



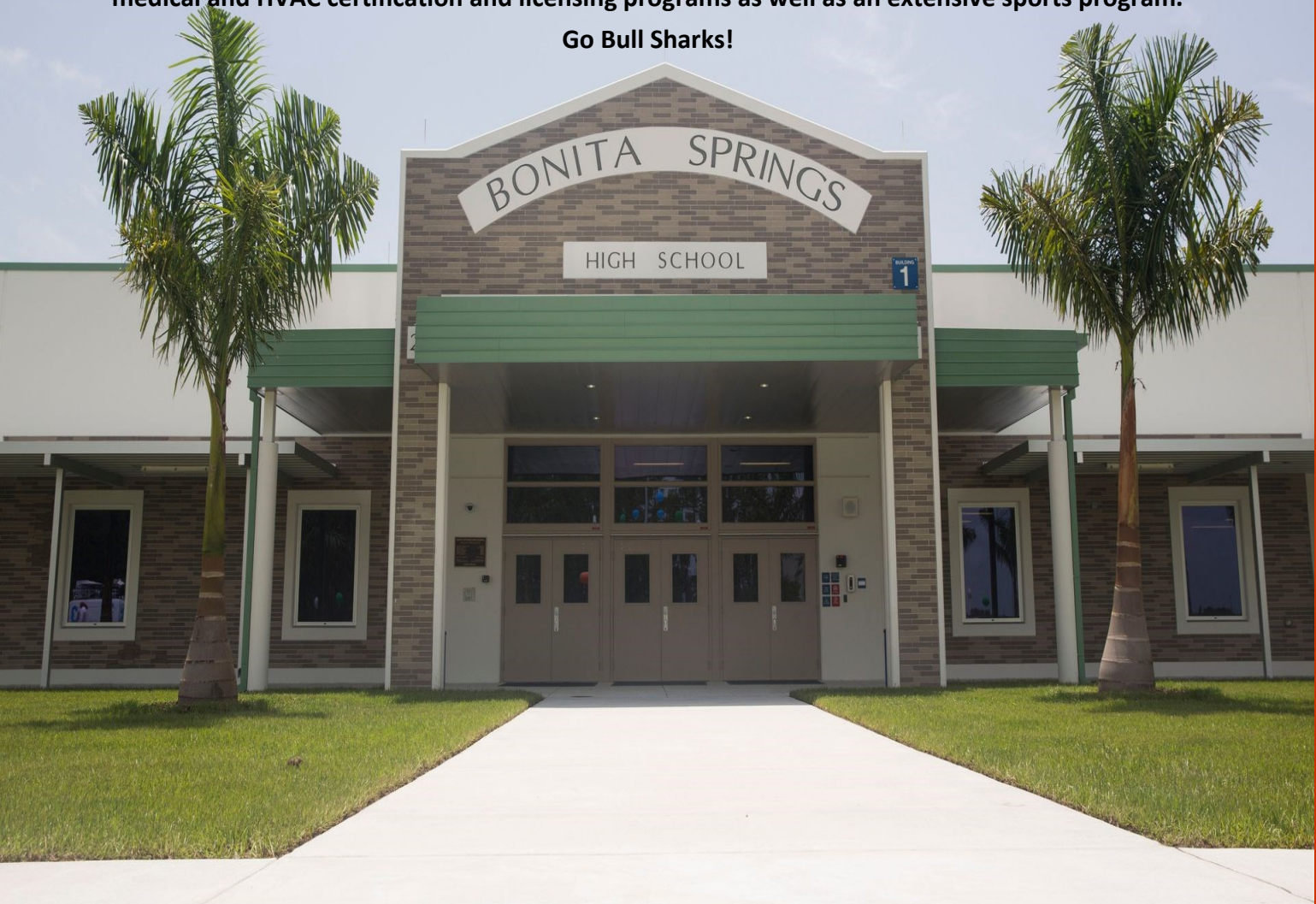
Bonita Springs  
Quarterly  
Autumn 2018

# City News



Lee County schools started their first day of class Friday, August 10th and 1400 students walked the halls of the brand new Bonita Springs High School for the first time. Students are fortunate to be attending an institution with a vision to be a world class school system with a mission to ensure that each student achieves his/her highest personal potential. The new high school offers aerospace, medical and HVAC certification and licensing programs as well as an extensive sports program.

**Go Bull Sharks!**





**Inside this issue:**

Flood Zones	3
Hurricane Preparedness	4
Contact List	5
Parks & Rec	7
Pool Schedule	8
Community Calendar	11
Did You Know	14



**Pictures from the new Bonita Springs High School** feature the new weight room, a flight simulator in the aerospace class room, and floors designed with home sport logos and colors. **Bottom center photo:** Mayor Simmons prepares to do ceremonial coin toss at opening JV football game on Thursday, August 23rd.

# GET INFORMED LEE COUNTY

**Did you know that flood zones are not the same as Evacuation Zones? Flood zones are determined by FEMA and influence insurance matters. Evacuation zones assess risk based upon storm surge and wind and determine how evacuations will proceed.**

## FEMA Flood Zone Designations

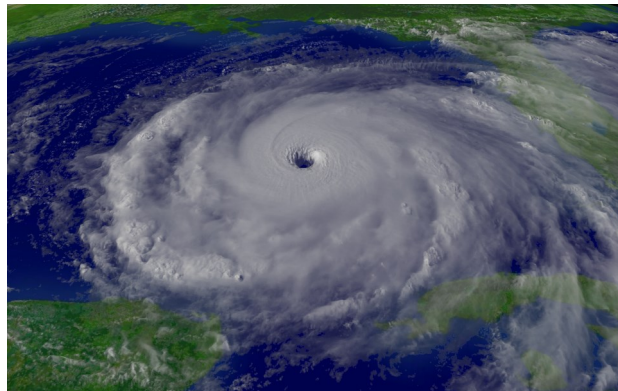
Flood zones are areas mapped by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Association) for use in the National Flood Insurance Program. Each flood zone designation, represented by a letter or letters, tells homeowners their risk for flooding on their property. Homes with a mortgage located in high risk areas must have flood insurance.

You can determine your flood zone by clicking on the **Find My Flood Zone** link below:

## Find My Flood Zone

or type in <https://leegis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=c420767df9b3495b8ecf782a5c3a28ef>

You will use the search icon to type in your address. Labels are provided on the map to describe which flood zone each property lies within. Properties shown in red are VE zones, while properties in blue are AE zones. Please note, if your property lies within 2 or more flood zones, the more restrictive applies. VE is more restrictive than AE, and a higher number is more restrictive than a lower number.



Evacuation zones are based on storm surge zones determined by the National Hurricane Center. Lee County and Bonita Springs use the letters A–E to identify evacuation zones based on the areas that are likely to be affected by storm surge. A home may be located in a non-evacuation zone but still be located in a flood zone because of a nearby water body.

You can determine your evacuation zone by clicking on the **Find My Evacuation Zone** link below:

## Find My Evacuation Zone

or type in <http://leegis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=347e85a76bcd4e92ae45d387fd088938>

Click on the magnifying glass to enter your address. After that you can right click and open the hyper link on your Evacuation Zone letter (illustrated below) to download more information on what this means for you.



## **BONITA SPRINGS STORM SEASON UPDATE**



Lee County Emergency Management handles emergency messaging for the City Bonita Springs. We encourage all residents to visit [www.leeec.com](http://www.leeec.com) for more information about how to stay informed during emergencies.

During emergencies or larger disasters it is important that residents and visitors stay informed. Lee County Emergency Management has multiple ways for you to get the most updated disaster-related information. Check out the links below and make sure you are subscribe today and are prepared when disaster strikes.

Visit: <http://www.leegov.com/publicsafety/emergencymanagement/alerts> to sign up for emergency messaging notification today! Lee County Emergency Messaging notifications systems include CodeRED - a FREE Lee County service by which residents and businesses are notified via telephone, text, and/or email regarding emergencies or critical protective actions required to safeguard life and property. Also, LeeAlert is FREE app available for iPhones and Androids.

### **Integrated Public Alert Warning System**

Lee County Public Safety is a FEMA Integrated Public Alert Warning System (IPAWS) Alerting Authority. We can utilize the IPAWS to alert and warn Lee County residents and visitors about serious emergencies through various means, including the Emergency Alert System (EAS), Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA), and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio. See FEMA's IPAWS website for more information. Visit: [www.fema.gov/integrated-public-alert-warning-system](http://www.fema.gov/integrated-public-alert-warning-system)

### **City of Bonita Springs**

The City will share the Lee County Emergency Management messaging and coordinate with Lee County Sheriff's Office and Bonita Spring Fire Control and Rescue District to share information. Residents should register with Lee County regarding emergency messaging, but can also register to receive the city messaging. Bonita Springs uses a variety of tools to communicate emergency messaging, examples include: social media (facebook, twitter and nextdoor) to push out messaging.

The city uses the e-blast system, the city website and Bonita Television Channel 98, media interviews, fliers, city information signs and press releases to communicate during a storm. Visit the city of Bonita Springs website at: <http://www.cityofbonitasprings.org/for-residents/email-subscribe/> to sign up for city documents and/or for the city e-blast system. The City e-blast system will be used to convey emergency messaging prepared by Lee County Emergency Management and area specific information. The system currently has approximately 37,000 subscribers.

### **Next Door Information**

Did you know that 10,392 residents are signed up to receive information on Next Door? We encourage you to sign up today to receive more information. You can sign up by your neighborhood. In total, 67 neighborhoods in Bonita Springs are participating! Here are just a few of our neighborhoods that have signed up: Village Walk has 2,193 residents signed up, Palmira has 610 residents signed up, Bonita Bay has 329, Worthington has 313, Bonita Lakes has 291, Fairway Dunes has 97, Shangri-La Rd. area has 46. Join them today! <https://nextdoor.com/agency-detail/f/bonita-springs/city-of-bonita-springs/?i=ejaytegibvpgfsedpqdh>

## Contact List

Below is a comprehensive list of contact information that may be useful for residents in the event of a storm.

### Safety Operations: FOR EMERGENCIES DIAL 9-1-1

Lee County Emergency Operations Center- Visit [leegov.com/publicsafety/emergencymanagement](http://leegov.com/publicsafety/emergencymanagement) or call 239-533-0622

Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District (NON EMERGENCIES)- Visit [bonitafire.org/index.cfm](http://bonitafire.org/index.cfm) or call 239-949-6200

Lee County Sheriff's Office (NON EMERGENCIES)- call 239-477-1000

### Information Resources

Local Public Shelters- [leegov.com/publicsafety/emergencymanagement/shelters/publicshelters](http://leegov.com/publicsafety/emergencymanagement/shelters/publicshelters)

Code Red notifications- To receive notifications regarding emergencies sign up at <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/es/BFB7CC4C6C0A>

City of Bonita Springs, City Hall- Visit [cityofbonitasprings.org](http://cityofbonitasprings.org) or call 239-949-6262

Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue- Visit [bonitafire.org/index.cfm](http://bonitafire.org/index.cfm) or call 239-949-6200

Florida State Emergency Response Team- Visit [floridadisaster.org](http://floridadisaster.org) or call 850-815-4000

Evacuation Zones Map-<http://leegis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Solutions/s2.html?appid=4bb9ecf302a4402aaf41c45cd9015c63>

Flood Zones Map-<https://leegis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=c420767df9b3495b8ecf782a5c3a28ef>

State Assistance Information Line- Call 1-800-342-3557

Florida 511 Traveler Information- Visit [f511.com](http://f511.com) to download information and app

Local 211 Helpline- Dial 211 or call 239-433-3900

Gas Buddy- To find gas stations visit [gasbuddy.com](http://gasbuddy.com)

Hurricane Readiness Information- Visit [ready.gov/hurricanes](http://ready.gov/hurricanes)

[weather.gov/safety/hurricane](http://weather.gov/safety/hurricane)

[cityofbonitasprings.org](http://cityofbonitasprings.org)

Price Gouging- Call 1-866-966-7226

### Utilities/Waste

FPL (Florida Power and Light)- Visit <https://www.fpl.com> or call (800) 468-8243

Bonita Springs Utilities- Visit [bsu.us](http://bsu.us) Call 239-992-0711 or 800-583-1496

Lee County Solid Waste- Visit [leegov.com/solidwaste](http://leegov.com/solidwaste) or call 239-533-8000

Advanced Disposal- Call 239-334-1224

### Human Resources:

Bonita Assistance Office- Visit [bonitaassistance.org](http://bonitaassistance.org) or call 239-992-3034

Lee County Human and Veteran Services- Visit [leegov.com/dhs](http://leegov.com/dhs) Human Services Main Phone 239-533-7930

Veteran Services Main Phone 239-533-8381

Client Information Line 239-533-7900

United Way Lee- Visit [unitedwaylee.org](http://unitedwaylee.org) or call 239-433-3900

The Salvation Army Lee- Visit [salvationarmyflorida.org/fortmyers/locations/](http://salvationarmyflorida.org/fortmyers/locations/) or Call 239 278-1551

Catholic Charities- For Bonita Springs call 239-390-2928 Main phone line 239-334-4007

Red Cross- Visit [redcross.org/local/florida/south-florida/local-chapters/southern-gulf-coast](http://redcross.org/local/florida/south-florida/local-chapters/southern-gulf-coast) Call 239-596-6868

Department of Health and Human Services- Disaster Distress Helpline call 1-800-985-5990

To find other local resources- Visit [211info.org](http://211info.org) dial 211 or call 239-433-3900

### FEMA:

Disaster Assistance- Visit [disasterassistance.gov](http://disasterassistance.gov) or call 1-800-621-FEMA(3362)

For those with a speech or hearing disability call 1-800-462-7585

For those who use 711 or Video Relay Service call 1-800-621-3362

Small Business Disaster Assistance- Visit [sba.gov/disaster-assistance](http://sba.gov/disaster-assistance)

**PATRIOT DAY SERVICE  
SEPTEMBER 11TH**

*A Day of Remembrance*



Tuesday, September 11, 2018  
at 6:00 p.m. at Liles Hotel Plaza.  
27300 Old US 41

**Patriot Day Service**

The Bonita Springs' Patriot Day Service will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 11th at the Liles Hotel Plaza, located at 27300 Old 41 Road in Bonita Springs. The service will pay tribute to the valiant firefighters, police officers, emergency personnel and citizens involved in the September 11, 2001 attacks. The Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District, Lee County Sheriff's Office, Veteran's Advisory Committee and the City of Bonita Springs will unite to host the event. For more information about the Patriot Day Service, call the City of Bonita Springs at 239-949-6262 or visit [www.cityofbonitasprings.org](http://www.cityofbonitasprings.org).

Bonita Springs  
**Coastal Cleanup**  
Saturday October 13th  
9:00am to 12:00pm

**Volunteers needed!**



At Lovers Key Event Field  
8700 Estero Boulevard  
(Across the street from Lovers Key State Park)  
For information call (239) 949-6262

**\*\* Pre-register online at [www.klcb.org/registration.html](http://www.klcb.org/registration.html)**

**2018 Coastal Cleanup Event**

On Saturday, October 13, 2018, volunteers will be gathering at the Lover's Key Event field at 8:00 a.m. to participate in the annual Coastal Clean-Up along with the City of Bonita Springs and Keep Lee County Beautiful. Refreshments will be available before and after the clean-up. Trash bags, maps and gloves will be distributed. Coastal Clean-Up is ideal for students in need of community service hours for school related opportunities or anyone else looking to help clean up and beautify Bonita Springs. For more information about the clean-up call 239-949-6262 and ask for Kendra Gilreath.

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.

**GET INVOLVED**

**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





**Visit the link below for more information on flood protection:**

**[http://www.cityofbonitasprings.org/flood\\_protection\\_information/](http://www.cityofbonitasprings.org/flood_protection_information/)**

# KARATE

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

 Youth 5:30-6:30   
Adult 6:30-7:30

**8-Classes \$45.00**

Sept. 4th- Sept. 27th

INSTRUCTOR: VINCENT CANNARSA

Please Sign-up at the Bonita Springs Recreation Center prior to the Sept. 4th start date.

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



# PILATES

FRIDAYS 9:30-10:30

NOV. 2nd- NOV.30th **\$40.00/4 Classes**  
NO CLASS NOV. 23rd

JOIN INSTRUCTOR **THERESA VITA** IN THIS CLASS DESIGNED TO 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 FEEL DEFLATED

PLEASE BRNG A MAT FOR THIS CLASS

**SIGN UP BEFORE NOV. 2nd START.**  
**SEE THE FRONT DESK FOR MORE INFORMATION**



# TAI CHI

Relax Your Body  
Quiet Your Mind  
Smooth Out Your Energy

Wednesdays 1:00-2:00pm  
October 3rd- October 24th  
**\$28.00 4-Classes**

**Participants MUST pre-register**

Join instructor Suzanne Jeffreys, Certified Nutrition Therapist, and Yang style Tai Chi Instructor at the Bonita Springs Recreation Center for a class that will provide your body and mind many benefits.

Tai Chi Benefits:

-Improve Balance

-Increase Range of Motion

-Breathing Techniques & Stress Reduction

Contact the Bonita Rec. Center for more information and to register

239-992-2556

<u>Class</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Must Call to Pre-Register</u>
Karate for Children	Sept. 4 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday & Thursday	5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	\$45/8 classes	Yes
Karate for Adults	Sept. 4 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday & Thursday	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	\$45/8 classes	Yes
Tai Chi	Oct. 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesdays	1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	\$28 for four classes	Yes
Pilates	Nov. 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup>	Fridays	9:30 am – 10:30 am	\$40/4 classes	Yes
Line Dancing	October 15th	Mondays	10:00 am	\$4 for non-members/free for members	
Yoga	November 6th	Tuesdays	10:00 am	\$28 for four classes.	Yes

## City of Bonita Springs Community Pool- Fall Swimming Lessons

Monday – Wednesday Sessions	4:00 pm –4:30 pm	4:45 – 5:30 pm	
Oct. 1st thru October 24th	Preschool	Minnow	
Nov. 5 thru Nov. 28th	Preschool	Minnow	
Tuesday –Thursday Sessions	4:00 pm –4:45 pm	4:45 – 5:30 pm	
Oct. 2nd thru Oct. 25th	Shiner	Shiner	
Nov. 6th thru Nov. 29th	Snook/Tar	Snook/Tar	
Saturday Sessions	10:00—10:30 am	10:00—10:45 am	11:00—11:45 am
Oct. 6 thru Nov. 24th	Preschool	Minnow	Shiner Snook Tarpon

**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

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 28  
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: \$1.50  
Adults 18-54: \$2.50  
Seniors 55+: \$2:00



## 26 Ways the City of Bonita Springs Communicates with Residents

1. Bi-weekly council meetings at City Hall
2. Social Media- (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Nextdoor)
3. Press Releases
4. Live Streaming Video of Council Meetings
5. E-Blasts
6. Committee Meetings & Workshops
7. City website
8. Bonita Television Channel 98 Comcast
9. Banners & Posters
10. Annual Reports
11. Media interviews
12. Fliers & Brochures
13. Information booths
14. Information bulletin board on BTV
15. City information signs
16. Quarterly Newsletters
17. City Document Notifications (sign up on the city website to receive information emailed by topic)
18. City Advertisements
19. Direct Mail
20. City Hall Reception Area
21. Front Line Employees
22. Report an issue on the city website
23. In-House Produced Video Content
24. Code - Red (Phone Alert System during Emergencies)
25. Public Service Announcements (PSA)
26. City events (Fourth of July, City Clean-Up Events, Veterans Day Service, etc.)



Did you know the City of Bonita Springs has a Facebook page, Twitter page, Next Door page and an Instagram page?

**FACEBOOK**

[Facebook.com/CityBonitaSprings](https://www.facebook.com/CityBonitaSprings)

**TWITTER**

[Twitter.com/CityofBonita](https://twitter.com/CityofBonita)

**INSTAGRAM**

[Instagram.com/CityofBonitaSprings](https://www.instagram.com/CityofBonitaSprings)

**NEXTDOOR**

[Nextdoor.com - City of Bonita Springs](https://www.nextdoor.com/CityofBonitaSprings)

For any questions, please call 239-949-6262.

**CONNECT WITH US**



**July 4th Founding Fathers Parade**



# BONITA SPRINGS COMMUNITY MEETING CALENDAR

Mon.	9/10/2018	4:00 P.M.	Rm # 118	Tree Advisory Board Meeting
Tues.	9/11/2018	5:15 P.M.	Rm # 118	Art in Public Places Meeting
Tues.	9/13/2018	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	Local Planning Agency Meeting TELEvised LIVE
Tues.	9/13/2018	5:30 P.M.	City Council Chambers	Veterans Committee Meeting
Mon.	9/17/2018	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Zoning Meeting TELEvised LIVE- CANCELLED
Mon.	9/17/2018	4:00 P.M.	Liles Hotel	Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board Meeting
Mon.	9/17/2018	5:05 P.M.	City Council Chambers	Final Budget Hearing TELEvised LIVE
Wed.	9/17/2018	5:30 P.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Meeting TELEvised LIVE
Mon.	9/17/2018	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Technology Advisory Board Meeting
Tues.	9/18/2018	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	Zoning Board Meeting TELEvised LIVE- CANCELLED
Tues.	9/18/2018	6:00 P.M.	City Council Chambers	Outreach Advisory Meeting
Mon.	9/20/2018	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Street Light Committee Meeting
Thur.	9/27/2018	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Historical Preservation Board Meeting
Wed.	10/3/2018	5:30 P.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Meeting TELEvised LIVE
Mon.	10/8/2018	4:00 P.M.	Rm # 118	Tree Advisory Board Meeting
Tues.	10/9/2018	5:15 P.M.	Rm # 118	Art in Public Places Meeting
Thur.	10/11/2018	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	Local Planning Agency Meeting TELEvised LIVE
Thur.	10/11/2018	5:30 P.M.	City Council Chambers	Veterans Committee Meeting
Mon.	10/15/2018	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Zoning Meeting TELEvised LIVE
Mon.	10/15/2018	4:00 P.M.	Liles Hotel	Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board Meeting
Mon.	10/15/2018	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Technology Advisory Board Meeting
Tues.	10/16/2018	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	Zoning Board Meeting TELEvised LIVE
Tues.	10/16/2018	6:00 P.M.	City Council Chambers	Outreach Advisory Meeting
Wed.	10/17/2018	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Meeting TELEvised LIVE
Thur.	10/18/2018	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Street Light Committee Meeting
Thur.	10/25/2018	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Historical Preservation Board Meeting
Thur.	11/1/2018	1:00 P.M.	City Council Chambers	Code Enforcement Hearing
Wed.	11/7/2018	5:30 P.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Meeting TELEvised LIVE
Thur.	11/8/2018	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	Local Planning Agency Meeting TELEvised LIVE
Thur.	11/8/2018	5:30 P.M.	City Council Chambers	Veterans Committee Meeting
Mon.	11/12/2018	ALL DAY	City Hall Closed	Veterans Day
Tues.	11/13/2018	5:15 P.M.	Rm # 118	Art in Public Places Meeting
Thur.	11/15/2018	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Street Light Committee Meeting
Mon.	11/19/2018	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Zoning Meeting TELEvised LIVE
Mon.	11/19/2018	4:00 P.M.	Liles Hotel	Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board Meeting
Mon.	11/19/2018	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Technology Advisory Board Meeting
Tues.	11/20/2018	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	Zoning Board Meeting TELEvised LIVE
Tues.	11/20/2018	6:00 P.M.	City Council Chambers	Outreach Advisory Committee Meeting
Wed.	11/21/2018	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Meeting TELEvised LIVE
Thur.	11/22/2018	ALL DAY	City Hall Closed	Thanksgiving Day
Fri.	11/23/2018	ALL DAY	City Hall Closed	Day After Thanksgiving
Thur.	11/29/2018	5:30 P.M.	City Council Chambers	Historical Preservation Board Meeting
Wed.	12/5/2018	5:30 P.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Meeting TELEvised LIVE
Mon.	12/10/2018	4:00 P.M.	Rm # 118	Tree Advisory Board Meeting
Tues.	12/11/2018	5:15 P.M.	Rm # 118	Art in Public Places Meeting
Thur.	12/13/2018	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	Local Planning Agency Meeting TELEvised LIVE
Thur.	12/13/2018	5:30 P.M.	City Council Chambers	Veterans Committee Meeting
Mon.	12/17/2018	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Zoning Meeting TELEvised LIVE
Mon.	12/17/2018	4:00 P.M.	Liles Hotel	Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board Meeting
Mon.	12/17/2018	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Technology Advisory Board Meeting
Tues.	12/18/2018	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	Zoning Board Meeting TELEvised LIVE
Tues.	12/18/2018	6:00 P.M.	City Council Chambers	Outreach Advisory Committee Meeting
Wed.	12/19/2018	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Meeting TELEvised LIVE
Thur.	12/20/2018	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Street Light Committee Meeting
Tues.	12/25/2018	ALL DAY	City Hall Closed	Christmas Day
Thur.	12/27/2018	5:30 P.M.	City Council Chambers	Historical Preservation Board Meeting
Tues.	1/1/2019	ALL DAY	City Hall Closed	New Year's Day
Wed.	1/2/2019	5:30 P.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Meeting TELEvised LIVE



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](http://www.bonitatv.org) for up to date listings.

# MORE COMMUNITY SNAPSHOTS



**Photos left and above:** Repairs are complete on the Terry Street Railroad crossings.

**Below left:** Sharrows for bikers at the Terry Street crossing.



**Photo below left:** Fashion Show at Bonita Springs Recreation Center.

**Above:** Mayor Peter Simmons makes a few remarks during the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Luncheon at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point in Estero on Thursday, Aug. 30, 2018

**Photo below right:** Residents and guests enjoy the July 4th Star Spangled Bonita Event.



The City of Bonita Springs has unveiled it's latest public art piece, a mural commissioned by local Marco Island artist Jarrett "J.J." Stinchcomb, seen to the right, as a six part mural.



A Calusa fishing scene set on the Imperial River.



Below the Map of Survey from the 1850s to the 1900s, created by the U.S. Corps of Engineers



The scene above represents Bonita Springs' growing farming, agriculture, and dairy industries during the 1900s through the 1920s.

The final panel depicts panthers, alligators, and local birds, which are meant to represent the Everglades Wonder Gardens, a botanical garden established in 1936.



## Did You Know.....

**G**reat news for the residents of Bonita Springs! In early June, the Lee County Local Mitigation Strategy Committee voted to approve the Logan Boulevard Regional Floodway/Drainage Project and the Pine Lake Preserve-Water Retention / Flood Improvement Projects for Tier One funding. This means the Lee County Local Mitigation Strategy determined these projects important enough to be funded within this current funding cycle. The combined estimated cost for these two projects is \$3.3M. In late June, City Council authorized match funding of \$825K necessary to secure the \$2.475M in FEMA grant funding.

Officials from the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), the City of Bonita Springs, Lee County and Collier County recently met in Bonita Springs and agreed to have a future public workshop to further discuss a proposal that could help shorten the duration of flooding in Bonita Springs. Mayor Simmons stated "The meeting was a great first step at working together on this regional issue. Bonita Springs is committed to working with our partners and I look forward to the future joint public workshop to further discuss options to assist with the flooding in Bonita Springs as well as to continue discussing broader watershed issues."

The Local Mitigation Committee found the Spring Creek/Bonita Springs Golf Course Flood Improvement project just as important; however, resources were not available this cycle. Fortunately, this project is the first Tier Two ranked project and will be funded next cycle.

A contract is signed with EarthBalance to clean Leitner Creek and work has begun. The total cost of this project is \$145,994.00; 75% of this is being funded by city sourced grants and 25% is being funded by the city.

**Revised Flood Hazard Reduction Ordinance, Second Reading & Public Hearing – August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018** City council revisited last meeting's Flood Hazard reduction ordinance (18-08-0231) with a strategic objective to improve storm water management. The new ordinance was created after the Florida Division of Emergency Management informed the City of Bonita Springs about the need to revise its current ordinance, Chapter 24, in order to maintain consistency with the Florida Building Code. Changes made, as requested by the State, include compliance with the model flood ordinance code, changing will to shall, revising some numbering, and most importantly, adding a Board of Adjustment and Appeals. Points for flood insurance credit ratings will be maximized because of the revised ordinance. City council motioned to adopt this ordinance and it was carried unanimously.

**Non-conversion Agreement for CH 24 Flood Hazard Reduction ordinance – August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018** A motion for the inclusion of a Non-conversion Agreement in Chapter 24 of the Flood Hazard Ordinance and Chapter 10 Buildings and Building Regulations was carried for approval by City Council. Thanks to the City's commitment and participation in the National Flood Insurance Program and Community Rating Systems, residents of Bonita Springs save money on flood insurance premiums, federally backed loans, and eligibility for Federal disaster relief assistance. The new agreement will help maximize points for new or modified properties, located in flood zones, in Community Rating Systems programs that provide discounts to flood insurance policies.

Three different levels of credit points, pending the type of agreement selected, will be provided. Ninety points if the community will inspect the enclosed area at least once a year, 60 points if the community is granted the right to inspect enclosed areas at any reasonable time and lastly, 30 points for agreements not referencing inspections. This motion was approved and adopted along with the Flood Hazard Reduction Ordinance (18-08-0231).

**Lee County Fixed Route Transit Service within Bonita Springs – August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018** An inter-local Agreement for Transit Services within Bonita Springs was presented to City Council for review. The agreement will provide for a level of service in the upcoming fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 2018 through Sept. 30, 2019. The City will be billed \$133,502. Routes will include the East/West 150 and North/South 600 as well as door-to-door ADA Paratransit service within 3/4<sup>th</sup> of a mile of the Bonita Springs fixed route bus service. Paratransit service will only be available at a countywide range as Lee Tran provides it. Lee Tran website for further info: <http://www.leegov.com/leetran>

**Spring Creek Dredging Project Solicitation – August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018** A resolution to review and approve bid results for the Spring Creek Dredging project was presented to City Council by Arleen Hunter, City Manager, and Matt Feeney, Public Works Director. City Staff received two bids for this project, one from Earth Tech Enterprises for \$710,164.00 total, the other from ATL Diversified Industries totaling \$640,300.00. Both bids are above the project budgeted amount, with the lowest bid being \$325,000 over. This increase in price is consistent with what has been observed from project bids after Hurricane Irma. Project Engineers suggested re-bidding the project and/or affording a much larger window of time to achieve a reduction in price. Due to the intricacy of permitting, the conditions of the creek, and public interest in this project, staff suggested Council to consider supplementing the funding necessary to complete the project by fall 2018. The motion to approve carried unanimously and authorization was given to Mayor Peter Simmons to sign the resolution, awarding the Spring Creek Dredging Project to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, ATL Diversified Industries, for \$640,300.00. Due to the Increase in price, City Council will need to amend the FY 2018/19 Budget.

**Ordinance of Amendment to the Bonita Springs Land Development code 4 – August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018** The first reading and public hearing of an ordinance to create neighborhood meetings and rewrite Chapters 3 and 4 of the Land Development Code was held this past council meeting. On April 30, 2018, city council held a workshop with the City of Bonita Springs Board for Land Use Hearings and Adjustments and the Zoning Board of Appeals to discuss quick fixes to the Land Development Code. This ordinance will require developers to conduct meetings with residents affected by contemplated projects. After making changes to the ordinance to expand the area of inclusion within a project to 1,000 ft. and to give 21 days' notification, city council gave permission to advertise the ordinance. The Local Planning Agency will review the ordinance for consistency with the comprehensive plan on August 9, 2018 and comments will be provided at the second hearing scheduled for Wednesday, September 5, 2018. The purpose of this ordinance is to increase the outreach and accessibility to residents of Bonita Springs.

**Bonita Springs Afterschool/Summer Camp Programs 2018/2019 – August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018** A motion to authorize city staff to sign an agreement with the Sky Family YMCA for the Bonita Springs Recreation Center Afterschool & Summer Camp programs for 2018/19 was reviewed by council. Sky Family YMCA previously garnered a partnership for the 2017/18 school year afterschool programs with the City of Bonita Springs. Due to the great success of the previous year, Sky Family YMCA would like to continue its partnership with the City for the upcoming 2018/19 school year and 2019 summer camp too. Upon staff recommendation, City Council approved the motion and agreement with Sky Family YMCA.



Left: left to right Councilmembers Amy Quaremba, Mike Gibson, Mayor Peter Simmons, Councilmember Fred Forbes, Greg DeWitt and City Manager Arleen Hunter assist in breaking ground for the Mosaic Developments Oak Creek Project on July 12th.



Above: Councilmember Greg DeWitt generates excitement for the "Our Founding Fathers" July 4th parade.



Above: Mayor Simmons and council members congratulate City Attorney Audrey Vance for being the recipient of the 2018 Paul S Bachman Award given to Florida's most outstanding municipal attorney.



## Council on the Move

Left: Councilmember Fred Forbes, Mayor Peter Simmons and Councilmember Amy Quaremba attend the ribbon cutting for the opening of the new Bonita Springs High School.