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- LOCAL Alva area news:
- LOCAL land development news:
- LOCAL history:
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- LOCAL club and organization news:
- LOCAL recipes and health tips: Newest from Maggie
- LOCAL safety & health information: Where to get help
- LOCAL sport:

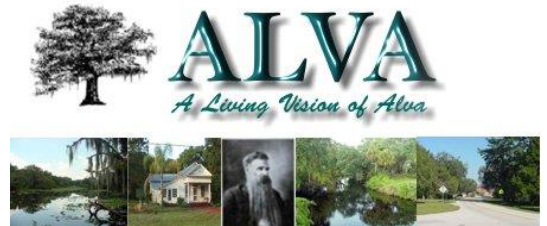


ALVA INC, At the Alva Community Center.

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



Thirty residents attend May 10 ALVA INC meeting

Items of information and discussion:

-OFFICERS ELECTED: The eleven-member board announced their election of officers. President and temporary secretary, Connie Dennis. Vice President, Paul Furbay. Treasurer, Roxanne Gauss.

-ZOOM TECH ISSUES: Connie apologized for technical challenges with their ZOOM cast to online participants. They are working to improve this service.

-ALVA LIBRARY/MUSEUM & ALVA GARDEN CLUB: George Austin and Trey English, members of the Alva Library/Museum Association announced that the Alva Garden Club, which has staffed and maintained the library for years and recently created all new landscaping for the property, has grown too large to meet in the building and has therefore concluded its lease for building and grounds. At last word we heard the club will begin meeting in fall at the Alva United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, across the street.

Pat Heath, a Garden Club member and co-leader of the landscape committee for the club is hoping that the Library/Museum Board will allow she and several other volunteers to continue maintenance of the new landscaping, and only require the electricity to be kept on for irrigation.

Trey English asked that anyone, or any group, wishing to lease the property contact him, for details: jdenglish@yahoo.com He shared that it is the boards hope that the museum may be kept in the building and made available to the public at least as much as the Garden Club has done in the past. However, the board must find a lessee who can cover the costs of maintaining and insuring the building and grounds.

-NEW COMMITTEES: Roxanne Gauss shared that there are new board sub-committees being considered which would focus on specific issues such as County development plans, legal support, community communication, etc. They will be announced as formed.

-WEDDING VENUE ON PACKINGHOUSE ROAD: Paul Furbay shared that the plans for the venue at the former Woodsmen of the World Meeting House has been approved and passed on to the Lee County Board of County Commissioners for their final approval or not.

There are several issues still of concern to ALVA INC, among them that not all nine homes within the 500-foot distance from the site have been asked for input into this party plan which would include alcohol and music. Parking is also a major concern since there are no more than about 10 spaces for vehicles currently on-site.

ALVA INC will email all e-ddresses Connie Dennis has in their database as soon as they hear of the date and time of the BOCC meeting so that any interested person may attend. Email Alva INC to Info@AlvaFl.org to request being placed in their database.

-777 ARCADE: Denise Eberle reported that the new mini-casino next to the Alva Post Office building along the river which has been empty for the past 7+ years has ceased any reconstruction work pending results of two permit violations imposed by Lee County Zone Enforcement. They need a permit to open a new business and one for their reconstruction plans.

Meanwhile Nancy and David Lee, next door neighbors to the post office and the proposed 777 Arcade building, have discovered that while not selling alcohol at least some other 777 Arcades serve beer and wine at no charge to guests. It is believed that all arcades have a minimum 21-year-old entrance policy.

Denise is circulating a petition which will be shared with the Zoning Board to keep the business from opening. However, parking seems to be the biggest issue of all. That has kept the county from approving at least one other business on the site in recent memory.

-JOEL BOULEVARD AND ROUTE 80: Denise Eberle reported that the Lee County Board of County Commissioners have approved a traffic study to begin soon at this intersection which has become increasingly busy in recent years. There are already traffic lights at the intersection.

-RIVER HALL: Holly Schwartz shared that the River Hall requested expansion of 489 more homes, (some condo or townhome style) and permission to develop a new 9 hole golf course is held up as the developer seeks answers to several problems identified by Lee County.

Many current River Hall residents are unhappy with the idea of so much new traffic in their development and neighbors outside River Hall are very concerned that the new golf course will require a lot of water from our aquifer to irrigate properly. The unhappy residents have formed a Concerned Residents Group and are monitoring the progress of these expansions carefully.

-DUKE HIGHWAY: Bill Redfern presented an idea he and some other current Duke Highway residents are discussing as Neal Community Developers begin the permit process for their development of the Duke-Cary Ranch property on the south side of Rte 78 to near the river, and east of the new development of Owl Creek to the west edge of North Olga.

They wish to create a greenbelt along the north side of Duke Highway from North Olga west to its end. This might include a trail with rest stops, connect several preserve areas and a large Gopher Tortoise 'condo'.

The Duke Highway has a colorful history. Before any homes extended along the route it was a dirt track that Duke Ranch cowboys herded cattle along from pasture to pasture. As homes were built it became used by more motor vehicles and no cows. It was paved, but why or how seems to be the subject of mystery. Suffice to say several home owners along the road wish it had never been paved. It is now a 1 ½ lane country paved road the neighbors would like to see not enlarged any further at all.

If left as is, they presume that Neal Community Development Co. will have to find another location for their second entrance/exit to their gated community, or leave their connection to the Duke Highway an emergency vehicle only access.

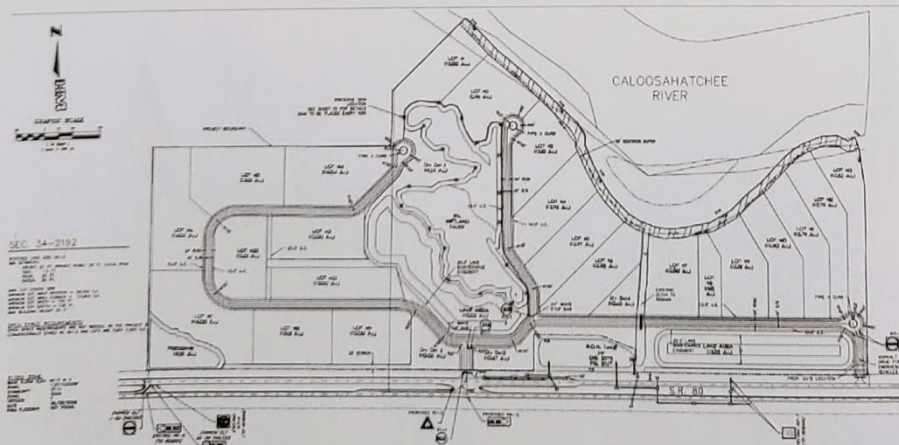
-RIVER HAVEN: Emily Hull-Smith shared that a pre-2008 recession home development in Alva is back on the table. The site is owned currently by River Haven Holdings, L.L.C. As described in the handout Emily provided below, it is east of the Calusa Preserve development on the north side of Rte 80 across from Charleston Park and will extend east to the Hendry County line.

First reaction to the plan from those gathered was positive. With approximately one home per acre, it is expected to be similar in appearance to Calusa Preserve, which is primarily natural space and plantings. The plan will be shared with Alva INC in the near future by the developer.

River Haven Development –
Lee County Project # Record DOS2022-00030:
23631 Palm Beach Blvd, Alva FL 33920

Applicant: Tyler P Bonnough
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6200 Whiskey Creek DR
Fort Myers, FL, 33919
239 985-1219; tylerbonnough@hmeng.com

Project Description: Approved for a twenty two-lot platted subdivision and the one-phase construction of infrastructure to support 22 single-family detached dwelling units Lots 1 to 22, on a 105.13-acre site with direct access to Palm Beach Blvd, a septic system, a potable water well, an irrigation system [and well], a solid waste dumpster enclosure(s), stormwater management infrastructure, traffic signing and pavement markings, landscaping, and related improvements in conformance with the approved plans. [CNC2022-00030]



Two people's deaths in River Hall crash spark call for roadway changes

(TY News-Press)

Note: The couple this article is all about are two of the nicest, giving-est folks I have personally ever met, among many very good people I have been privileged to know over my 72 years. It is with a sense of great loss that I remember their needless deaths. May they rest in the arms of Eternal Grace. - Ken DeWalt



Joe Spiker said his father and stepmother told him many times that the intersection of Palm Beach Boulevard and River Hall Parkway wasn't safe. On Tuesday, the youngest of the four Spiker siblings knelt near the wreckage of Robert and Nancy Spikers' car shortly after they died and said a prayer on behalf of the family.

"He was my best friend," Joe Spiker said quietly of his dad. "They were hugely well-known." *(I cannot count the times Bob said the same thing to me of Joe in the last several years – KD)*

His hope, and that of many who knew 68-year-old Robert and 71-year-old Nancy, and live in and around the east Lee County area between Alva and the much smaller Olga communities, is to see change at the intersection where his parents died, with concerned residents petitioning for help.

"It was a very discussed topic in (the River Hall) community," Joe Spiker said. He lives in River Hall in the northeast portion of Lee County, as did his parents.

Spiker was leaving River Hall on Tuesday and was on the phone with his dad talking about their day. "Ten, 15 minutes later it happened," Joe Spiker said, adding his wife called and told him another crash had happened at the intersection.

"We both said 'when are they going to do something about that light'," he said. "Then she called back, about 20 minutes later. She said 'the police are here. It's about your dad and they won't tell me'."

He said traffic was backed up as he tried to get home. Troopers later said the dump truck driver, driving east on 80, ran a red light at the intersection, smashing into the Spikers' sedan.

Joe Spiker was a bit confused by the crash scene, since the car wasn't at the light. "The car got pushed," he said. The Patrol initially issued the dump truck driver a citation for failure to obey a traffic control device and are investigating the crash.

"The whole time you're praying it's not them," he said. "As I turned into the community, I saw their car." He hoped they were just hurt. When he got home, a Florida Highway Patrol officer told him his parents were dead.

He returned to the crash scene and troopers and officers tried to turn him away because his parents remains were still inside the car. "They were polite, they were trying to help me out, they weren't being rude," he said, adding he asked them if he could simply say goodbye.

I went down there, got down on my knees, and said a little prayer for them," he said. "Said goodbye for all the siblings and grandkids." He then walked away.

"I feel for him (the truck driver) a little bit," Joe Spiker said. "My dad would want us to forgive. Even though it's hard." He said his dad believed in justice, but he wouldn't want that truck driver persecuted publicly. "He wouldn't want the community to go after the truck driver in anger," Joe Spiker said.

Petition for change There is a petition underway to change the light. Traci Fixler, an Alva-area resident who created the petition, said she hopes to make a difference.

"I'm trying to help make a change and with the help of my community we're speaking up about the lack of safety at this intersection. We really need FDOT to come out and evaluate how to make this intersection safer," she said. "The petition was to bring awareness and its appears to be working. The Sheriff's office has come out to do traffic enforcement and while that will not solve the problem, it's a start."

She said the Spikers' deaths can't be changed. "But we can try to make positive change for the future," Fixler said.

She wrote: "This petition is a direct request to the Lee County Sheriff's office to do real traffic enforcement at the intersection of River Hall Parkway and Palm Beach Blvd (SR80) in Alva. We have seen too many accidents and unnecessary deaths as a result of motorists not stopping when the traffic light turns red. We all have loved ones and elementary school children that travel through the intersection on a daily basis and do not want to see anyone else get hurt or die because of others careless driving. We want real enforcement NOT a dummy car that sits empty for days that motorists ignore. This is not a permanent solution but it is a start!"

The petition is seeking 1,500 signatures and as of Sunday night it stood at slightly more than 1,000.

A representative of the Lee County Sheriff's Office said patrols in that area have increased. Operations are being planned," Lt. Anita Iriarte said.

The Florida Highway Patrol said there were more than 100 traffic fatalities in Lee County in 2021, 3,700 across the state. The Spikers are among at least 51 thus far in 2022. "Locally in Lee County, Troopers focus proactive patrols high volume crash areas to include but not limited to ...Interstate 75, SR 80, SR 82, Daniels Pkwy, SR 78, US 41, Lee Blvd. etc.," Lt. Greg Bueno, from the Patrol's Public Affairs Division.

"FHP encourages all drivers to be responsible ... which means put your phones down, drive sober, slow down, wear seatbelts, be well rested, increase following distance, check their tires, stop at red lights, look twice for motorcycles, share the road, etc.," Bueno said.

The Florida Department of Transportation did not respond to several requests for comment about SR80 and River Hall intersection.



Florida is not Texas

Progress has been made in Florida, but there is still work to do

(TY WINK TV)

Florida strengthened several laws after Parkland. Now, we'll have to wait to see if our lawmakers think that's enough.

1,192 days before the mass shooting in a Texas elementary school, there was a mass shooting in a Florida school.

"In the aftermath of Parkland, Florida did actually adopt several gun control measures," said FGCU Political Science Professor Aubrey Jewett.

Our own tragedy prompted our lawmakers to make changes and pass bills to prevent any more loss of life. Jewett walked WINK News through the laws now on the books.

First, there's gun control. Gun sales for most Floridians under 21 are illegal. "And historically that is just something that Florida hadn't been willing to do," said Jewett. The shooting also prompted red flag laws. Law enforcement agencies can file 'Risk Protection Orders' against people who might be a threat and take away their guns.

There are nearly 3,000 active Risk Protection Orders (RPO) in Florida right now. "Some areas of the state are using it quite a bit. Other areas don't seem to be using it very much at all," said Jewett.

He's right. Between Lee, Charlotte, and Collier counties, more than 350 RPOs have been filed.

The Hendry County sheriff said his department has only filed one.

"I'm very cautious on red flag laws. Believe it or not, I'm a constitutionalist. I believe in our constitution and people's rights. However, you know, in our certain situation, I can tell you that the red flag law worked," said Hendry County Sheriff Steve Whidden.

There's also the Guardian Program. Whidden's district is also the only local district that implemented the Guardian Program. "That allowed either volunteers or staff members or even teachers to become official guardians at the school, and they would be allowed to carry weapons or have access to a weapon locked up at school," said Jewett.

Other proposals still on the table in Florida include more money for mental health screening in schools and expanding red flag laws so families of gun owners can initiate an RPO instead of just law enforcement officers.



The guardians in the Guardian Program are in addition to school resource officers.

Hendry County is the only one in Southwest Florida to participate in the Guardian Program, a statewide initiative that allows trained volunteers to act as armed guards in schools.

“I’m not saying that the guardian program is 100% guaranteed to save all lives. I mean, truthfully, in most cases, you won’t know you have an active shooter on campus until the first shot goes off,” said Whidden.

Sheriff Whidden believes participating in the program does deter shooters. “They want to make a national statement; they want a body count. And when people plan things like this, if they know that there are schools in certain counties, where they don’t know how many people are armed inside, they don’t know how far they’re going to get. They don’t know how much damage they can do. Well, unfortunately, they’re going to and I hate to say this, but they want to try to plan for somewhere else to do it,” Whidden said.

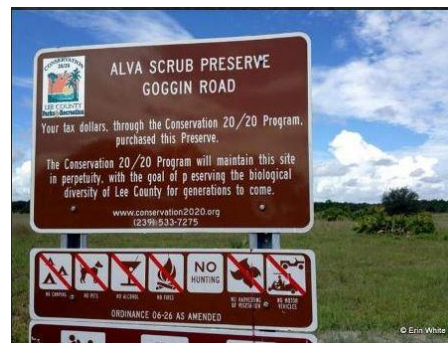
Sheriff Whidden knows lots of people don’t like guns in schools. When he advocated for the program in Hendry County, he got pushback. “I said, listen, if you can so one question for me, I will take this off the table and we will not do it. I said it tomorrow morning, an active shooter is standing in our cafeteria at 11 o’clock a.m. How do you propose to stop him from killing our kids without a firearm?” said Whidden.

Of the 69 districts in the state 45 currently have guardian programs. Guardians must pass psychological and drug screenings and complete a minimum of 144 hours of training.



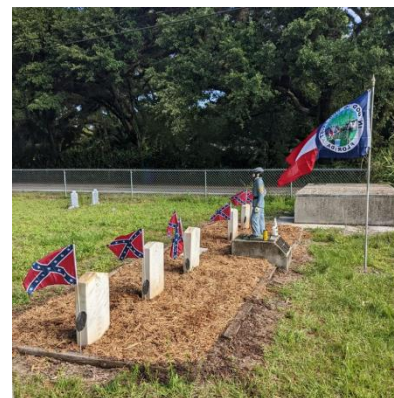
Alva Scrub Preserve Grows

Commissioner Brian Hamman posted on the Alva Friends and Family Facebook site that recently County Commissioners approved the purchase of 20.6 acres adjacent to the Alva Scrub Preserve for Lee County's Conservation 20/20 land acquisition program. The property contains pine flatwoods with few exotic plants. It is mostly uplands with a small watershed area of Bedman Creek and has Florida scrub jay and gopher tortoise habitat.



Lee County Sons of Confederate Veterans spruce up the Confederate veterans' graves at Buckingham Cemetery

(TY Sean Garner, Facebook)



The 2022 Florida Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday started Saturday (May 28) and goes until June 10.

(TY News-Press)

What new items were added to sales tax holiday list for 2022? Smoke detectors and smoke alarms, fire extinguishers and carbon monoxide detectors. All must cost \$70 or less.

Also new this year are items for your pet, including cans or pouches of wet food that cost \$2 or less per can or pouch, and collapsible or travel-sized food or water bowls that sell for \$15 or less, some cat litter and bags of dry pet food that weight 15 pounds or less.

Items exempt from sales tax are targeted to those that help residents prepare themselves and their households for a disaster. Eligible items are specific according to price and sometimes, in the case of pet food or cat litter, by weight.

Items included range from reusable ice packs that sell for \$20 or less to flashlights and lanterns that cost \$40 or less. Batteries are a big item when it comes to hurricane supplies and all the common battery packs that sell for \$50 or less are exempt. Need a cooler? Non-electric food storage coolers that sell for \$60 or less would be tax exempt. Tarps, bungee cords and ratchet straps — costing \$100 or less — continue to be on the list of tax-exempt items. Portable generators that cost less than \$1,000 also are on the list.

Ross Chastain, Alva's Watermelon Man NEWS:



(TY NASCAR)

A severe crash during the second stage of the NASCAR All-Star Race sidelined contenders Kyle Busch, Ross Chastain and Chase Elliott Sunday May 22 at Texas Motor Speedway.

Busch — the pole-starter — had already won the first stage of the annual invitational and was leading when his No. 18 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota slowed dramatically off Turn 4 with a flat tire. Austin Cindric avoided Busch to take over the lead, but Chastain's No. 1 Trackhouse Racing Chevrolet piled in, briefly tipping up on two wheels after the powerful impact.

Chastain's car then skidded into Elliott's No. 9 Hendrick Motorsports Chevy at the Turn 1 entry, knocking his car into the Turn 1 wall. All three drivers exited after the crash, done for the night.

The stack-up prompted a red flag for clean-up with 48 of the 125 laps complete. Chastain lamented he was unable to avoid Busch's slowing car.

"It felt like the driver of the No. 1 car chose the wrong lane to get in," said Chastain, who was scored 22nd in the final rundown. "Our Worldwide Express Chevy was tight all night and we were just managing the tightness. I saw Kyle have an issue with a tire down. I guessed left and I should have guessed right. It was a big hit into Kyle. It was a tough break, but we had a fast car."

And Then ...



Ross Chastain WINS in Truck Series race at Charlotte

(TY NASCAR)

Chastain crossed the finish line 0.102 seconds ahead of Enfinger, with Nemechek running third, 0.413 seconds behind the race winner. When he climbed out of his No. 41 Chevrolet on the front stretch, however,

Chastain could talk only of Hocevar, who dominated the event, only to see it slip away after a devastating late caution.

"I hate it so much for Carson," said Chastain, who won for the first time this season, the first time at Charlotte and the fourth time in his career. "I didn't give him the push he needed to win (on the first attempt at overtime) ... Man, I'm so proud of Carson Hocevar.

"I'll say that over and over. That guy's a future star. He's such a goofy kid, but I love him. He learns so quick."

After finishing second, Enfinger believes he has an IOU from Chastain. "I'm glad to push my buddy, Ross, to a win," Enfinger said. "In my book, he owes me one."

Water issues could delay or cancel building developments in Fort Myers

(TY WINK NEWS-May4)

City Manager Marty Lawing was told by officials that the city's ability to provide water to development projects can't be promised. WINK News has a copy of an email from the Fort Myers city manager detailing concerns about the city's ability to provide water to new development projects. This could cause new projects and developments in the city of Fort Myers to soon be halted or even canceled.

How will Fort Myers response to its water shortage affect Lee County beyond its borders? We all use water from the same source.

Darla Bonk the Fort Myers city councilmember of the 6 Ward says "I don't think enough people paid attention in years past, and I think we avoided it and put it to the side". City Manager Marty Lawing told the mayor and city council members that the departments of environmental protection and health invited him and three others to a meeting on April 29. They were told that the D.E.P. and D.O.H. were concerned about the city's ability to provide water to development projects that have either been given the green light to go or are still waiting at the stoplight.

Consequently, the two entities asked the city to instruct all new development projects to apply for water permits under a different permit called a "specific permit." That means go ahead and build more but we can't promise you that you'll have water when you're done. "Developers are coming here whether people like it or not," Bonk says, "this is going to make them perhaps hit a pause button and say do I want to come and bring a project to Fort Myers?" Lawing explained, "we're not as worried as you might think we would be."

"We're confident in that and we're not stopping at that. So, we'll be drilling additional wells going into next calendar year. Probably within the next month, we'll also have a contract to present to the City Council to approve the engineering design for a water treatment plant expansion," Lawing says.

Is the city outgrowing itself at a pace we can't keep up with? "The growth probably caught up with the

city quicker than the city planned for it too, to be honest with you," Lawing answered. "We've had good growth, quality growth, and that creates a demand on the water system. So, we're playing catch up right now as part of the growing pains of the city."

Lawing maintains a positive outlook while acknowledging this is, in his words, "not an ideal situation". As a consequence, we could have delays and even cancellations on development projects.



Collaborative Research on Airborne Toxins from Harmful Algal Blooms in Southwest Florida



Calusa Waterkeeper, in collaboration with Brain Chemistry Labs, has developed a groundbreaking device to research airborne toxins from harmful algal blooms. The Calusa Waterkeeper research team, using components from the published record and suggestions from leading toxin researchers, constructed an aerosol sampling device labeled Airborne Detection for Algae Monitoring (ADAM) and began monitoring eight Lee County locations in July of 2021.

Samples were analyzed for eight different HAB toxins resulting in 945 separate air or water analysis by the not-for-profit Brain Chemistry Labs (BCL) scientists Dr. James Metcalf, Dr. Sandra Banack and Dr. Paul Cox at their Jackson Hole, Wyoming laboratories.

Results from the initial sampling period showed detection of toxins in both water and airborne samples.

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ALVA GARDEN CLUB NEWS



The final meeting of the club for its 2021-22 year was held on May 17 th at the Alva Library and Museum. Local beekeeper Dan Sprague spoke to club members about recent threats to bees ranging from chemicals to viruses and from insecticides to predators such as cane toads and hive beetles.

The meeting, well attended by over twenty members, concluded with a congratulatory toast of champagne.

This was the final meeting for the club at the museum. Club members were unable to come to terms with trustees of the Alva Library and Museum, owners of the buildings, to negotiate a new lease. The club was formed in 1957 and has been housed at the museum since its inception; and club members were the driving force in the creation of the museum in 1974.



The club will be welcomed to the Alva United Methodist Church as its home base beginning in October. Club members look forward to a long and happy association!

Over the summer, club members will take up the task of identifying one or more worthy civic projects for the future in which to participate.

The Alva Garden Club now boasts a vibrant membership of more than 40 members! 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



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



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jglundy7@gmail.com

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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.



< New member Chad Erickson (in blue shirt), a realtor with Priceless Realty, is inducted into the club.

Rotary President Jerry Demming presents Rotary scholarships to Christopher Ottolini, Kathryn Blackburn and Briana Krause.

At Dunbar High School Colton Bernardo. >>>>>



< Greg Stancel, Rotarian, presents the Rotary Interact Citation to Roxanne Balmas, advisor, and to some members of the Riverdale High School Interact Club.



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.

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

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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

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

www.harrychapinfoodbank.org



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

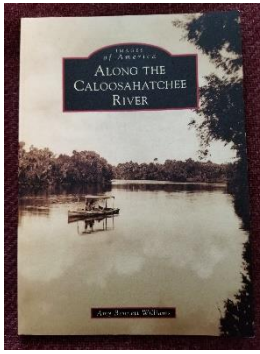
Office: (239) 728-8895 / Fax: (239) 728-2063
Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm



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>



A bit of ALVA History

(TY Amy Bennett-Williams)

OUR RIVER CHANGED



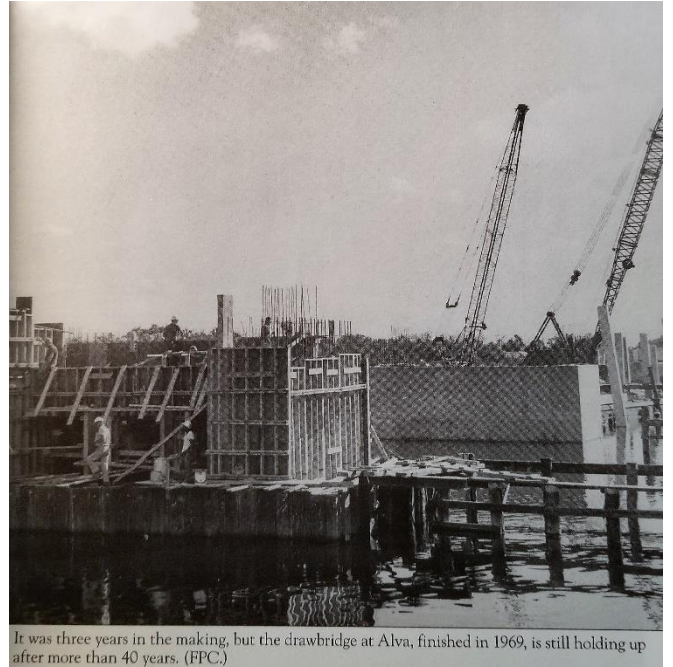
The Caloosahatchee has undergone many bouts of dredging and straightening since the 1800s. In the 1960s, the river was widened and deepened. This photograph, taken near LaBelle, shows the massive dredge with the boat behind it from which spoil material was pumped into floating pipes and deposited as much as half a mile from the river. (Author's collection.)



Until 1966, Alva had a swing bridge instead of a drawbridge. When a boat needed to pass, a section of the bridge would rotate open to allow the boat passage through the bumpers on the right side. (US Army Corps of Engineers.)



Until a barge full of rocket parts bound for the Kennedy Space Center crashed into it in 1966, the Alva swing bridge lent old Florida charm to the town's landscape. (HFA.)



It was three years in the making, but the drawbridge at Alva, finished in 1969, is still holding up after more than 40 years. (FPC.)



Flora English Watkins was about 18 in 1910, when this photograph of her paddling a dugout Indian canoe on the Caloosahatchee was taken. (FPC.)



Before any bridge there was the Alva Ferry



Along with his widowed mother and seven brothers and sisters, John C. English came from Georgia to homestead on the Caloosahatchee. They raised cattle, planted row crops, and grew citrus. Eventually, the family built this packinghouse on the river. In a 1939 interview done for the Federal Writers Project, English recalled the early days: "It was several years before we shipped any fruit to amount to anything. . . . The early fruit was pulled and loaded in bulk in schooners. About \$4 a thousand was the ruling price for oranges." (FPC.)

A note on this 1910 photograph of a Caloosahatchee fishing boat says it was taken at Hurd's landing between Fort Denaud and La Belle. (FPC.)



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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

3225 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

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.



BABCOCK RANCH ECO TOURS, Museum and Gator Shack Restaurant Go to website to reserve tours

<https://babcockranchecotours.com/>



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>



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



Lee County Hurricane Preparation Guide

Click on, read, join the seminar, PREPARE before any storm hits

https://www.leegov.com/hurricane?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Hurricane

SWFL CRIME STOPPERS

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CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT A TIP

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

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



Mission

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

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



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

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



Summer Scallops Alva Style

Ingredients-

- 2 oranges divided
- 1 grapefruit
- 1 1/2 pounds large sea scallops
- 6 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil divided
- 1 tsp sea salt divided
- 1 shallot sliced thin
- 1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 2 teaspoons minced fresh tarragon
- 4 ounces (or 4 cups) baby arugula
- 2 avocados from Florida halved/pitted, slice
1/4 inch thick



Directions-

Great 1/2 teaspoon zest from one orange set aside.

Cut away peel/pith from oranges and grapefruit. Divide into segments. Set aside.

Pat scallops dry with paper towels. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a 12-inch nonstick skillet over high heat until smoking. Sprinkle scallops all over with 3/4 teaspoon salt.

Add half of scallops and cook until browned- about two minutes per side. Transfer scallops to a plate and tent them with foil to keep warm...repeat with 1 tablespoon oil and the remaining scallops.

Whisk shallot, vinegar, mustard, orange zest remaining oil and salt together in a large bowl. Add arugula and toss to coat -add avocados, oranges and grapefruit and toss gently. Serve scallops over individual portions of the salad.

NEW MEMBERS WANTED



2022 SHOW SEASON
Drill team is an exhilarating sport that includes teamwork, horsemanship, and fun maneuvers.

- Practice is Wednesday nights in 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
\$20	\$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 <small>(FDEP verified impaired)</small></p> <p>1 million acres of coastal estuaries</p> <p>9,000 miles of rivers & streams</p> 	<p>Missing in Action 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 State restoration plans are working too slowly or not at all.</p>	<p>There is a Solution 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



THE RIVERDALE BRANCH LIBRARY is undergoing renovations!



The Alva Park and Community Center,
21471 N River Road, will host the Lee County Library System during the renovation of the Riverdale Branch Library.

Hours of Service

Monday – Friday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Temporary service will begin on Monday, May 23, 2022.

Limited service includes:

- Read and Return Materials
- Holds Pick Up
- Computer Access and Printing
- Library Staff Assistance
- Free Programs for all ages
- Exterior book return
- Library card registration

Sign up for the Riverdale Branch Library Program and Events Newsletter at leelibrary.net/subscribe for service updates.



Visit leelibrary.net or call 239-479-4636 for more details.

All programs are free and open to the public. Sign language interpreter available with five business days' notice to library staff. While attending library programs, visitors may be photographed by library staff. Photos become library property and may be used in library promotions. Individuals who do not want to be photographed or recorded are responsible for removing themselves from the area or notifying the photographer of their opt-out status. The school is neither endorsing nor sponsoring this event, product or service, nor endorsing the views of the sponsoring organization.

Rev. 04/22

**Kids Programs in June and July at the Alva
Community Center:**

Fort Myers, FL, May 23, 2022 – The Lee County Library System is happy to announce that while the Riverdale Branch Library is closed for renovations, library staff will offer limited public service from the main room at the Alva Park and Community Center, 21471 North River Road in Alva.

Family Story Times, Friday, June 17, 24, July 1, 15, 22, 29, 10:30am

This fun and engaging story time promotes and reinforces early literacy skills and language development through stories, music, movement and activities. Parents and caregivers participate with their children while learning helpful early literacy strategies and tips to continue at home.

June 13 - July 29,

Stop by each week to pick up an ocean themed craft kit while supplies last.

Tuesday, June 14 and Thursday, June 16, 2pm,

Pirates! Join us for pirate crafts and activities and walk the plank for treasure.

Tuesday, June 20 and Thursday, June 23, 2pm

Shark Week! Make a shark sun catcher or bracelet.

Tuesday, June 28, 2pm

Mythical Sea Creatures, Create a mermaid bracelet or bookmark.

Thursday, June 30, 2pm

Sea Creatures, Design your own sea horse or a narwhal headband.

Tuesday, July 12, 2pm,

Something Fishy at the Library. Create a colorful rainbow fish.

Thursday, July 14, 2pm

Something Fishy at the Library. Make a rainbow fish magnet.

Tuesday, July 19, 2pm

Jellies, Stars, and Octopi, Oh My! Make a paper jellyfish, octopus craft, or sandpaper starfish.

Thursday, July 21, 2pm

Out of My Hands Juggling and Illusions. Enjoy a high-energy juggling and illusion show with music and light effects.

Tuesday, July 26, 2pm

Beach Week! Create your own piece of paradise with a beach in a jar.

Thursday, July 28, 2pm

Magic with Joey Evans

This Master Magician is back to tickle our funny bones with magic, mystery and fun. Prepare to be amazed and inspired by his illusions, puppets and tricks. It's a show you don't want to miss!



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

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

YAPPY HOUR, YAPPY DOGS

Have you ever noticed that the smallest dogs make the most noise?

The Lee County Sheriff's Office is a regular participant at Bell Tower's monthly "Yappy Hour."

The community gathers at Center Court, pooches in tow, to enjoy music, great food, adoptable dogs from the Gulf Coast Humane Society and the good company of other pet owners.



"Yappy Hour" is held on the second Friday of each month from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Come join us!

LOCK IT OR LOSE IT



PARK IN WELL-LIT AREA



LOCK ALL DOORS



TAKE IT WITH YOU

Be Smart. Stay Safe.

- ALWAYS LOCK YOUR VEHICLE'S DOORS!
- REMOVE ALL VALUABLES INCLUDING FIREARMS!
- PARK IN A WELL-LIT AREA, IF POSSIBLE.
- NOTIFY THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE OF ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY.

OLD CELL PHONES, NEW PURPOSE

The Miromar Outlet Mall's Corporate Office generously donated 35 cell phones to the Lee County Sheriff's Office Miromar Outlets Community Outreach Center.



These phones will be provided to our Victim Advocates Unit and, although deactivated, are still capable of dialing 911.

They will be distributed to victims of domestic violence and those in need of a way to call for law enforcement or medical emergency services.

KINDNESS...COSTS NOTHING, MEANS EVERYTHING

Struggling with serious financial crises, losing a family member days before Christmas and raising a child in the "Make-A-Wish" program weighs heavily on this particular Lee County family.

Their son, who has endured three neurological surgeries, has regained his ability to ride a bicycle. Grievously, the family's bicycles were stolen from within their lanai.



Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Outreach Coordinator, Naz Elyassi, reached out to Skip Riffle of Bikes for Tykes

in Collier County. Bikes for Tykes kindly and generously co-hosted the "Community Bike Build" event at the Lee County Sheriff's Office Miromar Outreach Center last November.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office CRU staff travelled to Collier County to pick up the six bicycles and an oversized customized lock, donated from Bikes for Tykes, to deliver to the family in North Fort Myers.



TALENT AND VOLUNTEERS ARE BEING SOUGHT BY THE PLAYERS CIRCLE THEATRE

The Players Circle Theatre has announced its 2022 cabaret shows. Included in the lineup are comedians and a variety of musicals. They include:

- **May-June.** Jazz pianist Danny Sinoff Trio. Most Mondays he performs a different selection of themes from Frank Sinatra to Nat King Cole. Show time is at 7pm; tickets range from \$15 to \$35.
- **June 10 and June 17.** Swingin' Cliqué. This inter-generational collection of musicians, vocalists, and entertainers provides toe tapping and sing-alongs in their high energy show.
- **July 1-3.** Broadway & Beyond. Theater favorites Natalie Brouwer and Matt Michael are joined with Brian Gurl in a musical smorgasbord of Broadway now and then, plus patriotic songs.

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.blcefmm.org 239-694-3878

Olga Baptist Church

2364 South Olga Drive

Fort Myers, FL 33905

www.olgabaptist.org 239-694-2012

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.

<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)

CAGLECARTOONS.COM



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
Lee County Public Safety & EMS	239-533-3911	911
Lee County Sheriff's Office	39-477-1000	911
Mobile or Manufactured Home Residents	850-617-3004	
National Weather Service/Tampa Bay	813-645-2323	
Poison Information	800-222-1222	800-222-1222
Salvation Army, The	239-278-1551	239-278-1551
Traffic Conditions in Florida (Current)	511	511
United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades & Okeechobee Counties	239-433-2000	211

Agency Web Addresses

Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)	www.ready.gov/citizen-corps
Department of Financial Services (Insurance)	www.myfloridacfo.com
Department of Homeland Security	www.dhs.gov/
Florida Lightning Safety	www.weather.gov/safety/lightning
Mobile or Manufactured Home Residents	www.flhsmv.gov/mobilehome
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