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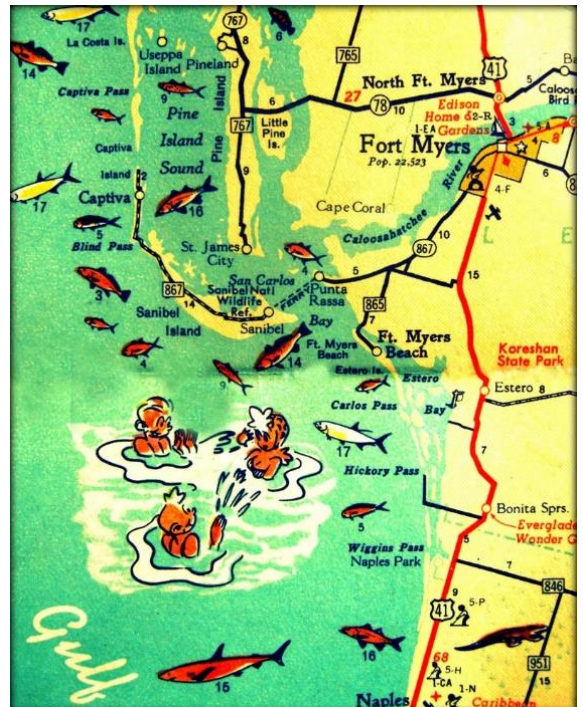
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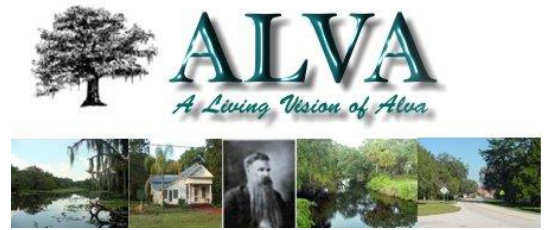
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ALVA INC, At the Alva Community Center.

ZOOM access will be available for those who are unable to attend.

Info@AlvaFl.org WEBSITE www.ALVAFL.org



NEXT MEETING: Every Second Tuesday, 7pm, Alva Community Center

ALVA INC introduces new Board of Directors at April Meeting



Connie Dennis, Alva INC secretary, opened the April meeting at the Alva Community Center with the pledge to the American Flag. It occurred to me in bold capital letters at that moment why America is supporting the Ukrainian Government and people in its war of defense against the Russian invasion. Because a meeting for open discussion like this would never be allowed in Russia, or any country ruled by an autocrat and his or her cronies. God bless America.

Connie introduced the new Board of Directors of Alva INC and reminded us that the officers will be elected by the board at the regular May meeting.

Emily Smith, treasurer, announced that more members and over \$600.00, mostly in new member dues, have been received in March than in any single month in years. The current balance of the organization is over \$1,301.09. Emily and Connie told us this money, and a hoped for continued increase in membership, will fund new actions by Alva INC in promotion of its primary purpose to KEEP ALVA RURAL and to develop Action Teams made up of small groups of members focused on key areas of concern or education of all Alva area residents.

One of the board members commented that her reason for being on the board is that she knows developers and most county officials are very pro-development and that she feels Alva INC and other concerned resident groups are important because they can help make whatever development is approved be more environment smart and lifestyle friendly for former and newer residents.

Discussion of the following subjects followed. First, the proposed wedding and party venue at the former Woodsmen of the World site on Packinghouse Road:

Roxanne Gause reported on a March 30th hearing which was held at the Lee County offices for this project. 18 Alva INC folk attended, most to speak about concerns for the project. It was felt by the attenders that their concerns were well heard. The hearing official, Amanda Rivera, will soon offer her decision on the hearing. She can pass her recommendations on to the County Commissioners or reject the project all together.

Parking, alcohol sales and plans for a new 3,600 SF. building on site are Alva INC's primary issues, though it appears the 9 residents within 500 feet of the site are all opposed, and may not have been approached early on by the developer as required. The land owner still has the entire project's land for sale as well. No one at the meeting knows why.

Leslie Roberts shared that the River Hall community residents opposed to any high density expansion of new homes in the River Hall community on rte 80 near Old Olga are organizing an effective voice against the planned addition of about 400+ smaller homes on smaller sites to the community.

A new NEXT DOOR social media page has been started for the group and the last meeting by the developer and Lee County has resulted in several 'insufficiencies' in the plan which the developer must satisfy before the plan can go forward with Lee County. Noted is the fact that River Hall is experiencing difficulty with providing enough lawn water now, and is still planning a new 9-hole golf course. Potable water as well as sewer access is purchased from county infrastructure by the residents.

Paul Furbay shared information on the Owl Creek development of almost 400 homes surrounding the present Owl Creek Marina, off Rte 78 near rte 31. The plan was passed on to the Lee County Commissioners to Tallahassee before the State Department of Economic Opportunity. This will be the first development of others on the way containing several thousand homes now being planned within a couple of miles of the rte 31 and rte 78 intersection in the next couple of years.

SWFL Crime Stoppers and Lee County Police STILL hoping to identify woman accused of stealing more than 100 plants

Southwest Florida Crime Stoppers is asking for the public's help in identifying a woman accused of stealing hundreds of flowers. Crime Stoppers says the woman is accused of stealing more than 120

azalea and hibiscus plants from the Alva Garden Club in Lee County.

If you recognize the woman, you are asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-780-TIPS (8477)



Gambling comes to Alva

(Interior photos are from Google Images of 777 Arcade Company stores)



Ramona and I arrived in Alva at Christmas, 2014. One of the first things we noticed when we drove our Alpine motor coach across the drawbridge on the way to park for a short while at the Alva United Methodist Church was the cute but empty river-side store by the post office. "Hey, maybe we'll be dining there soon!" Fast forward to March 2022 and after several attempts by a few folks to make a restaurant work (not enough parking), or a boater's haven (dock is too small), or a gift shop (rent was too high) and the place is emptier looking than it was over seven years ago. Until...

The week of April 17 the signs went up. A brand-new ARCADE 777 mini gambling center is coming to the quaint and quiet village of Alva. What!?!?

The Dunn & Bradstreet website lists this company as doing business as 777 Arcade. The main office is located at 7147 South US Highway 1, Port Saint Lucie, Florida, 34952-1412. The company phone is listed as 772-237-5075. The business seems to have begun in 2018.

If you Google 777 Arcade you will find several locations scattered around South Florida, on both coasts and the center.

There are not many Google reviews on the business but of the ones you will find a fair amount of them remark on the cleanliness of the facilities and good service of the staff.

I tried to connect with the owners at their Facebook Page but so far have received no response. Here are the comments shared by local residents on the Alva Friends and Family Facebook Page:

---It will bring in a lot of undesirables. These always do. I thought they were outlawed. How do they get around this? Do they have to get permitted?

---Arcades do not bring in undesirables. LoL. It's mostly older people with nothing better to do.

---Lots of businesses have tried to go in there but can't get the permits because of various reasons (not enough parking, not big enough septic, etc.).



---I spoke with the leasing Agent a few months ago, I was considering it for a possible fabric, furniture accessory store but they were asking \$3000-\$3500 per month. And it needed renovation.

---They were telling me they wanted a business that would complement the neighborhood. Looks like they didn't stick to their plan.

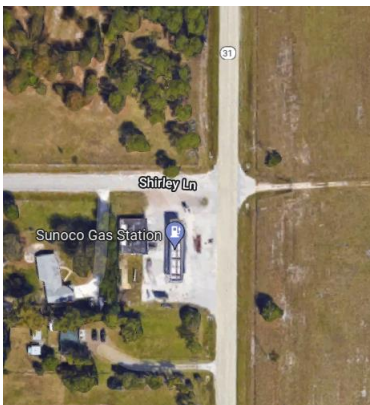
---They don't sell or allow alcoholic beverages! Most that I have been in, won't even allow you to smoke inside! Most are a quiet place to relax and unwind.

As to the last comment, looks like Alva shall all find out soon.



ANOTHER new gated community planned for North River Road near Rte 31

On Thursday evening, April 21, the North Olga Association of residents met for their regular quarterly meeting at the Bayshore Fire Company on Nalle Road, North Fort Myers. Three items were on the agenda including the hoped-for new firehouse and helicopter pad on rte 31 near Shirley Lane and the current Sunoco Gas Station on two acres donated by Babcock Ranch. The new Pulte housing development is planned for much of the land around this fire station, on the east side of Rte 31.



Dennis Van Roekle presented the present status of the project, which is in need of funding and volunteers, who we hear are being sought primarily by the fire station team on Rte 80, Palm Beach Blvd, in Fort Myers Shores. Dennis is approaching developers of the several new housing projects being planned for this area now to consider donating, or donating toward, a new fire truck, which will be an estimated \$1 million expenditure for the new fire company.

Speaking of new developments, D R Horton's development of the Owl Creek Property south of Rte 78 just east of Rte 31 received its final Florida state approval on April 20. This project should break ground before the end of summer. Water and sewer will be cared for by an extension from the present county utility station on Bayshore Road.





Mike Greenwell gave an update to his plans for the site of his Rte 31 Produce and Cracker Shack Restaurant.

While all of his plans hinge on when the state purchases by 'eminent domain' about 300 feet deep of the entire frontage along his property to build the 4-6 lane Rte 31/service road

from Babcock Ranch to the light at Bayshore Road, he is trying to be flexible, hoping to receive permission to remove his store, restaurant, horse arena, and his family's three homes on the property and build at least a 400,000 SF retail area and possibly multi-family and 2-3 story condos in the area left after the Rte 31 construction is complete.



In speaking with several Florida Department of Transportation managers recently, he feels strongly that the road expansion will come much sooner than he thought last year, maybe as soon as the end of 2022. He also expects that if that happens an entirely new Rte 31 Caloosahatchee River bridge will come next with expanded Rte 31 south from there to Rte 80, Palm Beach Highway.

The NEWEST development being planned along our river:

Alexis Crespo, who presented for the Pulte Company's development south of the Lee/Charlotte County line off Rte 31 at the end of year North Olga Association meeting, shared the initial plan for the Cary-Duke Ranch development. 480 acres of pasture/prairie, wetland and dry.



As Ms. Crespo shared, the plan is only in the very ground floor of development, though they hope to have a land development plan to show the members of the NOA by this July.



At this stage the hope is for a gated private community with single family homes on large lots, high quality amenities, and a clubhouse and pool. No room for golf, even 9 holes.

The developer is Neal Communities, a fifty-year builder of similar developments from Naples north to Tampa. To the right is an existing project that might look similar to this North Olga development.

Jason Frost, VP of Acquisitions, shared that the main entrance would be off of North River Road, and a rear, or possibly only emergency vehicle entrance would connect to Duke Highway, near the river.



Water and sewer will be continued east on Rte 78 from the Owl Creek development connection.

Ivory Matthews, VP of Community Affairs, reassured several neighbors who live on Duke Highway of the firm's intent to involve them often as the project progresses. They are particularly concerned that the project be spacious and attractive from the outside, though one new resident shared, "We will miss the cows".



Riverdale Branch Library Renovations to Begin in May!



Lee County’s Riverdale Branch Library is receiving extensive renovations. Our Lee County library is getting a huge makeover starting at the end of April, with an upgraded parking lot and new areas inside the building to make it more accessible and aesthetically pleasing.

The total cost to renovate the Riverdale Branch Library, located at 2421 Buckingham Road in Olga, is around \$4 million, including design, construction and furniture. It will include interior renovations to the central service desk,

more meeting rooms and separate spaces for adults, teens and children. External improvements will include a redesign of the building and landscaping and parking lot upgrades that will help the function and appearance of the library.

Jill Horrom, the manager of internal services for the Lee County Library System, says these renovations were long overdue and she’s glad the county approved them for April. “This is such a growing area; we’ve been in this area for many years and now we really want to upgrade the site and the interior to meet the growing needs,” Horrom said. *(See the concluding comments to this OTR article concerning our ‘growing area’).*

Horrom says this library will have something no other Lee County Library has had before. “For the First time in the Lee County Library System, we’re gonna have a meeting room that’s flexible: We’re gonna have a wall that completely opens up, it’s a glass wall that opens up so we can really activate the space, so you can have a story time in the room, then a community meeting in the afternoon by opening up the wall,” Horrom said.

Construction is set to begin at the end of April and will take around 7 months to finish. During this time, residents are encouraged to visit another one of the 13 branches within the Lee County Library System

-WINK NEWS

The Riverdale Library will close to the public at 5p.m. Saturday, April 30 for renovations expected to last seven months. The renovation project will make improvements to both the interior and exterior of the building, including a covered entrance, outdoor reading areas, and spaces redesigned for children, teens, and adults.

(The next closest Lee County Library Branch is the Lehigh Acres Library on Gunnery Road at the high school)

Residents and visitors looking for additional information are encouraged to visit the building's project page on the library's website at



<https://www.leegov.com/library/about/building-projects> and to subscribe to our Event and Programs Newsletter at leelibrary.net/subscribe to receive regular updates.

-Alyssa Diekman, Riverdale Librarian

My wife Ramona and I visited the public information meeting at the library on Friday April 15th along with four other residents of the Alva-Olga area and expressed our joys and concerns about this project.

Jill Horrom, Central Library/Branch Liasson, shared that the project was first planned over four years ago, then held up during 2020 and 2021 because of the Covid pandemic. There were no required public listening sessions in the area for the project since it involves renovation, not expansion, though an effort might have been more strongly to get ideas of what this library needs from the most active library members who make this their book resource of choice. I am sure the local staff talked about the coming changes with some patrons when they had time.

When we moved to Oak Park Mobile Home Village in Alva itself we knew our choice of a home site would put us about 10 miles west of the LaBelle Library and the same distance east of the Riverdale Branch, so we have used both small libraries as best we could, relying on the Lee County Library book sharing system and the very user-friendly LIBBY and HOOPLA eBook, audiobook, etc free member borrowing apps as well.

However now, with the first major renovation/upgrade since the library was moved here from its tiny store site east of the former Winn-Dixie next door (now a brand-new Publix Market) we hoped for more space, perhaps even a second floor, on the same building footprint. Constraints unknown to us, and also apparently to the library officials present, kept expansion off the table. The project, to be completed by Stevens Construction, is approved by the county as presented.

So, what are the enhancements this renovation brings? Certainly, more efficient work-space for the staff. In the WINK article above Jill Horrom mentions the multi-use feature of a movable wall to close off or open a large section of the floorplan. Larger windows will let in more light, and new, lower shelving will allow that light to brighten the stacks of books much better than at present. Open air, roofed over, outside tables and benches on the front of the building will no doubt be used well.

The downsides revolve around the fact that though Jill mentioned our growing area (over 4,000 new homes are planned by various developers within 6 miles of this library in the next two to three years) the library will actually have less books than before, the same amount of computer stations, and no area for the once popular sale of donated Used Books.

Once completed this renovation will provide a very attractive place to choose, borrow, and read books, magazines and newspapers. We also hope that local groups of all kinds seek to use the multi-use, sliding glass-walled conference room for their meetings. We do have the Olga, Buckingham and Alva Community Centers for larger gatherings. However, our library is the most easily accessed centrally located small meeting space in our area. And those new chairs promise to be comfy!

Riverdale Branch Library
will close at
5 p.m. Saturday, April 30
for renovations.

Need to visit a library?
Don't worry, Lee County has a library for you. Visit us at:
Lee County Regional Library
500 Lee Ave. Ft. Myers, FL 33901
Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday 10:00am - 4:00pm
Sunday 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Remember, May 1, we will not be open to another Lee County library system in order to be the best library in the world. We are currently in the process of a major renovation. We will be open again in May.

Always open to all libraries, welcome to the City of Fort Myers
239-475-9339

RIVERDALE BRANCH LIBRARY
2421 Buckingham Road, Fort Myers

**First Look...
Riverdale Renovation**

2 p.m. Friday, April 15
Drop in to look at plans for the upcoming Riverdale Branch Library renovation. Ashley Kozza, Lee County Construction Project Manager, and Jill Horrom, Manager of Internal Services for the library system, will be on-site to answer questions.

First Floor Plan
Riverdale Library Renovations

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ALVA GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Garden club members would like to publicly thank Monica Parrish, of the Alva chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and her husband Ray Tomlinson. For the past year, they have steadily worked to replace three worn-out stained-glass panes in the Owanita Chapel on the grounds of the Alva Library and Museum. These panes were in disrepair for more years than anyone remembers. Monica and Ray generously devoted their time and funds to remove the old glass, purchase and cut new glass, and install the new panes. They look wonderful and match the other panes perfectly! This picture was taken at their final visit to finish grout work, and their family friends Copper and Audi joined them to help.

Both Monica and Ray are also involved in the worthwhile Wolfhounds Legacy program that rescues and trains dogs to become certified service animals for the benefit of veterans with PTSD. See the website <https://wolfhoundslegacy.org> for more information.

The club's April meeting was held at the Berne Davis Gardens, home of the Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council, of which the Alva Garden Club is a member. Club members toured the lovely gardens and enjoyed an interesting talk by Garden Council President Susan Lawson. The gardens are free and open to visitors two days per week. See the website <http://fmlcgardencouncil.com/about-the-council/berne-davis-gardens>.

The Alva Garden Club now boasts a vibrant membership of more than 40 members! The club's last meeting of the 2021-22 year will be held on May 17th at 1:00 on the grounds of the Alva Library and Museum. To learn more about the club and to consider becoming a member for the 2022-23 season, visit the club's website at: <http://alvagardenclub.org>.

Submitted by Pamela Relyea, Club President

IN ADDITION: The 2022 slate of officers has been elected to the Alva Garden Club Board: Pam Relyea, President, Liz Ingram, Vice President, Tina Baldino, Treasurer, Jackie Hamblett, Recording Secretary, Ellen Leifeld, Corresponding Secretary



Lee County Pioneer Picnic April 30 at Lee Civic Center

(TY Pine Island Eagle)

On Saturday, April 30, the Pioneer Club of Lee County will be hosting the 73rd annual Pioneer Picnic at the Lee County Civic Center-Tinsley Pavilion from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The picnic is open to all residents of Lee County prior to 1972 (50 years). County high schools celebrating their 50th reunion will be recognized. A barbecue luncheon will be available at noon for \$10. There will be raffle drawings for gifts supplied by county businesses, and the Southwest Florida Historical Society, Alva Museum and Museum of the Islands will have displays there. The event draws between 400 to 500 "pioneers" every year and indications are that the number will increase this year. It is a chance to reconnect with old friends from across the county and visit for a few hours. You don't have to pre-register, just come to the picnic. Directions are off of Bayshore Road (Route 78) onto Old Bayshore Road for .4 miles to entrance to the Tinsley Pavilion.

ALVA'S OWN



Ross Chastain, MOOSE, wins on the final lap at Talladega

(TY Charlotte Observer)





Ross Chastain found his way to the front and was in the lead at the right time, coming to the checkered flag at Talladega. He won NASCAR's GEICO 500 race, finishing 0.105 seconds ahead of second place finisher Austin Dillon. Chastain was racing in third behind Erik Jones and Kyle

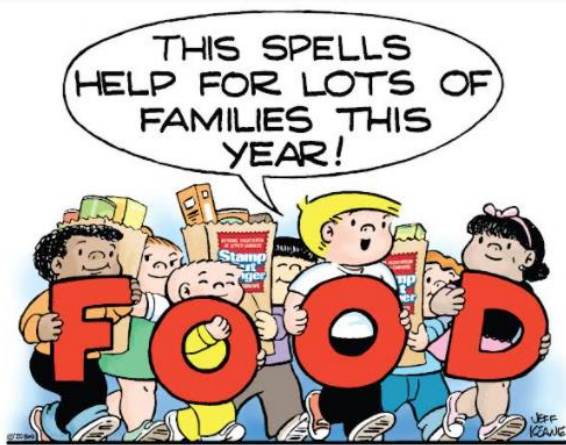
Larson on the final lap, but Larson moved to the outside to try to pass leader Jones as Chastain found space underneath them both. Jones moved to block Larson, but wiggled after getting clipped. He dropped to a sixth-place finish as Chastain zipped to his second victory of the season running three-wide at the flag. He smashed a watermelon from atop his No. 1 Chevrolet, a signature celebration for a win by the melon farmer.

Read more at: <https://www.charlotteobserver.com/sports/nascar-auto-racing/article260718207.html#storylink=cpy>

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LETTER CARRIERS' FOOD DRIVE

SECOND SATURDAY IN MAY

PUT YOUR NON-PERISHABLE DONATION IN A BAG BY YOUR MAILBOX.
WE'LL DELIVER IT TO A LOCAL FOOD BANK.

National Partners



Food collected will be distributed by local food banks such as Harry Chapin Food Bank and Midwest Food Bank in addition to food pantries managed by local community agencies. All food collected is distributed to participating agencies at no cost. Virtually any kind of food may be donated in unopened, non-breakable containers. Items especially in need are peanut butter, tuna, rice, beans, and canned meats, fruits, vegetables, and soups.

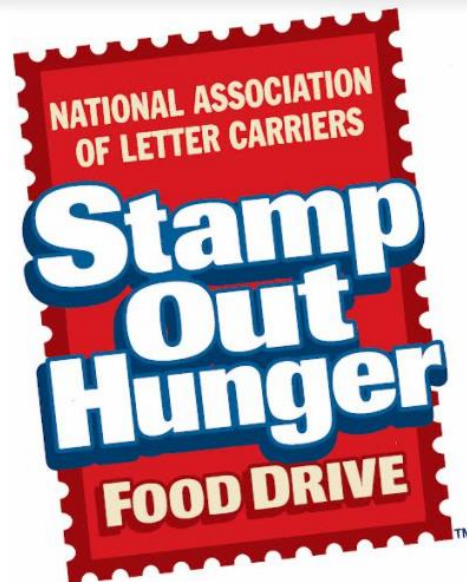
Volunteers are needed to both help letter carriers collect the food and to help sort the food once it has been collected. Information about volunteering will be provided in the near future.

For additional information about the Letter Carrier Food Drive, contact Steve Camacho,

239-770-8463, machomantwo@gmail.com

After a two-year hiatus, the Letter Carrier Food Drive will be held on **Saturday, May 14**. Letter carriers in Lee County are gearing up for the 30th annual food drive, the largest single-day food drive in the nation. The "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive is the one day when letter carriers collect non-perishable food that has been left by mailboxes.

Summer is coming, school will be out, and the need for food assistance will be greater than ever. Northerners and seasonal residents who are returning home prior to May 14 are encouraged to check their pantries for unopened food items; they may drop off their contributions at any Post Office.



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Crisis in Ukraine: One way YOU can help.

A new child refugee every second



One month since the start of the war in Ukraine on Feb. 24, more than half of Ukraine's estimated 7.5 million children have been displaced. The outflux of people — mostly children and women — fleeing violence in Ukraine dwarfs all other refugee crises of recent years in terms of scale and speed. As of March 24, more than 4 million people — including 1.8 million children — had crossed into Poland, Romania, Moldova, Slovakia, Hungary and other neighboring countries — according to data from UNHCR, the UN's lead refugee agency.

The humanitarian crisis in Ukraine continues to evolve and deepen at an alarming pace.

Even before the heavy weapons fire and air strikes on cities and civilian neighborhoods, insecurity and deprivation had become a way of life for families in Ukraine's eastern Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts due to a conflict that started in March 2014. Humanitarian needs have been particularly acute for those living in the vicinity of the 'contact line' that separates government-controlled areas from non-government-controlled areas.

“Children have been killed. Children have been wounded. And children are being profoundly traumatized by the violence all around them. We must protect all children in Ukraine. Now. They need peace.” — UNICEF Executive Director Catherine M. Russell

Protect the Children of Ukraine

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<https://caloosahumanesociety.org/>



Caloosa Humane Society

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.

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

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*The Alva Chapter
USS Hannah,
Daughters of the
American Revolution*



USS Hannah Chapter, Alva, Florida

We would like your help to be sure we honor all veterans buried at Alva Cemetery. You can contact me and let me know a name and I will check my list and make sure the person is listed. If you know the location of the grave, section and row, that is also helpful. Some gravestones don't have an indication of military service. Thank you for helping us honor all of Alva's veterans. Georgette Lundquist, jglundy7@gmail.com

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



FORT MYERS EAST ROTARY CLUB

If you'd like more information about the Fort Myers East Rotary Club, call Ellen Erickson at 239-218-4789 or check us out on Facebook at Rotary Club of Fort Myers East.



**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.

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

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With access to a wide variety of documents, templates and tools to assist you in starting or growing your business, the information provided here covers a wide range of subjects including initial business planning, capital sources, government agencies, and much more.



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

**Give TIME. Give MONEY.
Give FOOD.**

**To make a donation, call
(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.

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



www.RichAndLaurieInSouthFlorida.com

Listen to the Podcast and
follow on Youtube, and more!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvcRaJr9jghdQOgsnU2B6Pw>



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.



Goodwill
Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc. goodwill

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR RESIDENT COORDINATOR
Información de contacto para los coordinadores
Enfomasyon sou kontak pou Koodonate

Charleston Park Neighborhood Outreach

LaShay Russ
2541 Charleston Park Dr.
Alva, FL 33920

Call for Appointment
Llama para cita / Apel pou randevou

Office: (239) 728-8895 / Fax: (239) 728-2063
Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm



The Great Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail

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>



(Comedy) Paul and Corie Bratter are newlyweds in every sense of the word. After a six day honeymoon, they get a surprise visit from Corie's loopy mom and decide to play matchmaker during a dinner with their neighbor-in-the-attic Velasco, where everything that can go wrong does.

April
22, 23, 24 & 29, 30, May 1
2022

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

firehouse
community theatre
inc.

A bit of ALVA History

(TY Joanne Iwinski Miller)

Alva had a Board of Trade? YES.

Photo approximately 1920.

Alva is the highest point on the Caloosahatchee River between Ft. Myers and LaBelle, and is the center of the citrus industry of Lee County. One half of all the fruit shipped from the county is grown within a radius of three miles of Alva.

Good truck and grove lands, second to none in the county, can be bought from \$10.00 to \$40.00 per acre.



ALVA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Alva is situated on a branch of the Dixie Highway running from Palm Beach to Tampa by way of Ft. Myers. Auto buss line between Alva and Ft. Myers makes round trip daily. Good water transportation. Proposed R. R. connecting with Tampa, Jacksonville, and points north.

Correspondence solicited. Address Secretary Board of Trade, Alva, Fla.

ALVA, FLA., 191



ALVA FREE LIBRARY
3000 Volumes, Leading Periodicals and Magazines



M. E. CHURCH
Seating Capacity 200



BAPTIST CHURCH
Seating Capacity 200



ALVA PAVILION & PARK

QUESTIONS FOR the reader...

I am looking for information about the Alva Board of Trade. This single letterhead/promotional sheet is all I can locate so far. If any of our readers can email me at kendewalt@ontheriver.org with more information, photos, etc, I would love to post an article with your information and name, with your permission, in a future issue of our OTR.

Second question: Where was this Baptist Church located? I have heard that it might have been where the current United Methodist parsonage is now, but I have no proof. It seems far too large (twice the seating of the Methodist Church) to be the Owanita Baptist and I do not know of any church this size between LaBelle and Fort Myers. Again, email me at the e-ddress above if you can help solve either of these two mysteries.

TY!

Ken

Some of the Ladies items in the Alva Library/Museum





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
<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

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

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.

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>



Shack Restaurant Go to website to reserve tours

<https://babcockranchecotours.com/>





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



Aerial view of Oak Hammock Preserve

Oak hammock



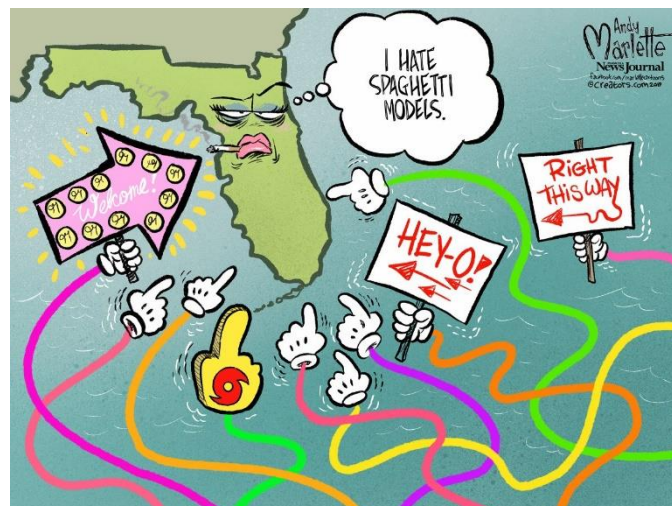
Alva Scrub Preserve



Telegraph Creek Preserve



ALVA, GS-10 Preserve



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 PS 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.

Alva United Methodist Church
VBS for ALL Ages
Newborn - Adult
June 13th - 17th 6pm
21440 Pearl St.
Alva, Florida 33920
alvamc@embarqmail.com

Southwest Florida Cooking by

MAGGIE McMann

of Oak Park, Alva

Contact Maggie to find out more at: Maggi1rn@att.net



Florida Tiramisu

Ingredients:

- 1 carton (8 ounces) mascarpone cheese
- 1 (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1 (3.4 ounces) instant lemon pudding mix
- 1 cup whole milk
- 1 teaspoon lemon extract
- 2/3 cup lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 24 crisp ladyfinger cookies
- 2 teaspoons grated lemon zest



Instructions:

- Beat first 5 ingredients on medium speed until blended, 2-3 minutes (do not overbeat).
- Whisk lemon juice and sugar in a shallow bowl until sugar is dissolved. Quickly dip 8 ladyfingers into lemon juice, allowing excess to drip off; place in a single layer in an 8-in. square dish. Spread a third of the mascarpone mixture over top. Repeat layers twice.
- Sprinkle with lemon zest. Refrigerate, covered, at least 2 hours before serving.

NEW MEMBERS WANTED



2022 SHOW SEASON

Drill team is an exhilarating sport that includes teamwork, horsemanship, and fun maneuvers.

- Practice in Wednesday nights at Fort Myers.
- Walk, trot, and canter preferred.
- 4 competitions in a show season around the state of FL.




MESSAGE FOR MORE DETAILS
@AFTERSHOCKDRILLTEAM ON FACEBOOK

Sponsorship Opportunity



Aftershock Drill Team is looking for Sponsors for the 2022 show season.

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
\$30	\$150	\$300
Tagged on all our Social Media posts with a link to your website.	Your business logo on our shirt, and a social media tag with your website link	Banner to hang at shows with your logo, business logo on our shirt, and social media tag with your website link

Message @aftershockdrillteam to join our sponsorship team



<https://calusawaterkeeper.org/>

The Safe Waterways Act (SB 604) did not get out of committee in the Florida State Senate in 2021-22

However, we expect it to be reintroduced and win bipartisan support in 2022-23.

Become a Certified Calusa Waterkeeper Ranger!

Floridians have the **RIGHT TO KNOW.**

Do the waters you play in have **fecal pollution?**

The state of Florida isn't always saying.

<p>Unsafe Levels of fecal indicator bacteria (EDEP verified impaired)</p> <p>1 million acres of coastal estuaries</p> <p>9,000 miles of rivers & streams</p> 	<p>Missing in Action</p> <p>That may sound like a lot, but many waterbodies in Florida are not even being monitored for fecal indicator bacteria (FIB).</p> <p>For waters that are monitored and verified as contaminated, warnings are only being posted at a small number of public access points.</p> 
<p>Ineffective</p> <p>State restoration plans are working too slowly or not at all.</p>	<p>There is a Solution</p> <p>The <i>Safe Waterways Act</i> addresses this issue to provide more consistent public health advisories.</p>

Please contact your Florida legislators!
right2knowfl.org



Major William M. Footman Sons of Confederate Veterans

Camp 1950, Fort Myers, FL

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

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



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



Location: 2421 Buckingham Road, Fort Myers, FL

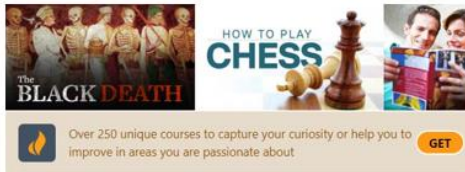
Did you know that you can access free online classes with your library card?

The Libby app provides access to Craftsy, The Great Courses Collection, and more - all for free with your Lee County library card! Please visit <https://www.leegov.com/library/online> to learn more.

Craftsy



The Great Courses Library Collection



Lee Commissioners approve construction contract to renovate Riverdale Branch Library

Fort Myers, FL, April 5, 2022 – The Lee Board of County Commissioners voted Tuesday to approve a \$3.5 million construction contract with Stevens Construction Inc. to renovate the Riverdale Branch Library, 2421 Buckingham Road.

Interior renovations will include a central service desk, increased meeting rooms and separate spaces for adults, teens and children. The external improvements will include architectural, landscaping and parking lot upgrades that will enhance the function and appearance of the Library. ADA upgrades also will be made to both the building and parking lot.

The total cost of the project is about \$4.1 million, which includes design, construction and furniture. The project is being paid from the Library Fund property taxes.

Construction is set to begin at the end of April and will take about seven months to complete. The library will be closed for the renovations beginning at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 30. During this period residents and visitors are encouraged to visit another one of the 13 branches within the Lee County Library System. The new Lee County Residence Tool, which can be accessed by visiting www.leegov.com/rit, can be used to find the library locations. Library eServices are also available to anyone with a library card to borrow eBooks, audiobooks, magazines and stream content by visiting www.leegov.com/library/online.



South Florida Wildlands Association

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

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



"Compassion for animals is intimately connected with goodness of character; and it may be confidently asserted that he who is cruel to animals cannot be a good man."
- Arthur Schopenhauer



<https://www.facebook.com/sheriffleefl/>

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

ANIMAL CRUELTY TASK FORCE BUSTS LEHIGH ACRES DOG-BAITING PAIR

Following receipt of a tip regarding possible animal neglect in Lehigh Acres, the Lee County Sheriff's Office Animal Cruelty Task Force and East District Criminal Investigations Division responded to homes on West 9th Street and on Aspen Avenue South to investigate the allegations.

Following an investigation and interviews, Anthony Coneal Pew, Sr. (DOB 03-24-1964) and his son, Anthony Coneal Pew, Jr. (DOB 03-03-1991), were both arrested for their involvement in felony dog-baiting.



"Baiting," according to Florida Statute 828.122(2)(b) means "to attack with violence, to provoke, or to harass an animal with one or more animals for the purpose of training an animal for, or to cause an animal to engage in, fights with or among other animals."

Anthony Pew, Jr. was subsequently charged with five felonies for Fighting or Baiting Animals.

Anthony Pew, Sr. was subsequently charged with eight felonies for Fighting or Baiting Animals. A total of 16 canines were seized by the task force.

We will continue to collect towels (cloth and paper), disinfectant, disinfectant wipes, large trash bags, mops, buckets, squeegees, bleach, laundry detergent, Dawn dishwashing liquid, dog and cat toys (especially toys for "heavy chewers"), harnesses, potty pads, dog and cat food, puppy replacement milk, cat litter, leashes, grooming supplies, large Nylabones, Kong toys, Isopropyl alcohol, Hydrogen peroxide, garden hoses and spray nozzles for our local animal rescues and shelters.

Donations can be dropped off at Crowther (located at 11791 Metro Parkway, Fort Myers, FL 33966), Sun Sports Cycle & Watercraft (located at 3441 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, FL 33966) and at any of the Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Outreach Centers located at Cape Coral (Brotherhood of Heroes Museum), 4522 Del Prado Blvd. South, Cape Coral, Florida 33904 (Hours of operation: Mon-Friday 9 am to 5 pm, Saturday 10 am to 2 pm), Downtown, 2125 First St. Suite 100, Fort Myers, Florida 33901 (Hours of operation: Monday – Sunday from 9am to 5 pm), Edison Mall, 4125 Cleveland Avenue, Suite 1930, Fort Myers, Florida 33901 (Hours of operation: Mon-Sat 11 am to 7 pm, Sunday 12 pm to 6 pm), Miromar Outlets, 10801 Corkscrew Rd. Suite # 190 Estero, Florida 33928 (Hours of operation: Mon-Sat 10 am to 7 pm, Sun 10 am to 6 pm).



TALENT AND VOLUNTEERS ARE BEING SOUGHT BY THE PLAYERS CIRCLE THEATRE

The Players Circle Theatre, located in The Shell Factory, North Fort Myers, is seeking both talent and volunteers. Do you have a special talent or are an experienced entertainer? The theatre is looking for local people to perform at the theater. Entertainers might be magicians, comedians, musicians (piano, voice, instrument); ventriloquists, dancers (cloggers, tap, flamenco, jazz or other types), or other special talents

There's a volunteer job for everyone interested in the theatre business. And everyone needs to find his/her niche. Many individuals have the desire to become part of a theatre. The Players Circle Theatre and Arts Center is looking for those individuals to become part of their theatre family of volunteers.

Those interested in acting at the theatre should email Rcacioppo@playerscircle.org for information about acting positions.





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

Charleston Park Community Center

239-728-8895

FOOD PANTRY

2nd and 4th Friday at 10am-1pm

ALVA UMC

Food Pantry @ Bethany House

Food Pantry: 9am-12pm 2nd & 4th Wednesdays

239-728-2277

CALVARY NATIONS Church

19850 Palm Beach Boulevard, Alva

Every Saturday, 3pm until supplies run out.

239-7285566

St. Vincent DePaul RC

Our Lady's Cupboard Food Pantry

Call (239) 694-3985 for hours open.

Some of our local ALVA area churches:

St. Vincent DePaul's RC Church

13031 Palm Beach Boulevard, Fort Myers, FL 33905

www.stvincentftmyers.org 239-693-0818

Alva United Methodist Church

21440 Pearl St. P.O Box 96

Alva, FL 33920

Alvamc@embarqmail.com

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

Light of the Nations Filipino Congregation

19850 Palm Beach Blvd (at Calvary Church)

Alva, FL, 33920

239-728-5566

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 Nations Church

19850 Palm Beach Blvd

Alva, FL 33920

CalvaryChurchSwfl@yahoo.com

www.calvarynations.org 239-728-5566

First Baptist Church of Alva

2790 Joel Blvd, Alva, FL, 33920

www.alvabaptist.com 239-728-2034

Grace United Methodist Church, Ft Myers Shores

14036 Matanzas Drive, Ft Myers, Florida 33905

www.egracechurch.com 239-694-2797

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

14531 Old Olga Road,

Fort Myers, FL 33905

www.blcefml.org 239-694-3878

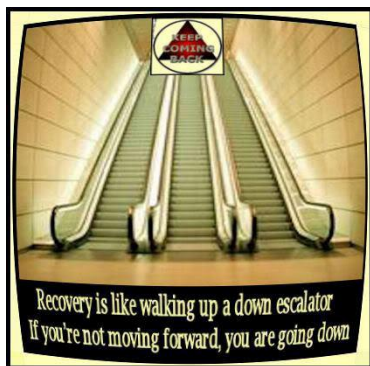
Olga Baptist Church

2364 South Olga Drive

Fort Myers, FL 33905

www.olgabaptist.org 239-694-2012

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.

<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



Who We Are

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

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/>

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)



Important Alva Area Lee County Phone Numbers & Websites

(as of August 1, 2020)

Agency	Normal Business	Emergency
ANY immediate life-threatening emergency		911
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
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