

Citizens file petition on parking

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ANNA MARIA — A group of residents, unhappy with the direction of discussions for handling parking on Pine Avenue, have filed an initiative petition.

“The public parking options recently proposed eliminate the on-site parking requirement and instead place the burden on the city for providing parking,” the petition states. “We, the undersigned, do not want city taxes, or the city rights-of-way used to create parking.”

The group is collecting the signatures of 15 percent of the registered voters, which amounts

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Recall petitions: Round two

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ANNA MARIA — The second round of petitions to recall City Commissioner Harry Stoltzfus are now in the hands of the Manatee County Supervisor of Elections.

City Clerk Alice Baird received the 261 petitions on Friday, July 2, from Recall

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Fireworks fly despite the rain



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Fireworks at Mar Vista Pub on Longboat Key ushered in the holiday weekend. Fireworks at the BeachHouse in Bradenton Beach on Saturday and at the Sandbar in Anna Maria on Sunday completed the weekend.

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Ed Chiles was relaxing Monday after a weekend of fireworks shows that were intertwined with rainstorms. The owner of the Mar Vista, BeachHouse and Sandbar restaurants pulled off a fireworks display each night at one of those establishments, sometimes starting just after the rain stopped and other times, ending just before the rain started.

“I’m so proud of all my staff and the professionals who pulled off three nights of dinners and fireworks – a hat trick as a tropical wave brought rain all three days,” he said Monday. “It’s funny, you get the anticipation before each show with your stomach in knots and then the exhilaration when it comes off perfectly.”

According to police, all three shows came off as planned with few problems from the crowds that came to the beach to watch the pyrotechnics. Chiles said last weekend was a land-

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Mainsail unveils architect's renderings

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HOLMES BEACH – Joe Collier, president of Mainsail Development of Tampa, unveiled drawings by the architectural firm of Cooper, Johnson, Smith for the Mainsail Lodge and condos at 5325 Marina Drive.

“We should have construction drawings by early fall,” Collier said. “Our goal is to have the building permit before the end of the year.

“We have a nice amount of reservations – about eight. We’ll work on pricing over the next 30 to 45 days.”

He said the Mainsail marina complex would have 37 units. In addition, there is a 62-slip marina with boats and fishing guides and a lodge is planned.

“We have been sprucing up the trailer there and added boats and lifts,” he said.

Collier said the company has sold four units and is about to



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Buildings surround the marina in this architect's rendering of the Mainsail development in Holmes Beach.

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