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*ALVA PHOTO OF THE MONTH, TY Rick Blake, Nov 14th*

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## FEATURED IN THIS MONTH'S OTR:

*-LOCAL Alva area development: MAJOR Route 31 & bridge project*

*-LOCAL history: MAPS*

*-LOCAL Community services: Fort Myers Shores Rotary turns 50*

*-LOCAL club and organization: Bit by Bit Saddle Club*

*-LOCAL recipe: Seaside Shrimp Cajun Pasta*

*-LOCAL Sports: Ross Chastain wins PHOENIX*



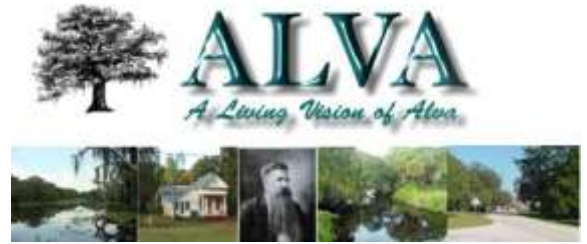
## ALVA INC, At the Alva Community Center.

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**

## ALVA INC hosts Lee County School Board President, and our area representative, Armor Persons, to hear concerns about the proposed new Alva High School



About 60 residents met Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Alva Community Building to discuss the school, and hear several other speakers on local development.

The 100-acre school site is being researched for the Joel Boulevard and Tuckahoe Road intersection on Joel. After the high school would be built for about 3,000 students and teachers a new middle school would be built to house another 1,500 to 2,000 students and staff.

President Persons shared an absolute need for a new school between Lehigh Acres and the Alva and Olga communities. He shared that the Riverdale High School has no way to add more seats or classrooms. If this school is not built only temporary mobile classrooms could be purchased at great rental expense to house the expected 2,000 to 3,000 new students moving into our area with the growth of Babcock Ranch north of Rte 78 (North River Road) and the proposed Neal Community properties on North River Road.

Mr. Persons stated that wherever the school would be built there must be public sewer and water. A unique wells and waste water plant, as the current Alva Elementary & Middle School has, cannot be used. The school board should have involved public input well before developing the Joel Road plan and now spending \$7 million on the yearlong research project. President Persons promised more transparency on this and all projects from now on.



Denise Eberle, one of Alva INC's researchers and whose home ranch is quite close to the proposed site shared several facts she has found to negate this site. There currently are no children and teens in the 'proximity zone', or reasonable distance to possibly walk to school. In fact , there are no current students within two miles of the site.

Armor told us there are no expectations of walking or bicycling students. All are expected to be bussed, some as far as 20 miles or more one way. This at a time when the school board has announced a goal of greatly reducing bussed students, and the need for more drivers.

Public concerns about the location of this school include the wildlife and wetland state of this property now.

A suggestion was made to create smaller schools in more locations instead of massive schools like Riverdale and this site. There was no response from Armor, however one may assume building smaller fully supplied facilities on smaller sites might be good for school and learning morale, and less traffic at each school, the cost of duplicating gyms, auditoriums, cafeterias, etc might outweigh there other values.

A suggestion was made to purchase land available now on Rte 80, Palm Beach Boulevard, east of Alva, to build on. However, the school board has owned the Joel Road land for several years and it has a very low resale value. Donating it to be a 20/20 preserve might be possible, but land cost anywhere else will be high.

Mr. Persons was very gracious as he received and answered concerns and questions for over 30 minutes, then stayed about as long outside the building to talk more with several residents.

He shared also before concluding that the county is in a serious time crunch as new families, not just retirees, are coming here in the hundreds of people every month. Also, the School Board, while having the largest line item in the Lee County Budget is being stretched to near a breaking point. Possibly 16 new buildings will be needed throughout the county in coming years, and as an example, this Joel Road site, upon completion, could cost as much as \$250 million before new busses are purchased and new staff (total approximately 500 teachers, etc) are hired.

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Rock Aboujaoude, resident of Alva, and owner of the Jack's Market in Lehigh Acres on Joel came to present for the second time to Alva INC his plan for the old market building on rte 80 at Styles Road.

His desire for expanded parking, which requires a zoning change for a piece of the property is still pending however, he is continuing to rebuild and improve the building for either a local craft brewery or a second Jack's Market.

Several residents in attendance were very vocal about keeping more access to alcohol of any kind out of the Alva area.

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The proposed Caloosa 80 RV Park at 19190 Palm Beach Boulevard, Alva, FL 33920 was reviewed again by the owner with Alva INC. Lee County recently sent this 'courtesy letter' to area residents explaining the zoning variance and water/sewer connection the owner is seeking from them. 350 transient motor coach or large trailer sites plus 350 permanent (full year or snowbird) sites for a total of 700 are planned.



Add the 192.3 +/- acre subject property to Lee County Utilities Future Water and Sewer Service

Areas as depicted on Maps 4-A and 4-B, respectively. Amend the Future Land Use Map to redesignate approximately 92.71 +/- acres of the subject property from the Rural future land use category to the Sub-Outlying Suburban future land use category. Amend Table 1(b) to accommodate residential development on the subject property.

The only change from the last presentation is the location of 4 small lakes on the property.



**Neal  
Communities  
effort to acquire  
public water and  
sewer access  
after Lee County  
staff  
recommended  
against them**

(Thank you Denise Eberle  
Of Alva INC)

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE  
LEE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN  
(TRANSMITTAL HEARING)**

**This case is continued to January 17, 2024**

The Lee County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider proposed amendments to the Lee County Comprehensive Land Use Plan (Lee Plan) on Wednesday, December 6, 2023. The hearing will commence at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, in the Board Chambers, 2120 Main Street in Downtown Fort Myers. At the hearing, the Board will consider the proposed amendments for transmittal to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity:

CPA2022-00019: Cary+Duke+Povia CPA - Amend the Lee County Utilities Future Water Service Areas Map (Map 4A) and the Lee County Utilities Future Sewer Service Areas Map (Map 4B), to include a 788+/- acre property located on North River Road, approximately 1 mile east of SR 31.

This transmittal hearing is the first step in a two-step public hearing process to amend the Lee Plan. A second hearing will follow the Department of Economic Opportunity's review of the application.

Documentation for the Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment is available at <https://www.lee.gov/dcd/planning/cpa> or at the Department of Community Development located at 1500 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida. This meeting is open to the public. Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed plan amendment. A verbatim record of the proceeding will be necessary to appeal a decision made at this hearing.

It is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners that the provisions of this Comprehensive Plan Amendment may be modified as a result of consideration that may arise during Public Hearing(s). Such modifications shall be incorporated into the final version.

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## One Proposal for a replacement Lee County Civic Center



**One idea for a new Civic Center. Would it be a bit warm in summer?**



*A Southwest Florida nonprofit wants to build an amphitheater where the Lee County Civic Center stands. On April 19, 2023, Florida Weekly posted this interview:*

Bradley Maloney, a founding member of Charity Pros, said the amphitheater would have 8,000 reserved, covered seats and lawn seating for 10,000 more. It would cost \$22 million to build.

Southwest Florida attracts mostly tier 2 acts, he said, but it is growing large enough to bring in the big stars. The amphitheater would be big enough to make that feasible.



Mr. Maloney knows the concert business. The nonprofit's website says he has 20 plus years in entertainment and event management and "an extensive background in fundraising and creating special events, concerts, festivals and live entertainment opportunities."

His pitch for the amphitheater comes as Lee County commissioners are looking at what to do with the 100-acre civic center site now that they've decided not to renew the Southwest Florida Fair Board's management contract.

"It would be great for that location," Mr. Maloney said.

He said the \$22 million would come from fundraising and private partnerships. The only thing the county would need to do is fix infrastructure like the crumbling parking lot.

The charity has an advisory board of local philanthropists, construction professionals and advisers, he said, but can't release the names to the public yet.

"But everybody knows them," he said.

The amphitheater would be a win-win for the county and local charities, he said. Charities would share in ticket sales, concessions, and parking money.

Charity Pro reached out to county commissioners through email last week. He said some commissioners sent the proposal to staff to look at. Commissioner Mike Greenwell, who is the commission's liaison to the civic center, said he heard about the idea but didn't know much more.

The commission will hold public workshops to hear what the community would like to see. "We are sure to look at all options," he said.

**Contact Commissioner Mike Greenwell for more information:** 239-533-2225 dist5@leegov.com



## **Neal Communities INC Tries an end run around Alva & Olga resident groups opposed to their Owl Creek and Duke+Cary+Povia developments.**

The Lee County Legislative Delegation held its annual Lee County public meeting on Monday October 30th at 9:00am at the Florida Southwestern State College. These annual meetings allow constituents of locally elected state officials to comment on proposed legislation that may come before the full state assembly in the next session.

The first item on this agenda was 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.”

A special district 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.

Such a designation would bypass the Lee County Land Use Plan agreed upon by the North Olga Planning Panel and Alva INC several years ago which does not permit the kind of home density the developer wants.

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



According to Derek Felder, a Lee County resident and community government watchdog, “The bill was withdrawn by it’s sponsor, Representative Spenser Roach, due to Legislators not having proper time to review the bill and the HUGE number of emails all the legislators received regarding the matter. I think they were quite surprised by the number of people in attendance at that meeting.” However, this bill is not dead, only being reviewed.

The long-time resident’s advocacy group Alva Inc, and the newer Alva Strong group used multiple social media tools, phone calls, emails and even across the back fence conversations to get the word out about this meeting, since none of their members found out about it’s existence until Friday morning October 27.

Alva INC member, James Kennedy shared that, “It was a win, but there is more to come. It’s really important for people to get involved and understand what is going on. Ours is not an anti-growth zealotry movement, but a demand for smarter growth, and that is really in the best interest of Lee County, and specifically Alva.” It’s very likely this bill will come up again, perhaps with only minor changes.

One of the ‘benefits’ shared in Rep Roaches proposed bill mentioned, “Districts such as Duke Farm are significant local/regional economic development engines. RCLCO’s annual survey of most successful real estate projects in Florida includes several similar districts including Lakewood Ranch, Babcock Ranch, Viera, Wellen Park and Ave Maria.”

However, a very small number of Alva & North Olga residents want their communities to become ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ENGINES. They’d rather be surrounded by groves and cows.

**SEE this OTR, PAGE 4- Round 2 of this attempt**

## FDOT offers Second Open House on Preferred Rtes. 31 & 78 & 80 Reconstruction



On Thursday November 2, 2023 the Florida Department of Transportation brought a dozen or more staff engineers and assistants to the Babcock Ranch School Field House to present the results of their plans thus far for the major changes coming to Route 31, Babcock Road, its bridge across the Caloosahatchee and connections to Route 80 below the bridge and 78 above the bridge.

The project purpose will be to address transportation growth already clogging these highways, make room for pedestrians and bicycles on them and the bridge, and create more regional connectivity especially for hurricane evacuation to meet traffic needs through 2045.

The preferred alternative shown to the quite small crowd gathered to view and offer comments to the video and static presentations includes widening the existing Route 31 from two to six lanes of divided highway, replacing the drawbridge with a high bridge, and reconfiguring the Route 80 and Route 31 interchange.

Planning for the entire project is expected to be complete by spring 2024, with construction at several points to begin shortly thereafter. While the deadline for completion may only be guessed at now, one engineer told me that the hoped-for completion date is sometime in 2030.



The existing Walter Piggot drawbridge will remain until the new high bridge is completed, at which time Route 31 will have been moved to the east of the existing 31 roadway and that roadway will be removed or become a service road for businesses along its path.



During the video presentation we learned that there will be no existing buildings being moved or need for any noise abatement north or south of the bridge. There is also no expected wildlife or sizable wetland disturbance. Reconstruction of Route 31 above Bayshore Road (Route 78) is a separate project and will affect Mike Greenwell’s Crackershack property.

The Caloosahatchee Trail on the north side of the river will be temporarily closed however, the Great Calusa Blueway will not be affected.

All parties realize the tremendous impact this construction will have on the already existing crowded rush hour drive times on Bayshore and Babcock Road, and five years is a long time to wait for improvement. Especially as an additional 5,000 to 8,000 homes and possibly hundreds of square feet of new retail businesses may be built on both the north and south sides of the bridge.

There were no comments shared in opposition to any part of the project, and a general acceptance among the few residents who came out that the homes and businesses will no doubt come, and the traffic may not be much improved with all the new drivers by the end of the project.

Some comments from Babcock Ranch attendees were heard about their hope that a way could be found to place a road from Babcock Ranch to I-75 across the Webb Preserve. Time will tell.

Meanwhile, plan to begin requiring even more time to travel across the river and on North River and Bayshore Roads, beginning possibly by the end of 2024.



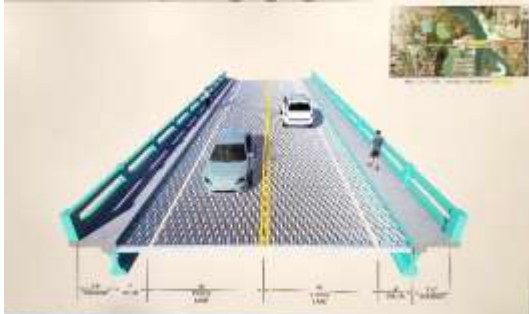
EVALUATION FACTORS	ALTERNATIVE	Preferred Alternative	No-Build
	Roadway	Rebuild SR 31 to 6 Lanes	No Widening
	Bridge	Rebuild Bridge with High-level Deck	No Widening and No Improvements
Interception	Interception at SR 80	No Improvements	
<b>ABILITY TO MEET PURPOSE AND NEED</b>			
Accommodate future traffic demand		✓	✗
Address future deficiencies		✓	✗
Address existing and anticipated mobility deficiencies		✓	✗
<b>POTENTIAL RIGHT-OF-WAY IMPACTS</b>			
Proposed Right-of-Way (ROW) Acquisition		0	0
Proposed Right-of-Way (ROW) Relinquishment		0	0
Proposed Right-of-Way (ROW) Relinquishment		0	0
<b>POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS</b>			
Archaeological Resources Potential		Low	N/A
Wildlands (Wetlands)		0	0
Surface Waters (Wetlands)		0	0
Plantlife (Wetlands)		0	0
Animal (Wetlands) (Wetlands)		0	0
Public Recreation Resources (Wetlands)		0	0
Threatened/Endangered Species Potential		0	N/A
Wetlands		0	0
Comprehensive EIS (Wetlands) (Wetlands)		0	0
<b>(TRAFFIC) OPERATIONAL</b>			
SR 80 Interception Point Ave. Delay/Travel Time (per ALP/UL)		0/ 0/10/5	0/0/10/5
Bridge Opening		No Change	No Change
<b>ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS (2023 \$)</b>			
Right-of-Way for Highway with Structures/Utilities		\$22,700,000	\$0
Architectural		\$1,200,000	\$0
Est. Design and Construction		\$10,000,000	\$0
Construction Engineering and Inspection		\$1,500,000	\$0
Preliminary Estimate of Total Project Cost*		\$35,400,000	\$0

**EVALUATION MATRIX**

SR 31 from SR 80 (Palm Beach Boulevard) to SR 19 (Bayshore Road) Project Development and Environment (P&E) Study. US County: FL. Project/Proposal Number: 44262 - 1.21.21







SR 31 from SR 88 (Palm Beach Boulevard) to SR 78 (Southern Road)  
 Project: Development and Environment (P&E) Study  
 L&E County: FL

SR 31 CROSSOVER  
 LOOKING SOUTH



SR 31 from SR 88 (Palm Beach Boulevard) to SR 78 (Southern Road)  
 Project: Development and Environment (P&E) Study  
 L&E County: FL  
 Internal Project Number: 40762 / 020

BRIDGES AT SR 31/SR 88 INTERSECTION  
 LOOKING NORTHEAST



# What a Way to End the Season!!!

Ross Chastain Wins Phoenix!

“I’m so proud of this team and what we accomplished this season. We are going to enjoy this one. Thank you to all the #MelonMan fans for the amazing support!” -ROSS





## 12 retailers coming to new Babcock Ranch Commercial Center (over 68k sq. ft.)

(TY Business Observer- By Louis Llovio)

No, Babcock Ranch has not moved into Lee County. OH WAIT, part of it has! The new Pulte homes now going in on Rte 31 south of the Charlotte County Line. And this new retail in Charlotte County Babcock, and the proposed new

400k Sq. Ft. retail Mike Greenwell wants to put in along rte 31 in Lee County, is simply the beginning of servicing all the new residents Pulte, Neal, and other developers will be selling former rural land to in Northeast Lee County.

Among the merchants coming to the 18,000-acre self-sustaining, eco-friendly master planned community in Lee and Charlotte counties are Marshalls, Ace Hardware and Five Below. Coming soon will also be Starbucks, Fifth Third Bank, and Fiore + Ela Salon.

When done, it is expected to have 19,500 homes and a population of about 50,000 people.

Bringing commercial offerings to the community is a key part of the plan given that it sits on farmland on Highway 31 on the edges of Lee and Charlotte counties. Downtown Fort Myers is about 45 minutes to the Southwest.



SO LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT. I CAN'T BRING A STICK IN THE HOUSE BUT YOU'RE ALLOWED TO BRING IN A WHOLE TREE?!?



## **Southwest Florida faces water shortage warning due to "moderate drought"**

### ***South Florida Water Management District calls for limited lawn watering during drought***

(TY Liz Freeman- Naples Daily News)

Southwest Florida residents are asked to conserve water usage to avoid mandatory water restrictions because of current drought conditions.

Florida wastes a lot of water on grass and other plants not well-suited to our heat, rain, and seasonal drought. Choosing the right plants can help save water and cost to the homeowner.

The South Florida Water Management District issued a warning Tuesday for Collier and Lee counties asking residents to limit lawn watering and to conserve water usage elsewhere.

Recent rains not enough to make up for huge deficit as parts of SWFL in drought conditions. The region has received 42 inches of rain this year. The shortage has caused water levels in underground aquifers to decline. The aquifers supply most of the water in the region.

If voluntary conservation measures are not enough, the water district could invoke mandatory water restrictions.

Drought monitoring systems show the Southwest Florida coast is facing an "abnormally dry to moderate drought" with rainfall 13 inches below normal, according to the water district.

The water district anticipates water levels in aquifers will continue to decline without significant rainfall during the current dry season that runs from November to May.

"(The water district) is encouraging residents, visitors, and businesses to conserve water and limit irrigation," according to its advisory. "If the voluntary conservation efforts are not enough, the (district) may declare a water shortage and invoke mandatory water use restrictions."

The water district proactively develops long-term water supply plans to monitor, evaluate and identify water sources for its 16-county region.

#### **Residents can use these simple tips to save water both inside and outside their home:**

All landscape irrigation should comply with the allowed days and times as established in your local government's year-round landscape irrigation ordinance. Visit Lawn Watering Restrictions to learn more. During the cooler winter months, lawns do not need to be irrigated as frequently as summer months. Most of the time, one day of irrigation per week is sufficient to maintain a healthy landscape.

Check irrigation timers to ensure settings are correct and rain sensors are working properly. Check irrigation systems to ensure they are working properly and test and repair broken pipes and damaged sprinkler heads.

Fix leaks. Finding and fixing water leaks conserves water, saves money and protects your home from damage.

Avoid washing or cleaning streets, sidewalks, driveways, or other impervious areas with water.

When utilizing water indoors, reduce shower durations, minimize loads of laundry, and only run dishwashers when full.



Landscape the Florida-Friendly Way by planting low maintenance plants using environmentally sustainable practices.

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## Thousands in valuables stolen from Alva barn

( TY WINK NEWS - by Sarah Metts )

Who or what do you have watching your property when you are away? If the answer is 'no one and nothing', you may want to read this article.

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The Lee County Sheriff's Office is investigating a backyard barn burglary that left a family without thousands worth of valuables. The homeowners say it happened while they were out of town.

"How the hell did they know what was there," Brian Morey asked. "We just moved into that house. We had a large garage sale when we first moved in, but other than that, no one has been in that barn."

Morey said the thieves broke in through the barn's back door. They took thousands worth of stuff, including guns, ammunition, tools, lawn equipment, jewelry, cash, and an entire safe.

"This wasn't a one-man job. This wasn't even a two-man job. This took 3-4 people to move this safe," said Morey. "The only reason why that safe wasn't in the house is because it was so large, it weighed over 600 pounds."

Morey said the thieves took many material things but took a sense of security away from them. "I will do what I have to do to protect my family, and if you value my stuff more than your life, so be it," said Morey.

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## Florida panthers continue to lose habitat as SWFL grows

(TY WINK NEWS-Reporter: Amy Galo Writer: Matias Abril)

Pushing Florida panthers out of their habitat and into the paths of vehicles. It seems as Southwest Florida grows; the number of panthers dwindles.

Up until two weeks ago, there were only eight panther deaths reported for 2023, but within days, that number jumped to twelve after multiple car strikes.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation estimates anywhere between 120 to 230, and while losing four in just one week may seem concerning, an expert WINK News spoke to said it's unclear what this means in the long term for the species.

But one thing is for sure: we need to be more vigilant. Four Florida panthers died in one week. All of them were struck by cars. "Nothing moves as fast as a vehicle in a panther's world," said Meredith Budd from Live Wildly.

And for the first time since 2021, two died on the same day.

"It's obviously detrimental to [the] panther population. Collier, Hendry, Glades, Lee County, that is the core breeding habitat for the Florida panther," Budd said.

But Southwest Florida is also a core place for the population growth of humankind. "We have 1,000 people plus moving here every single day, to the state of Florida," Budd said. And with them comes the rapid development of new businesses and homes and, of course, new roads, but these roads directly impact the panther population.

"The immediate cause of mortality is certainly vehicle collision, but when we look at having a stable population and a growing population, what the large threat facing that — in facing recovery — is really habitat loss and habitat fragmentation," Budd said.

This makes it harder for the endangered species to travel safely and grow their numbers. "Without better planning, habitat loss is going to be a huge detriment to recovery," Budd said. Budd said local government should follow in the Florida Department of Transportation's footsteps and prioritize Florida panther crossing locations.

"We need that same forward thinking at the local level, and we need funding for it. We need crossings on both local roads and on state roads," Budd said. Budd said it's essential for drivers to be cautious at night. Panthers are most active around dawn and dusk. If you do hit a panther, you should contact the FWC immediately.





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- 4 Trail/Obstacle
- 5 Timed Fun Class *Can be lead line*
- 6 Gaited Pleasure —W/T
- 7 Gaited Pleasure —W/T/C
- 8 Slow Western Pleasure —W/T
- 9 Slow Western Pleasure —W/T/C
- 10 Ranch Rail Pleasure —W/T
- 11 Ranch Rail Pleasure —W/T/C
- 12 "Timed" Fun Classes...To be determined
- 13 Novice Box Reining/Boxing — Fun pattern work — W/T
- 14 Novice Box Reining/Boxing — Fun pattern work — W/T/C
- 15 W/E Ranch Riding class — pattern—W/T
- 16 W/E Ranch Riding class —pattern—W/T/C
- 17 Basic Western Freestyle Dressage —W/T
- 18 English Rail Pleasure —W/T
- 19 English Rail Pleasure —W/T/C
- 20 English Equitation —on the rail —W/T
- 21 English Equitation —on the rail —W/T/C
- 22 "Timed" Fun Class
- 23 Command Class —W/T
- 24 Command Class —W/T/C
- 25 Fun Class —On Back

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FACEBOOK PAGE  
 Bit by Bit Saddle Club

Contact Adele Smith for more information

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## HISTORY OF BIT BY BIT SADDLE CLUB, INC.

ON THE RIVER – Connecting ALVA Florida NEIGHBORS and NEIGHBORHOODS monthly, online, FREE

Bit by Bit Saddle Club, Inc. is a club that offers 7 horse shows per year. These "for fun" horse shows were started about 15 years ago by a wonderful horse trainer, Sherry Buettner. Sherry was a "big name" trainer in Indiana who retired and moved to Florida. She had been to all the world shows and wanted to offer something fun and affordable for the average horse person. So, she started Extreme Equine Horse shows. Her mission and ours, is to have family-oriented horse shows that are fun and cater to all ages, disciplines, and skill levels.

Sherry retired at the end of show season 2022 and retired the name Extreme Equine. There was a group of us who had been showing with Sherry since the beginning and wanted to keep her mission alive and continue offering horse shows. Eight of us got together as an Advisory Committee and planned our next move. We had no money, no bank account, nothing but our love for Sherry and for horses. The first thing we had to do was come up with a name. After several votes, we picked Bit by Bit Saddle Club, Inc. From there we filed for a corporation and secured our 501c7 non-profit status as a social club.

To raise money we held a raffle, valued at over \$1000, and raised enough money to open our bank account and get the ball rolling. We held our first show in October 2022 (which we dedicated to Sherry's memory) and it was a great success. We held shows once a month from October – April and ended the year with our Pot Luck Awards Party, which was held at Babcock/Webb Preserve. It included a trail ride and sleep over with lots of great food and prizes for our member riders.

In addition to our shows, we hold Pre-show Clinics where the show patterns are set up and rehearsed prior to the show. Our club trainer and judge, Sam Galindo, holds these clinics.

For the year 2023-24, all shows will be held at Lee County Posse Arena. Show dates are:

Nov. 12, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, Feb. 18, Mar. 17, and April 14. See attached Showbill, which lists the variety of classes held at each show. Single membership is \$35/year plus \$50 per show, unlimited classes. Family membership is \$55/year plus \$70 per show, unlimited classes. Ribbons are given to participating riders. Ribbons plus Award Points are given to member riders. You do not have to be a member to ride in the shows. However, you must be a club member to participate in the Pre-show Clinics or accumulate award points.



For more information check out our Facebook page: Bit by Bit Saddle Club, Inc. or email us at [bitbybit338@gmail.com](mailto:bitbybit338@gmail.com)

## **ALVA MUSEUM HOSTED**

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## ALDO IBARRA of Alva

### ‘The Enigma of the JFK Assassination’

On Saturday, October 28th, 2023, Alva, Florida resident Aldo Ibarra stood before a captivated audience in the Alva Museum and delivered a passionate four-hour presentation about the President John F. Kennedy (JFK) assassination that took place nearly six decades earlier in downtown Dallas, Texas.

His son Brandon controlled the Power Point presentation that helped his dad chronologically unravel and present details of the enigma that has shrouded the events of November 22, 1963, a mystery that has gripped the nation for decades.

“I don’t claim to have all the answers,” Aldo said. “I want to make sure that my kids and their kids know as much as possible about a day that changed the course of American History.”

Mr. Ibarra was not even born at the time of that fateful event. However, his presentation included photos, videos, quotes, and references from the many books he has read, that jogged the memory of audience members who were.

A lively and engaging Q&A session followed the presentation that Aldo promised not to be the last. If anyone is interested in attending the next one, or would like to meet and engage in casual informal conversation and discussion about the details of the JFK assassination, contact Richard Erschik by phone or text 630-642-6500 or by email [Richard@RichardErschik.com](mailto:Richard@RichardErschik.com)



### The Alva Museum Presents JOHN BRADY PHOTOGRAPHY and the Food Truck SWEET DRIPS

We are looking forward to Saturday, December 9th, when, from 10am-2pm, we will be hosting an exhibition of John Brady’s outstanding Florida imagery.

John’s work documents and preserves a perspective of Florida that is vanishing. We invite you to visit us for the afternoon and enjoy these scenes.

Featuring high resolution images of the Florida Everglades and beyond. I travel all over the state to document the hidden jungles and prairies of Florida. By visually sharing these places with you, I hope that you will have a better appreciation of the beauty that is Florida and help fight to protect it!

<https://www.timeandlight.com/>



### Now Over 60 Years Since JFK Died

## November 22, 2023, marked the 60-year anniversary of the President John F. Kennedy (JFK) assassination. Alva resident Richard Erschik recaps his memory of that historic event.

(TY Richard Erschik)



As he rode in his limousine along a welcoming parade route, through the streets of downtown Dallas, TX, crowds of onlookers were enthusiastically waving at him as President JFK was shot and brutally murdered along the winding road of Elm Street in Dealy Plaza, on 22 Nov 1963, at 12:30 pm. He was pronounced dead 30-minutes later at Parkland Memorial hospital.

That infamous date and incredible event is burned in my memory and brought back to life when it has been mentioned during the past 60 years, or when I think back about these 2 of my other significant life occurrences that took place in 1963.

1. 6-months before the JFK assassination, I finished my last year at Lane Technical High School in Chicago.
2. 3-months before the JFK assassination, my mother died after her long battle with cancer.

At the time of the JFK assassination, I was 18 years old and working at the Victor Adding Machine company on Irving Park Road on the Northside of Chicago.

At about 12:45pm I was driving a forklift truck from the shipping department to the punch-press department at Victor. It was noisy as I recall my friend Gary Berens (RIP) driving his forklift truck towards mine at a high rate of speed. Over the noise of our forklift truck engines, and the punch-presses, Gary shouted to me, "Did you hear Kennedy was shot?" I looked at him strangely because Victor's shipping department manager's name was Frank Kennedy, and I had just seen him only minutes ago. Gary knew him too, so I shouted back, "Do you mean Frank?" to which Gary replied, "No! The President!"



When I processed what Gary just said, my life flashed before my eyes and my body went numb. I can almost feel it again, now, as I type this.

Life as Americans knew it then, changed on that sad and now infamous day in history.

I recall it was a Friday. The Victor Adding Machine Company and most other companies in the country closed that afternoon for what was to be a long and somber weekend. Schools were all closed. Kids were met by their terrified parents and taken home as the news spread and the country began to react in grief, fear, and anger.

To say the least, it was a sad weekend as the details of the assassination unfolded. The narrative was being shaped by the media. People across-the-country were glued to their radios and TV's. Facts were being reported (or created) very quickly.

That same day, J. Edgar Hoover, the head of the FBI, was already "alleging" that a single gunman named Lee Harvey Oswald was perched in the window of the Dallas School Book Depository building, on the 6th floor, and from that vantage point fired the 3-shots that killed JFK.

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The 1st shot (allegedly) missed. The 2nd shot (magic bullet) wounded JFK and Texas governor Connolly who was riding in the front seat of the limo with JFK. The 3rd shot was fatal and almost decapitated JFK.

Abraham Zapruder, a local Dallas resident and clothier, filmed the entire incident on his portable Bell & Howell video camera while standing on an abutment in Dealey Plaza. That video remains one of the most infamous videos ever taken. You can watch it and see how the 2nd shot hits JFK in the neck after which he grabs his throat and begins to slump towards Mrs. Kennedy. This shot was allegedly an entrance wound from the back. If so, why would JFK grab the front of his throat? I digress... Then you can see that the 3rd shot that nearly decapitates him. It clearly comes from the right front. Watch Zapruder film [Video](#).

To add to the shock and awe of it all, on that same weekend's Sunday morning, while the local Dallas police were moving Lee Harvey Oswald from the Dallas County jail to a more secure facility, he was shot and killed on 'live' TV, in front of an audience of hundreds of thousands of people. I was one of them who watched as Jack Ruby, a local Dallas nightclub owner, jumped out of the crowd and shot Oswald in the stomach as he was walking in the basement while surrounded by police. He was rushed to the same hospital JFK was taken to and died a short time later.

Why Jack Ruby was allowed in the Dallas County jail remains a subject of controversy to this day that many have tried to explain away.

My skepticism about the concocted narrative of all this stems from my own research, lifetime of experiences, ability to reason, and from...

- The rush to judgement I witnessed by the government and J. Edgar Hoover within hours of the assassination, trying to get the American people to believe a lone gunman theory.
- My own time in the Army 1965-1967 and personal experience with an M-14 rifle, very similar to the 6.5 52mm Mannlicher Carcano rifle that Lee Harvey Oswald (allegedly) used to fire the 3-shots that killed the president.

I lived with my rifle in the Army and knew what it could and couldn't do. I slept with my rifle. I was rated an Expert and Sharpshooter with my rifle. I fired no less than 20,000 rounds with my rifle. I knew my rifle inside and out, backwards, and forwards.

Decades later in my business life, I traveled to Dallas and visited the 6th floor of the School Book Depository building that had since been converted into a museum and monument to what happened there that fateful day in November 1963.

A self-paced walking tour and recorded narration takes visitors through the 6th floor museum and events leading up to the fateful 3 shots fired. As part of the tour, I actually stood in the window from which Lee Harvey Oswald (allegedly) fired the 3 shots. I also stood on Elm Street where an X is carved into the asphalt designating the very spot where the President's limousine was at the time of the fatal 3rd head shot.



While standing on the X in the street, I looked back and up at the 6th floor window, and I can tell you from a lot of experience that 'that' shot was almost impossible.

To fire 3 shots in 7 seconds, hit a target the size of a grapefruit with pinpoint accuracy, at a distance of 265 ft., that was traveling away from the shooter at 11 miles an hour and down an 18-degree slope, is virtually impossible. Especially considering that by the 3rd most accurate and deadly shot, the shooter's heart rate and adrenaline would have been off-the-chart.

Anyone who stands in that window today and knows anything about guns and ballistics would agree with me. However, the government's Warren Commission report states that that's what happened and to this day I say it's preposterous. You can judge for yourself and read the Warren Commission report, [here](#).

I went on to travel to Dallas and the 6th floor museum 5 more times in my life and to THIS day, I have doubts as to what really happened that gruesome weekend. What I do know is that over the years all Americans have been led by the media to believe the "lone-gunman theory" while most Americans believe there was at least one more shooter and therefore a conspiracy.

This has been a travesty that has remained crystal clear in the back of my mind for what has now been 60 years. If you remember the incident, or you are just reading the details about it here for the first time, I invite you to do what I did. Read or listen to the audio books entitled, "[The Reporter Who Knew Too Much](#)," written by Mark Shaw. It's about a woman named Dorothy Kilgallen who at the time was best known as a panelist on a popular TV show named "What's My Line." What most people don't know is that Mrs. Kilgallen was despised by J. Edgar Hoover because she was a Pulitzer Prize nominated investigative journalist who was aggressively pursuing Jack Ruby as an accomplice in the assassination of JFK. Remember, Jack Ruby was the killer of Lee Harvey Oswald. Mrs. Kilgallen suspected him and his clandestine involvement in the JFK assassination. I think she was right and onto something that many in power did not want her to discover or disclose.



On November 8, 1965, Dorothy Kilgallen was found dead in her NYC townhouse in what was described as mysterious circumstances and a 'staged' death scene. Her story as told in the book is spellbinding and revealing of what was clearly a conspiracy that led to the assassination of JFK. Her death was never seriously investigated by authorities and reduced to a drug overdose as the cause.

I also invite you to read or listen to the audio book titled, "[Goddess](#)" about the life and times of Marilyn Monroe. Her mysterious death by an alleged drug overdose, is also surrounded by personal reports of affairs with JFK and RFK, mob ties, and a government plot.

I'd like you to then fast forward to today and consider what we are seeing from Big Tech, our government, and the mainstream media. How the media is 'creating' news instead of 'reporting it'. How it is censoring free speech and opinion. How they are manipulating the news for profit. And how the FBI and DOJ are biased and no longer credible.

Now, in my later years, based on a lot of my own experience of seeing what I saw with my own eyes in 1963, I am convinced that the government can do anything to influence, silence, and mislead the American people into believing anything they want them to believe. It happened in 1963. And it's happening today. That's my opinion as an American. It is also my opinion that the JFK assassination story back in November 1963, and the causes of mysterious deaths in the stories about Dorothy Kilgallen, Marilyn Monroe, and 18 other people were more than coincidental. I think they were 'created' more than they were 'reported.' So, "Don't Shoot the Messenger."



Rest assured that I am not trying to tell you who I think "did" shoot and kill President Kennedy on that fateful day in Dallas. But I am trying to tell you who I think, "didn't!" It was not a lone gunman.

What do you think?

Feel free to comment or share your opinion with me by phone/text 630-642-6500 or email at <mailto:Richard@RichardErschik.com>

NOTE: I have been a member of Toastmasters International for more than 10-years. Here is a 7-minute Toastmaster's [speech](#) I delivered at one of their meetings during the Covid 19 pandemic on ZOOM, about the JFK assassination.



**Thursday, December 14th, 4-7 pm**

**Ham, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, baked beans, bun, drink, and delicious dessert**

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**Fort Myers, FL 33905**

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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

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## Become a graduate of Lee Counties CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

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

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



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

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

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



# BARRON LIBRARY

## at the LaBelle Barron Park



## USS Hannah Chapter, Alva, Florida,

<https://usshannahnsdar.org/>



### DAR USS Hannah Chapter



**Wreaths Across America comes to the Alva Cemetery**  
The USS Hannah Chapter, NSDAR, is hosting the annual Wreaths Across America program for the veterans laid to rest at the **Alva Cemetery on Saturday December 16, 2023, at noon. Gates to the cemetery will close at 11:45 am so arrive early.**

Wreaths can be ordered at [Overview - Wreaths Across America](#).

#### Veterans Day

The USS Hannah Chapter, NSDAR, along with the Billy Bowlegs Society, Children of the American Revolution honored the Veterans of the Alva Cemetery by placing new flags on the veterans' graves. If you know a veteran at the cemetery without a flag, please contact [usshannah.viceregent@gmail.com](mailto:usshannah.viceregent@gmail.com).



National Society Daughters of the American Revolution has membership of women who can track their lineage to Patriots who participated in the American Revolution and serve their community in the areas of Historical Preservation, Education, and Patriotism. The USS Hannah chapter serves East Lee County and Hendry County. If you are interested in joining, email [usshannahnsdar@gmail.com](mailto:usshannahnsdar@gmail.com).

On October 28, in recognition of National First Responders Day, the USS Hannah Chapter presented the new Fort Myers Shores Fire Department with a basket of goodies. In attendance, Cathy Lowe, Teri Peterson, and Jan Miles-Brunelle.



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## **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.

**The Lee County Commissioners read a proclamation honoring Fort Myers East Rotary Club for serving others for 50 years!**





## 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!



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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.**

**SAFE MOBILITY FOR LIFE**  
 Join Us for a Free **CarFit Event & Resource Fair**

**Wed. January 24, 2024**  
**9 am to 1 pm**  
**LaBelle Civic Center**  
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*The Lehigh Acres Art League  
invites you  
to join us for an*  
*Evening of Fine Art*

Date: December 8, 2023

Time: 5:30-8:30

Place: The River Forest Clubhouse  
13506 Island Road • Fort Myers, FL  
*Open to the Public • No fee to attend*

We will be serving appetizers and beverages for your enjoyment while you peruse the artwork of our members, which will be for sale. Items will include framed, ready-to-hang original watercolors, matted originals and prints, greeting cards, and more! Our members are award-winning watercolorists who enter shows all around the Fort Myers area. You are sure to find something that you would love to hang in your home, or something that you would love to gift to a loved one or friend. Christmas is coming, and you will be sure to find a perfect gift for someone on your list!

*Come for the art, come for the wine,  
come for the food, come for the fun!*



**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.

2023-2024 **Alva Ramblings** November 10, 2023

**WELCOME FAMILIES!**

Newsletter Prepared/Managed by Ms. Corbill's Journalism Classes [www.alvaschool.org](http://www.alvaschool.org)

**Dates to Remember**

- November 13**  
Volleyball Away Game  
@ Veterans Park 6:00 pm
- November 14**  
Volleyball Home Game  
vs LAMS 6:00 pm
- November 15**  
Interest Report Cards  
for Quarter 2
- November 16**  
Fall Fest  
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- November 20-24**  
Thanksgiving Break  
No School
- November 29**  
Volleyball Home Game  
vs Lamsoul Trail 6:00 pm
- December 5**  
Volleyball Playoffs Home  
vs Gateway 5:30 pm
- December 6**  
S.A.V.E. Club  
2:45-4:00 pm
- December 7**  
Picture RETAKES

**HIGHLIGHT**

**ALVA'S FALL FESTIVAL**  
NOVEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> 4-7 pm

- Masked Corn-Maze
- Fun!
- Food
- Fall Carnival
- Dunk Tank
- Heavy Auction
- Journal Making
- Games & Prizes
- Photo Booth
- Cakes
- Face Painting

**Athletics Volleyball**

**Games**

- Tues 11/7 Boys Play First  
@ Harris Marsh 6:00 pm
- Thur 11/9 Girls Play First  
@ Veterans Park 6:00 pm
- Tues 11/14 Boys Play First  
@ Alva vs LAMS 6:00 pm
- Thur 11/20 Girls Play First  
@ Alva vs Lamsoul Trail 6:00 pm

**NO GUM ZONE**

**GUM chewing will no longer be allowed on campus with consequences beginning 10/30**

**ABC**

**To See More News Details - The Alva Ramblings News-Site!**

The School Board of Alva County, Florida: District 5 - Anne Peters (Chair), District 1 - Sarah Finner (Vice Chair), District 2 - Andrew W. Greenwald, District 3 - Tracy A. Peacock, District 4 - Dennis J. Baker, District 6 - Jack Langford, Planning District 7 - Catherine (Cherie) Morgan, Superintendent, © Alva County Schools

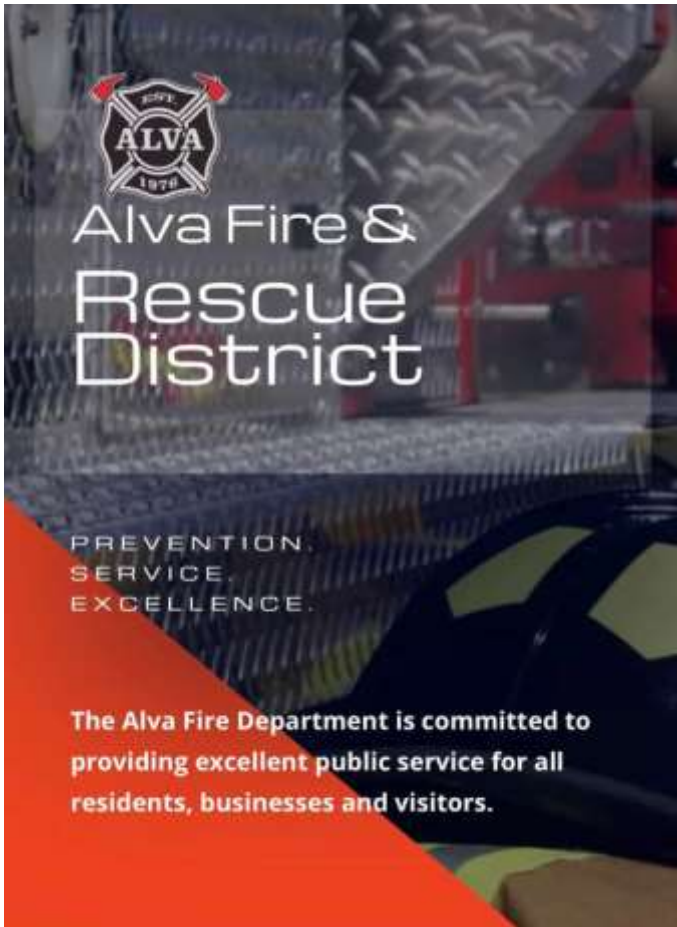
Important Information for Parents

Florida Statute 232.06 requires that students at Alva must be using an IEP or a 504 plan for the entire school year. The following students at the Alva School are not currently using an IEP or a 504 plan for the entire school year: Andrew Greenwald, Catherine Peacock, Andrew Peacock, and Tracy Peacock. The following students at the Alva School are not currently using an IEP or a 504 plan for the entire school year: Andrew Greenwald, Catherine Peacock, Andrew Peacock, and Tracy Peacock. © Alva School 2023

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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](mailto: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.



## 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!**

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### **DECEMBER ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS**

- Dec. 1-2: Punta Gorda Garden Club's Holly Days Home Tour. General admission: \$20. Use this link to register: [2023 Holly Days Home Tour presented by PGGC \(zeffy.com\)](#)
- Dec. 2-3: Bromeliad Show, Edison-Ford Winter Estates. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Hundreds of specials for sale. Experts will be on hand to answer questions. Parking and admission to the show is free. Shopping guests are encouraged to bring their own garden carts.
- Dec. 2: Creating a Waxed Amaryllis class at Edison-Ford Winter Estates. \$50 for Edison-Ford members; \$65 for non-members. 10 a.m.-noon. All materials for the class will be provided.
- Dec. 4: Holiday Market Monday at Edison-Ford Winter Estates. The public is invited. Vendors will set up their tents under the trees. 4 p.m.-9 p.m.
- Dec. 8: Holiday Wreath-Making class at Edison-Ford Winter Estates. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Preregistration is required at [edisonfordwinterestates.org](#). Cost is \$65 for Edison-Ford members; \$75 for non-members.
- Dec. 9: SWFL Reset Center to host a Plant and Seed Festival from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. There will be vendors, speakers, food trucks at music. The event is at the Bill Brewer Community Garden on the UUCFM Campus, 13411 Shire Lane, Fort Myers.
- Dec. 11: AGC Field trip to Octagon Wildlife Sanctuary, 41660 Horseshoe Road (Across from Babcock Ranch) Note: Please wear close-toed shoes.
- Dec. 15: Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council Holiday Social with cookie exchange, 1 p.m. at the Garden Council offices. A snowflake craft session also will be offered for a fee of \$5 per person. If interested in the craft session, please register by sending a note to [tamargal2@aol.com](mailto:tamargal2@aol.com)
- Dec. 19: AGC General Membership Meeting. 1 p.m., Alva Methodist Church. Our speaker will be Connie Dennis who will talk about the objectives and major issues that are the focus of Alva Inc. Also, on this day we will have our annual gift exchange.

# 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](http://www.LeeCountyArchers.com) for more information! Or...

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# SCORE Southwest Florida

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## Serving Lee and Hendry Counties

We provide free and confidential one-on-one business counseling by phone, email, and in-person in Lee and Hendry counties. We also conduct workshops for both start-up entrepreneurs and seasoned small business owners. SCORE is a fully independent private 501-3C non-profit with accountability to and some funding from the SBA.

**SCORE Mentors...**with experience in virtually every business category you can imagine help with:

- Business plan development, sales and marketing strategies
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- Ongoing advice to help your decision making

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SCORE mentors, sponsors and local business owners with a specific areas of expertise conduct a variety of very popular, regularly scheduled, low-cost and free educational seminars and online workshops for establishing and managing a successful small business.

### Free Resources

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



*Major William M. Footman*

*Sons of Confederate Veterans*

*Camp 1950, Fort Myers, Florida*



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

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

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

Brigade Commander: Sean McFall

Find out more about us at

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



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





## JOB-LINK

Florida Job Link connects talent



and opportunity, enabling on-the-spot HIRING!

UPCOMING EVENTS BELOW! WE KEEP FLORIDA WORKING! The Best and Brightest Candidates connect with Top Florida Employers face-to-face via our Hiring Events in cities throughout Florida! Florida Job Link is voted #1 Job Fair experience in the state of Florida by attendees!

<https://www.indeed.com/q-Goodwill-I-Lee-County,-FL-jobs.html>



## Charleston Park Neighborhood Association

2541 Charleston Park Drive, Alva, FL 33920. 239-728-8895  
[Charlestonpark1926@gmail.com](mailto: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.



## 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>

ON THE RIVER – Connecting ALVA Florida NEIGHBORS and NEIGHBORHOODS monthly, online, FREE

[www.RichAndLaurieInSouthFlorida.com](http://www.RichAndLaurieInSouthFlorida.com)



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

**For information on where to go and what to do in SWFL!**

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



The Firehouse Community Theatre, Inc.

**241 N Bridge St, Labelle, FL 33935 (863) 675-3066**



## **Fort Myers CAMERA CLUB**

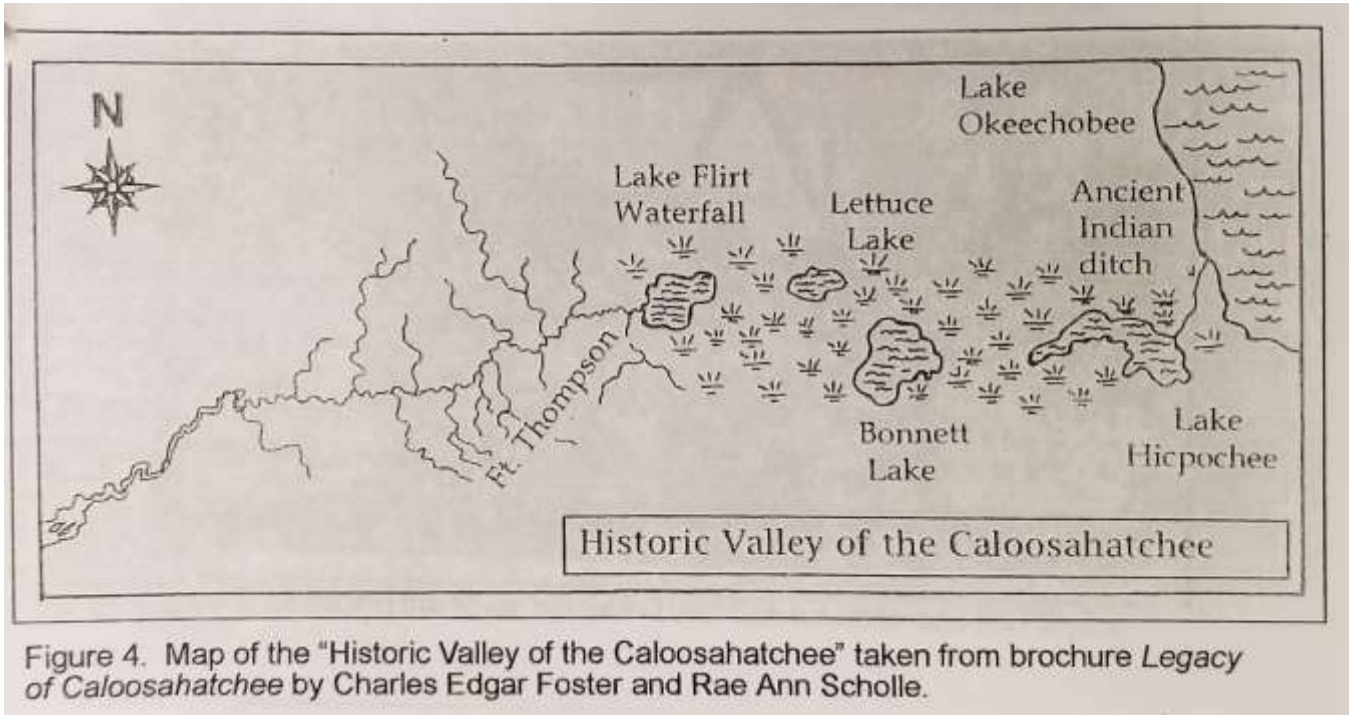
Photographers at all levels of ability throughout Lee County are invited to the regular bi-monthly meetings of the Fort Myers Camera Club. Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month (from November 1 to April 3) from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

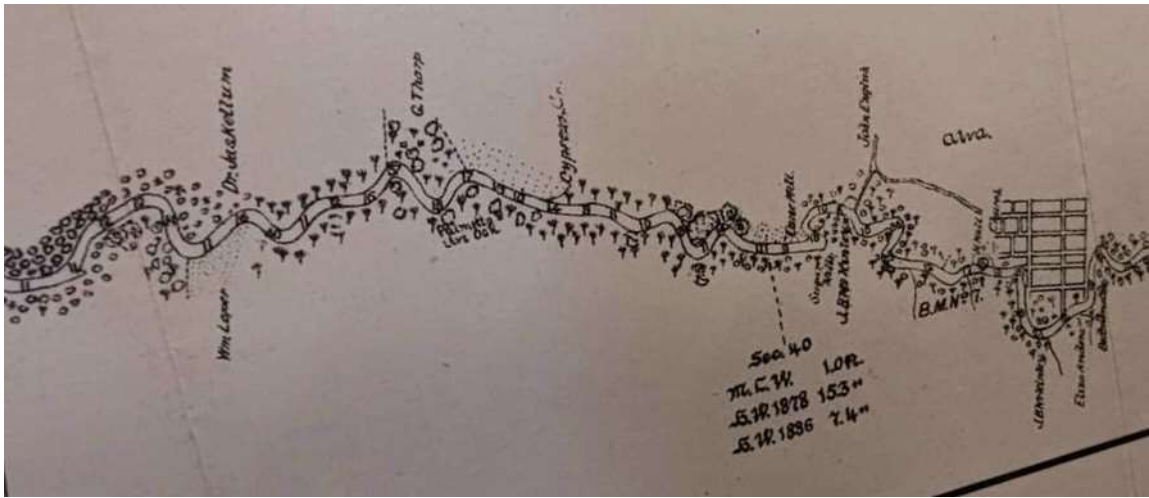
Meetings are held at the All Faiths Church, 2736 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers. Annual dues for membership are \$30. Novices are welcome and mentoring is available. Various speakers at the meetings cover topics such as critiquing, competition, and instruction.

**See [ftmyerscc.com](http://ftmyerscc.com) website or email [carolheff23@gmail.com](mailto:carolheff23@gmail.com) for additional information about the Camera Club.**

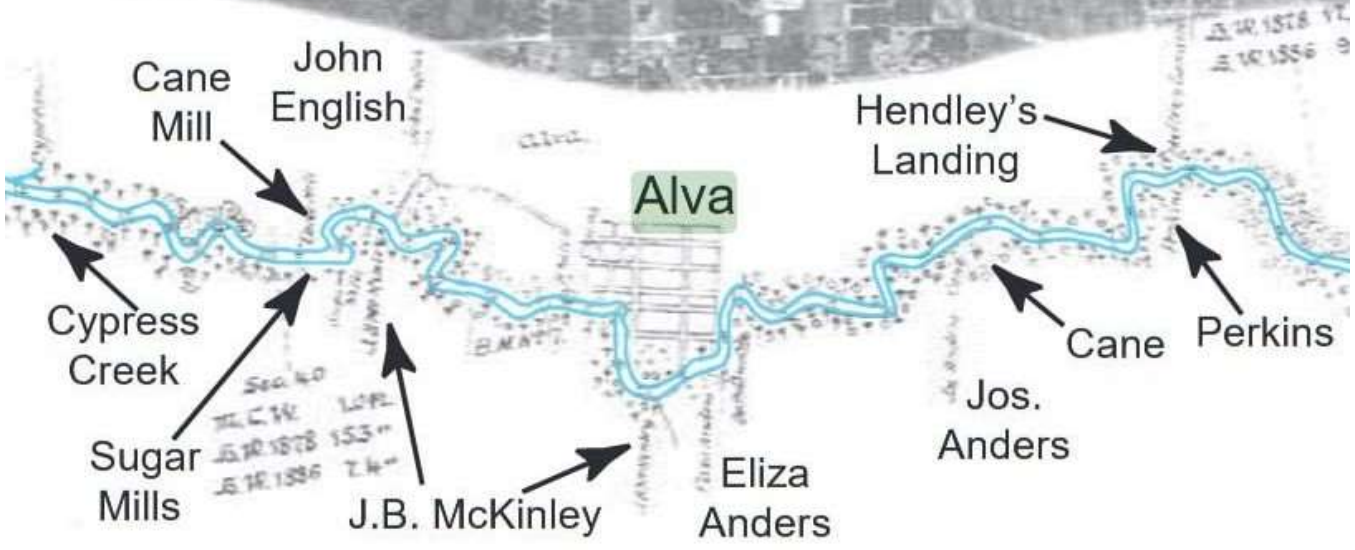
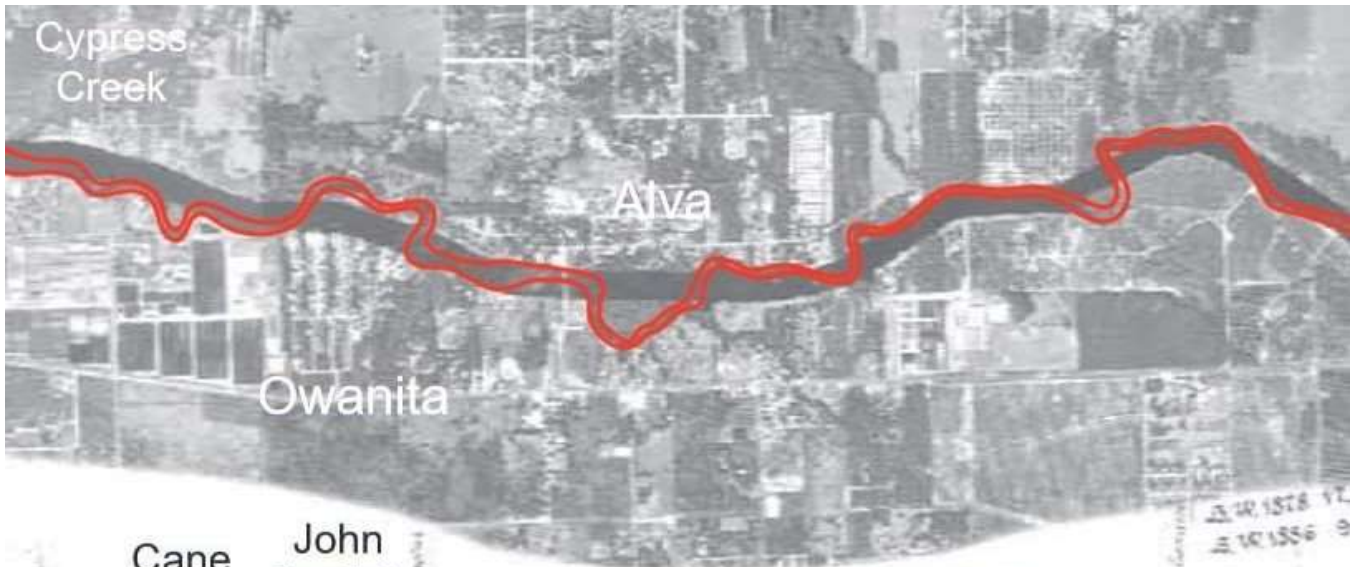
## A bit of ALVA History

Some folk just like maps.  
Enjoy these antiques!





Sea 40	
M.C.W.	1.0R.
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S. 12 1836	7.4"



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# Important Dates for ACA Open Enrollment Period

We are currently in the heart of the Open Enrollment Period. Have you booked your appointment yet? This is a critical time to review, renew, or change your health insurance plan for the upcoming year.

*In the meantime, here are some crucial dates to keep in mind:*

- ✔ **December 15th:** The first key date to mark on your calendar is December 15th. This is the last day to enroll in a plan for your coverage to start on January 1st, 2024. If you want your health coverage to begin at the start of the new year, ensure that you have completed your enrollment by this date.
- ✔ **January 17th:** Traditionally, the final day of the 11<sup>th</sup> Open Enrollment period falls on Monday, January 15th. However, in 2024, January 15th also happens to be a federal holiday, Martin Luther King Jr. Day. As a result, the leadership has decided to extend the Open Enrollment period for the Federally facilitated Marketplace (FFM) by an additional 24 hours.

This means that instead of ending Open Enrollment at 5 am Eastern Time on January 16th, the Open Enrollment period will now conclude at 5 am Eastern Time on January 17th. Any plan selections made during this extra 24-hour period will still be effective from February 1st.

This extension provides an additional opportunity for individuals and families to secure the best health coverage to meet their needs in the coming year.

As always, it's important to consider your health needs and financial situation when choosing a plan. The ACA offers a variety of plans to suit different needs and budgets, so take the time to explore your options. If you have any questions or need assistance with the enrollment process, don't hesitate to reach out to us, Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida, Inc., We can provide valuable guidance and help you navigate the sometimes complex world of health insurance.

Don't miss out on this important opportunity to secure the coverage you need for the upcoming year.

**Call:** 1.866.547.2793

**Visit:** [EnrollSWFL.com](http://EnrollSWFL.com)

To make an appointment with your local navigators.



**Our services are free!**



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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](mailto:info@echonet.org)  
<https://www.echonet.org>



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

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



### Six Mile Cypress Slough, Lee County Park

7751 Penzance Boulevard, Fort Myers, FL 33966

A mile of wonder 30 minutes away from Alva.



### Manatee Park

10901 Palm Beach Blvd,  
Fort Myers, FL 33905

239 690 5030



### Olga Community Park

2325 S Olga Dr, Fort Myers, FL 33905

(239) 533-7275



## Hickey's Creek Mitigation Park

17980 Palm Beach Blvd, Alva, FL, 33920

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



### ALVA BOAT RAMP PARK

21580 Pearl St,

Alva, FL 33920



## W.P. Franklin Lock & Dam South Recreation Area

Franklin Lock Rd. , Alva , FL 33920. Contact: (239) 694-2582



WP Franklin South Recreation Area is a day use area located on the Caloosahatchee River adjacent to the WP Franklin Lock and Dam. Visitors can watch boats traversing the 152 mile Okeechobee Waterway

### W.P Franklin Lock & Dam CAMPGROUND

Camp by reservation only

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

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



### Alva Community Center PARK

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

Shady lawns & baseball field

### Telegraph Creek: Unspoiled kayak trail

out-of-the-way, uncrowded, scenic, quiet and full of wildlife.





## 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

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## Veterans Park Recreation Center

55 Homestead Road South, Lehigh Acres, FL 33936



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

<https://babcockranchecotours.com/>



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## 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*



*Alva Scrub Preserve*



*Telegraph Creek Preserve*



*Oak hammock*



*Frank Mann Preserve*



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## **CALOOSAHATCHEE REGIONAL PARK**

19130 North River Road, Alva, FL  
33920

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

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



## QUISHING

A new email scam campaign is using QR codes to get your sensitive information.

It's called "quishing" or QR phishing, and security experts say it's when fraudsters launch email campaigns that appear to have legitimate QR codes. But if you scan the QR code in that scam email, embedded is a malicious URL that will lead you to websites that contain malware or websites designed to steal your personal or financial information.

These emails typically come from what seems to be a well-known company or brand. But they're just copycats, and that's what makes quishing so successful. Many of these fraudulent QR codes lead you to believe you will get a discount or special offer.

In efforts to try and protect yourself from falling victim to this scam, security experts recommend the following ways to spot a fake website:

1. **Check the domain name closely.** Scammers often use domain names that are like — or even contain — the official URL within the fake domain name. Always check that you're on the right domain before entering sensitive information. Unless you're sure that you're on a company's official domain, you could be dealing with a fake website.
2. **Look for a padlock symbol.** You can check if a site has a valid security certificate by looking for a padlock symbol by the URL in the address bar. If you're unsure about a site, click on the padlock and then check any additional information about the security certificate. Look for details like the registered company name, country of origin, province or state, and locality. These are all signs that the website uses a higher level of security — known as an "Organization Validation (OV) certificate" — which is harder for scammers to fake.
3. **Use a website checker or safe browsing tools.** A website checker helps you answer if a website is safe to visit. For example, it tells you if the site uses encryption to protect your data, along with the site's level of verification certificate.
4. **Look for poor spelling, design issues, and other red flags.** Scammers move quickly and often don't want to take too long building fake websites. Like scam emails and texts, phishing websites often include basic flaws and mistakes that legitimate companies wouldn't miss. A lack of information can also be a red flag.
5. **Check the domain age (how long the site has been active).** Fake websites rarely stay online for long. One way to tell if a website is real or fake is to check how long it's been active by using a domain tracker. Enter the website's URL and you'll be able to see details such as the owner's organization name, country of registration, and age of the domain. It's probably a fake website if the company claims to be registered in one country, but the domain tracker shows that they're in another country.
6. **Be wary of deals that seem too good to be true.** When shopping online, don't be fooled into trusting sketchy websites because you might save money. These fake shopping sites either steal your financial information or send you cheap knock-off versions of the items that you think you're buying. A good rule of thumb is that if a site advertises prices that are all 50+% off, you should take steps to confirm it's not a fake website.



7. **Look for user reviews and check for reports of scams.** Read on- and off-site reviews for mentions of fraud, non-delivery, or even identity theft. Scammers often create fake bot accounts on review sites to build trust. Be cautious if you run into multiple generic reviews that are unusually positive and lack accurate descriptions of the product experience.
8. **Read the shipping and return policy.** Official retailers have a dedicated webpage detailing their shipping and return policy. If the website you're on doesn't explain how to return an item, it's a scam. The website should also include basic legal information, such as its terms and conditions, privacy policy, and data collection policy. If you can't find this information, it's likely not a legitimate company.
9. **Scrutinize your payment options.** Fake websites sometimes try to force you to pay for goods using non-reversible or non-traceable payment methods — such as gift cards, bank transfers, cryptocurrencies, or payment apps like Zelle, Cash App, and Venmo. Legitimate brands will always give you the option of paying with more traditional and safer methods — including credit and debit cards, PayPal, or “buy now, pay later” options.
10. **Don't be conned by “trust signals” (awards, security logos, etc.).** Sixty-six percent of consumers are more likely to shop on a site that displays social proof of their credibility, such as industry awards, certifications, or security logos. But anyone can falsify these elements on their website. When in doubt, contact the issuing organization for the trust mark to verify the company's legitimacy.
11. **Run a virus scan if you experience numerous ads and pop-ups.** Sometimes the goal of a fake website isn't to steal your information, passwords, or money — but to infect your device with malware. Hackers create pop-ups and ad-riddled websites that can infect your phone or computer with viruses that let cybercriminals spy on you, scan your device for sensitive data, or lock your device until you pay a ransom. If you've been to a site like this recently, you need to make sure your device hasn't been compromised.

If you come across a fake website, you should report it. Reporting fake websites helps make the internet safer for everyone. Here's how you can report a fake website:

- Report a phishing site or any malicious websites to [Google](#). This will block them in Google Chrome, Mozilla, Firefox, and other browsers.
- Report the fake site to [Microsoft](#). This will block it in Microsoft Edge and Internet Explorer.
- Report the scam sites to the FTC at [ReportFraud.FTC.gov](#) or by calling 1-877-382-4357.
- Report the fake site to the FBI's [Internet Crime Complaint Center \(IC3\)](#).

Visit [FloridaConsumerHelp.com](#) for more information on Scams and Fraud.



Southwest Florida Cooking by  
*MAGGIE McManis*  
of Oak Park, Alva  
Contact Maggie to find out more at: [Maggi1rn@aol.net](mailto:Maggi1rn@aol.net)



## Seaside Shrimp Cajun Pasta

### Pasta:

1 box (10 ounces) fettucine noodles

### Shrimp:

1-pound large fresh local shrimp (peeled/deveined and tail removed)

kosher salt, to taste

black pepper, to taste

1 teaspoon Cajun seasoning

½ teaspoon dried oregano

2 tablespoons olive oil

### Sausage:

6 ounces andouille sausage (or smoked sausage)





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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.





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Passcode 475719**

## LaBelle Downtown Revitalization Corporation

proudly announces the Downtown LaBelle Historic Walking Tour! Take a walk into Old Florida's past through our new self-guided tour, featuring audio clips of those that helped make LaBelle what it is today.

Visit [Downtownlabelle.com/walking\\_tour.com](http://Downtownlabelle.com/walking_tour.com) to start your tour today, or download the app with your Apple or Android device by searching "Downtown LaBelle." Happy trails!



## COMMUNITY COOPERATIVE



### *Community Cafe, Mobile Pantry's, and Meals on Wheels*

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

**VOLUNTEER** in the Community Cafe, at a Mobile Pantry, or as a Meals on Wheels Driver. Call (239) 332-7687. [Tami@communitycooperative.com](mailto:Tami@communitycooperative.com) or call 239-332-7687, ext. 125.



## ALVA MIDDLE FFA

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# RIVERDALE BRANCH LIBRARY

2421 Buckingham Road, Fort Myers



## The ALVA SCHOOL

These amazing ladies served our students and staff today with a phenomenal Thanksgiving meal! Alva has the best kitchen staff around!







Hey there, festival enthusiasts and local artisans! The much-celebrated [Swamp Cabbage Festival](#) will be here before we know it; the vendor applications are now open for sign-ups.

If you've got unique crafts, mouthwatering treats, captivating art, or one-of-a-kind products to share with our vibrant community, this is your chance to shine! Join in making this year's festival an unforgettable experience for all attendees.

**Festival Date:** Feb. 24 & 25, 2024

**Location:** Barron Park, LaBelle, FL

**Vendor Application Link**

<https://www.eventeny.com/events/vendor?id=10967>

Hurry and submit your application soon, as spaces are limited and they're filling up.

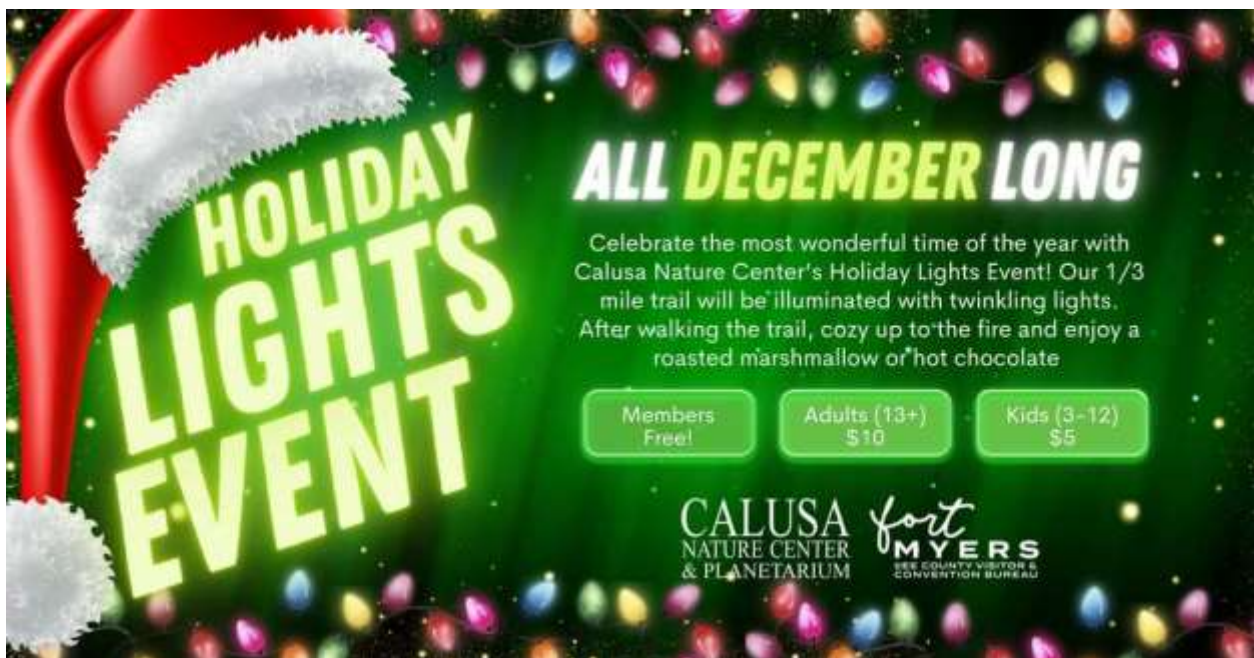


*Alva Methodist Church, BLUE CHRISTMAS Service, Friday, Dec 22 at 6pm.*



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Not everyone is filled with JOY at Christmas. The loss of a loved one, a cherished pet, or any form of grief is made more whole in a BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE





## Give Today, Change Tomorrow

Calusa Waterkeeper's 2023 Annual Appeal drive is currently underway. This critical fundraiser generates unrestricted income for the organization's operational, water, and air monitoring expenses. Now more than ever, water quality suffers from frequent impairments because of discharges from upstream sources and runoff. We can't fight this battle alone. We need YOU!

Please join us in the fight for clean, drinkable, fishable, and swimmable water by becoming a monthly partner or with a one-time gift. Click the button below to give today. Together, we can protect and restore the Caloosahatchee River from Lake Okeechobee to the Coastal Waters. THANK YOU!

[CLICK HERE TO GIVE](#)



Thrift Store at Grace Church Central is 🤝 celebrating friendship at Grace Church, Fort Myers Central Campus. 8h · Fort Myers · 🌐

LOOK WHAT \$1. BUYS! AMAZING BARGAINS! boutique only \$3. Where? [Thrift Store at Grace Church Central](#) 2415 Grand Ave Ft Myers Florida 33901. Corner Edison Ave. Also available at bargain Prices, Jewelry, shoes, Purses, linens, kitchen accessories, kid's clothes and toys, home decor accessories, most men's clothing only \$2. Christmas Decor! WHEN??? EVERY THURSDAY FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. 9:30-2:30. DEBIT AND CREDIT ACCEPTED. SE HABLA ESPAÑOL. EVERYONE WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH. SHOP LOCAL AND SUPPORT THIS WONDERFUL OUTREACH CHURCH. DONATIONS WELCOME DURING OPEN HOURS. THANKS!





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To make a donation, **call (239) 334-7007** or visit [www.harrychapinfoodbank.org](http://www.harrychapinfoodbank.org)

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

For Food pickup locations:

<https://harrychapinfoodbank.org/?s=Food+locations>



*Behavioral Healthcare for All*

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.

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.

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





# Alva Area FOOD PANTRIES

## Grace UMC, Fort Myers Shores

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

**CALL to RESERVE your FOOD**

**239-694-2797**

## Charleston Park Community Center

239-728-8895

FOOD PANTRY

Every week, Friday, 10am-2pm

## ALVA Methodist Church

Food Pantry @ Bethany House

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

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Assemblies of God  
915 Lake Manor Dr Labelle, FL 33935  
(863) 675-0900

LaBelle Assembly of God  
915 Lake Manor Dr Labelle FL  
(863) 675-0900

Carlson Memorial Church  
310 Campbell St Labelle FL, 33935  
(863) 675-0656

LaBelle First Baptist  
330 N Main St, Labelle, FL 33935  
(863) 675-2171

Church of Christ Central  
60 Hendry St, Labelle, FL 33935  
(863) 675-4796

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish  
355 S Bridge St, Labelle, FL 33935  
(863) 675-0030

Eastside Baptist Church  
1110 S Carlyle St, Labelle, FL 33935  
(863) 675-3595

Christ Central LaBelle, Reformed  
540 1st Ave LaBelle FL  
(863) 675-2100

El Faro Assemblies of God of LaBelle  
431 Bryan Ave, Labelle, FL 33935  
(863) 675-5947

Good Shepherd Episcopal  
1098 Collingswood Pkwy, LaBelle FL  
(863) 675-0385

Grace Baptist  
4200 Ne Eucalyptus Blvd, Labelle, FL 33935  
(863) 675-3349

Christ The King Lutheran  
1362 Thigpen Rd, Labelle, FL 33935  
(941) 675-2733

International Christian Fellowship  
233 Clark St, Labelle, FL 33935  
(863) 675-4227

New Testament Assembly  
60 Calhoun St, Labelle, FL 33935  
(863) 674-0444

Pentecostal Church of God  
55 Orange Ave, Labelle, FL 33935  
(863) 675-0938

Paynes Creek Primitive Baptist  
83 Campbell St, Labelle, FL 33935  
(863) 675-1435

Saint Matthews Missionary Baptist

929 Caloosahatchee Ave, Labelle, FL 33935

(863) 675-4451

Bethel Holiness

1153 Cornelia Dr SW, Labelle, FL 33935

Church of Peace

814 Fordson Ave, Labelle, FL 33935

(863) 674-0074

New Bethel Baptist

874 Suwanee Ave, Labelle, FL 33935

(863) 675-3205

Upper Room Church of God

345 S Bridge St, Labelle, FL 33935

(863) 675-7001

### Some Alva to Fort Myers Shores Churches:

St. Vincent DePaul's RC Church

13031 Palm Beach Boulevard, Fort Myers, FL 33905

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

Alva Methodist Church

21440 Pearl St. P.O Box 96

Alva, FL 33920

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

[www.ouralvachurch.org](http://www.ouralvachurch.org) 239-728-2277

Alva Church of God

21520 Park St, Alva, Florida 33920

239-728-2644

Liberation International Church

Avenue D, Charleston Park

Alva, FL 33920,

239-601-4870

New Hope Faith Temple of Jesus Christ

23210 Avenue D, Charleston Park

Alva, FL, 33920 239-770-4974

Buckingham Presbyterian Church

4241 Buckingham Road

Fort Myers, FL 33905

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

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

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](mailto:CalvaryChurchSwfl@yahoo.com)

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

First Baptist Church of Alva

2790 Joel Blvd, Alva, FL, 33920

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

Grace Church, Ft Myers Shores

14036 Matanzas Drive, Ft Myers, Florida 33905

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

14531 Old Olga Road,

Fort Myers, FL 33905

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

Olga Baptist Church

2364 South Olga Drive

Fort Myers, FL 33905

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

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

Crossroads Baptist

10721 Palm Beach Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33905

(239) 693-2777



**Fort Myers Shores Seventh Day Adventist**

14830 Palm Beach Blvd, Fort Myers FL

(239) 693-0341

**Olga-Fort Myers Shores Methodist**

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(239) 694-2797

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(239) 694-2012

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13235 Palm Beach Blvd, Fort Myers FL

(239) 694-8777

**Victory Christian Center Assemblies of God**

11431 Palm Beach Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33905

(239) 694-5131

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(239) 297-6472



## 12 Step Programs along the Caloosahatchee

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Because Alcoholics Anonymous was exclusive to people who struggled with alcohol addiction, a vast array of other programs were formed to aid and support those in recovery from other addictive disorders. These include the following groups:

Any type of group you do not find listed below may be sought at this website: <https://www.addicted.org/directory/category/lee-county-3.html>

**Before going to the meeting, confirm time and place by phone**

## ALVA:

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

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

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

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

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

## FORT MYERS SHORES:

**Grace**, 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**

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(239) 275-5111

**-AA SPIRITUAL SEARCH GROUP - TUESDAY 8PM**

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(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

**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

**LABELLE:**

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**IF you know of any other 12 step or non-12 step recovery group in the Alva area (From Hendry County Line to Fort Myers Shores, north and south of our river) please let me know its name, location and the phone number for information to list here. Thank you! [kendewalt@ontheriver.org](mailto:kendewalt@ontheriver.org)**

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## 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)	<a href="http://www.ready.gov/cert">www.ready.gov/cert</a>
Department of Financial Services (Insurance)	<a href="http://www.myfloridacfo.com">www.myfloridacfo.com</a>
Department of Homeland Security	<a href="http://www.dhs.gov/">www.dhs.gov/</a>
Florida Lightning Safety	<a href="http://www.weather.gov/safety/lightning">www.weather.gov/safety/lightning</a>
Mobile or Manufactured Home Residents	<a href="http://www.flhsmv.gov/mobilehome">www.flhsmv.gov/mobilehome</a>
American Sign Language Preparedness Videos	<a href="http://www.leegov.com/publicsafety/emergencymanagement/plan">www.leegov.com/publicsafety/emergencymanagement/plan</a>
StormReady	<a href="http://www.weather.gov/stormready/">www.weather.gov/stormready/</a>

## Manatee & Eco River Tours

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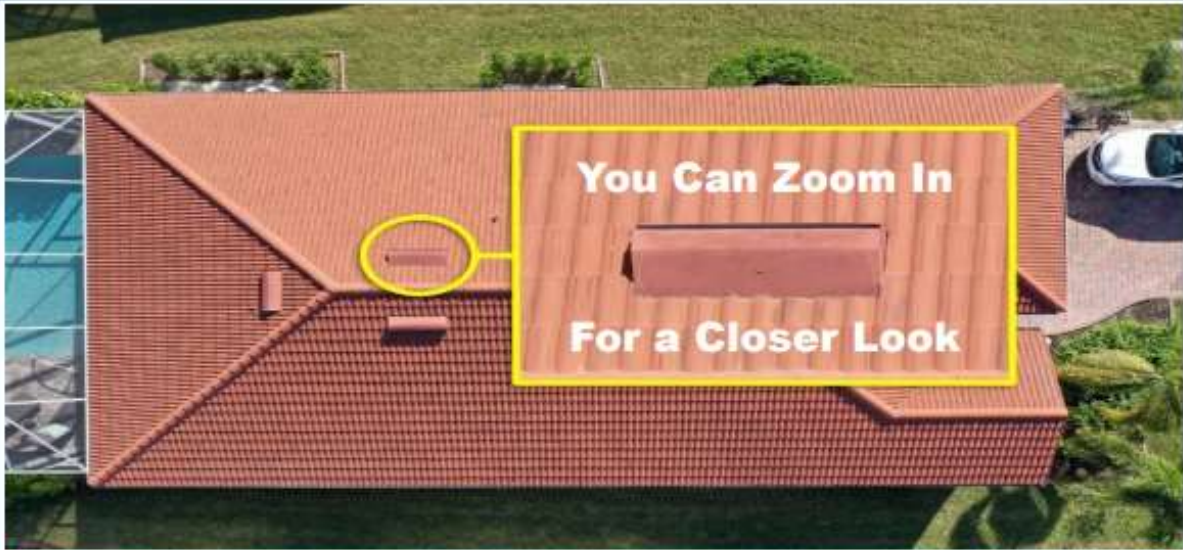
Join us for a sunset cruise from Sweetwater Landing Marina going westbound on the Caloosahatchee River. A nice spread of hors d'oeuvres is provided along with water and soda. You are welcome to bring your own beverage if you'd like. Enjoy a leisurely cruise on the Caloosahatchee, watch the birds come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



All tours leave from Sweetwater Landing Marina located at 16991 S.R. 31, Fort Myers, FL 33905

To book visit our website at: [www.ManateeAndEcoRiverTours.com](http://www.ManateeAndEcoRiverTours.com)

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## <https://supportukrainenow.org/>

Support Ukraine Now (SUN), we are a community of Ukrainian and international activists. Our mission is to engage the network of leaders in supporting Ukraine.

We work on providing the most effective help to Ukraine, in immediate response and rebuilding, by enabling foreigners (individuals and organizations) to help.



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>

**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.**

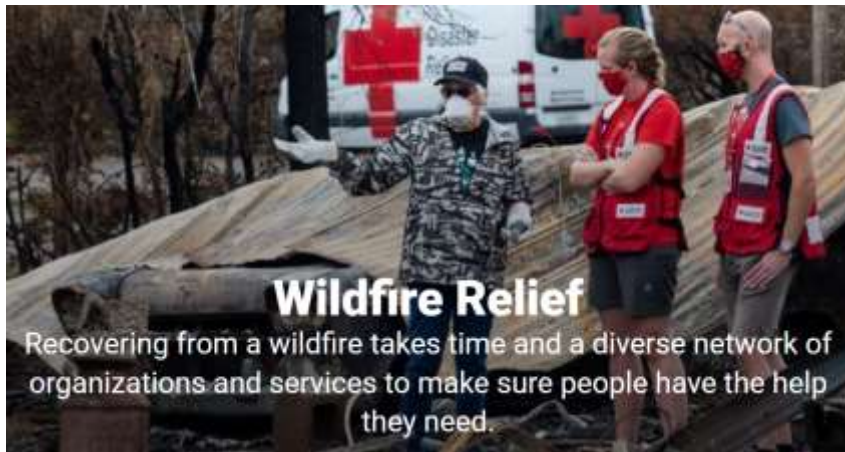
**HCF will not be collecting a fee for donations to the Maui Strong Fund; 100 percent of the funds will be distributed for community needs.**

## <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>

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### **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>

### **Before you donate funds to ANY relief organization, Protect Yourself**

Give to established charities or groups whose work you know and trust.

Be aware of organizations with copycat names or names similar to reputable organizations.

Be wary of new organizations that claim to aid victims of recent high-profile disasters.

Do your research. Use the Federal Trade Commission's resources to examine the track record of a charity.

Give using a check or credit card. If a charity or organization asks you to donate through cash, gift card, virtual currency, or wire transfer, it's probably a scam. Learn more about this trick from the FTC.

Practice good cyber hygiene:

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Manually type out links instead of clicking on them.

Don't provide any personal information in response to an email, robocall, or robotext.

Check the website's address—most legitimate charity organization websites use .org, not .com.

After a natural disaster or other emergency, carefully vet any contractors before hiring them to work on your home or business.

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