



On the RIVER



Connecting ALVA Florida NEIGHBORS and NEIGHBORHOODS

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BRAND NEW! ONLINE! EXCITING! WOW!

Our new website!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

www.ONTHERIVER.ORG

Just launched, our website will be under constant improvement as we learn how to work the maze of internet realities (unrealities) that make up doing this for the first time.

Google on over to our new website, www.ontheriver.org, to check out this new beginning. Historic photos, archive of past ON THE RIVER newsletters and more.

Contact us to let us know how we might improve it.



To come: An event calendar listing in one place all the upcoming events in the Alva Area we know about.

Visit www.ALVAFL.org/newsletter to see previous publisher's Alva newsletters archived since 2010



ALVA INC

meets every second Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the Alva Community Center.

We discuss items pertinent to our community, families, schools, and homes.

Join us to learn what's happening, and how you may be a part of what's happening as Lee County Grows eastward toward our country haven. www.ALVAFL.org

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Our Tallahassee House Representative visits ALVA INC



Spencer Roach (R), elected one year ago as our District 79 representative to the Florida State House, paid a visit to attendees of the October 8th, 2019, ALVA INC meeting at the Alva Community Center. Assemblyman Roach spent two hours with the group of interested listeners as he both shared stories of his first year in Tallahassee and explained his reasoning for the bills he co-sponsored or voted for.

Spencer shared that when he visited over 5,000 homes during his first ever election campaign in 2018 he encountered many people and their stories; some quite humorous. He was especially glad to share one of a

78-year-old gentleman who called to ask him to visit his home a 45-minute drive away for a 'job interview'. Spencer, true to his word, made the drive and upon ringing the doorbell was greeted by his host with, "You are 2 minutes late for the interview. You don't get the job." And the door closed.

A short time later Mr. Roach received a phone call from the man and was asked if he would return for a second 'interview'. Our intrepid representative made another 45-minute drive and this time was early, and welcomed inside. At the end of the 'interview' the voter said he would be voting for Spencer. Then Spencer asked, "Why?" , "Because you say you are for the common man, and I've never met a man more common than you."

Mr. Roach shared the two personally most important bills he worked on and co-sponsored this year. HB-7071 was for a Florida Apprenticeship Program. This new education initiative is to be up and running within the next two years. It is hoped that all Florida High Schools will be offering trade specific classes that allow a graduating senior, who desires to work in a trade rather than attend college, certification in that trade so they may seek skilled employment right out of high school.



His second most personally satisfying bill to work on was HB-421 which gives a judge the right to take a child away from a biological parent permanently if that parent does not improve their parental skills very specifically within twelve months after any conviction of child endangerment. Until now the biological parent could repeatedly seek reinstatement of the child with them out of foster care and too often the parent's behavior had not changed. The challenge, more now than ever, is to find enough loving and qualified foster and adoptive parents for children who are removed permanently from their parents under this new law.

To the second law's point Spencer asked us to consider reading a poignant and fact filled book by a Tampa resident who grew up in foster care, Ashley Rhodes Counter, "Three Little Words".

Two highly controversial bills Spencer supported this year were the BAN ON SANCTUARY CITIES which now allows the governor to remove an elected city or county official who seeks to give sanctuary to an undocumented immigrant.

The other was the GUARDIAN BILL which allows individual school districts to allow their teachers and administrative staff persons to carry guns into their rooms and offices IF they pass rigid firearm safety tests with those sidearms and pass specific psychological testing. Lee County is one of 34 of Florida's 67 counties which does NOT permit guns by anyone but the security officers appointed to our schools

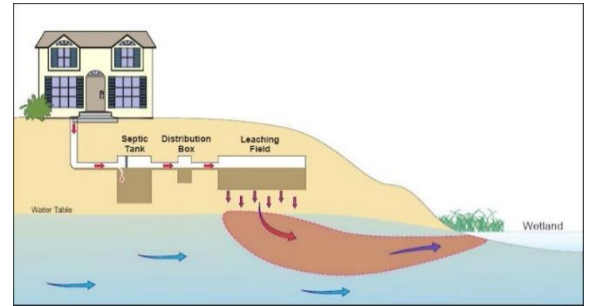
Representative Roach asked us to "please" contact him via email for any reason, Spencer.Roach@myfloridahouse.gov ,or his direct cell phone, **239-336-4588**, which he handed out to all, with any question at any time.

Our rural lifestyle has a potential underground DANGER to our rural lifestyle



(TY LeeFuture-Tammy Baker & News Press)

According to the National Environmental Services Center, Lee County has 132,266 Septic Systems, making this an issue of extreme concern.



Fixing, replacing and better monitoring septic tank systems is one key to cutting down on the amount of nutrients polluting Florida's waterways.

The Department of Environmental Protection's Blue-Green Algae Task Force met in September at a Florida Gulf Coast University site in Naples.

Task force members said DEP should be involved in the septic tank permitting process and that the agency should develop a monitoring system to make sure tanks aren't leaking too many nutrients (green algae food) into our streams and rivers.



"This is not just a human health problem, but it's an environmental problem and DEP should have some oversight here, and that would of course include being involved in the permitting to make sure they're consistent with the land use and all of those other factors," said task force chair and Florida's top scientist Tom Frazer.

Members talked about the functionality of septic systems and how these mini-waste treatment facilities impact our environment.

Lawmakers will get a series of recommendations from the task force before the next legislative session.

GOING GREEN: HOW TO MAKE YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY

(TY Paradise Septic mail@paradiseseptic.com)

Dispose of non-biodegradable materials elsewhere. Never put grease, feminine products or diapers, cat litter, medications, lint, or medications down your drains. These items will disrupt your eco-friendly system and could cause major sewage backups.

>>>Put your coffee grounds in the trash. Or dispose of them in the soil around your outdoor or potted plants.

>>>Septic tanks are no place for toxins. Never put drain cleaners, antibacterial soaps, bleaches, or any other chemically-based cleaning products down your drains.

>>>Dispose of paint properly. Paint is perhaps one of the worst things you can put down a drain into your septic tank. It can clog the tank and disrupt the drain field.

>>>Clean out your septic system regularly to keep it in top condition.

>>>Keep your pipes, pump, and drain field in great condition, so the drinking water you and your neighbors get from our aquifer may be as healthy as possible.

ONE MORE NOTE: Replacing a damaged septic and drain field system in Southwest Florida can cost as much as \$15,000 to \$30,000. Take good care of very important underground investment.



The Alva School will be honoring our local veterans with a Veterans Day Program on Friday, November 8th at 1:00pm in our school gymnasium. All veterans and their families are welcome to attend. Please bring a state issued photo id with you to sign in at our front office. We look forward to honoring you and your service to our country!

"It's been an amazing journey. The blood donors made it possible."
- Amanda,
mother of Lillian,
patient, Golisano Children's
Hospital of Southwest
Florida

Cascades at River Hall
Saturday, November 16th, 2019
10:00am to 2:00pm

Please Help Us Make Our Goal of 15+Units.

Change a life.
Donate blood.

Spend a few minutes of your time and save the life of another person this summer. Your donation through the Lee Health Blood Center will stay in Lee County and benefit local residents and visitors in need.

All donors will receive a **thank you gift and wellness checkup** including blood pressure, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening.
For more information or schedule a bloodmobile visit, call 239-343-2333.



Cascades is located in River Hall Community
On Rte 80, east of Riverdale, FL



Another great line-up for their 27th Season!

"Four Old Broads" (Comedy) Nov 1, 2, 3 & 7, 8, 9, 10

"A Nice Family Christmas" (Not your traditional Christmas Comedy) Dec 6, 7, 8 & 12, 13, 14, 15

"Nunsense" (Comedy/Musical) Jan 10, 11, 12 & 16, 17, 18, 19

"Butterflies Are Free" (Comedy) Feb 7, 8, 9 & 13, 14, 15, 16

"'til Beth Do Us Part" (Comedy) March 13, 14, 15 & 19, 20, 21, 22

"A Murder Has Been Renounced" (Mystery) April 17, 18, 19 & 23, 24, 25, 26



241 North Bridge Street, Labelle, Florida

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Fastest-Growing Cities in America (Source: WalletHub, 2019)

1. Lehigh Acres, Florida

2. Mount Pleasant, South Carolina

3. Bend, Oregon

4. Enterprise, Nevada

5. Frisco, Texas

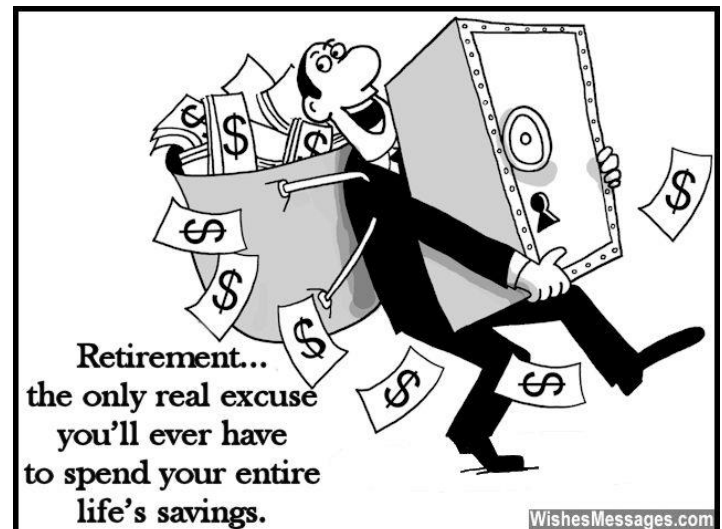
6. Fort Myers, Florida

7. Meridian, Idaho

8. St. George, Utah

9. Cape Coral, Florida

10. Round Rock, Texas



Lehigh Acres now at over 200,000 population...heading for 400,000.

Retirees make up the largest portion of new residents, of course

Happenings in LABELLE this season!

LaBelle Downtown Revitalization Corporation
cordially invites you to the

7th Annual **WHARF WALK**
presented by *Wearable Art Show*
ROCKET COOLING & MAYA INTERPRETERS

**Saturday
NOVEMBER
9, 2019**



five to nine
o'clock
in the evening

WHARF WALK

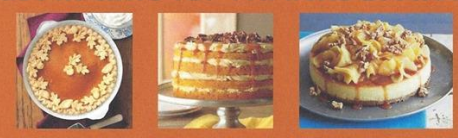
DESOTO AVENUE, ALONG THE GALOOSAHATCHEE RIVER, WILL BE BROUGHT TO LIFE WITH A WEARABLE ART SHOW, ENTERTAINMENT, ADULT BEVERAGES, ARTISAN EXHIBITS, CIGAR BAR, SILENT AND LIVE AUCTIONS, AND DRAWINGS. PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT WILL GO TOWARDS RENOVATING THE CONCERT SEATING AT BARRON PARK.

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Free Admission | Open to the Public

DESSERT AUCTION ...
just in time for THANKSGIVING!



BARRON LIBRARY
Tuesday, November 19
5:30 PM

Looking for 'bakers' and 'bidders'!
If you would like to donate a dessert, contact Barron Library at 863-675-0833.

Plan now to attend this fun event, and purchase some special desserts for your Thanksgiving Dinner!



CHOOSE RIVERSIDE FOR YOUR GROUP'S CHRISTMAS PARTY!

CHRISTMAS AT CAMP

Let Riverside do the work for your group's Christmas party this year. Reserve your 4 hour party today! Each party has appetizers, classic camp activities, and Christmas activities complete with a holiday meal. Lunch parties run 10:00AM - 2:00PM and Dinner parties are 3:00PM - 7:00PM throughout the month of December.

Questions and reservations contact Kimi
kimi@riverside.org
863-675-0334 ext. 303

JANUARY 17-19, 2020

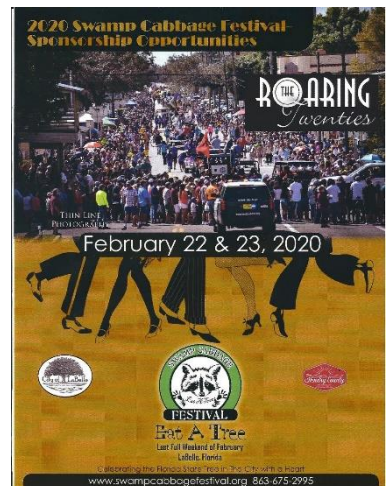


FAMILY CAMP OUT
S'MORE FAMILY S'MORE FUN S'MORE JESUS

Join us for a weekend of fun for the whole family! You bring the tents and we will supply the meals -from Saturday breakfast - Sunday breakfast and classic camp activities for the whole weekend! This event is only \$50 per person.

Register today at www.riverside.org/year-round-programs
Questions? email: kimi@riverside.org

2020 Swamp Cabbage Festival Sponsorship Opportunities



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February 22 & 23, 2020

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Last Call: Weekend of February
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Feeding America releases the 2019 Map the Meal Gap study

Study shows children in Southwest Florida are more likely to face hunger than children nationwide

About 151,600 people in the five Southwest Florida counties we serve struggle with hunger, which means they may not know where their next meal is coming from. Here are three ways to help.

Give TIME. Give MONEY. Give FOOD.

To make a donation, call (239) 334-7007 or visit harrychapinfoodbank.org.



Friends of Okeechobee Waterway West

Dedicated to preserving and enhancing the natural and recreational resources of The Okeechobee Waterway

Contact Bev MacDonald at friendsofoww@gmail.com for more information.

A nonprofit organization is seeking the community's help in protecting children this school year by continuing the momentum of placing benches at school bus stops throughout Lehigh Acres. The Southwest Florida Shield Foundation Founder James Branham said the young lady who was running Benches for Our Babes merged with their organization because they became a 501c3 organization in June. Now the program is called Shield4Kids.



"We are trying to provide bus stops with a bench for the kids, so they are not standing in the road. Two little girls were killed last year. They weren't visible. That's where this program came in," he said. "We are collecting donations and grant money to buy benches for these kids. "So far 75 benches are scattered throughout Lehigh Acres with the hope of placing another 30 throughout the community. "Everyone has to stick together. You don't have to have kids to care about human life. Our biggest motto, move over for life, period," Branham said.

Are any ALVA folk interested in sponsoring bus stop tables for their children?

CONTACT: James Branham, Director, at swfloridashield@yahoo.com



**Services available for all of ALVA at
the Dr Phyliss L Russ Community
Center**

2541 Charleston Park Dr. Alva, FL 33920

Contact LASHAY RUSS for information

Charlestonpark1926@gmail.com

239-728-8895



**CHILDREN'S & YOUTH
LIBRARY**

**Has been designated a
SATELLITE LIBRARY
by the Lee County
Library system**



NEW and IMPROVED

VIP Perks Reward Program:

Members will receive 5% reward points towards the total purchase of donated goods, no minimum required.

This Program is valid when you shop locations in our Southwest Florida locations only, which include Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Glades and Hendry counties.

What is new and improved? Your Perks membership is tied to customer rewards, where you earn points on donated goods purchased. No need to spend \$10 to receive a reward or fill a card with stamps.

Tell your cashier you are a Perks member and reward points will accrue automatically at the register.

Points earned can be redeemed nearly any time on purchases and can only be used as such. They have no cash value.

Can I still redeem PCC Cards? Yes, the Preferred Customer Card can be redeemed through Dec. 31, 2019, even if it's not full. Each stamp is worth \$1 discount on purchases of donated goods. October 14, 2019 will be the last day to earn stamps on PCC cards.

How Do I Join or Update my Perks info and start receiving PERK ALERTS? STEP 1 - the next time you shop in our stores, make sure you sign up at the register or ask the cashier to check that your VIP Perk information is correct in order to begin earning points.

STEP 2 - In order to start getting PERK ALERTS and upcoming specials in your email, fill out the form at www.goodwillperks.com.



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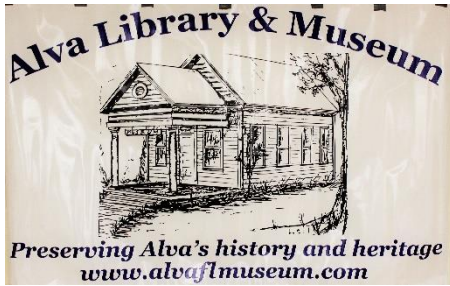
<https://babcockranchecotours.com/>

A local business/State venture that is a local ecological treasure:

In 1914, the 91,000-acre Crescent B Ranch was acquired by Edward Babcock, a Pittsburgh lumber magnate and politician. The renamed Babcock Ranch served as the base for the family's timber business, the most prominent end-users being the diamond mines in South Africa that used the pine-based pitch to ward off termites.

By the 1930's, Edward's son Fred was managing the property and became the face of Babcock Ranch. After Fred's death in 1997, the heirs attempted to sell the property to the state. In 2005, discussions with the state were terminated and the family began accepting offers from private buyers. Fortunately, one of the prospective buyers shared the family's desire to preserve as much of the ranch as possible. Kitson & Partners purchased the 91,000-acre ranch on July 31, 2006 and on the same day, sold 80% of the ranch lands to the State of Florida and Lee County. The agreement that preserved more than 73,000 acres of the most environmentally valuable areas of the ranch still ranks as the largest single land preservation purchase in state history. The land management plan called for ranching and other business operations, such as the eco-tour, to continue operating. Kitson was under contract to manage the preserve for the state until July of 2015, when Tarpon Blue Land & Resource Management was selected as the new contract manager.

A bit of ALVA History



The Alva Library Association, Inc. INVITES TO OUR OPEN HOUSE!

**Saturday, November 9, 2019, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM
at the Library and Museum. Light refreshments will be
served.**

Finally, after several years, many dollars and uncountable volunteer hours, we have completed Phase I of the restoration and improvements to the Alva Library and Museum. An ADA parking space, ramp, deck, stairs and railings have been installed and a sidewalk runs from the parking space to the ramp and stairs. The entrance to the museum has been moved to the rear of the building. Most of the windows were either repaired or replaced, new doors were installed,



structural repair to the foundation was completed, the bathroom was renovated with new flooring and fixtures and central air conditioning was installed in both buildings. The exterior was repaired and repainted and other improvements were made to our 110-year-old building. Phase 2 is a new deck and stairs around the rear of the Owanita Chapel. Phase 3 is a new ADA bathroom, storage shed, pump room and sidewalks behind the Chapel. Phase 4 is a new paved patio between the building's east of the deck. We have a "wish list" of things we are in dire need of including (1) a new well because the old one is not potable; (2) a new septic tank and drain field to serve the new ADA bathroom in Phase 3.

You are invited to an open house on Saturday, November 9, 2019, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM at the Library and Museum. Light refreshments will be served. There is no fee to attend but, of course, we will always accept donations.



ECHO[®]
*Reducing Hunger, Improving Lives
 Worldwide*

In the early 1970's Indiana businessman Richard Dugger led a group of high school students on a visit to Haiti and was deeply moved by the plight of people in developing countries. He and others made personal commitments to share their time and resources, they prayed and dreamed of ways to help meet the needs that they had seen. Other Christian laymen and clergy from Indiana and Florida caught the dream, and ECHO (Educational Concerns for Haiti Organization) was born. Until 1981 ECHO worked on various projects in Haiti. ECHO's role in international agricultural

development was more clearly defined with the arrival of Former Executive Director, Dr. Martin Price, in June of 1981.

ECHO's primary functions are providing agricultural information to overseas workers, distributing seeds for promising food plants, and offering training opportunities at the Florida farm



In 2001, ECHO received a grant to develop the Global Farm and Research Center in which 6 separate areas of tropical climates are simulated. Each of the six agricultural interns takes care of his or her own climate zone. Currently featured on the farm are the tropical lowlands, tropical highlands, monsoon, semi-arid, rainforest clearing, community garden and urban garden. The global farm is not only a hands on training ground for those searching for help in tropical agriculture, but also an educational tool to make the public aware of hunger related issues and the answers there are to alleviate malnutrition and starvation.



Nearly every aspect of ECHO's ministry has experienced substantial growth. The permanent staff is still growing with over 65 members. Volunteers give over 75,000 hours of work yearly. We now have 10 interns who reside, work and receive training for one year on the farm followed by an optional six-month extension with one of our Impact Centers. More

than 10,000 visitors tour our demonstration farm each year and agricultural development workers from around the world spend from a few days to a few months at ECHO where they use the library, attend seminars, and work alongside the interns in their projects for practical, hands-on experience.

17391 Durrance Road, North Fort Myers, FL 33917 | 239.543.3246 | info@echonet.org

<https://www.echonet.org/>

Global Farm Tour Schedule:

Tuesday thru Saturday (Dec. thru April): 9:30 and 1:30

Tuesday, Friday & Saturday (May thru Nov.): 9:30

Closed Sundays and Holidays



Walks for the Public

The Friends of the Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve are again hosting off the boardwalk strolls along the wet walk trail usually closed to the public.

Six Mile Cypress Slough, Lee County Park

7751 Penzance Boulevard, Fort Myers, FL. 33966

The invigorating, beautiful path is immersed in the watery heart of the Slough. Group size is limited to 16. You must be at least 10 years old to participate because of the possible water depth.

Dates - all on Saturdays. Walks are only conducted during the wet season.

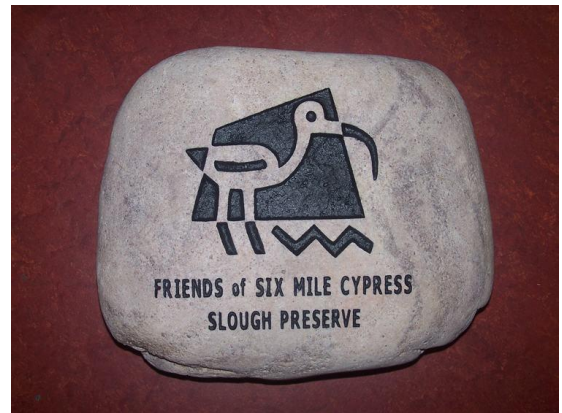
October 5 10 am and 1 pm

October 19 10 am and 1 pm

Reservations required. Contact Charles O'Connor at rcoc77@embarqmail.com

"Rock On" in the Slough Garden

The Friends are launching a unique fund-raising project to support the educational programs and materials for the Slough. With a donation of \$250 to the Friends Educational Fund a beautiful natural river stone (approx. 11" – 15" in size) will be placed in the center garden at the Slough.



The stones may be engraved with a name, favorite saying, peaceful thought, or remembrance. Each stone can accommodate up to 25 characters. The stones will be placed along the center garden walkways near the main parking lot. The Rock committee anticipates that the stones will last for many years. What a great way to own your personal pathway marker in the Slough!

The stones are available at \$250 each. Please contact Terri Krass, drtkrass@gmail.com or Steve Tutko, swampscreeamer@aol.com for an order form or call the Friends at (239) 533-7557.



Manatee Park

10901 Palm Beach Blvd,
Fort Myers, FL 33905

The manatee will be coming back in soon!
Stay in touch easily by calling 239 690 5030

Olga Community Park

2325 S Olga Dr, Fort Myers, FL 33905

(239) 533-7275



The Olga Community Center was built in 1927 and was used as a schoolhouse until 1939. In 1952, the Lee County School Board sold the building to a non-profit group called Olga Community Center Inc. In 1964, Olga Community Center Inc. turned the center over to Lee County and in 1986, Parks & Recreation assumed operational control. The center has retained its historic feel and continues to serve the local community. In 2008, the center underwent

a total historic renovation. New flooring and windows were installed back to the historic floor plan of the 1930's.

Olga Community Park was the play area of the Olga Community School in 1927. The park has provided outdoor space for the local residents ever since. The current playground was installed in Spring 2007.

New home of Alva area AFTER SCHOOL program

Hickey's Creek Mitigation Park

17980 Palm Beach Blvd, Alva, FL, 33920



-Great for quiet creek kayaking.

-Fun for walks and picnics.

-A pond overlook.

The acquisition of lands to form Hickey Creek Mitigation Park (HCMP) started in 1994. Adding to 10 acres of land already preserved, Lee County's Environmentally Sensitive Lands Program and Florida Communities Trust purchased 770 acres. Five parcels, totaling 82 acres, were acquired through the Conservation 20/20 program. HCMP was opened to the public on April 20, 2002, making this a natural area for all to enjoy. HCMP encompasses 862 acres of land consisting of pine flatwoods, scrubby flatwoods, freshwater marshes, cypress swamps, hardwood hammocks, and oak-palm forests. The Tourist Development Council of Lee County assisted in the funding of waterfront facilities at Hickey Creek. The creek flows through HCMP for over 1 mile and discharges into the Caloosahatchee River. Hickey Creek is also part of The Great Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail. The terrestrial and aquatic communities within HCMP support a variety of wildlife including gopher tortoises, Florida Scrub-Jays, Florida panthers, bobcats, eastern indigo snakes, American alligators, river otters and a variety of birds.

ALVA BOAT RAMP PARK

21580 Pearl St, Alva, FL 33920

Public boat ramp with 15 parking spots. Parking fee is \$5 per day. Lee County Parking Stickers are valid at this location. Parking fills up early on weekends.



W.P. Franklin Lock & Dam South Recreation Area

Franklin Lock Rd. , Alva , FL 33920. Contact: (239) 694-2582

WP Franklin South Recreation Area is a day use area located on the Caloosahatchee River adjacent to the WP Franklin Lock and Dam. Visitors can watch boats traversing the 152 mile Okeechobee Waterway that spans South Florida from the Atlantic Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico, enjoy the exhibits at the visitor center or just relax with a picnic lunch.



Consider becoming a volunteer WORKCAMPER here for the Corps of Engineers and stay while you work at no cost.

This day use area has a visitor center, boat ramp, volleyball and horseshoe courts, a playground and several covered picnic sites. Flush toilets and drinking water are also available. There are two group picnic shelters available for reservation. Each shelter has water and electricity, six picnic tables, a large charcoal BBQ grill and can accommodate up to 50 people.

Alva Community Center PARK

21471 North River Road, Alva, FL 33920 , (239) 728-2882

Three of the many activities here:

Girl Scouts , Community Meetings, AA meetings every Wednesday



The Alva Community Center is part of the Alva Community Park, behind the Alva Middle & Elementary Schools. Lee County acquired the 5-acre property in 1966. In the early 70's the center was home of the first Alva Fire House and community gathering place. The building was completed by the efforts of volunteers and concerned citizens. This building was completely renovated in 2004. It has one large meeting room, two small rooms, one computer lab with six computers, and one kitchen.

Caloosahatchee Regional Park

19130 North River Road, Alva, FL 33920 (239) 694-0398

EMAIL: leeparks@leegov.com

Shelter rentals, primitive tent camping, Horse and bike trails.

Purchased by the State of Florida in the 1960's, Lee County Parks & Recreation entered into a lease on the site in 1989 with a management agreement to provide public recreational opportunities. Per the lease agreement with the State, the Park is managed,

"only for the conservation and protection of natural and historical resources and resource-based, public outdoor recreation which is compatible with the conservation and protection of these public lands."



This park features 768 acres of pine flatwoods, scrub oak, cypress swamps, and oak hammocks. Crossing through them, you'll find over 20 miles of hiking, mountain biking, and equestrian trails. The north side of the park is designated for mountain biking and horseback riding. The south side of the park has hiking trails, fishing pier, a floating dock, and the primitive campground. Primitive camping sites for families and groups are available, along with equestrian sites for people with horses. Kayaking and fishing are available along the banks of the Caloosahatchee River. Covered pavilions are available for group use or special events. Located along the Caloosahatchee River, it is an area rich in natural history. Calusa Indians are believed to be the first settlers here, followed by Seminole and early settlers of what is now known as Alva. Early studies have also found two archaeological sites within the park.

NORTH FORT MYERS Recreation Park

2000 North Recreation Park Way

North Fort Myers, FL 33903



Disc Golf Course

This park features an 18 hole Disc Golf course For more information call (239) 297-8916.

League Partnerships

Pop Warner: (239) 997-4900

Babe Ruth Baseball: (239) 995-7011

Shuffleboard: (239) 997-2797

Membership to any Lee County Rec Center costs \$10 per individual or \$25 per family for a lifetime membership. Membership entitles general use of the four large Recreation Centers in Lee County including gymnasium activities and use of the "Rec Room". Enrollment in programs and use of the fitness center may have an additional monthly fee.



Veterans Park Recreation Center

55 Homestead Road South

Lehigh Acres, FL 33936

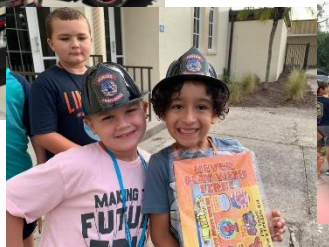
Contact Information

(239) 369-1521

DFlora@leegov.com



Alva
Elementary
Fire Safety
Day



October 11

ALVA FIRE CONTROL & RESCUE SERVICE

2660 Styles Road, Alva, Florida 33920

(239) 728-2223





Lee County Conservation 20/20 manages 48 preserves spread throughout Lee County, including within the boundaries of most cities. These preserves combined total nearly 30,000 acres.

Alva has several preserves up and down the river from Alva Village.

All preserves are open to the public for hiking, wildlife observation, and nature study. Several preserves offer additional recreation opportunities, including fishing, kayaking and canoeing, and horseback riding. Search recreation activities online or download recreation and amenities chart online.



Alva Scrub Preserve



Bob Janes Preserve

Preserves are open daily during daylight hours. Access may be limited at certain locations due to temporary flooding, special restoration projects, or isolated location. Information about each Conservation 20/20 preserve can be accessed from the website:

<http://www.leegov.com/conservation2020/preserves>



Daniel's Preserve at Spanish Creek



Olga Shores Preserve



Telegraph Creek Preserve



Buckingham Trails Preserve

Fort Myers MEALS ON WHEELS begins their wonderful service to homebonds of any age and for any short or long term need in ALVA!



SERVICE NOW AVAILABLE

To all qualified ALVA residents!

Beginning in October deliveries of hot meals will begin throughout the Alva area. From the Hendry County Line west to the next MoW delivery area, Olga.

Please consider registering as a recipient or volunteer delivery person

Our caring Meals on Wheels volunteers provide daily, nutritious home-delivered meals and a friendly, safety and security check to eligible homebound neighbors who cannot shop or cook for themselves. These neighbors include seniors, the disabled, or chronically ill adults under the age of 60.



To become a volunteer driver/deliverer to clients, or to become a client receiver of meals and other services, please contact:

Rose Goree-Lawrence, Admin. Asst., PO Box 2143, Fort Myers, FL 33909 or call her at 239-337-1055 or email her at Rose@CommunityCooperative.com

A combo redneck grill and cooler



Daughters of the American Revolution

USS Hannah Chapter NSDAR
National Society
Daughters of the American
Revolution | Alva, Florida
Consider joining your local DAR Chapter
www.usshannahnsdar.org



Wreaths Across America and USS Hannah Chapter, NSDAR Kicks off giving in September

National nonprofit Wreaths Across America (WAA) is dedicated to the groups and individuals giving back in their communities while helping to share the mission to Remember, Honor and Teach. We are starting in September to raise awareness and funds to be sure all veterans buried at Alva Cemetery and others receive a wreath representing their service to keep our country free.

Locally, USS Hannah Chapter, NSDAR is a participating fundraising group for Wreaths Across America raising funds to honor the service members buried at Alva Cemetery with the placement of sponsored veterans' wreaths made of fresh Maine balsam on December 14th, 2019.

On December 14th at 12 noon there will be a wreath laying ceremony to honor all our veterans who have served our country so proudly.

To sponsor wreaths, visit www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org. When the page comes up go to Local Fundraising Group. Type in our name USS Hannah Chapter, NSDAR.

Volunteers are also needed for this event and can register through the website link provided above.

Click on that and Alva Cemetery will come up. Then you can place your order and we will get credit for it. Thank you for your support!!

- Group Name: USS Hannah Chapter, NSDAR
- Group ID: 0533P

which will automatically link to

- Alva Cemetery, Cemetery Road, Alva, FL 33920
- Location ID: FLACAF



National Day of Service

Members of the USS Hannah Chapter, NSDAR participated in the DAR National Day of Service by cleaning veterans' graves at the Alva Cemetery following their regularly scheduled meeting on Saturday, October 12, 2019. The chapter officially began maintaining veterans' graves in 2018.



Fight for the Light at SR31 and SR78

If you are a concerned resident or worker in Alva, North Olga, Babcock Ranch or North Fort Myers, Florida, please sign this petition and help Fight For The Light!

Sign the petition on here or FACEBOOK now:

www.thepetitionsite.com/960/363/539/fight-for-the-light-at-sr31-and-sr78/

Or call for information: Sue Bisplinghoff, 239 980 2470



7305 FL-78, Fort Denaud, FL 33935

(863) 675-0334



From your Lee County Sheriff's Department

What You Need To Know About 911

Have you ever called 911? What can you expect when someone answers your emergency?

The crime prevention specialists take you behind the scenes, to explain the hundreds of hours of training our dispatchers undergo. We share the cases that have changed the way we respond. You will also find out about all the different types of calls our dispatchers receive and the number one thing they want you know, when you are requesting help.

We are located in Suite 190 in Miromar Outlets off Corkscrew Road in Estero. Our Suite is near the northwest corner of the mall near the mall offices and the WINK playground.

Please contact Crime Prevention Specialist Heather Turco at hturco@sheriffleefl.org for questions regarding this event.



Southwest Florida Cooking by



MAGGIE McMann

Smokin' Fish Dip

Look around at seafood stands for smoked fish: mullet or whitefish are very good.

- 8 oz cream cheese
- 2 T mayonnaise
- 8 oz smoked fish (skin removed)
- 1 jalapeño chopped very fine
- 1 lime zested and all of juice
- 1T Old Bay seasoning
- 1/4 c sweet onion chopped fine
- 1 T fresh fine chopped parsley
- 2 T Franks hot sauce
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp pepper



Process all in a food processor until it is the desired consistency. Serve on Carr or saltines.

Keylime Chicken

4 chicken breasts with skin and bone intact

Marinade:

- 5 T soy sauce
- 3T honey
- 2 cloves garlic crushed
- 2 Key lime squeezed
- Zest of 2 Key limes
- 2 cloves garlic crushed
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp thyme
- 3 T canola oil



Whisk ingredients together. Place chicken in a covered casserole, pour marinade over and refrigerate 2 hours. Remove chicken from marinade. Turn grill to high after lightly oiling grates. Grill chicken on indirect heat for 8 minutes per side (or until chicken is done). Garnish with Keylime wedges to squeeze over chicken.



Calusa Waterkeeper is a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection of the Caloosahatchee River & Estuary in Southwest Florida.

This includes Lake Okeechobee, Nicodemus Slough, Charlotte Harbor, Estero Bay, plus the near-shore waters of Lee County and their watersheds. We strive to achieve this mission through education and promotion of responsible use and enjoyment by all people.

Join Our Team! Become a Certified Ranger

The Ranger Academy is an educational and training resource for volunteers interested in working with the Calusa Waterkeeper in Southwest Florida. Rangers volunteer as citizen monitors of area waterways and will be trained to conduct surveys and report conditions and observations while on local waters. Volunteers set their own schedules and monitor in project area zones of their choice. Participants should have access to area waters by boat or paddlecraft.



Fall 2019 Session

November Dates TBD

Cost is \$40 or membership in Calusa Waterkeeper

Basic water science education

Learn how to monitor water quality

Report water pollution and wildlife observations

Participate in a sea grass restoration project

Training by the Calusa Waterkeeper and local educators

Graduates receive a certificate and official CWK Ranger hat



No prior experience needed

Classes held at the Calusa Nature Center, Iona House

info@calusawaterkeeper.org

General: (239) 784-0880

Pollution Hotline: (239) 444-8584 (This line is for reporting suspected water quality or wildlife violations ONLY)

JUST BE KIND



Polly Kiely of Alva was inspired to begin an Alva sign movement when she learned of a Central Indiana youth project started in 2015. The message is a gentle reminder that may impact positive interactions with others and lift one's spirit. Kindness is contagious, and something we can all benefit from. For more information, Google "Just be Kind".

The origin of the JUST BE KIND sign movement:

<https://fox59.com/2018/08/08/just-be-kind-movement-spreading-worldwide/>

To find out more about Polly's local efforts and how you may become a part of them contact Polly at: pbkiely@embarqmail.com



Your RIVERDALE LIBRARY

**Location: 2421
Buckingham Road
Fort Myers, FL**



Hours: Tuesday (Noon-8)

Wednesday and Thursday (10-6)

Friday and Saturday (9-5)

Closed Sundays and Mondays

Contact: 239-533-4370, Branch Manager: Alyssa Diekman.

For more information, please visit us at www.leelibrary.net or call 239-479-INFO.

Celebrate International Games Week at the Riverdale Branch Library!



International Games Week is an annual event held every November celebrating the power of games to entertain, educate, and bring communities together. Last year, Riverdale Branch Library patrons joined an estimated 81,000 patrons from over 1,400 libraries around the world for International Games Week.

This year, we invite you to join us for a day of tabletop games on Saturday, November 9, from 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. The library has a collection of traditional and modern board and card games for a wide variety of interests and age levels, but you're welcome to bring your favorite game to share with the community, as well.

All ages are welcome for this program. Children under 13 must be accompanied by a participating adult.



When is Flu season?

- Flu season occurs in the fall and winter. Most of the flu activity peaks between December and February but can last as long as May.

How is it spread?

- The flu is spread by droplets when infected people cough, sneeze, or talk. These droplets can then infect someone else. People are most contagious in the first 3-4 days after their illness begins.

What are the flu symptoms?

- Flu symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headaches, fatigue.

Ways to prevent the flu?

- Hand hygiene (Hand washing) is extremely important in preventing the spread of the flu. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) also recommends staying away from people who are sick and covering coughs and sneezes. The flu vaccine is the most important way to prevent this infection. Beginning in October it is important to receive the flu vaccine for the season. Many insurances cover the cost of the vaccine. Some local stores also offer benefits for receiving the vaccine at their pharmacies, such as a \$5 off coupon at Target and a \$10 gift card at Publix.

Who is most at risk?

- Everyone is at risk but people who are at high risk for the flu are people 65 years and older, people with certain conditions (such as asthma, diabetes, or heart disease), pregnant women, and children younger than 5 years of age.

FACTS about the flu vaccine

- The flu vaccine does NOT cause flu illness
- It is NOT better to get the flu than the flu vaccine
- You DO need to get the flu vaccine every year
- Serious allergic reactions to flu vaccine are RARE

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/keyfacts.htm>

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/prevent/misconceptions.htm>

Savannah Campbell, Florida Gulf Coast University Bachelor of Science in Nursing Student

Tina Ellis, Masters of Science in Nursing, Registered Nurse, Florida Gulf Coast University Instructor



ALVA GARDEN CLUB

Open to **EVERYONE!**



<http://www.fmlcgardencouncil.com/council-directory/102/alva-garden-club/>



The ALVA MUSEUM

A visit worth your time!

**in the historic Alva Library Building,
one of the oldest library buildings in existence
anywhere in Florida**

Over the past year the Alva

Museum buildings and grounds have undergone a complete historic rehabilitation.

The museum board and a co-sponsor of the museum's access to the public, the Alva Garden Club, invites you to contact them (see website above) for a private tour of the museum or to visit during open hours, October through May any Saturday afternoon, 2 to 4 pm.



www.alvaflmuseum.com



Some of our local ALVA area churches:

St. Vincent DePaul's RC Church

13031 Palm Beach Boulevard, Fort Myers, FL 33905

www.stvincentftmyers.org

239-693-0818

Alva United Methodist Church

21440 Pearl St. P.O Box 96

Alva, FL 33920

Alvamc@embargmail.com

239-728-2277

Alva Church of God

21520 Park St, Alva, Florida 33920

239-728-2644

Liberation International Church

Avenue D, Charleston Park

Alva, FL 33920, 239-601-4870

First Spanish Assembly of God Church

2219 Joel Blvd, Alva, FL 33920

239-728-5440

Countryside Wesleyan Church

17750 Palm Beach Blvd, Alva, FL 33920

239-368-3270

Calvary Church

19850 Palm Beach Blvd

Alva, FL 33920

www.calvarychurchswfl.org

239-728-5566

First Baptist Church of Alva

2790 Joel Blvd, Alva, FL, 33920

www.alvabaptist.com

239-728-2034

Grace Church, Ft Myers Shores

14036 Matanzas Drive, Ft Myers, Florida 33905

www.egracechurch.com

239-694-2797

Charleston Park Community Center

FOOD PANTRY.

Every 2nd and 4th Thursday at
10am-2pm

To have your church listed here simply contact me, Ken DeWalt, at kendewalt1@gmail.com with as much contact info as you can share.

ALVA UMC

Food Pantry @ Bethany House

Food Pantry: 9am-12pm 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

Bread Pantry: 8am-10am 2nd & 4th Wednesday

St. Vincent DePaul RC

Our Lady's Cupboard Food Pantry

Breakfast cereal and canned fruit continue to be needed in Our Lady's Cupboard Food Pantry. Call (239) 694-3985 for hours open.

12 Step Groups in the Alva Area

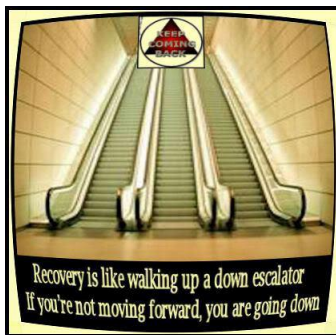


Types of 12 Step Programs in Lee County, FL: Because Alcoholics Anonymous was exclusive to people who struggled with alcohol addiction, a vast array of other programs were formed to aid and support those in recovery from other addictive disorders. These include the following groups:

Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA), Al-Anon/Alateen (for friends and families of alcoholics), Cocaine Anonymous (CA), Clutterers Anonymous (CLA), Crystal Meth Anonymous (CMA), Co-Anon (for friends and family of addicts), CoDA –Co-Dependents Anonymous (CoDA) – for people working to end patterns of dysfunctional relationships and develop functional and healthy relationships, COSA (an auxiliary group of Sex Addicts Anonymous), COSLAA –CoSex and Love Addicts Anonymous, A –Debtors Anonymous (DA), EA –Emotions Anonymous (EA) for recovery from mental and emotional illness, Families Anonymous (for relatives and friends of addicts), Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous, Food Addicts Anonymous (FAA), Gamblers Anonymous (GA), Gam-Anon/Gam-A-Teen (for

friends and family members of problem gamblers), Heroin Anonymous (HA),

Marijuana Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous (NA), Nar-Anon (for friends and family members of addicts), Nicotine Anonymous (NicA), Overeaters Anonymous (OA), Online Gamers Anonymous (OLGA), Pills Anonymous (for recovery from prescription pill addiction), Sexaholics Anonymous (SA), Sex Addicts Anonymous (SAA), Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA), Survivors of Incest Anonymous (SIA), Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous (SLAA), Sexual Recovery Anonymous, Underearners Anonymous, Workaholics Anonymous.



Any type of group you do not find listed below may be sought at this website:

<https://www.addicted.org/directory/category/lee-county-3.html>

Before going to the meeting, confirm time and place by phone

FORT MYERS SHORES:

Grace UMC, Fort Myers Shores, (239) 694-2797, 4036 Matanzas Dr, Fort Myers:

-AA Open Disc: Mon, Wed, Fri, 12pm, office

-AA men: Mon, 7pm, office

-AA Women: Tues, 7pm, office

-Nar-Anon: Wed, 6:30pm, Family Room

-AA Open Disc: Thu, 8pm, Connections Cafe

-AL Anon: Fri, 12pm, Classroom 2

-AA Open Speaker: Sat, 7pm, Connection Cafe

-NA: Sat, 6:30pm, Classroom 2

-NA Step: Sun, 6pm, Classroom 2

-COMING SOON, beyond 12 steps, CHOOSE RECOVERY

St. Vincent De Paul RC, 13031 Palm Beach Blvd, Fort Myers:

-Fort Myers Shores Group OStAH – Tuesday, 8:00 pm

Calvary Assembly of God, 11431 Palm Beach Blvd, Fort Myers:

-Night Owls OD – Saturday, 10:05 pm

LEHIGH ACRES:

-AA SUNRISE GROUP - MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS 7AM

705 Leeland Heights Blvd E, Lehigh Acres

(239) 275-5111

-AA MONDAY AT A TIME - MONDAY 6:30PM

5513 8th St W, Lehigh Acres

(239) 275-5111

LEHIGH ACRES (cont):

-AA CHAIR'S CHOICE - TUESDAY 6:30PM

5513 8th St W, Lehigh Acres

(239) 275-5111

-AA SPIRITUAL SEARCH GROUP - TUESDAY 8PM

705 Leeland Heights Blvd E, Lehigh Acres

(239) 275-5111

-AA THIRSTY THURSDAYS - THURSDAY 6:30PM

5513 8th St W, Lehigh Acres

(239) 275-5111

-AA HERE AND NOW- SUNDAY 6:30PM

5513 8th St W, Lehigh Acres, 33971,

(239) 275-5111

-NA HOPE WITHOUT DOPE - THURSDAY & SATURDAY 6:30PM

705 Leland Heights Blvd. E., Lehigh Acres,

(866) 819-5346

-AA LEHIGH SUNDAY NIGHT - SUNDAY 8PM

705 Leeland Heights Blvd E, Lehigh Acres

(239) 275-5111

-AA HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE - FRIDAY 6:30PM

5513 8th St W, Lehigh Acres

(239) 275-5111

-AL ANON MOVING FORWARD AFG - MONDAY 10AM

705 Leeland Heights Blvd E, Lehigh Acres

(888) 425-2666

-AA FIRST THINGS FIRST - MON-SUN 7AM

LEHIGH ACRES (cont)

IF you know of any other 12 step or non-12 step recovery group in the Alva area (From Hendry County Line to Fort Myers Shores, north and south of our river) please let me know its name, location and the phone number for information to list here. Thank you! Kendewalt1@gmail.com

5513 8th St W, Lehigh Acres

(239) 275-5111

-AA NOONERS - MON-SUN 12PM

705 Leeland Heights Blvd E, Lehigh Acres

(239) 275-5111

LABELLE:

Good Shepherd Church, (239) 275-5111, 1098 Collingswood Pkwy, Labelle

-AA-PORT LABELLE GROUP – ODH- SUNDAY 7PM

-MAKING THE EFFORT -OLbHD- MONDAY 7:00 PM

-AS BILL SEES IT- OD- SATURDAY 9:00AM

-WED BIG BOOK GROUP- OBBH- WEDNESDAY NOON

-OPEN DISCUSSION -ODH- FRIDAY 7:00PM

First Christian Church, Rte 29 & Ford Ave, LaBelle

-LABELLE GROUP-ODAH- THURSDAY 7:00PM

-STEP GROUP-Cst- TUESDAY 7:00PM

-Al Anon- AFG - THURSDAY 7PM

138 Ford Ave, Labelle

(888) 425-2666

-AA-THURSDAY 7PM

138 Ford Ave, Labelle

(239) 275-5111

-AA-MEETING AT THE INN - WEDNESDAY 7:15PM

Port LaBelle Inn, 1568 Oxbow Dr, Labelle

(239) 275-5111

NOT TODAY - MONDAY 6:00PM

133 N Bridge St, Labelle

(866) 819-5346

**LEE COUNTY
EMERGENCY**

& SERVICE CONTACT INFORMATION

ACT-Abuse Shelter (Domestic Violence) 939-3112
 Addiction Services (Salus Care) 332-6989
 Alcoholics Anonymous 275-5111
 Ambulance (emergency) **9-1-1**
 Animal Services 533-3353
 Citizens Dispute (Mediation) 533-2885
 Chamber of Commerce SW Fla. 275-2102
 Child Abuse 800-962-2873
 Child Support Enforcement 877-769-0251
 Clerk of Courts 533-5000
 Code Enforcement 533-8895
 Clear Point Credit Counseling 278-3121
 County Commission 533-2259
 Dead Animal Removal 949-6246
 Division of Motor Vehicles 533-6000
 Dept of Transportation-County 533-8580
 Drug Abuse (Salus Care) 275-3222
 Economic Crimes Unit 258-3240
 Elder Abuse Hotline 800-962-2873
 Elder Helpline United Way 2-1-1
Emergencies 9-1-1
 Fraud Line (LCSO) 258-3287
 Health Department 332-9647
 Humane Society (Gulf Coast) 332-0364
 Lee County Transit (Lee Tran) 533-8726
 Mental Health (Salus Care) 275-3222
 Legal Aid 334-6118
 Libraries 479-4636
 Parks & Recreation 533-7275
 Poison Information Center 800-222-1222
 Probation Office (County) 533-9199
 Probation Office (State) 338-2349
 Public Defender 533-2911
 Red Cross 278-3401
 School Board 334-1102
 School Transportation/Bus Barn 590-4000
 Social Security Administration 800-772-1213
 State Attorney 533-1000
 Suicide Prevention Lifeline 800-273-8255
 Supervisor of Elections 533-8683
 Tax Collector 533-6000
 Veterans Services Office 800-827-1000

Lee County Sheriff's Office Headquarters
 14750 Six Mile Cypress Pkwy
 Ft. Myers, FL 33912 477-1000

North District Substation
 121 Pondella Road
 N. Ft. Myers, FL 33903 477-1810

East District Substation
 1301 Homestead Road North
 Lehigh Acres, FL 33936 477-1820

West District Substation
 15650 Pine Ridge Road
 Ft. Myers, FL 33908 477-1830

South District Substation
 8951 Bonita Beach Road #565
 Bonita Springs, FL 34135 477-1840

Bonita Springs Substation
 10520 Reynolds St
 Bonita Springs, FL 34135 477-1140

Central District Substation
 14750 Six Mile Cypress Pkwy.
 Ft. Myers, FL 33912 477-1850

Gulf Substation 282-5766

Lee County Jail (inmate information)
 2115 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd
 Ft. Myers, FL 33901 477-1500

Civil Process
 2072 Victoria Avenue
 Ft. Myers, FL 33901 477-1353

Lee County Gun Range
 6570 Felix Romano Avenue
 Fort Myers, FL 33905 690-3999

Community Relations 258-3280
Fraud Line 258-3292

Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC)
 2115 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd
 Ft. Myers, FL 33901 344-5100

FEDERAL, STATE & LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
 Fort Myers Police 321-7700
 Cape Coral Police 574-3223
 Sanibel Police 472-3111
 Port Authority Police 590-4810
 Florida Highway Patrol 278-7100
 Federal Bureau of Investigations 337-7171
 Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) 275-3662
 Fla. Department of Law Enforcement 278-7080
 Federal Government Info. Center 800/688-9889
 Fish & Wildlife Commission 863-648-3200

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ON THE RIVER Alva Area Newsletter Advertising Rates as of Sep 29, 2019

This monthly newsletter is a free to subscriber on-line offering. We are not offering anything in print form at this time. We currently have over 750 subscribers. We encourage folk to share it with anyone and in any way they wish, and we place the newsletter in the Alva Florida Friends and Family Facebook Page which has over 2,000 subscribers, and the Alva Area NEXT DOOR web page which has over 3,300 subscribers.

Advertising rates for 1-month Quarter and Half Page is for a standard 9 X 11 paper page left to right, not corner blocks.

1/8th Page... \$15.00, ¼ Page... \$25.00, ½ age... \$45.00 Full Page... \$75.00

Ads will only appear on pages after all articles and nonprofit promotions are formatted. I can format ads with WORD.doc copy and j.peg photos or logos. I can also scan any copy and/or photos you provide to create a single j.peg of your ad. Payments are to be made in full by the 15th of the month preceding the month in which the ad is to appear, which is also the date the ad copy is to be received. Payments are to be by check (made out to Ramona DeWalt, noted: OTR) or online via www.PAYPAL.com to my email address PayPal at kendewalt1@gmail.com.

What would you like all Alva to know about next month?

Send posters, photos (jpegs only) or articles of 500 words maximum you would like to see printed or contact the editor with any questions,

Ken Dewalt1@gmail.com

The deadline for receipt of any material is the 15th of the month previous to the month you wish the articles to run.

Please understand that all articles are subject to available space and editor's approval.
