

Walt Bethel's  
Real Estate Resource  
REMAX HARBOR REALTY

## January 2019 Newsletter

Greetings!

Happy New Year!

Welcome to the January Edition of my "Real Estate Resource" Newsletter.

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### NOTE FROM NEIGHBOR



#### **Quail Forever- South Florida's Flatwood Chapter**

\*\*Are you passionate about hunting and habitat?

\*\*Do you want to give back to a tradition that has given you so many memories afield?

\*\*Do you want to make a difference for your local wildlife?

\*\*Do you want to leave a legacy for future hunters?

If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, then you need to get involved. To put it simply, more Quail Forever members equal more acres

### Governor Ron DeSantis Announces Major Water Policy Reforms

By Xander Peteres in the  
Orlando Weekly:

Last week, newly appointed Governor Ron DeSantis went to work and announced an executive order calling for \$2.5 billion over the next four years to go toward Everglades restoration – a \$1 billion increase – and the establishment of a blue-green algae task force.



The order, dubbed "**Achieving More Now for Florida's Environment**," promises participation in the Florida Wildlife Commission's Harmful Algae Bloom Task Force to expedite the study of red tide's causes and impacts on the environment and human health, and instructs the South Florida Water Management District to begin the next phase of the Everglades Agricultural Area Storage Reservoir Project and for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to approve the project in line with the state's schedule.

The order also will create the Office of Environmental Accountability and Transparency, which will **organize scientific research and analysis** to keep agencies in line with the state's environmental priorities. A chief science officer will also be appointed under the order, with the goal of coordinating and prioritizing scientific data, research, monitoring and analysis in step with key environmental priorities.

He then **asked the entire South Florida water management board to resign** as part of his water policy reform. DeSantis thanked the board members for their service but said he had a "bold vision" for the board and asked the members for their immediate resignations.

"I thank you for your service to the State of Florida, but it is time for a **clean reset of the leadership of the Board** to focus appropriate attention on this bold vision," the governor wrote in a letter.

of habitat, and more birds, and more public lands to hunt.

Email:  
[Ronald Gulau](mailto:Ronald.Gulau)  
or call  
(941) 575-1213  
about joining our  
local FL chapter  
today!

### Fun Facts about the Florida Everglades

\*Largest continuous stand of sawgrass prairie in North America.

\*Predominant water recharge area for all of South Florida through the Biscayne aquifer.

\*A World Heritage Site, a Biosphere Reserve, a Wetland of International Significance, and an Outstanding Florida Water.

\*Home of thirteen endangered and ten threatened species.

\*Largest mangrove ecosystem in the western hemisphere.

\*Largest designated wilderness in the eastern U.S.

\*Only subtropical preserve on the North American continent.

"Therefore, I ask that each of you tender your resignation from the Board, effective immediately."

**"Our water and natural resources are the foundation of our economy and our way of life in Florida,"** DeSantis says in a news release. "The **protection of water resources** is one of the **most pressing issues facing our state**. That's why today I'm taking immediate action to combat the threats which have devastated our local economies and threatened the health of our communities."

Source: [Florida Weekly](#)

## CITRUS HOT SPOT



Nikki Fried was sworn in last week as state agriculture commissioner, becoming the first woman elected to run the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. She also is the only Democrat holding statewide office and the first Democrat on the state Cabinet in eight years.

The News Service caught up with Fried on Friday and 1 of their 5 Questions were:

Q: Are **you** taking any action after a report President Trump has considered using money from the 2018 disaster-relief package, which included several sources of funding for **Florida farmers hit by Hurricane Irma**, for a border wall? Meanwhile, DeSantis is being urged to get the state Division of Emergency Management to start distributing a **\$340 million block grant that was included in the package for citrus growers**.

FRIED: **My priority is getting those dollars from emergency management from Irma down to our ag community**. They have been really hit hard from Irma and Hurricane Michael and getting those dollars to them in a timely manner is imperative for their livelihood. These individuals don't have an opportunity to wait for another off-season to rebuild. Every dollar that comes into them really helps rebuild their land and makes sure they can compete with the rest of ag across the country.

(Are you hearing, as Sen. Ben Albritton said, no federal dollars from the 2018 disaster relief package have reached Florida's citrus growers?)

100 percent. We heard that throughout the campaign trail; that there were farmers all across the state that were still waiting for their money. We knew going into this, that money had not been disbursed yet.

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## FEATURED LISTINGS

**SOLD!**  
**Self Storage Facility off Hwy 17**  
4232 Duncan Rd. Punta Gorda, FL  
33982



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## **SOLD! 191+/- Acre Recreational Hunting Tract**

4022 Aurin Grade Arcadia, FL 34266

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191 +/- Acres situated in the highly sought after Kings Hwy area in DeSoto County. Two parcels combine to form this ideal recreational property with a newly built 1 Bedroom/1 Bathroom Cabin and pole barn. The property is fenced, gated, and is encompassed by beautiful sloughs an old Florida Oak hammock's. Saw Palmettos And Pine Trees finish off this beautiful Old Florida landscape. Deer & other wildlife are abundant and the solitude is serene. This property is the perfect spot for your weekend getaway. The entrance is right off

Kings Highway (State Road 769) with convenient access to Sarasota, Port Charlotte, Interstate 75, or to the downtown Arcadia area.

MLS: C7404561

Total Acres: 191

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## **Highly Desired 5 Acre Tracts SW Albritton St. Arcadia, FL 34266**



Highly Desired 5 Acre Property off of Kings Hwy!! Offering a quiet and private setting this is the ideal building site for your dream home with plenty of space for a barn, pond, or animals. Located right off Kings Highway (State Road 769) with quick access to Port Charlotte, Interstate 75, or to the downtown Arcadia area. Sarasota and Gulf Beaches also within close proximity. This beautiful property won't last long!! \*FINANCING AVAILABLE\*\* Seller also

has additional adjoining parcels available for sale as well.

MLS: C7400688 & C7400543

Total Acres: 5 Acres

Listing price: \$69,500 per Tract

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## **PENDING! Large Warehouse with 8.5 Acres Zoned Industrial Light**

2692 Nat Ae. Arcadia, FL 34266

Large Warehouse with 8.5 Acres Zoned Industrial Light located off of prime Hwy 17 in Arcadia, Florida. This Gated property offers two buildings, offices, ample parking and outside storage. The Manufacturing building encompasses over 38,000 total square feet with up to 26' high ceilings. Ideal for manufacturing

and assembly line operations or distribution. Currently operating as a Machine Shop and manufacturing facility for commercial mowers and fertilizer spreaders. The Business, inventory, and adjacent 4.69 acres of commercial real estate may be purchased separately. Call today for an appointment.

MLS: C7249502

Total Acres: 8.5

Listing price: \$970,000

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***Just Reduced!***

**1,612 +/- Acre Ranch-Manatee County**  
**26005 Harrison Rd. Myakka City, FL 34251**



Located only 20 minutes from Sarasota and I-75 sits this spotless ranch property. With just over 1,600 acres, the beautiful "old Florida" landscape provides endless opportunities for the hunter, rancher, farmer or a recreational get away. It's one of a kind lodge boasts 5 bedrooms, a spacious living and dining area, and a beautifully updated kitchen. The entire property is abundant with deer, turkey, and other wildlife. Barns and guest houses round off this complete package. Call today to schedule a private showing!

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MLS: C7405242

Total Acres: 1,612

Listing price: \$7,990,000

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**Bayside Little Gasparilla Island 3/2 Stilt Home**

8538 Little Gasparilla Island Placida, FL 33946

By boat or water taxi, arrive at the 100'+ private, newly refinished dock that leads you straight to the front of the house on the oversized lot. The split stairwell welcomes you taking you to the second floor patio that is a perfect place to drink your morning coffee and watch the sunrise. As you enter the home, the spacious living area with a wood-beamed ceiling opens to the kitchen. The large kitchen with walk-in pantry and island are ideal for entertaining. The bedroom windows are adorned with plantation shutters. At the end of the hallway, the master bedroom is complete with its own bathroom. Below the home, features a large lower deck with an enclosed storage area. From there, it's just a short walk down the path to enjoy the amazing sunsets on the beach! There is plenty of the best Florida fishing right from your dock into Placida Harbor and onto the Gulf waters. Just minutes from the back waters of Bull Bay, Whidden creek, Turtle Bay and the world's greatest Tarpon fishing in Boca Grande Pass.



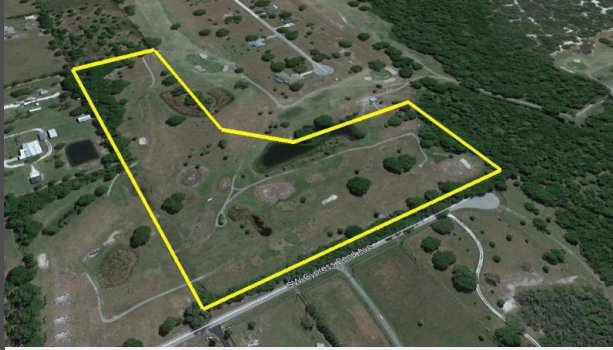
MLS: C7408868

Total Sq Ft: 1,360

Listing price: \$795,000

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***JUST REDUCED!***



## 16+ Gorgeous Acres

SW Cypress Bend Arcadia, FL 34269

16.84 +/- Gorgeous Acres situated adjacent to the Sunnybreeze Golf course in Desoto County. This parcel provides adequate privacy with ample space to build your dream home. This cleared parcel has convenient access to a newly upgraded public boat ramp with access onto the Peace River. Only minutes to Punta Gorda, Port Charlotte and I75. Come bring your horses and build your dream home on this beautiful piece of land!

MLS: C7401036

Total Acres: 16.84

Listing price: \$245,000

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## 20 Acres with Move-In Ready Home

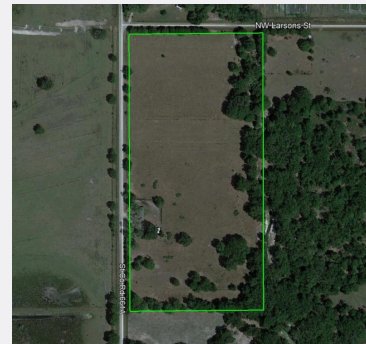
5556 County Rd. 661A Arcadia, FL 34266

20 Acres with Move-In Ready 2/1 Concrete Home located West of Arcadia off Highway 70. An ideal place for all your animals and private country living. Gorgeous fenced pasture with large oaks. Live in the home while you build your primary residence, or turn into an income rental property, endless options!! Just 10 minutes to downtown Arcadia.

Total Acres: 20

Listing price: \$275,000

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## 26.25 Acres on Kings Hwy

SW Peace River St. Arcadia, FL 34269

Over Twenty-Six (26.25) Acres of gorgeous, Florida land located in the Lake Suzy area of DeSoto County, with ¼ Mile of Kings Hwy frontage. Located in an area with good traffic, primed for future development. Just 3 miles to Interstate 75, Shopping Centers, Hotels and Restaurants. Public access to the Peace River at opposite end of Peace River Street. Acreage is currently Zoned A-5. This area has numerous existing and proposed residential developments with a few areas of commercial and light industrial nearby. Easy access to Punta Gorda Airport and Sarasota County..

MLS: C7400845

Total Acres: 26.25

Listing price: \$1,200,000

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# About Walt Bethel

Walt Bethel is a fifth generation Floridian, born and raised in Arcadia, with a vast knowledge of all areas of Florida Real Estate and an ardent appreciation for Florida history.

The purchase and development of his first orange grove when he was just sixteen years old fueled Walt's passion for real estate.

Since then, he has bought, owned, and sold a wide variety of properties throughout a successful business career. His investments have included acreage, agricultural properties, residential homes, condos, and commercial properties.

Walt's marketing and sales experience was cultivated over time at his family's business, Bethel Farms, where he marketed, managed, and sold products to "Big Box" retailers across the Southeastern and Midwestern United States.

From an early age, Walt's dad instilled in him the values to work hard and always have a goal, to look for a better way of doing things, and to constantly improve on them.

The daily implementation of these principles, coupled with his enjoyment of networking with new people and his experience in business, sales, and marketing, have contributed to Walt's success as a Realtor.

Walt has served on various boards and committees throughout the years. He has coached and actively supports local youth athletic programs and leagues.

He and his wife Jill, also a fourth generation Floridian, reside in Punta Gorda. They have two children, a daughter Peyton and a son Truman.



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