



# By The Boardwalk

Fall 2011

## Any Season is the Reason to Visit the Boardwalk

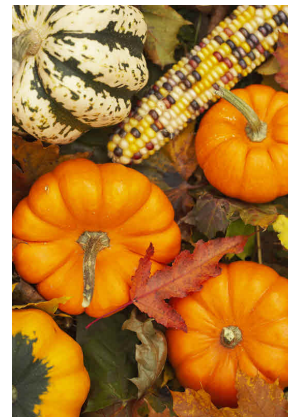
Whenever you're at The Boardwalk, it's the perfect time of year. Spring, summer, fall or winter, each season brings its own distinct charm that makes Englewood, Florida, a wonderful, fun, invigorating place to be.

Here's what you have to look forward to for the remainder of this year:

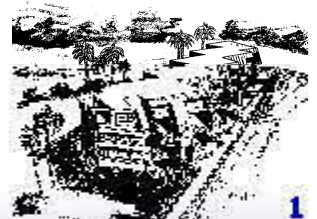
While September means the beginning of cooler, windy autumn days and falling leaves in many parts, the weather in Englewood is still sunny and warm (and palm trees stay green all year!). It's also a great time to take advantage of special fall discounts. (Call Boardwalk Manager Jan Lee at (941) 474-2346 to learn about our "falling" rates.)

October brings to mind ghosts and goblins, witches and ghouls, but there is nothing spooky about the weather in Englewood this time of year. While you may need a sweater or light jacket for an early morning or evening stroll on the beach, short sleeves and shorts are still the uniform of the day.

During the month of November, temperatures will be a little cooler—air conditioning may no longer be necessary—and the weather a little drier. This mild, moderate climate is the perfect refuge for those weary of or bracing for bitter cold, snowy days. And if you've never enjoyed turkey on the beach, we highly recommend it! (Lucky for you, there are still a few vacancies open for Thanksgiving—contact Jan Lee to make your reservations today!)



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For many, December means digging snow shovels out of the garage and braving the frigid cold to forge a path out of the house. Thankfully, at The Boardwalk the only thing a shovel is good for is filling a bucket with toasty warm beach sand! Why not gift your family and yourself a holiday stay at the beach. (Bet you won't miss your snow shovel at all.)



But no matter what season you visit us at The Boardwalk, it will be perfect to see you again!

## Speaking of Seasons...

Did you know that Port Charlotte has a minor league baseball team? The Charlotte Stone Crabs, members of the Florida State League, are the Class A-Advanced affiliate of the Tampa Bay Rays Major League Baseball team. Their games are played at Charlotte Sports Park. Originally built in '88, the main stadium underwent a \$27 million renovation, which was completed in January of 2009.

Directions to the Park from Englewood are:

-Take SR-776 until it turns into El Jobean Rd. and Charlotte Sports Park will be on the right.

Here are the stats for the Charlotte Stone Crabs as of this writing:

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And why are they called Stone Crabs? Actually the team is named for the Florida Stone Crab, which is indigenous to the Charlotte County region.



## Introducing Our Boardwalkin' Owners

This month we would like to introduce Unit #11 owner and new Boardwalk board member John Manning. Congratulations, John!

John has the distinction of being one of the original investors in The Boardwalk, which was built in 1983. Back then the natural, pristine beach was the habitat of a few cottages, which were removed so construction of the condos could begin. One of John's fondest memories of the Boardwalk is when the roof was put on. At that point the signature shape and unique character of the condominium complex were finally clear to see. John described ladders going up to the units so you could peek in at the internal structure, too. What a thrill that must have been!

Managing partner of Manning & Associates CPAs, LLC, in Dayton, Ohio, John has over 30 years of experience in accounting and taxation. He is a member of the AICPA and OSCP and licensed in Ohio, Kentucky, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. No wonder why he describes The Boardwalk as his Gulf Getaway!

John and wife Pat have many wonderful memories of their four sons (Kevin, Matt, AJ and Jordan) (growing up at The Boardwalk. And Unit 11 is the perfect place to take a growing family. A townhouse with a master bedroom on the upper level and guest bedroom below, it is an elegant condo with lots of gathering space, but ample privacy, as well.



The separate master suite is large and beautifully furnished with plenty of storage and room to lounge. A nice size vanity area outside the bathroom is so convenient, and the bathroom features a large, soothing shower.

Downstairs in the living area very attractive, but comfortable furniture offers plenty of seating for family time, entertaining, television viewing, or a much needed nap (from all that fun in the sun!). And then there's the fabulous view from the sliding doors leading to your own private deck. The second floor perch is the perfect place to sit and relax with a cold drink as you allow the mesmerizing view of the Gulf to lull you into a peaceful state.



Back inside, the beautiful dining area and newly updated kitchen are the hub of activity at meal or snack time. The bright and sleek kitchen is a chef's delight, with everything you need at your fingertips. When it comes to eating, a large table and chairs invite you to linger over a tasty meal or the handy counter and stools offer an opportunity for a quick bite.

Unit #11 also provides laundry facilities, a comfortable guest room with two twin beds and a nice guest bath with shower and tub.

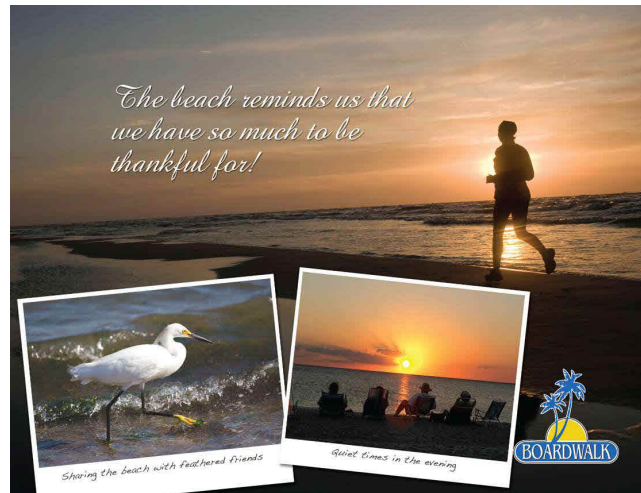
In addition to the beauty and splendor of The Boardwalk's natural setting right on the Gulf and all the delightful entertainment opportunities on the beach, the Manning family loves the convenience of local shopping and dining within walking or short driving distance of the condos. John's favorite pastime, however, is Intracoastal fishing. He appreciates the challenge and the wide variety of fish that can be caught.

We'll feature another Boardwalkin' condo owner in our next issue of *By the Boardwalk*. Don't miss it.

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## Pick Your Best Pics!

It time to start pulling together our Boardwalk calendar for 2012. Wouldn't you love to see one of your pictures featured in it? We sure would. We're looking for candid shots or formal portraits of you, your friends and family; spectacular sunsets; water and beach landscapes; or whatever you would like to share. Please email your favorite digital pictures to Jan Lee at [jan@janlee.biz](mailto:jan@janlee.biz), or snail mail your fab photo prints to The Boardwalk, 2400 N. Beach Rd., Unit #12, Englewood, FL 34223. We can't wait to see them!



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## While You're At It...Please Send Your Favorite Beach Recipes, Too

You know, those go-to recipes that you make over and over again at The Boardwalk because your family and friends just love 'em. And if you have a special tradition that goes along with them, we would love to hear that, as well. Again, you can email Jan Lee at [jan@janlee.biz](mailto:jan@janlee.biz), or snail mail your recipes to The Boardwalk, 2400 N. Beach Rd., Unit #12, Englewood, FL 34223.



## Boca Grande - It's Not Just For Fishing!

In our last newsletter we had a story about one of The Boardwalk's guests and her participation in the Women's Professional Tarpon Tournament Series, in Boca Grande, Florida. While Boca Grande, is known as the Fishing Capital of the world, it also has much, much more to see and do.

Boca Grande is situated on Gasparilla Island, located on Florida's Southwest Coast, midway between Sarasota and Ft. Myers. Day trips to Boca Grande are perfect for energetic Boardwalk guests looking for local activities to do. For starters, you can bicycle about the island on a bike trail that meanders from one end of the island to the other, finding breathtaking vistas at every bend. Walking and jogging on the path are other fun options. Golf carts are available, too, if you prefer to cruise your way along (just make sure to give right of way to pedestrians and bicyclers).



Beach combers will delight in the seven miles of stunning white sand beaches that grace the Gulf side of the island, as it boasts one of the best places to shell in Florida (besides The Boardwalk's beach, of course!).

If shopping and dining are your activities of choice, The Historic Village of Boca Grande is the place for you. In the words of Lew Hastings, Managing Director of the Boca Grande Area Chamber of Commerce: "Here, 'Main Street' still exists with no stop lights, no billboards, no high-rises and no fast-food chains. You will find, however, unique shops and art galleries, casual and fine dining establishments serving fresh seafood just caught by the local fishing captains and prepared by any of the island's classically trained chefs."

Is sightseeing your thing? At the extreme southern end of Gasparilla Island is the authentically restored 120 year-old Port Boca Grande Lighthouse and its accessory building, which served as the assistant keeper's quarters.

So if you want to take a day trip to complete your next trip to The Boardwalk, be sure to check out Boca Grande.

