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- LOCAL Alva area news: More ag land goes
- LOCAL history: Murder in Fort DeNaud
- LOCAL Community services: Saluscare. For you?
- LOCAL club and organization: New Riverdale Library
- LOCAL recipe: Key Lime Cheesecake
- LOCAL Sports: Chastain's WIN at Nashville



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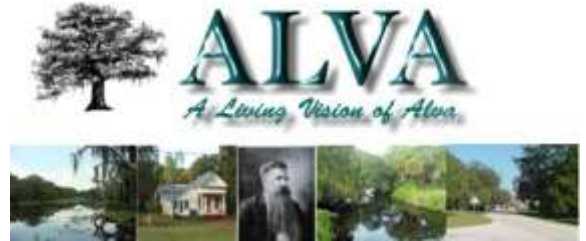
## ALVA INC, At the Alva Community Center.

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**

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## ALVA INC Explores New Ideas for ALVA



At the last Alva Inc meeting June 13<sup>th</sup> in the Alva Community Center an exciting new committee was announced led by Grant Fichter, local member of the Alva Library Museum Board.

He and others have begun meeting together to plan projects, in conjunction with ALVA Inc to strengthen the public voice of our community and its public face, such as its historic nature, assets, and presentation beyond local residents.

If you have an interest in helping Grant and his Alva INC Committee develop this idea, or if you have ideas that involve telling the ALVA story better, and/or might help keep Alva rural, please consider contacting Grant at his Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100078537907293>. They have been meeting at the Library-Museum so far.

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A touching moment of silence was held to remember the passing of a local young pastor, Rev. Allarius Russ, Lead Pastor of the Charleston Park Liberation Church.

Allarius' wife Lashay, Co-Pastor of the church and Director of the Charleston Park Community Center/Goodwill Office, and some of the families attended this meeting.

Lashay shared that she and the family very much appreciated the respect and honor Alva Inc were giving her husband, and pleased the group gathered when she shared that the Charleston Park Neighborhood Association wants to get more involved with Alva Inc's projects to maintain the rural environment of Alva.

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Neal Homes/Takoda Land Holdings purchased a portion of the Owl Creek properties along N River Rd and Owl Creek, that was the topic of the meeting at Greenwell's 'Cracker Shack'. The Owl Creek development has already been approved for 380 homes under a plan originally requested by D.R. Horton builders. That project was cancelled by Horton and Neal was sold the property by the original owner. Now Neal is awaiting approval to add more houses to its Cary... project east of the Owl Creek project.

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The Lee County Commissioner's, without Commissioner Greenwell present, held a final hearing on the Mr. Greenwell's rte 31 Commercial & Residential Development was held on Wednesday June, 21st at 9:30. Mike Greenwell's request of the commission was to rezone 76.82 areas from Agricultural to Mixed Use Planned Development for the development of 122 residential units (small, lower cost) and 400,000 square feet of commercial use. The property is located at 18672 SR 31, just south of North River Road.

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On a final note, it was learned that the plan for a new Lee County High School to be built in Alva on Joel Boulevard is almost a certainty. The land for the project was purchased and zoned over 15 years ago.

As more is learned of the development of this new school to serve the huge numbers of new resident's children coming to Lee County it will be shared by Alva INC, and in local news venues like On The River.



## Lee County commissioner's Alva land rezoned for major development

(TY WINK NEWS - Reporter: Asha Patel Writer: Joey Pellegrino)

Lee County commissioners have approved rezoning the Alva farmland owned by Commissioner Mike Greenwell for the development of a major shopping and apartment complex—but there's a catch. Greenwell gets the rezoning, but instead of building a 60-foot apartment building, it will be capped at 45 feet.

After some whispering between Lee County staff and a representative of Mike Greenwell, the rezoning of the Lee County commissioner's land happened fast.

With Greenwell having left the room, recused from voting on his own property, Lee County Commissioners Brian Hamman, Cecil Pendergrass, and Kevin Ruane voted to approve up to a 400,000-square-foot shopping center and up to a 122-unit apartment complex on 76 acres off State Road 31, just over the Wilson Pigott Bridge on the north side of the Caloosahatchee River.

The land previously had been zoned for agriculture.

Commissioner Ray Sandelli was the only one who voted against the rezoning.

The 400-square-foot shopping center and 122-apartment complex are planned for 76 acres of land off State Road 31, just over the Wilson Pigott Bridge.

Alva locals who were at the meeting said the height reduction does not make the planned project any better to live with. "I feel they just gave us an appeasement, that's all," said Denise Eberly. "It's disheartening. It's destructive; it just destroys the rural community. You can pretty much say goodbye to our rural community."

Eberly and others said they settled in Alva because it is rural and they want it to stay that way. They fear development in Alva will destroy their country living forever. "With this commission, it's going to be almost impossible to protect," Eberly said. "The 400,000 square feet of commercial is insane. It's insane." Alva neighbors said they wish their feelings about the proposed development had been considered because none of them want the development or the apartments.



# Alva residents concerned about rapid land developments

(TY Wink News- Reporter: Jolena Esperto, Writer: Matias Abril, with additional comment from this publisher)

The countryside of Alva has about 6,500 residents, and they don't want it to get much bigger.



Lee County Commissioner Mike Greenwell has received the rezoning he has been hoping for years from his fellow-commissioners. Commissioner Greenwell will now work to turn the land he lives on just north of Wilson Pigott bridge into 400,000 square feet of multi-use commercial real estate that could include things like big box stores and/or an apartment complex.

East of that, Neal Communities seeks to rezone even more land, more than a thousand acres. But neighbors say the simplicity and nature of the area is what makes it special, and they're worried more development could drive that way.



"I could come home and find an otter in my backyard, a bald eagle," said Darius Cochran, Alva resident. "We just saw a manatee. There's no place else in Southwest Florida that I know of that you can do that. This is one of the last great developments. I am not against growth, but this is zero common sense."

A large majority of people here oppose the idea of massive development in Alva. They said they want to see this land left untouched or they want to see it developed to support with their rural lifestyle and wellbeing.

Jimmy Whitney has lived in Alva for 45 years. He said he doesn't disagree with his neighbors much, but Neal Developers wants to deliver to him hundreds of new neighbors, and he's not interested in that. "There's people that moved to this area specifically for the outdoors," Whitney said. "I had a friend comment the other day he comes from Punta Gorda to come to our bike park out here. Because it's the only place he can bike and see our wildlife and our natural beauty in an area close to his own home."





Neal hopes to build more than a thousand homes on this land, and Greenwell has received re-zoning for his 76 acres of agricultural land he owns to build 400,000 square feet of commercial real estate and up to 122 apartment units. Neighbors who showed up at this town hall didn't want that either.

"It definitely touches an emotional side because we're not against development," Whitney said. "We're for responsible development, and that's what we're blatantly being told in any of these meetings isn't going to happen."



When Whitney brought his environmental concerns to the developer's attention, he said they don't want to talk about conservation. "It is all essential. It is all needed. That's why this is a preserve land, and this is an environmental gem, and it needs to stay that," Whitney said.

The developers were also asked where on River Road they will develop, but they said they need approval first before giving the exact spots.

However, Neal's representatives have been

sharing their plans in a very forthcoming way with the North Olga Planning Group and Alva INC, both organizations made up of local residents.

Now that Neal has bought the former and approved D.R. Horton project around the Owl Creek Marina, they have added it to their yet to be approved property that will take all the agricultural land from Mike Greenwell's newly zoned commercial/residential property to the unincorporated area of North Olga, effectively turning all of this section of North River Road, Rte 78, into a massive suburban commuter corridor.

But this is yet to be seen. So, residents of Alva, North Olga and even North Fort Myers are organizing more effectively than ever to keep what's left of their homelife rural. And this is all happening as Pulte Construction adds the first several hundred homes, already approved and under construction, to Babcock Ranch. This time in Lee County along Rte 31, just north of Rte 78.

Oh, and Lee County Schools say they are moving ahead with a new high school on purchased and approved land just a couple of miles from the Alva Drawbridge, on Joel Road.

Months before Commissioner Frank Mann passed away and Mike Greenwell was appointed to the Lee County Commission, he told a meeting of Alva INC members at the Alva Community Center that their struggle to live up to their motto, “Keep Alva Rural” would only now become very hard to fulfill.

Mike Greenwell’s parting words to the members of the North Olga Planning group were (paraphrased), “Some have kept our infrastructure held back in this area. Its time to recognize that anyone who wants to develop their land may do whatever they wish, legally.”

## Summer BreakSpot program to feed Florida kids while school is out

(Reporter: Rodaris Richardson, Writer: Joey Pellegrino, Matias Abril)



A program called Summer BreakSpot is going to provide free breakfast and lunch to children 18 and under until school starts again. School is out for the summer, and many kids depend on meals provided at school.

For many, it’s fun times ahead. For others, this is when families worry most about feeding their kids.

“It happens at different levels of the economic stream, so these meals are

offered to all children under the age of 18,” said Kandace (Kandy) Messenger, Lee County School District Director of Food & Nutrition.

Lee County schools work to ease that anxiety. Every year, the district partners with summer BreakSpot to offer free breakfast and lunch and snacks. On the summer BreakSpot website, there’s an interactive map, where parents can find those food giveaway locations.

Lee County schools expects lots kids to show up, and the district is ready. “We fed just over 200,000 meals to the students over the last summer, and we did just under 25,000 snacks to these students,” Messenger said. “I feel that it’s more important now because the struggles that families are continuing in in the recovery process because we’re not all recovered yet.”

**And speaking of meeting those needs.**

“A lot of the times when it comes to rent when it comes to paying the mortgage, when it comes to paying insurance, or fun bill, that food is not it’s not in the budget,” said Manny Vazquez, Food Distribution Coordinator, St Matthews House.

St Matthews House says feeding the entire family is their mission. “We have approximately 500 families that go to each distribution,” Vazquez said. And this summer, that number could go higher.

To find a site near you, visit the summer BreakSpot website. You can also call 211 or text “food” (or “comida”) to 304-304. There will be 80 Summer BreakSpot sites in Lee County

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## Blue-green algae bloom in Fort Myers Shores

(Reporter: Elizabeth Biro, Writer: Paul Dolan)



Smelly blue-green algae is covering the end of a boat launch at the Davis Boat Ramp at Fort Myers Shores.

Captains for Clean Water’s Chris Wittman said he’s concerned about how early we see blooms this season.

For now, we know a significant toxic algae bloom is present on Lake Okeechobee. In Fort Myers Shores, we have a bloom bad enough for a health advisory. At eye level, you can see

how blue-green algae floats on the water, moving with the wind and waves. From above, you can see its reach at the Davis Boat Ramp. It’s large but focused at one end.

Sherry Fredrickson, who lives across from the Davis Boat Ramp, spoke to WINK News about the bloom.

“Oh my gosh, it takes my breath away. I didn’t even realize it had come in,” Fredrickson said.

The blooms form so quickly you wouldn’t see any signs of them if you looked at the same spot a week earlier. “This is this is not good,” Fredrickson noted.

The bloom in Fort Myers Shores was enough for the Florida Department of Health to issue a health advisory. At the same time, the blue-green algae in Lake Okeechobee are cause for concern for Wittman.

“The concerning thing here is with, as far as the time of year, that we’re just now entering into the, into the rainy season. And we’re just now getting into the months where that those temperatures really tend to ramp up,” Wittman said.

Warm summer months, along with longer days and nutrients, bring all the right ingredients for a bloom. It’s expected at this time of the year, but if you ask Wittman, it’s a little early for the blooms we’re seeing on Lake Okeechobee and the lake is higher than we want at the start of rainy season. For that, you can blame last year’s hurricanes.



“The lake has a tremendous amount of legacy pollution legacy nutrients in the lake for decades of pollution. And so, when you have a big wind event, like a hurricane, it stirs up those nutrients, and the detritus that’s on the bottom of the lake suspends it into the water, and that’s food for algae,” Wittman said.

**As always, if you see blue-green algae in the water, don’t go swimming or play in it. Also, keep a close eye on your pets to make sure they don’t drink the water.**

**Remove, and keep moving, trucks and heavy north-south traffic OUT of LaBelle**



FDOT has been planning for years to improve the movement of north-south traffic through LaBelle. Currently their plan is to build a second two lane bridge next to the current two-lane bridge, or rebuild the current bridge and make both higher to accommodate fewer draw bridge raisings.

Leonard N. (Len) Enriquez and the SECOND BRIDGE GROUP (SBG) have been struggling for over a year to get FDOT to slow down their plan and really study a bypass plan that would allow downtown LaBelle to become quieter, more attractive to small business and even tourists.

The second **Joint City-County Meeting** is now scheduled for July 11 at 5 pm at the LaBelle Civic Center. Please note that the 7/11 meeting is being held at the Civic Center behind and just south of City Hall. They seem to be expecting a crowd. Mr. Enriquez asks that LaBelle give them one.

Bypass Route (favored by SBG) would:

- Divert or bypass most “Heavy Traffic” away from Core Downtown (especially Tractor-Trailers and Dump Trucks, plus possibly all “Other Fast Through Traffic” such as cars, light trucks, etc.).
- A simple sign could point out “Truck Route” as the Bypass Route. Another sign could point the other way to “Historic Downtown”.
- The Second Bridge would be part of the Bypass Route that would cross the river at a point somewhere East of Port Labelle; There are several alternative routes for reaching the River Crossing East of LaBelle: please see the color slides attached.

The Bypass Study will select one of these specific Bypass Route Road segments.



- A Bypass Route could include Helms Road, which could take Heavy / Fast traffic to and from the Second Bridge but around the Downtown Core. (This Bypass Route could also potentially take much traffic from the congested intersection at SR80 and Bridge Street.)
- Once on the North side of the River, the Bypass Route would end at SR78. This would allow Tractor-Trailers and Dump Trucks to then proceed West on SR78 to rejoin SR29; Sand mines along SR78 will probably welcome the ability to drive their Dump Trucks to the North or South without going through LaBelle Downtown.

**Billy Bowlegs Society, Children of the American Revolution,  
walked the Alva Cemetery before Memorial Day  
to replace tattered flags on Veteran graves.**

(TY Facebook poster Monica Parish)



Billy Bowlegs Society, Children of the American Revolution spent the morning of Memorial Day walking Alva Cemetery replacing worn and tattered flags on veterans' graves. Flag Day the children learned more about the history of the Flag of the United States and had their first ceremony to retire the flags.

National Society of the Children of the American Revolution formed April 5, 1895, for children ages birth to 22. Their mission is to train good citizens, develop leaders and promotes love of the United States of America and its heritage among young people. Today, there are over 10,000 members. Billy Bowlegs Society reorganized November 2019 and covers the Fort Myers- Alva area.

Sydney Wagnstrom, age 12 is the 2023-2024 F.S.C.A.R. State President. Her State Project is to raise \$5000 for the Clearwater Maine Research Institute for the Right Whale program. This not-for-profit organization helps to educate people about the right whales. The Institute tracks the whales to prevent boating accidents and fishing entanglements. There are less than 350 right whales left, with only 11 calves born last year. Their birthing ground is right off the coast of Florida.

The State Theme is Being a Kid is my Superpower with the goal to help empower kids to become more involved in their communities by volunteering while focusing on some the ideals for F.S.C.A.R. Sydney's First Vice President is Billy Bowlegs Society member Caleb Golden.

Victoria Smith, National President for 2023-2024: The National theme is: Cultivating Tomorrow's Leaders and the National President's project is The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. Part 1 is to raise \$15,000 to restore two historical items. Part 2 is connecting National to our local societies. As with the Florida State President, volunteering is an integral part of who N.S.C.A.R. is. With that, National has set a goal of 30,000 volunteer hours and each society has an option of choosing a 503C3 organization to raise money for through the N.S.C.A.R. Grant program.

Billy Bowlegs Society is always interested in learning new places to volunteer at. If you are part of a 503C3 organization and have ways our members can get involved with your organization or you are interested in more information regarding C.A.R. and how to get your child involved, please contact Billy Bowlegs Senior President, Teri Peterson at [tpetersonCAR@gmail.com](mailto:tpetersonCAR@gmail.com).

Teri Peterson  
F.S.C.A.R. Senior State Chaplain  
Billy Bowlegs Society Senior President

*In Loving Memory*  
**Pastor Allarius Russ**  
 December 11th, 1979 - June 7th, 2023

**† Celebration of Life †**

Viewing:  
 Friday June 16th  
 5Pm-7Pm  
 James C Boyd Funeral  
 Home  
 2966 Dr. Martin Luther King  
 Jr, Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33916

Home going service:  
 Saturday June 17th @11a.m.  
 Iglesia Arca de Salvation  
 3629 Michigan Avenue, Fort Myers  
 FL 33916  
 Repast: Dr. Phyllis Russ  
 Community Center  
 2541 Charleston Park Dr, Alva,  
 FL 33920

The first hint I had that something was wrong at Liberation Church in Charleston Park or with the Russ family was when I signed off with the members of our ZOOM Bible Study at 9pm on Wednesday June 7. I had received an email from Allarius that his service of Worship and the Word had been cancelled for that night.

Soon enough I learned, as we all did, through Facebook posts from Allarius' wife and Co-Pastor Lashay and son Allarius Jr, the reason for the cancellation.

To the left is the FB post of the family for Pastor Allarius' Home Going Service.

I got to know the Russ family when I discovered that Charleston Park existed, about a year or so after my wife Ramona and I moved to Oak Park Village, in Alva, in 2015. I learned about it through News-Press articles about CP's terrible water quality and felt the need to know more.

I didn't know anything about the community or Liberation Church but I made some calls and Pastor Allarius invited me to his Wednesday night service, the same one he cancelled on June 7.

Allarius was on guitar, his daughter on drums, and Lashay singing her heart out. Worship was happening! Then Allarius led the Bible Study, asking questions of those gathered as well as preaching the Word. Our families got to know each other, and appreciate the blend of cultures and worship styles. Especially when Liberation Church joined with other Alva area churches for special events like the New Years Eve bonfire and picnic at Alva Methodist Church just this past December.

I've never seen Allarius so happy as when he began to lead his congregation to worship with others in Alva. He would say, "We're finally crossing the bridge!" Meaning another racial barrier was coming down, and in his lifetime.

Allarius and Lashay were, and Lashay very much still is, a binding force for their church and all in the community of Charleston Park. Lashay directs the Community Center and the Goodwill JOBS office located in it.

I last spoke with Allarius and some of the family when they served their famous BBQ at the Alva Garden Club's Strawberry Festival last March. I will miss his spirit in our community.

Allarius grew up in Charleston Park, and told me even though he moved his family to Lehigh Acres he always considered it home. On June 17<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Russ was sung, preached, and testified into a far more wonderful home. May Lashay and all his family be at peace in the promise of their faith.

-Ken DeWalt, retired pastor of Hope Church – Douglassville, Pa, , United Methodist Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, and this newsletters publisher.

# Panther in backyard stares down resident

(TY Naples Daily News)

A Naples woman says she was afraid to take her dogs out for hours.

There's nothing quite like relaxing at home, watching television when you turn towards the back door and make eye contact with a large predator. For Naples resident Vendela Bjorkqvist, it was her reality last weekend while in her home in Golden Gate Estates as she was visited by a Florida panther in her backyard.

Bjorkqvist spoke to the Naples Daily News ( In early June) discussing the encounter with the native cat.

From the video she captured, the roughly 5-foot-long panther stares back at Bjorkqvist as she films behind her glass door. "I was so shocked. I was watching a movie and I just felt like someone was looking at me," Bjorkqvist recalled of her initial reaction to seeing the panther on her patio.

"I was worried to take out my dogs for a few hours after that because he went to the front of the yard and was hanging out for at least 45 minutes."



Eventually, the panther did leave the area and Bjorkqvist posted the encounter to social media, which spread like wildfire from locals and wildlife lovers alike.

## How frequently are Florida panthers seen?

Unfortunately, it's not too common to see Florida panthers as they are classified as an endangered species under the federal Endangered Species Act of 1973. It is estimated that there are approximately 120 to 230 adult panthers in Florida.

An endangered species is an animal or plant that is at risk of extinction. It is illegal to harm or harass an endangered species in any way.

## Where are Florida panthers usually seen?

The only puma population east of the Mississippi River are Florida panthers, per the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Panthers range from the extreme southern portions of the peninsula into Central Florida up to Orlando and occasionally further north. Although there are a few female panthers north of Lake Okeechobee, most females are found south of the lake. The FWC has documented males as far north as Georgia.

## What should I do if I am ever in the vicinity of a panther?

If you encounter a Florida panther, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission recommends that you:

- Keep children within sight and close to you.
- Give the panther space. Most Florida panthers will avoid a confrontation. Give them a way to escape.
- Do not run. Stand and face the animal. Make eye contact.
- Avoid crouching or bending over. Squatting or bending over makes you look smaller, resembling a prey-sized animal.
- Make yourself appear larger, open your jacket, raise your arms, throw stones, branches, etc. without turning away.
- If attacked, fight back with whatever is at hand (without turning your back)



# AND...Keep an eye out for bears, FWC warns

(TY News-Press, Chad Gillis)



Seen a black bear lately? Alva, and all of our suburban and more rural communities along the Caloosahatchee are BEAR COUNTRY.

You may soon as spring and early summer are when Florida black bears (*Ursus americanus floridanus*) are active and on the move, especially young bears who just recently left their mothers and are in search of their own breeding and feeding space.

**Also, mating season runs from June through August here.**

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission sent out a reminder to the public last week saying people should be aware that some bears are moving into new territories.

“The most important thing people can do to help these bears is to leave them alone,” said FWC

Bear management program coordinator Mike Orlando. “Give them plenty of space and let them move along on their own.”

When grown, Florida black bears weigh 250 to 350 pounds, but the record male in Florida weighed a whopping 760 pounds.

The Florida black bear is a subspecies and can be found across the state. Urban sprawl in various areas of the state is putting more people in bear territory, which increases the chance of an unwanted bear encounter.

Never feed or approach bears. Like most wild animals, black bears can be conditioned when fed. They begin to associate humans with food, and they want their food — even if it means attacking people.

“Black bears are generally not aggressive but, like any wild animal, if they feel threatened, they can become defensive,” an FWC press release says.

During summer, they already eat the caloric value of two large pizzas per day, mostly in the form of berries, fruits and insects. They also scavenge dead birds and small mammals.

**It’s also illegal to intentionally feed bears.**

Reported encounters have risen from 1,104 in 2003 (when records started) to a peak of 6,680 in 2013. There were 5,907 bears encounters reported in 2022, according to FWC records.

**Secure bird and other wildlife feeders**

Bird food for a bear is like popcorn at the movie theater. They'll quickly snatch a bird feeder off a post and eat everything. Do you keep corn out for deer? Bears love corn and will sit and munch on it for hours.

It is also illegal to leave food or garbage that attracts bears and causes conflicts.

FWC says the public should also protect beehives and compost mounds as they're known to attract bears.

### **Clean and store grills**

Outdoor grills can attract the nose of a bear as they typically smell like the cheeseburgers or ribs you cooked the day before.

FWC recommends that you clean all grills and store them in a bear-safe building or cage.

Keep your dog close

More than half of the bear incidents recorded by FWC have involved dogs.

FWC recommends keeping your dog on a short leash when in bear territory. Also, don't leave pets outside in bear territory as they may eventually be attacked.

### **Never leave pet food outside**

People who live in bear territory should always feed their pets indoors, FWC says, to avoid drawing attention. If you must feed animals outside, FWC recommends that you only leave the food out for a short period of time.



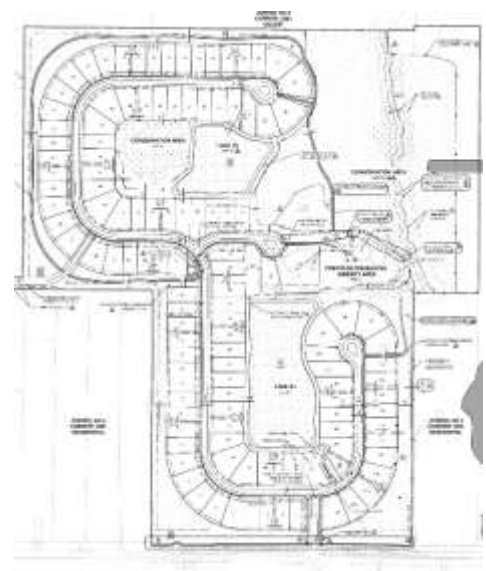
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## **LENNAR Developing 109 Acres on Bayshore Road (BAYSHORE RANCH)**

(TY Mike Robinette- Facebook)

Lennar is developing a 109-acre tract of land across from the Upriver RV Resort on Bayshore Road.

The single-family home development will include 122 single family lots with a minimum size of 75' x 170' and 12,750 sf. An area of approximately one acre will be used for amenities.



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### 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.

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## Lee County Sheriff's Office

Eight months have passed since Southwest Florida was devastated by Hurricane Ian. Between the volume of media coverage and the ruins that remain, I am confident that virtually no one wishes to discuss nor consider the upcoming hurricane season.

While wounds continue to heal, Lee County must accept the June 1st arrival of the Atlantic hurricane season. We are usually fortunate and, despite watches and warnings, our county has generally escaped previous storms with relatively manageable damage. If nothing else, Ian taught us to brace for the worst despite these previous misses.

Ian has taught us, first hand, how vulnerable we are here in Southwest Florida and, while we have no control over the severity or direction of future storms, we have an opportunity to prepare.

We've all seen the hurricane lists...batteries, water, fuel, etc. The list is lengthy. It includes pet needs, medications, flashlights, etc. and all suggestions should be heeded. Lists of recommended items can be found all over the internet and I won't dwell on the need to purchase most, if not all, of those recommended items.

**Rather, let's discuss other issues:**

Lee County covers an immense amount of area that includes waterfront property, low-lying regions and rural sections. As a result of these differences, we must fully understand our personal risk in regard to wind and water. Do you live in a flood-prone area? An evacuation zone? Are you subject to storm surge?

Consider the structure in which you reside. Is your home a manufactured home? Mobile home? Are you in a single-story structure subject to large volumes of water? Are your exterior doors and garage doors hurricane-proof? What are your home's vulnerabilities?

Do you fully understand the difference between a "watch" and a "warning?" What are your thoughts when you see the "Hurricane Cone of Uncertainty? Do you recognize the potential size and movement of a storm or how quickly both can change?

No one wishes to evacuate their home. No one wants to leave behind cherished items. Sorting through a lifetime of belongings, just days prior to a storm, is nearly impossible. What must you take? What must you leave. How quickly can you safely gather those "must bring" items? Can it be done in advance?

Where would you go? Certainly, storm direction plays a role in determining your evacuation plans. If you needed to head north, where would you go? East? South? What options do you have?

How will you communicate with relatives, neighbors, friends? Do you have a communication plan? Will you be able to check on the welfare of family members and friends? Will they be able to contact you?

What about your needs following the storm? Cash? Fuel? What hazards may surround you? Do you fully understand generator advantages and hazards?

**The subject is a bitter one. While it is virtually impossible to find a silver lining following last year's devastation, we can learn from it. We can be wiser. We can be better prepared.**



# BARRON LIBRARY

at the LaBelle Caloosahatchee  
Dock Park



USS Hannah Chapter, Alva, Florida,

<https://usshannahnsdar.org/>



Congratulations to JROTC Bronze Medal Award Winners

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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).



## 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 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 NOW 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.

**HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL**

**!Medicaid Unwinding Update!**

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During the COVID-19 pandemic, the CMS issued a Public Health Emergency (PHE). This meant that no one could be taken off Medicaid during that time. As a result, almost 25% of all Floridians became eligible for Medicaid at some point during the pandemic. However, the Public Health Emergency was ended on May 11, 2023. Therefore, the state of Florida started the process of unwinding on March 01, 2023. The Medicaid unwinding process can be challenging for enrollees, and millions of people are expected to lose their Medicaid coverage as a result.

Navigators at Health Planning Council want all eligible Floridians to get and stay covered. Call 1.866.547.2793 or visit [www.EnrollSWFL.com](http://www.EnrollSWFL.com) to schedule a free appointment.

# LaBelle's own BARRON LIBRARY

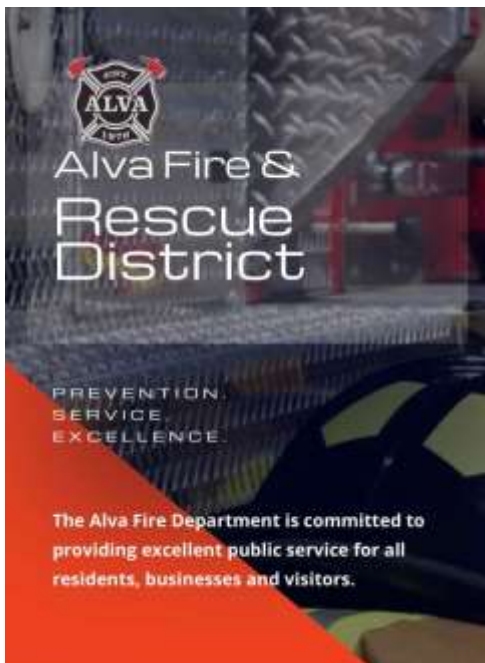


**Barron Library**  
**2023 Summer Program**  
**Every Tuesday**  
 Program Times Vary  
 Please check our Facebook @ BarronLibrary  
 Or call 863-675-0833  
 For Up-To-Date Information

June 9	Summer Kickoff Party (bring bathing suit & towel) 10 AM – 12 PM
June 9	We Fit Together Crafternoon (during kickoff party) 10 AM – 4 PM
June 13	Water Bottle Art w/ Stella Tot Luckey @ 11:30
June 14	All Together Crafternoon from 1-4 PM
June 20	Florida Public Archaeology Network @ 10:30
June 21	Walk This Way Crafternoon from 1-4 PM
June 27	Hendry County Sheriff Steve Whidden @ 11:30
June 28	Cards of Light Crafternoon from 1-4 PM
July 11	Circle C Farms @ 11:30
July 12	Bring a Friend(ship) Crafternoon from 1-4 PM
July 18	Showtime for Kids – The Loose Caboose Adventure! 3 PM
July 19	I Was Framed! Crafternoon from 1-4 PM
July 25	Hendry County Animal Control @ 11:30
July 26	Color Me Crazy Crafternoon from 1-4 PM

On Tuesdays following our good presenters, there will be a special activity, craft project, or slide decorating. Wednesday join us from 1-4 PM for a self-guided program where you can create, build, and play with a variety of art supplies!

All programs are designed for elementary-age children.  
 Programs are presented in English and are free.  
 No pre-registration is needed.



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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 United 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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## Helping plant at the Franklin Locks



This is a great community project. It will be so nice when these plantings get mature. (They will also have walking paths through out this area eventually).

These projects are open to the public. There was lots of help from many people today, perhaps 40 total were present at 7:30-8:00am. It was really hot all day, but so much was accomplished.

News-Press journalist Amy Bennett Williams and her photographer were here as well. It was nice to represent The Alva Garden Club, Alva, Florida in this project!

More opportunities for anyone to help will be announced in the future.



# ***Next Veteran Recognition Honor Flight #25 Scheduled for September 30, 2023***

## ***Collier and Lee County Military Veterans are Invited to Register NOW***



Collier-Lee Honor Flight is pleased to announce that the next Honor Flight, Flight #25, is scheduled to take place on September 30, 2023. We extend a warm invitation to all military veterans from Collier and Lee County to register for consideration to participate for free in this extraordinary event.

In addition to welcoming veterans, we are also seeking compassionate volunteers to serve as

Guardians for our esteemed veterans during these historic journeys. As Guardians, these

volunteers will accompany and support the veterans throughout the trip, ensuring their comfort and safety.

Collier-Lee Honor Flight's mission is to provide free air transportation to local veterans, enabling them to visit the memorials in Washington, D.C., dedicated to honoring their remarkable service and sacrifices. These trips serve as a poignant reminder of the valor and dedication displayed by our veterans.

During the Honor Flight, we introduce surprises of recognition and honor, ensuring that each veteran feels deeply appreciated throughout the day. "It is our firm belief that these brave men and women deserve nothing less than our utmost gratitude and admiration," says Debi Lux, Collier-Lee Honor Flight originator.

We prioritize our most senior heroes. Wheelchairs are provided for all veterans to assure their comfort and safety.

The support for these trips is made possible by our dedicated military and non-military volunteers and comes at no cost to the veterans.

We encourage individuals and companies to consider sponsoring our Honor Flights, as we continuously seek support for our veteran heroes. Sponsors will receive prominent and

continuous mention and recognition on our website as a token of our appreciation for their invaluable contribution.

SGT Richard Erschik, one of the veterans who recently participated in Honor Flight #24, expressed his profound gratitude, stating, “When I got out of the Army in 1967, I had to hide my uniform because of Vietnam War protestors. This Honor Flight experience made me proud, again, that I wore one.”



For more information regarding veterans, guardians, and sponsorship opportunities, please visit the Collier Honor Flight website at <https://www.collierhonorflight.org/> or contact us at 239-777-9295.

**Collier-Lee Honor Flight: Collier Honor Flight is a non-profit organization dedicated to honoring and thanking military veterans for their selfless service. Through free air transportation to Washington, D.C., the organization provides veterans with the opportunity to visit the memorials dedicated to honoring their sacrifices. With the support of dedicated volunteers, Collier-Lee Honor Flight strives to create a memorable and transformative experience for each veteran.**

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## **Fantasy Update: Tears of joy for Trackhouse Racing at Nashville (TY Nascar Racing)**

The story of the weekend thus far at Nashville Superspeedway has been Trackhouse Racing. Not only did the concept of Justin Marks’ vision begin in the city of Nashville in 2020, but Ross Chastain earned the team’s first career pole on Saturday. He was also incredibly pleased with his race pace in practice, having the best 15- and 20-lap averages. **AND THEN...Ross Chastain gets his third career NASCAR Cup Series win Sunday June 26 at the Ally 400 at Nashville Superspeedway.**





# SCORE Southwest Florida

**2201 Second Street, Suite 500, Fort Myers, FL 33901**

**(239) 533-3102, [ch.admin0219@scorevolunteer.org](mailto:ch.admin0219@scorevolunteer.org)**

## 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:

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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.



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<https://www.indeed.com/q-Goodwill-l-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.



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## 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>



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

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

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# The Firehouse Community Theatre, Inc.

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by TODD WALLINGER

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## Do you want to be part of one of the most famous comedies?

Audition for a part in a play at the Firehouse Community Theatre!

"Arsenic and Old Lace" is a classic dark comedy about the only thing more deadly than poison: FAMILY!!!

Auditions for "Arsenic and Old Lace" will be held on Saturday, July 8th at 10am and also, on Tuesday, July 18th at 6pm, at the Firehouse Community Theater at 241 N. Bridge Street in beautiful downtown LaBelle.

If you have questions or if you want to be a part of the theatre "behind the scenes" such as ushering, concessions, stage hands, lighting, props, etc., you can call the theatre at (863) 675-3066. Leave a message and someone will call you back!



## A bit of ALVA History

# MURDER IN Fort DeNAUD

(TY Joanne Iwinski-Miller)

The printing is fuzzy, and there is misspelling of some names but the 1909 article to the right could have been written in today's News-Press.

Except for the prosecutor's use of the phrase about the shooter that he was "doubly to blame for having shot Mayes" since Crew's brother "had STOLEN Maye's daughter." Women of a marriage-able age are not supposed to be considered 'stealable' these days.

Guns and anger should never mix, but they sure do, as much now as over 100 and many more years ago.

And the reason for anger here is as old as love itself. Parental pride and control.

If it comes time your young'uns feel like eloping earlier than you think proper, or marryin' someone you'd rather they not, leave the rifle at home; go get your pastor, and pray out the problem with your spouse and both of the other child's parents together.

*Maybe no one will have to GO too soon.*



## CREWS CASE ENDS IN DISAGREEMENT

AFTER EIGHT HOURS, MISTRIAL  
IS DECLARED BY COURT

Judge Wall, State Attorney Phillips  
and Col. Robert W. Davis Return  
From Fort Myers

After being out eight hours trying to agree, a jury in the Crews murder case at 11 o'clock Saturday night reported to Judge Wall at Fort Myers that they were unable to arrive at a verdict. A mistrial was then declared, and it is probable that the case will be threshed out anew at the next term in that city. The case is one of the most important tried in Lee county recently and has attracted a great deal of attention, both Joe Lee, the defendant, and Manuel Mayes, the man he killed, being well known, the latter being a large cattle and property-owner. Crews was defended by Robert W. Davis, of this city, and Don Register, and State Attorney Phillips was in the prosecution by Frank Al...

The offense for which Crews was tried occurred at Fort Denaud, on the Caloosahatchee river some distance from Fort Myers. A brother of the defendant is alleged to have eloped with a daughter of Mayes, and on the following morning the latter is alleged to have gone to the Crews' home, thinking that his daughter was there, and demanded that she be turned over to him. The bride and groom, however, had gone to Fort Myers, and so old Mr. Crews invited Mayes to enter and search the house if he so desired. Mayes is alleged to have had a rifle along with him and to have used threatening language. Joe Crews then also produced a rifle, with which, after a quarrel, he shot Mayes. The defense argued that Mayes had made the first move toward trouble, but the state insisted that Crews was doubly to blame in having shot Mayes after his brother had stolen Mayes' daughter. The jury is alleged to have stood ten for acquittal and two for conviction.



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.



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<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.







# Caloosahatchee Regional Park

19130 North River Road, Alva, FL 33920 (239) 694-0398

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

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



## NORTH FORT MYERS Recreation Park

2000 North Recreation Park Way, North Fort Myers, FL 33903,

This park features an 18 hole Disc Golf course , call (239) 297-8916

**Veterans Park Recreation Center**

55 Homestead Road South, Lehigh Acres, FL 33936



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

<https://babcockranchecotours.com/>



# Alva Angel's



**Giving back to the families of our community**

Are you cleaning out your house and planning to donate the items you no longer want? Please consider donating those items to Alva Angel's. We can pick up small and large items and we will gift those items to people in need or sell the items to raise money for the upcoming holiday season to purchase wish list items.

**Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/AlvaAngelsOrganization>**



Lee County Conservation 20/20 manages over 50 preserves spread throughout Lee County, including within the boundaries of most cities. These preserves combined total nearly 30,000 acres.

Preserves are open daily during daylight hours. Access may be limited at certain locations due to temporary flooding, special restoration projects, or isolated location. Information about each Conservation 20/20 preserve can be accessed from the website:

<http://www.leegov.com/conservation2020/preserves>



*Bob Janes Preserve*



*Daniel's Preserve at Spanish Creek*



*Carter's Lane*



*Buckingham Trails Preserve*



*Olga Shores Preserve*



*Oak hammock*



*Alva Scrub Preserve*



*Telegraph Creek Preserve*



*Frank Mann Preserve*



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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.**

**OH MY**





# KEY LIME CHEESECAKE ON THE RIVER

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



## Ingredients-

Crust:

2 cups crushed graham cracker crumbs

1/2 cup butter melted

1/4 cup sugar

## Filling:

3–8-ounce packages cream cheese at room temperature

1 cup sugar

1 cup sour cream.

4 eggs

1/4 cup flour

2 teaspoons vanilla

3/4 cup key lime juice,

1 tablespoon lime zest.

## Directions-

To make crust:

In a small bowl, combine graham cracker crumbs, melted butter, and sugar -press evenly over the bottom of a 9-inch springform pan and halfway up the sides. Bake at 375° for 7 to 8 minutes. Do not bake any longer than this or the crust will burn.

To make filling:

In a separate bowl, add cream cheese and sugar and blend until smooth, scraping sides, and bottom of bowl frequently to combine any cream cheese lumps. Mix in sour cream, eggs, flour, and vanilla. When smooth, stir in lime juice. Pour over prepared crust. Return to 375° oven for 15 minutes. Lower temperature to 250° and continue baking for 55 minutes. Cool on a wire rack in the pan for 20 minutes. Run a sharp knife around the edge to loosen the cheesecake but do not remove from pan. Refrigerate uncovered for six hours before serving.



## 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](https://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!



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## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND SCAMS

The first artificial intelligence (AI) program was introduced in 1957. The program was called Logic Theorist and was the spark that ignited the field of AI research. While many people think of AI as a key plot element in a science fiction movie, it's a very real thing that plays a significant role in this age of "big data."

AI is the technology that gives machines the capability to mimic human thinking or actions, including learning and problem solving. The benefits of AI have been felt in several industries such as technology, banking, marketing, and entertainment. AI helps in driving cars, setting step goals on a smartwatch, recommending songs and shows on streaming services, and creating the most efficient travel routes using a map app.

Unfortunately, scammers have also found ways to twist the benefits of AI for malicious purposes.

Scammers can pull personal information from social media profiles and other online sources. They then use this information together with AI technology to personalize scam texts and emails making them more convincing and harder to detect as fake.

AI technology can also be used to create deepfake audio and video clips from audio data collected online. Scammers may clone the voice of a child, grandchild, or other family member to convince a victim that a loved one is involved in a crisis and needs immediate financial assistance. This could be a grandparent scam, an emergency scam, or a fake kidnapping scam for example.

### Learn to Recognize the General Hallmarks of a Scam

- Pressure to act immediately.
- Pressure to keep information secret.
- Use of scare tactics.
- Request sensitive or personal information.
- Demand money, typically in a form that is difficult to recover, such as cash, wire transfer, gift card, pay app, or cryptocurrency.
- Specific instructions on how to make the financial transaction and may include a demand to stay on the phone





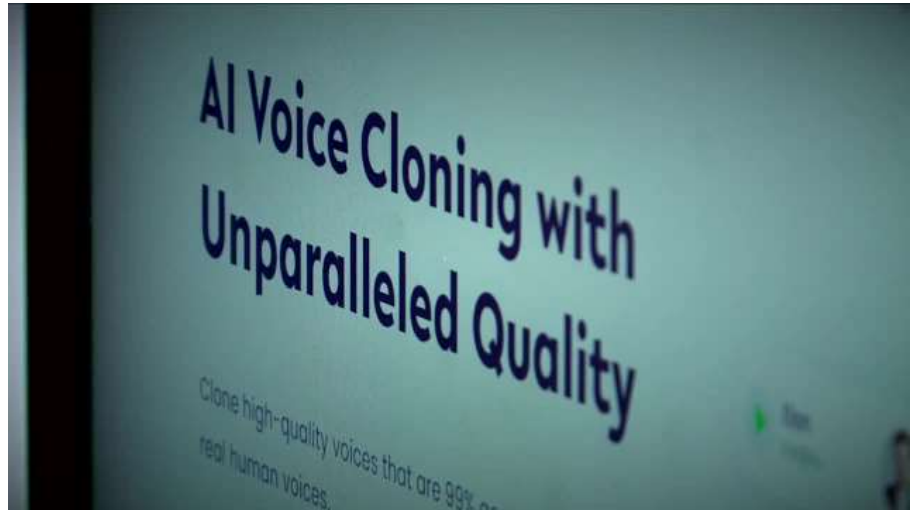
line with the caller while making payment arrangements.

- Offer something that sounds too good to be true.

## Protect Yourself from Potential Voice Cloning Scams

- Establish a family password and share it with parents, grandparents, children, and grandchildren. Impress on family members the importance of keeping the password private among family members only.

- Establish security questions that only family members can answer. Be sure to choose questions where the answers are not easily found using social media or internet searches.



- Encourage loved ones and relatives on social media to set their pages and profiles to private. This makes it harder for scammers to collect personal information.
- Stay calm. Listen for giveaways like the caller using incorrect names or terms of endearment.
- Hang up and call the person at a number known to be theirs.
- Call another family member who would most likely be able to verify or contradict what the caller is saying.
- Don't trust caller ID. Phone numbers can be spoofed and make it look like the call is coming from someone official like a law enforcement office, hospital, or jail.

## Have You Been Scammed?

Scammers are not going to make it easy for you to get your money back, but no matter how you paid, the sooner you act, the better. The Federal Trade Commission makes the following recommendations:

- If you paid a scammer with a credit or debit card, you may be able to stop the transaction. Contact your credit card company or bank right away. Tell them what happened and ask for a “chargeback” to reverse the charges.
- If you paid a scammer with a gift card, prepaid card, or cash reload card, contact the company that issued the card right away. Tell them you paid a scammer with the card and ask if they can refund your money. The sooner you contact them, the better the chance they’ll be able to get your money back. Learn more about gift card scams.
- If you paid a scammer by wiring money through companies like Western Union or MoneyGram, call the company immediately to report the fraud and file a claim. Contact Western Union at 1-800-448-



1492 or use the online fraud claim form. Contact MoneyGram at 1-800-926-9400 or complete the report fraud form online. If caught before the money has gone through to the recipient, you may be able to cancel the transaction and get your money back.

- If you paid a scammer using a money transfer app, contact the company behind the app. If the app is linked to a credit card or debit card, contact your credit card company or bank first. See more tips for using peer-to-peer payment systems and apps.
- Report it to the authorities. Reporting fraud can lead to more awareness and better education. Contact your local law

enforcement authorities if you believe you were a victim of fraud, and report suspected fraud to the Federal Trade Commission at ReportFraud.FTC.gov.

**Visit FloridaConsumerHelp.com for more information on Scams and Fraud.**

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### **It's hot as the devil out there!**



Now's the perfect time to think cool thoughts about costume ideas for the LABELLE Howl-O-Ween Scary Cute Pet Costume Contest! Great trophy prizes and scary cute fun!

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<https://www.eventeny.com/events/applications/application/?id=1659>

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## 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.

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**CONNECT with God and Each Other**

Contact Pastor Ken for more information:  
kendewalt1@gmail.cpm







# 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 UMC

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 of our local ALVA area churches:

St. Vincent DePaul's RC Church

13031 Palm Beach Boulevard, Fort Myers, FL 33905

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

Alva United Methodist Church

21440 Pearl St. P.O Box 96

Alva, FL 33920

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

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

Alva Church of God

21520 Park St, Alva, Florida 33920

239-728-2644

Liberation International Church

Avenue D, Charleston Park

Alva, FL 33920,

239-601-4870

New Hope Faith Temple of Jesus Christ

23210 Avenue D, Charleston Park

Alva, FL, 33920 239-770-4974

Buckingham Presbyterian Church

4241 Buckingham Road

Fort Myers, FL 33905

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

Light of the Nations Filipino Congregation

19850 Palm Beach Blvd (at Calvary Church)

Alva, FL, 33920

239-728-5566

First Spanish Assembly of God Church

2219 Joel Blvd

Alva, FL 33920 239-728-5440

Countryside Wesleyan Church

17750 Palm Beach Blvd, Alva, FL 33920

239-368-3270

Calvary Nations Church

19850 Palm Beach Blvd

Alva, FL 33920

[CalvaryChurchSwfl@yahoo.com](mailto:CalvaryChurchSwfl@yahoo.com)

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First Baptist Church of Alva

2790 Joel Blvd, Alva, FL, 33920

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

Grace United Methodist Church, Ft Myers Shores

14036 Matanzas Drive, Ft Myers, Florida 33905

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

14531 Old Olga Road,

Fort Myers, FL 33905

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



**Types of 12 Step Programs in Lee County, FL:** Because Alcoholics Anonymous was exclusive to people who struggled with alcohol addiction, a vast array of other programs were formed to aid and support those in recovery from other addictive disorders. These include the following groups:

Any type of group you do not find listed below may be sought at this website:

<https://www.addicted.org/directory/category/lee-county-3.html>

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

## ALVA:

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

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

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

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

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

## FORT MYERS SHORES:

**Grace UMC**, Fort Myers Shores, (239) 694-2797, 4036 Matanzas Dr, Fort Myers:

-AA COED, Open Disc: Mon, 12pm, office

-AA Men: Mon, 7pm, office

-AA Women: Tues, 7pm, office

-AA COED, Open Disc: Wed, 12pm, office

-AA Open Disc: Thu, 7pm, office

-AL Anon COED: Fri, 12pm, Classroom 2

-AA COED, Open Speaker: Sat, 7pm, Community Center

-AA COED, Open Disc: Sun, 7pm, office

-CHOOSE RECOVERY: 6:00pm, Grace UMC Shores Facebook Page LIVE until COVID-19 is under control.

**St. Vincent De Paul RC**, 13031 Palm Beach Blvd, Fort Myers: Fort Myers Shores Group OStAH – Tuesday, 8:00 pm

**Calvary Assembly of God**, 11431 Palm Beach Blvd, Fort Myers:

-Night Owls OD – Saturday, 10:05 pm

## LEHIGH ACRES:

**-AA SUNRISE GROUP - MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS 7AM**

705 Leeland Heights Blvd E, Lehigh Acres

(239) 275-5111

**LEHIGH ACRES (cont):**

**-AA MONDAY AT A TIME - MONDAY 6:30PM**

5513 8th St W, Lehigh Acres

(239) 275-5111

**-AA CHAIR'S CHOICE - TUESDAY 6:30PM**

5513 8th St W, Lehigh Acres

(239) 275-5111

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

705 Leeland Heights Blvd E, Lehigh Acres

(239) 275-5111

**-AA THIRSTY THURSDAYS - THURSDAY 6:30PM**

5513 8th St W, Lehigh Acres

(239) 275-5111

**-AA HERE AND NOW- SUNDAY 6:30PM**

5513 8th St W, Lehigh Acres, 33971,

(239) 275-5111



**-NA HOPE WITHOUT DOPE - THURSDAY & SATURDAY  
6:30PM**

705 Leland Heights Blvd. E., Lehigh Acres,  
(866) 819-5346

**-AA LEHIGH SUNDAY NIGHT - SUNDAY 8PM**

705 Leeland Heights Blvd E, Lehigh Acres  
(239) 275-5111

**-AA HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE - FRIDAY  
6:30PM**

5513 8th St W, Lehigh Acres  
(239) 275-5111

**-AL ANON MOVING FORWARD AFG - MONDAY 10AM**

705 Leeland Heights Blvd E, Lehigh Acres  
(888) 425-2666

**-AA FIRST THINGS FIRST - MON-SUN 7AM**

5513 8th St W, Lehigh Acres  
(239) 275-5111

**-AA NOONERS - MON-SUN 12PM**

705 Leeland Heights Blvd E, Lehigh Acres  
(239) 275-5111

**LABELLE:**

**Good Shepherd Church, (239) 275-5111, 1098  
Collingswood Pkwy, Labelle**

-AA-PORT LABELLE GROUP – ODH- SUNDAY 7PM

-MAKING THE EFFORT -OLbHD- MONDAY 7:00 PM

-AS BILL SEES IT- OD- SATURDAY 9:00AM

-WED BIG BOOK GROUP- OBBH- WEDNESDAY NOON

-OPEN DISCUSSION -ODH- FRIDAY 7:00PM

**First Christian Church, Rte 29 & Ford Ave, LaBelle**

-LABELLE GROUP-ODAH- THURSDAY 7:00PM

-STEP GROUP-Cst- TUESDAY 7:00PM

**-Al 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

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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.lee.gov.com/publicsafety/emergencymanagement/plan">www.lee.gov.com/publicsafety/emergencymanagement/plan</a>
StormReady	<a href="http://www.weather.gov/stormready/">www.weather.gov/stormready/</a>

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

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