



City News

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Upcoming Bonita Springs Special Events

Residents are invited to attend these upcoming free events:

Patriot Day Ceremony - Wednesday, September 11th at 6:00 pm at Bonita Springs Fire and Rescue located at 27490 Old 41 Road. This service pays tribute to the valiant firefighters, police officers, emergency personnel and citizens who were involved in the September 11, 2001 attacks. The service includes a Presentation of the Colors, Laying of the Wreaths, 21-gun salute, "Taps," and other patriotic musical tributes. The service is hosted by the Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District, Lee County Sheriff's Office, Veterans Advisory Committee, and the City of Bonita Springs.

Bonita Springs Coastal Clean Up - Saturday, September 21st, 9:00 am -12:00 pm. at Lover's Key Event Field at 8700 Estero Blvd. This clean up is held in partnership with Keep Lee County Beautiful and **volunteers are needed!** Refreshments and collection supplies will be provided.

Wounded Warriors Baseball Game - on Sunday, November 10th at 7:00 pm at the Veterans baseball fields. Join the City of Bonita Springs Veterans Advisory Committee, Lee County Sheriff's Office and Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District to welcome the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team to Bonita Springs. The Wounded Warrior Games will be held at the softball fields at Bonita Springs Community Park located at 26738 Pine Avenue.

Veteran's Day Ceremony on Monday, November 11th at Riverside Park in downtown Bonita Springs. The City of Bonita Springs, Bonita Springs Fire-Rescue District, the Lee County Sheriff's Office and the Veterans Advisory Committee invite the public to attend a Veterans Day Service, honoring all who served. The service will begin at 11:00 a.m. and will include musical tributes, a dove release, drill presentation, drum roll and a 21 gun salute.





The City of Bonita Springs' Event Season is Coming!

**September 11th, 6PM - Patriot Day Ceremony @ Bonita Springs Fire Station 21
27490 Old 41 Rd, Bonita Springs (By the 911 Mural)**

**September 21st, 9AM to 12PM - Coastal Clean-up @ Lovers Key
8700 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach**

**November 10th, 7PM - Wounded Warrior Games @ Community Park
26738 Pine Ave, Bonita Springs**

**November 11th, 11AM - Veterans Day Ceremony @ Riverside Park
10451 Old 41 Rd, Bonita Springs**

**December 3rd, 4:30PM to 8:30PM - Holiday in the Park @ Riverside Park
10451 Old 41 Rd, Bonita Springs**

**December 7th, Dusk - Movies in the Park @ Riverside Park
10451 Old 41 Rd, Bonita Springs**

**All Residents
are Invited!**



**City Hosted
Events are FREE!**

For more information call 239-949-6262 or visit our website at
www.cityofbonitasprings.org



The Bonita Springs Veteran's Memorial Walkway Brick Program is a wonderful way to honor and provide a permanent tribute to Veterans. Commemorative bricks are installed at the Veteran's Memorial Walkway surrounding Riverside Park in downtown Bonita Springs. Brick cost is \$80 and a portion of the proceeds go to the City's Veterans Advisory Committee to assist veterans in the Bonita area. For more information stop by the Bonita Springs City Hall or call 239-949-6262.

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Did you know? With our new website, you can subscribe to receive news and information about your district in Bonita Springs. Simply go to CityofBonitaSprings.org homepage and click on "District Subscription" under Residents toward the bottom of the page, (shown at right here). This will take you to a new page where you can identify your district and sign up with your e-mail address. No problem if you are not sure what district you are in, there is an interactive map you can type your address into that will identify your district for you.

RESIDENTS
BUSINESSES
VISITORS



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MEET YOUR COUNCIL
The City of Bonita Springs City Council meets to discuss agenda items and resolutions, as well

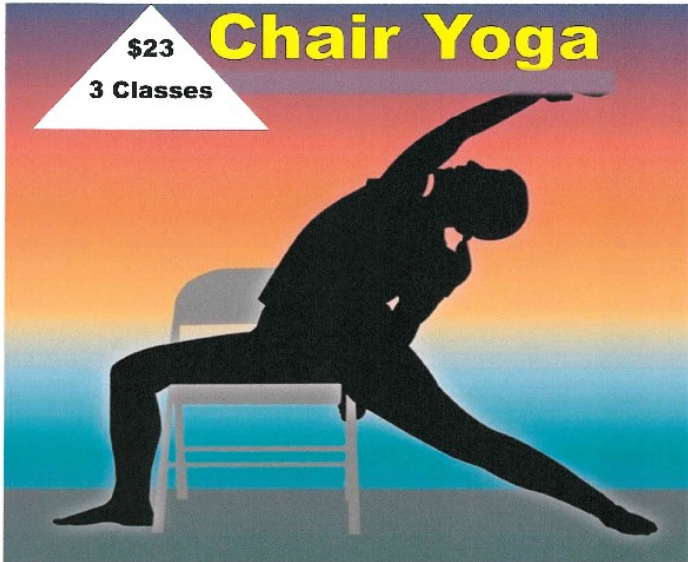
Community Calendar

Mon.	9/2/2019	ALL DAY	City Hall Closed	Labor day Observed
Wed.	9/4/2019	5:30 P.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Meeting TELEvised LIVE
Mon.	9/9/2019	4:00 P.M.	Rm # 118	Tree Advisory Board Meeting
Mon.	9/9/2019	2:30 PM	City Council Chambers	Joint City Council / Charter Review Committee Workshop TELEvised LIVE
Mon.	9/9/2019	6:00 P.M.	City Council Chambers	Tentative Budget Hearing
Tues.	9/10/2019	5:15 P.M.	Rm # 118	Art in Public Places Meeting
Tues.	9/10/2019	6:00 P.M.	City Council Chambers	Outreach Advisory Committee Meeting
Wed.	9/11/2019	5:00 P.M.	Liles Hotel	Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board Meeting
Thur.	9/12/2019	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	Local Planning Agency Meeting TELEvised LIVE
Thur.	9/12/2019	5:30 P.M.	City Council Chambers	Veterans Committee Meeting
Mon.	9/16/2019	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Technology Advisory Board Meeting
Tues.	9/17/2019	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	Zoning Board Meeting TELEvised LIVE
Wed.	9/18/2019	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Meeting TELEvised LIVE
Wed.	9/18/2019	1:00 PM	City Council Chambers	City Council Zoning Meeting
Thur.	9/19/2019	5:05 PM	City Council Chambers	Final Budget Hearing
Thur.	9/19/2019	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Street Light Committee Meeting
Thur.	9/26/2019	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Historic Preservation Board Meeting
Wed.	10/2/2019	5:30 P.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Meeting TELEvised LIVE
Tues.	10/8/2019	5:15 P.M.	Rm # 118	Art in Public Places Meeting
Wed.	10/9/2019	5:00 P.M.	Liles Hotel	Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board Meeting
Thur.	10/10/2019	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	Local Planning Agency Meeting TELEvised LIVE
Thur.	10/10/2019	5:30 P.M.	City Council Chambers	Veterans Committee Meeting
Mon.	10/14/2019	4:00 P.M.	City Council Chambers	Charter Review Committee Meeting TELEvised LIVE
Mon.	10/14/2019	4:00 P.M.	Rm # 118	Tree Advisory Board Meeting
Tues.	10/15/2019	6:00 P.M.	City Council Chambers	Outreach Advisory Committee Meeting
Wed.	10/16/2019	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Meeting TELEvised LIVE
Thur.	10/17/2019	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Street Light Committee Meeting
Mon.	10/21/2019	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Technology Advisory Board Meeting
Thur.	10/31/2019	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Historic Preservation Board Meeting
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Wed.	11/20/2019	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Meeting TELEvised LIVE

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Chair Yoga

3 Classes



Thursdays Sept 12th thru 26th
9:00 -10:00am

Chair Yoga is a Gentle form yoga of which is practiced sitting on a chair, or standing using a chair for support

Please pre-register at the front desk.



Light & Lively

Tuesdays & Thursdays
Sept 3-26
7:30-8:30 am

\$48 /8 Classes

Must Pre-Register at the Front Desk
Call the Rec Center for more information
239-992-2556



SEPTEMBER CLASSES AT THE RECREATION CENTER

Women on Weights

\$65/8
Classes

- Lose body fat * Gain strength without bulk *
- Prevent injury * Improve athletic performance *
- Decrease osteoporosis risk

Tuesday & Thursday 9:30-10:30 am
September 3-26



Join Lanny Sheffield for this small group, HIGH Intensity circuit training workout designed to improve your strength, balance and mobility. This class is for PEOPLE of intermediate to advanced levels, and is located in the Gym. The class uses body weight exercises, balls, tubes, bars and free weights.

THIS IS NOT A CLASS FOR SOMEONE WITH MULTIPLE INJURIES.
Please Preregister- Space is Limited

KARATE

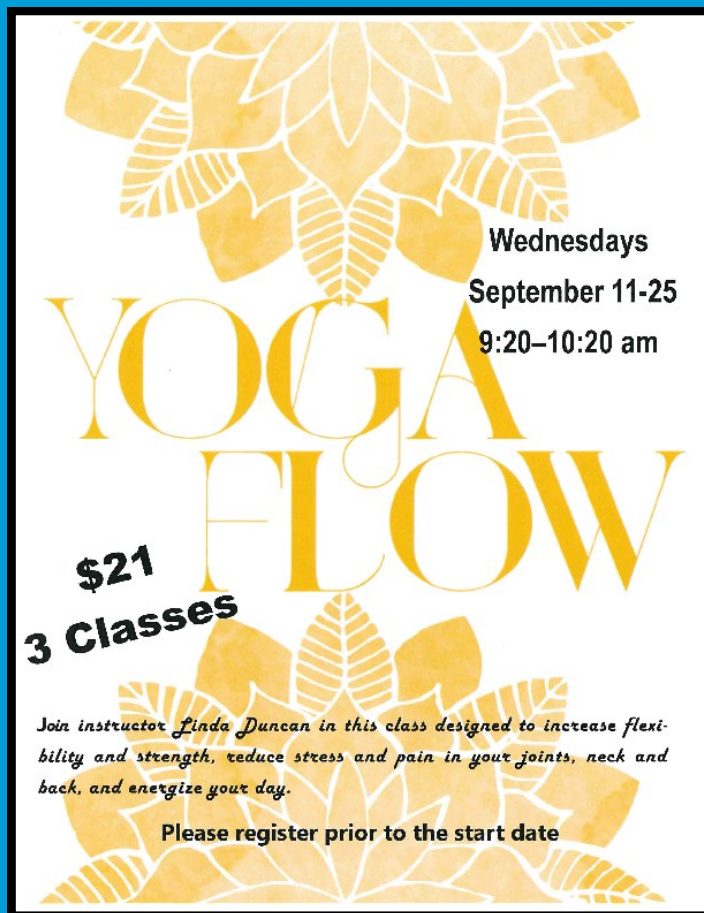
Tues & Thurs
5:30-7:00pm
September 3- 26



\$45 /8
classes

For more information, or to register
contact the front desk at the
Bonita Springs Recreation Center
26740 Pine Ave, Bonita Springs FL 34135
239-992-2556

Instructor Vincent Cannarsa Learned the Art of Karate on the Island of Okinawa and has over 35 years of Teaching Experience.



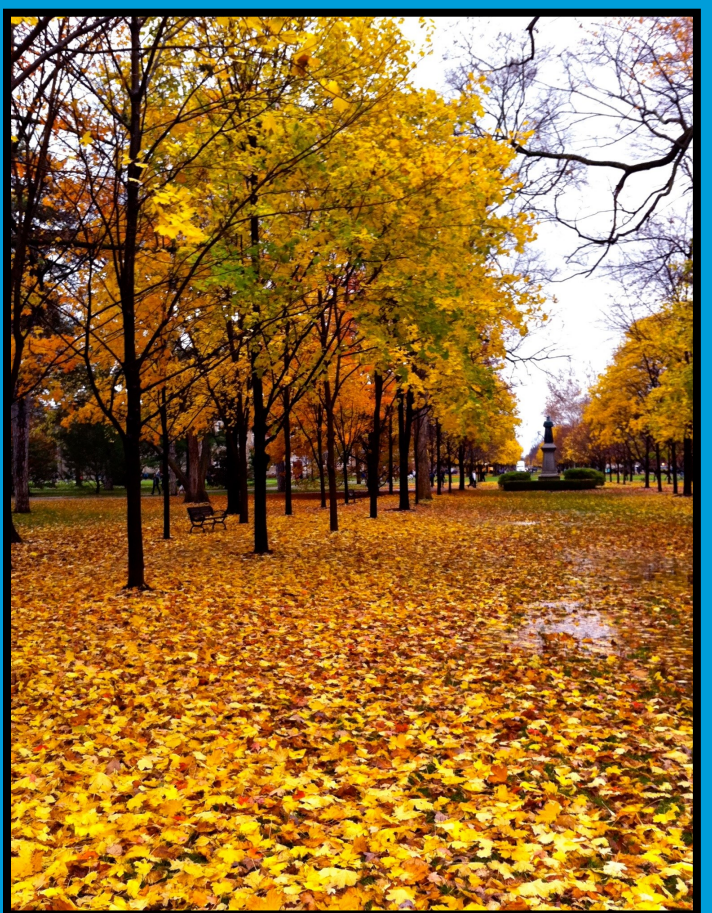
Wednesdays
September 11-25
9:20-10:20 am

YOGA FLOW

\$21
3 Classes

Join instructor Linda Duncan in this class designed to increase flexibility and strength, reduce stress and pain in your joints, neck and back, and energize your day.

Please register prior to the start date



Coming Soon

IN OCTOBER

1/2 HOUR

“LUNCH CRUNCH” CLASS

WITH

LANNY SHEFFIELD

At the Bonita Rec Center

Stay tuned for more details

For more information, contact the front desk at the

Bonita Springs Recreation Center 239-992-2556.

26740 Pine Ave, Bonita Springs FL 34135

City of Bonita Springs Community Pool - Fall Swimming Lessons

Monday – Wednesday Sessions	4:00 pm –4:30 pm	4:45 – 5:30 pm	
Oct. 7th thru Oct. 30th	Preschool	Beginner	
Tuesday –Thursday Sessions	4:00 pm –4:45 pm	4:45 – 5:30 pm	
Oct. 8th thru Oct. 31st	Adv. Beginner	Advanced	
Saturday Sessions	10:00—10:30 am	10:00—10:45 am	11:00—11:45 am
Oct. 5th thru Nov. 23rd	Preschool	Beginner	Intermediate Advanced Adv. Beginner

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.

Open Swim Pool Hours

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 am-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 swim lessons.

Pool Closures

Labor Day, Sept 2nd

Veterans Day, Nov. 11th

Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28th

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 Community Pool

26890 Pine Avenue
Bonita Springs, Florida 34135
Phone: 239-947-1948
Fax: 239-992-1205
E-mail: jesse.felger@cityofbonitasprings.org



COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT:

The Historic Preservation Board

The Historic Preservation Board was established by ordinance as part of the Land Development Code for the purpose of identifying, evaluating, preserving and protecting historical and archaeological sites and districts, as well as to promote the cultural, health, moral, economic, educational, aesthetic and general welfare of the public. The Board consists of seven volunteer advisory board members that are appointed by City Council on the basis of a potential member's civic pride, involvement in community issues, integrity, experience and interest in the field of historic preservation.

The Board is vested with the power, authority, and jurisdiction to designate, regulate and administer historical, cultural, archaeological and architectural resources within the City. These actions allow the City to maintain its status as a Certified Local Government under the National Historic Preservation Act, which allows the City access to additional funding, technical assistance, and many other economic, environmental and social benefits. Maintaining this status demonstrates our community's commitment to saving what is important from the past for future generations.

The Board encourages historic preservation by creating and administering programs of technical assistance and financial incentives for preservation practices in order to stabilize and improve property values through the revitalization of older residential and commercial neighborhoods. They also promote historic preservation activities and cultural and educational programs aimed at fostering a better understanding of the community's heritage.



DID YOU KNOW... that the City's Historic Preservation Board offers **GRANT MONEY** that may be used for repairs, restoration, or rehabilitation of any designated historic property within the City?

A designated historic resource is a building or structure that has been recognized by the historic preservation board as possessing historical, architectural, cultural or archaeological value. Designated historic resources and contributing properties may be eligible for administrative variances, or other forms of relief, from:

- technical requirements of the **Florida Building Code**
- **City zoning regulations** such as setbacks, lot width, parking requirements, etc.
- **Flood plain management** regulations

There are many ways in which a home or property could qualify to become a designated historic resource. For more information, please contact City Hall or attend any of the Historic Preservation Board meetings to find out whether your home may qualify.

The Historic Preservation Board's meetings are open to the public and are regularly scheduled for **5:30 pm on the fourth Thursday of each month in Room 118 at City Hall**. Please visit the City's website to check for any City calendar updates.





Did You Know.....

Rebuild Florida Infrastructure Repair Program Grant— The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's (DEO) Grant is being offered to fund restoration and improvement projects in communities most impacted by Hurricane Irma. Application for funding can include creation, restoration, demolition and economic revitalization for areas that are still vulnerable after Irma. The City is applying for this infrastructure grant and hopes to be able to focus on the Quinn/Downs Street area with any grant awards received.

Public Works has been very busy with drainage operations and repairs in preparation for storm season. Stormwater inspections have been completed on 757 inlets, 1,023 pipes and 107 ponds. Thirty-three inlet/junction boxes have been replaced, 17 dry-retention ponds have been maintained, 27 miles of ditches and swales have been sprayed, mowed, reconstructed or replaced and two miles of pipe have been repaired or replaced.



Before (above) and after (to the right) pictures of Leitner Creek.

Everglades Restoration Funding - The Southwest Florida Mayors Resolution supporting \$200 million for Everglades Restoration Funding was adopted by the The US House of Representatives as part of the 2020 Energy and Water Appropriations bill. Mayor Simmons and mayors from surrounding southwest Florida communities have championed this cause and were instrumental in bringing it to the US Conference of Mayors 87th Annual Conference this year to seek nationwide support for the restoration plan.

A comprehensive Everglades restoration plan was passed in 2000; however, annual funding has fallen short. The new bill will go before the senate next and then on to the president for signature. Fingers crossed it receives senate support!



West Terry Street Multi-Use Path Project -

Project plans are complete and the project is out to bid. This will be a twelve foot non-motorized multi-use path, with a five foot separated bike lane. Construction is anticipated to begin this fall. See rendering to the left.

Logan Boulevard Project—pictures below.

Logan Boulevard will connect Lee and Collier counties north and south, east of I-75 at Bonita Beach Road. Construction is underway. The Roundabout has been poured and landscape planning is nearly complete. Estimated completion date is February 2020.



Voluntary Home Buy Out

The City is submitting a grant application to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO) for a Voluntary Buyout Program. The program is open to all property owners within a flood prone area. The City is concentrating on an area bound on the north by Imperial River, the east by Interstate 75, the south by Bonita Beach Road and the west by Lime Street. The funds are tied to Hurricane Irma funding allocated from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Staff held three public workshops, canvassed the neighborhood and held a public hearing to discuss the program specifics. The City currently has approximately 70 interested property owners willing to participate in the program. The grant application is due to FDEO on October 1st.



Council on the Move



Above: Mayor Simmons and former Councilman Richard Ferreira join residents at American Legion Post 303 June 14th Flag Day Ceremony.

Below: Mike Gibson Jr., Council District 5, Amy Quaremba, Council District 1, Fred Forbes, Council District 6 and Mayor Simmons attend the library ribbon cutting for the new Lee County library located in downtown Bonita Springs.

Below: Councilpersons Mike Gibson, Amy Quaremba, Fred Forbes and Mayor Simmons attend Bonita Springs Library Ribbon Cutting on Monday August 26th.



Below: Mayor Simmons, Governor DeSantis and Sanibel Mayor Kevin Ruane at the Save our Water Summit held in Bonita Springs on August 19, 2019.



SCENES FROM THE FOURTH OF JULY PARADE & STAR SPANGLED BONITA EVENT



Residents along the parade route were grateful for the cooling relief provided by parade participants armed with super soaker squirt guns!



With special thanks to our dedicated firefighters and police officers that were there that day to keep us safe.

