

SWEET TOOTH

# Norman Love opens on McGregor

Crepes, espressos, hand-crafted pastries offered; other plans slated

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Choco-holics, pastry addicts, lovers of gelato and caramel and puffy macaroons — it's here.

Sweet teeth all around McGregor Boulevard have cause for celebration. Norman Love Confections opened its newest location over the weekend, serving espressos, sundaes, crepes and more in The Design Center at 13261 McGregor Blvd., south Fort Myers.

"It's about being more accessible to the entire McGregor corridor, which is home to so many of our customers," Love said this morning, perched in a leather chair in a sunny corner of his sleek, new, 1,700-square-foot salon.

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This newest location, in the same plaza as First Watch and Melting Pot, is the fourth stand-alone salon in Southwest Florida for the award-winning, internationally renowned chocolatier.

And it's much more than just a chocolate shop.

The salon offers made-to-order crepes, espressos, and an array of hand-crafted pastries — from fruit tarts to twice-baked croissants filled with almond cream and soaked in almond syrup.

In the coming weeks Love will be teaming with local breweries, such as the forthcoming Millennial Brewing Co. in downtown Fort Myers, to craft signature beers that he'll pair with his desserts. Serious sweets lovers will soon be able to come in for multi-course dessert tastings, each treat teamed with the perfect wine, beer or flute of bubbly.

Brunch is also in the works, "but from a pastry chef's perspective," Love smiled.

The meal might start with a chocolate-infused crepe, followed by a savory Belgian waffle, yogurt with house-made granola, and a plate of miniature truffles to finish. Mimosas will be served, infused with tastes of the tropics.

"Imagine a mimosa flight with all fresh juices, pineapple, tangerine, passion fruit," said Love.

The sleek space is accented in chocolate brown and Love's signature green. Orders are placed at the counter, with a handful of tables for seating.

Even by Love's exacting standards, the space is gleaming, "the best one yet," he said.

"Our area needs a place you can come after dinner, or after the show, just to have a glass of wine and a little something sweet," Love said. "A place like this has always been a dream of mine, and here it is."

Norman Love Confections also has locations in Gateway, Estero and Naples. Find the south Fort Myers store at 13261 McGregor Blvd., suite 105; call 672-8797 or visit [normanloveconfections.com](http://normanloveconfections.com) for more.



PHOTOS BY ANNABELLE TOMETICH/THE NEWS-PRESS

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Norman Love's signature truffles line the counter at his newest salon in south Fort Myers.

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See a video of Norman Love talking about his McGregor location. [new-press.com](http://new-press.com)

## In brief

### Free Florida Residency and Estate Planning Workshop

Florida Bar Board Certified Wills, Trusts and Estates Attorneys Craig R. Hersch and Michael B. Hill, partners with Sheppard, Brett, Stewart, Hersch, Kinsey & Hill, P.A., will host a free Florida Residency and Estate Planning Workshop from 2 to 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7 at Temple Beth El, located at 16225 Winkler Road in Fort Myers. An essential workshop for Florida residents or those considering Florida residency, the workshop will educate attendees on Florida estate law and share opportunities for enhancing estate planning techniques. Additional workshops will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Nov. 1 at Sanibel Public Library in Sanibel and Nov. 10 at the Naples Area Board of Realtors Naples Conference Center in Naples.

Topics of discussion will include: Are wills and trusts established out of state valid, once you move to Florida? Can taxes be reduced by declaring Florida residency? Why does a Durable Power of Attorney need to be updated? How can I best keep legal documents up-to-date? And how a revocable trust may not avoid probate.

All attendees will receive a free copy of Hersch's recently published book, *The Florida Residency & Estate Planning Guide*. In addition, attendees can bring their current estate documents for a complimentary written trust analysis with Hersch and Hill by arriving 30 minutes prior to the seminar.

To reserve a seat, sign up online at [sbshlaw.com/workshops](http://sbshlaw.com/workshops) or call 425-9379.

### Behind-the-scenes veterans event

In observation of Veteran's Day, the Leadership Collier Foundation (LCF) Alumni Association™ is hosting a "Behind-the-Scenes" event on Thursday, Nov. 10, 3 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., at the Fred W. Coyle Freedom Park Education Facility, 1515 Golden Gate Parkway, Naples, FL 34103. LCF Alumni will learn about common issues facing veterans, the value of veterans in our workforce, the importance of community support and ways to get involved.

Attendees will hear from U.S. Army Sergeant Matthew Doyle, currently a Naples Police Department Master Officer; and panelists Dr. Debi Lux, D.D.S., co-founder of the Collier County Honor Flight; Beverly Belli, David Lawrence Center clinical director for adult community services; David Soldano, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs outreach specialist; and Carlos Ruiz, CareerSource Southwest Florida's disabled veterans outreach program specialist.

Following the presentations, guests will have an opportunity participate in a hands-on activity for veterans, and take part in a "behind-the-scenes" tour of the Freedom Memorial, led by Tim Durham, Collier County Executive Manager of Corporate Business Operations.

The cost to attend begins at \$30 per person, and online registrations can be made at [napleschamber.org/events](http://napleschamber.org/events) by November 7.

## Newsmakers

### Russell Schropp named a Lawyer of the Year

Best Lawyers in America has named Russell Schropp of Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A. the "2017 Land Use and Zoning Law 'Lawyer of the Year' in Fort Myers." Only a single lawyer in each specialty in each community is being honored as the "Lawyer of the Year."

Schropp serves as Henderson Franklin's Managing Stockholder. He focuses his practice in land use and environmental law and represents property owners and others before local, regional, state and federal agencies. He also contributes to the firm's Legal Scoop on Southwest Florida Real Estate blog.

Schropp is devoted to supporting the local community and serves as Co-Chair of the Business Issues Task Force of the Horizon Council, the business advisory council to the Lee County Commission. He also serves as Chair of the City of Fort Myers Nuisance Abatement Board, and has been the founding Chair of the Land Use and Governmental Law Section of the Lee County Bar Association. Schropp is also a member of the Real Estate Investment Society of Lee County (REIS).

Schropp received his undergraduate degree from Stetson University (B.A., 1978), his Master of Science Degree in Urban & Regional Planning from Florida State University (1980), and his law degree from Florida State University (J.D., 1984). For more information call 344-1280 or visit [henlaw.com](http://henlaw.com).

## Local Public Companies

N = NYSE, O = Nasdaq

52-week High	Low	Issue	Mkt Div	PE	Sales (Hun.)	High	Low	Last	Chg
45.82	20.99	Alico	O	.24	27	43	26.84	26.73	-.20
6.05	2.75	BeasleyB	O	.18	18	24	5.40	5.22	+.19
32.94	21.94	CntryLink	N	2.16	12	53275	28.10	27.56	-.20
14.88	9.61	Chicos	N	.32	72	13657	12.55	12.17	-.22
68.36	52.34	Comcast	O	1.10	20	70513	65.72	64.87	-.82
78.79	56.03	EastChem	N	1.84	10	11459	65.92	64.89	-.87
9.54	5.49	NeoGenom	O	.73	1362	8.21	7.93	8.07	-.19
131.98	96.19	NextEraEn	N	3.48	22	17659	122.48	120.78	-1.63
22.91	14.52	ScrippsEW	N	1.03e		3915	15.75	15.21	-.33
28.95	20.10	Tegna	N	.56	11	30325	20.76	20.23	-.22
25.00	15.41	WCI Cmts	N	.17	1138	23.63	23.42	23.56	-.03

## Toronto Exchange

Stock	Last	Chg	Stock	Last	Chg
EnCanaCorp	14.69	+.25	BCE Inc	59.71	+.28
ManulifeFin	19.22	+.05	BkMontreal	83.93	-.02
BarrickGold	20.55	-.36	AgnicoEagle	59.22	-.45
CdnNatRes	43.12	+.73	CIBC	99.54	-.26
T D Bank	57.92	-.35	ImperialOil	43.12	+.42
RoyalBank	82.03	+.13	AgriumInc	118.41	-.58
EnbridgeInc	57.30	+.20	IndAlliance	49.46	+.47
TransCdaCorp	60.45	-1.01	BombardAMV	1.90	-.02
SunLifeFin	43.19	+.09	Hydrogenics	8.61	-.14
Bk NS	69.87	+.35			
Magnalnt I	56.76	+.66			

## Chicago Board Of Trade

Corn			Soybeans			Wheat		
Settle	Chg		Settle	Chg		Settle	Chg	
Dec 16	345.50	+2.25	Nov 16	954.25	-.25	Dec 16	407.25	+3.50
Mar 17	355.25	+2	Jan 17	961.75	+.25	Mar 17	425	+1.25
May 17	361.75	+1.50	Mar 17	968.25	+.50	May 17	438	+1
Jul 17	368.50	+1.50	May 17	975	+.50	Jul 17	449.75	+1.25
Sep 17	375.50	+1.50	Jul 17	980.75	+.50	Sep 17	464.50	+1
Dec 17	384.25	+1.25	Aug 17	980	+.75	Dec 17	483	
Mar 18	393.50	+1	Sep 17	969.25	+.50	Mar 18	497.50	
Prev. sales:	154,639		Prev. sales:	224,616		Prev. sales:	93,578	
Prev. open int:	1,300,265		Prev. open int:	655,626		Prev. open int:	477,670	