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All Faiths Food Bank's Campaign **Against Summer Hunger**

All Faiths Food Bank first launched its Campaign Against Summer Hunger in 2014 to help mitigate the sad fact that when school ends, hunger begins. Seven years later, as the pandemic stretches on, the crisis of child hunger has become catastrophic.

The coronavirus has caused a critical convergence of side effects for children that include a decline in academic performance, lost milestone events and missing out on needed social interaction.

Approximately half of all Sarasota County students are on free and reduced lunch; with summer school programs potentially closed this summer, daily meals may not be accessible. And there are serious health consequences for hungry kids as well as negative impacts on their prospects for future success.

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Let There Be Light

don't know if the groundhog saw his shadow in early February, but I do know that the Vernal Equinox was a week and a day ago, signaling the start of spring. Even better, we've been enjoying daylight savings time since the 15th of March. And now we get the added fun of a new issue of Style Home.

Spring is my favorite season here in my adopted hometown of Sarasota. The day stretches into evening; the weather stays mild; Gulf waters remain cooler compared to summer months; flowers bloom and plants thrive rather than wilt in the hot sun. All that brings a smile to my face and eases my spirit – something I suspect we need in light of this past year.

Maybe that's why spring cleaning is a thing. Our northern neighbors get to open their windows after a cold winter and shake out the dust. In Florida, we feel rejuvenated by the outer world - so why not clean up the indoors too?

Don't worry. Style Home will not be asking anyone to clean. Nor do we have a whole bunch of tips on housekeeping - at least not in the scrubbing bubbles sense of the word. Instead, this issue is packed with ideas to enhance the way we live today.

In our cover story, "Renovation & Remodeling Trends & Tips" you'll find ideas to help transform where you live now into your future dream home - without the hassle of relocation. If you want to get more livability out of an outdoor space, take a look at "Outdoors is the New Indoors (page 12)."

Light is everywhere in these pages. It's in our feature article on interior design trends (page 22) and in the one that's all about windows (page 26). Light is soaring through the floor to ceiling glass panoramas of luxury towers in "5 New Community Spotlights" (page 32) and it's in the changing colors of smart lightbulbs in "Shop" (page 25).

Here's wishing we all get to bathe in more light, literally and figuratively, and thus move through spring with renewed optimism and hope.

- Emily Leinfuss



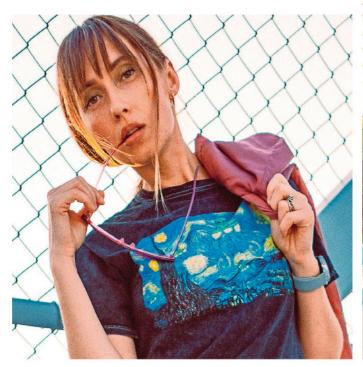




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FST GOES TO WOODSTOCK

Florida Studio Theatre's award-winning, 30-year, arts-in-education initiative, WRITE A PLAY is travelling virtually to Woodstock, Illinois. With Zoom Into Playwriting, third grade students at six elementary schools get to experience exciting theatrical performances, an interactive playwriting workshop, and the chance to write an original play together as a class. (floridastudiotheatre.org)

COLLABORATIVE EDGE

The 2014 book, "The Edge Becomes the Center," examines the impact and injustices of gentrification on New York City in the 21st Century. The 2021 photography exhibition "The Edge Becomes the Center: A Contemplation on Community" – at the Community Gallery at the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art through April 30, 2021 – reveals a different impactful story.

The result of a collaboration between Senior Friendship Centers and Ringling College of Art and Design, the exhibition contains images of LBGTQ adults as they dealt with the Covid pandemic and its resulting isolation. Ringling College of Art and Design students Mathew Dalton and Adam Misiti, who orchestrated the show, also interviewed each of the five participants to best share their individual stories.



"This project grew out of a desire to ensure the past will not be forgotten, to create the illusion of movement in the midst of a collective paralysis...and encourage exploration of our apprehensions" said Robert Rogers, Director of Community Outreach at Senior Friendship Center.

The Ringling's Community Gallery is located on the first level of the Ting Tsung and Wei Fong Chao Center for Asian Art, and admission to the gallery is always free. (ringling.org)



HOME GAME FOR #42

Commemorate Jackie Robinson Day by going to a spring training game at one of our area's three stadiums: Port Charlotte's Cool Today Park for the Tampa Bay Rays; Sarasota's Ed Smith Stadium for the Baltimore Orioles; and Bradenton's LECOM Park for the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Robinson, an equal-rights trailblazer, debuted at Ebbets Field for the Brooklyn Dodgers on April 15, 1947 – ending a 58-year-long period of segregation in Major League Baseball. He was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1962, his first year of eligibility.

Beyond baseball, Robinson fought tirelessly to improve the quality of life not only for African-Americans, but for society as a whole. With quotes such as, "There's not an American in this country free until every one of us is free," and "A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives," his eloquence and relevance lives on.

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"GRAPHIC AWAKENING" AT THE RINGLING

Don't miss the chance to see the first comprehensive U.S. exhibition of the work of Saitō Kiyoshi – a Japanese artist considered a seminal figure of the modernist Creative Print movement. The exhibition, called "Saitō Kiyoshi: Graphic Awakening," focuses on work from the 1940s and 50s, arguably the most vibrant period of his career, and includes several rare, early designs. Showing at The Ringling's Searing galleries through August 15, 2021. (ringling.org)

NEW COLLEGE CO-AMBASSADORS

Two of our area's strongest arts, culture and community supporters - Christine Jennings, former director of West Coast Black Theatre Troupe, and Susan Burns, editor in chief of Sarasota Magazine were named as co-chairs of the New College Foundation Board of Directors Ambassadors Committee. Along with 14 committee members, their first major project is to raise funds for "The O'Shea

> Formula," a virtual event honoring retiring New College President Donal O'Shea on May 6, 2021. All event proceeds will be directed toward New College student scholarship funds. (ncf.edu)



OUT & ABOUT

Celebrating the new location of Yvette's Health & Fitness Center are (I-r) Ron and Kim Soto, Soto's Optical Boutique; James Sullivan, Patrick's; Yvette Bernosky of Yvette's; and certified personal trainer Felipe Cava. Yvette's is now located in Goldtree Plaza at the corner of Ringling Blvd. and Tuttle Ave. in Sarasota. (yvettesfitness.com)



Christine Jennings



[HOME BOOKSHELF]

Inspirational and Trending Selections for Today's Home

ORGANIZATION & IMPROVEMENT

"Life can feel overwhelming," is the first line of Clean Mama's Guide To a Peaceful Home: Effortless Systems and Joyful Rituals For A Calm, Cozy, Home (HarperOne) - and isn't that the truth? In this workbook-style book, homecare expert and author Becky Rapinchuk details her quick and simple home cleaning methods so we can focus on the things that really matter in our lives. You go Mama!

House to Home: Designing Your Space for the Way You Live (Roost Books) is a serious, yet beginner-friendly guide to just about everything you need to know on finding or building, and designing and decorating, in order to achieve what author Devi Dutta-Choudhura, AIA, calls a "modern home." If the term evokes an unattainable picture of clean lines and Scandinavian neutrals for you, let that go. By modern, Dutta-Choudhura simply means a home that you can live in today. This is the modern world, is it not?

If getting the most out of every square inch of your abode is your aim, then How We Live Now: Making Your Space Work Hard For You (Ryland Peters & Small) can take you to the goal line. In it, author Rebecca Winword addresses apartment dwellers and homeowners who wish their home could be a little bit bigger, or a little bit more practical, or a little bit more stylish. Don't we all?







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OVER SO TIPS FOR HOMEKEEPING BLISS

NATURAL & ECOLOGICAL

Home for the Soul: Sustainable and Thoughtful Decorating and Design creates an instantly inviting and, well, soulful feeling, as authors Sara Bird and Dan Duchars show how to create interiors that are both beautiful and ecologically responsible.

After writing "Wild at Home" and "Wild Interiors," what was there left for designer and author Hilton Carter to do but come out with Wild Creations: Inspiring Projects to Create plus Plant Care Tips & Styling Ideas for Your Own Wild Interior? (CICO Books). The book's three sections say it all: Wild Ideas, Wild Hacks and Wild Rants. Read it and go wild!





HOME TO LOVE

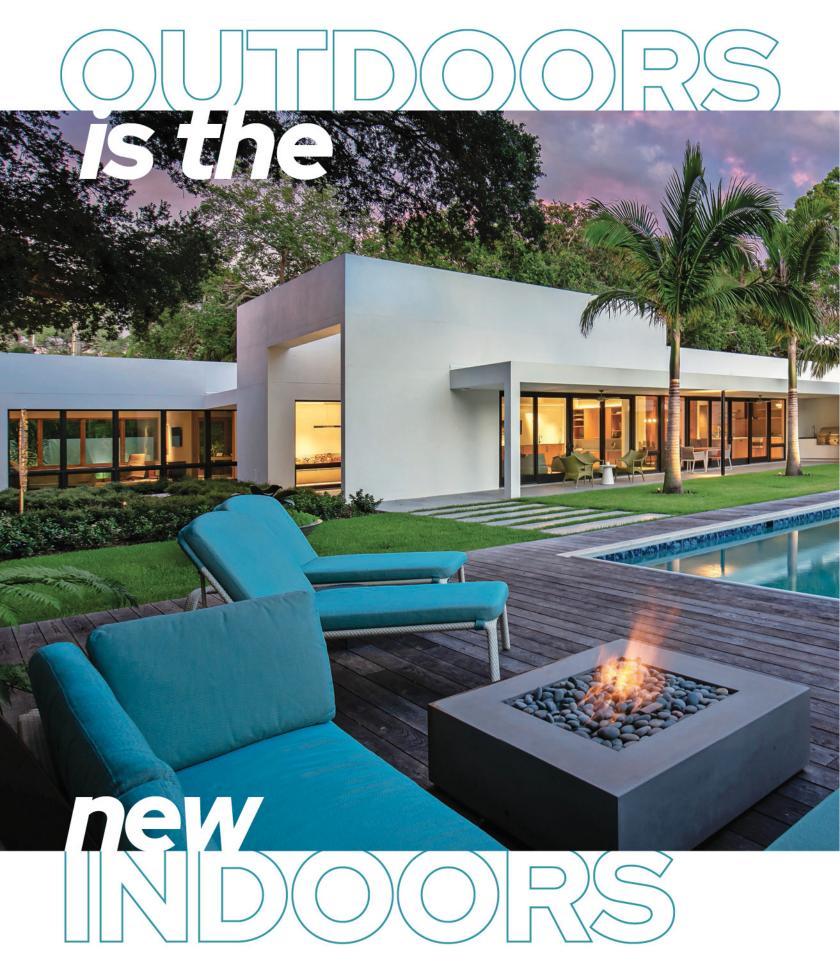
The mission behind the book Design the Home You Love: Practical Styling Advice To Make The Most of Your Space (Ten Speed Press) is the same as when its authors, Lee Mayer and Emily Motayed, launched their ebusiness Havenly Online Interior Design that's to make professional, interior design accessible to everyone.

Although she admits to rebelling against the kind of spotless, clutter-free homes she sees in magazines, Emily Henson's real motiva-tion for writing the blog, and now the book, Life Unstyled: How to Embrace Imperfection and Create a Home You Love (Ryland Peters & Small), is to showcase homes that are not only inspiring and stylish, but also lived in and constantly evolving.



JUST BECAUSE

If you want to feel soft and magically happy, then open to a page of Rachel Ashwell's Painted Stories: Vintage, Decorating, Thoughts, and Whimsy (CICO Books). Styled as a personal notebook, Painted Stories is full of ideas, images, and observations by Ashwell, founder of the iconic Shabby Chic brand in 1989. There's an entire chapter on dress up and make believe. Case closed!





Cultivating your al fresco livability

ringing the outside in, or the inside out, has always been an integral part of coastal living and the Florida lifestyle. Now it's nearly a necessity. Whether we want to better host friends and family, create a more useable and enjoyable space for ourselves - or both - it's time to make yard improvements.

Be honest: does the land surrounding your home have the level of beauty, utility, and luxury you yearn for? Is it a space you enjoy spending time in? If your answers fall short of your desires, and you're not sure how to begin, or where to start, don't panic. Here, four experts share ideas and products that can help turn your out-of-doors into an oasis.

LANDSCAPE LIKE A PRO

great-looking yard is full of life, but the front and back have to be treated differently. The front yard is "all about arrival, the introduction to the front door and entry sequence, and understanding and integrating into the context of the neighborhood," said Michael Gilkey, a second-generation landscape architect and president/owner of Michael A. Gilkey, Inc., Sarasota.

One idea, according to Gilkey, is to create "an interesting hardscape pattern leading one's eye to the front door, perhaps accented by a pot overflowing with color."

Other inviting front yard options include window-box planters that pop with bright flowers or even a small-scale water feature. For those who want a little more definition to the edges of the yard, tiered block beds can offer serious curb appeal.

The backyard, however, is a private area. "It's about bringing the indoors out, and the outdoors

BY RYAN VAN CLEASE



in," he explained. In short, the backyard is an extension of the home itself. It might be more colorful, fun, and open, but it should reflect your family's style. The key to accomplishing this is to design and create exterior experiences that have destination points to draw people towards the outdoors and provide emotion through a sense of space."

Gilkey may talk about creating zones of activity to meet your needs and wants - but no backyard should be without plants. Here in Sarasota, Gilkey recommended planting Florida-friendly varieties, which are low maintenance, drought tolerant, somewhat cold tolerant and have a low environmental impact.

If that term summons up words like "unattractive" or "unwieldy" Gilkey begs to differ. Florida-friendly plants not only flourish in our local climate and soil but "many drought-tolerant plants have good structure and form, and they can be used to shape outdoor space in beautiful ways."

Gilkey recommended starting with three varieties: blue porterweed, carissa, and cabbage palms (the latter is Florida's state tree).

One important reason to bring in a landscape professional like Gilkey is because of microclimates - a local set of conditions that might differ greatly from nearby areas. Gilkey sees microclimates as both a challenge and a great opportunity. "In Sarasota, specifically," he explained, "our projects range from gulf beaches and barrier islands to inland developments and ranches east of I-75. The plant palette varies dramatically and there are subtle shifts throughout the county to consider as well. If you don't take microclimate into account, the plants and the design will suffer. If you do, the project will succeed and will look like it belongs on the site."

Gilkey offers one final tip that many run afoul of: overplanting. "Long-term thought isn't given to the future mature size of plant material," he warned. "The landscape is an evolving thing. While it can be tempting to try and create a finished look at installation, the project will suffer for it. Plants need room to grow."

MAKING YOUR GARDEN GROW

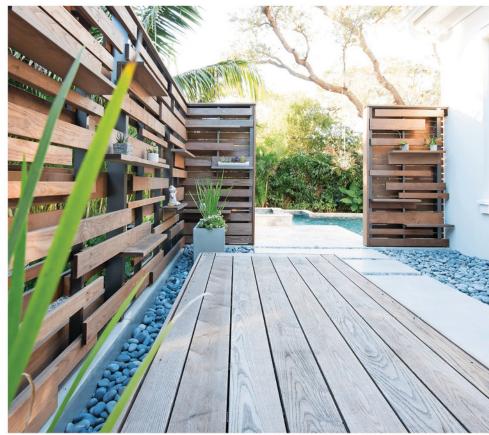
utside gardening has become a huge go-to activity for many of us. "At the beginning of the pandemic, the sale of vegetables and herbs skyrocketed. People were very interested in creating their own gardens to become self-reliant," said Alex Barth, landscape and design manager at Troy's Tropics.

For these customers, Barth recommended peppers of all types, as well as herbs like basil and thyme, which are easy to grow. "With a little bit of practice, you can also grow lettuce, tomatoes, carrots, and even cucumbers. If you just plant the right things in the right season, you can have a nice edible garden," he said.

While the desire to plant edible gardens is holding strong, there's also a growing interest in beautifying property simply to make it more enjoyable. However, he warned against getting the more exotic, Eastern Asian plants to create a Zen garden. Most of those plants find our climate too hostile - it's just too humid, too wet, he explained. "The best (way) to choose appropriate plants is to go to your local nursery to see what they're selling," he said. "Ninety-nine percent of the time, if a local nursery has it, it'll grow well in our climate."

Larger box stores can bring plants in from anywhere - regardless of whether they are going to thrive here. Big retail chains can easily replenish stock or get different varieties, Barth explained. "A local nursery, though, operates on a tighter margin. It only carries what works, which usually means it grows the plant or sources it locally," he said.

One thing Barth has observed that people get wrong about gardens is this - making sure they have good soil to start with. He recommended doing a soil test to check the pH as well as the amount of organic material in your soil. You might find that your existing soil is depleted of key nutrients, chock full of



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COURTESY POOL DESIGN CONCEPTS

weed seeds, or even contaminated by chemicals that are toxic to plants. While you can condition your soil in a variety of ways to get it healthy again, it's often easier and faster to purchase fresh garden soil, he explained.

In terms of garden problems, Barth noted that a close second, behind soil issues, is inadequate watering. "Very few plants are going to survive if you plant them and then forget about them." He recommended opting for drought-tolerant species and making use of a proper irrigation system, like micro jets, which is an effective way to handle irritation.

For those who want a garden with climbing plants, Barth suggested night-blooming jasmine, "which both looks and smells great," and bleeding hearts, or rangoon creeper with its wonderful pinkish-red flowers. "They all work wonderfully and climb well."

If you'd like to start small, try gardening in containers. If you do, consider putting your pots on wheeled carts so you can easily adjust the sunlight/shade as needed to ensure your plants get exactly what they need to grow well.

CREATING A PLEASING PATIO

he first step to creating a terrific outdoor entertainment and living space is to choose furniture that is not made from uncomfortable materials, such as plastic or metal, said Stephanie Kennedy, national retail market manager at modern furnishings retailer Room & Board. "Our answer to this is to embrace upholstery, layers, and textures in your outdoor space," she said, "which helps make things functional and comfortable."

Climate and comfort are key factors driving current furniture trends. Kennedy noted that "outdoor heaters and fire tables have been very popular as they provide warmth when the weather becomes colder." This can certainly be the case, even in Florida. The bonus is that a gorgeous brick fire pit or stainless-steel fire table is a strong and attractive focal point. "We're also seeing customers turn to upholstered pieces - sectionals and sofas in a wide array of color and patterns," she said.

Since backyards and patios are multi-use locations, creating a space that meets the needs of dining, lounging, and entertaining is a must. That puts comfort at a premium, but durability is key. Kennedy recommended investing in high-quality furniture made from materials that can withstand the rigors of the Florida sun as well as wind, rain, and regular use. Consider, too, how rugs, throws, and pillows can increase comfort and visual interest.

"Add a source of heat to extend the use of your outdoor space as the weather turns colder, and



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add a source of shade with a beautiful, large umbrella," Kennedy said. "Use multiple planters in a variety of sizes as another way to add interest and texture to your space through colorful plants and annuals."

Since the outdoors is often the last area people think about when furnishing a home, people typically don't budget to get quality furniture for those spaces, Kennedy observed. "But this has changed over the last year as people have realized the importance of home and creating new spaces (in response to) having to forgo travel," she said.

LOUNGING POOLSIDE

att Russell, the owner of Pool Design Concepts, is a third-generation Florida native who has an eye for designing spaces that reflect the true Florida lifestyle. He brings that commitment to every pool he builds, in order to create "a seamless and organic transition from indoor to outdoor living space, where it just flows naturally," he said.

Pool Design Concepts is adept at building a variety of types and styles of pools. Recently, however, the majority of customers have wanted a contemporary look. Clean lines. Minimalistic. Monochromatic. "It's simple elegance, versus the huge, lagoon-style pools that we saw so much of twenty years ago."

Whether it's a 1,000 square foot waterfront pool with a natural stone sun shelf, or a 1,500 square foot pool with rainfall, swimup, and an elevated lounge, Russell sources a lot of the company's materials locally. That includes authentic Florida keystone, decking

materials, fountain jets and even LED lights.

When contemplating building a pool, Russell has discovered a common misconception regarding its use. "People think, 'I'm going to build this and use it ALL the time,' when in reality, they look at it about 80 percent of the time, and they swim in it the other 20 percent." That's why he has a conversation with every potential client about form versus function. For most, what they want is something that looks cool. It's essentially an awesome, large-scale water feature. And there's nothing wrong with that.

Jeff Nagle, a recent Pool Design Concepts customer, confirmed Russell's observations, "Even on days when it's too cold to go in the pool, just sitting poolside is so soothing and relaxing," said Nagle. "I spend so much more time outdoors as a result. Having this pool has really enhanced my retirement," he added.

Russell noted that about half of his clients want to build a negative edge (or infinity edge) pool, where one or more walls is at water level versus above it. This allows water to constantly spill over the edge, creating a stunning illusion as if the water somehow just vanishes.

Another popular request is for saltwater pools because clients have heard that not using chlorine to clean a pool is better or healthier. Russell points out that while saltwater pools have softer-feeling water, which can feel great on your skin, they cost more to build, require a higher level of maintenance, and use just as much chlorine as traditional pools. But some people still swear by saltwater pools, and that's fine. "I'll tell you what I know, and you do your research. Then I'll work with you to meet your needs," he said.



HOME: NOW &



rguably, there's one word that encapsulates the essence of what life was like this past year. No, it's not 'lockdown' or 'quarantine,' or even 'pandemic,' although a good case could be made for each.

The most significant word in recent months is 'home'.

Think about it. Many of us now work from home or do school from home. We fill our days with home workouts and our social outings are at home through Zoom. We

even take our vacations at home.

It's no wonder Google search terms reaching an all-time high — from April to November 2020 — included home remodel ideas, home renovation costs, and home renovation company. There was also hobby room, meditation room, and homeschool room ideas, according to data from Google Trends.

BY NICOLE MISKOVIC

YOUR NOW & FUTURE HOME

oday's renovation and remodeling trends have two overarching and concurrent themes, according to local experts: long-term investments and multi-functional living. In other words, homeowners are looking to adapt their abodes – functionally and aesthetically – to how we need to live today, while also capitalizing on improvements that create lasting value.

Also propelling an explosion of local home improvement buildouts (and new development) are all our new neighbors, said Alex Krumm, 2021 president of the Realtor Assn. of Sarasota and Manatee. "There's so much going on and it's driven by 900 families a day moving to Florida," he said. "Maybe they move here for tax reasons, or climate reasons, or maybe it was their plan all along and (the pandemic) just sped it along," he added.

Sarasota and Manatee Counties get their fair share of Florida newcomers, resulting in an extremely saturated and competitive housing market; and one in which buyers are willing to grab what they can now and make their improvements later, said Jennie Shumway, Vice President of Talon Home Builders, a custom home builder and remodeling company owned by husband and wife team Tom and Jennie Shumway.

Talon gets "countless" calls from new homeowners whose recent purchases display decades-old design aesthetics, or just don't fully meet their requirements for living, said Tom. From reconfiguring layouts and increasing storage, to adding kitchen cabinets or extra bedrooms, these new residents want to make their new

home a comfortable space to do, well, everything, he added.

"The biggest trend right now," said Jennie, is looking for a way to accommodate that extended living lifestyle. Once "the buyers are in the house, they're determining how it meets their needs on a day-to-day basis. And with our current pandemic climate, they're learning if it's also going to meet their needs if they must shelter in place for (an extended) period," she added.

Another local trend is that homeowners are wanting to rip everything apart and build it back up again to suit – rather than remodeling just one space, or one space at a time, observed Joe Clark, senior designer at Cabex Construction. Diving into clients' complete overhauls has become Cabex's M.O.

"Typically, it's because of the connectivity of rooms," he explained. "For example, reconfiguring the kitchen would mean the flooring needs to be replaced, and if that flooring leads into another room, then that room needs a facelift too, and so forth. That's how remodels start to become in-depth projects."

EVERYTHING AND THE KITCHEN SINK.

ften this complete overhaul starts in the room known as the heart of the home. The kitchen remains at the top of any list of remodel or renovation project – and one that is sure to add value to any residence. And right now kitchen design is trending with highlighting colors and textures, said Clark.

Renovation & Remodeling Trends & Tips





Above: A build-out at the Vue Sarasota Bay by Cabex Construction; also top photo on page 18. Below: An on-trend closet by More Space Place. Page 18 - Bottom: Tom and Jennie Shumway of Talon Home Builders, photo by Barbara Banks.

Page 19 - New construction in Hudson Bayou by Talon Home Builders.

"We're seeing our clients request a lot more colored cabinetry, specifically in the blue tones. A couple of designers, including myself, are working on blue kitchens right now," he said. "We're also seeing a high request for marble textures as well as patterns, like herringbone, hexagons, and chevron – bringing those early, classic design looks into a more modern setting."

While the foundational characteristics we want out of a kitchen remain the same, like organized, functional, and comfortable, a lot of the looks this year are trending toward the unique and the minimalist. Seamless, clean lines, minimal hardware, wall-to-wall cabinetry, and warm color palettes are the popular design looks that are coming to the kitchens near you. (Read more about interior design trends on page 22).

MULTI-GENERATIONAL LIVING

Aging in place is a familiar model for our communities. Making a home comfortable (and co-habitable) for all family members, while still allowing for functional separation is another popular remodel among local homeowners, according to Shumway.

"We've worked on a couple of projects that involved making space for multi-generational living. One recent project was a traditional-style in-law suite where we added two bedrooms and two bathrooms to the home in order to give each generation their own space," said Tom.

"Another featured work on a six-acre property with two dwellings – a main house and a five-car garage. "We completely transformed that structure into a small guest cottage by building a double master suite with a one-car garage for the in-laws to," he added.

In our current landscape, keeping the family together under one roof is not only a practical and mutually beneficial solution, but also the healthiest and safest option. Ensuring your house works for every member of the family makes for a sustainable home for years to come.

TAKE IT OUTSIDE.

Bringing the beauty of the outside into the home has always symbolized coastal living, whether it's a skylight, sliding glass doors, or a backyard living room. With the weather dial in Florida mostly set to warm and sunny, new homeowners want to make the most of their endless summers.

"Opening up interior spaces to the outdoor environment in Florida is a big draw for people moving down here," said Jennie. Newcomers typically haven't spent much time outside, year-round. They want the opportunity to open up doors and bring the outside in, she noted.. (For more on this topic see "Outdoors is the New Indoors" on page 12)

What people do with the extra space of their extended outdoor living area includes installing an outdoor kitchen with a large grill and hood range, a full-service backyard bar, or a resort-style patio and pool.

In fact, there's been a huge resurgence of people requesting pool builds. "Before last year, the trend was to stay in a place for three to five years, and then move," said Clark. That mindset has changed and many are realizing they like where they are and want to stay there for a while," he noted. So why not build that pool we've always wanted?



BURSTING AT THE SEAMS: BUILDING A BETTER CLOSET

With all the Zoom and other video chats happening, wearing pants may go out of style! After all, we only need to dress our top halves for those meetings. Perhaps that's why re-strategizing our closet is at the height of fashion.

According to Bob Barthman, Sales Manager at More Space Place, a custom closet company in Sarasota, built-ins and drawers are the key to not only maximize storage, but to also embrace the minimalistic trend of removing armoires and dressers from the bedroom. Organization is also vital when dealing with a small space, especially if you live in a condo. Utilizing shelving combined with hanging racks to capitalize on corner space can seamlessly make every inch of that closet functional. When it comes to color and style, bright whites and light grays are popular wall and flooring choices that make a small closet feel bigger. Hardware can also be a great accent piece when designing the closet, whether it's a bold statement piece or a rose gold finish.

"Oftentimes it's like trying to fit 20 pounds of stuff into a 10-pound bag, so it's important to have realistic expectations and a good inventory on what you want to keep when remodeling your closet," advised Barthman. "And with ceiling and height regulations to consider, in addition to personalized specifications for your space, we're always trying to find a balance between exactly what you want and what we can safely build."

The result? "You might find a lot of our local pool builders booked out."

RENOVATE OR REMODEL?

t's important to make a distinction between renovation and remodeling. Renovation means refreshing or updating your home without dramatically altering its layout or design. Re-___modeling, on the other hand, completely transforms its layout, structure, or style. Choosing what is right for your home depends on the aim and scope of the project, Tom explained.

"Think about the kind of value that's being added to the property. Our team would always suggest that it's better to increase the size of a home by adding bedrooms and bathrooms - not simply adding living square footage, those rooms create more value than a common space, he explained. "Sometimes, it's better for the homeowner, contractor, and everyone involved to level it out and start from scratch."

The decision also depends on variables such as the age of the house and the type of construction materials that were used when it was built. If you have an older home from the 70s or 80s, many construction practices used then may not be conducive to an effective remodel, leading to a lot of unforeseen costs.

BE CREATIVE, BE INSPIRED.

Getting a chance to modify your space can be a perfect time to flex those artistic muscles and let your creativity shine.

"From a design standpoint, it's always great to have a lot of inspiration photos with you," Clark recommended. "Bringing a robust collection of photos that inspire you, to your initial consultation, can help steer the conversation with your contractor about what you're looking for and also guide them when they create your custom look."

DO YOUR HOMEWORK.

Both renovating and remodeling are big undertakings. It's important to not only educate yourself about the best practices for your desired change, but also to pay attention to the cost-effectiveness of what you want done.

"First and foremost, hire a licensed contractor. Make sure you're doing your homework and due diligence to make sure you partner with a trusted and qualified expert that will guide you and your remodeling goals," advised Jennie. "Also, really think about the outcome. Many people who remodel think they understand the costs but end up sacrificing things they really wanted that could've easily been found in a new home."

ENJOY BUILDING YOUR DREAM.

"Have fun with the process and get excited to reimagine your home," said Clark. "One of the most enticing things about redesigning a space is that you're a step closer to creating your dream home. So, make sure you continue to dream and trust the team you've hired to guide the rest of the process."

Some homeowners wait years to get the chance to remodel, redesign, or renovate their house into their dream home. When that time finally comes, staying flexible, creative, and enthusiastic throughout the remodel or renovation process will help create a memorable journey - and a "home sweet home" to be proud of!



BY GAYLE WILLIAMS

fter a year of pandemic restrictions, many of us are deciding to change things up with design and décor. If you've grown tired of the inside of your home, you are not alone.

With vacation escape plans and entertainment options limited, those who can are looking for ways to add adventure to their home surroundings.

Experts have identified trends from bright colors contrasting with warm neutrals to more comfortable furnishings and multifunction spaces. The variety of color, texture, and cozy settings lift spirits and serve practical needs as well.

WHAT'S OUT & WHAT'S IN

Tuscan décor and the revival of mid-century modern tastes are on the wane, said Jacqueline Paredi of SRQ Interior Design. The reason? "Everything went gray, gray-white, and blue, which didn't allow the flexibility of adding more layers of color and natural organic elements," she said.

That 'hard-modern' look has softened to today's trend of 'organic modern,' said Paredi. Organic modern refers to an overall design style that includes a balanced mix of modern lines and often crisp white surfaces contrasted with natural forms and materials, and neutral colors.

Emerging design trends are also revealing a palatable shift in color palettes, said designer Irena Shtemler of Baers Furniture and Interiors. The grey, metallic and cool color spectrum of the modern industrial style have given way to a warmer palette with beige, navy blue, rust, and a spectrum of greens, she added.

Organic modern also keeps the clean lines of a modern style but adds grained woods, multiple textures, and the flexibility to introduce a shock of color – turquoise blues, oranges, and yellows among them," said Paredi.

Great cinematographers use the contrast of cool and warm colors to enhance dramatic impact. This cool-warm contrast of colors does the same in your home.



Remodel in Palmer Ranch's Silver Oak, by Ally O'Rourk of Beginning to End Interiors, displays layered lighting trend.

Soft, Warnd, and Natural







Trending interior design (above photos): Full wall-mural wallpaper brings wow-factor to a room.

INTERIOR DESIGN TRENDS FOR LIVING TODAY

WHAT'S TRENDING LIGHT AS ARTISTIC FOCAL POINT

We need light in our homes to see, but opportunities abound to add light as a design element. Most of us think of adding unique lighting fixtures with vibrant colors, patterns, and sculptural interest. An eye-catching array of pendulum lights above a kitchen island provides a striking separation from the rest of a great room – but there is so much more you can do with lights.

"Light layering has become essential, with dimmable LED tape that can be used in many interesting applications, from channels within drywall to floating vanities and under cabinet task lighting," said Stan Writesell of Beginning to End Interiors & Blinds.

These low voltage wiring capabilities have also become a gateway to work with smart home technology and comply with electrical codes. Creating a lighting design for your overall lighting helps add increased functionality as well as flair.

BUTCHER BLOCK THROUGH THE AGES

Some say the use of a butcher block first originated in China; others claim wood has been used in the preparation of food since the prehistoric ages. Either way, aged butcher block countertops are an ageless look. They also are the perfect solution to warming up a white kitchen. If the thought of using a natural element that ages with a beautiful patina of its history then this product is for you.

"Nothing speaks like perfectly imperfect, smoothed wood that has seen a thousand drinks, spills, laughs, tears and will see a thousand more," said designer Kelly Kaiser of Orange Moon Interiors

"The best compliment I get from my work is 'this home feels so inviting and comfy, yet beautiful'," she said. And if you want an aged look but still want surface protection you can always have an acrylic polyurethane finish put on it, she added.

THE BLUE AND THE GOLD

Brushed gold finishes and navy cabinetry made a strong showing at the 2021 Kitchen and Bath Industry Show (KBIS) virtual exhibition in February 2021. Staying hot in the home interiors market, brushed gold accents are found on everything from designer lighting to GE Monograms latest appliance release.

"The brushed gold finish provides an elegant luxury and warms up all the cool grey hues that have been popular in years past," observed Gina Taterus, interior designer at A Coastal Home.

"Navy blue cabinetry is being used everywhere from your kitchen and baths right into custom furnishings," she added. "It is still going strong and is a favorite among many homeowners."

Well-known cabinet manufacturer Wellborn Cabinet (Wellborn.com) just added sapphire as a staple in its array of available finishes. Homeowners and designers are loving the look of these two finish combinations used together.

WALLPAPER IS BACK.

No longer the romantic, Laura Ashley style of your grandparents, wallpaper is on trend in 2021. This is partly due to the incredible variety available today. From modern geometrics to tropical patterns and from animal motifs to animal patterns, there's something for everyone – and every room.

Its application is also different from days gone by. Wallpaper is being used to create high drama, or frame specific areas within a room, said Paredi.

Similarly, wallpaper murals have become a trending and popular way to bring drama and wow-factor to a room. Large scale panels, often in 3-D, can provide an area of focus, or make a space feel bigger by 'painting' an entire scene.

CHAIRS, CHAIRS, CHAIRS

People still want to be comfy on a sofa, but Kaiser has called out for movable chairs and more flexibility. "Gliding, rocking, rolling, benches, ottomans, etc., fill rooms with multi-function. Chairs and tables for puzzles and large books. Chairs for gathering with cocktails, coffee or tea," she said. Using the classic style of Sister Parish the iconic design firm in NYC, Kaiser suggests creating groupings that can serve multiple purposes.

NEW USES FOR A CLASSIC BAR CART

Bar carts aren't just for cocktails anymore. They also bring comfort to a stale room, offer practical movability, and can fit into unusual places for a variety of uses. "I have one in my bedroom for tea," said Kaiser.

Along the same lines, Kaiser encourages clients to think outside of the box about what would make their space more personally comfortable. "What would it be like to have a mini-refrigerator in your bathroom to hold special face creams or a microwave for 24 | MARCH 2021 STYLE



(Top) Bar carts offer practical moveability and useful possibilities; (Below) Use wallpaper to frame areas of interest within a room.



a heated neck pad? How about an electric kettle for tea on a bar cart?" she added.

HOME STYLING TIPS FROM THE PROS

If all these interior design trends, styles, and suggestions feel overwhelming, you can take it one baby step at a time. Here are some ideas to get you started.

• Begin with the floor by choosing luxury vinyl plan or wood with multiple colors – both cool and warm neutrals such as caramel, gray, and white mixed. It's a great base palette to build on as you add different woods and colors to the design – Jacqueline Paredi, SRQ Interior Design.

- If you want your home to look as chic as possible while also continuing to drink red wine while your kids run around, then use performance fabrics for indoor upholstery. They are easy to clean and withstand the wear and tear of everyday life Kelly Kaiser, Orange Moon Interiors.
- Keep high contrast in mind. When you add black and white to a color palate the opportunities for contrast and drama jump off the page Paredi.
- Tap the trend of adding greater embellishment to a space with personally meaningful collections like paintings and prints; multicolor glass such as Murano, Chihuly, or crystal; and silk flower art Irena Shtemler, Baers.
- If you have a personal treasure, like a sentimental dark wood antique, that you want to keep but doesn't fit your current style, paint it with a combinations of grays and caramels with ash black legs and apron. Add a custom cut glass top and you have transformed and modernized its look Paredi.
- Curtains can frame and soften the harsh gash of a window even if they aren't in use. Also, placing a curtain rod well above the top edge of the window will give the perception of a much higher ceiling Paredi.

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COLOR yourwith LIGHT

In times of stress, when even the thought of carving out some "me time" is hard to contemplate, the fast track to relaxation is just a light, color, or aroma away.

A SMARTER LIGHT BULB

Curate a better mood for yourself through color. No need to haul out the paint brush - a color-changing smart lightbulb or system from Philips Hue (philips-hue.com/enus/products/where-to-buy) will do the trick. Blue has the power to soothe, green is restful, white is for clarity and violet signifies peace and wisdom. Philips Hue offer a mix of colors and effects that can be controlled remotely through smart home systems or Bluetooth. There's even one for outdoor spaces.



The Philips Hue Amarant linear wall wash light (\$169.99) bathes outdoor walls in colorful light and has the ability to extend or add to existing Hue outdoor products via plug and play LowVolt wiring.



The Bluetooth-enabled Philips Hue Lightstrip Plus shines colorful, smart light anywhere in your home (79.99).



The Bluetooth-enabled, classic Philips Hue E12 candelabra bulbs in color ambiance (\$49.99) and white ambiance (\$24.99).



THE CANDLE CURE

Candles, especially those infused with essential oils for aromatherapy, are a nearly effortless fix for a stress-filled day. Try a citrus scent to brighten your mood, vanilla to improve sleep quality, or a powerful blend. The light from the flame is a "priceless" bonus.





Choose Jasmine Magnolia for calm, relaxation, and even sleep. "When I get home after making a batch, I need a nap," joked Bia Antunes, founder and owner of artisan candlemaker bia candle co., Sarasota. (biacandleco.com, \$28). "It's relaxing and natural - like you're walking past (the actual) flowers.

BEST DRESSED





FROM RUCTURE

TOP: Flat style Roman shades are versatile and sophisticated (Graber Blinds). EnergyVue impact-resistant windows provide safety, energy-savings and more (PGT Windows & Doors).

WIND()WS

BY NICOLE ZIMMERMAN

2020 saw many home renovations and DIY projects taking shape. If we weren't organizing a pantry or refinishing a piece of furniture, we daydreamed about what we'd like to change or add to our homes. Today, whether it's a bedroom refresh or a full-blown reno, no home project is off the table - including updating our window treatments or getting new windows altogether.

No matter what purpose, or multi-purpose, each room serves; what its windows are 'wearing' is an important, and often overlooked way, to improve the energy and attractiveness of a room. Today's trends range from warm, comfortable colors, to nature-oriented fabrics, and much more.

COMFORT IS KEY

Using purposeful color in relaxing palettes with restorative finishes creates a feeling of ease and relaxation - something that's well needed these days, said Shannon Schomaker of Springs Window Fashions, the parent company of Graber Blinds. "Warm neutrals, muted pastels and blends of greige with mixed material blends, refined textures and weaves, are designed to evoke comfortability," she said.

CONNECTING TO NATURE

The need to balance out the amount of time we spend in sync with screens - whether the TV, the phone, or the computer - has been driving a trend towards the natural. Schomaker observed. "Customers are suddenly feeling the need to seek refuge in their residence and re-connect their homes to (a feeling of) nature," she said.

Infusing natural elements within the home can also reduce stress and increase overall well-being, she added. Schomaker suggested building a connection to the outdoors with window treatments made from eco-friendly materials that come in nourishing earth tones, like sun-kissed brown and greige, and sunbaked shades like muted sage and terracotta.

ENERGIZE YOUR HOME

Playing with different patterns and material selections for your window coverings will infuse energy into a room, while still providing a sense of privacy and inclusion. "Using free-form shapes and abstract surface patterns demonstrate personalization," she explained. In addition, textures, patterns, and prints - such as organic folds or high contrast color combinations - embrace creativity.



Graber Wood Blinds come in a wide variety of stains, paints, and finishes, including saddle brown (seen here).

WE DO WINDOW REPLACEMENT

Making our windows look beautiful on the inside is one thing; but we also need to determine whether they're giving us adequate protection from the outside. If the answer is 'no' then maybe it's time to consider replacing them with up-to-code, impact resistant windows.

Area experts advise waiting Florida's dry season, which historically runs from December to mid-May, while hurricane season officially starts on June 1.

One Sarasota homeowner finally acted on getting hurricane windows in April of 2020 and is quite happy with the results. She'd been thinking about it ever since Hurricane Irma in 2017. Although her small, near downtown Sarasota house is concrete block and not in an evacuation zone, its jalousie windows, circa 1961, were worrisome.

During Irma, she was home alone, and the winds were whipping up and the windows were rattling. When she learned that an elementary school in Sarasota had opened as an additional shelter and would allow pets, she packed up her dog and her cat and went there.

While she was grateful for the safety it provided, she also didn't want to have to shelter away from home ever again. Getting hurricane windows, she felt, would make her house "bulletproof."



Motorized shades create a clean. modern look. (Graber Blinds)



PGT's impact-resistant windows and doors increase safety and security.

"I'd always heard good things about Sarasota Mirror & Glass," she said. So, she emailed the company and made an appointment with an appraiser. "He was really on top of things. He looked at my odd-sized windows and said that I could either get horizontal rollers that open from side-to-side versus up and down, or I'd need two panels, at double the cost just for materials."

""Having (impact-resistant windows) are definitely an upgrade that makes the house look better from the outside and feel better inside."

"The horizontal 'sliders' provide a better scenic view, and they eliminate a mull bar that's often put in between two windows for one opening," explained Brandie Schwartz of Sarasota Glass & Mirror. "Sliding windows are also much easier to open," she added

Conditions were in the homeowner's favor. Not only was it still dry season, but it was also about 90 days into COVID-19 social distancing, so being home for installation was not going to be a problem.

A quote came quickly after that first visit, and it was quite reasonable. "I liked that PGT was a local company, and that it had a rebate offer," the homeowner added. She learned it would take six to eight weeks because all the windows were custom-made.

"Finally, I got the call. My windows were in." A week later, two workmen showed up. They were on time and masked. "Those guys knew exactly how to work together. They got the job done in two days with minimal disruption," she said.

"I love my windows," she added. "Not only do I feel much safer for having them, but they are definitely an upgrade that makes the house look better from the outside and feel better inside."

Graber's elite wood blinds with cordless lift-wand tilt in golden oak.



Graber's Roman shades are designed to bring energy into a space.



ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

When we think about window replacement in Florida, we immediately think of storms and protection from damaging winds. However, there are benefits to installing impact windows beyond that kind of safety. For one, they add an additional layer of home security, making it harder for an intruder to break into your home, said Schwartz.

There is also the added benefit of sound and noise reduction. With many neighborhoods close to highways, busy streets or downtown areas, replacing your windows can significantly reduce outside noise pollution that may interrupt the peace and calm of your home.

Savings is also key. Older windows can be a money pit that often allow excess heat into the home, especially during the sweltering summers. With new windows that also have UV filtering, electric bills are reduced, and you avoid over-running air conditioning, or heat. This also helps reduce homeowner's insurance premium.

Schwartz points out one more advantage: impact windows eliminate the need for unsightly shutters, which must be dealt with before a hurricane hits.



RICHARD AND BARBARA BASCH GALLERY in the Larry R. Thompson Academic Center

A FEW OF OUR FAVORITE THINGS

Now in its 12th year, the Ringling College glass sculpture exhibition from the Richard and Barbara Basch Collection presents A Few of Our Favorite Things. This exhibition features some of the most exceptional examples of art glass and brilliant oneof- a-kind commissions by the greatest masters of the medium from around the world. It highlights the Basch Collection of more than 300 works of art glass by iconic artists, including: Giampaolo Amoruso, Martin Blank, Latchezar Boyadjiev, Peter Bremers, Lucio Bubacco, Dale Chihuly, Laura de Santillana, Laura Donefer, Robin Grebe, Colin Heaney, Shin-ichi Higuchi, Richard Royal, Lino Tagliapietra, and Bertil Vallien.

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Robin Grebe, Enclave, cast glass, 32" x 17" x 8"



DIANA SHOEMAKER

Creating Safety and Security in Manatee County

If Diana Shoemaker could have one wish come true, it would be for every community to recognize that a secure, safe place to live is an essential piece of our well-being, and something everyone deserves. "This is where our conversations should start," she said.

Shoemaker is doing her part. As president and CEO of Manatee Habitat for Humanity she leads a team of about 25 staff and hundreds of volunteers in the effort to build safe, affordable housing for families with a stable source of income, as well as repair existing homes so that they can be livable.

The Manatee Habitat home improvement store and donation center, The ReStore, plays a critical role here by generating income to fund these housing initiatives. (After a brief hiatus, the organization retooled all programs to accommodate COVID-19 safety protocols).

PARTNERSHIPS AND PROGRESS

This is not Shoemaker's first foray into the affordable housing field. After moving to Florida in 1999, she was employed as education director for Kirkwood Presbyterian Church. While there she helped start, and then served as director, for Family Promise of Manatee County, a non-profit providing shelter and resources to homeless families in partnership with local churches.

"That was my shift into the field of housing and homelessness," recalled Shoemaker, who holds a Masters in Social Work, and has experience working in community and educational program development in New York City, Connecticut, and Ohio. "The affordable housing field is such a big challenge that it requires us all to work together," she said.

At Manatee Habitat, Shoemaker appreciates being part of an organization that cares deeply for creating security and stability. She's proud of the many partnerships it has forged with faith-based organizations, corporations, foundations, government agencies, civic groups, and local businesses.

Under her auspices, Manatee Habitat has partnered with the City of Bradenton to build 11 homes and expand its veteran programs. It is also building a 16-home community in West Samoset called Poling Gardens, where it plans to extend its impact through home preservation.

Shoemaker parlays her acumen in business and marketing – her undergraduate minor was in business – to create organizational efficiencies and financial accountability. "I have the heart for social work, but I'm also drawn to policy development and advocacy," she said.

INSPIRATION AND COMMUNITY

Shoemaker draws inspiration from courageous women who strive to find creative solutions to problems. "My mom tried to start a hospice program with no experience in launching a non-profit," she recalled. "She saw a need and worked to make it happen."

As the first baby born in a U.S. Army hospital in Okinawa, where her father was stationed, Shoemaker yearns to return to the birthplace she left at nine months old. She's also inspired by the "magical" French culture. "Who knows, maybe we'll retire (to a small town in Provence). For now, I'll work to build community right here in Southwest Florida."

BY LINDA JOFFE | PHOTO BY MARIA LYLE



ALEX KRUMM

The Real (Estate) School of Life

hen Alex Krumm describes growing up "with one foot in two different worlds," he's not just referring to moving from Anchorage, Alaska to Sarasota, Florida when he was 10. He's also talking about how he quickly took to the arts, music and theatre scene in town while also living out in rural Myakka, where his family raised ostriches and he ran around like an intrepid Daniel Boone. "If you were stuck in a zombie apocalypse you would want me there," he said, referring to his outdoorsman skills.

Similarly, Krumm, who is the 2021 president of the Realtor Association of Sarasota and Manatee (RASM), is great to have on your side when buying or selling real estate. His earliest training came from observing sales calls with his real estate broker mom when it was too cold in Anchorage for him to stay in the car. Then, in his early 20s, after Krumm decided to go all in, "my mother taught me the ropes," he said.

BUBBLE BURSTING

His career took off - at first. "The (real estate) world was on fire. I started making a little money, and then (in 2006-2007) the whole thing crashed. I almost failed out," he said. Instead, he turned to short sales and foreclosures, which led to an experience that changed his entire perspective about the real estate profession.

"I'll never forget it," he said. "I was helping a pastor and his wife short sale a property. After I said a simple 'congratulations on the sale of your home' she burst into tears. At that moment everything I thought I knew about real estate

turned on its head. I had just congratulated her on the failure of her dreams."

That's when Krumm took his focus off the sale and on to helping people. "Buying a home is one of the most important investments most people make. It's not just about wealth," he said. "It's about a school district, future friends, the opportunity to start a business, or have income for retirement."

Real estate is about problem solving for Krumm, who launched the real estate brokerage NextHome Excellence with his wife (and CEO of the company), Stevie Krumm. "It's helping buyers understand the true worth of a property, determining what the buyer and the seller both want and translating that into reality," he explained. "That's why some of my favorite deals are ones I didn't do."

HOME IS SWEET

Now in his 40s, with four children (three daughters and one son), Krumm's perspective on life, and real estate, has changed even further. "It isn't about (outward) success. It's that hug at the end of the night and putting down the cell phone to have dinner with your family," he said.

Maybe that's why he's getting ready to create his family's forever home right where he currently lives - which wasn't the original plan. "We intended to stay only a few years," he said. "Just the last couple of weeks we looked at a lot of different houses, but there's nothing that compares to the feeling of coming home," he said.

BY EMILY LEINFUSS



New and expanded master-planned communities and luxury high-rise residences are set to house our area's fair share of newcomers. From North to South, and from Sarasota to Longboat Key, here are five 'snapshots' to ponder what life would be like....



WELLEN PARK

Vast and ever-growing, Wellen Park is a vibrant, multi-faceted hub of communities that encompasses 12,000 acres located between Venice and North Port. It offers an active lifestyle with dynamic districts, friendly neighborhoods, and a vibrant downtown.

TAGLINE: Get the life you always imagined — right alongside the life you never expected

CURRENT BUILDOUT STATUS:

Two residential districts. West Villages has the neighborhoods of Grand Palm, Renaissance, Sarasota National, Islandwalk at the West Villages, Grand Paradiso at the West Villages, Oasis at West Villages and The Preserve at West Villages; the new Playmore District has Boca Royale in development and several more national homebuilders under contract.

TOTAL BUILDOUT NUMBERS: Full build-out will have more than 60,000 residents and 22,000 homes.

KEY PLAYERS & INDIVIDUAL RESIDENCE AMENITIES: For a list of developers, details on each



individual neighborhood's housing and shared features, and more information, go to wellenpark.com.

SHARED AMENITIES: A third district, Downtown Wellen Park, is slated to become the premier shopping, dining, and entertainment destination for the entire area. It will offer an 80-acre activity lake, restaurants, retail shops, concert and festival areas, a food truck park, splash pad, children's play area and more.

TOP 3 MOST OUTSTANDING FEATURES:

- Wellen Park's overall focus on wellness is designed give residents opportunities to connect with one another, take care of themselves, and encourage a healthy and active lifestyle.
- 2An 18-mile network of nature and fitness trails including a 2.7mile path encircling Downtown Wellen's 80-acre lake, and an additional 25 miles of trails to come.
- The Atlanta Braves' spring training at CoolToday Park, located in the Playmore district.



NORTH RIVER RANCH

North River Ranch celebrates a new style of living in a mostly yet-to-be-built, modern, walkable 2,600-acre master-planned community. With space for 6,000 or so homes, more than 700 acres of preserved wetland/conservation, lakes and parks, and multiple schools planned, it's just beginning to change the face of the Parrish area in a positively impactful way.

TAGLINE: For the Fun and Fullness of Life **CURRENT BUILDOUT STATUS: North River** Ranch's first phase of development includes building 700 or so single-family homes and townhomes in two neighborhoods - Brightwood and Riverfield. Covering 279 acres, building by Centex Homes, KG Homes and

David Weekley Homes has begun, and Neal Communities is set to start in April 2021. At press time, there's been more than 50 homeowners and 225 sales.

TOTAL BUILDOUT NUMBERS: Upwards of 5,000 single-family homes, and 1,000+ multi-family/apartments, on 2,600 acres. The plan also includes building village/commercial centers, schools, community amenities, 13+ miles of trails and pathways, outdoor fitness stations and more.

KEY PLAYERS: For a list of developers, and details on each individual neighborhood's housing and shared features, go to northriverranch.com.

SHARED AMENITIES: Phase one includes the Brightwood Pavilion (pool, fitness center, game room, playgrounds, events, bike share); The Riverfield Verandah (pool, outdoor covered living room, bike share, playground and fit stations); and The Greenway with phase one set to develop more than nine miles of expertly-designed trails and pathways.

TOP 3 MOST OUTSTANDING FEATURES:

- An emphasis on nature and outdoor recreation that will include 700+ acres of conserved lakes and park areas.
- Connection and connectivity between community members and through technology with a lightning-fast one gigabit of FiberOptic Internet service.
- Community outreach includes Pay It Forward program, support of Meals on Wheels Plus Manatee and Step Up Suncoast, and an Adopt-a-Road Keep Manatee Beautiful commitment.



SAGE LONGBOAT KEY RESIDENCES

Nothing says 'tranquil oasis' like beachfront luxury residences offering boutique-style, wellness-focused living set on 3.2 acres of Longboat Key. Add in 260 feet of direct white sand beachfront with privacy-enhancing landscape design and unobstructed views of the Gulf of Mexico and Sarasota Bay, and... welcome to paradise!

TAGLINE: Boutique Wellness Living on Longboat Key

CURRENT BUILDOUT STATUS: Slated to begin vertical construction in the spring of 2021 with anticipated completion in late 2022. Nine of the mid-\$4 million residences sold at press time.

TOTAL BUILDOUT NUMBERS: 16 residences all with an indoor-outdoor living atmosphere, 11-foot ceilings, eight-foot entry doors, floor-to-ceiling windows, and expansive private terraces. Interiors are curated with the finest finishes, from exquisite marble and wood flooring to custom Italian cabinetry.

KEY PLAYERS: For a list of developers, and for more information, go to sagelongboatkey.com





SHARED AMENITIES: An amazing array of resort-like amenities and services include a modern wellness center using Technogym equipment; a private saltwater lap pool with elegant lounging, fire pit and exclusive cabanas; white-glove concierge service; and service at the lap pool, spa, and beach.

INDIVIDUAL RESIDENCE AMENITIES: Multiple garaged parking spaces for each residence; private elevator; innovative lifestyle management mobile application; advanced technologies for water and air purification; smart controls for audio, thermostat, lighting, and shades, plus much more.

TOP 3 MOST OUTSTANDING FEATURES:

- The feeling of a single-family home with the ease of a condo association to take care of upkeep.
- 2 Expansive balconies with stunning, unobstructed views of the Gulf of Mexico, or Sarasota Bay.
- Wellness-focused lifestyle offerings include a meditative garden and walking paths to personal training, yoga, and spa services.





BAYSO SARASOTA

Bayso is an 18-level luxury condo tower located on the waterfront at the Sarasota Quay that offers a cherished place to live, surrounded by breathtaking natural beauty and an uncompromising contemporary lifestyle.

TAGLINE: A unique bayfront location along the cultural coast

CURRENT BUILDOUT STATUS: Bayso's new sales gallery is located inside Premier Sotheby's International Realty at 50 Central Avenue in Sarasota.

TOTAL BUILDOUT NUMBERS: Eighteen stories with 149 private residences - scheduled to begin construction in mid-2021, with expected completion by fall of 2023.

KEY PLAYERS: For the Bayso development team, and for more information, go to baysosarasota.com

SHARED AMENITIES: Bayso's resort-style amenities offer an elevated pool with day cabanas, entertainment areas, outdoor kitchen, club room with catering kitchen and club bar, a fitness center that includes a glass enclosed movement studio, private dog park, and a boardroom. More private, residential services include 24/7 security and on-site property management.

INDIVIDUAL RESIDENCE AMENITIES:

All residences have expansive, private terraces, floor-to-ceiling glass windows and doors, and designer coordinated kitchens



and bathrooms that showcase European cabinetry, quartz surfaces, and luxurious fixtures and appliances.

TOP OUTSTANDING FEATURES:

With The Ritz-Carlton and Westin Sarasota immediately adjacent, Bayso residents can easily enjoy those property's world-class spas, restaurants, and bars.

Panoramic vistas from every residence of either long-range water views or the downtown Sarasota skyline.

Easy walkability to the downtown Sarasota core with its theaters, restaurants, coffee shops, parks and more.





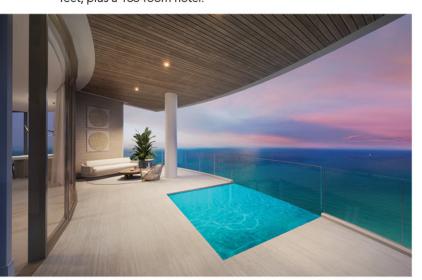
THE RESIDENCES AT THE ST. REGIS LONGBOAT KEY RESORT

Modern yet refined, meticulous yet relaxed, The Residences at the St. Regis brings a revered best-in-class legacy to the shores of Longboat Key.

TAGLINE: Live Exquisite

CURRENT BUILDOUT STATUS: To be completed in 2023; 45 percent of residences under contract.

TOTAL BUILDOUT NUMBERS: 69 private residences offer one-to four-bedroom designs and range in size from 1,553 to 5,895 square feet, plus a 166-room hotel.



KEY PLAYERS: For a list of developers, and for more information, go to srresidenceslongboatkey.com.

SHARED AMENITIES: An open-air Sunset Bar overlooking the Gulf, a meandering stream, a tropical saltwater lagoon, the signature St. Regis Spa and luxury boutique shops all say, 'luxurious beachside paradise.' Enjoy entertainment and cuisine at the legendary St. Regis Piano Bar, CW Prime Steak & Seafood restaurant, and in-residence dining. Plus, beauty services, daily private housekeeping, chef services, 24-hour managed gated access, and more.

INDIVIDUAL RESIDENCE AMENITIES: Each offers soaring ceilings and the finest finishes and appliances; expansive outdoor living areas with glass railings that overlook breathtaking views of the Gulf of Mexico; Access via a private elevator with keyless entry; penthouse and lanai levels feature intimate infinity-edge plunge pools.

TOP 3 MOST OUTSTANDING FEATURES:

Concierge-style living where everything can either be delivered directly to your door or is moments away.

Location, location, location: The St. Regis is located on an exquisite, historic, and memory-making stretch of beachfront that was formerly the site of The Colony Beach and Tennis Resort. Plus, Longboat Key is a world-renowned resort destination.

The tastemakers of the St. Regis – everything is by design to enhance the seaside experience from world-class concierge service and meticulously curated amenities to the finishes and floorplans of the private residences.

NOTE: Scheduled events often experience cancellations and rescheduling. Please make sure to double-check for the most up-to-date information before you go.

APRIL

FLORAL DESIGN AT **SELBY GARDEN**

Pop! Goes the Garden with Tiger Lily Flowers Marie Selby Botanical Gardens Downtown Sarasota, 6 p.m., \$65-\$75 366-5731, selby.org

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BLUE TIES & BUTTERFLIES

The Child Protection Center's signature event. Michael's On East, 6 p.m., \$250 365-1277, cpcsarasota.org

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THE ORCHID EXPERIENCE 2021

A sensational and safe "Orchid Experience" under the stars throughout the grounds. Marie Selby Botanical Gardens Downtown Sarasota, 7 p.m., \$500 366-5731 orchidexperience@selby.org

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VIRTUAL EVENT VIRTUAL LUNCH IN THE GARDENS

Featuring Eddie Zaratsian Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, Downtown Sarasota, 11:30 a.m., \$150 366-5731, selby.org



SPARCC's 2021 benefit tournament is at Plantation Golf & Country Club . [COURTESY PHOTO]

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SPARCCLE ON THE LINKS **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Play golf and support SPARCC Sarasota (Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center) Plantation Golf & Country Club, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sparcc.net, 365-0208



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MARCH 28 – JUNE 27

ROY LICHENSTEIN: MONET'S GARDEN GOES POP

Exhibition showcasing the legendary Pop artist's screen prints based on Monet's world-famous paintings of waterlilies and haystacks.

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens

Downtown Sarasota, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

\$20, Members \$10

366-5731, selby.org

28 - 31

VIRTUAL EVENT RHYTHM OF THE DANCE

Watch on Demand Van Wezel Performing Arts Center, \$20 263-6799, vanwezel.org

28

VENTURES IN BRASS WITH THE VENICE SYMPHONY BRASS QUINTET

From jazz to Bach to Broadway. Nathan Benderson Park, 3 p.m., \$35 306-1202, artistseriesconcerts.org

28 - APRIL 25



Music from The Roaring
Twenties to the Soaring
Eighties
Florida Studio Theatre's
Keating Theatre
Various days and times.
366-9000
floridastudiotheatre.org

Carole J. Bufford, who has been called "a sizzling performer' by The New York Times, performs in FST's new show, Vintage POP. [PHOTO BY PETER CARRIER PHOTOGRAPHY]

31 - APRIL 25

THREE PIANOS

From Billy Joel to Stevie Wonder, celebrate our greatest ivory pounders. Florida Studio Theatre's Gompertz Theatre, Various days and times. 366-9000, floridastudiotheatre.org

APRIL

THE JOHN MILLER JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Sarasota Concert Assn.
Outdoor Concerts
Marie Selby Botanical Gardens
5:30 p.m., \$40
225-6500, boxoffice@SCAsarasota.org,
SCAsarasota.org

1 - 6

VIRTUAL EVENT

DEATH AND THE MAIDEN STREAMING EVENT

Franz Schubert's monumental String Quartet No. 14 in D Minor Sarasota Orchestra, \$10 953-3434, sarasotaorchestra.org/concerts

1 & 14

VIRTUAL EVENT MEET THE ARTISTS IL SIGNOR BRUSCHINO

Sarasota Opera, Zoom, 6 p.m., free Register: 328-1300, sarasotaopera.org



7, 8 - 11

VIRTUAL EVENT VIRTUAL TALK: JERSEY BOYS

With Authors Rick Elice and Marshall Brickman, and Director Des McAnuff. Van Wezel Performing Arts Center Livestream 7 p.m., On Demand from April 8-11, \$15 263-6799, vanwezel.org

8

VIRTUAL EVENT STORYTELLING THROUGH THE LENS OF HISTORY

Exploring what it takes to bring a historical story to the stage. Florida Studio Theatre, 11 a.m., Free 366-9000, floridastudiotheatre.org

9 - 24

VIRTUAL OPTION AVAILABLE IL SIGNOR BRUSCHINO

Sarasota Opera House, Various days and times., \$23-130 328-1300, sarasotaopera.org

10

TERRY FATOR - IT STARTS TONIGHT

Vegas resident, world famous singer, comedian, impressionist and ventriloquist. Van Wezel Performing Arts Center 7 p.m., \$47-\$102 263-6799, vanwezel.org

11 - 25

VIRTUAL OPTION AVAILABLE DIDO AND AENEAS

Sarasota Opera House Various days and times., \$23-130 328-1300, sarasotaopera.org

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THE GEORGE NICKSON PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

Sarasota Concert Assn. Outdoor Concerts Marie Selby Botanical Gardens 5:30 p.m., \$40, 225-6500 boxoffice@SCAsarasota.org SCAsarasota.org

13 - 18

2021 MODERN WORKS **FESTIVAL**

A playwriting contest, virtual reading festival and celebration of women in theatre. Urbanite Theatre Time TBD. \$TBD 321-1397, urbanitetheatre.org

14

VIRTUAL EVENT MEET THE ARTISTS

Dido & Aenaes Sarasota Opera, Zoom, 6 p.m. 328-1300, sarasotaopera.org

15

COMEDIAN BRIAN REGAN

Van Wezel Performing Arts Center 8 p.m., \$64-\$76 263-6799, vanwezel.org



15 - 18

VIRTUAL OPTION AVAILABLE MOZART & MENDELSSOHN CLASSICS

Sarasota Orchestra Live at Holley Hall, Various times, \$\$ N/A, Register for chance to buy tickets Streaming Event April 22-27, \$10 953-3434, sarasotaorchestra.org/concerts

17 - 24

ANA ISABELLE & FRIENDS IN CONCERT

Featuring Junior Cervila, Guadalupe Garcia & Justin Gregory Lopez Asolo Repertory Theatre, 8 :30 p.m., \$TBD 351-8000, asolorep.org

18

HEAT LATIN JAZZ BAND

Seven-piece student band plays salsa, Latin jazz and originals. Nathan Benderson Park, 3 p.m., \$35 306-1202, artistseriesconcerts.org

23 - 27

VIRTUAL EVENT SARASOTA BALLET DIGITAL PROGRAM 6

George Balanchine's Serenade & Sir Frederick Ashton's Façade Sarasota Ballet, Digital Venue, \$35 359-0099, sarasotaballet.org

29 - MAY 2

VIRTUAL OPTION AVAILABLE LATIN GROOVES POPS

All-Latin pops program features the

sultry sounds and spicy rhythms of Spain and South America Sarasota Orchestra Live at Holley Hall, Time N/A, Register for chance to buy tickets Streaming Event May 6-11, \$10 953-3434, sarasotaorchestra. org/concerts

30

RANDY HOUSER

White Buffalo Saloon, 9:30 p.m., \$35, for 18 & over 927-6655, thewbsaloon.com

MAY 6 – 9

VIRTUAL OPTION AVAILABLE MOMENTS IN TIME CLASSICS

Sarasota Orchestra Live at Holley Hall, Time N/A, Register for chance to buy tickets Streaming Event May 13-18, \$10 953-3434, sarasotaorchestra.org/concerts

9

RAIN: A TRIBUTE TO THE BEATLES

Van Wezel Performing Arts Center 8 p.m., \$37-\$82 263-6799, vanwezel.org

13

VIRTUAL EVENT REIMAGINED: THE MAKING OF AN ADAPTATION

Featuring playwright Kate Hamill Florida Studio Theatre, 11 a.m., Free 366-9000, floridastudiotheatre.org



Country music singer and songwriter Randy Hauser makes it to White Buffalo Saloon on April 30. [COUNTEST PHOTO]

15

ONE NIGHT OF QUEEN

Featuring Gary Mullen and the Works Van Wezel Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m., \$22-\$77 263-6799, vanwezel.org

21 - 25

VIRTUAL EVENT SARASOTA BALLET DIGITAL

PROGRAM 7

Sir Frederick Ashton's Birthday Offering & Twyla Tharp's Nine Sinatra Songs Sarasota Ballet, Digital Venue, \$35 359-0099, sarasotaballet.org



The Sarasota Ballet's Digital Program 6 features George Balanchine's "Serenade" and "Façade." [соиктему рното]

The Art & Science of Astrology

APRIL & MAY 2021

BY KARI NOREN-HOSHAL

APRIL OVERVIEW

A celebratory Sagittarius Moon turns the first three days of April into a good time for a car trip, even just to get out of the house. A tradition-loving Capricorn Moon on Easter Sunday will quell our collective wanderlust and put the focus back on family traditions. On Monday April 19, the Sun and Mercury (communication) enter calming Taurus and a Cancer moon urges us to stop and smell the roses, and enjoy the arrival of spring.

POWER DAYS

- #1. April 6 is a great day for using technology to upgrade personal artwork or home décor due to Venus, the planet of love and attraction, making an encouraging sextile - AND the Moon in Aquarius making a harmonious trine to the motivation planet of Mars.
- #2. On Monday, April 26 many forces combine to inspire us to make much needed changes in our lives. We may decide to apply for a new job, or interview for one with excellent

WHAT TO WATCH OUT FOR:

All April will be confrontational, but especially so during the New Moon period of Friday April 9 to Monday April 12. We will experience a 'push me pull you' effect that has part of us wanting to make up for lost time and speed toward our 2021 goals while another part is exhausted by all the extra effort required to move so quickly.

STAY IN BED DAYS:

- #1. Friday April 16's challenging square of the Sun in Aries to mighty Pluto in Capricorn may stymie our need for freedom with a 'nose to the grindstone' effect.
- #2. Four challenging squares of the Moon in Leo to the Sun, Mercury, Venus, and Uranus all in Taurus - on Tuesday, April 20 tells us to NOT schedule an important presentation. Wait for better communication vibes on May 22 and 23 and go for it.

MAY **OVERVIEW**

In May, the Nodal Gates to spiritual growth open wide. We are tested to act on the days surrounding the New Moon of May 11. Later the month, on the days surrounding the Lunar Eclipse of May 26, we will need to take the 'higher road.' Lunar eclipses are times of intense emotions, but if we put the needs of the community before our purely personal ones, we will be supported to accomplish our goals.

POWER DAYS

- #1. The Moon, Mercury and Venus open the doors of communication the weekend of May 1-2, allowing you to meet some powerful new contacts for your business, or possibly a new romantic partner.
- #2. On Memorial Day, Monday May 31, imagination reigns supreme with Mars in Cancer trining Neptune in Pisces. If you have a home improvement or decoration project in mind, plan it out now.

WHAT TO WATCH OUT FOR:

An upsetting clash of ideas takes place between May 1 and May 22 when Jupiter (planet of abundance and expansion) moves into Pisces and makes a challenging square to the Nodes of the Moon, with the Full Moon in Gemini and Sagittarius. Translation? Not a good time for financial negotiation.

STAY IN BED DAYS:

- #1. The most difficult days this month are the ones surrounding the Lunar Eclipse of Wednesday May 26, when you may not even feel the strength to get out of bed.
- #2. May 24 to 27 will have a heavy, angry, self-righteous vibe that's great for attending a peaceful protest, but not much else.

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