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#### West Terry Street Trail Project Update

At a workshop to brainstorm about the proposed new trail along West Terry street from Tamiami Trail (US 41) to Pine Road, Alta Planning Design Group's project manager, Brad Davis, asked the more than 40 residents present, "What do you love about Bonita Springs?' The next two days were spent exchanging ideas with residents who were encouraged to share what they think should be reflected and the story the trail should tell to Bonita residents and guests who will utilize the trail.

In an effort to shape plans for the trail, Mr. Davis went on to explain there are three areas of exploration that will go into the planning:

 Design It Build It - The trail, which will run along West Terry between Tamiami Trail (US 41) and Pine Road, has a proposed park at the entrance to the utility easement about halfway into the trail. Residents were asked to think about the design that goes into making a great trail. Does it connect what needs to be connected in a meaningful way? Is it eutainable and does it early the community's needs? Dees it tell the sten

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Trail+Park +Roadway



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A rendering of the proposed West Terry Street Trail shows wider sidewalks and a bike path.

sustainable and does it serve the community's needs? Does it tell the story of Bonita Springs?

- 2. Look and Feel what should the trail look like? What materials should be used? There is the potential for picnic areas, a pergola and trees for shade and a transit stop near the proposed park. What type of identifiers should be used? Directional signage, trailhead elements and markers, historical references?
- 3. Where Do We Go Next beyond this trail, what funding priorities will there be and how should this trail support and feed into these priorities?



After an exciting exchange of ideas, Brad from Alta Planning Design shared the outcomes. He communicated the excitement for the concepts of trail and bike lanes. He passed along the desire to connect neighborhoods along US 41 to West Terry Street along with the wishes to improve safety along the streets and at intersections. Residents want point-to-point connectivity, adventure, nature and family fun. Hopes were expressed for a pedestrian and activity oriented trail with unique character and user experience for all residents to enjoy!

Left: the red line illustrates the length of the trail and the blue square signifies where the park would be located.

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 BTV98 offers programming designed to

 Inform and educate the citizens and visitors

 of Bonita Springs. Broadcasts of City

 meetings are scheduled to play throughout

 the week. Check www.bonitatv.org for up to

 date listings.



We are so fortunate in Bonita Springs to have volunteers who give freely of their time and talents to help make this a better place for all of us to live. Recently, Steven Slachta reached his term limit as City Councilor, and will no longer serve as Councilor to District Three. We thank Mr. Slachta for his devotion and service to our city. An active member of the Veteran's Advisory Committee, Steven served on the committee for ten years.



Swearing-In Ceremony of recently-elected City Council Members for District One, Amy Quaremba, District Five, Michael Gibson, and District Three, Laura Carr, performed by the honorable Judge Ramiro Manalich, 20th Judicial Circuit Judge.









#### - Bonita Springs Recognized Nationally for Downtown Improvements

In a recently released Smart Streets report, The Best Complete Streets Initiative of 2017, the city of Bonita Springs was one of the 12 communities selected nationwide that did exemplary work on implementing complete streets initiatives. The write up on Bonita Springs highlights it's Downtown Improvements Project and starts with the statement, "Motivated to improve accessibility and safety in it's downtown area, the City of Bonita Springs worked with both the community and private sector to create a more people-friendly downtown area. Through it's downtown project, the city created a better connected street network for people walking, biking or taking transit. The city also incentivized development that promotes job growth and affordable housing." Congratulations to all those involved in this forward thinking project!





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Saturday, April 7 Riverside Park, 4 to 9 pm

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Featuring kids' activities, artists' cottages and much morel-Liles Hotel will be open. Beverage proceeds will benefit the Bonita Springs Assistance Office.







# BONITA SPRINGS MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Please join us for a Memorial Day service on Monday, May 28th , 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

**Riverside** Park

10450 Reynolds Street

# **Guest Speaker**

Brigadier General Carol Ann Fausone (Ret)

For more information, please call

239-949-6262

We are seeking volunteers to serve on various advisory boards and committees that have been established to assist the City Council on number of civic issues.



# **VOLUNTEER TODAY!** ARE YOU WILLING TO SERVE?

If you are interested in serving on a committee, please submit your application to the City Clerk. For more information, please call (239)949-6262

<u>City of Bonita Springs seeking Volunteers to Serve on Various Advisory Boards and Committees</u> The City of Bonita Springs continues to seek volunteers to serve on various advisory boards and committees when vacancies occur. Committees include the Technology Advisory Board, Street Light Advisory Board, Special Events Committee ,Tree Advisory Board, Historic Preservation Board, Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee, Local Planning Agency, Veterans Advisory Committee, Outreach Committee and the Art in Public Places Board.

If you are interested in volunteering, please submit an application to: Debra Filipek, City Clerk, City of Bonita Springs, 9101 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs, FL 34135; Telephone: 239-949-6262, or visit our website at www.cityofbonitasprings.org for an application or further information.

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## 2018 Events

Date	Event	Venue	Time
April 3	Stardust Memories Big Band	Riverside Park	7pm-9pm
April 7	Celebrate Bonita	Riverside Park	4pm-9pm
April 14	Movie in the Park	Riverside Park	6pm-9pm
April 21	Relay for Life	Riverside Park	10am-9pm
April 22	Bonita Springs Concert Band	Riverside Park	2pm-3:30pm
April 28	Arbor Day	Riverside Park	10am – 1pm
May 5	Fiesta Bonita Event Riverside Park 4pm- 9pm		4pm- 9pm
May 28 Memorial Day		Riverside Park	9am – 12:00pn

Farmer's Market – The Promenade - 8am-1pm Saturdays, October 2017-April 2018

Flea Market – Rode's Fresh & Fancy Market 9am-2pm 3756 Bonita Beach Road Saturdays, October 2017-April 2018

Farmer's Market – Rode's Fresh & Fancy Market 9am-2pm 3756 Bonita Beach Road Sundays, October 2017-April 2018

Lion's Club Farmer's Market 8am-1pm Wednesdays, October 2017-May 2018 Lemon Tree Lot next to Riverside Park



through April of the year.

# Bonita Springs Parks and Recreation Programs Are you aware of all the wonderful programs being offered at your local Rec Center?

Chair Yoga Chair Yoga Thursdays, April 5th - 26th, 9:30 am Fee \$30	Yoga Tuesdays, April 3th - 24th, 10:00 am Fee \$28	Women on Weights Tuesdays, April 3rd - April 24th, 9:15 am Fee \$25				
Youth Tennis Lessons Tuesdays, March 27th –April 17th, Ages 5-8 4:00—4:45 pm Ages 9 & Up \$25	Adult Tennis Lessons Beginner—Intermediate Thursdays, March 15th - April 5th 9:00 am Fee \$40	Karate Mondays & Wednesdays, April 4th-30th Youth 5 pm -6pm, Adult 6pm-7pm Fee \$45				
Zumba Tuesdays, April 3-24th, 8:00 am Fee \$30	Zumba Toning Thursdays, April 5-26th 8:00 am Fee \$30 for 4 classes	For questions regarding any of these classes please call 239-992-2556 or go to the parks department website: www.cityofbonitasprings.org/ parks/				
<u>Spring Swim Les</u>	Spring Swim Lessons For more info call 239-947-1948					
April 2-25 Monday & We	dnesday Preschool 4:00 - 4:30	Preschool 4:00 - 4:30pm Minnow 4:45 - 5:30 pm				
April 3- 26 Tuesday & Th	ursday Shiner 4:00 –4:45pm	Snook/Tar 4:45 -5:30pm				
May 7- 30 Monday & We	dnesday Preschool 4:00 - 4:30	Preschool 4:00 - 4:30pm Minnow 4:45 -5:30 pm				
May 8-31 Tuesday & Th	ursday Shiner 4:00—4:45pm	Shiner 4:00—4:45pm Snook/Tar 4:45-5:30pm				
<u>Saturday: April 7 - May 26</u>						
Preschool 10:00-10:30am Minnow 10:00—10:45am Shiner 11:00—11:45am						
Snook 11:00—11:45am Tarpon 11:00—11:45am						

# save water. win a prius. take the Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation april 1-30

How would you like to have some competitive fun, do something conservative minded and be eligible for prizes too?

The Wyland National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation is a friendly competition between cities across the US to see who can be the most "water-wise." Mayors nationwide will challenge their residents to conserve water, energy and other natural resources on behalf of their city through a series of informative, easy to use pledges online. Our Mayor, Peter Simmons, is participating and would love for you to participate too.

Cities with the highest percentage of residents who take the challenge in their population category win. Cities compete in the following population categories: 5,000-29,999, 30,000—99,999, 100,000—299,999, 300,000—599,999 and 600,000+. You can learn more about the challenge by visiting this website:

http://w3.mywaterpledge.com/campaign/national-campaign/



Do your part this earth month and have some fun too! You can enter anytime between April 1st and April 30th by clicking the link above.



# **3 Day A Week Watering Schedule**

1,3,5,7,9 0,2,4,6,8 Midnight until 9 a.m. Monday 5 p.m. until Midnight Midnight until 9 a.m. Tuesday 5 p.m. until Midnight Midnight until 9 a.m. Wednesday 5 p.m. until Midnight Midnight until 9 a.m. Thursday 5 p.m. until Midnight No watering Friday No watering Midnight until 9 a.m. Saturday 5 p.m. until Midnight Midnight until 9 a.m. Sunday 5 p.m. until Midnight

IF YOUR ADDRESS ENDS IN ...

## City of Bonita Springs Neighborhood Services

27300 Old 41 Rd. , Bonita Springs FL 34135 Phone: 239-949-6257 Fax: 239-947-5145 www.cityofbonitasprings.org



## **COMMUNITY MEETING CALENDAR**

Wed.	4/4/2018	5:30 P.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Meeting TELEVISED LIVE			
Mon.	4/9/2018	4:00 P.M.	Rm # 118	Tree Advisory Board Meeting			
Tues.	4/10/2018	5:15 P.M.	Rm # 118	Art in Public Places			
Thur.	4/12/2018	9:00 A.M.	Rm # 118	Local Planning Agency Meeting TELEVISED LIVE			
Thur.	4/12/2018	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Veterans Committee Meeting			
Mon.	4/16/2018	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Zoning Meeting TELEVISED LIVE			
Mon.	416/2018	4:00 P.M.	Liles Hotel	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board			
Mon.	4/16/2018	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Technology Advisory Board Meeting			
Tues.	4/17/2018	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	Zoning Board Meeting TELEVISED LIVE			
Wed.	4/18/2018	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Meeting TELEVISED LIVE			
Thur.	4/19/2018	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Street Light Committee Meeting			
Mon.	4/23/2018	8:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	Zoning Board Workshop - TENTATIVE			
Thur.	4/26/2018	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Historical Preservation Board Meeting			
Wed.	5/2/2018	5:30 P.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Meeting TELEVISED LIVE			
Thur.	5/3/2018	1:00 PM	City Council Chambers	Code Enforcement Hearing			
Tues.	5/8/2018	5:15 P.M.	Rm # 118	Art in Public Places			
Thur.	5/10/2018	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	Local Planning Agency Meeting TELEVISED LIVE			
Thur.	5/10/2018	5:30 P.M.	City Council Chambers	Veterans Committee Meeting			
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Mon.	5/21/2018	4:00 P.M.	Liles Hotel	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board			
Mon.	5/21/2018	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Technology Advisory Board Meeting			
Mon.	5/28/2018	ALL DAY	City Hall Closed	Memorial Day			
Thur.	5/31/2018	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Historical Preservation Board Meeting			
Wed.	6/6/2018	5:30 P.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Meeting TELEVISED LIVE			
Mon.	6/11/2018	4:00 P.M.	Rm # 118	Tree Advisory Board Meeting			
Tues.	6/12/2018	5:15 P.M.	Rm # 118	Art in Public Places			
Thur.	6/14/2018	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	Local Planning Agency TELEVISED LIVE			
Thur.	6/14/2018	5:30 P.M.	City Council Chambers	Veterans Committee Meeting			
Mon.	6/18/2018	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Zoning Meeting TELEVISED LIVE			
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Mon.	6/18/2018	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Technology Advisory Board Meeting			
Tues.	6/19/2018	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	Zoning Board Meeting TELEVISED LIVE			
Wed.	6/20/2018	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Meeting TELEVISED LIVE			
Thur.	06/21/18	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Street Light Committee Meeting			
Thur.	06/28/18	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Historical Preservation Board Meeting			



## Free Event

Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 6 PM

#### **City of Bonita Springs Recreation Center**

Lee Mayfield, Director of Lee County Emergency Management, Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District and WINK News Meteorologist Zach Maloch present dynamic information to prepare, plan and be safe for the upcoming hurricane season.

Be prepared! Register today!

City of Bonita Springs Recreation Center

Telephone: 239-992-2556

# **Bonita Beach Road Land Use Public Meetings**

Please join us as we envision future built possibilities for Bonita Beach Road. This will include future land use and connectivity along the corridor. There will be lots of interactive sessions!

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For further information and updates: http://cityofbonitasprings.org or call (239) 949-6262



#### Events by Day:

Monday: Opening Presentation 5:30pm-7:00pm Tuesday: OpenHouse/Pin Up: 5:30pm-6:30pm Wednesday: OpenHouse/Pin Up: 5:30pm-6:30pm Thursday: Closing Presentation 5:30pm-7:00pm

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Did You Know.....



Laura Carr , a twenty year resident of Bonita Springs, is the newest member of city council. Laura, who replaces Steve Slachta due to his reaching term limits, looks forward to representing District Three. Excited about her upcoming four year term, Laura's first council meeting was Wednesday, April 4th.

The Pinfish Court Drainage Improvement Project was completed on March 16, 2018 by Infinite Construction, resolving drainage issues.



#### City of Bonita Springs Becomes Sister City with Isla Mujeres



The city of Bonita Springs is proud of our new sister city, Isla Mujeres, from the state of Quintana Roo, Mexico. Bonita Springs and Isla Mujeres officially became sister cities on March 17th when Mayors from

both cities signed an accord in recognition of the agreement on March 17th at the Estero Bay Park and Pavilion. Guests from Isla Mujeres and Bonita Springs were there to witness the proclamation. Mayor Carrillo and guests from Isla Mujeres also attended the annual Casa Mexico Mayor Cup Soccer Event on Sunday.



B onita Springs Post Office located at 26150 Old 41 Road recently became a new Passport Site for the southwest Florida area.

This post office can work with first time passport applicants or renewals. Services are by appointment only and can be made at the site: <u>usps.com/scheduler</u>. Applicants should anticipate a 24 hour wait for scheduling appointments and photos, and a four to six week wait for their passports.

The post office looks forward to serving the community of Bonita Springs.



# Council on the Move



Lee County Commissioners, City Officials and library staff shovel dirt to mark the official groundbreaking of the new Lee County Public Library in downtown Bonita Springs on March 8, 2018.



A rendering of the new public library. The library is expected to open in summer of 2019.

#### Library Ground Breaking Ceremony

On Thursday, March 8th Bonita Springs city Council members, Friends of the Library and library staff, and Lee County Officials joined in a ground breaking ceremony marking the beginning of construction of the new library.

Set between Reynolds and Childers streets, the new two-story library will offer 31,000 square feet of space with 16,500 feet of the overall area available for meeting space. Plans are for the first floor to house a reception area, a large meeting room and a children's area. Books, computers and tables and a teen area are planned for the second floor. Plans are to include an outdoor balcony on the second floor with an option for patrons to enjoy the beautiful outdoors while reading.

"The library will be a cornerstone and anchor of the downtown revitalization" stated Mayor Peter Simmons.



Council members Greg DeWitt, Fred Forbes, Mayor Peter Simmons and council members Amy Quaremba and Peter O'Flynn participate in the library ground breaking.



# WE THOUGHT IT WAS HARMLESS...

#### WE WERE WRONG! EVERY DAY, MORE THAN 13 TONS OF DOG WASTE DOESN'T GET PROPERLY DISPOSED OF IN LEE COUNTY. THAT'S JUST SCARY!

The Monster we've unwittingly created in our waterways has many origins...including the undisposed waste of our beloved pets. It damages water quality and causes a host of other issues. Collecting your dog's waste takes seconds, but helps preserve our water quality in a way that's second to none. With many pet parks and walking areas providing bags for its proper disposal, there is no reason not to. So please...Do your Duty, Pick up the Doodie.







