



# On the RIVER

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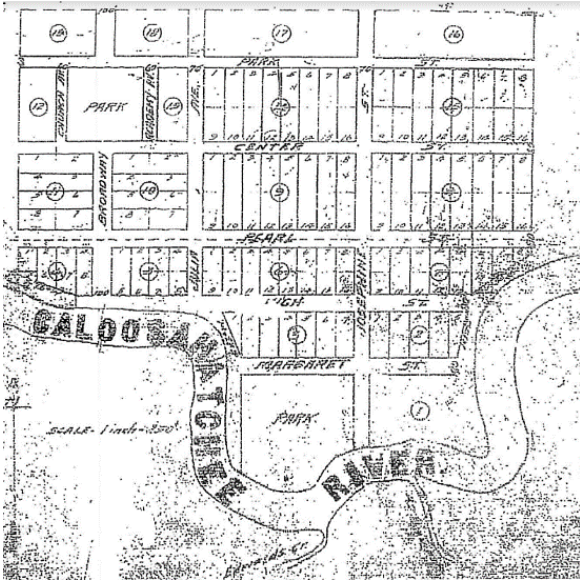
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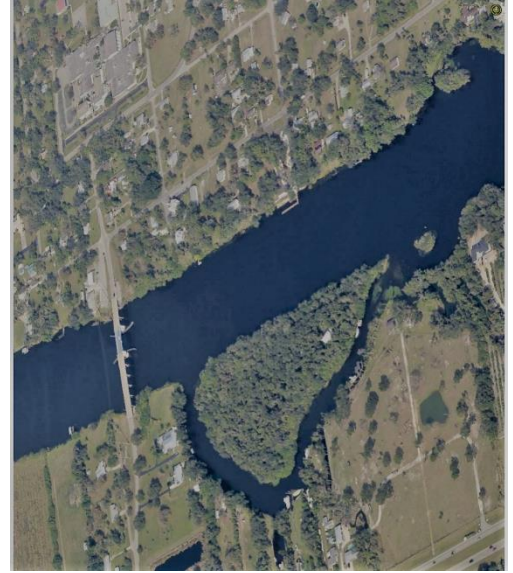
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# *Is there a river island park in Alva's future?*



Alva native and retiring long time real estate attorney Jay Watkins has released his research and examination of the title to the Alva Island Park. He determined it is in fact owned by Lee County. The Park is shown on the 1890 Alva plat lying west of Josephine Street. It is now the western



portion of the oxbow island on the south side of the river across from Alva village created by the channelization of the Caloosahatchee River almost 100 years ago.

A 1962 Lee County Circuit Court condemnation case taking part of the island to widen and deepen the river ruled that it belonged to Lee County and \$15,500.00 was paid to the county. Lee County used the money to purchase the current Alva Community Center Park in 1965. The island park is mentioned in the 2006 Final Draft of the Alva Community Plan goals (at page 29):

*Work with the Army Corps of Engineers to find a means by which the portion of Alva Oxbow Island that is not privately owned, may be made available for passive recreational use.*

Although county records show it is privately owned, the issue of ownership is being reviewed by Lee County by the Lee County PROPERTY APPRAISER. Not only is it public property, but every property owner in the original Village of Alva has the private right to use the park because it is dedicated and shown on the Alva plat.

Jay suggests that, like Bowditch Park on Fort Myers Beach, it is an undeveloped gem that needs more private and governmental support to develop passive recreational uses such as kayak/canoe trails, small boat docks, picnic tables/pavilions, BBQ facilities and so forth. It would showcase the original beauty of Alva envisioned by its founder Captain Peter Nelson.

***If you wish to know more about this issue you may contact the Lee County Property Appraiser's office: James A. Sherron, Chief Deputy, Lee County Property Appraiser's Office.***

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# Riverdale High School supports 11-year-old boy battling cancer

(TY WINK NEWS)

*Its nice to read positive stories about our local schools in the midst of pandemic stress*



Dominick Nino is 11 years old, and he's been living at Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida since January. Cheerleaders and football players from Riverdale High School had a big surprise in store for Dominick when they brought a little of the Friday night lights to him. They sent over some swag, including a jersey and a piece of the game.

"Eight, my favorite number," Dominick said. "They got me a football that they use, and they wrote the same thing on it, 'In this family, no one fights alone.'" That's the motto Dominick designed for a T-shirt the school is selling, with proceeds going to Golisano Children's Hospital.

"You're now part of this family, and I want you to know that you and everybody else at Golisano's, we're with ya, and we're fightin with ya, and we look forward to maybe coming by the parking lot one of these days and waving at you a whole lot closer than this Zoom will allow us to," head coach James Delgado said.

In January, Dominick went from playing a soccer game to being diagnosed with leukemia hours later. Before his diagnosis, he was considered a healthy and active 10-year-old boy. Dominick was experiencing pain in his legs, but his family attributed it to growing pains or a minor soccer injury. When the pain woke Dominick up in the middle of the night, they knew something else was wrong.

His parents took him to the emergency room in Naples, where doctors ran tests which revealed concerning results. Dominick was then brought to Golisano by ambulance, where additional blood work was done. The answer was every parent's worst fear — Dominick has leukemia.

Now, Dominick is undergoing aggressive treatments. They will involve month-long stays at Golisano, as he receives inpatient chemotherapy. Dominick and his family will never have to walk this journey alone. Every step of the way, Golisano staff and Barbara's Friends will be there as this reality becomes their new normal.

Dominick's mom says the support from the school and the hospital is what helps keeps his spirits up at a time when he really needs it. He's relapsed twice and is now in isolation...

He showed us around his room where he spends all his time. "That's the rocket we made," Dominick said. Everyone is waiting to see if his numbers get strong enough for a bone marrow transplant. He has a lot of people hopeful they do. Riverdale high school students will wear the shirt Dominick made to school Friday and for the football game Friday night.

Cancer is the second leading cause of death for children ages 1 to 14.



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!

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



## Ross Chastain, Alva's NASCAR WATERMELON MAN UPDATES (TY NASCAR News)



DARLINGTON, S.C. Sept 6 — Ross Chastain held his head high as fireworks went off around the track following Sunday night's Cook Out Southern 500 at Darlington Raceway.

Chastain finished tops among non-playoff drivers as the NASCAR Cup Series opened up its 10-race postseason stretch at the 1.366-mile South Carolina oval. The third-place result validated that Chastain and the No. 42 Chip Ganassi Racing team could be closing in on a potential

race victory before Trackhouse Racing absorbs the operation in 2022 and Chastain becomes the second driver alongside Daniel Suarez.

But it was who Chastain was racing against at the end that added an extra pep to his step — Kyle Larson.

“It was really cool to say we were close on speed to the 5 cars,” Chastain said. “That’s crazy. We were close at Nashville (Superspeedway) and we were close here. Similar package, you know, you see a trend. So, we’ll keep working on that.”

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## Corporate Change in Chastain's World (TY Charlotte Observer)

Chip Ganassi Racing has sold its 22-acre headquarters to a top competitor as the Concord-based NASCAR team shuts down. The team's NASCAR assets transfer to Trackhouse Racing at the end of the 2021 season.



Trackhouse is currently embedded with Richard Childress Racing and plans to field two cars in the Cup Series next season. Daniel Suárez will continue racing for the team with Ross Chastain, a current CGR driver, joining him at Trackhouse in 2022. Kurt Busch, CGR's other driver, will race for 23XI next season alongside the team's current driver, Bubba Wallace.

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## NASCAR Cup Series, Las Vegas Speedway, Sep 26<sup>th</sup> (TY <https://rosschastain.com/>)

Ross Chastain finished 23<sup>rd</sup> out of 38 drivers.

His schedule for the rest of 2021 includes:

Talladega Superspeedway, Oct 3 Charlotte Motor Speedway, Oct 10

Texas Motor Speedway, Oct 17 Kansas Speedway, Oct 24 Martinsville Speedway, Oct 31

Phoenix Raceway (Championship Race), Nov 7

# New technology being used to prevent blue-green algae in Lake Okeechobee

(TY WINK News)

New technology is working to prevent thick, blue-green gunk from growing in our vital water. The system is up and running to treat dangerous algae blooms. A machine called a nanobubble generator is working in Pahokee Marina at Lake Okeechobee Thursday. It's being used to help prevent another water crisis.



*One version of the nanobubble generator by Moleaer which retailed at over \$55,000 in 2019*

The machine releases tiny oxygen bubbles into Lake Okeechobee to reduce and prevent blue-green algae. The bubbles are so small they can't be seen. The question is does this cutting-edge technology actually work.

"We've been invited to partner with Florida Gulf Coast University to install and test our nanobubble generators here in Pahokee Marina," said Eli Kersh, the director of Surface Water Treatment for Moleaer. Moleaer is the company behind the nanobubble generator. Kersh is confident the technology will work against blue-green algae.

"A nanobubble generator is a device that takes water and air and creates microscopic bubbles," Kersh said. Those bubbles increase oxygen in the water to make water more resilient to algal blooms. A nanobubble generator is relatively new to the world of science. Kersh's company partnered with FGCU's The Water School.

"We're turning on these nanobubble generators for the first time, so will get some samples before," FGCU professor Barry Rosen said. Rosen said we won't see any effects because this is a long-term thing. "The nanobubbles will spread throughout the basin, and we'll see if they have an effect or not," Rosen said.

Rosen and Kersh can't say the nanobubble generators will make a big difference. "The best outcome we could hope for I think would be complete reduction of algae of course, but I think we will be happy with understanding, learning more about the impact," Kersh said.

FGCU students will monitor the progress of the bubble generator, and they will report back if and when there's a noticeable difference in the blue-green algae levels.

Developed primarily for the horticulture business, from flowers to cannabis, you can find out more about the systems Moleaer has developed at

<https://www.moleaer.com/products/bloom>







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## Caloosa Humane Society

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

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[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.

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1. Dog & Cat Wet and Dry Food
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4. Laundry & Dish Soap, Trash Bags, Bleach, Pine Sol

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

### 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



## ALVA INC

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.

NEXT MEETING: TBA Second Tuesdays, 7pm, Alva Community Center  
Dues are only \$25.00 a year



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

Go to website to reserve tours

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## 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.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

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- Pack meals for Meals on Wheels
- Deliver Meals on Wheels
- Volunteer at Mobile Pantries

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239.332.7687 • [Rachell@CommunityCooperative.com](mailto:Rachell@CommunityCooperative.com)

**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](mailto:Tami@communitycooperative.com) or call 239-332-7687, ext. 125.

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THE RANCH CONCERT HALL & SALOON



# 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

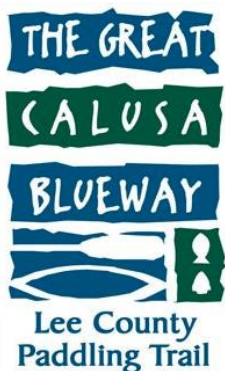
### Fun for all ages!



## 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 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>





## **Join the Nation ... Thank a Vietnam Veteran!**

*Please join USS Hannah Chapter, NSDAR, a Commemorative Partner in the United States of America 50th Vietnam War Commemoration, in Honoring our Vietnam Veterans! USS Hannah Chapter will be holding a pinning ceremony January or February 2022 in Labelle, Florida to honor our Vietnam Veterans.*

*We are actively searching for Vietnam Veterans who have served in our United States Military between November 1, 1955 through May 15, 1975 regardless of service location.*

*If you know of a Veteran, or a surviving Spouse, who served during the above dates, please contact Cathy Lowe, Service for Veterans Chairman*



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

***Cathy Lowe: [cathy\\_lowe69@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy_lowe69@yahoo.com)***

**All names must be submitted by October 1, 2021**

**USS Hannah Chapter, Alva, Florida**

USS Hannah Chapter, NSDAR is not a part of, or endorsed by, the Department of Defense



# The Alva Garden Club



will have its first meeting of the 2021-22 year on Tuesday, October 19th. There will be a snack and social time at 1:00 followed by a flower arranging presentation and the club's business meeting.

The club now boasts a vibrant membership of more than 40 members! Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month October through May at 1:00 at the Alva Library and Museum. Meetings will continue to be held outside on the grounds of the Museum to maintain social distancing.

Please feel free to attend a meeting as the club's guest and consider joining. For more information, see the club's website at: <http://alvagardenclub.org>.

Submitted by: Pamela Relyea, Club President



## the Alva Library Museum

NOW OPEN EVERY SATURDAY 2-4 PM!!

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://alvaflmuseum.com> (click on Virtual Tour).

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

# SCORE Southwest Florida

3650 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33966, (239) 931-9807, swflscore@gmail.com

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### Free Resources

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## JOB-LINK

[https://expertjobmatch.com/cro/reg/goodwill?origin=bing-ads-search&type=cpc&msclkid=3e1c1e87bb021e31b6f5415c3d06719e&utm\\_source=bing&utm\\_medium=cpc&utm\\_campaign=Company%20%7C%20Retail%20-%20Clothing%20%7C%20Goodwill&utm\\_term=%2Bjobs%20%2Bat%20%2BGoodwill&utm\\_content=Jobs%20%7C%20BMM](https://expertjobmatch.com/cro/reg/goodwill?origin=bing-ads-search&type=cpc&msclkid=3e1c1e87bb021e31b6f5415c3d06719e&utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Company%20%7C%20Retail%20-%20Clothing%20%7C%20Goodwill&utm_term=%2Bjobs%20%2Bat%20%2BGoodwill&utm_content=Jobs%20%7C%20BMM)



## Spooktacular Pet Costume Contest and PAWty!

**Saturday, October 23, 2021**

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm



1811 Royal Palm Ave,  
Fort Myers, FL 33901  
(Free Parking)

Register your pet at: [www.goodwillswfl.org/PetCostume](http://www.goodwillswfl.org/PetCostume)

**\$10 Pet Entry fee**

(Includes a drink ticket/free to watch)

Prizes for Winning Categories in

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- \* Funniest Costume
- \* Best Owner/ Dog Costume Duo
- \* Judges' Choice



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## **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). Plans are to either Zoom or be in person starting again in October.

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**OK. It IS fall in Florida.**

## Charleston Park Neighborhood Association



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

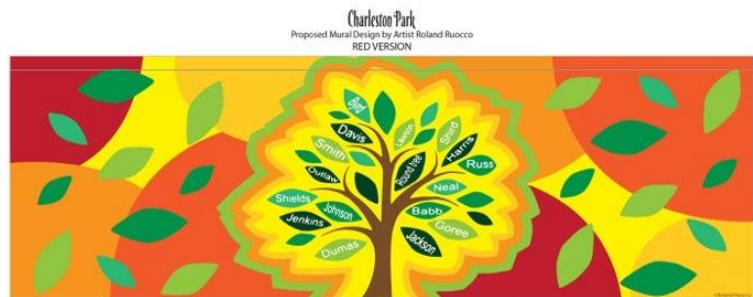
Community Center Activities & Training, Lee County Children's and youth sport park, Events throughout the year, Meetings for all every second Monday of the month at 6pm at the Community Center are also available virtually via ZOOM.

**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!"



VIEW OF MURAL ON WALL



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Every community has its heroes. LB Outlaw, Jr, called LBJ by his friends, was one of those.

A great local sportsman himself, he was always willing to help novices in sport, and young boys and girls always to learn how to excel as he had.

Some years ago the Charleston Park ball field and court was named for him by Lee County. But over time the sign had gotten faded and mold covered. Now there is a new sign honoring this hero of the sports park and Charleston Park calling new athletes to the calling he served. If you have a talent, help others with theirs.



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(Mileage is charged outside of Lee County)

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by Tom Dudzick



(Comedy) The best plans go awry when the cast and crew of a Broadway-bound play resort to manipulation, diva-like behavior and chaotic abandon to get what they want.

**October**

**1, 2, 3 & 8, 9, 10**

**2021**

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Saturday, Oct 2, 2021 from 10am until 2pm.**





# A bit of ALVA History

MONDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 30, 1925

## OLGA AND IDALIA OLD SETTLEMENTS

The Olga-Idalia district is one of the earliest settled communities in Lee county. Among the early settlers were Mrs. MacNeill, Capt. F. A. Hendry, W. M. Hendry, Taylor Frierson, A. T. G. Parkinson, Owen Blount and others.

Each of these settlements had a postoffice but the office at Idalia has been discontinued and the people there either get their mail at Olga or are served by the rural carrier.

B. F. Lewis has a garage at the corner of Road No. 2 and the Fort Myers Palm Beach Boulevard and, in another building, he and David Coggin have a general mercantile store and a real estate office. The main camp of the road constructors is located across the road from the Olga Garage.

Members of the Olga home demonstration club and the Olga girl's clubs have won many premiums at the South Florida fairs in recent years.

Just for a few months Olga has had less than its share of motor trade on account of traffic being detoured through Samville, due to road construction. Workmen have begun at the county line now and are working this way and it is hoped that this road will be open for traffic in a few months. It is even now travelable by making a short detour.

Twelve miles from Fort Myers on the LaBelle road one sees a handsome new farm residence of seven rooms and ample porches. It is of brick-frame construction. This is the home of E. E. Lewis. The dwelling is surrounded by a fine young grove. Four years ago Mr. Lewis saw the opportunity offered here and erected a steel garage building and his mechanical ability, fair treatment and good workmanship have built up his business until his garage is always rushed to take care of the cars which

are taken there for repairs. He later erected a store building and put in a stock of goods and is receiving a handsome patronage. He has proved the truth of the old maxim: "Merit will win."

On the east side of the Arcadia road at the southern terminus of the Olga drawbridge is the general store of W. C. Lohmeyer which was formerly the Olga Mercantile Company and owned by Russell Liddell, now proprietor of a big garage and accessory shop in Fort Myers. Mr. Lohmeyer has been there two years and is postmaster as well as merchant.

M. D. Smith operates a large steam syrup mill a few hundred rods up the river from the bridge. J. E. Mills has a good farm and banana plantation just north of the river and Dr. Franklin Miles of Elkhart and Fort Myers, owns two fine groves, one of 40 and the other of 70 acres at the junction of the Arcadia and LaBelle roads.

Olga has a live Home Demonstration Club with sixteen members.

There is also the Caloosahatchee Club, a civic institution which results in much good. The club meets once a month and has thirty-two members.

Olga and Idalia are only a short distance apart and it is really one neighborhood. However, the children on the north side of the river attend school at the old Upcote school house nearly half a mile from the bridge and those on the south side attend school at the Idalia school house.

Olga has the opportunity of attending two religious services—Baptist and Methodist.

Olga is surrounded by fine groves and good trucking land and P. John Hart, county tax collector, whose parents were pioneer settlers, has a fine stock farm with blooded Jersey cattle and a large silo to feed them, a short distance from town.

(TY Joanne Iwinski Miller)

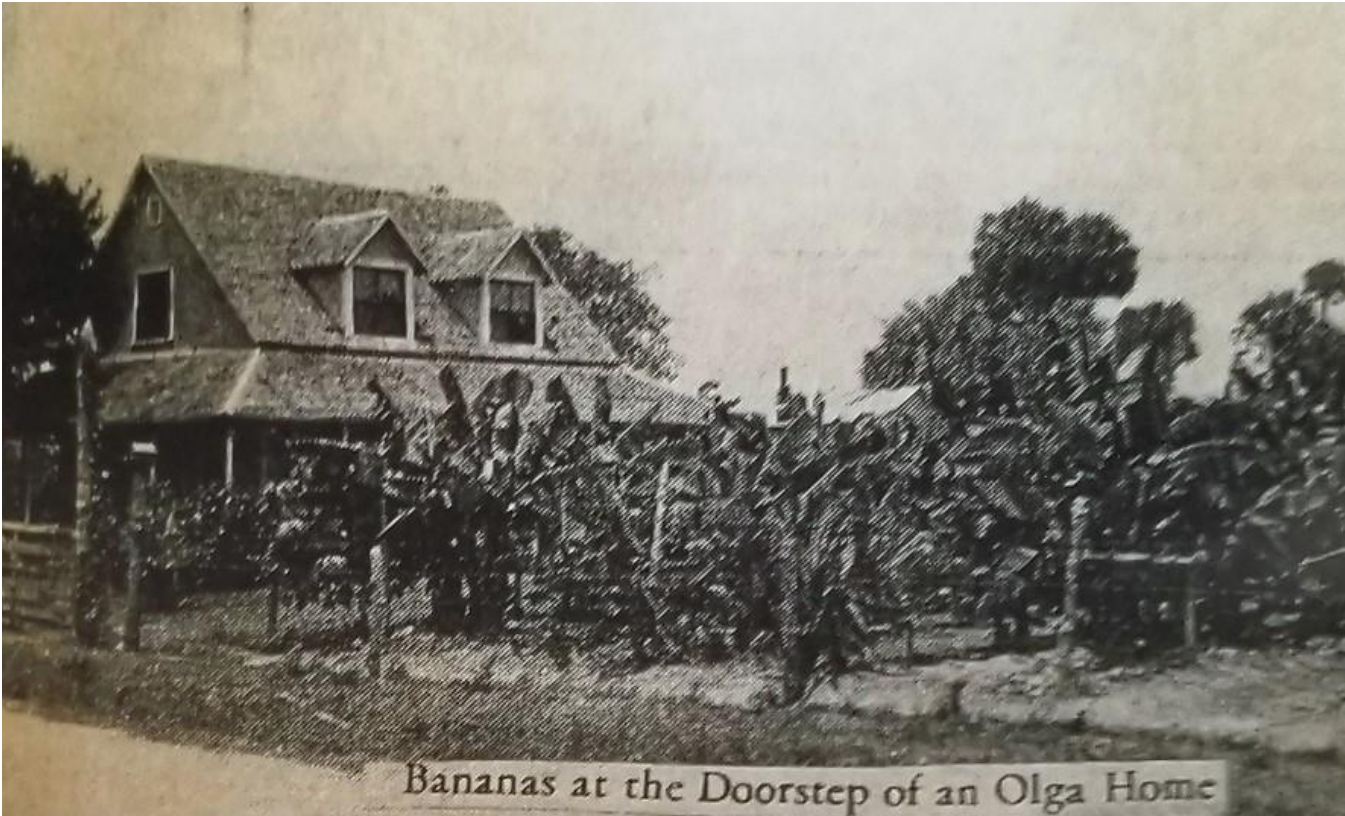
This article was written in 1925.

Today Olga still exists on the south bank of the Caloosahatchee. It has a nice Lee County Community Center and the iconic OLGA MALL. And a lot of nice folks.

North Olga, on the north bank of the river, is mostly the road that bears the name, as more modern and upscale homes and development has taken that area over.

Nonetheless, Olga still exists in many people's memories. Maybe you know or grew up with these buildings in your memory:

OLGA



Bananas at the Doorstep of an Olga Home



Peace  Love & Paws   
Gala  
An Evening for the Animals

October 23, 2021

Doors open at 5:00 pm

*River Bend Motorcoach Resort*

Live Music By



Tickets available at CHS  
1200 Pratt Boulevard  
LaBelle, FL 33935  
or by phone at 863.675.0997

For more information contact Karla Kaufman 239.872.1892

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.



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



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## **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

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## **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**

WWW.COMMUNITYCOOPERATIVE.COM

**Fort Myers MEALS ON WHEELS now serves  
homebouds 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)

## **Italian Stuffed Tomatoes**

4 medium sized tomatoes

1 c cooked rice

1/2 c fresh shaved parmesan cheese

1/2 c crumbled feta cheese (or mozzarella)

1/4 c toasted chopped macadamia nuts

2Tbsp snipped basil leaves (plus small whole leaves for garnish)

3 cloves fresh garlic chopped fine

1/4 c Italian style seasoned bread crumbs

2 Tbsp olive oil

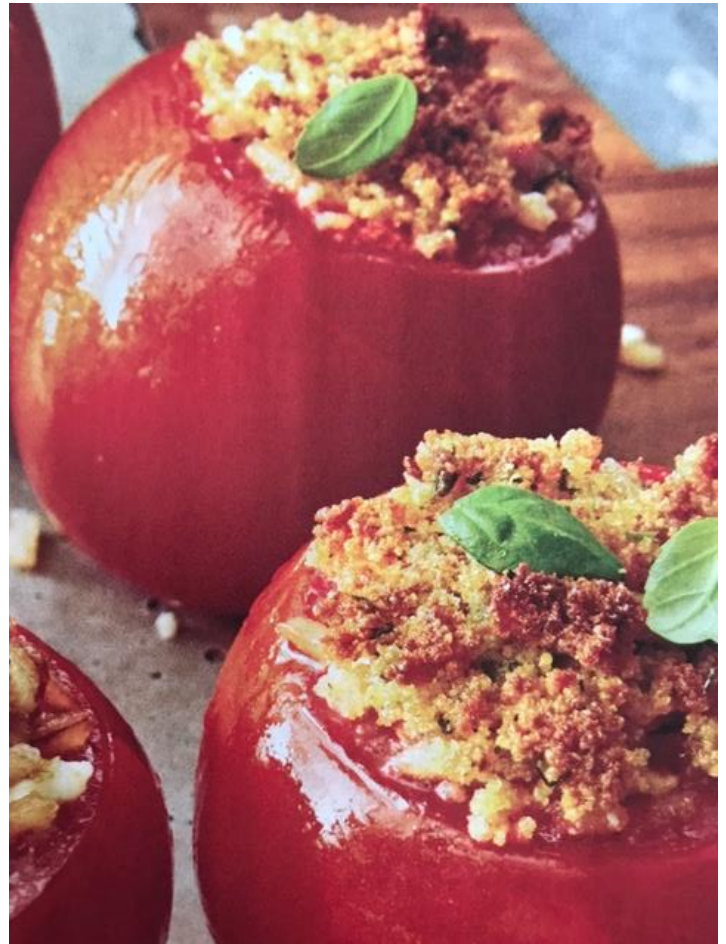
Cut off tomato tops. Using a melon baller, scoop sides out. (Leave half inch thick sides and bottom).

Stir together rice, cheeses, nuts, chopped basil, garlic in bowl. Fill the scooped tomatoes with the mixture.

Stir together the breadcrumbs and the oil in a bowl and then sprinkle it over top of the tomatoes.

Preheat an air fryer to 370°F. Fryer basket with cooking spray. Arrange the tomatoes in the basket. Cook until tender and filling is heated through (about 15 minutes)...garnish with reserved whole basil leaves and serve.

Note-if you do not have air fryer you may make the same recipe by assembling as described above-bake at 350 for 30 minutes







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

**Join Our Team!  
Become a Certified**



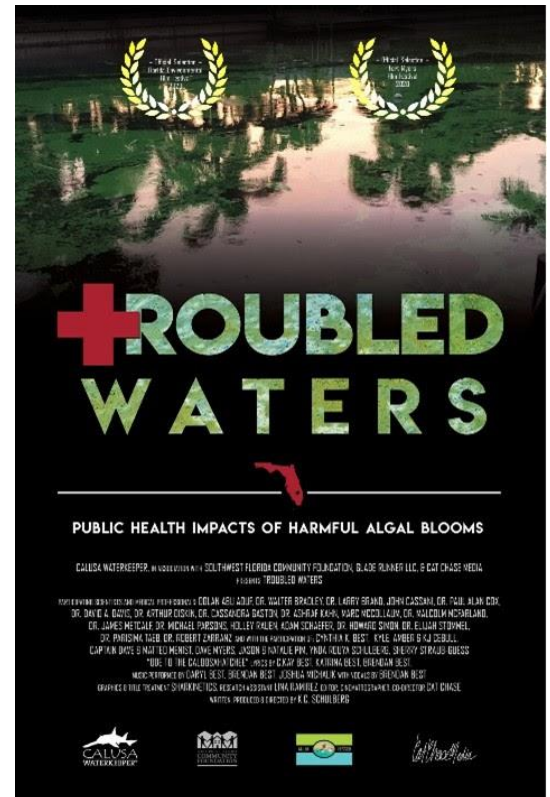
**Ranger**

Participants should have access to area waters by boat or paddle craft. No prior experience needed. Classes held at the Calusa Nature Center, Iona House. [info@calusawaterkeeper.org](mailto:info@calusawaterkeeper.org) 239) 784-0880

NEXT CLASS: Saturday, Oct. 16, 2021 9am – 11:30am

**Calusa Waterkeeper is pleased to make available its 2019 documentary “Troubled Waters: The Public Health Impacts of Harmful Algae Blooms” for free to the public!**

**During the height of the 2018 Blue-Green Algae and Red Tide HAB crises in Southwest Florida, Calusa Waterkeeper met and interviewed many of the nation’s leading research scientists studying HABs, but also doctors and nurses on the front lines and patients who had suffered harm. The result was a compelling, current, informative and entertaining 40-minute documentary conveying much needed information on potential risk – particularly on the aerosolized transmission of particles from HABs and the increased danger that poses to public health.**



**GO TO:**

**<https://calusawaterkeeper.org/troubled-waters/>**



*Major William M. Footman*

*Sons of Confederate Veterans*

*Camp 1950, Fort Myers, Florida*



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



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

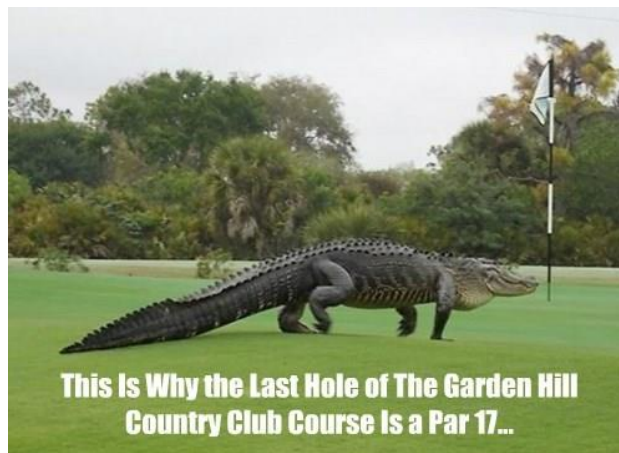
Find out more about us at

Camp Adjutant: Gerald W. Shell, email: [adjutant@camp1950.flscv.org](mailto:adjutant@camp1950.flscv.org)

<https://www.camp1950.flscv.org/>



*Picket's Charge / Longstreet's Assault, by Mort Kunstler*





*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>



*Since 1964*

**Your RIVERDALE LIBRARY**

**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.

SFWA is a 501c3 non-profit dedicated solely to protecting what remains of one of our planet's most unique natural areas. Diverse animals such as Florida panthers, wood storks, snail kites, manatees, corals, sea turtles, American crocodiles, and Florida black bears benefit from the many campaigns SFWA carries out. Relying on science, law, and public advocacy, SFWA works to protect habitat on public and private lands alike, while preserving clean water and quality of life for South Florida's human population.

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

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



### The ALVA MUSEUM

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 members of the Alva Garden Club.

The museum is now closed for the summer and will reopen on October 2nd but you can see a virtual video tour at: <http://alvafilmuseum.com> (click on Virtual Tour).

Please feel free to visit the lovely landscaped grounds at any time! For information about the Alva Garden Club, see: <http://alvagardenclub.org/>





## LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT UPCOMING SPONSORED EVENTS

### YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING AT LCSO EDISON MALL COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER

Facilitated by the Children's Advocacy Center, sponsored by the Cape Coral Community Foundation and hosted by the Lee County Sheriff's Office, a "Youth Mental Health First Aid Training" will be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at the LCSO Edison Mall Community Outreach Center from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm.

Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and



substance use disorders in youth. This 8-hour training gives adults who work with youth the skills they need to reach out and provide initial support to children and adolescents (ages 6-18) who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem and help connect them to the appropriate care.

This training is designed to benefit ANYONE who works with or interacts with children and/or teens. Register by contacting the instructor: Quinton A. Clawson, LMHC, NCC at 561-571-5413 or email [qclawson@cac-swfl.org](mailto:qclawson@cac-swfl.org)

### Citizen's Academy

Members of the public are invited to learn about the Lee County Sheriff's Office by participating in the agency's popular Citizens Academy. Join us and get a first-hand look at how we enforce the law as we protect and serve.



The Academy is a 12-week program with classes held on Tuesday nights from 6:00-9:15 p.m. Class size is limited. Best of all, there is no cost to attend.

Classes provide an in-depth view into numerous areas of law enforcement and are intended to enhance understanding, communication and partnerships between citizens and the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

Highlights include presentations from the following Units: SWAT, Aviation, Major Crimes, Corrections, Public Information and Economic Crimes. Demonstrations include Underwater Operations, K9 and the Bomb Squad. Participants also receive gun safety training at the Lee County Gun Range.

To participate, you must be at least 18 years of age, a resident of Lee County and have no Felony convictions. Questions should be directed to Citizens Academy Coordinator Tony Schall at (239) 258-3215 or [tschall@sheriffleefl.org](mailto:tschall@sheriffleefl.org).



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)



# 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**

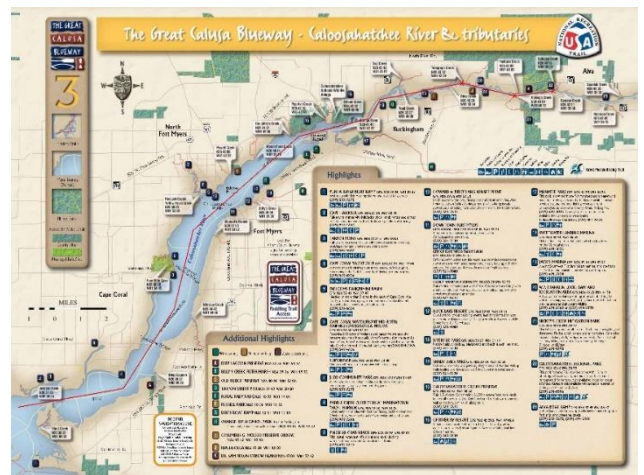
**Food Pantry: 9am-12pm 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays**

**239-728-2277**



Trail information is at [www.calusablueway.com](http://www.calusablueway.com) or [www.leeparks.org/blueway](http://www.leeparks.org/blueway).

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.



**SWFL CRIME STOPPERS**

**SAY IT HERE!**

**WHY?**

We guarantee anonymity!  
We pay cash rewards.

**HOTLINE: 1-800-780-TIPS**

**CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT A TIP**

DOWNLOAD OUR P3 TIPS MOBILE APP FOR FREE

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.**







**Someone said this photo was taken near the Alva Boat Ramp, but I said, if Alva had an alligator this big, the churches would have sponsored a community wide GATOR FRY!**



## 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).

SalusCare has 6 locations to serve you throughout Southwest Florida. Our fees are affordable and may be adjusted to the means of our patients based on household income.

SalusCare accepts Medicaid, Medicare, Visa, MasterCard and some major health insurance providers. Please call us beforehand to verify that your insurance is accepted.

SalusCare provides services for all regardless of disability or handicap. Accommodations will be provided upon request. All substance abuse programs and most mental health services are accredited by CARF International, an independent, nonprofit accreditor of health and human services.

<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:

Pre-fill out forms online and receive a phone call to schedule an in-person or tele-health Care Connection appointment (Once your forms are submitted, you will receive a call within 24 hours. If it is the weekend or a holiday, you will receive a call on the next business day);

**OR**

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

Walk-in for a Care Connection visit prior to 1:00 pm (pending availability)

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

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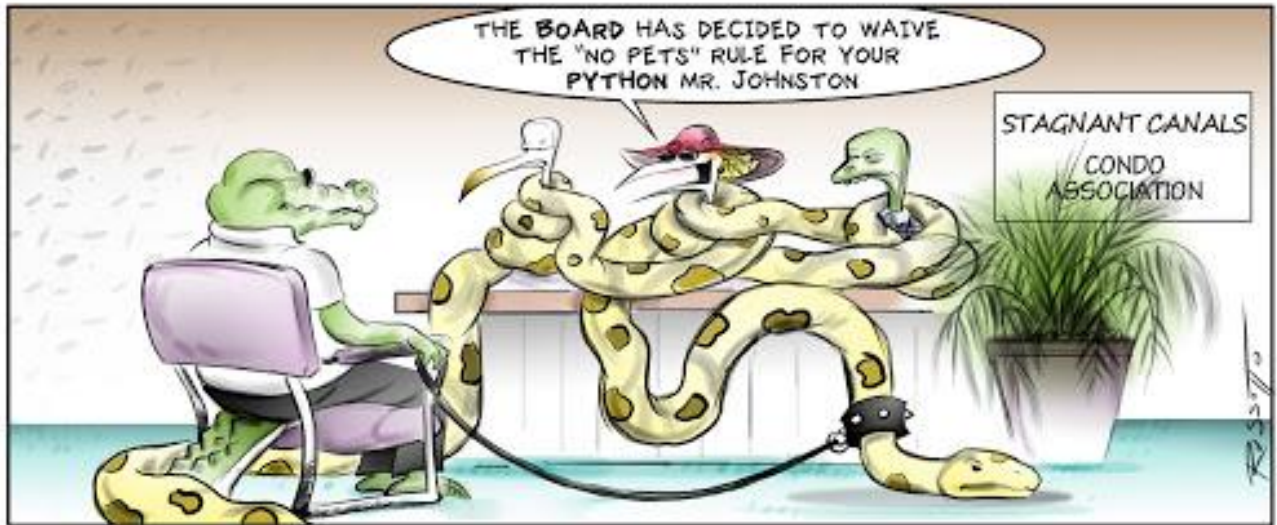




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