

City News



The city of Bonita Springs will celebrate Independence Day 2018 with our annual Star Spangled Bonita event on Wednesday, July 4th at Riverside Park in Bonita Springs. The day will begin at 9:00 a.m. with the 60th Annual July 4th Parade sponsored by the Bonita Springs Professional Firefighters Local 3444. This year's parade theme is "Our Founding Fathers." More information is available by calling 239-298-4706. If you are interested in participating in the parade, more information can be found at www.local3444.org/parade

The Party in the Park will begin at 5:00 p.m. and will include a children's amusement area, ice cream and watermelon eating contests, and live entertainment from local bands. The children's amusement area will feature giant water slides and a slip-n-slide to cool the kids, amusement rides, train rides and more. Always a highlight and great fun will be the Annual Old-Fashioned Bed Races at 6:00 p.m. sponsored by the YMCA. For more information on the bed races, call 239-221-7560.



The night sky will light up with a spectacular fireworks display and laser light show after dark!



Residents attend last year's Star Spangled Bonita Event. It is a family friendly event enjoyed by all.

Admission to Star Spangled Bonita is free to the entire community. Food and beverages will be available for purchase with proceeds going to the Bonita Springs Rotary Club.

Please do not bring pets or coolers to this event.

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Did you know that sparklers burn at over 1000 degrees? That's enough to melt gold.... and little fingers. Even seemingly safe fireworks can cause severe injuries if not used safely.



Keep the Sparks in the Sky this Fourth of July



According to the National Fire Protection Association, in 2011 fireworks caused an estimated 17,800 reported fires. These fires resulted in an estimated eight civilian deaths, 40 civilian injuries and \$32 million in direct property damage. U.S. hospital emergency rooms treated an estimated 9,600 people for firework-related injuries. Injuries are most commonly treated as burns to all body parts as well as contusions and lacerations to the head, eyes and ears. The risk of fireworks injury is highest for children ages five to nine and adults ages 25 to 44.

There is no doubt that fireworks are breathtaking, but the Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District would like to remind you that each July Fourth, thousands of people are injured each year while using fireworks.

Bonita Springs Fire Department's primary message this July season is to leave fireworks up to the professionals! However, if you are planning on purchasing fireworks, please make sure to take these precautions:

- Remove all flammables within 10—15 feet around the designated area.
- Establish a well defined space into which only ONE person will enter to set up and light the fireworks.
- Children should not handle, play with, or light fireworks for any reason.
- Approach a firework after 45-60 seconds has passed since its last activity to ensure it is out.
- Keep a bucket of water or a hose within reach and make sure the hose is long enough to reach 10 ft. beyond the fireworks.
- Always discharge fireworks outside. After lit, move away slowly to avoid tripping and falling.
- Verify the firework is 100% cold before placing in trash.
- Never relight a dud; if a firework fails to make any action, wait 5 minutes before removing it.



It is always safer to leave fireworks to the professionals! Bonita Springs annual Star Spangled Bonita Party in the Park Event begins at Riverside Park at 5:00 p.m. Fireworks and an amazing light show will begin after dark. Bring your friends and relatives for a fun filled old fashioned summer celebration!

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

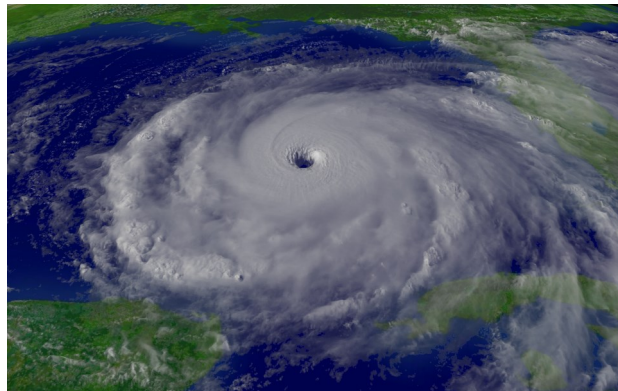
Flood zones are areas mapped by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Association) for use in the National Flood Insurance Program. Each flood zone designation, represented by a letter or letters, tells homeowners their risk for flooding on their property. Homes with a mortgage located in high risk areas 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 click on your Evacuation Zone letter (illustrated below) to download more information on what this means for you.



BONITA SPRINGS STORM SEASON UPDATE

The City of Bonita Springs has been actively preparing for the upcoming storm season over the last several months. Although the city continues to complete projects post IRMA, the damage was extensive and there is still more work to be done. It is a priority for the city to continue to work to remove Irma related debris and continue working on repairs. The city is pursuing additional funding resources for these projects. As funding resources become available, the city continues to prioritize clearing conveyances and making repairs. Partnerships with agencies like the Department of Environmental Protection, South Florida Water Management District, Lee County and the Federal Emergency Management Agency are needed to complete projects and assist with funding.

Efforts to keep you informed are ongoing. Below you will find a list that includes examples of work being done. Please note that this isn't a comprehensive list of all work.

Immediately following Irma, the city of Bonita Springs

- Coordinated removal of 523,891 cubic yards of debris in the city;
- retained the South West Florida Regional Planning Council to conduct the Flood Reduction Study;
- prioritized communication to our residents regarding damage, clean up and available resources;
- replaced and repaired damaged street signs; and
- City Council convened weekly to work on Irma related projects to ensure an expedited recovery process and that the study was initiated in a timely manner to pursue an expedited long term recovery process.

Repairs since the storm

- repaired sidewalks damaged by utility trucks;
- repaired storm water retention pond inlet structures citywide;
- restored the Luke Street road failure, culvert and road damage on Imperial Harbor Blvd. entrance for Old 41 and the East Terry Street shoulder. Re-established and regraded East Terry St. swale, coordinated swale restoration with FDOT and I-75 right away. Regraded Southern Pines Dr. swale system;
- regraded Circle Dr. swale system, cleared flow way along Pine Trail Ct.;
- cleared flow way along Pine Crest Ln.;
- snag and clearing to the Imperial River, Kehl Canal, Lietner Creek Canal and bypass, Rosemary Canal;
- applied for grant funding to USDA to snag & clear Leitner Creek. The City has received notice of award for grant funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture via the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Emergency Watershed Program in April. Developed bid package for snagging and clearing project along the natural portion of Leitner Creek for the summer.

Financial Impact

- Total expenses for the storm paid so far are approximately \$7.7 million. (There still are repairs from hurricane damage that need to be completed.); and
- staff continues to submit information to FEMA relating to the damages. We are awaiting approval of funding.

Ongoing Resolution

- The City is working with the South Florida Water Mgmt. District to snag and clear Oak Creek. Meetings were held in May to discuss logistics and project details. Recently, the South Florida Water Management District committed to clearing debris in Oak Creek;
- worked with the South Florida Water Mgmt. District to model regional flow way along the Logan Blvd. Rd. corridor to re-establish historical storm water flow patterns sending water into the Cocohatchee and thereby removing it from the Imperial River Watershed;
- continue to coordinate efforts with Lee County Natural Resources and their concurrent Flood Recovery and Assessment efforts;

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Ongoing Resolution, cont. from page 4

- incorporated components of Logan Blvd. flow way into Logan Blvd. Roadway design for construction in the upcoming year;
- the South Florida Water Management District is working to permit and construct a North/South flow-way, in addition to Logan Blvd. flow-way, in Eastern Bonita to re-establish additional flows in the Cocohatchee;
- City Council reaffirmed at a recent workshop that the number one priority for the city is Storm Water Management;
- City Council has solicited letters of interest for firms to assist the city in the establishment of a storm water utility/fee funding mechanism to pay for additional storm water infrastructure improvement projects. Subsequently a firm was selected and contract negotiations are underway;
- working with the Lee County Local Mitigation Strategy Committee to prioritize projects that were identified in the city's flood reduction study for funding through FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program;
- retained a Federal Funding Consultant to assist the city in its pursuit of additional funding opportunities as they become available; and
- working with Lee County's Multijurisdictional Program for public information about Flood Hazard and Flood Insurance Rate Maps.

Community

- EOC Long Term Recovery Committee continues to work with those with the most extreme challenges and worst difficulties as a result of the storm;
- April 26th community hurricane preparedness event held at Bonita Springs Recreation Center; and
- continue to update email list for contact with community representatives.

Training

- Municipal Emergency Preparedness training exercises;
- FEMA Incident Command Training; and
- Everbridge Software Training

Storm Preparation

- Emergency Preparedness messaging shared on all city media;
- city media supports the Emergency Operations Center messaging;
- updating and disseminating the City's Emergency Action Plan;
- desilting storm water piping throughout the city;
- continue to monitor weather and inspect the storm water system;
- continue to share storm preparation information from the Lee County Emergency Management Center; and
- continue to share public information regarding preparation for flood events and information that residents can use to protect themselves with insurance in a flood event. For example: One tip we are sharing from insurance experts is that residents should closely review their flood insurance policy to be sure it covers both structure and contents. Content coverage may not be included your policy. Residents are encouraged to contact their flood insurance agent with questions.

As we enter another storm season much work has been completed and there is also more to be done. This list will be updated as warranted. Please call the city of Bonita Springs with any questions at 239-949-6262. Residents are encouraged to get their emergency plan in place. Visit: www.leegov.com/publicsafety/emergencymanagement/plan for more information.

MAKE SURE TO USE LICENSED CONTRACTORS!

As some of you may still be in the recovery phase of hurricane Irma please watch for red flags that you may be dealing with an unlicensed contractor.

1. **No license number in advertisement or posting.** Licensed contractors are required to list their license number in all advertisements. Rule of thumb: Do not do hire anyone that does not have a license listed in their advertisement that can be verified. Verify state licenses by checking www.myfloridalicense.com or verify a local competency card for painting, tile, finish carpentry (wood flooring), cabinetry, fence erection ext, by calling Lee County Contractor Licensing (239) 533-5895 or www.leegov.com
2. **Advertisement or invoice lists only a name and telephone number.** A legitimate business provides sufficient contact and licensure information on an invoice.
3. **A claim to be “licensed and insured” but cannot produce a DBPR issued license or competency card issued by Lee County** This type of claim often merely means that the person has a driver’s license and automobile insurance.
4. **Want all or most of the money up front or will only accept cash.** Never pay cash for your home repairs or improvements.
5. **Want check written to them individually or to “cash.”** Be cautious of writing checks payable to individuals when a company has contracted to do the work. Include a note on check or money order about what the payment is for.
6. **Blank or generic invoice.** Contractors licensed are required to display their license number on an invoice.
7. **Oral agreement only.** The best business practice is to put everything in writing, including a detailed description of the work to be completed, an anticipated completion date and the total cost.
8. **Ask you to pull the permit.** Pulling an Owner-Builder permit is risky business. Licensed contractors must pull the permit themselves and unlicensed contractors are unable to pull permits.
9. **Unsolicited phone calls or visits.** Some reputable contractors do business this way, but it is generally a tactic of the unlicensed. Be very wary of anyone who offers a bargain price, saying they are doing a job in the neighborhood and have leftover materials.
10. **High pressure sales pitches or scare tactics.** Don’t be pushed into hiring anyone, even during a state of emergency! Dishonest people will prey on your fears.

You can download a 32 page All Hazards Guide here. The guide is available in English, Spanish and Haitian:

Click here: [All Hazards Guide](https://www.leegov.com/publicsafety/emergencymanagement/plan/ahg) or go to <https://www.leegov.com/publicsafety/emergencymanagement/plan/ahg>

Helpful tip: Prepare your Emergency Supply Kit before the start of hurricane season. Add a few pieces to your supply kit each week so it doesn’t break your budget. Buy a radio , flashlight and batteries now before supplies are low.

City of Bonita Springs Community Pool-Summer Swimming Lessons

Monday – Thursday Sessions	9:00 am	10:00 am	11:00 am
<u>Session 1</u> June 11 – June 21, 2018	Preschool Beginner Advanced Beginner	Preschool Beginner	Beginner Advanced Beginner Intermediate
<u>Session 2</u> June 25 – July 6, 2018	Preschool Beginner Advanced Beginner	Beginner Advanced Beginner	Advance Beginner Intermediate Advanced
<u>Session 3</u> July 9 – July 19, 2018	Beginner Advanced Beginner Intermediate	Preschool Beginner	Preschool Advanced Beginner Intermediate
<u>Session 4</u> July 23 – August 2, 2018	Beginner Advanced Beginner Intermediate	Preschool Beginner	Beginner Advanced Beginner Intermediate
Saturday Sessions	10:00 am	11:00 am	
June 16 - August 4, 2018	Preschool Beginner	Advanced Beginner Intermediate Advanced	

Please Note:

Session lessons are held Monday thru Thursday of stated dates. Fridays will be used as make-up days.

Saturday lessons are held once a week for 8 consecutive weeks.

Lessons are \$45.00 per child per session. Classes canceled on the first day or after will not receive a refund. Make up classes will be held for classes canceled 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

Pool Hours Open Swim

Monday: 12:00 pm-6:30 pm

Tuesday: 12:00 pm-6:30 pm

Wednesday: 12:00 pm-6:30 pm

Thursday: 12:00 pm-6:30 pm

Friday: 12:00 pm-6:30 pm

Saturday: 11:00 am-6:30 pm

Lap Swim

Monday– Friday

7:30 am-8:45 am

12:00 pm-6:30 pm

Saturday

10:00 am-6:00 pm

Please be aware from 10 am- 12 pm only two lanes available.

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

**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

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.)



Small Town Charm. Big Bright Future.

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The Bonita Springs Veterans Memorial was rebuilt after hurricane Irma and unveiled at the Memorial Day Service held on May 28th.



Schools Out for Summer! What to do....



Summer Youth Tennis Lessons

Session 1: June 5—26th \$25.00 for 4 Lessons

Tuesday Summer Youth Tennis Lessons

Ages 5 thru 8 from 4:00 to 4:45 pm

Ages 9 & Up from 5:00 to 6:00 pm

At City of Bonita Springs Tennis Courts

⇒ Bring water to class each week

⇒ Wear sunscreen and a cap

Register at:

City of Bonita Springs Recreation Center

For more information, please call:

239-992-2556

For questions or registration, call
City of Bonita Springs Recreation
Center 239-992-2556



Fee: \$40 per Session

Bring: Tennis Racket, Hat, Bottled Water,
Lunch and Snack in Small Cooler, Swim
Wear, Beach Towel, Flip Flops

Timeline: Tennis - 9 am -10:30 am,
Swim - 10:30 am – 12 noon

Wear: Sunscreen, Tennis Shoes

Drop Off: Tennis Courts

Pick Up: Swimming Pool

Rain Make Up(s): *If Necessary,*
Friday(s) of Camp Week(s)



SMASH & SPLASH Tennis and Swim

Wednesdays 9:00 am through 12:00 pm for AGES 9 & up

At the City of Bonita Springs Tennis Courts and Pool

Session I: June 6,13,20,27

Session II: July 11, 18, 25, August 1

BONITA SPRINGS COMMUNITY MEETING CALENDAR

Wed.	6/6/2018	4:00 P.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Budget Workshop TELEvised LIVE
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
Mon.	6/18/2018	4:00 P.M.	Liles Hotel	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board
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
Mon.	06/25/18	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	Zoning Board Meeting TELEvised LIVE
Thur.	06/28/18	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Historical Preservation Board Meeting
Wed.	07/04/18	ALL DAY	City Hall Closed	Independence Day Observed
Mon.	07/09/18	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Budget Workshop
Mon.	07/09/18	4:00 P.M.	Rm # 118	Tree Advisory Board Meeting
Tues.	07/10/18	5:15 P.M.	Rm # 118	Art in Public Places
Thur.	07/12/18	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	Local Planning Agency Meeting TELEvised LIVE
Thur.	07/12/18	5:30 P.M.	City Council Chambers	Veterans Committee Meeting
Mon.	07/16/18	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Zoning Meeting TELEvised LIVE CANCELLED
Mon.	07/16/18	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Budget Meeting (requires a vote on tentative millage)
Mon.	07/16/18	4:00 P.M.	Liles Hotel	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board
Mon.	07/16/18	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Technology Advisory Board Meeting
Tues.	07/17/18	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	Zoning Board Meeting TELEvised LIVE CANCELLED
Wed.	07/18/18	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Meeting TELEvised LIVE
Thur.	07/19/18	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Street Light Committee Meeting
Thur.	07/26/18	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Historical Preservation Board Meeting
Wed.	08/01/18	5:30 P.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Meeting TELEvised LIVE
Thur.	8/9/2018	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	Local Planning Agency Meeting TELEvised LIVE
Thur.	8/9/2018	5:30 P.M.	City Council Chambers	Veterans Committee Meeting
Mon.	8/13/2018	4:00 P.M.	Rm # 118	Tree Advisory Board Meeting
Tues.	8/14/2018	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	Zoning Board Meeting TELEvised LIVE
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Mon.	8/20/2018	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Technology Advisory Board Meeting
Thur.	8/30/2018	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Historical Preservation Board Meeting
Wed.	9/5/2018	5:05 PM	City Council Chambers	Tentative Budget Hearing (before regularly scheduled Council Meeting)
Wed.	9/5/2018	5:30 P.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Meeting TELEvised LIVE
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
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
Mon.	09/17/18	5:05 P.M.	City Council Chambers	Final Budget Hearing
Mon.	9/17/2018	4:00 P.M.	Liles Hotel	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board
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ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

Detrimental effects of nutrient-laden runoff are magnified in a coastal community such as Bonita Springs.

NO USE OF FERTILIZERS CONTAINING NITROGEN OR PHOSPHORUS

JUNE 1ST THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30TH

N
NITROGEN

NO LESS THAN 50% SLOW RELEASE

NO MORE THAN 4 LBS PER YEAR (PER 1,000 FT)

P
PHOSPHORUS

NO MORE THAN 2%

.25 LBS PER APPLICATION
1/2 LBS PER YEAR (PER 1,000 FT)

FERTILIZE WISE
ESPECIALLY DURING RAINY SEASON

PER CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS
ORDINANCE 08-23

Please remember

1. Surface water and base-flow runoff containing excess nutrients enter into natural and artificial storm water and drainage conveyances, and water bodies.
2. Nutrient laden runoff fosters plant and algae growth. Recent red tide blooms have heightened community concerns about water quality.
3. The quality of our coastal waters is critical to our environment, economy and recreation.
4. Even if you do not reside on a waterfront, the land is directly connected to a nearby water body.
5. All yard work, especially nitrogen and phosphorus fertilizers you apply, may have unintended consequences.

DON'T GUESS—TEST YOUR SOIL FIRST. FERTILIZATION MAY NOT BE REQUIRED IF YOU ARE PLEASED WITH THE APPEARANCE, PLANTS ARE ESTABLISHED, OR YOU HAVE FLOWERS OR FRUIT. CONSULT YOUR GARDEN EXPERT FOR HELPFUL ALTERNATIVES.

HELP PROTECT OUR SURFACE AND GROUNDWATER.

Sea Turtle Nesting Season Guidelines

- **Shut off or shield lights that are visible from the beach. Close drapes or blinds after dark.** Use 25 watt yellow-bug lights where exterior lighting is necessary. Avoid using flashlights or fishing lanterns on the beach. Fires are not permitted. Lee County has a **Sea Turtle Conservation Code** which is enforced. For information regarding lighting, or to report a lighting violation, please call Lee County Division of Environmental Sciences (239) 533-8353.
- **Remove beach litter.** Balloons, plastic bags, foam and other non-degradable pollutants cause the deaths of many sea turtles who mistake them for food.
- **Quietly observe a nesting turtle from a distance.** Do not shine any lights on or around her, she may abandon her effort to nest. No flash photography. Stay behind the turtle so that she cannot see you.
- **Do not harass a turtle** by touching her or prodding her to move. Stay out of the way as she crawls back to the water.
- **Stack or remove beach furniture.**
- **Keep pets on a leash,** away from sea turtles and their nests.
- **Leave sea turtle nest identification markers** in place on the beach.
- **Leave nest sites undisturbed.** If you find a hatchling wandering in daylight, place it on moist sand in a dry container, shade it and call Turtle Time, Inc. immediately: 239-481-5566.

[CLICK HERE](#) FOR BONITA SPRINGS AREA-SPECIFIC NEST DATA or go to <http://turtletime.org/nest-data-by-area>

3 Day A Week Watering Schedule

IF YOUR ADDRESS ENDS IN...

1,3,5,7,9

0,2,4,6,8

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

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



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.



City of Bonita Springs seeking Volunteers to Serve on Various Advisory Boards and Committees

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.

2018 Approved Special Events

Date	Event	Venue	Time
July 4th	Bonita Springs Firefighters Parade	Riverside Park	9:00 am
July 4th	Star Spangled Bonita July 4th Party in the Park Celebration	Riverside Park	5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
11/4/18	Bonita Springs Concert Band	Riverside Park	2:00 pm-4:00 pm
11/19/18	Naples Big Band	Riverside Park	7:00 pm-9:00 pm
12/9/18	Bonita Springs Concert Band	Riverside Park	2:00 pm-4:00 pm

Farmer’s Market – The Promenade 8 am – 1 pm
Saturdays, October 2018 through April, 2019

Did You Know.....

- ◆ *Mayor Simmons recently wrote a letter to Congressman Rooney in support of H.R. 4770 to permanently extend the moratorium on off-shore drilling in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico.*
- ◆ *The City of Bonita Springs entered into an agreement with Seminole Gulf Railroad permitting the City the use of railroad right-of-way for roadway crossings within the city. This agreement identifies the city as being responsible for the maintenance and improvement of the rail crossings. Furthermore, the Seminole Gulf Railway L.P. is identified as responsible for the design and construction of crossing improvements.*

Railroad improvements were budgeted and the expectation is the work will be accomplished from June 24th—June 30, 2018.

- ◆ *The walls of the new Bonita Springs library are going up! The new building, set to open in the summer of 2019, built on two acres between Reynolds and Childers Streets, will feature public meeting spaces, balconies to read and about 50 public computers.*
- ◆ *This sculpture, which appears to give a telescopic view to the band shell at Riverside Park, is titled “Setting the Pace” and the artist is Jane DeDecker .*

It features a man walking atop a circle. Having no beginning or end, the circle has been considered since antiquity as the perfect geometric shape, a symbol of eternity, and a metaphor for life and humanity.

Setting the Pace is one of three bronze sculptures that were purchased by the City of Bonita Springs’ Art in Public Places Board in 2007 from Colorado sculptor Jane DeDecker . Lords of the Forest and The Ties That Bind were also purchased. More about Jane DeDecker



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Council on the Move



Councilman Fred Forbes (right) joins Mick Denham, Sanibel, Bill Ribble, Estero and Rachel Keesling, Punta Gorda, in being recognized by the Florida League of Cities. Mr. Forbes' tireless efforts advancing legislative agenda for municipal issues was acknowledged. Home Rule advocates for letting cities address local problems through and by local decision makers with minimal state interference.



A remembrance chair was set up at the Bonita Spring's Memorial Day Service to honor POW and MIA soldiers.



Mayor Simmons and Congressman Rooney participated in the Bonita Springs Memorial Day Service held at Riverside Park.



Council Members Peter O'Flinn, Laura Carr and Amy Quaremba join others in the Ground Breaking ceremony for the Robert and Karin Moe Tea House that will open later this year at the Everglades Wonder Gardens.



Mayor Peter Simmons speaks with Devin Turk of NBC 2 regarding what Bonita Springs has done to mitigate flood risk for the upcoming storm season.