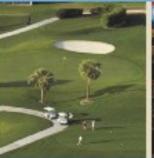
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Bonita Springs



BONITA SPRINGS ormwater

Attendees to the first of three workshops, on February 7th, hear why the City manages stormwater.

http://www.bonitastormwater.com/



City of Bonita Springs Stormwater Utility Study

The City of Bonita Springs is conducting a storm water utility feasibility study to evaluate establishing a storm water utility to provide a dedicated funding source for the management of the storm water system.

In November, 2012 the City adopted the Imperial River Basin Management Action Plan in conjunction with the state of Florida to improve water quality in the Imperial River.

Over the last two years, the city experienced significant flooding in the summer of 2017 with the onset of the Invest 92L storm system and then hurricane Irma. These events emphasized the need to study the existing stormwater infrastructure and identify any challenges that may be present.

For further information about this study, please visit

Bonita Springs Stormwater Utility Study.

FORM-BASED CODE WORKSHOPS

On September 25, 2018, the City conducted its first public workshop to introduce the concept of a Form-Based Code to residents. The workshop was well attended and the potential benefits of implementing Form-Based Code for future downtown development was introduced. As with other public workshops in the City of Bonita Springs, this one was designed so knowledgeable people from the development field, in this case DPZ Development, could share information with and solicit opinions from residents. Group workshops as well as individual appointments are being offered.

Form-based code is a planning and zoning tool that can regulate development by controlling building Form first (Form-Based Code) with usage being a second consideration. In past building and development, emphasis was usually on usage qualifiers first: residential neighborhoods separated from retail which is separated from industrial; thereby creating urban sprawl often reliant on vehicles to get from one area to another. Form-Based Code focuses on more compact, mixed-use development geared more toward pedestrians, rather than vehicle dependent sprawl. In the case of Bonita Springs, there would also be emphasis on keeping the Old Florida scale of design and the small town aesthetic which would ensure predictably of design and thoughtful economic development.

The second workshop was held on February 5, 2019. This workshop was offered to begin to shape the Form-Based Code. Existing city layouts and zonings were reviewed and information for new considerations was shared. Residents were given the opportunity to ask questions and express concerns. Questions included inquiries about parking allocations, grandfathered use of existing businesses, future expandability of the code and what that might look like. There were reservations about architectural limitations and affordability of housing. The DPZ representative explained that the wider range of building types associated with Form-Based Code is a natural progression toward affordable housing and although they would provide the mold for the buildings, the city would decide what would go inside. Recognizing the intent to appeal to younger generations by offering affordable housing and a safe area to raise families, as an investment in our community, can influence the style and mix of housing offered.

DPZ Development next presented their findings to City Council at the February 6th meeting. They communicated what information they had shared the previous night at the workshop along with the concerns of residents that attended the workshop. Council agreed to partner with DPZ for the next step, to look at the process of outlining the code and to accelerate the process. There is a consensus that Form-Based Code will be a positive step in the direction of Our Small Town Charm and Big Bright Future!









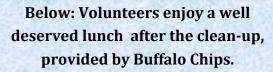
Top left: Volunteers sign up for City Wide Clean up.

Right, left and below: Volunteer groups that participated.

Another Bonita Springs City Wide Clean Up, this one held on Saturday, February 16th was a success!



Enthusiastic volunteers gathered in downtown Bonita Springs to participate in the "Keep the Beautiful in Bonita Springs City Wide Clean Up". Helpers did a wonderful job and we are grateful to them for their donations of effort and time!







Save the Date for CELEBRATE BONITA 2019!



Saturday, April 6th ~ 4pm to 9pm at Riverside Park 10540 Reynolds Street

Proceeds benefit the Bonita Springs Assistance Office

ATTENTION seasonal residents leaving to go home: The City of Bonita Springs Assistance Office gladly accepts unopened food for distribution to those in need in our community. If you have unopened containers of canned or boxed pasta, rice, pasta sauce, proteins such as canned meats, peanut butter, fruit juices or canned vegetables, you can drop it off at the Bonita Springs Assistance Office & they will see it is distributed to those in need. The Assistance office is located at 25300 Bernwood Drive, Unit 6A in Bonita Springs. Donations are accepted Monday through Friday from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm and they can be reached at 239-992-3034.

MEMORIAL DAY

May 27, 2019 / 9:00am / Riverside Park

Please join us for a Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 27, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at Riverside Park.

For more information, please call Bonita Springs City Hall at (239) 949-6262

Celebrate Arbor Day

At the Bonita Springs YMCA Saturday, April 27, 2019
10 am to 1 pm



The City of Bonita Springs Invites you to join us for a tree planting ceremony & Tree City USA flag raising

The theme of this year's poster contest is:

"Healthy Trees make Healthy Communities" (ages K to 8th)

This Arbor Day event will run in concurrence with the YMCA's "Healthy Kids Day" open house







Florida-Friendly Landscaping

THE SMART WAY TO GROW

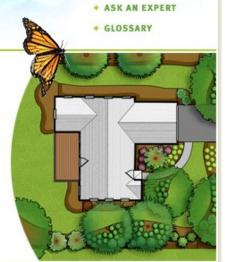
Florida-friendly Landscaping 101

Environmental protection begins in your yard. Learn about Florida-friendly landscaping, pick up some landscaping tips and see examples of landscape designs.



Interactive Yard

Learn how to transform your yard and lawn into a Florida-friendly landscape design that will be the envy of the neighborhood.



. SHARE THIS SITE



Florida-friendly Plant Database

Find Florida plants for your landscape and Florida garden. Learn about Florida-friendly plants, including Florida native plants, that require little irrigation or fertilizer, are low maintenance and attract wildlife.



Professional's Corner

If you are a developer or landscaping professional, get the facts about Florida-friendly landscaping and learn how others are responding to consumer demand for low-impact yards.



WHY GO FLORIDA FRIENDLY?











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Holding "Ctrl" on your keyboard while double-clicking anywhere on the above flyer will bring you to www.FloridaYards.org where you can click on any of the four categories to get more information.



Coming Soon - the City of Bonita Springs is developing a new city website which will be introduced in the next couple of months. For those of us that receive e-blasted communications from the city, *i.e.* this newsletter, city documents or communications, it will be necessary to go in and add your contact information to the new city website to continue to receive these communications. Further information will be sent as we get closer to the debut of the new website. so be on the lookout!

March

Blue = Open Gym

2019

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Gym is closed for cleaning Friday-Saturday 4:30-5pm

Pre-registration required for Pay classes (NO DROP INS)

Friday 6:00am-5:00pm

Sat 8:00am-5:00pm

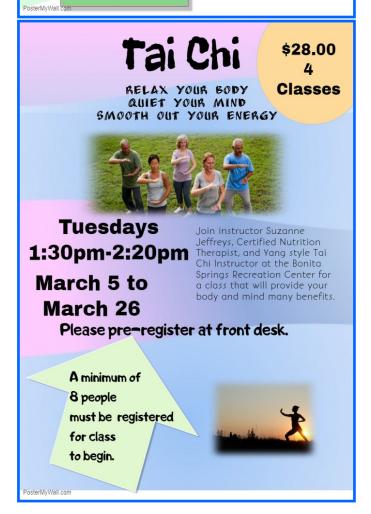
Sunday-Closed



Yoga for beginners
Benefits include:

- * relaxation
- * flexibility
- * balance

Join Instructor Leigh
Longstreth in Chair Yoga.
Chair Yoga is a gentle
form of yoga that is
practiced sitting on a
chair, or standing using a
chair for support.









TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 10:30 - 11:30

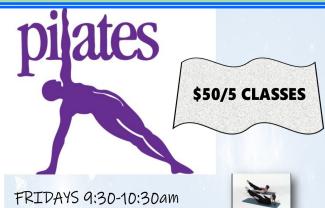


MARCH 5 THRU MARCH 28

Join Lanny Sheffield for this small group HIGH INTENSITY circuit training class to improve your strength, balance, and mobility. This class is designed for people of intermediate fitness levels. THIS IS NOT A CLASS FOR SOMEONE WITH MULTIPLE INJURIES. The class is located in FITNESS CENTER and uses body weight exercises, machines and free weights.

\$65 FOR 8 CLASSES

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER AT THE FRONT DESK. SPACE IS LIMITED,



MARCH 1-MARCH 29





Join instructor Theresa Vita in this class designed to the strengthen and tone your body, with a focus on core strengthening and flexibility.

All levels welcome.

This class will make you feel challenged and not deflated.



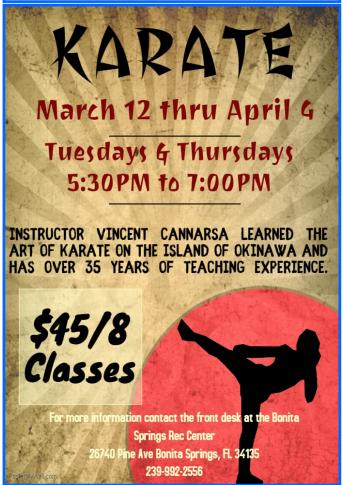
PLEASE REGISTER BEFORE MARCH 1

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Please pre-register at the front desk. Space is limited.



City of Bonita Springs Community Pool- Spring Swimming Lessons

Monday – Wednesday Sessions	4:00 pm -4:30 pm	4:45 – 5:30 pm	
March 1 thru March 24th	Preschool	Beginner	
April 5th thru April 28th	Preschool	Beginner	
Tuesday – Thursday Sessions	4:00 pm -4:45 pm	4:45 – 5:30 pm	
March 2nd thru March 25th	Adv. Beginner	Advanced	
April 6th thru April 29th	Advanced Beginner	Advanced	
Saturday Sessions	10:00—10:30 am	10:00—10:45 am	11:00—11;45 am
March 9th thru April 20th	Preschool	Beginner	Advanced Beginner Intermediate Advanced

Please Note:

Lessons are \$45.00 per child per session.

Classes cancelled before the first day will be subject to a \$10.00 cancellation fee. Classes cancelled on the first day will not receive a refund.

Make up classes will be held for classes cancelled by the Pool only.

Water Aerobics

Monday: Shallow Water 10:00 am-10:45 am

Tuesday: Deep Water 10:00 am-10:45 am

Wednesday: Shallow Water 10:00 am-10:45 am

Thursday: Deep Water 10:00 am-10:45 am

Friday: Shallow Water 10:00 am-10:45 am

Saturday: Shallow Water 10:00 am-10:45 am

Closing times subject to change throughout year—call for latest schedule.

City of Bonita Springs Community Pool

26890 Pine Avenue

Bonita Springs, Florida 34135

Phone: 239-947-1948 Fax: 239-992-1205

E-mail: jesse.felger@cityofbonitasprings.org

Pool Hours Open Swim

Monday: 11:00 am-6:30 pm

Tuesday: 11:00 am-6:30 pm

Wednesday: 11:00 am-6:30 pm

Thursday: 11:00 am-6:30 pm

Friday: 11:00 pm-6:30 pm Saturday: 11:00 am-6:00 pm

Lap Swim

Monday-Friday

8:00 am- 9:45 am

11:00 am-6:30 pm

Saturday

11:00 am-6:00 pm

Subject to change for lessons..

Pool Closures

Memorial Day, May 27 Independence Day, July 4

Storm Policy

The pool will close anytime lightning is within 6 miles or the bottom isn't clearly visible.

Cold Weather Policy

Pool will not open until the air temperature

reaches 60 degrees.

Admission

Children -17: \$2.00 Adults 18-54: \$3.00

Seniors 55+: \$2:50

City of Bonita Springs Special Events

Date	Date Event		Time 1 pm - 9 pm (Fri) 11 am - 9:00 pm (Sat)	
3/8 – 3/9/19 13 th Annual Bonita Blues Festival		Riverside Park		
3/10/19 American Legion 7 th Annual Horseshoe Tournament		27678 Imperial Shores Blvd.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
3/11/19	Naples Big Band	Riverside Park	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	
3/16/19	Movies in the Park – showing "Bee"	Riverside Park	dusk	
3/19/19	Stardust Memories Big Band Jazz Concert Series	Riverside Park	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	
4/2/19	4/2/19 Stardust Memories Big Band Jazz Concert Series		7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	
4/6/19	Celebrate Bonita	Riverside Park	4:00 pm – 9:00pm	
4/8/19 Naples Big Band		Riverside Park	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	
4/13/19	13/19 Farm City BBQ Cook Off F		11:00 am – 3:00 pm	
4/14/19	4/14/19 Bonita Springs Concert Band Rivers		2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	
4/27/19 Arbor Day Celebration		Bonita Springs YMCA	10:00 am – 1:00 pm	

Farmer's Market Local Roots

The Promenade 8 am – 1 pm Saturdays, October 2018 through April, 2019

Lion's Club Farmer's Market

8:00 am – 1:00 pm Wednesdays at the Lemon Tree Lot



Have you seen the art in River Park lately? The Bonita Springs Art in Public Places Board is doing a wonderful job bringing new and exciting art and culture to our revitalized downtown area and Old 41. The City is partnering with the University of Montevallo in Alabama, a school with a strong art program, to display student art work in the coming months in River Park. Watch for it.

Photo to the right: A picture of the revolving Spinners metal art sculptures, by Lyman Whitaker, placed in River Park by the Art in Public Places Board. The slightest gust of wind twists and turns the metal sculptures. What a sight to see!



			City Calendar	
Wed.	3/6/2019	5:30 P.M.		City Council Meeting TELEVISED LIVE
Mon.	3/11/2019		Rm# 118	Tree Advisory Board Meeting
Mon.	3/11/2019	4:00 P.M.	City Council Chambers	Charter Review Committee Meeting
Tues.	3/12/2019		City Council Chambers	Zoning Board Meeting TELEVISED LIVE
Tues.	3/12/2019	5:15 P.M.	Rm# 118	Art in Public Places Meeting
Wed.	3/13/2019		Liles Hotel	Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board Meeting
Wed.	3/13/2019		City Council Chambers	Outreach Advisory Committee Meeting
Thur.	3/14/2019	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	Local Planning Agency Meeting TELEVISED LIVE
Thur.	3/14/2019	5:30 P.M.	City Council Chambers	Veterans Committee Meeting
Mon.	3/18/2019		Rm# 118	Technology Advisory Board Meeting
Tues.	3/19/2019			
Wed.	3/20/2019			Zoning Board Meeting TELEVISED LIVE
Thur.			City Council Chambers Rm # 118	City Council Meeting TELEVISED LIVE
	3/21/2019	5:30 P.M.		Street Light Committee Meeting
Mon.	3/25/2019		City Council Chambers	City Council Budget Planning Meeting
Thur.	3/28/2019	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Historic Preservation Board Meeting
Wed.	4/3/2019	5:30 P.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Meeting TELEVISED LIVE
Mon.	4/8/2019	4:00 P.M.	Rm# 118	Tree Advisory Board Meeting
Mon.	4/8/2019	4:00 P.M.	City Council Chambers	Charter Review Committee Meeting
Tues.	4/9/2019	5:15 P.M.	Rm # 118	Art in Public Places Meeting
Wed.	4/10/2019	5:00 P.M.	Liles Hotel	Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board Meeting
Thur.	4/11/2019		City Council Chambers	Local Planning Agency Meeting TELEVISED LIVE
Thur.	4/11/2019		City Council Chambers	Veterans Committee Meeting
Mon.	4/15/2019		City Council Chambers	City Council Zoning TELEVISED LIVE
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Thur.	4/25/2019	5:30 P.M.		Historic Preservation Board Meeting
Mon.	4/29/2019	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Meeting TELEVISED LIVE
Wed.	5/1/2019	5:30 P.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Meeting TELEVISED LIVE
Thur.	5/2/2019	1:00 PM	City Council Chambers	Code Enforcement Hearing
Wed.	5/8/2019	5:00 P.M.	Liles Hotel	Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board Meeting
Thur.	5/9/2019	9:00 AM	City Council Chambers	Local Planning Agency Meeting TELEVISED LIVE Veterans Committee Meeting
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Mon.	5/20/2019	5:30 P.M.	Rm# 118	Technology Advisory Board Meeting
Tues.	5/21/2019	6:00 P.M.	City Council Chambers	Outreach Advisory Committee Meeting
Mon.	5/27/2019	ALL DAY	City Hall	Memorial Day Observed
I Ihur.	5/30/2019	5:30 P.M.	I Km # 118	Historic Preservation Board Meeting







ABOVE: BikeWalkLee. a community coalition advocating for complete streets in Lee County, Florida, has selected **Bonita Springs Deputy** Mayor Peter O'Flinn as its 2018 Complete Streets Champion of the Year for his outstanding leadership, vision, and commitment to bringing complete streets concepts to reality on the ground in Bonita Springs. Congratulations to him!

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOTS



ABOVE: Mayor Simmons and City Council welcomed Claire Sattler from Bonita Springs to the December 6th Council meeting. Claire was honored for winning the Jeopardy Teen Tournament.

LEFT: City of Bonita Springs employees Kendra Gilreath and Jesus Cobos participated in the January 31st Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce Community Expo held at the Promenade.



Did You Know.....

It just got easier to take care of official business in Bonita Springs. Lee County Tax Collector Larry Hart has partnered with Lee County Clerk of Court Linda Doggett to bring clerk's recording services to the Tax Collector's Office at 25987 S. Tamiami Trail in Bonita Springs. Residents can apply for passports and marriage licenses at the Bonita Springs location. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. In addition to tax collector services such as driver's license renewal, vehicle registration and hunting and fishing licensure, clerk of court functions including deeds, mortgages and other official records can be recorded at the new location.

Memorandum of Agreement allowing the City to use AlertLee approved by City Council on January 16, 2019 - This Memorandum of Agreement, or MOA, sets forth the terms and agreement between Lee County Emergency Management, LCEM, a unit of the Lee County Board of Commissioners, and Bonita Springs regarding the usage of the mass notification system AlertLee. LCEM administers and maintains the AlertLee mass notification system for the purpose of alerting citizens to natural and manmade emergencies including, but not limited to, weather, hazardous materials incidents and wildfires. AlertLee uses the following methods: phone, text, email and social media notifications. The system utilizes open source data, 911 data and data gathered through citizen self-registration portal. Lee County plans to initiate a public information campaign on the AlertLee system in Spring 2019.

No charge for Bonita Sports Leagues to use city fields – January 16, 2019 - Councilmember Peter O'Flinn brought up a motion to approve a policy under which there will be no charge for Bonita Springs Little League and Bonita Springs youth soccer leagues to use city baseball and soccer fields. Considering the character building and societal benefits of team sport participation, the city will institute a new policy of not charging for our youth leagues to use the city fields. The annual revenue lost to the city would be approximately \$10,000 but is a reasonable amount considering the benefit of athletic participation to our youth and our City.

Repairs have been completed on the Bernwood Parkway and Old 41 railroad crossings, picture right. The City partnered with Seminole Gulf Railroad to complete the rehabilitation. Workers removed and replaced the tracks at Bernwood Parkway and milled and paved the roadway segment. Updates to Old 41 Road, south of Bonita Beach Road, included removing and replacing railroad ties at the crossing and milling and paving the roadway segment.

Kentucky Street repairs are in progress. Two forty foot culverts are being replaced. Surrounding asphalt and sidewalk has been removed and replaced.



The extension that will connect Lee and Collier counties north and south, east of I-75 at Bonita Beach Road is under construction with an estimated completion date of February of 2020. See pictures to right.





Council on the Move





Left: Bonita Springs
Chamber of Commerce
President and CEO, Tiffany
Esposito, is recognized for
completing the U.S. Chamber
Foundation Fellowship.



Above: Congratulations to Sheriff Mike Scott, on his recent retirement. City Council, staff and the residents of Bonita Springs, sincerely appreciate Mike Scott's service to the citizens of the City of Bonita Springs.

Right: Mayor
Simmons speaks to
the Encore of
Bonita Springs
Social Club about
Governor Ron
DeSantis'
environmental
stance on February 28th.

Below: Out of 2,100 essay entries, these 8 stellar students won the LCSO 2018 Essay Contest. Congratulations! Bottom right: The Bonita Bay Club is commended for achieving state-wide level sustainability recognition from Vivid Leaf.





Council on the Move, cont.



Mayor Simmons and Bonita Springs representatives recently visited our sister city Isla Mujeres in the state of Quintana Roo, Mexico. This trip was a follow -up to the Isla Mujeres representative's trip to Bonita Springs last year at this time. Juan Carillo Soberanis, el Presidente municipal of Isla Mujeres, observed that our cities share a lot of similarities. Both are cities of development with a main industry of tourism and both are working toward the preservation of nature. The relationship continues as the Isla Mujeres semi-professional team has been invited to Bonita Springs for the April 12th —14th International Soccer Tournament sponsored by the Bonita Springs Soccer League.



