

Around Town

Events & places to visit around your town!



Get your boots and hats ready for the 5th Annual Punta Gorda Downtown Hoedown Concert for the Troops presented by Storm Smart coming to downtown Punta Gorda on March 14, 2020.

The Downtown Hoedown will feature Great Country Music, Great BBQ & Food Vendors, and a Great Time!



Come Sail Away with Charlotte County! Join us for a taste of sailing! All skill levels welcome. The Port Charlotte Beach Complex will be hosting a half day of sailing on March 21st from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is free but call 941.627.1628 to register for a time. Equipment and brief instruction provided by Charlotte Harbor Community Sailing Center and food & drink available for purchase.



On Saturday, March 28 2020, Veterans will be honored with a parade and a ceremony at the Vietnam Wall of SW Florida, located in beautiful Punta Gorda, Florida. Visit the Facebook Page for details



This is a great opportunity to socialize with your neighbors and find something special to take home with you. If rain occurs, the rain date will be the next weekend. Free admission and parking for shoppers.

Interested in renting a space? For more information visit www.CityofNorthPort.com/YardSale, call 941-429-PARK (7275), or email us at Parks@CityofNorthPort.com.



The Suncoast BBQ & Bluegrass Bash is Southwest Florida's marquee barbecue and bluegrass event attracting tens of thousands of folks every year. Venice plays host to elite barbecue cook teams and award-winning bluegrass bands from all over the United States. If you have never tasted award-winning barbecue or heard toe-tapping bluegrass music, you are in for a treat!

The event starts Thursday night with the Kick-off party featuring the Battle of the Burgers. Event runs Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Visit their Facebook page for more information.



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Thermostat

Four Seasons Air Conditioning, Inc. March 2020 Customer Newsletter

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What is That Noise?

Have you ever heard a noise come from your air conditioner and just can't seem to figure out what it is? We have customers call us for advice on screaming, humming, rattling, clanking and banging every day. It's not that uncommon, especially if your air conditioner is a little older. A minor tweak here and there usually can resolve the issue, but other noises can be a warning sign that your air conditioning system is failing and needs to be looked at now.

We've put together a list of the most common noises and what may be going on with your system. Noises should be investigated sooner rather than later to keep your system running smoothly.

Screaming – No one wants to hear a screaming AC! Turn your unit off, screaming usually means your compressor could be failing. *If your AC is screaming – turn it off, we can't stress this enough.*

Squealing – This may be a belt slipping or the bearings of the condenser motor may be wearing.

Clicking – If your A/C is repeatedly clicking it could mean a relay could be going bad. If it's a clicking that happens just when your unit shuts on or off, that's normal.

Banging and or clanking – These types of sounds usually mean there is an issue with the blower assembly or the motor.

Rattling – This type of sound usually means something is coming loose inside your system. The louder the sound the more serious a problem could be.



R-22 is a refrigerant (freon) that was used in air conditioning systems and heat pumps prior to January 1, 2010. The United States EPA reduced the production of R-22 in 2010. R-22 produced after January 1, 2010 can only be used for the repair of an existing R-22 air conditioning system. In other words, all new air conditioning systems produced after January 1, 2010 were designed to use the newer environmentally friendly R-410A refrigerant (freon). A mandatory production schedule was published by the EPA for R-22 that decreased yearly production with final phase out scheduled for January 1, 2020.

How Does This Affect My A/C System?

First, the price of R-22 refrigerant has surged over the past several years and will continue to rise as production of R-22 is completely phased out on January 1, 2020. This could drive up the cost of repairing

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Irish Seafood Chowder

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| 2 slices lean nitrate-free bacon | 1/2 Tablespoon olive oil |
| 1 leek, rinsed and chopped | 2 stalks celery, chopped |
| 3 carrots, peeled & chopped | 2 cl garlic, peeled & chopped |
| 1 bay leaf | 4 oz. Greek cream cheese |
| 1 Tablespoon cornstarch | 3 cups low fat milk |
| 1/2 lb. salmon, cut small | 1/2 lb. shrimp, tails removed |
| 1 6-oz. can crabmeat, drained | 1 teaspoon tarragon |
| 1/2 teaspoon thyme | 4 potatoes, peeled and chopped |
| 2 cups fish broth or clam juice | OR 2 cups water + 3 Tablespoons fish sauce |



In a nonstick soup pot, cook the bacon over medium heat, then remove it from the pan and set aside. Add the olive oil, leek, celery, carrots and garlic to the pan and saute until the celery is tender. While the veggies are cooking, chop the bacon. Add the potatoes, broth and bay leaf to the pot and cook for about 20 minutes or until the potatoes are tender. Take about 2 cups of the hot soup and put it in a blender with the Greek cream cheese, cornstarch and 1 cup of milk. Blend until smooth and pour the milk mixture back into the pot. Add the rest of the milk to the pot as well. Stir in the salmon, shrimp, crabmeat, chopped bacon and seasonings, reduce heat to medium low and cook for about 5 minutes longer until the shrimp is pink and the salmon is done.



Reuben Roll-Ups

- INGREDIENTS
- 6 leaves cabbage
 - 12 slices Swiss cheese
 - 1/4 lb. corned beef, thinly sliced
 - 1 c. sauerkraut 1/4 c. Russian dressing, for dipping

Instructions

In a large pot, boil 4 cups water. Using tongs, dip each cabbage leaf in water for 30 seconds and place on a paper towel lined plate to dry. Place 2 slices Swiss cheese in the center of a cabbage leaf. Top with a couple slices of corned beef and a spoonful of sauerkraut and roll burrito-style into a small package. Serve with Russian dressing for dipping.

Are you **Summer Ready?**

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Before Calling For Service!

Have you -

- **Checked the batteries in your thermostat? If your thermostat's batteries are low, it can cause your system to not function properly.**
- **Changed your filters lately?**
- **Checked your breakers and disconnect?**
- **Do you have an FP&L on call box?**
- **Is your de-humidistat turned to the "ON" POSITION?**
- **Was there a lightning strike and your outside unit is making a screeching noise? Turn it off for 5 minutes and then back on, sudden stop/start can make the fan run backwards!**

If you have checked all of the above and your system is still not functioning properly, call 941-627-2132 for 24/7 service! REMEMBER—if you see ice on the copper pipes or coils—turn off the system to start defrosting it before we get there, or we may not be able to work on it right away!



What is That Noise?, continued.

Humming – Humming noises most of the time is a capacitor starting to fail. Other times, it could be your motor starting to fail.

A few other signs that could mean you need to have your air conditioning system looked at.

Loud buzzing sounds. This can mean that the isolation feet (the compressor sits on small rubber feet called isolation feet), are degrading or have cracked. If this happens, it can cause the compressor to become unstable which can cause the loud buzzing sound. Or it could be your compressor is not working correctly.

Ice appears on your coils. Normally this is a sign of a refrigerant leak. If you notice warm air blowing or your system isn't keeping up in the heat of the day, check your filters too. A clogged or dirty filter can cause your system to blow warm air.

Water in the pan below your air handler. If your system is equipped with a flow switch, your system will automatically shut off to prevent water running over the pan and onto your floor or ceiling dependent on where your air handler is installed. This usually can be corrected by clearing the drain line that may have become clogged with algae or something lodged in the drain line (like a lizard!) Have questions? Give us a call at 941-548-4216 or email us at Questions@4SeasonsAC.com.

Get to Know Us



Who is that friendly cheerful voice that answers most of our phone lines? It's Michelle! She really is just as cheerful as her voice sounds. Michelle has been in Florida for five years, moving from Baltimore, MD. She and her husband Mark have been married for 23 years and have a beautiful daughter Ashlee. When Michelle has free time she loves to spend time with her family and paint furniture. On any given Saturday you can find her shopping for antiques at our local shops.

Nathan Carey is our Air Comfort Advisor and has been with Four Seasons 17 years. Nate is married with two adorable children. **Tyler Hamilton** is a Production Supervisor. Tyler has been with us 18 years, starting in Production learning from the ground up. Tyler's also the son of our owner, Greg Hamilton. **Keith Bowman** is a Production Supervisor and has been with us 22 years. Keith is married and in his spare time loves to fish.

Efficient, Economical Ductless Mini-Splits

Everyone knows that Four Seasons is Charlotte County's only Carrier Factory Authorized Dealer, but did you know we're also a Mitsubishi Electric Diamond Dealer?



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Reduce energy usage, not comfort



The R-22 Refrigerant Phaseout & You

Does Your HVAC system use R-22 Refrigerant?

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older systems still using R-22 refrigerant which is already limited and continues to be phased out completely, availability of R-22 to air conditioning contractors will decline. In the future all air conditioning contractors may not always be able to guarantee to have R-22 on hand. This fact alone could make it difficult to complete repairs on older R-22 systems.

What Are My Options?

If you have an air conditioning system that uses R-22, you don't have to go running out and buying a new system today. Continue to use your air conditioning system as you normally do, but you should make sure to properly maintain your unit to minimize higher maintenance costs due to mechanical breakdowns or refrigerant leaks.

For those of you that have an older system, you may want to get an idea of replacement costs for a new air conditioning system now in the event your system does fail this summer. Having peace of mind knowing what a new system will cost versus an expensive repair can help you make an educated decision instead of an uninformed one should your system have a mechanical failure this summer.

For more information on the R-22 phase out, free no obligation new system estimates and maintenance programs for older air conditioning systems, call Four Seasons Air Conditioning, Inc. at 941-206-6131.



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