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- LOCAL Alva area development: Water & Sewer for new homes?
- LOCAL history: Charleston Park
- LOCAL Community services: Authors and wannabe writers event
- LOCAL club and organization: Fort Myers East Rotary Club
- LOCAL recipe: Florida Style Roast Turkey
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FROM ALVA STRONG

**TO: Northeast Lee County Friends &
Neighbors:**



URGENT CALL TO ACTION!

An important matter concerning the Neal Communities Planned Development, (proposed 1,099 housing development on 30-40-foot lots, located on North River Road) came to the attention of the Alva Community leadership team on Friday October 27th, 2023

The Lee County Legislative Delegation is holding its annual public meeting this coming Monday morning, October 30th at 9:00am. The first item on the agenda is the “Special Act Creating Duke Farm Stewardship District,” a proposed bill that would, if approved, classify the Duke+Cary+Povia and the Owl Creek property as a “special district.”

<https://www.leedelegation.com/meeting-agenda.html>

If approved by the five state representatives and three state senators at the annual public meeting on Monday, the delegation will sponsor the Special Act to be considered by the Florida Legislature during the 2024 legislative session, which begins January 9th.

It is the position of the majority of the residents of Northeast Lee County that this proposed bill, sponsored by Representative Spencer Roach, is just another way for Neal Communities to make an end-run campaign to bolster their ultimate purpose of ensuring that Lee County Commission approves their request to amend the Lee County Utilities Future Water/Sewer service area, as well as rezoning approvals from Rural Wetlands to Residential

Planned Development (RPD) in order to increase the allowable density and, ultimately, urbanize the last rural corridor of Southwest Florida.

This last-minute bill proposal creates more questions than answers and further fosters the distrust among the community towards local government.

PLEASE CONSIDER ATTENDING THE DELEGATION MEETING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 30th at 9am

Florida Southwestern State College, 8099 College Parkway, Fort Myers, FL 33919, (in the Nursing Building, Room AA-177)

There will be a representative from the Northeast Lee County Community leadership team who will read a prepared statement to the delegation on behalf of the Northeast Lee County Community. We ask that when prompted during the statement, you stand in acknowledgment of your opposition to the special act to create the Duke Farm Stewardship District.

The special act creating the “Duke Farm Stewardship District” proposed bill for the benefit of Neal Communities that was added to the public notice of the delegation agenda only 5 days before the meeting is, ultimately, a maneuver by Neal Communities to urbanize the last rural corridor of Southwest Florida.

Obscured by an unfamiliar name, the “Duke Farm Stewardship District” proposal comes as a complete surprise to this community and does not represent the policies, goals, and objectives of the Northeast Lee County community as outlined in the Lee County Comprehensive Plan.

What is a special district? It is a unit of local government within a geographic boundary created for a particular purpose, in this case, the Neal Communities planned development on the Duke+Cary+Povia and Owl Creek property. Special districts provide specific municipal services (i.e., sewer, water, sidewalks, streetlights, etc.) in addition to or in place of those provided by local government.

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0100-0199/0189/0189.html

ALVA INC, At the Alva Community Center.

ZOOM access:

<https://zoom.us/join>

Meeting ID: 852-1643-8980

Passcode: 302401



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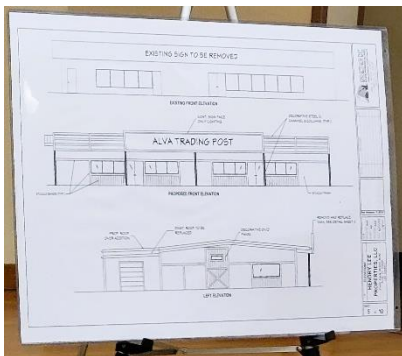
NEXT MEETING: Every Second Tuesday, 7pm, Alva Community Center

New Alva Brewery OR Grocery? Time and Zoning Will Tell



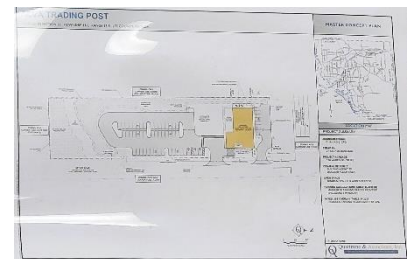
Tuesday October 10, 7pm, Alva INC met at the Alva Community Building at the park for their monthly meeting. The opening subject was a presentation of Rock Aboujaourdi's newest project. Rock owns the building where Jack's very successful market is located on Joel Boulevard in Lehigh Acres. He is now partnering with an un-named partner to develop a local craft brewery in the old 'convenience' store on the south side of Rte 80 at Styles Road.

If the county cannot allow him the required zoning changes to open the brewery, he will instead open a quality grocery store and butcher shop like Jack's, with the same management team, only a bit smaller.



The development name for the project is "Alva Trading Post" however this will most likely change by the time it opens as a brewery or grocery. If it is a brewery, food will not be served inside but he is planning a couple of food trucks to be there regularly on weekends. The entire project requires only 1.9 acres of land. One of his zoning requests is to turn current AG zoned land at the back of the property into a paved parking lot for 54 cars.

Rock told Alva INC that there will be 2,700 square feet for retail space and 2,300 square feet for retail whether brewery or grocery. He has been improving the outside of the building and cleaning up the inside since acquiring it earlier this year. The new roof was the first project to stop further deterioration of the interior. The design of the exterior and interior is expected have a clean but rustic feel.



Mr. Aboujaourdi took many suggestions for either business, and heard several offer strong desires to offer only the grocery, and no alcohol in the store. Rock listened patiently and respectfully to all comments.

The second agenda item was an update on the proposed NNN and RR schools on Joel Boulevard near Rte 80.



Note: The NNN designation is for the new high school and the RR means the new middle school.

Joseph Maguire shared a recap of the concerns which were brought to the Lee County School Board at the September Alva INC meeting with some of the board's members at the Alva School on September 19th.

He tried to reassure those present that the fact the board has decided to go ahead with the \$7 million research project to determine if the school should be built in Alva does not mean they will build it here.

However, despite the many reasons the school should be built in southwest Lehigh Acres (existing water and sewer, electrical power, internet, roadways, no wildlife impact, and surrounding students homes, of which there are very few in Alva) the fact that the school board owns the land on Joel now makes it a much easier, at least initially, project to move forward on.

The fly in the ointment is the LCSB's recent and not so recent record of huge cost overruns, up to double the planned cost, on other school projects. Mr. Maguire shared that the lack of expertise of board members seems to be the primary reason for poor business decisions, and the most recently elected board members seem to be even more clueless about the business of public building construction.

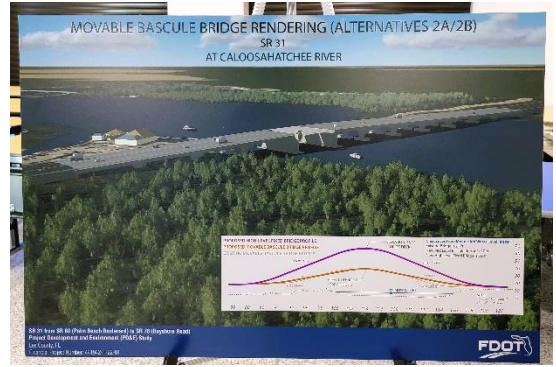
Joseph cited as an example of uneducated board members DR. ADAM MOLLOY, Director, Planning, Growth, & Capacity who was the board's spokesperson on September 19th. His preparation for his new responsibilities is that he was a very good history teacher.

He also shared that the Phase One research project could take up to a year, so warned Alva INC to not become complacent over time.

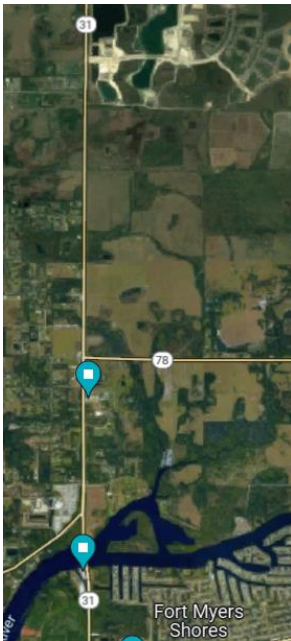
Denise Eberle, Alva INC board member, assured all that she is attending every school board meeting and communicating questions whenever she has them to all members of the school board. She is most disappointed that our own Alva area newly elected LCSB member, Mr. Persons, while assuring her personally he was in support of Alva INC's concerns, voted with the majority to go forward with Phase One.

She also shared that Dr. Molloy declared at that meeting that, "The school cannot be built until the Joel and Tuckahoe Roads are enlarged and prepared for the school. Currently Lee County plans to do nothing regarding the roads enlargement for about 10 years.

Connie Dennis, President of Alva INC, reminded us of an upcoming meeting concerning another massive state Department of Transportation project, the Route 31 (Babcock Road) bridge enlargement, rte 80 (Palm Beach Boulevard) and Rte 31 intersection enlargement, and the Rte 31 and Rte 78 (North River Road) intersection enlargement along with a new wider Rte 31 from Babcock Ranch south to the river.



This will be the second workshop at the Babcock Ranch Field House where FDOT will present updated plans for these combined projects, and take questions again from residents. The meeting will be held Thursday, November 2 in the evening. The time set is 5 to 8pm.



Mike Greenwell property

Grant Fichter, member of Alva INC and spokesperson for the new, Western Alva Area resident's group, ALVA STRONG, described this new, and already very active large group, began its advocacy for a continued RURAL ALVA and OLGA when the Neal Company began working to develop both Owl Creek and the



Neal Dev- Cary-Duke-Povia

Cary-Duke-Povia North Olga properties AND Mike

Greenwell's now approved 400,000 sq ft retail space PLUS approximately 126 homes along Rte 31 where his Cracker Shack restaurant and personal home and ranch currently sit.

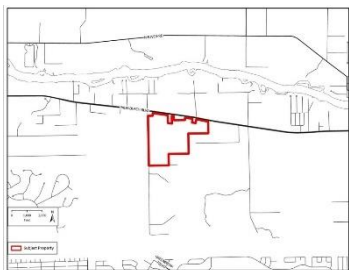


Owl Creek- Neal Dev

Grant stated that Alva Strong and Alva INC and the North Olga Planning Group will work together toward the largest and most important goal of all, getting hundreds of residents to attend county and developer meetings to speak to the issues of smart development, not over development, if any new development at all, along our Caloosahatchee River.

He shared that all persons interested in keeping our area as rural as possible should go to the www.ALVASTRONG.ORG website to sign up to receive emails and other information about what each resident can do to support smart to no development.

Alva Strong held its first open to the public meeting in October. More will come.



Roxanne Gause reminded us that the Calusa80 700-unit RV park on Rte 80, (Palm Beach Blvd) west of the Alva Village Market, is still working its way through challenges by Lee County, especially regarding water and sewer access from the River Hall location on Rte 80.

ALVA STRONG public meeting Shares purpose and goals



Grant Fichter, a leader of the new ALVA STRONG resident's group begun this year to oppose new development respectfully and legally in the Alva-Olga area of Lee County, opened this first public-invited meeting of Alva Strong at the Alva Community Center at 6:30pm, Tuesday October 24. About 70 -90 persons were in attendance, including several local developers and realtors in favor of the Alva Strong position.



Mr. Fichter shared first and foremost that the issue of over-development is hardly just an Alva-Olga problem. He cited the recent decision of the Lee County Commissioners against the residents of Captiva and Sanibel Islands to allow increased floors to be built at the Hurricane Ian badly damaged Southsea's Resort at the northern end of Captiva. This with no expansion of the single road north from Sanibel Island or expansion of the already overcrowded single bridge at the foot of Sanibel.

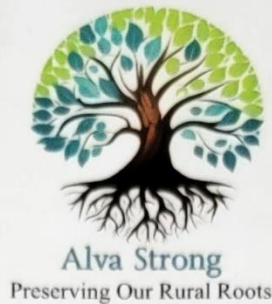
Grant shared that the Alva-Olga area of Lee County has been blessed by previous boards of commissioners with over 4,100 acres of preserve and recreational land and asks that today's Lee County Commissioners maintain the history of careful land development in this, the LAST area of agricultural land use in Lee County.

Also shared was the PLANNED lack of fire and rescue facilities, public water and sewer, and highway construction that was to aid in keeping the area rural. Expanding these services and this infrastructure now will cost millions of tax payer dollars well before new taxpayers fill up the land with homes.

Alva Strong has hired an experienced attorney, Ralph Brooks, esq. to consult and lead the organizations efforts against increased development, residential and retail.

One suggestion made near the conclusion of the meeting was to attempt to make North River Road (County Route 78) from Route 31 in North Fort Myers to Route 29 in LaBelle a HISTORIC ROAD. Tried in the past, it failed due to lack of 'criteria.' Perhaps today it would pass.





HOW YOU CAN HELP

1. SIGN THE PETITION CONCERNING NEAL COMMUNITIES PLANNED DEVELOPMENT IN ALVA:

<https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/stop-overdevelopment-by-neal-communities-in-alva>

2. WRITE LETTERS AND EMAILS TO THE FIVE LEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO COMMUNICATE YOUR POSITION CONCERNING THE NEAL COMMUNITIES PLANNED DEVELOPMENT ON N. RIVER ROAD.
(Pre-written letters provided upon request.)
3. ATTEND THE UPCOMING BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING WHERE THEY WILL DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO APPROVE THE REQUEST BY NEAL COMMUNITIES TO AMEND THE LEE COUNTY UTILITIES FUTURE WATER & SEWER AREAS MAP.
(WE will provide the date and location of meeting as soon as it becomes available.)
4. PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TO ALVA STRONG. THERE IS A DONATE BUTTON ON THE ALVASTRONG.ORG WEBSITE. ANY FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS CRUCIAL TO COMPETE WITH THE POWERFUL FEW WHO AIM TO IRRESPONSIBLY DEVELOP OUR COMMUNITY.
5. PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH FRIENDS, FAMILY, NEIGHBORS, AND ON SOCIAL MEDIA.

**For more Information, please visit: AlvaStrong.org
or email: Info@AlvaStrong.org**



??? North Olga Planning Panel Asked to consider a major change

On Thursday evening, October 19, 2023 there was rumble heard at the quarterly meeting of the North Olga Planning Panel the like of which may not have been heard since this landowners group was established to oversee land use in the North Olga area about 15 years ago.

Founded out of the Alva INC group, which is based in the village of Alva, Some landowners of the area north of the Caloosahatchee River and a bit west of the village of Alva felt different about where their future lay than ALVA INC , whose slogan was then, and remains, 'KEEP ALVA RURAL' . The North Olga group wanted to be part of county planning but with an uncontested right for property owners to use, or not use, or sell their land as they wished. Unlike ALVA INC, where anyone concerned about the future of the Alva Area can join, The NOP required, and still does, every member to be a land owner in the Olga Area; as a SMALL or LARGE landowner, meaning you own less than or more than 50 acres. And Large landowners have a 4 to 3 vote presence on the Board of Directors.

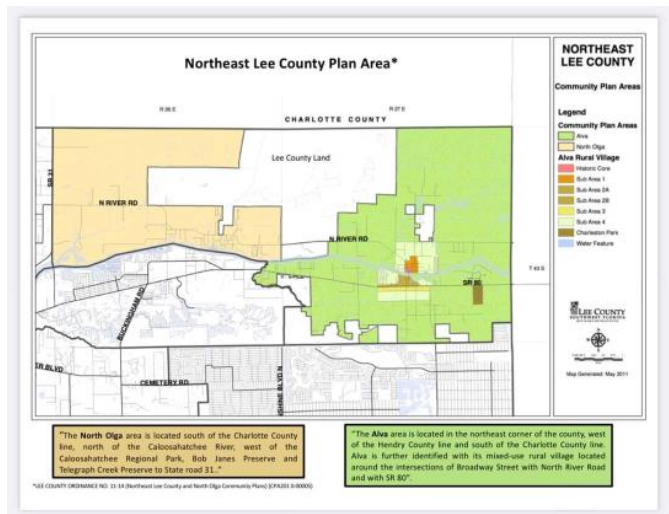
The NOP spent countless hours helping the county create the North Olga Plan for where and what type of development could happen. Alva INC did the same with a new Alva development plan. The difference between the plans and the groups was each bodies definition of the word 'RURAL.'

The agenda at the meeting on October 19th, at the Bayshore Fire Company Building, was short. There were only three items. One, A brief review of the organization's purpose. Two, reception of nominations for the three board positions that will be voted on at the annual meeting in January, 2024. Three, receive applications from the many new persons seeking membership in the NOP. Well, the board thought it would be short.

No project presentations; no discussion of the nearby Neal or Pulte developments off Rte 31, or the Mike Greenwell 400,000 square foot retail and high-density home zoning approval or the FDOT plans for a new Rte 31 bridge, expanded roadway and intersection with Rte 80 in Fort Myers Shores.

This would have been a typical North Olga meeting with few attenders and quick decisions. But did you catch that third agenda item? There were LOTS of new persons, many longtime residents wanting to join as voting members of the NOP. And more coming. Why?

The easy answer is that the huge changes in road construction, home development, and reduction in RURAL space, no matter how you define it, has gotten a lot of local land owners attention. And many aren't happy with the way the North Olga Planning Panel has acted as a 'sounding board' for the residents concerns to Lee County officials.



The real motivators for new membership with new ideas however are two projects on what has been agricultural and wild open space on rte 31 and rte 78. Neal North Communities Company plan to develop about 1,500 homes along North River Road (Rte 78) south to the river and Mike Greenwell's now rezoned plan to put a 400,000 sq ft retail center on rte 31, and about 122 apartments in buildings 45 ft high. Other smaller but similar developments in this area of North Olga are already approved or being considered.

As agenda item one, the purpose of the NOP, was being shared the new attenders rumbled a bit as , “Any landowner may do what they want, legally, with their own land.” Furthe, a partial reading of the bylaws revealed that dues paying members of the group were not permitted to vote or be nominated for the board until they’ve attended two regularly scheduled meetings and been involved for at least a year.

Then it was discovered by these new attendees who had done some research before the meeting that the bylaws as written say NO member, except a board member, may vote on anything in the North Olga Planning Panel. Nothing. All the board members expressed surprise at that and thought it couldn’t be correct. Surely all members (an NOP member is defined as a person or group that owns a parcel of land in the county defined North Olga area) can vote, but NOT according to these 15-year-old bylaws.

The meeting got a bit louder, though never out of control. The board contacted their attorney by phone and after a short conversation realized they needed a serious conversation about the bylaws with him. There is no legislative committee in the NOP so it was suggested that one made up of board and non-board members be formed immediately to meet with the lawyer and consider voting and possibly other changes to the bylaws. New, land-owning residents had come to see if the North Olga Planning Panel could become a voice for their concerns. Now, as they signed up to join NOP, they were ready to see this group make some changes.

In the three years I have been reporting on these meetings I have heard concerns shared with developers present, but by its stated purpose the North Olga Planning Panel never gets itself involved in disputes with Lee County leadership or developers. They are only to be the venue for presentation and resident questions of developers. The board did agree that any board or other member of the group may take their concerns to Lee County officials as private citizens, but not as representatives of the NOP. And that is where it looks like change may come next.

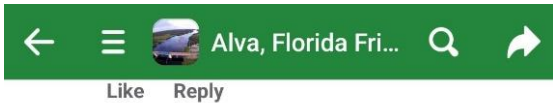
It may already be too late to make any changes in this group’s purpose or style that might affect the thousands of homes being planned for this last RURAL corner of Lee County at this time.

Since the North Olga Planning Panel was formed its purpose was to allow, not keep out, profitable development of landowner’s property. As Mike Greenwell shared the evening, he resigned from the NOP Board on being appointed by Governor DeSantis to Mike Mann’s District 5 seat on the Lee County Commission, “I will be consistent. “If you own your land, you can do anything legal you wish to do with it.” This was the NOP’s original purpose statement.

Earlier I said the word RURAL gets varied meanings, depending on what the person using it wants it to mean. The word LEGAL, and even OWN, may be taken to mean various things too.

The meeting adjourned after about an hour and a half. A lot of new attenders are becoming members. And more are coming. Change may be coming as well.





Whitnie Lorenz

Top contributor · 20h · 🌐

We spotted this Florida Panther come out from a neighbors yard through the Orange Grove and into the woods. We live on Tuckahoe Road. On the other side of us is where they want to build the middle and high school! This is one of the many reasons why we are against the building of these schools!



One Alva resident’s clear and visible opinion...

...about why a school should not be built on the site the Lee County School Board owns on Joel Boulevard. From the Alva Friends & Families Facebook Page September, 28, 2023

Cleaning septic tanks to preserve clean water in SWFL

(TY WINK NEWS Reporter: Elizabeth Biro, Writer: Paul Dolan)

Southwest Florida banks on the beaches, weather and water to help the economy survive and thrive. However, failing septic



systems could be one culprit related to unappealing water. Estimates show there are nearly 100,000 in Lee County.

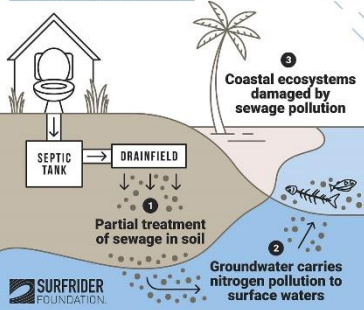
Carlos Cassanova has decades of experience when it comes to pipes.

“In this neighborhood, everybody’s on septic,” said Casanova. His family owns All Septic All Plumbing and is doing a standard septic tank clean-out in Cape Coral on Friday.

“Well, the function of the septic tank is to hold all the solids that goes before it goes into the drain field,” said Casanova. Problems arise when homeowners don’t have regular inspections or septic systems fail, allowing that dirty water to leak into our groundwater and thus pollute it.

Florida TaxWatch, a non-profit, think tank focused on your tax-payer dollars took a closer look at the risks of conventional septic tanks and made recommendations for improving wastewater management.

How do septic systems pollute in dry weather?



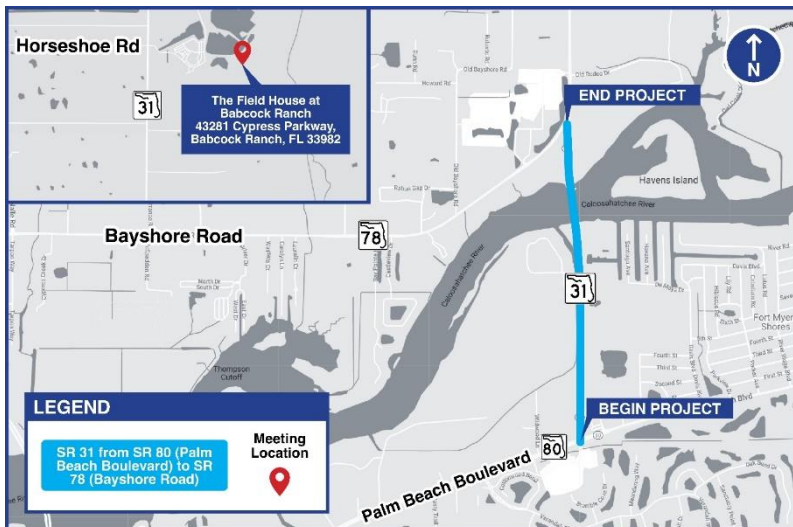
Meg Cannan points to some issues that leaks can prompt.

“If you have all this nitrogen that’s trapped in your groundwater, that’s now coming to the surface, that’s going to feed algal blooms, so that’s one of our big concerns. When we talk about septic tanks and water issues, it cannot only affect what we drink but can affect, you know, the views,” Cannan said.

A study from the Department of Health found more than half of Florida’s septic tanks are over 30 years old, and less than 1% receive routine maintenance.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) invites you to a public hearing

for the State Road (SR) 31 Project Development & Environment (PD&E)
Study from SR 80 to SR 78 in Lee County on Thursday, November 2,
2023.



This study will evaluate alternatives to address safety, future traffic demands, and to improve the roadway design to better serve the needs of all users, including bicyclists and pedestrians. Please see the newsletter attached to this email.

This hearing is being conducted to present the preferred alternative and all analysis to date, as well as to give interested persons an opportunity to express their views concerning the location, conceptual design, and social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements.

You can participate live online or in-person. The information presented during either format will be the same and all attendees will have opportunity to comment.

IN-PERSON OPTION: Thursday, November 2, 2023, The Field House at Babcock Ranch, 43281 Cypress Parkway, Babcock Ranch, FL 33982, Anytime between 5 – 6 p.m. Open house, 6 p.m. Formal presentation and comment

Displays will be available starting at 5 p.m. to review at your own pace and the formal presentation will begin at 6 p.m. The project team will be available for discussion.

LIVE ONLINE OPTION: Thursday, November 2, 2023, Register in advance: <https://bit.ly/SR31-SR80-SR78-PH>, 5:45 p.m. Overview for how to submit comment

6 p.m. Formal presentation and comment

This event will include a livestream of the in-person presentation and the formal comment portion. Please review the materials on project webpage before attending the virtual event www.swflroads.com/project/441942-1. Materials will be posted by October 26, 2023.

If you are unable to attend the hearing, comments can also be provided through the project webpage www.swflroads.com/project/441942-1 or by email Patrick.Bateman@dot.state.fl.us or by mail to FDOT District One, Attn: Patrick Bateman, P.E., MS 1-40, 801 N. Broadway Ave., Bartow, FL 33830. While comments about the project are accepted at any time, they must be received or postmarked by November 12, 2023, to be included in the formal hearing record. All comments are weighted equally. Questions can be answered by calling the FDOT project manager Patrick Bateman, P.E. at (863) 519-2792.

Bayshore Village, North Fort Myers, Zoning Update

(TY Steve Brodtkin)

See below for the status of the re-scheduled County Hearing Examiner (HEX) meeting regarding the Bayshore Village (DCI2022-00032) huge re-zoning request (up to 137,500 sq ft and 4 story Hotel at the intersection of Bayshore Rd and Wells Rd). If approved it would serve as a precedent for opening up the whole Bayshore road corridor from I-75 to SR-31 and beyond to intense commercial development.

Please mark your calendars and take time to attend this very important county HEX hearing that is set for:

Date: December 13, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. (Wednesday)

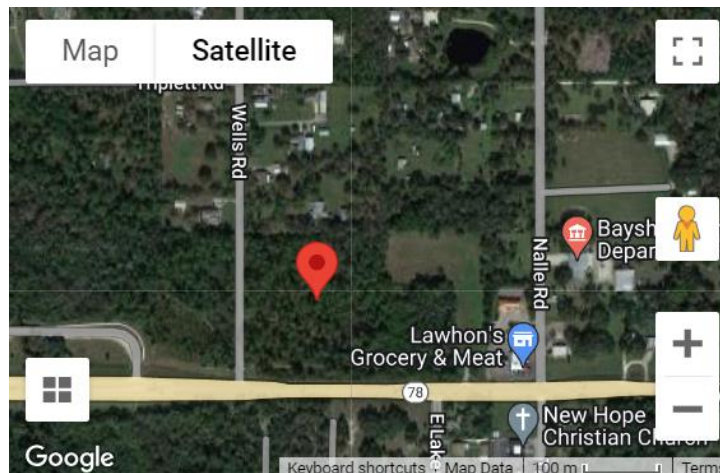
Location: 1500 Monroe Street, Second Floor, Hearing Examiner's Hearing Room.

This hearing will be a very important opportunity for our objections to be heard by the county, and it is where we can make a difference. A large turnout will make an impression on the Hearing Examiner. If we don't represent ourselves well here by attending, the developers will push to maximize their profits at our community's expense, and will embolden other developers to do the same by precedent.

This is where we need to let the county know that Goal 18 of the Bayshore Community Plan must be followed and protected.

"GOAL 18: BAYSHORE COMMUNITY PLAN. Protect the existing rural residential, agricultural and equestrian-oriented character of the community by maintaining low residential densities and minimal commercial activities, and exclude incompatible uses that are destructive to the character of this rural residential environment."

At a minimum, reducing commercial densities & business uses, and maximizing buffering between commercial and residential neighborhoods are a must. Reduced commercial intensity and business uses will also help to address the failing Bayshore corridor's road infrastructure, and the traffic safety and public welfare issues that will be aggravated by this re-zoning application. Therefore, we need to oppose any increase above the existing permitted 61,000 square feet of commercial space (approved in 2006) and request to keep the already approved Resolution Z-06-046 with its established Bayshore Community Plan Goal 18 protections as is, and this re-zoning application to be denied.



Wednesday October 18

First, we saw THIS :



Then we saw THIS :

And a day later, THIS :

Centennial Lee fair called off, is back on

(TY News PRESS)

County, association fail to agree to new contract

The centennial Southwest Florida and Lee County Fair will continue as scheduled next year; Lee County officials announced Thursday.

After hearing reports that the fair was canceled because of the county's decision not to use the Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair Association to run the fair, the association announced it would cancel the festivities.

The cancellation lasted less than a day; county officials say the 100th anniversary fair will begin on Feb. 24.

"We have to ensure that fair happens, the board (of county commissioners) gave us clear direction," said Lee County Manager David Harner.

County commissioners effectively took over the county fair after announcing Tuesday that it reached an impasse with the fair association board over a new contract. Harner said the county will work to make it the same success as prior fairs.

"They will have the same experienced (workers). We have a lot of volunteers that have volunteered for many years, 30-plus years, running the fair," Harner said. "It's not just us."

CONTINUED:

Contract woes strip association of 2024 county fair

The association released a statement Wednesday blaming the cancellation on the county's inability to negotiate a new contract to operate the fair.



October 18, 2023

It is with heavy hearts that we must inform you that because of decisions of the Lee County Board of County Commissioners, the Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair Association, Inc., 100th Anniversary Celebration is officially canceled as of October 18, 2023.

On October 17, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners informed the Fair Board of their decision to have county staff 'take over' the Fair, including the midway ride company contract, food vendor contracts, and the 4-H/FFA program.

After 27 years of managing the Lee Civic Center property we have been abruptly removed. In April, the County Commission directed staff that the 100th Fair would be held, and to work with the Fair Board to negotiate terms. After hearing nothing, for 6 months, on September 29th the Fair Association received one (1) proposal from the County Attorney's Office. Fair Board met with County Staff on October 9th to discuss terms, and the Fair Association was told to mark up the draft and return it to the County. The Fair Board submitted their counterproposal, and there was no further communication from the County Staff. At the October 17th County Commission meeting, Christine Brady, Deputy County Manager over the Parks Department, informed the County Commissioners that we were at an 'Impasse'. As Christine Brady read her statement with no remorse, under the agenda add on item of a 'Civic Center Update', that the county would be taking over all operations to present the 100th Anniversary of the Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair, we were left stunned. The commissioners were asked to table the vote that was added, and not advertised, until there could be a discussion with all board members, the request was refused.

On October 18, 2023 we were informed that the County would be taking over the fair tagging that is scheduled for Sunday, October 22, 2023. In order of the best interest of the youth in the 4-H / FFA programs, the Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair Association, Inc. has made the extremely difficult decision to cancel the Fair and the 100th Anniversary Celebration. This decision was not made lightly and with much discussion of all pros and cons. It is not feasible for the Fair Association to find a new location, put together a safe environment for our guests, and then only hope that the County would grant us the necessary permits to hold the standard of Fair for which the Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair Association has brought to you. With the strong tradition of 99 years celebrating our community and agriculture, we want to see continued success and growth, and look forward to what is next as the Fair Association for the community.

We want to make it very clear that there is no other Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair Association, Inc. Others may try to mimic and market as the Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair Association, Inc. but be sure that it is not the authentic Fair Association. No one else can hold the 100th Annual Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair. It belongs to us. Some may try - but please do not be fooled.

We have officially closed all registration for the 4-H/FFA, Home & Hobby, events and competitions. We will be issuing full refunds of registration fees paid to the Fair Association through Showworks for your livestock. Please give us a few weeks, as we preparing to move from the Fair Office into our new location to get everything settled. A check to be issued to and mailed to the address provided.

As we look to the future of the Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair Association, Inc. our heartfelt appreciation goes out to each one in the community that has supported this event throughout the years. To each of our food & product vendors, and Sponsors, you are what help to make us shine. Thank you to Reithoffer for all of your hard work in helping us have an amazing midway. But most importantly thank you to our agriculture, 4-H, FFA community. It has truly been an honor to see so many generations come through the Fair and be able to show their livestock.

Our apologies to each of you, but this has been a long, carefully orchestrated chain of events by the Lee County Government. Please feel free to direct all questions and comments to the County Commissioners:

- District 1: Kevin Ruane – 239-533-2224
- District 2: Cecil Pendergrass – 239-533-2227
- District 3: Ray Sandelli – 239-533-2223
- District 4: Brian Hamman, Chairman – 239-533-2226
- District 5: Mike Greenwell, Vice Chairman – 239-533-2225

It has been an absolute honor to be able to host this great event for the Southwest Florida Community, and just remember, it's not goodbye, just so long for now.

Continue to make memories worth celebrating!

Sincerely,

Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair Association Inc.

“In April, the county commission directed staff that the 100th fair would be held and to work with the fair board to negotiate terms,” the association’s statement said. “The fair board submitted their counterproposal and there was no further communication from the county staff.”

Harner responded at a Thursday morning news conference at the Lee County Courthouse, and saying the county can conduct the fair, even if the fair association does not participate.

“We tried to work with them all the way past the expiration date, our last conversation was the Monday, before (the commission’s) meeting.”

The county owns the fairgrounds and took control of the property and buildings last spring. After taking over, the county focused on repairing and remediating damage caused by Hurricane Ian in September 2022.

“The (commissioners) directed that we negotiate with the fair association for the conduct of the 2024 fair,” said County Attorney Richard Wesch. “Their response was a request for a six-year extension. We indicated to those officials from the fair association that we didn’t have authority to negotiate a six-year extension.”

Members of the fair board said at the Tuesday County commission meeting that it was willing to continue talks with the county aimed at breaking the deadlock over fair management.

“We can work out our impasse with the staff,” said Fair Board Chairman Mike Peak during the public speaking portion of the commission meeting. “We are in a position where we are equipped. We are professionals. We know the game; we can bring a great fair as we always do ... we can keep our philanthropy going.”

Assistant County Manager Christine Brady had told the commissioners that when the contract ran out, the fair board was no longer in charge of the annual fair.

“Negotiations with the fair board have reached an impasse because the fair board is asking for items that do not meet the (board of county commissioners) direction,” Brady said. “As of Sept. 30, the fair board has removed the livestock pens, scales, and bleachers. We will need to procure additional equipment for the 4-H program that will be dedicated solely to that youth program.”

Commissioner Mike Greenwell has been the county board’s liaison to the fair.

“The 2024 Lee County Fair will happen; it will happen at the Lee County Civic Center” Greenwell said. There has been misinformation that has run that an entity must run the fair – that is not true, Lee County will be running the fair.

On Tuesday, the fair association appeared shocked at the county’s decision.

“This the first that we have heard that there has been an impasse,” said Fran Crone. Crone has served as the manager of the non-profit fair for the past decade.

According to the fair board’s income tax return for 2021 the latest publicly available, the fair had revenue of \$4.5 million, an increase from \$3 million in the previous year. The commission said it spent \$3.48 million on expenses, leaving a balance of \$416,000.

The association’s tax return for 2021 indicates that Crone was the fair board’s only paid employee. earning \$94,000 in the 2021 budget year. The association has had a board of directors with 14 members, none of who received a salary The fair board said in its statement that “there is no other Southwest Florida and Lee County Fair Association Inc. No one else can hold the 100th Annual Southwest Florida and Lee County Fair. It belongs to us. Some may try, but please do not be fooled.”



Ross Chastain launching Ag to Asphalt Campaign

(TY Motorsports Magazine)

NASCAR Cup Series driver #1-Ross Chastain and Like a Farmer, a podcast and video series that spotlights and celebrates Rural America, announced today the formation of the Ag to Asphalt campaign to shine a light on the agriculture industry and farmers across the country.

The campaign will highlight the importance of agriculture by sharing the real stories of farmers across the country. For each race in the 2024 NASCAR Cup Series season, the Ag to Asphalt program will identify a local family farm in each race market. Chastain will tell each farm's unique story via a video shared on social media the week before the race. The family farmer will then be invited to the NASCAR race on behalf of Chastain and Like A Farmer as a way to show appreciation and give thanks for their work as farmers. For more information on how to enter, go to agtoasphalt.com.

As an eighth-generation watermelon farmer, Chastain knows the importance of agriculture and the sacrifices farmers make daily to put food on the table for all Americans, "Using my platform to spotlight these working family farms across America is something very important to me. When we started collaborating with the Like A Farmer team, the concept of creating this Ag to Asphalt program was a natural fit. Pat and I had a great time exploring my background in agriculture on the podcast, and taking this program to all the NASCAR Cup Series races in 2024 is going to be equally exciting and rewarding."

The Chastain family has been involved in the agriculture industry for over a century. Chastain's childhood growing up on the farm curated a blue-collar approach and hard-working attitude that has catapulted him to the top of NASCAR. He earned his nickname "Melon Man" through his family's heritage in the watermelon farming industry. His signature move is to smash a watermelon on the frontstretch after each win. Although he can be found racing for Trackhouse Racing in the NASCAR Cup Series (#1 Chevy), Chastain still takes time to head back to the farm and uses his platform to be a voice for the agriculture industry.

To give back to the farming community, Chastain is proud to launch the Ag to Asphalt campaign with the support of Like a Farmer for the 2024 NASCAR season. "We are thrilled to announce a partnership that not only shines a light on Rural America but helps some of our nation's farmers take a mental break from their everyday jobs," explains Pat Spinoso, host of the Like a Farmer podcast.

Catch Chastain in an upcoming Like a Farmer episode (<https://likeafarmer.com/>) on Thursday, October 26, where he sits truck-side with Spinoso reflecting on his upbringing on the farm and how it paved the path to his successful career in NASCAR. Hear him discuss the partnership and learn more about Like a Farmer's mission to celebrate the agricultural community by sharing the stories of big names from NFL stars to country musicians who know and love Rural America.

Joining Like a Farmer and Chastain is Trackhouse Racing partner Kubota Tractor Corporation, as well as Bayer Seminis, both of which are part of the fabric of the agriculture community. The support of this campaign further illustrates the importance of farmers and the larger agricultural industry across the country.



FDOT comes to LaBelle with revised plans for Rte 29 through town



The Florida Department of Transportation has been working for the past year and before on a way to prepare LaBelle to handle expected growth in traffic until the year 2040. The city leadership has been working with FDOT to that end as well. New developments are being planned as they meet, Rte 80 is sending LaBelle's sewer and water all the way east to the Lee County line right now. Housing and retail development will follow.



Tonight's 5pm meeting at LaBelle Civic Center, behind City Hall, was, according to most of the City Council present, a big step forward.

While the public could not comment or ask questions during this type of meeting, several of the council members asked plenty. And there were only about 20 or so citizens present in the audience anyway.

The biggest question for many was brought answered tonight by FDOT. The current bridge will remain and the new bridge will be nearly identical. The concept of replacing drawbridges with a single wide high bridge would have put extended ramps far up north on Rte 29, and as far south as the courthouse, effectively destroying downtown LaBelle.

However, the concerns for Main Street, currently a recognized oak tree canopy street, becoming a southbound truck route are gone. Main will be a NO TRUCK roadway and when the project is complete the designation of rte 29 will be ONLY on Bridge Street.

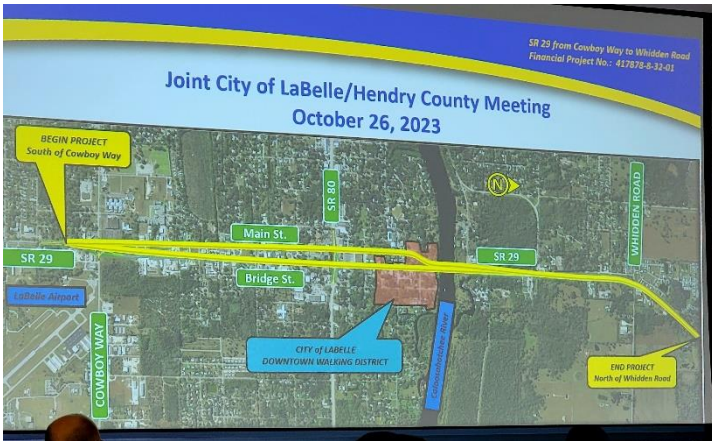
Many drivers are not used to roundabouts and prefer traffic lights. However, the engineers here convincingly shared that roundabout of several sizes a probably in LaBelle's future. Consider the one built recently on rte 29 and rte 82 north of Immokalee. With no stopped vehicles accidents at what was first a stop sign, then a light has been reduced.

Sadly, for the many citizens who were hoping a bypass might be possible to direct all heavy traffic around the city had too many challenges during its review. Not least of which was the need to create 13 miles of new roadway to avoid preserve or wetland habitat. However, FDOT has placed on its schedule a new study in 2029 for such a bypass since growth in traffic flow just may exceed the 2040 estimates being used for this project today.

There was generally good feeling expressed by the end of the meeting with the level of responsiveness and cooperation that has occurred since the last FDOT/Council meeting. As one council member said in a seasonally appropriate sports metaphor, "We've moved the ball forward today."

Here are some of the slides that FDOT brought to illustrate some of the options still being considered, though these are now, with much tweaking yet to be done, the directions each roadway and intersection will probably take:

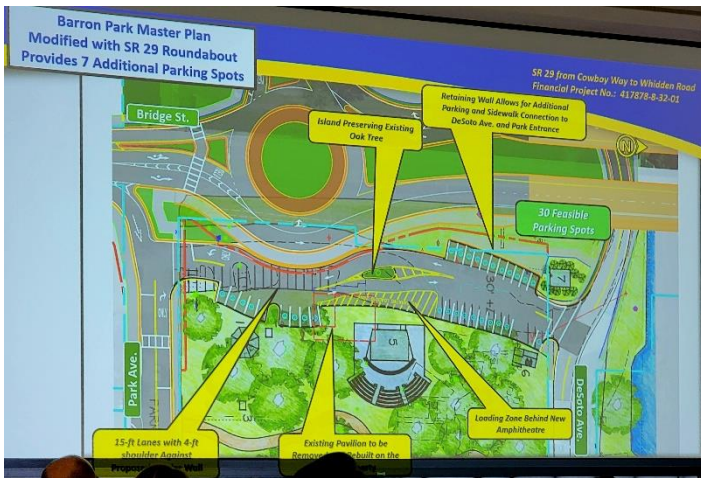
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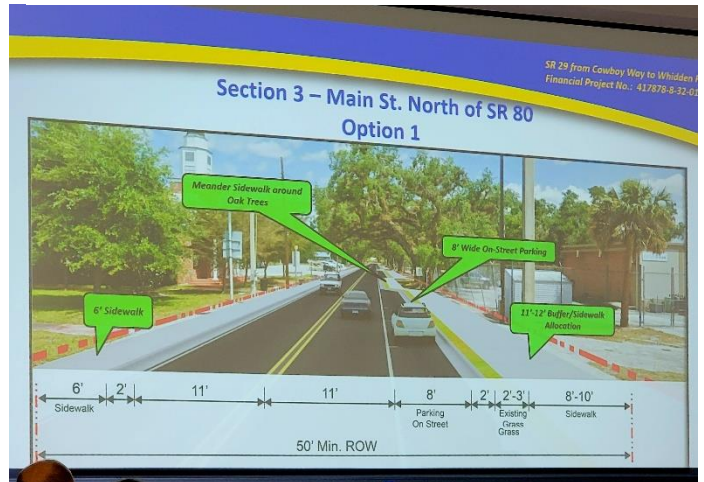
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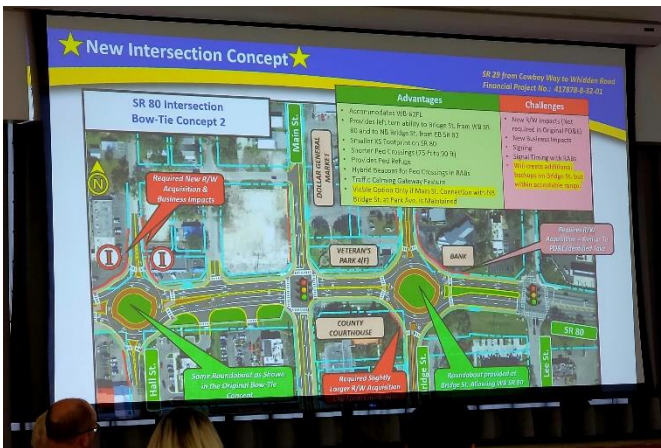
Possible Bridges, new roadways and roundabout



Possible new roadway through Barron Park



Possible configuration of Main Street



Possible Rte 80 intersections near courthouse



Possible Cowboy Way and Rte 29 Intersection



FORT MYERS HIGH SCHOOL
— *presents* —

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY



Fort Myers High School JROTC Program
cordially invites you and your family to
attend our ceremony honoring those who
have served

Wednesday, November 10, 2023

9:10AM

Fort Myers High School Auditorium

2635 Cortez Blvd, Fort Myers, FL

33901

RSVP by Monday, November 6 to Johnfde@leeschools.net

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Caloosa Humane Center 1200 Pratt Blvd, LaBelle

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.



South Florida Wildlands Association

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

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



ALVA HAS A **BUY NOTHING** FACEBOOK PAGE!

This page is all about getting rid of stuff you don't need/want & helping others in the community!

You can press and hold the QR Code & It will take you straight to our page!

Feel free to join & share with your neighbor. Here's the link also:

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/607856844854663/?ref=share&mibextid=OjTNLd>





From Lee County Sheriff's Office

Our county is growing and, with that growth comes an increase in the number of vehicles, more pedestrians, additional cyclists, and construction to alter, repair and improve roadways.

All the aforementioned variables are capable of compromising pedestrian safety...especially for children walking to and from school and/or bus stops.

Everyone is seemingly rushing to get somewhere...school, work, appointments. All too many of us have our eyes focused on our cellular devices, have headphones/earphones and are simply not paying appropriate attention to all that is occurring around them.

While most reading this message are adults, we believe that our many years of street crossing and neighborhood walking makes us immune to these types of accidents.

This couldn't be farther from the truth.

Let's begin by remaining alert. If there is no sidewalk, please walk on the left side of the road facing traffic. Walk as far from the roadway as possible and reasonable.

Stop signs and red lights do not guarantee that a vehicle will stop. Do not assume that a vehicle will abide by traffic laws/signs. Attempt to make eye contact with the driver and, in an abundance of safety, always yield to oncoming vehicles.

Exit vehicles, whenever possible, from the passenger side.

Pedestrians and cyclists should exercise additional caution in areas of road construction as traffic patterns change during the construction and drivers may become confused or disoriented.

Crossing major roadways can be perilous. Vehicles are moving at higher speeds, may have blind spots created by large trucks and, when turning, may not see a pedestrian jutting out from behind a parked vehicle or landscaping. These hazards increase exponentially during the dark of night.

Time spent discussing these matters with school-aged children is time well spent. While they may feel insulted when you broach this subject as they are "grown up" and "know how to cross a street," please remind them that even adults are susceptible to these sorts of tragedies.

"Season" will soon be upon us; more people, more vehicles, more congestion. Let's all be alert and cautious as we approach the holiday season.

Arts of the Inland
LABELLE GALLERY AND CULTURAL CENTER
ART CLASSES!
NOVEMBER 4

DURING THE SHOP DOWNTOWN MARKETS!

Yoga in the Park

YOGA
 With *Katie Bee*

Barron Park Gazebo
 -
 Classes Start at 9am

Shop Downtown Market Mornings

Hotspot Nutrition
MEGA WORKOUT

NOVEMBER 4TH @ 9:00AM
 IN THE SHOP DOWNTOWN OUTDOOR MARKET
 DESOTO AVE & BARRON PARK

ALL YOU WILL NEED TO BRING IS...
 • WATER
 • GOOD ENERGY
 • AND A FRIEND

OPEN TO ALL FITNESS LEVELS

WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE TRAINING WITH CHRIS
 BARRON LIBRARY
 10AM TO 12PM

PROTECT YOURSELF

FIRST CLASS
NOV 4TH
 10:00-12:00
 SHOP DOWNTOWN OUTDOOR SATURDAY MARKET

\$25 PER PERSON

CALL 863-675-0833 TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT
 SPACE IS LIMITED

BARRON LIBRARY
 at the LaBelle Barron Park



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CANDLEMAKING CLASSES
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Book Today!

10:30 AM
 DURING THE SHOP DOWNTOWN OUTDOOR SATURDAY MARKET

Senior Technology Class

Free Technology Workshop & One-on-one Cell Phone help.

Class is free and open to the public.
 Please call us @ the number below to pre-register.

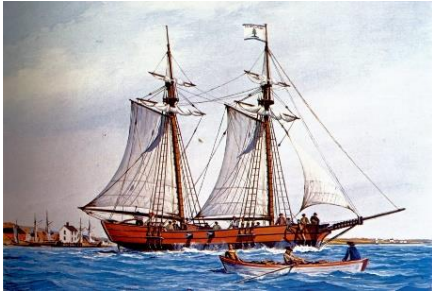
Hosted by Barron Library, 461 N. Main St. LaBelle, FL 33935
 Phone: 863-675-0833
 Email: barronlibrary.2013@gmail.com

WEEKLY SCHEDULE
 All Classes start @ 11:00 AM

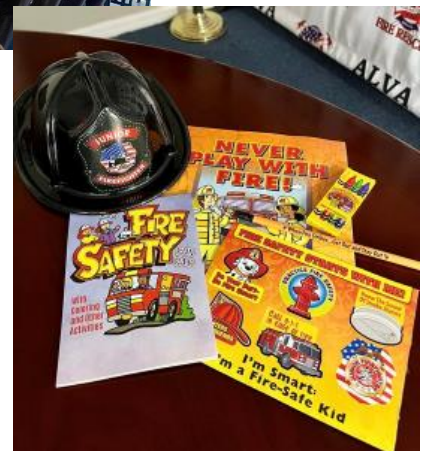
- ★ Thursday, October 5th
 Smartphone Basics
 - Call/Text
 - FaceTime/Google Duo
 - Contacts
 - Pictures/Videos
 - Wi-Fi
- ★ Thursday, October 12th
 Social Media
- ★ Thursday, October 19th
 Advanced Features
 - GPS
 - Email
 - Web Browser
 - Apps
 - Updates
- ★ Thursday, October 26th
 Medical Care
 - Telehealth
 - GoodRx
- ★ Thursday, November 2nd
 Extra Credit
 - Scams
 - SS, Tax & Medicare

USS Hannah Chapter,
Alva, Florida,

<https://usshannahnsdar.org/>



The Alva District's Firefighters and Paramedics educated children on the importance of having a family fire safety plan, when to call 911 and exactly how gear protects our firefighters.



NOVEMBER IS Diabetes Awareness Month

Sponsored by the FGCU Senior Nursing Students

WHAT IS DIABETES?

Normally, when you eat, your body breaks down food into sugar. When that sugar is released into the blood, the pancreas creates insulin to help transfer the sugar into the cells.

In the case of diabetes, these cells stop responding to the insulin, and the sugar stays in the blood.

Over time, this can damage blood vessels, and lead to damage in the body, especially the eyes, limbs, kidneys, and heart.

While diabetes can be managed with medication and diet, there is ultimately no cure for diabetes.

Blood tests like fasting blood sugar and A1C can diagnose diabetes and be done at your doctor's office or clinic!

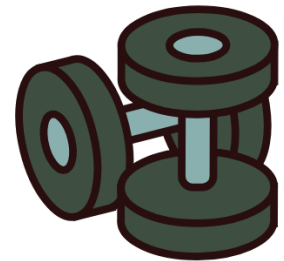


SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS:

- Increased peeing
- Extreme thirst
- Extreme Hunger
- Losing weight without Trying
- Blurry Vision
- Numb Feeling in Legs and Feet
- Feeling tired

HOW TO PREVENT DIABETES:

- Maintaining a Healthy Weight
- A Healthy Diet
- 150 Minutes of Exercise a Week
- 6-8 Hours of Sleep
- Stress Management



HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

Contact your primary care provider to find out more information!

<https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/index.html>

FORT MYERS EAST ROTARY CLUB



We meet every Wednesday at 7:30 AM at the Cracker Barrel at I-75 (Exit 141) and Palm Beach Boulevard. Contact Ellen Erickson at 239-218-4789 to learn how you can be a part of this long-standing service and fellowship club.

Fort Myers East Rotary Club
PO Box 50026 Fort Myers, FL 33994



Annual Turkey Shoot Fundraising Event

Saturday
November 4th
10 AM—2 PM

Lee County Fosse Arena
17401 Palm Creek Drive

SPONSORSHIPS:

- GOLD:** Lane sponsorship sign, logo on advertising materials, display your banner at event \$500
- SILVER:** Lane sponsorship sign, logo on advertising materials \$250
- BRONZE:** Lane sponsorship sign \$100

GUN RAFFLE
50/50 DRAWING

Bring your own shotgun or use ours!
Family Friendly Event

\$5/ shot \$4/shot for Veterans 5 shots for \$20

Supporting Hurricane Relief Efforts
Supporting our local schools, FFA & 4H Program through Student Scholarships and Literacy Projects

Have Questions? Email fortmyerseastrotary@gmail.com



Alva Methodist Church will again ...

Help them collect HUNDREDS of NEW TOYS for families all over Northeastern Lee County!

200 children were served last year!



21440 Pearl St. P.O Box 96, Alva, FL 33920

Alvamc@embarqmail.com

www.ouralvachurch.org 239-728-2277

Toytown donations can be made via marked envelopes brought to the church office Mon-Thurs 9am-3pm. Money, new toys or gently used toys will be accepted including bicycles.

Families must sign up for DISTRIBUTION DAY by Dec. 4th with Mrs. Lynn at the AMC Food Pantry. Distribution day is Dec. 13th 9am-noon in the Fellowship Hall.



**The Alva Library
Museum**
**21420 Pearl St, Alva, FL
33920**



Public Library, Alva

Originally a public library built in 1909, it now serves as a museum of artifacts from the original settlers of Alva.

The library-museum Board is making the building available as small group venue for parties, clubs, etc.

THE LIBRARY IS OPEN FOR FREE TOURS
Every Saturday between 10am and 2pm

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

Grant Fichter is overseeing the museum for the board.

Come on out and check out the Alva Museum this Saturday between 10-2, cool off in the AC and check out some of those long-lost treasures. Also, if you have some Alva area history to share bring it by and let us look at it.

**Calling all
Crafters & Creators**


Are you interested in being a vendor at our
upcoming FREE Community Bluegrass, Craft
Fair and Food Truck Event?

Sat. NOVEMBER 4th 12-4 pm on the Field

**Email Jen: jbunt@egracechurch.com for more
information**



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EXCELLENCE.

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The Alva Fire Control District is Seeking Firefighter Applicants

The Alva Fire Control District is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Firefighter/EMT. The individual should demonstrate good moral character and judgement, be able to handle high pressure situations and display effective problem solving and leadership skills. The Alva Fire Department continually strives to provide a caring, courteous and a highly competent Fire and Rescue Emergency Service. We service over 39 square miles of predominantly rural development, approximately 3,200 residents and encompass numerous miles of the Caloosahatchee River. Experience preferred. The Alva Fire Control District has a tobacco and drug free workplace environment.

Minimum Application Requirements:

1. Florida Bureau of Fire Standards and Training Certification
2. Valid Florida Motor Vehicle License & Good Driving Record
3. Clean Criminal History
4. Current State of Florida EMT Certification
5. AHA CRP/BLS Provider

Required Documents:

You must present a copy of the following documents with the application:

1. Florida State Firefighter Certificate
2. Current Florida Motor Vehicle License
3. Current State of Florida EMT Certificate
4. AHA CPR/BLS Provider

To Apply:

Please forward a current resume and application to Chief Kuhn at bkuhn@alvafirecontrol.org or drop-off your resume to Station 121, 2660 Styles Rd., Alva, Florida 33920 between the hours of 9 AM - 4 PM. Applications can be picked up and delivered to Station 121.

The process consists of an application, written test and oral interview. Any applicant offered a conditional offer must be able to pass a physical exam, background check and a drug test. For any questions contact the Alva Fire Department at 239-728-2223

Applications will be accepted until 4 PM on April 22nd.



**VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTER**

**WHAT IF YOU
CALLED FOR HELP...**



**...AND NO ONE
CAME?**

Introducing ACA Special Enrollment: A Unique Opportunity for Healthcare

Discover the remarkable benefits of ACA Special Enrollment Period (SEP), a distinctive program designed to provide individuals with an exceptional opportunity to secure healthcare coverage. This initiative aims to ensure that every individual has access to the healthcare they need, regardless of their circumstances.

Can I still get Health Coverage?

QUALIFYING LIFE EVENTS

You have a 60 day enrollment window before or after date of event to be eligible for a special enrollment period.

ACA Special Enrollment offers a lifeline to those who may have missed the traditional open enrollment period or experienced a significant life event that necessitates a change in their healthcare coverage. This program recognizes that life can be unpredictable, and it strives to bridge the gap between these unforeseen circumstances and the essential healthcare services individuals require.

Unlike traditional enrollment periods, ACA Special Enrollment allows individuals to enroll in a healthcare plan outside of the designated timeframe. This flexibility is crucial, as it acknowledges that life events such as marriage, divorce, the birth of a child, or the loss of a job can significantly impact an individual's healthcare needs. By offering this unique opportunity, ACA Special Enrollment ensures that individuals can adapt their coverage to align with their current circumstances.

Moreover, ACA Special Enrollment Period emphasizes inclusivity and accessibility. It recognizes that everyone deserves access to quality healthcare, regardless of their income level or pre-existing conditions. This program eliminates the barriers that may prevent individuals from

obtaining the coverage they need, ensuring that healthcare remains a fundamental right for all.

To take advantage of ACA Special Enrollment, individuals simply need to explore their options and select a plan that suits their specific needs. By providing a range of plans from various providers, this program empowers individuals to make informed decisions about their healthcare coverage. Whether it's finding a plan that caters to chronic conditions, mental health services, or preventive care, ACA Special Enrollment offers a diverse array of options to cater to every individual's unique requirement.

In conclusion, ACA Special Enrollment is a groundbreaking initiative that revolutionizes access to healthcare coverage. By offering flexibility, inclusivity, and a wide range of options, this program ensures that individuals can secure the healthcare they need, precisely when they need it. Embrace this exceptional opportunity and take control of your healthcare journey with ACA Special Enrollment Period. Call us: 1.866.547.2793 or visit www.EnrollSWFL.com to set up an appointment.





The ALVA GARDEN CLUB

Each month we have special speakers presenting interesting and relevant information. We also plan field trips that enhance our knowledge and inspire good garden practices.

Membership in the Alva Garden Club is still only \$10 per person. We meet in the Alva Methodist Church Fellowship Hall the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1 pm.

Everyone is welcomed to join or simply attend the meetings as guests!

Nancy Hetrick Lee reports, via FACEBOOK:

Had a quick workday at the Lippincott Courtyard at the ALVA SCHOOL a week ago.

Everything is nice and lush and green. Some trimming, weed pulling, straightening. Nice to see the school is keeping the lawn and edging under control. When it cools down we'll get some new mulch, etc. to spiff it up even more.

Mrs. Lippincott and her students have added pots of vines on the fences to attract butterflies.

Easy to see from outside the fence. Go for a walk sometime and check it all out.



The Alva Garden Club also invites EVERYONE to these local events!



2021 Annual Show Winner by Richard Owens



THE BONSAI SOCIETY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

41ST ANNUAL BONSAI SHOW & SALE

**EXHIBIT OF BONSAI TREES, SALES,
DEMONSTRATIONS AND WORKSHOPS.**

**November 4-5, 2023
Saturday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM-3:00 PM**

FREE ADMISSION

**Free Parking on Larchmont St.
Ft. Myers-Lee County Garden Council
Berne Davis Park
Just North of
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Fort Myers, FL 33901**

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Alva Garden Club met October 17, 2023 at the Alva Methodist Church

Youths and Adults **EXPERIENCE ARCHERY**



Lee County Archers welcomes youngsters, adults, individuals, and families, to experience and enjoy this exciting and emerging sport. An affordable individual or family membership fee provides full range access 24/7. Non-members are also welcome on Thursdays and Saturdays, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, for an introduction to the range and/or the basics of archery.

Join us at **Lee County Archers**, where skilled instructors and top-notch facilities await the adventurous. Become a part of our welcoming community.

Visit our website www.LeeCountyArchers.com for more information! Or...

scan the QR Code below.



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by Joseph Kesselring

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Fort Myers CAMERA CLUB

Photographers at all levels of ability throughout Lee County are invited to the regular bi-monthly meetings of the Fort Myers Camera Club. Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month (from November 1 to April 3) from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Meetings are held at the All Faiths Church, 2736 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers. Annual dues for membership are \$30. Novices are welcome and mentoring is available. Various speakers at the meetings cover topics such as critiquing, competition, and instruction.

See ftmyerscc.com website or email carolheff23@gmail.com for additional information about the Camera Club.

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A bit of ALVA History

Some of the History of Charleston Park, Alva, FL

(By Alice Washington, recorded about 2001)



Charleston Park derived its name from the original owner's Charles and Jennie Riggins, who purchased these 44 acres to sell to black people, not to be prejudicial, but that black people could own their own land. Most everyone came from one Southern Plantation or the other.

My family was stolen by night by our eldest brother, who had run away years before. I remember how afraid my mom was, fearing we would get caught leaving. If you ask just about any person how your family got here. They'd probably tell you a story about how they slipped away from a plantation owner or a Migrant crew leader to

freedom in Charleston Park. Much history is here.

The first lots were sold to Charles and Venus Smith, whose children and grandkids yet live on the homestead property. Five generations are here. Charleston Park was also a seasonal migrant camp site for about fifty years where seasonal migrant farm workers coming during the winter vegetable season and left and return the next winter to work the farms around here. We have many that upon retirement made C P their home.

We as kids learned to work by being sent out on these migrant buses to pick tomatoes on the weekends. I, along with many of those kids, now seniors, rode for hours, leaving about 4:30 in the morning, and getting back about 8 pm, just like the migrants around here now do., to pick whatever vegetables are in season. Many of the farms are still in operation today.

Places like Felda, Immokalee, Labelle, Belleglade, and as far away as Ruskin, near Tampa. As kids our parents worked the old Hydroponics Farm at the extreme southeast end of Joel Blvd. many walking to get a day's work. Until in the early sixties Yoder Bros Mum co. out of Barberton Ohio opened. 90% of women in C P got jobs at the new Yoder Bros. farm harvesting mums and Azaleas. Now men with families who came from one plantation or the other got construction jobs working paving streets in Lehigh Acres.

Most of our now aged seniors worked for one or the other of these construction companies. Crabtree, or Burnip and Sims. They still now tell us stories about the biggest Rattle Snakes and longest Coach Whips anyone has ever seen while clearing out the palmettos, as they cleared to build the roads, where the snakes lived. These stories make your hair curl and cause you to watch where you step, even now in Lehigh.

The only reason I didn't move to Lehigh is because of the size of the rattlers I saw crossing the roads as I commuted back and forth to Immokalee for ten years as a social worker for HRS. They changed my mind in a hurry.

The first and only paved black top road was built in the early sixties, and it ran from one end to the other end of C P, with little sand trails branching off to the east side. Solomon Dr., Railroad Ave, where a railroad ran straight through East to West Look at our map and see the railroad that ran through C P.

Now 1st street has one side where sandy trails branched off and we lived, most in old homemade houses, others in small camper trailers, here and there. Now Mrs. Martha Pashall had a trailer campground, and many families rented from her up until the Nineties, when she retired. Many old one room shanties built by the family that live in it, like Mr. Cooper, Papa Charles Smith, Mrs. Narsisse Purdue, Carrie Simmons, and many others. In the late fifties Jim Walter and Mid State homes began building homes on these 50 ft wide lots and many of them are still barely standing today, like Mrs. Rose Copeland, Aunt Tunie,

Mrs. Georgia Davis, the owners, told me they would meet the builder for the signing of the papers at their lot and sit on whatever they could find to do the contract, leave, and go back to wherever until the house was framed and they had to put in the bathroom, plumbing, sheetrock, and doors. All they got was a shell, with a top. Many claim they stayed in the houses without windows and doors until they got done.

Also cement block house was built in the 60's too, like the Jonas and Becky Jackson, Abraham Woods, Rose Bryant, John Henry Swan, and these houses are now lived in by others, like Frank Neal is in the original Swan's house, Jeanette Smith is in the Johnnie Jenkins, Mr. Wheeler house, Betty Smith in Mrs. Little bit and Trey house, Ms. Ollie is in Abraham Woods old house, and others are yet being lived and all have been Rehabbed, I think.

Then in the middle 1960's Farmer's Home Administration, using VISTA workers started the Self-Help Housing Program, like Habitat for Humanity where the owners must put in sweat equity, but when we got our houses, we had to work all day and then get to one of the houses, whoever house we were to work on that evening. Nine houses were built by the residents, themselves, only directed by the VISAT workers. It was hard.

Many of the original owners are yet living in the houses they built, like Jesse Russ, Melvin Lawson, and the Babb's. The VISTA workers lived in the community right with us, and built a little house for themselves, and Robert and Ruth Russ been living in it since the VISTA volunteers left. Their name was simply John and Mary. I really would like to contact them, so if anyone can help me with this, call me. I just wanna say thanks to them for what they did for us. Yes, I too live in one of those self-help houses.

Then in the mid-eighties Lee County Housing Authority built a Forty Unit apartment complex for the low income and agricultural workers. In the middle nineties, Habitat brought in 5 of the old Green Forestry houses rehabbing them, and selling them to various residents. Ella Xmas, Tres Thomas, Carrie Spearman, and Joe Redmond. Then I Lee County Housing built three homes, Alice Neal, Emma Smith, and Bertha Wright, and they are still occupied.



We have five churches and 6 streets. We've had Boys and Girls Club, Girl and Boy Scouts, Parks and Recreation afterschool Program Senior Friendship hot meal program, Dr. Ella Piper companion program, United Way House, LCHS. We host a monthly CPNA Board meeting once per month on the 2nd Monday night at 6:30 pm.

CPNA was established in 1992 AS A 501 C 3, after the 1ST organization, called C P Improvement association ended. In 1995 I was persuaded by the late patriot Nettie Roundtree, who convinced me to volunteer as secretary for their board, and later in 1999 via a grant thru HUD and with the assistance of LCHS I was stipend as a resident coordinator to bring resources to the community, assist the CPNA board by becoming their liaison between C P and various service agencies.

We have an honorary mayor Burdie Baker, Drugs was rampant out here in the 70's, 80's and part of the 90's with drug dealers blatantly selling on the street, in front of the kids, and any and everybody that wanted to buy or look at them. We did not have policing, and that was great for the dealers, but in 1996 I saw a drug deal involving a child, and then the battle was on. With help from CPNA, LCHS, Sheriff Dept. The kids & I began by joining in on National Safe Night Out, marching around the community chanting 'down with dope and up with hope, which we host the 1st Friday in October.



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Nov. 15, 2023	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	LaBelle CDC - Goodletts 91 S Lee St. La Belle, FL 33955	Navigator Staff Ph: 1-866-547-2793
Nov. 30, 2023	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Sebring Public Library-Conference room 519 W Center Ave Sebring FL 33870	Navigator Staff Ph: 1-866-547-2793
Dec. 7, 2023	11:00 am – 3:00 pm	Behavioral Health Conference Room 2nd floor 1900 Brother Goheen Way, Sarasota, FL 34236	Navigator Staff Ph: 1-866-547-2793
Dec. 14, 2023	10:00 am – 1:00 pm	Meet the Deadline 2023 HHS/FHSA Health Fair Innovative CareerSource 750 5th St. Immokalee, FL 34142	Navigator Staff Ph: 1-866-547-2793
Dec. 20, 2023	11:00 am-3:00 pm	Shannon Stubb Library Conference Room 4675 Career Ln, North Fort, FL 34289	Navigator Staff Ph: 1-866-547-2793
Dec. 28, 2023	10:15 am – 3:00 pm 11:00 am – 3:00 pm	A Virtual Enrollment Anywhere in Southwest Florida	Navigator Staff Ph: 1-866-547-2793
Jan. 4, 2024		William H. Jersey Jr. Venice Library Conference Room 200 Nokomis Ave. S. Venice, FL 33595	Navigator Staff Ph: 1-866-547-2793
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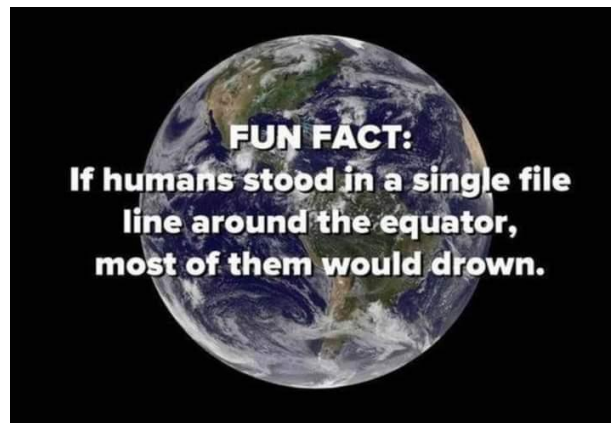
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Lee County Conservation 20/20 manages over 50 preserves spread throughout Lee County, including within the boundaries of most cities. These preserves combined total nearly 30,000 acres.

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:

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- If you choose a refund, the refund must go back to the original form of payment. The merchant can't give you a gift card or store credit.

The Rule requires that when a merchant advertises merchandise, there must be a reasonable basis for stating or implying that the merchandise can be shipped within a certain time. If the merchant makes no shipment statement, they must have a reasonable basis for believing that they can ship within 30 days. That is why direct marketers sometimes call this the "30-day Rule."

"Reasonable basis" means that the merchant has, at the time of making the representation, such information as would under the circumstances satisfy a reasonable and prudent businessperson, acting in good faith, that the representation is true.

If, after taking the customer's order, the merchant learns that they cannot ship within the stated time or within 30 days, the merchant must seek the customer's consent to the delayed shipment. If they cannot obtain the customer's consent to the delay -- either because it is not a situation in which the merchant is permitted to treat the customer's silence as consent and the customer has not expressly consented to the delay, or because the customer has expressly refused to consent -- the merchant must, without being asked, promptly refund all the money the customer paid for the unshipped merchandise.

The "clock" on the merchant's obligation to ship or take other action under the Rule begins as soon as they receive a "properly completed" order. An order is properly completed when the merchant receives the correct full or partial (in whatever form they accept) payment, accompanied by all the information needed to fill the order. Payment may be by cash, check, money order, the customer's authorization to charge an existing account (including one the merchant created for the customer), the customer's application to the merchant for credit to pay for the order, or any other method.

It is irrelevant when the merchant posts or deposits payment, when checks clear, or when the merchant's bank credits their account. The clock begins to run when the merchant receives a properly completed order.

The Rule was originally issued in 1975 and covered mail and phone-based purchases. It was officially amended in 2014 to cover internet purchases and to clarify the merchant's obligation for providing refunds and refund notices to buyers.

To learn more about your consumer rights, visit [Consumer Rights and Responsibilities](#) at [FloridaConsumerHelp.com](#) or read [What To Do if You're Billed for Things You Never Got](#), [or You Get Unordered Products](#) and [How To Evaluate Online Reviews](#).



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Southwest Florida Cooking by
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Florida Style Roast Turkey

Ingredients

- 1 turkey
- 3 Florida oranges, halved
- 1 cup Florida honey
- 1 cup Florida orange juice
- 2 lemons, halved
- 2 limes, halved
- 1-2 gallons warm water
- 4 cups ice
- 1 cup sea salt
- Fresh herbs (sage, rosemary, basil and
- 2 dried bay leaves
- 1 stick butter, room temperature
- Butcher's twine
- Sea salt and fresh ground pepper, to taste



thyme)

Brine

In a large container or cooler, prepare the brine by combining the warm water, orange juice, one cup of sea salt, honey, bay leaves and fresh citrus.

Whisk until the honey and salt are dissolved and add ice to cool the mixture.

Place the turkey in the brine for 12 to 24 hours. Keep it cool by storing it in the refrigerator, or if you are using a cooler, continually add ice to keep it cold.

To cook the turkey, remove it and dry the skin thoroughly. Discard the brine.

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Turkey

Preheat the oven to 325 °F (or follow package instructions).

Using your (clean) hands or a barbecue brush, cover the turkey with softened butter.

Generously season turkey outside and inside with salt and pepper. Place fresh herbs inside the turkey and tie the legs together with butcher's twine (so that the turkey will cook evenly).

Roast turkey according to package instructions, basting every 30 to 60 minutes, or until a digital food thermometer reads 165 °F. You can also use a Turkey roasting bag which will self-baste. Follow bag instructions for timing.

Remove from the oven and allow the turkey to rest for at least 20-30 minutes before carving.



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How to Register:

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Edwin.Melendez@FLhealth.gov

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- G**ive reassurance and information.
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- E**ncourage self-help and other support strategies.



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Grace UMC, Fort Myers Shores

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

CALL to RESERVE your FOOD

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Every week, Friday, 10am-2pm

ALVA Methodist Church

Food Pantry @ Bethany House

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

239-728-2277

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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 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

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Alva, FL, 33920 239-770-4974

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Fort Myers, FL 33905

www.buckinghampc.org

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Alva, FL, 33920

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Alva, FL 33920 239-728-5440

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17750 Palm Beach Blvd, Alva, FL 33920

239-368-3270

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Alva, FL 33920

CalvaryChurchSwfl@yahoo.com

www.calvarynations.org 239-728-5566

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2790 Joel Blvd, Alva, FL, 33920

www.alvabaptist.com 239-728-2034

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www.blcefml.org 239-694-3878

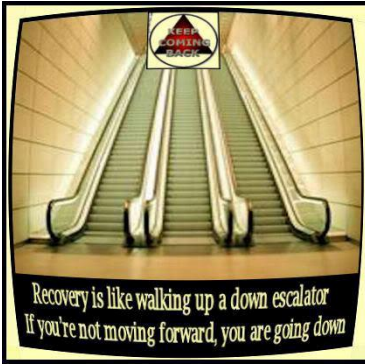
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2364 South Olga Drive

Fort Myers, FL 33905

www.olgabaptist.org 239-694-2012

olgabapch1@embarqmail.com



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, 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



Important Phone Numbers & Websites

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AGENCY	NORMAL BUSINESS	EMERGENCY
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	
Cape Coral Emergency Management	239-573-3022	911
Cape Coral Police Department (non-emergency)	239-574-3223	911
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	
Fort Myers Police Department	239-321-7700	911
Lee County Animal Services	239-533-7387	239-533-7387
Lee County Emergency Information Hotline / United Way 211	239-433-2000	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	239-477-1000	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
Sanibel Police Department	239-472-3111	911
Traffic Conditions in Florida (Current)	511	511
United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades & Okeechobee Counties	239-433-2000	211

AGENCY	WEB ADDRESS
Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)	www.ready.gov/cert
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
American Sign Language Preparedness Videos	www.leegov.com/publicsafety/emergencymanagement/plan
StormReady	www.weather.gov/stormready/

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March through November – join us for an ECO RIVER TOUR where we leave from Sweetwater Landing Marina on SR 31 in Fort Myers and travel eastbound on the Caloosahatchee River through the original river course (oxbows) learning of the history of the area. Travel through the W.P. Franklin Locks and then return to the marina after a lovely 2-hour narrated cruise.



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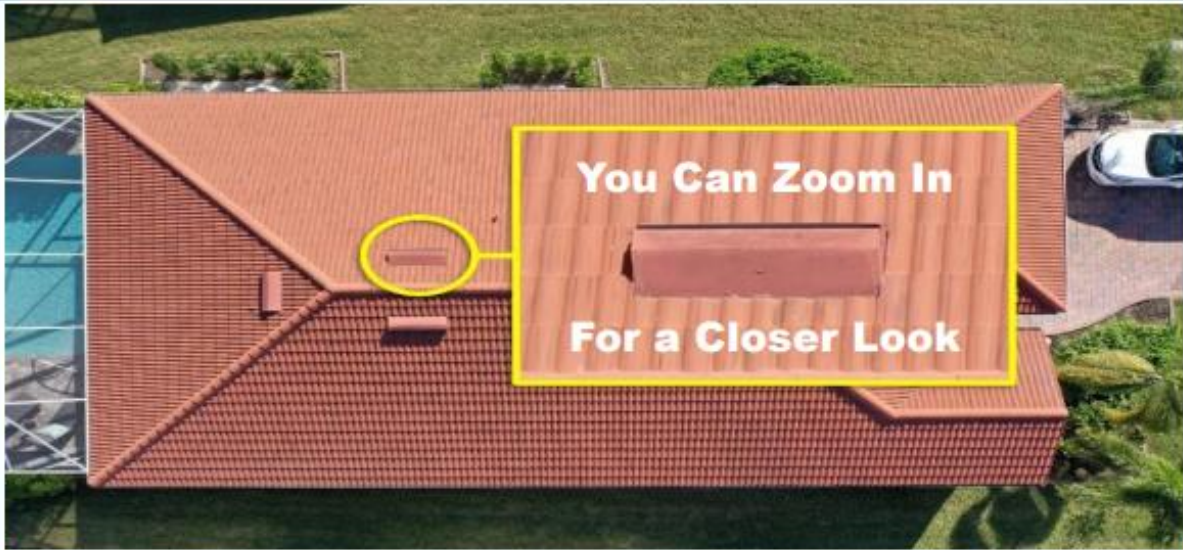
Join us for a sunset cruise from Sweetwater Landing Marina going westbound on the Caloosahatchee River. A nice spread of hors d'oeuvres is provided along with water and soda. You are welcome to bring your own beverage if you'd like. Enjoy a leisurely cruise on the Caloosahatchee, watch the birds come into rest for the night and enjoy the spectacular southwest Florida sunsets!



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We started as an informational platform, and turned into an ecosystem of diverse projects in the civil sector, economy, diplomacy, and welfare.

Initiated by Global Shapers Hubs in Ukraine (Kyiv, Lviv), and supported by the Global Shapers Community and the World Economic Forum.

<https://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/maui-strong>

Hawai'i Community Foundation

DONATE TO THE MAUI STRONG FUND



The Maui Strong Fund is providing financial resources that can be deployed quickly, with a focus on rapid response and recovery for the devastating wildfires on Maui.

HCF will not be collecting a fee for donations to the Maui Strong Fund; 100 percent of the funds will be distributed for community needs.

<https://fortmyers.org/resources/hurricane-information/>

Hurricane Ian

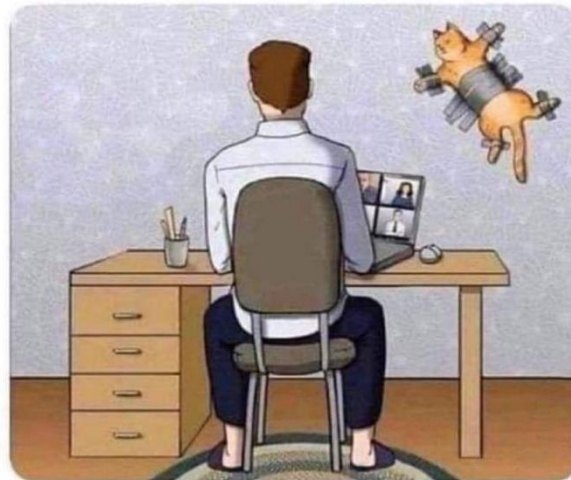
The Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce seeks to provide solutions and strengthen our local economy following Hurricane Ian. Please complete our Business Damage Assessment Form, which you will find below along with numerous hurricane-related resources. This includes important articles, volunteer/donation opportunities, emergency information, FAQs and more.

Wildfires are EVERYWHERE in North America, Europe, Africa...everywhere this year. What can you do to help people dealing with the loss of homes, loved ones, entire communities?

<https://www.redcross.org/donate/donation.html/>



How to prepare for a Zoom meeting





Is MSF providing medical care in Israel?

MSF does not currently run medical programs in Israel. This is because we focus on filling the greatest gaps in health care, and Israel has strong emergency and health systems. MSF has offered its support to Israeli hospitals treating large numbers of casualties following attacks by Hamas militants on October 7.

How is MSF helping in Gaza?

MSF's activities in Gaza are currently very limited. We are unable to safely coordinate and run our usual activities. We have made the very difficult decision to move our international medical staff to the south of the Gaza Strip following Israel's evacuation order. Some Palestinian staff have also moved south. However, some of our Palestinian colleagues have remained in northern Gaza, on an individual basis, and continue to offer their support to the wounded under extraordinarily difficult circumstances.

<https://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/get-involved/ways-to-give>

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