment. Of course, our Bay Oaks field was in total disarray after Ian and we were looking for all kinds of help so I applied, including sending photographs. This past Spring, they contacted me to set up a zoom call, saying only that they needed more information so I thought this was just another step in the process. On the call, I explained what we wanted to do and they said, ‘well, the real reason for this call is to tell you that Bay Oaks is one of the three award recipients and it came as a complete surprise – there is a video of the call and when you see it, the reaction on my face says it all! While the Town planned to eventually restore the Little League field, this jumpstarted the process.”

In addition to the Scotts / MLB grant, the Town worked with several other community partners to make the Little League field project come to fruition. "7-11 came onboard," says Jeff, "and Jason Clark was tremendous, taking out 6 to 8 inches of dirt, then adding in the fill and grading the field, with the help of the FMB Fire Department and several terrific volunteers. The irrigation system was next, then the sod and finally the fence, so it was a whirlwind of activity, with great partners coming together to make this dream a reality."

"Baseball and softball fields can be the heart of a community – a place to gather and connect and for kids to learn and grow," said Jennie Finch, who led the United States softball teams to the Gold Medal in the 2004 Olympics and Silver in 2008, in a statement. "I am honored to be part of the Scotts and MLB Blue Ribbon program to provide grants to communities in need, like FMB, so they can refurbish their fields and create spaces for communities to gather and be proud of." "We are grateful to so many for helping us get the Little League field ready," said FMB Town Manager Andy Hyatt in a statement. "This reopening is the first of many yet to come as we continue the Town's recovery from Hurricane Ian."

Jeff communicated with the FMB Little League, which is

a separate association from the Town, about when games may return to the field. "Their initial thought was in early 2024," he relates, "but I said that we are ready to go, so we may see some action as soon as this Fall! In the meantime, Bay Oaks will use the field for our own activities, like a Halloween event, 'Movie Nights on The Field,' adult kickball and a host of other events, as after Ian there is no other multi-use greenspace on the island. With the Halloween program readily approaching, we can use volunteers and candy and treat donations, so if you can help, please contact me directly at jhaug@fmbgov.com – our community is always so generous and we appreciate it so much!"

The Scotts / MLB grant and related 7-11 donation are just for the Little League field so what about the adjacent big field? "The Town will redo that as well and relatively soon," reports Jeff. "As for the main Bay Oaks building, we are planning a November 1 reopening, with all new items such as exercise equipment and a full slate of programming for children and adults, like pickleball, basketball and aerobics so we are really looking forward to that. It is now over a year since Ian and islanders crave a sense of normalcy and they can get a slice of that here. Bay Oaks is a great place for residents and visitors and we cannot wait to welcome everyone back!" ■

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789 SAN CARLOS DR	3 Bed/2	1,824	\$1,750,000
256 IBIS ST	3 Bed/2	1,550	\$1,630,000
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181 IBIS ST	3 Bed/2	2,309	\$1,100,000
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23 PALMVIEW BLVD	3 Bed/2	1,928	\$905,000
4880 COQUINA RD	3 Bed/2	1,176	\$900,000
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3051 SHELL MOUND BLVD	3 Bed/2	1,326	\$805,000
4831 CORAL RD	2 Bed/2	1,260	\$650,000
976 SAN CARLOS CT	2 Bed/2	1,296	\$375,000

Address	Sub/Condo	Sq. Ft.	Sold Price
GRANDVIEW AT BAY BEACH #802	3 Bed/3	2,414	\$1,856,325
GRANDVIEW AT BAY BEACH #501	3+Den/3.5	2,923	\$1,718,000
GRANDVIEW AT BAY BEACH #506	3+Den/3.5	2,923	\$1,690,000
GRANDVIEW AT BAY BEACH #401	3+Den/3.5	2,923	\$1,650,000
GRANDVIEW AT BAY BEACH #503	4 Bed/3.5	2,767	\$1,649,312
GRANDVIEW AT BAY BEACH #603	4 Bed/3.5	2,767	\$1,612,000
GRANDVIEW AT BAY BEACH #604	4 Bed/3.5	2,767	\$1,578,000
GRANDVIEW AT BAY BEACH #206	3+Den/3.5	2,923	\$1,515,000
GRANDVIEW AT BAY BEACH #605	3 Bed/3	2,414	\$1,482,000
GRANDVIEW AT BAY BEACH #702	3 Bed/3	2,414	\$1,399,000
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Address	Lot Frontage	Acres	Sold Price
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100 HERCULES DR	50/100	0.128	\$560,000
3190 SHELL MOUND BLVD	95/70	0.149	\$525,000
76 EMILY LN	40/82	0.076	\$111,000

CONDOS 7-27-2023 TO 8-28-2023

Address	Sub/Condo	Sq. Ft.	Sold Price
GRANDVIEW AT BAY BEACH #1101	3+Den/3.5	2,923	\$2,712,000
GRANDVIEW AT BAY BEACH #1106	3+Den/3.5	2,923	\$2,486,000
GRANDVIEW AT BAY BEACH #906	3+Den/3.5	2,923	\$2,479,000
GRANDVIEW AT BAY BEACH #1006	3+Den/3.5	2,923	\$2,380,000

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Fabulous Fall Pumpkin Recipe

Submitted by Paula Smith

INGREDIENTS

Cheesecake

- 12 ounces of gingersnaps, graham crackers or chocolate biscuit style cookies
- 1/2 cup pecans, finely chopped
- 6 tbs salted butter, melted
- 2 tbsp brown sugar
- Dash of kosher salt
- Three 8 oz. Packages of cream cheese, softened
- One 15 oz. Can pumpkin puree
- 3 large eggs, at room temperature

- 1/4 cup sour cream, at room temperature
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/2 tsp ground nutmeg

Salted Caramel Sauce

- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 4 tbsp salted butter
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- Whipped cream, for serving
- Chopped pecans, for serving



**Pumpkin
Cheesecake
With Salted
Caramel Sauce**

INSTRUCTIONS

Crust

Grind cookies until fine in a food processor.

Pour into a bowl and add the finely chopped pecans, melted butter, 2 tbsp brown sugar and a dash of salt.

Press into the bottom and sides of a 10" springform pan and refrigerate for 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 350 F.

Filling

Beat the cream cheese in a stand mixer until soft, scraping the sides once. Mix in the pumpkin. Add the eggs 1 at a time, then add the sour cream and mix. Gradually add the granulated sugar, cinnamon, vanilla and nutmeg. Mix thoroughly.

Pour the filling into the pan, smoothing the top. Set the pan on a baking sheet and bake until the filling is no longer soupy but still a little jiggly, about 50 minutes.

Turn off the oven, open the door just a little and let the cheesecake sit in the oven for 15 more minutes. Remove from the oven and let it cool 30 minutes, then cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate at least 4 hours or overnight.

Caramel Sauce

Mix the brown sugar, heavy cream, butter, vanilla and salt in a medium saucepan over medium-low to medium heat. Cook while whisking gently, until thickened, 5-7 minutes.

Let cool, then refrigerate until needed. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Slice the cheesecake and top with the salted caramel sauce, whipped cream and chopped pecans.

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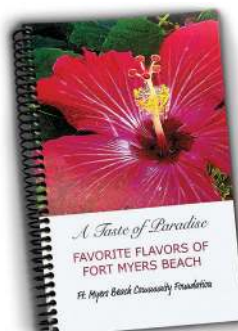
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After Ian!

Deb Salyers

- By Gary Mooney -

Fort Myers Beach LIVING is catching up with some of our former Cover Story subjects, to learn what life is like for them "After Ian." This month we speak with Deb Salyers who we profiled in April 2022.

"Ian affected me physically, mentally, and emotionally! Like most islanders, my house had twelve feet of water but fortunately the structure held so I moved back home near the end of August. Little by little, I am restarting my life, though we still have a lot of work to do on the yard and I did lose two of our three cars. I was not sure how I would feel mentally about moving home, as I daily drive past so much devastation, as after living on FMB and raising my kids here for almost 30 years, we lost so much of our community, like where they went to school and played sports at Bay Oaks and the churches where the kids had their baptisms and all those things flood your memory, but I am working through it and so far am in a good spot!

"I lived on Florida islands for close to 40 years so when authorities issue a mandatory evacuation, I evacuate! Fortunately, my sister has a business on Summerlin Drive near Winkler Road that is concrete-reinforced with a generator so my family and some friends went there. That meant I did not know what was happening to FMB in real time, so I was receiving texts and messages from friends and neighbors saying 'I am so sorry' or

Deb Salyers & Son Sam grace the April 2022 FMB LIVING Cover



'everything is horrible' but you actually have no idea of the depth of the damages until you see it with your own eyes. Being in Florida for so long, I have seen too many hurricanes including some Category 4's but nothing like this, where almost everything is gone. My initial look was just devastating.

"There was never a doubt that I would return to my FMB home. I am lucky that my damages kept me under the 50% Rule so I could renovate rather than rebuild; as a result, I returned home in a relatively quick timeframe.

"With so much devastation all around, I concentrate on the good from Ian rather than negative feelings. Fortunately, my business, 'Sunshine Window Fashions & Design,' survived the hurricane, so I am assisting many islanders in remodeling their homes and a pleasant aspect of this is I am meeting many more new customers who are becoming new friends! We share our experiences and that is cathartic for us, as we each have similar yet completely different stories, as you must find all the good you can from a situation like this. FMB has always been the nicest place to live and when all is said-&-done, it will be again! I am grateful that I live on FMB, as it is still Paradise and why we all call this place home, though I definitely do not want to go through another Ian again!" ■

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