

Focus on Safety

Gannaway Builders is committed to be the MOST safety consciensious construction company in the state.

We will start recognizing each of you every month that take safety issues seriously and conform to all safety requirements.

New Hires

Alan Adiletto, Comptroller

Dennis Birchard, Senior Project Manager

Sylvain "Sy" Simard, Project Manager -Emilia Townhomes and Hotel Isis

Angela Lutz, Project Engineer, Shore Club

First Aid For Electric Shock

Here is an abbreviated list of steps.

Always call for emergency help. Even if a shock victim seems OK, he or she could be suffering from serious internal damage that could become evident hours later.

De-energize the circuit and separate the victim from the energy source using a dry wood broom, leather belt, plastic rope, or similar nonconductive implement, making sure that neither you nor the victim are in contact with any electric source. Otherwise, don't move shock victims in case the shock has injured the neck or back.

Begin mouth to mouth resuscitation and/or CPR, if necessary.

Keep the victim laying down, warm and comfortable until help arrives.



Primeros auxilios Para La Descarga Eléctrica

Aquí está una lista abreviada de pasos.

Siempre llamada para la ayuda de la emergencia. Incluso si una víctima del shock se parece ACEPTABLE, él o ella podría sufrir de daño interno serio que el colid se convierte en horas evidentes más adelante.

Desenergice el circuito y separe a victima de la fuente de energía usando una escoba de madera seca, una correa de cuero, una cuerda plástica, o un instrumento nonconductive similar, cerciorándose de que ni usted ni la victima está en contacto con cualquier fuente electric. Si no, no mueva a víctimas del choque en caso de que el choque haya dañado el cuello o la parte posteriora.

Comience la boca para articular la resucitación y/o CPR, en caso de necesidad.

Guarde a victima el colocar, caliente y comfotable hasta que llega la ayuda.



Construction Terminology 101

Transit:

A surveyors instrument used by builders to establish points and elevations both vertically and horizontally. It can be used to line up stakes or to plumb walls or the angle of elevation from a horizontal plane can be measured.



Gannaway's Nuts & Bolts

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Birthdays for August:

William Kopp - 8/3
William Sharpe - 8/8
Arturo Escutia-Mendiola 8/10
Austin Glunk - 8/11
Alex Graham - 8/11
Toby Hanlon -8/11
Mark Antonucci - 8/14
Carlos Monge - 8/18
Jason Manning - 8/23
Bill Cooper - 8/24
Carlos Solis - 8/25
David Grinnell - 8/27
Joseph Gisler - 8/29
Keith "Animal" McConnell-8/30
Josue Zelaya - 8/31

NEW PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

Emilia Townhomes

Redington Shores, FL. Gannaway has started construction on the new Emilia Townhomes, formally the Sinbad Motel, on Gulf Blvd. The Sinbad Motel will be demolished to make way for three, three-story luxury townhomes.

Each 14,000 square foot town home will consist of two living units over parking along the intercoastal. All units will stay consistant with the mediterranean architecture trends seen along Gulf Blvd.

For sales information, contact Dave Browning with Beach and Bay Realty at 727-744-3017.



RENDERING OF EMILIA TOWNHOMES
ARCHITECT: ARCHITECTONICS STUDIO

IF YOU ARE PATIENT IN ONE MOMENT OF ANGER, YOU WILL ESCAPE A HUNDRED DAYS OF SORROW.

CHINESE EPIGRAM

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT SHINES ON: ERIC ANTONUCCI



How long have you worked for Gannaway?

Two Years.

What is your main job responsibility?

My speciality is concrete form work and block. My job responsibility at the moment is overseeing the Emilia Townhome Project.

What advice would you give someone starting out in the field?

Be flexible, pay attention and try to learn everything you can. It will mean more money in the future.

Where were you born and raised?

I was born in Portsmouth Virginia and grew up in New Jersey until 1984, then moved to St. Petersburg.

How long have you been in Florida?

Twenty-two years.

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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD
11:00 AM TO 4:00 PM**

**FORT DESOTO PARK
3500 PINELLAS BAYWAY S., TIERRA VERDE
SHELTER NO. 13**

(No alcohol is allowed at the park.)

We will have catered food, games and entertainment for the kids. Just bring along your blankets, towels and bathing suits.

Please RSVP to Robin by September 9th with the number attending in your family.



No. of Adults _____
No. of Children over 13 _____
No. of Children under 13 _____

DIRECTIONS:

I 275 South to Exit No. 17 toward PINELLAS BAYWAY/ST. PETERSBURG BEACH (portions toll), go 2.9 miles, Turn LEFT onto PINELLAS BAYWAY S (portions toll), go 4.5 miles to end, Turn LEFT, SHELTER 13 will be the first pavillion on RIGHT.



Mom-and-pop story has a clever development twist

A Polish immigrant who owns an aging beach motel has thought up a way to survive and thrive.

By SHEILA MULLANE ESTRADA
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REDINGTON SHORES - Emily Macner may be 82, but she is still reinventing herself.

Some of her most vivid memories are as a teenager during World War II and then as a young mother of four struggling in Communist-controlled postwar Poland.

Today, she is one of Redington Shores' newest developers, intent on replacing her aging Sinbad Motel with six upscale Mediterranean-style townhomes.

She could have sold out to a developer, but, as throughout her life, she is determined to do it on her own.

In fact, redevelopment of the Gulf Boulevard landmark was not her first choice.

What she really wanted was to renovate the 18-unit 1950s motel, but as other motel owners here are finding, FEMA rules, current town zoning and building regulations, and the value of waterfront property forced the costs too high.

The lushly landscaped Sinbad, at 17819 Gulf Blvd., used to cater to a steady stream of winter and summer tourists who came year after year. But as the motel aged, the clientele changed. For much of the year it is now filled with local people living from week to week or month to month in the small rooms and apartments.

So, with the help of her daughter, Laura Puchowicz, they hired an architect, drew up some plans, and succeeded in getting town approval for some variances to build three two-unit duplexes. "My mother is a very keen businesswoman," Puchowicz says. "She came to this country from Poland in 1959. Her parents were entrepreneurs and she is, too."

Macner's story is both unique and typical of many American immigrants.

Her mother-in-law was already living in this country and had become a citizen. She sponsored her son, Macner's husband, who came first. Five months later, he, in turn, sponsored Emily and their four children.

They settled in Hartford, Conn., where they worked for more than a decade in factories and saved their money. Then they purchased the historic Adams Inn, an old hotel and restaurant in North Woodstock, N.H., where they lived and worked for years.



During the winter, they often vacationed in Florida. "It just got too cold. We heard about the Sinbad and decided to buy it," Macner says. And that, as they say, is history. Thirty years later, her husband is deceased, but her son, Stanley, still lives with her and helps at the motel. Her daughter lives close by as well, and helped her mother work through the redevelopment process.

"It hasn't been easy," Puchowicz says. "Most mom-and-pops sell to developers. My mother didn't want to do that." When they discovered they would have to reduce the number of motel units from 18 to about 10, they decided to build single-family residences.

"We wanted to make the motel better, but renovating the old structure would just have been a humongous problem," Puchowicz says.

They approached a bank for construction financing, but Macner thought the cost was too high. Instead, she plans to presell two units and another beach lot and use that money to begin construction. She plans to live in one unit and rent the other three.

Two signs in front of the Sinbad Motel announce the preconstruction sale. "We already have offers on some of the units," Puchowicz says.

Each of the six townhomes will have about 2,500 square feet, enclosed garages and balconies with iron railings. Red Spanish tiles will cover the roof. At the rear, large individual terraces and sliding doors will offer views of the Intracoastal Waterway. They hope to replace a dock at the rear of the property.

"We hope to start construction in March or April, maybe sooner," Puchowicz says.



So, sometime next year, Macner will be living in her new home at the Emilia Townhomes, named for her as she was known in Poland.

Does she regret having to tear down the Sinbad? She shakes her head emphatically.

"No. I will still stay here in my new home. I like it here," she says. And what about Poland, her homeland? She did return once but has no interest in going back again. "Nothing is like America," Macner says in her still thickly accented English. "I love Florida. America is a good country. I am happy now."