

CELEBRATE BONITA! 2017
18th annual FESTIVAL

Starring
JOE NICHOLS

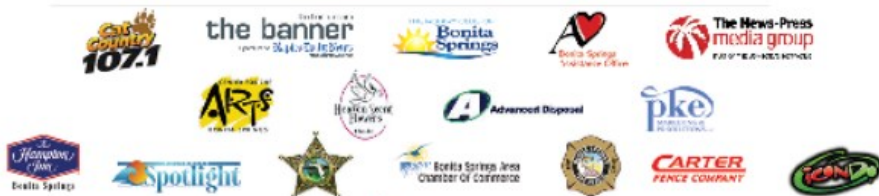
With
SARAH HADEKA
And
BEN ALLEN BAND
Opening Act
SCS BAND

FREE EVENT!
MUSIC STARTS @ 2PM

MARCH 25TH

RIVERSIDE PARK

Kids activities include the Wrecking Ball, Bounce House and more! Artist Cottages and the Liles Hotel will be open! Food and Beverages For Sale (proceeds benefit the Bonita Assistance Office), Corvette Car Club, Lee County Sheriff's SWAT vehicles & more!



**NO PETS OR COOLERS
IN RIVERSIDE PARK**



For more information
CityOfBonitaSprings.org
or call (239) 949-6262

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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.bonitativ.org for up to date listings.

Memorial Brick Installation Ceremony

The City of Bonita Springs held a Memorial Brick Installation Ceremony at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, February 18th in Riverside Park. The bricks were incorporated into the Veterans Memorial Walkway that surrounds Riverside Park in downtown Bonita Springs, on Old US 41 at 10450 Reynolds St.

The Veterans Memorial Walkway Brick Program was created to provide permanent tribute to all Veterans of the past and present. The name of each Veteran remembered in the Memorial Walkway recalls the duties each one bore and the sacrifices of the ones they left behind. Today the Veterans Memorial Walkway is home to approximately 150 Veterans' bricks which border the 100 American flags that majestically line the walkway for Veterans' events.

Friends and family of soldiers can honor their heroes by dedicating bricks that will be installed at later ceremonies. All bricks are installed within six months. Anyone wishing to dedicate a brick should stop by Bonita Springs City Hall, 9101 Bonita Beach Road, to pick up order forms. Bricks cost \$80, half of which goes to the City's Veterans Advisory Committee.

The Veterans Advisory Committee hosts the Memorial Day Service, Veterans Day Event, and the Patriot Day Service. The Committee was formed to ensure that activities sponsored by the various Veteran groups and the City of Bonita Springs are coordinated efforts. They also assist with other Veteran issues relating to Veterans in the Bonita Springs area. The committee installed and maintains the Veterans Memorial at the park.





Council on the Move



Council with State Senator Kathleen Passidomo at the January Council Meeting



Fred Forbes with former UN Ambassador John Bolton and Congressman Francis Rooney



Mayor Simmons at the United States Capitol with Ft. Myers Mayor Randy Henderson.



The City of Bonita Springs is committed to the health, quality of life and well-being of our community. Council made it a priority for the City to also partner with non-profit organizations to increase access to recreational facilities and programs for our residents. The partnership with the YMCA has been a successful example of this, resulting in various opportunities to expand access to recreation. The Mayor and Council attended a groundbreaking ceremony for pickleball courts. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in Southwest Florida and we look forward to this new addition to our beautiful City!

Councilwoman Amy Quaremba in the production of OUR TOWN District 1. Held interviews at Lovers Key and Citrus Park.



KEEP THE BEAUTIFUL IN BONITA




CITY-WIDE COMMUNITY Cleanup

CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS



Many from the community joined Mayor Peter Simmons on February 25th to “Keep the Beautiful in Bonita”. Thank you for volunteering!



Did you remember?

**Sunday,
March 12th
2:00 am**

Public Works Department

The City is in its first 5 years of a 15 year program to reduce a total of 10,000 pounds of pollutants from our waterways. This means that at the end of our first 5 year period, a minimum of 3,333 pounds need to be reduced. Based on projects we have already accomplished, we are only 1200 pounds short of our 3,333 pound goal. After a significant amount of research, discussion and work with the Department of Environmental Protection,

Waterways Pollution Control Program



the Public Works Department received a favorable ruling regarding BSU's efforts to eliminate septic systems and the move toward a central sewer system. In fact, of the 1200 pounds remaining, DEP is granting the City of Bonita Springs 912 pounds of credit towards our goal! That leaves less than 300 pounds to meet our first 5 year goal with the Downtown, Bio-Reactor and Pine Lake Preserve projects yet to be counted.

'This is a result of a cooperative effort between the City of Bonita Springs, Bonita Springs Utilities and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to achieve nitrogen reduction in the Imperial River. We are very pleased with the outcome and final valuation of credits assigned by FDEP.'— Matt Feeney, Public Works Director

Felts Avenue Bio-Reactor:

The Felts Avenue Bio-Reactor Project utilizes a bio-retention process for nitrogen removal from stormwater runoff. The bio-reactor concept is a low-impact development technique that requires very little "above ground" disturbance. It involves constructing sub-surface retention beds of woodchips, or burying pipes filled with woodchips, to create an anaerobic (oxygen starved) nitrogen-removing environment.

The woodchips act as a carbon source for anaerobic bacteria to colonize. The bacteria, in turn, strip nitrogen entrained in the stormwater runoff and convert it into nitrogen gas. This technology is proving to be highly effective at nitrogen removal, while at the same time being very cost effective.



In addition, its underground footprint allows for above-ground use of the landscape that is not necessarily stormwater treatment related. The Felts Avenue project capitalizes on this key feature by incorporating an at-grade 101-stall parking facility above the bio-reactor's water treatment cells. If the project had utilized a traditional dry retention pond to treat the incoming stormwater, the area that would have been available for parking would have only yielded 28 spaces, as opposed to the 101 that will be constructed.

Neighborhood Services

A successful community team effort of a cleanup assist in Crown Lakes area—the association has become active and have officially adopted a road for clean ups!



February Outreach
CROWNE LAKE MAINTENANCE ASSISTANCE
Thank you Hampton Inn!







ADOPT-A-ROAD
LITTER CONTROL
PROVIDED BY:
HAMPTON INN



Not only did the Hampton Inn again stepped up to the plate and organize a clean up in the Crown Lake area. They also are adopting a road !



BONITA BUILDING BLOCKS PROGRAM

BUILDING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY
ONE BLOCK AT A TIME

The Building Blocks Program was developed as an initiative to proactively work closer with our neighborhoods and increase neighborhood involvement and education. The objective is to build a sustainable program building team work with communities and changing the philosophical approach to addressing blight throughout our neighborhoods.

The segment of Arroyal between Bonita Beach Rd and Somerset has a large amount of traffic in and out of season. So this is a high visibility site for them. The City of Bonita Springs will be installing signage in both directions and supplying all the necessary bags and pickers. Those who adopt a road agree to clean up at least 6 times a year.





PARKS & RECREATION

CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS

Step outside and enjoy the natural beauty Bonita Springs offers.



Visit Bonita Springs Parks and Recreation today!
www.BonitaSpringsParks.org / (239) 992-2556

Bonita Springs Lifeguard Staff Receives 2016 Platinum International Aquatic Safety Award

The Bonita Spring Lifeguard Staff has been awarded the 2016 Platinum International Aquatic Safety Award for consistently exceeding the criteria for aquatic safety certification this year. "I am very proud of Jesse Felger, Pool Manager and the entire pool staff for receiving the highest safety rating possible that is only awarded to the top 10% of audited pools." Nicole Perino, Director of Parks and Recreation. With receiving this award, clients who visit the Bonita Springs Community Pool should know that they are also receiving the highest degree of swimmer protection currently available for the aquatic industry. The award also highlights staff's professional excellence and desire to make a difference to those who regularly use the community pool.



BONITA SPRINGS COMMUNITY POOL SCHEDULE

Spring Lessons:

March 6-29	Monday & Wednesday	Tarpon	4:30pm-5:15pm
March 29-30	Tuesday & Thursday	Snook	4:00pm-4:45pm
		Shiner	4:45pm-5:30pm
March 8-31	Wednesday & Friday	Minnow	4:00pm-4:45pm
		Preschool	5:00pm-5:30pm
April 3-26	Monday & Wednesday	Tarpon	4:30pm-5:15pm
April 4-27	Tuesday & Thursday	Snook	4:00pm-4:45pm
		Shiner	4:45pm-5:30pm
April 5-28	Wednesday & Friday	Minnow	4:00pm-4:45pm
		Preschool	5:00pm-5:30pm

Saturday Classes: March 4—April 22

Preschool:	11:30-12:00	Snook:	2:00-2:45
Minnow:	12:00-12:45	Tarpon:	3:00-3:45
Shiner:	1:00-1:45		

Tai Chi



Wednesdays

10:30 am—11:30 am

March 8—29

Fee: \$40—Four Classes

Join Instructor Dave Kelley on Wednesday mornings for Tai Chi!
Classes held at the City of Bonita Springs Recreation Center.

For more information and to register, please contact:
City of Bonita Springs Recreation Center—239-992-2556



TUESDAYS - MARCH 7-28 **YOUTH** **ADVANCED BEGINNER TO INTERMEDIATE** **SKILL LEVEL** **TENNIS LESSONS**

**Youth Tennis Lessons –
Advanced Beginner to Intermediate Skill Level**

Tennis anyone? Sign up for tennis lessons today. Players develop skills in a safe, positive, and high tempo format.

Players should be able to rally five in a row with the coach in the mini-court, have general knowledge of forehand and backhand ground strokes, volleys, overhead, and serve.

Wear sunscreen, hat, bring a tennis racket, and bottled water to tennis each week.

Lesson dates: March 7, 14, 21, 28.

Register at the City of Bonita Springs Recreation Center.
For more information, please call 239-992-2556.

\$20

TUESDAYS

AGES 6-8 – 4-4:45 PM
AGES 9-12 – 5-6 PM

MARCH 7-28

CITY OF
BONITA SPRINGS
TENNIS COURTS

CITY OF
BONITA SPRINGS
RECREATION CENTER

26740 Pine Avenue
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

www.bonitaspringspa.org

Telephone: 239-992-2556



Gentle Yoga

Tuesdays

10 am – 11 am

March 7 – 28

Fee: \$28 – Four Classes

Instructor: Ann Marina

Class Location:
City of Bonita Springs Recreation Center

For more information and to register, please contact:
City of Bonita Springs Recreation Center - 239-992-2556



ZUMBA[®] fitness

TUESDAYS

ZUMBA

\$25

MARCH 7 - 28

8 – 9 AM

CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS RECREATION CENTER
26740 PINE AVENUE, BONITA SPRINGS, FL 34135

**JOIN LEIGH LONGSTRETH FOR FOUR CLASSES
OF ZUMBA! CLASSES WILL BE HELD
TUESDAYS, 8 – 9 A.M.**

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PICKLE BALL TOURNAMENT

*Round Robin
Doubles Event*

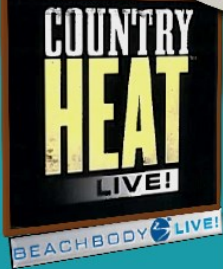
Saturday, March 18 - 1 pm
Bonita Springs Recreation Center
\$5 Cash Entry per Member
Divisions: Open and Recreation
Register by: Monday, March 13



4 - Classes
\$25.00

Monday, March 13th
11:15am - 12:15pm

Piyo combines the muscle-sculpting, core firming benefits of Pilates with the strength and flexibility of flowing yoga movements. You'll sweat, stretch, and strengthen all in one class.
No Weights. No Bulk.



Friday, March 3RD
11:15am - 12:15pm
4 Classes- \$25.00
(No Class March 17TH)

Fire up the fun with high-energy, easy to follow, country dance inspired workout that is so simple anyone can do it! It's so much fun, you'll barely notice you're getting a total body workout as you sweat! You'll dance non-stop to the hottest country hits and before you know it, you'll be burning off the fat and tightening your body from head to toe!



**FASHION SHOW
and
CHARITY EVENT**

August 17, 2017

The glam and limelight theme of Las Vegas is coming to the Bonita Springs Recreation Center. Join us for this great event to help women everywhere and participate in a variety of games and raffles to win prizes, see the fashion designs of a local boutique's runway show, and enjoy a light lunch to benefit the National Breast Cancer Foundation (NBCF).

The NBCF is a national non-profit organization who's mission is "to help women now by providing help and inspiring hope to those affected by breast cancer through early detection, education, and support services."



In Support For The:
**National Breast
 Cancer Foundation**

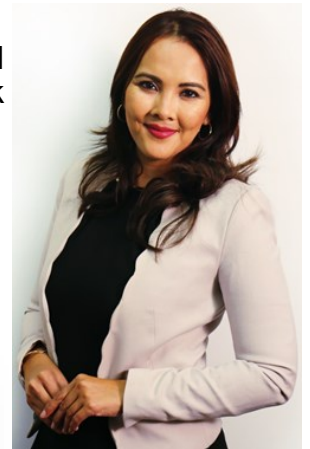


Media Session

The Communication's Department is working on the **Communications Project**, which will result in a combination of research, updates and various break out training sessions related to communications. The Department hosted the first media session in August with NBC-2 Anchor/Reporter Brittany Weiner. Brittany provided tips on interviewing by showing examples of good interviews versus bad interviews. After Brittany's session, attendees had the opportunity to break out and practice interview with the City's multi-media consultant Antonio. Attendees were provided with a copy of the interview session and tips on how to improve their interviewing technique.

The Communications Department hosted the second Media Session on February 10th at 10am in Council Chambers. Speakers included Reporter Marilyn Ponce and Senior Account Executive Margaret Escobedo from Telemundo. We also had MaryAnn Battle from the Bonita Banner join us. They discussed how government can work efficiently with media, how the video/print media outlets choose their stories and also provided interviewing tips for print media.

Thank you to all that participated. These sessions continue to build relationships with our local media. In a few weeks, we will also host Wink News Anchor Therese O'Shea announcing at Celebrate Bonita.



Marilyn Ponce
Telemundo



MaryAnn Battle
Bonita Banner

Save the Date!

City Council Workshop on the Quadrant Study

March 15th at 8:00am

City Hall

Calendar

Mon.	3/13/2017	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Zoning Meeting TELEVISED LIVE
Mon.	3/13/2017	4:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Tree Advisory Board Meeting
Tues.	3/14/2017	5:15 P.M.	Rm # 118	Art in Public Places
Wed.	3/15/2017	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Meeting TELEVISED LIVE
Thur.	3/16/2017	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	Local Planning Agency Meeting TELEVISED LIVE
Thur.	3/16/2017	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Street Light Committee Meeting
Mon.	3/20/2017	4:00 P.M.	Liles Hotel	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board
Mon.	3/20/2017	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Technology Advisory Board Meeting
Thur.	3/23/2017	4pm-9pm	City Council Chambers	Public Works Workshop
Mon.	3/30/2017	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Historical Perservation Board Meeting
Wed.	4/5/2017	4:00 P.M.	Room #118	City Council Meeting BG Mine Case Closed Door Session
Wed.	4/5/2017	5:30 P.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Meeting TELEVISED LIVE
Mon.	4/10/2017	4:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Tree Advisory Board Meeting
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Thur.	4/13/2017	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	Local Planning Agency Meeting TELEVISED LIVE
Thur.	4/13/2017	5:30 P.M.	City Council Chambers	Veterans Committee Meeting
Fri.	4/14/2017	8am-4pm	City Council Chambers	Public Works Workshop
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Tues.	4/18/2017	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	Zoning Board Meeting - TELEVISED
Wed.	4/19/2017	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Meeting TELEVISED LIVE
Thur.	4/20/2017	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Street Light Committee Meeting
Thur.	4/27/2017	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Historical Preservation Board Meeting
Wed.	5/3/2017	3:00 P.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Workshop TELEVISED LIVE
Wed.	5/3/2017	5:30 P.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Meeting TELEVISED LIVE
Mon.	5/8/2017	4:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Tree Advisory Board Meeting
Tues.	5/9/2017	5:15 P.M.	Rm # 118	Art in Public Places
Thur.	5/11/2017	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	Local Planning Agency Meeting TELEVISED LIVE
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Thur.	5/25/2017	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Historical Preservation Board Meeting

CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY

RIVERSIDE PARK DOWNTOWN BONITA SPRINGS

April 22, 2017

9:00AM- 2:00 PM



**FREE TREES
LIVE MUSIC**

FL NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
BASKETEERS
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES
ESTERO- BONITA WOODCARVERS

**POSTER CONTEST
GIANT SLIDE**

ANIMAL REFUGE CENTER
FARMER MIKE'S U- PICK
FL FOREST SERVICE
NAPLES SHIP MODELERS

PLANT. NURTURE. CELEBRATE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 239-949-6262



AND IT WAS ALL SO WORTHWHILE

Ed Gray
Bonita Springs 2017

Bonita Springs was magical...
Old town Americana;
Combined with special places meant,
A charming panorama.

In sheer upside potential, our
Quaint village sure was wealthy;
But first there was a need for work,
To get it much more healthy.

Improvements in the streetscape were,
Important...people knew it;
To fix the "go" in "Let's go there",
We had to just work through it.

The roadwork meant our streets got names
Quite different, we found out:
"No easy way" ... "frustration drive"...
And **"long-way roundabout."**

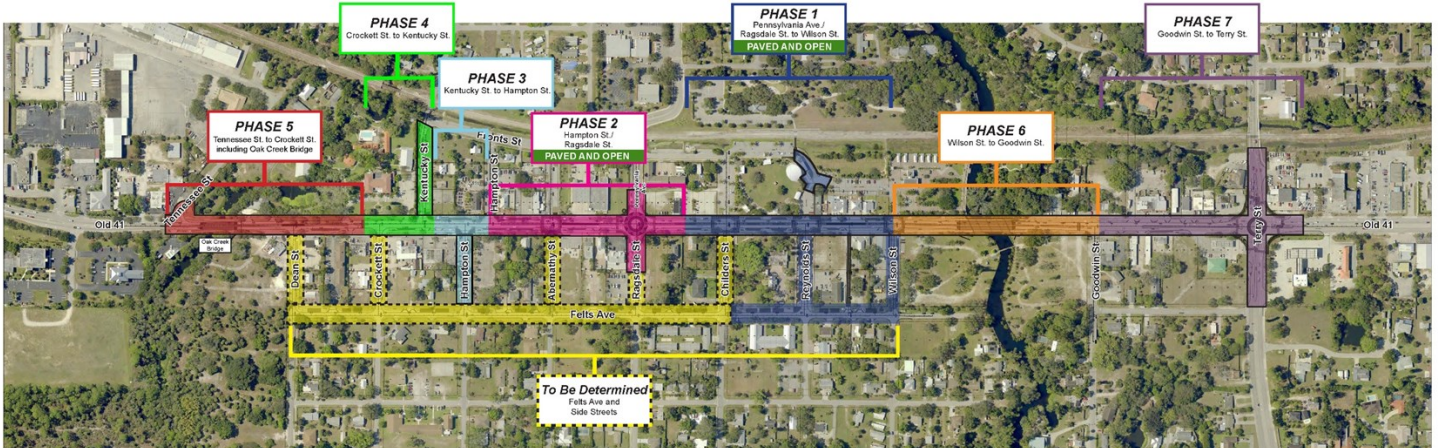
But, now the detour's gone away,
Tranquility's returned;
Bonita Springs is special and,
All of us will learn:

That getting `round is easy and,
Our streetscape sure has changed;
Our town is so much better, now,
While small-town charm remained.

Our art fairs, restaurants, playgrounds, and
Our river so unique;
Historic buildings, shopping for,
That special thing we seek

A treasure trove of fam'ly times,
Such focused celebrations;
Bonita Springs will flourish as
Our downtown destination.

Bonita Springs is so improved,
How mem'able it's gotten;
While end result is so worthwhile,
The roadwork's all forgotten.



07/18/2016

*Subject to Change

Project Update

The Imperial River Bridge Reconstruction is Nearly Complete!

Old 41 Road and Felts Avenue are complete from Wilson Street to Crockett Street as well as all the side streets. The reconstruction of the Imperial River Bridge is nearly complete.

The northbound Old 41 Road traffic is detoured to Goodwin Street north to Center Street to Terry Street while crews continue to install drainage, utilities and curbs on Old 41 Road from the Imperial River Bridge to south of Terry Street. This detour will be in place for approximately two months. Southbound traffic remains on Old 41 Road.

Northbound Old 41 Road Traffic Detours to Goodwin Street North to Center Street then to Terry Street on Monday, March 13

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If you have any questions or concerns during construction, please contact the project public information consultant

Kris Cella, Cella Molnar & Associates, Inc.

1631 Hendry Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901

(239) 337-1071, kcella@cella.cc

Visit the project website at

www.BonitaSpringsDowntownImprovements.com