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# On the RIVER

*Connecting ALVA Florida NEIGHBORS and NEIGHBORHOODS*

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PLEASE CONTACT any event sponsor promoted in the ON THE RIVER newsletter before deciding to attend to check the latest scheduling plan for dealing with the COVID-19 VIRUS PANDEMIC

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## FEATURED IN THIS MONTH'S OTR:

- LOCAL Alva area news
- LOCAL history
- LOCAL Community services
- LOCAL club and organization news
- LOCAL recipes and health tips
- Local safety & health information



# ALVA

# INC



## NEXT MEETING NOTICE from Emily Hull Smith:

A Living Vision of Alva, Inc. (ALVA, Inc.) will resuming their monthly meetings, on **Tuesday, November 9th, at 7:00 PM, at the Alva Community Center**. ZOOM access will be available for those who are unable to attend in person. Information to access ZOOM will follow.

Some of the topics being reviewed will be the proposed "Take-Out Cafe" on Joel Blvd. and the former Woodsmen of the World rezoning approval. We will also be discussing the continuing role of ALVA, Inc., moving forward in the community, post COVID.

We look forward to seeing YOU in November! 😊

*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](http://www.ALVAFL.org)*

*Contact Emily Smith, treasurer, at [emilyrsmith@msn.com](mailto:emilyrsmith@msn.com) to join.*

MEETINGS: Second Tuesdays, 7pm, Alva Community Center. Dues are only \$25.00 a year. You may attend without being a member.



## A new look at the river from our Alva Library Museum on Pearl Street

The Museum Trustees Board and the Alva Garden Club are working to make the entire museum grounds much more

attractive. The new plantings around the building were started last winter, and now the fully cleared segment of the original Alva Park south of the museum to the river, completed this fall, are just the beginning!



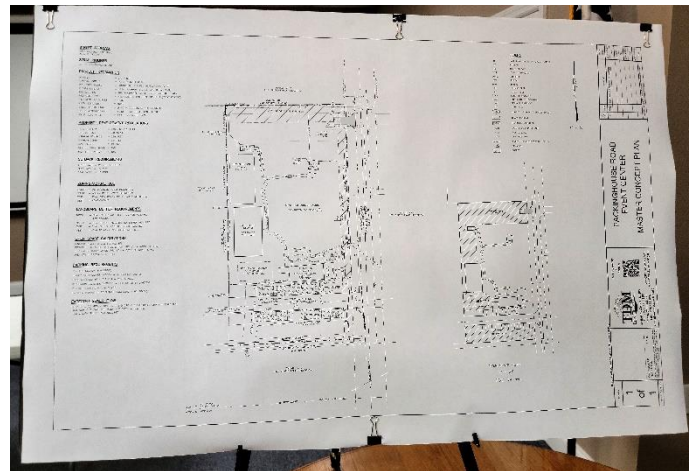


# North Olga Planning Panel Met on October 21

## Highlights HERE:



Veronica Martin, consultant with TDM Consulting of Fort Myers, presented the nearly completed plan for the current use of the former Woodmen’s Hall on Styles Road, Alva. The owner, RDA Housing Solutions, is seeking a zoning change for their 2 acres from agriculture to commercial so they may host more than one event (wedding, etc) a month and park more cars (with an easement being sought from FPL on the old railroad right-of-way).



Veronica says she already spoke to Alva INC’s Ruby Daniels to receive her blessing before TDM takes the request to the county. It is expected to take up to one year after the zoning change to receive permitting and complete all construction.

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For the January meeting: Detailed discussion of the Owl Creek Development off N. River Road by D.R. Horton.

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Mike Greenwell, owner of Rte 31 Produce and restaurant shared several major development projects that are on their way through the approval processes.

First, a development by Pulte National construction to build a 400-500 home complex east of Rte 31 and about 700 feet north of North River Road with public access only from Rte 31. A safety vehicle only gated road will access this development from North River Road.

Second, a new 4 or 6 lane (to be determined) highway from the Babcock Ranch town center south to the current Rte 31 drawbridge and Bayshore Rd. When built Rte 31 will become an access road for a large amount of planned commercial retail development.

The biggest current concern is traffic from Babcock Ranch and north on 4-6 lanes ending at the two-lane drawbridge and the two lane Bayshore. Mike has also learned that his Rte 31 retail property will be claimed by the state as “Eminent Domain” for the new highway path.

When he asked the FDOT when the bridge will be rebuilt to handle the Babcock Highway traffic he was told 2035 and asks Sid Kitson, Chairman & CEO of Kitson and Partners, developers of the Babcock Ranch project, and Babcock Ranch residents to take notice and voice their concerns to FDOT. FDOT’s website shows a 2 million dollar study of the Bayshore to Rte 80 section of rte 31 begun in 2019 should end in early 2022 and may address the traffic and bridge issue at that time.

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Nominations for 2022 NOPP board position elections (held at the January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 meeting) are Mary Povia, Clark Cary and Dennis Van Runkle.

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North Olga Planning Panel meets every quarter on the third Thursday of the month at 6pm at the Bayshore Road Fire Station meeting room. All are welcome to attend. Contact Secretary Deanna Armada at [dearmeda@aol.com](mailto:dearmeda@aol.com) for more information.

# Development Plans happening along the Caloosahatchee in our area (I-75 to Hendry County Line)

Permits under process for 439 homes east of Alva Village currently

Find out more at: <https://www.leegov.com/dcd/rpts/Documents/DCIUnderReview.pdf>

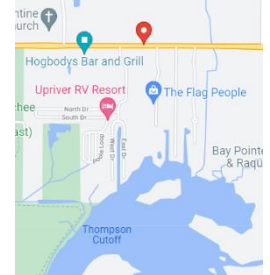
## 10611 BAYSHORE RD, NORTH FORT MYERS

Applicant: Kenrick Gallander, RWA, Inc., 4983 Royal Gulf Circle, Fort Myers, FL, 33966

Primary Phone: 8508035621, kgallander@consult-rwa.com

Project Description: Bayshore Ranch

Rezone of 109.67+/- acres from Agricultural (AG-2) to Residential Planned Development (RPD) to allow for up to **130 dwelling units and amenities.**

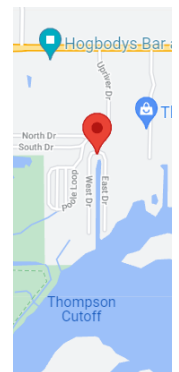


## 81 West RPD, North Fort Myers

Applicant: Marshall Property Services, LLC, 4400 East 100 North, Shelbyville, IN, 46176

Primary Phone: 3178000385, cmarshall@mypropertyservicesllc.com

Project Description: Rezone 10+/- acres from AG-2 to RPD to allow a maximum of **90 single family detached and attached homes.**

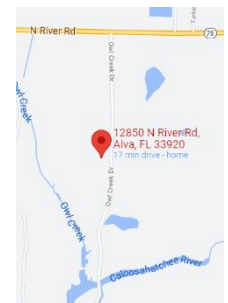


## 12850 N RIVER RD, ALVA

Applicant: Justin Robbins, D.R. Horton, 10541 Six Mile Cypress Pkwy., Ste 101, Fort Myers, FL, 33966

Primary Phone: 2392252600, jweverett@drhorton.com

Project Description: Owl Creek Minor RPD, Rezoning of ±342.68 acres from Agricultural (AG-2) to minor Residential Planned Development (RPD) to allow development of a clustered residential community containing up to **440 dwelling units consisting of single-family and two-family attached with associated amenities.** Maximum building height is 35 feet.

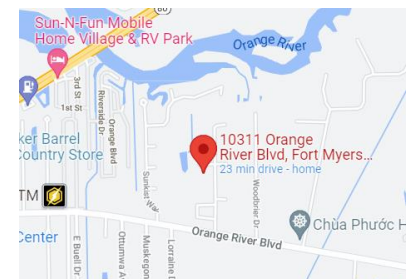


## 10311 ORANGE RIVER BLVD, FORT MYERS

Applicant: D. Brent Addison, P.E., Banks Engineering, 10511 Six Mile Cypress Pkwy. Fort Myers, FL,

Primary Phone: 2399395490, BAddison@BanksEng.com

Project Description: Orange River Blvd RPD, Request to rezone 19.99± acres from Agricultural (AG-2) to Residential Planned Development (RPD) to allow for up to **120 residential dwelling units.**





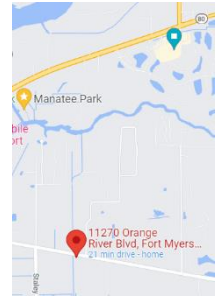
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**11270 ORANGE RIVER BLVD, FORT MYERS FL 33905**

Applicant: JENNIFER SAPEN, BARRACO & ASSOCIATES, INC., 2271 MCGREGOR BOULEVARD, STE. 100, FORT MYERS, FL, 33901

Primary Phone: 2394613170, JENNIFERS@BARRACO.NET

Project Description: ORANGE RIVER RPD, Request to rezone 129.6± acres from Residential Planned Development (RPD) to RPD to **increase the number of residential dwelling units from 160 to 259.**



## **Hundreds of beehives stolen in massive heist in Olga**

(TY TV 2)

The Lee County Sheriff's Office is looking into a massive beehive heist in Olga. Roughly 150 beehives were stolen from a lot, according to deputies.

Beekeepers said the hives could be valued at about \$50,000.

The Florida Beekeepers Association said someone made off with those bees, which can cost hundreds of dollars per hive. Experts said those bees could be on their way to California for pollination.

"These people knew exactly what they were doing," said Robert Meise, the beekeeping director for Gold Star Farms in North Fort Myers.

"It's a very good spot, has all the good vegetation. The bees were very successful. It was a pity." Meise said. The 150 stolen beehives were Meise's project. He's the beekeeping director for Gold Star Farms in North Fort Myers, but he's more like a bee whisperer.

"If you're an operator and you go in there and bang things around, they'll feel attacked and get defensive. But if you go in properly, they should behave," he said. With no protection at all other than a smoker, Bob showed how bees are a highly profitable commodity. "Those being strong healthy hives were worth at least 300 dollars."

He said during this time of the year, beehives from Florida are leased out to California almond growers for pollinations, and criminal gangs will look for hives to steal, making as much as \$200,000 a season on that many hives.

Out of Gold Star Farms 6,000 beehives, those that were stolen were just a small fraction of those they raise for other beekeepers. But now they are planning on taking additional steps to keep it from happening again.

"We're just going to have to try and take safer measures." Meise added.

## Alva's own WATERLELON MAN NEWS:



### Crew chief Phil Surgen to join Chastain in move to Trackhouse in 2022

(TY NASCAR NEWS)

Crew chief Phil Surgen announced his 2022 plans Monday, telling SiriusXM NASCAR Radio that he'll join driver Ross Chastain in moving to Trackhouse Racing next year.

Some

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## Florida Health, Tallahassee, 850-245-4444

If you are sick with COVID-19 or think you might have COVID-19, even a mild case, even without symptoms,

follow the steps below to care for yourself and to help protect other people in your home and community.



### **Monoclonal Antibody Therapy for COVID-19**

Monoclonal antibody therapy can prevent hospitalization or death in high-risk patients with COVID-19 and are widely available in Florida.

Treatment is free and vaccination status does not matter. If you are 12 years and older and are at high risk for severe illness due to COVID-19, you are eligible for this treatment.

In clinical trials, monoclonal antibody treatment showed a 70% reduction in hospitalization and death.

For high-risk patients who have been exposed to someone with COVID19, Regeneron can give you temporary immunity to decrease your odds of catching the infection by over 80%.

[Click here to find a monoclonal antibody treatment site.](#)

For more information, call the Florida Department of Health Monoclonal Antibody Treatment Support Line: 850-344-9637.

### **Stay home**

Stay home except to get medical care.

Most people with COVID-19 have mild illness and can recover at home without medical care.

Take care of yourself. Get rest and stay hydrated.

Stay in touch with your health care provider. Call before you get medical care. Be sure to get care if you have trouble breathing, or have any other emergency warning signs, or if you think it is an emergency.

If possible, avoid public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.

### **Stay away from others**

As much as possible, stay in a specific room and away from other people and pets in your home. If possible, you should use a separate bathroom.



Tell your close contacts that they may have been exposed to COVID-19. An infected person can spread COVID-19 starting 48 hours (or 2 days) before the person has any symptoms or tests positive. By letting your close contacts know they may have been exposed to COVID-19, you are helping to protect everyone.

### **Monitor your symptoms**

Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, or other symptoms.

### **Follow care instructions from your health care provider.**

Call ahead before visiting your doctor

If you have a medical appointment that cannot be postponed, call your doctor's office, and tell them you

have or may have COVID-19. This will help the office protect themselves and other patients.

### **Get tested**

If you have symptoms of COVID-19, get tested. While waiting for test results, you should stay away from others, including staying apart from those living in your household.

Florida has many sites that are providing testing for COVID-19. You can find testing site locations in your area [here](#).



**If you are sick, wear a mask over your nose and mouth** you should wear a mask over your nose and mouth if you must be around other people.

You do not need to wear the mask if you are alone. If you cannot put on a mask (because of trouble breathing, for example), cover your coughs and sneezes in some other way. Try to stay at least 6 feet away from other people. This will help protect the people around you.

Masks should not be placed on young children under 2 years of age, anyone who has trouble breathing, or anyone who is not able to remove the mask without

help.

### **Avoid sharing personal household items**

Do not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, or bedding with other

people in your home. Wash these items thoroughly after using them with soap and water or put in the dishwasher.

# Florida, especially Southwest Florida, struggles to remain a strong citrus producer

(TY Florida Phoenix News)



In a citrus crop forecast released in Mid-October, Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried mentioned a startling number for Florida's peak citrus production: 244 million boxes in the 1997-98 season.

Some 25 years later, the citrus forecast shows much lower numbers.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture forecast reported 47 million boxes of Florida oranges for the 2021-22 season.

Here's the USDA's final 2020-21 citrus forecast.

The Florida Phoenix has followed the citrus challenges, including a deadly epidemic of citrus greening, an imported bacterial infection spread by an Asian insect.

Citrus greening, found in groves around the world, broke out in south Florida in 2005 and quickly spread throughout the state's citrus zones, slashing production by about two-thirds: from 240 million 90-pound boxes a year to a little over 70 million boxes.

Still, Fried said in a statement that Tuesday's forecast 'is a testament to the resilience of Florida's citrus growers, our state's dedication to our proud citrus industry, and our department's commitment to innovation in the face of ongoing challenges.'

She added: Citrus is Florida's signature crop, full of heart-healthy and immune-boosting vitamins and nutrients that consumers demand as we continue the fight against COVID-19. We remain committed to supporting our citrus producers with research, technology, and techniques to fight the spread of citrus greening.'

For the 2022-23 state budget, which will be put together by lawmakers during the 2022 legislative session, Fried has requested \$15.6 million to support Florida citrus production, health, and research, among other initiatives.



# Fort Myers East Rotary Club

**SATURDAY**

**DECEMBER 4th**

**10 AM—2 PM**

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Join us for Lee County Homeless Coalition's Sixteen Annual Dinner & Auction for the Homeless on Saturday, November 13, 2021, from 6:00 – 10:00 PM at the Crown Plaza Fort Myers, 13051 Bell Tower Drive, Fort Myers, Florida.

All proceeds benefit Lee County Homeless Coalition & their Member Agencies. Join us as we honor and celebrate Janet Bartos for the fourteen years of service as our Executive Director. If you would like to send a check to become a sponsor, please click here for the form.

Each year, our Dinner and Auction has a fun theme. This year is no different so put on your best Hero Hat (police officer, firefighter, Iron Man, teacher...anyone you consider a HERO!) and have some fun!

Live Music by The Paul Allodi Band | Cash Bar | Silent Auction

For more information, contact Therese Everly, Executive Director, at (239) 322-6600 or [therese@leehomeless.org](mailto:therese@leehomeless.org).



## **Alva Angel's Second Annual Fundraising Event**

**Saturday November 6th  
and  
Sunday November 7th**

Join us for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall Event to raise funds for our 2021 Holiday Drive

We will have a huge Yard Sale, Local Vendors, Food Trucks and More!

100% of all funds donated or raised will go to benefit children and families in need in the East Fort Myers Communities of Alva, Buckingham and Lehigh.

### **Where?**

**4730 Long Lake Drive**

**Fort Myers, FL  
33905**

**239-851-9707**



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FURNITURE, BIKES,  
HOUSEHOLD  
DECORATIONS, TOYS,  
CLOTHING AND MORE!!**



**TENT REVIVAL † ALVA**

**WHEN:** November 7th through 13th

**TIME:** 6:00 pm Music by *Fresh Fire*  
Fellowship with light  
refreshments

7:00 pm Worship with  
*Pastor Chuck Horton*

**WHERE:** 21443 North River Road  
Alva, Florida 33920  
*- just look for the tent*  
Parking is available behind the  
tent, please enter from Pearl St.

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**Alva United Methodist Church** (239) 728-2277

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**First Baptist Church of Alva** (239) 728-2034

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## Caloosa Humane Society

**Caloosa Humane Center 1200 Pratt Blvd, LaBelle**

SHELTER (863) 675-0997 CLINIC (863) 675-7387

[info@caloosahumanesociety.org](mailto:info@caloosahumanesociety.org) <https://caloosahumanesociety.org/>

### OUR MISSION

**The Mission of Caloosa Humane Society is to serve, shelter, and protect the homeless pets in our care. We are dedicated to finding permanent and loving adoptive homes for our companion animals in need. Our no-kill facility provides low cost spay/neuter services to the community with the goal of reducing the extreme overpopulation of unwanted pets.**

**Animal Rescue Inc. Of Labelle Fl. 100% No Kill Non-Profit 501C3 Rescue**

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3. Dog & Cat Toys, Blankets
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All money donations go to the care of the animals such as food, supplies, medications, and vet care.  
 You can also donate to Caloosa Humane Society vet for Animal Rescue inc. Bills 863-675-7378  
 Animal Rescue is located at 463 East Lincoln Ave. Labelle Fl, 33935 if you like drop off donation.  
 You can send check or money order to Animal Rescue inc. P.O. Box 2441 Labelle Fl, 33935 or  
 to the owners' cash app. that is used for the rescue Angel Biles \$angeltopdog  
 You can also contact Angel at 863-342-2076

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### COMING UP IN NOVEMBER:



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2021 AT 9 AM EST – 3 PM EST  
**Animal Rescue Inc. Fundraiser**  
 Barron Park LaBelle • LaBelle, Florida

Mrs. Trudy Glenn is hosting this event.

**-Looking for vendors** to attend

**-Vehicle SHOW!** Bring your hot rod, muscle car, truck, motorcycle or classic car or truck

Contact Trudy for info at: 863-673-6387



## BABCOCK RANCH ECO TOURS, Museum and Gator Shack Restaurant



Go to website to reserve tours

<https://babcockranchecotours.com/>

## COMMUNITY COOPERATIVE

HOW YOU CAN HELP: **DONATE** so that we can continue purchasing food to distribute at our Mobile Pantries. **HOST A FOOD DRIVE** and collect non-perishable food items to stock our shelves.

**VOLUNTEER** in the Community Cafe, at a Mobile Pantry, or as a Meals on Wheels Driver. Call (239) 332-7687



For more information on future Becoming Cosmopolitan events, contact Holliday, Tami@communitycooperative.com or call 239-332-7687, ext. 125.

## NEWS from the BARRON LIBRARY at the Caloosahatchee Dock Park in LaBelle, Hendry County

**Chess Club**  
at BARRON LIBRARY

For the **EXPERIENCED** and the **BEGINNER**.

Monday evenings from 5:00 to 6:30  
**Fun for all ages!**

## LOOKING FOR TUTORS

Volunteer to spend quality time teaching English to non-native speakers. Literacy Council Gulf Coast will be conducting classes on Monday & Wednesday 10:00am-11:30am at Barron Library in LaBelle. Training will be provided. Classroom teaching experience & knowledge of Spanish not essential. For more information, contact Literacy Council Gulf Coast @ 239-676-5202 or email: [susan@literacygulfcoast.org](mailto:susan@literacygulfcoast.org)



***The Alva Chapter USS Hannah, Daughters of the American Revolution will be participating in National Wreaths Across America Day.***

**On Saturday, December 18, 2021 @ 12:00 noon at The Alva Cemetery, there will be a wreath laying ceremony to honor all veterans who have served our country so proudly. All Alva community members are invited and encouraged to attend the ceremony and participate in the laying of wreaths. Please arrive at least 20 minutes prior to the ceremony as we observe a moment of silence nationwide at exactly 12:00 noon.**



**We are currently raising funds to honor those service members buried at Alva Cemetery. Sponsorship of a \$15 veteran's wreath through USS Hannah Chapter, NSDAR ensures a wreath is placed on a veteran's final resting place in Alva to honor their service. With the community's help with sponsorship, we hope to reach our goal. If you wish to sponsor wreaths, please click on the link below and feel free to share with your friends and family. Deadline for sponsorship is November 29th. If you have any questions, please contact Georgette Lundquist at [jglundy7@gmail.com](mailto:jglundy7@gmail.com)**

**Mark your calendars and we hope to see you there!**

**<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/150530/Overview>**



***USS Hannah Chapter, NSDAR.***

**USS Hannah Chapter, Alva, Florida**

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# The Alva Garden Club

**PRESENTS**

and

You're Invited!

**John Cassani, Calusa Waterkeeper.org**

If you live on the river, play on the river, have an interest in clean Florida water for our economy and health....

Then You will want to attend John Cassani's FREE presentation...

*Tuesday, November 16, 2022 at 1:00 pm*



*Alva United Methodist Church, 21440 Pearl Street, Alva , FL 33920*



What is our future?

**Presented by the Alva Garden Club**

[www.alvagardenclub.org](http://www.alvagardenclub.org)



# the Alva Library Museum

NOW OPEN EVERY SATURDAY  
2-4 PM!!



Public Library, Alva

Originally a public library built in 1909, it now serves as a museum of artifacts

from the original settlers of Alva and is maintained by the dedicated members of the Alva Garden Club.

The museum is OPEN as of Saturday, October 2nd from 2-4 PM, and will continue to be open every Saturday through the end of May 2022. Your docents are members of the Alva Garden Club who are anxious to guide you through the history of Alva. While you are there, stroll the lovely gardens maintained by club members which have been enhanced with fall chrysanthemums.

See a virtual video tour of the Museum at: <http://alvafilmuseum.com> (click on Virtual Tour).

For information about the Alva Garden Club, see: <http://alvagardenclub.org>.

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## *SCORE Southwest Florida*

*3650 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33966, (239) 931-9807, [swflscore@gmail.com](mailto:swflscore@gmail.com)*

If you are dreaming of starting your own business, or needing to grow your current business, the local 30 plus SCORE volunteers and personal certified mentors are waiting for your call or email. And remember, our services are completely FREE. We volunteer to serve so YOU can succeed.

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(239) 334-7007 or visit**



**Harry Chapin Food Bank is doing everything in our power to ensure that no one has to go hungry, especially during this unprecedented pandemic.**

**We will do our best to keep you all informed on where you can get food and how you can help.**

**[www.harrychapinfoodbank.org](http://www.harrychapinfoodbank.org)**

## Ft Myers Camera Club

<http://www.ftmyercc.com/>

Please NOTE: Our 2020-2021 meetings will be held virtually via Zoom until further notice. We welcome non-members to join a Zoom meeting and encourage prospective members to join FMCC. Please contact Carol Heffernan to request a Zoom invitation. [carolheff28@gmail.com](mailto:carolheff28@gmail.com)



Our last meeting will be for Image of the Year on April 9, 2021 and we won't meet this summer (due to covid). We are now meeting via ZOOM online, or in person, depending on the state locally of the pandemic.



## Charleston Park Neighborhood Association



2541 Charleston Park Drive, Alva, FL 33920. 239-728-8895  
Charlestonpark1926@gmail.com

Community Center Activities & Training, Lee County Children's and youth sport park, Events throughout the year, Meetings for all every second Monday of the month at 6pm at the Community Center are also available virtually via ZOOM.

**Lashay Russ, Charleston Park Community Center Director asks everyone to consider donating...**

"We are currently looking for donations of mulch cover the ground inside of our fenced-in area around the Neighborhood Community Center to start a **FOOD FOREST** here at the center, so we can distribute fresh fruit and veggies along with groceries from our food pantry.

"We also are asking for financial donations to help with a mural we are hoping to have professionally painted on the wall of the Community Center. Donations may be mailed as a check to the Center at the address above or they can use CASH APP: **\$Charlestonpark**. Oh I almost forgot all donations are tax-deductible!"



Charleston Park  
Proposed Mural Design by Artist Roland Ruocco  
RED VERSION

VIEW OF MURAL ON WALL



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r2w2@comcast.net 954 829 3832



The Great Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail is a 190-mile marked canoe and kayak trail that meanders through the coastal waters and inland tributaries of Lee County, Florida. It attracts everyone from first-time kayakers to advanced paddlers and is home to abundant marine life, shore birds and crustaceans.

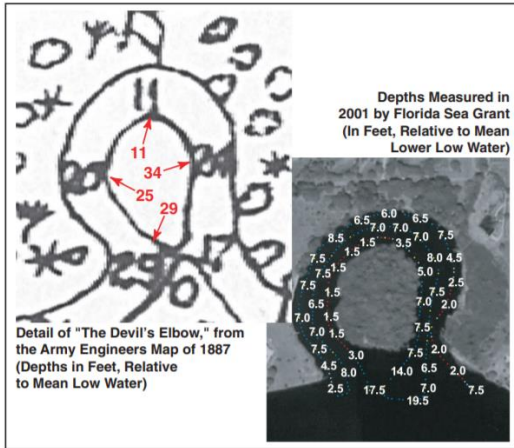
<https://www.fortmyers-sanibel.com/calusablueway>

# A bit of ALVA History

## Did you know our river has a DEVIL’S ELBOW??

I did not until I looked at this interesting website provided to me by John Hawkins. Check it out!

<http://www.sarasota.wateratlas.usf.edu/upload/documents/05AlteringTheCaloosahatcheev2.pdf>



Map 3. Detailed plans showing water depths in the Devil's Elbow in 1887 and 2001.



North Olga has changed a lot since the turn of the last century, but this elbow has likely remained almost the same since the time of the Calusa before the white Europeans ever dreamed of crossing the Atlantic.

*Circa 1900*



Photo 9. The Devil's Elbow, on the north shore, opposite Olga.

**And just across the river, on the south side, is DUBVILLE...**



## Dubville (2018)

Eighteen years ago Robert Young fell in love with and purchased Dub Terrill's property known as Dubville. Dubville is on the north side of the Caloosahatchee River off of Terrell Road on the way to Alva.

Mr. Young was the second owner after Dub Terrell, who died last year at the age of 105.

The couple before him that purchased it from Dub was going to tear everything down and build a new home with a view of the Devil's Elbow on the river.

Sadly the woman got very sick and Robert Young was able to buy the dream property.

He cleaned up the yard and repaired all the little buildings but one of the original buildings was moved next to his property decades before. It looks like one of those rare old cracker houses that we read about.

It is not safe to walk in, the floors are soft and is in need of desperate repair. There is an old cast iron bathtub inside and a porch that faces the river.

I was allowed to walk around it and take some photos.

Robert Young has done an amazing job with the property and he has preserved Dub's old buildings. The trees look to be over a hundred years old and there is an artesian well that still works. The view is still amazing but now million dollar homes are within sight.

I love the fact it appears that time has stood still.

I told him I wondered if someday people would call his property Youngville, he just smiled and softly laughed.

Joanne Iwinski Miller (2018) Southwest Florida Historical Society





he 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.



17391 Durrance Road, North Fort Myers,  
FL 33917 | 239.543.3246 |  
[info@echonet.org](mailto:info@echonet.org)  
<https://www.echonet.org>



There are six fenced-in "Dog Parks" which allow for off-leash play. On-leash dog walking is allowed at many locations (listed below).

Dogs must be accompanied by an adult and must remain on-leash at all times while walking in the park. Find out more at: <https://www.leegov.com/parks/dog-parks>



### Six Mile Cypress Slough, Lee County Park

7751 Penzance Boulevard, Fort Myers, FL. 33966

A mile of wonder 30 minutes away from Alva.



**Manatee Park**  
**10901 Palm Beach Blvd,**  
**Fort Myers, FL 33905**  
**239 690 5030**



## **Olga Community Park**

2325 S Olga Dr, Fort Myers, FL 33905

(239) 533-7275



## **Hickey's Creek Mitigation Park**

17980 Palm Beach Blvd, Alva, FL, 33920

-Great for quiet creek kayaking. -Fun for walks and picnics.



## **ALVA BOAT RAMP PARK**

21580 Pearl St,

Alva, FL 33920



## **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

## **W.P Franklin Lock & Dam CAMPGROUND**

**Camp by reservation only**

17850 NORTH FRANKLIN LOCK ROAD, ALVA, FL 33920, 239-694-8770

<https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/233661>







## Alva Community Center PARK

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

**Shady lawns & baseball field**



## Telegraph Creek: Unspoiled kayak trail worth discovering

(TY Florida Rambler)

Telegraph Creek, a tributary of the Caloosahatchee River located between LaBelle and Fort Myers, is all the things I love about kayaking destinations – out-of-the-way, uncrowded, scenic, quiet and full of wildlife.



## Caloosahatchee Regional Park



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

EMAIL: [leeparks@leegov.com](mailto:leeparks@leegov.com)

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



## NORTH FORT MYERS Recreation Park

**2000 North Recreation Park Way,  
North Fort Myers, FL 33903,**



**This park features an 18 hole Disc Golf course , call  
(239) 297-8916**

**Veterans Park Recreation Center  
55 Homestead Road South, Lehigh  
Acres, FL 33936**



**ALVA FIRE CONTROL & RESCUE  
SERVICE**

**2660 Styles Road, Alva, Florida 33920**

**(239) 728-2223**

**Thank a first Responder every time  
you see them.**



Lee County Conservation 20/20 manages over 50 preserves spread throughout Lee County, including within the boundaries of most cities. These preserves combined total nearly 30,000 acres.

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>



*Bob Janes Preserve*



*Daniel's Preserve at Spanish Creek*



*Carter's Lane*



*Buckingham Trails Preserve*



*Olga Shores Preserve*



*Newest area 20-20 site, Oak hammock*



*Alva Scrub Preserve*



*Telegraph Creek Preserve*



**VOLUNTEER FOR  
MEALS ON WHEELS**

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**Fort Myers MEALS ON WHEELS now serves  
homeboudns of any age and for any short or long  
term need in the **ALVA** area!**

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

**239) 332-7687**

\$25.00 each. Available in Black or White letters.  
Approx 10" long. Peel and Stick letters only.

**ALVA Life** **ALVA Life**

### CAR or TRUCK WINDOW DECAL

ALL proceeds from sales go to military veterans.

The Veteran Visitor organization recognizes WWII, Korean, and Vietnam War veterans with FREE certificates and challenge coins in appreciation for their service. Proceeds from the sales of these window decals go towards certificate printing and challenge coin production. Ref: Website below.



In Stock. Or, Allow 3-4 weeks for delivery. Phone/Text 630-642-6500

Display your pride for our city and support our military veterans

### How to properly wear a face mask



Check that face masks:

1. Cover your nose and mouth
2. Are secure under the chin
3. Fit snugly to avoid gaps on the sides

children'shealth?

### PLEASE WEAR A MASK & STOP THE SPREAD



Before putting on a mask, clean hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water.



Cover mouth and nose with mask and make sure there are no gaps between your face and the mask.



Replace the mask with a new one as soon as it is damp and do not re-use single-use masks.



To remove the mask: remove it from behind (do not touch the front of mask); discard immediately in a closed bin; clean hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water.

Source: World Health Organization





*Southwest Florida Cooking by*

*MAGGIE McMann*

*of Oak Park, Alva*

Contact Maggie to find out more at: [Maggi1rn@att.net](mailto:Maggi1rn@att.net)

## Alva's Best Apple Dumplings

1/2 c sugar

1/4 c brown sugar

1/2 can Mt Dew or lemon lime soda

1 tsp vanilla

1/2 tsp cinnamon

8 oz tube crescent roll dough

1/2 c butter

1 large Granny Smith or Gala Apple

Peel, seed and core Apple and cut into 8 slices.

Separate dough and roll a slice of apple in each triangle.

Seal the edges and place in 8x8 baking dish.

Preheat oven to 350

Melt butter in small saucepan on stove, add sugars and blend. Remove from heat and blend in vanilla.

Pour over the dumplings.

Add soda around edges of dish.

Bake 35 -45 minutes.

Serve with cinnamon or vanilla ice cream!







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

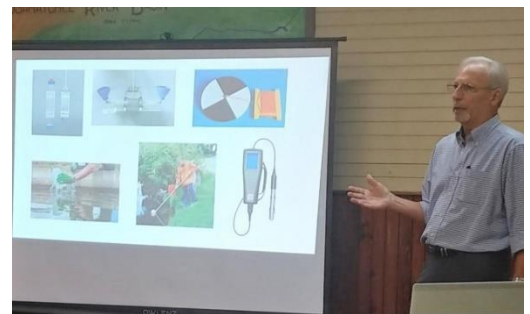
## ***Congrats to our 2021 Ranger Academy Graduates***

2021 Ranger Academy graduates received their certificates of completion on October 16 at Iona House. Thank you to all the participants for their hard work and dedication. Special thanks to our Ranger Coordinators, Kathy Cookman and Chuck Avery.



Interested in becoming a CWK Ranger? Find out more about the Calusa Waterkeeper Ranger program here or contact Administrative Coordinator, Cindy Swisher.

<https://calusawaterkeeper.org/>





*Major William M. Footman*

*Sons of Confederate Veterans*

*Camp 1950, Fort Myers, Florida*



Consider joining us at our monthly meeting every 4th Saturday at

Smoke'n Pit Bar-B-Q, 1641 N. Tamiami Trail, North Ft. Myers, FL 33903

Lunch and fellowship - 11:00am, Meeting - 12:00pm

Brigade Commander: Sean McFall

*We care for local grave sites of Confederate Civil War and United States veterans of all wars*



Find out more about us at

Camp Adjutant: Gerald W. Shell, email: [adjutant@camp1950.flscv.org](mailto:adjutant@camp1950.flscv.org)  
<https://www.camp1950.flscv.org/>

**DEATH TRAP**  
A Thriller  
by Ira Levin

**(Comedy/Crime Drama)** Comfortably ensconced in his Connecticut home a successful writer of Broadway thrillers, is struggling to overcome a dry spell resulting in a string of failures and a shortage of funds. Enjoy the twists, turns and hilariously sudden shocks that will leave you spellbound until the end.

**October 30, 31 & November 5, 6, 7, 2021**

Tickets  
CALL: (863) 675-3066 (leave message)

firehouse community theatre

posters by mike



*Alva Angel's*

**Giving back to the families of our community**



Are you cleaning out your house and planning to donate the items you no longer want? Please consider donating those items to Alva Angel's. We can pick up small and large items and we will gift those items to people in need or sell the items to raise money for the upcoming holiday season to purchase wish list items.

**Facebook Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/AlvaAngelsOrganization>



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



**EVERY SATURDAY, 12 noon till SOLD OUT except the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month**

These Fundraiser BBQ meals will be prepared and served at the corner of Eastbound Route 80 and First Street in front of the Charleston Park Community sign.



Your purchase, and all donations made, will help Liberation Church of Charleston Park to raise their goal of \$30,000.00 for building improvements and growth.

Donations beyond payment for your meal may be made at the BBQ, or by mailing checks to Liberation Church, PO Box 193, Alva FL, 33920

OR online through the



**CASH APP**

with the code:

**\$Liberationoutreach09**





## South Florida Wildlands Association

is a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection of wildlife and habitat in the Greater Everglades.

And guess what... Alva is located in the 'greater' Everglades.

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





# OLGA COMMUNITY FALL EVENT

## SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 13, 2021

NOON to 6 PM



# FALL FESTIVAL

NOON to 3:00 PM

THEN TAKE A BREAK OR HANG AROUND FOR THE HOBO SUPPER WHICH FOLLOWS



4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

# HOBO SUPPER

This is our annual HOBO supper. Everybody in our community is invited. Come try our HOBO stew and potluck sides and desserts. Sit, introduce yourself, eat, talk, fellowship, play some games. Members' admission is paid by their can of veggies. Guests are welcome at no charge, but we do accept donations. Members often wear hobo attire, but it is not mandatory. Definitely not formal.

## Olga Baptist Church

2364 S Olga Dr, Fort Myers, FL

Website: <https://www.olgabaptist.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/olgabaptistchurch>



Local, state and federal law enforcement agencies receive an almost immeasurable number of complaints, related to fraud, on an annual basis. As a result of online capabilities, scammers can operate from the farthest reaches of the globe and, as a result, losses are rarely recovered.

It seems that as quickly as we warn the community of a particular scam, criminals find a new method...a new manner in which to perpetrate these crimes.

I believe that recognizing the common components of these scams may save our residents from falling prey to these criminal behaviors.

If the call or message that you receive indicates that there is a problem or a prize...pay close attention. By claiming that you are in some form of trouble with law enforcement or a government agency, that one of your accounts has been compromised, or that you are the lucky winner of a lottery, contest or sweepstakes...people, especially seniors, become increasingly vulnerable.

Scammers/fraudsters often pretend to be from an organization, an agency or a company that you are familiar with. By pretending to represent government agencies such as the Social Security Administration, the Internal Revenue Service, or Medicare...or by stating that they represent a common local utility or a nationally-recognized charity or a large financial institution, many victims trust the credibility of the message. Please don't.

Criminals will, almost always, pressure you to act immediately. By insisting that you act quickly, your ability to think clearly...to verify their identity...to discuss the matter with a friend or relative is eliminated. There are no credible institutions or agencies that will make such demands.

Lastly, criminals will instruct you to send money in a specific and often unusual way. Legitimate and creditable agencies and organizations will never ask for payment using gift cards, ask you to send money through a money transfer company or to send cash...NEVER.

Time is your friend and a criminal's worst enemy. Slow down. If you're not certain, request a name and call-back number. Verifying identity, confirming affiliation and ensuring validity takes minutes and can save you from becoming a victim of fraud.





LaBelle Downtown Revitalization Corporation (LDRC)  
&

LaBelle Gallery and Cultural Center present

# Wharf Walk Artisan Weekend

Outdoor & Indoor Art Demos &  
Sessions

*All Art Forms Welcome*

Saturday, November 13th 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Sunday, November 14th 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Register to show, sponsor, or sell your products at:

[https://www.downtownlabelle.com/wharfwalk?fbclid=IwAR0ssprehbYBPrsIL0coTiQzOG4Fc74tCle7scuyiBG2wSjf2Mw\\_h6iFd3Y](https://www.downtownlabelle.com/wharfwalk?fbclid=IwAR0ssprehbYBPrsIL0coTiQzOG4Fc74tCle7scuyiBG2wSjf2Mw_h6iFd3Y)

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## HAVE YOU BEEN A VICTIM?

Take the following steps if you have been a victim of cybercrime.

1. File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission.
  - a. 1-877-382-4357 or [ftc.gov/complaint](http://ftc.gov/complaint)
2. File a report with your local police.
  - a. Take your FTC complaint to the police station.
  - b. Get a copy of the police report or the number of the police report.
3. Place a [fraud alert](#) with each of the reporting agencies. Consider placing a [credit freeze](#) on your accounts.
  - a. Call any one of the three credit reporting companies to report fraud. That company must notify the other two.
    - i. Equifax      1-800-525-6285
    - ii. Experian      1-888-397-3742
    - iii. Transunion      1-800-680-7289
4. Record and keep all evidence or documentation of the incident and its suspected source.
5. Request and review your credit report.
  - a. Call each of the credit reporting companies to request a report.
6. Fix any errors in the reports.
  - a. Call the business or company with affected accounts and notify them that fraud has occurred.
  - b. Follow up with a letter, including copies of FTC complaint, police report, and proof, if you have it.
7. Monitor your credit reports and bank accounts for unauthorized transactions.



The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is the state's clearinghouse for consumer complaints, protection and information. Consumers who believe fraud has taken place can contact the department's consumer protection and information hotline by calling 1-800-HELP-FLA (435-7352) or, for Spanish speakers, 1-800-FL-AYUDA (352-9832) or visit us online at [www.FloridaConsumerHelp.com](http://www.FloridaConsumerHelp.com).

# Alva Area FOOD PANTRIES

Grace UMC, Fort Myers Shores

Second Saturday Free Meal &  
Food Pantry, 8am to 2pm

**CALL to RESERVE your FOOD**

**239-205-3123**

**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.

**Charleston Park Comm Ctr**

**239-728-8895**

**FOOD PANTRY**

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10am-1pm**

**ALVA UMC**

**Food Pantry @ Bethany House**

**Food Pantry: 9am-12pm 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays**

**239-728-2277**

**SWFL CRIME STOPPERS**

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**CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT A TIP**

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SWFL Crime Stoppers is NOT a substitute for calling 9-1-1. In the event of an emergency, please call 9-1-1. Those who submit a tip are called "tipsters" and will remain 100% anonymous. No caller ID. No recorded lines. No tracking of phone calls. We want your information, not your name!

Put simply it is a three-part approach to solving the crime problem. SWFL Crime Stoppers relies on cooperation between our community, the media, and law enforcement to provide a flow of information about crime, wanted fugitives and suspicious activities.

**Mission**

Volunteer Florida strengthens Florida's communities through national service, fostering volunteerism and leveraging resources.



**<https://volunteer.volunteerflorida.org/>**





Effective immediately, persons who are experiencing homelessness (living outside, in a car, or other place not meant for human habitation) and seeking permanent housing resources in the Lee County CoC should contact 239-533-7900, and select options 1, 5, then 3, to complete a Coordinated Assessment.



## Some of our local ALVA area churches:

St. Vincent DePaul's RC Church

13031 Palm Beach Boulevard, Fort Myers, FL 33905

[www.stvincentftmyers.org](http://www.stvincentftmyers.org) 239-693-0818

Alva United Methodist Church

21440 Pearl St. P.O Box 96

Alva, FL 33920

[Alvamc@embarqmail.com](mailto:Alvamc@embarqmail.com)

[www.ouralvachurch.org](http://www.ouralvachurch.org) 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

New Hope Faith Temple of Jesus Christ

23210 Avenue D, Charleston Park

Alva, FL, 33920 239-770-4974

Buckingham Presbyterian Church

4241 Buckingham Road

Fort Myers, FL 33905

[www.buckinghampc.org](http://www.buckinghampc.org)

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](http://www.calvarychurchswfl.org) 239-728-5566

First Baptist Church of Alva

2790 Joel Blvd, Alva, FL, 33920

[www.alvabaptist.com](http://www.alvabaptist.com) 239-728-2034

Grace United Methodist Church, Ft Myers Shores

14036 Matanzas Drive, Ft Myers, Florida 33905

[www.egracechurch.com](http://www.egracechurch.com) 239-694-2797

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

14531 Old Olga Road,

Fort Myers, FL 33905

[www.blcefcm.org](http://www.blcefcm.org) 239-694-3878

Olga Baptist Church

2364 South Olga Drive

Fort Myers, FL 33905

[www.olgabaptist.org](http://www.olgabaptist.org) 239-694-2012

[olgabapch1@embarqmail.com](mailto:olgabapch1@embarqmail.com)

# RECOVERY 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:

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**

## ALVA:

**Alva Community Center**, 21471 N River Rd, Alva, FL 33920

-AA Way, 8pm Wednesdays, Big Book, OPEN

**St. Matthews House**, Cypress Creek & North River (rte 78) Roads, Alva

Jill's Place (for women) AND Justin's Place (for men), 239-687-7633 or [intake@stmatthewshouse.org](mailto:intake@stmatthewshouse.org).

<https://stmatthewshouse.org/whatwedo/justinsplace/jills-place-retreat-center>

## FORT MYERS SHORES:

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

-AA COED, Open Disc: Mon, 12pm, office

-AA Men: Mon, 7pm, office

-AA Women: Tues, 7pm, office

-AA COED, Open Disc: Wed, 12pm, office

-AA Open Disc: Thu, 7pm, office

-AL Anon COED: Fri, 12pm, Classroom 2

-AA COED, Open Speaker: Sat, 7pm, Community Center

-AA COED, Open Disc: Sun, 7pm, office

-CHOOSE RECOVERY: 6:00pm, Grace UMC Shores Facebook Page LIVE until COVID-19 is under control.

**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

LEHIGH ACRES (cont):

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

5513 8th St W, Lehigh Acres

(239) 275-5111

**-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**

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

**-AI 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

**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! [kendewalt@ontheriver.org](mailto:kendewalt@ontheriver.org)**



## Who We Are

SalusCare is a Fort Myers, Florida based not-for-profit mental health and substance abuse service provider.

SalusCare incorporated in 2013 after the merger of Lee Mental Health Center and Southwest Florida Addiction Services (SWFAS).

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

### New Patients Start with Care Connection

As a new patient, or a patient who has not received any services within the past year, the first step to receiving services is to choose an option below:

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Call our Welcome Center at 239-275-3222 Mon. – Fri. 8:00 am – 5:00 pm to speak with a customer service representative to schedule a Care Connection appointment in-person or via tele-health; or

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Please make sure you provide accurate insurance information when you contact us so we can schedule your Care Connection appointment with an appropriately credentialed therapist with whom you may continue services after your Care Connection appointment.





# Important Alva Area Lee County Phone Numbers & Websites

(as of August 1, 2020)

Agency	Normal Business	Emergency
<b>ANY immediate life-threatening emergency</b>		<b>911</b>
American Red Cross (Local Chapter)	239-278-3401	239-278-3401
Arson Alert Hotline	800-342-5869	800-342-5869
Blood Donor Centers	888-9-DONATE	
- Lee Memorial Blood Center	239-343-2333	
- Florida's Blood Centers	239-574-3170	
Dept. of Financial Services (Insurance)	239-461-4001	800-22-STORM
Federal Emergency Management Agency	800-621-3362	800-462-7585
Florida Division of Emergency Management	850-413-9969	
Lee County Animal Services	239-533-7387	239-533-7387
Lee County Emergency Info Hotline/United Way	39-433-2000	211
Lee County Emergency Management	239-533-0622	239-533-0622
Lee County Government	239-533-2111	
Lee County Health Department	239-332-9501	239-332-9501
Lee County Public Safety & EMS	239-533-3911	911
Lee County Sheriff's Office 2	39-477-1000	911
Mobile or Manufactured Home Residents	850-617-3004	
National Weather Service/Tampa Bay	813-645-2323	
Poison Information	800-222-1222	800-222-1222
Salvation Army, The	239-278-1551	239-278-1551
Traffic Conditions in Florida (Current)	511	511
United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades & Okeechobee Counties	239-433-2000	211

## Agency Web Addresses

Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)	<a href="http://www.ready.gov/citizen-corps">www.ready.gov/citizen-corps</a>
Department of Financial Services (Insurance)	<a href="http://www.myfloridacfo.com">www.myfloridacfo.com</a>
Department of Homeland Security	<a href="http://www.dhs.gov/">www.dhs.gov/</a>
Florida Lightning Safety	<a href="http://www.weather.gov/safety/lightning">www.weather.gov/safety/lightning</a>
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