

City News



The City of Bonita Springs will celebrate Independence Day with the annual Star Spangled Bonita event on Monday, July 4 at Riverside Park in Bonita Springs. The Party in the Park will begin at 4 p.m. and include a kids' amusement area, the annual old-fashioned bed race, eating contests and live entertainment from local bands. The City of Bonita Springs will light up the night sky with a spectacular fireworks display and laser light show after dark.

Watermelon, hot dog and ice cream eating contests will also take place throughout the afternoon. The Liles Hotel and the Artists' Cottages will be open to the public.

**YMCA
OLD FASHIONED
BED RACE**

**KICKING OFF THE
INDEPENDENCE DAY
CELEBRATION!**

Register before June 24th

For more information email:
pshattuck@bonitaspringsymca.org
or call (239) 221-7560

The children's amusement area includes, a giant water slide, bounce house, amusement rides, slip-n-slide, water tag, train rides, face painting, wrecking ball, high striker and more!

The Bonita Springs July 4th Parade theme is America the Beautiful by Grace Classical Academy and will take place at **9:00am**. For more information please visit www.local3444.org. The parade is sponsored by Bonita Springs Professional Firefighters Local 3444.

Admission to Star Spangled Bonita is free to the entire community. Food and beverages will be available for purchase with proceeds from the beverage sales going to the Bonita Springs Rotary. Please do not bring coolers or pets to the park.

America The Beautiful

We the People!

July Fourth Parade - Monday July 4th at 9AM
From Bonita Drive to Riverside Park

hosted by - Bonita Springs Professional Firefighters - Local 3444
cover and theme by - Ashley Dorel - 7th Grader at Grace Classical Academy

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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.bonitav.org for up to date listings.



3RD BONITA SPRINGS
FILM FESTIVAL
FEATURING THE BONITA BEACH

- Now accepting films up to 10 minutes in length—no entry fees!
- Prizes available in several categories.
- Deadline for submissions is October 16th.

Visit www.bonitaspringsfilmfestival.com for more information and application.



*Celebrate Father's Day with a
Veterans Memorial Brick.*

Bricks are \$80 each, and may
be purchased for the following:

- Active Duty Military Service Members
- Veterans of the Military Service, both living and deceased
- Military Veteran Services such as the American Legion, VFW, Vietnam Veterans of America, etc.

*Proof of Active Duty Military Status or Military Discharge Papers
required as proof of Service and must accompany
the application and payment.*

For more information, please call (239) 949-6262

*The City of Bonita Springs will hold a
Memorial Brick Installation Ceremony at
9:00 A.M. on Saturday, May 28th in
Riverside Park.*



MEMORIAL DAY

May 30, 2016 / 9:00am / Riverside Park

*Please join us for a Memorial Day Service
on Monday, May 30, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.
at Riverside Park.*

For more information, please call Bonita Springs City Hall at (239) 949-6262

CALENDAR

Mon.	5/30/2016	ALL DAY	City Hall Closed	Memorial Day
Tues.	5/31/2016	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Historic Preservation Board
Wed.	6/1/2016	4:00 P.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Workshop TELEVISED LIVE
Wed.	6/1/2016	5:30 P.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Meeting TELEVISED LIVE
Thurs.	6/2/2016	1:00 P.M.	City Council Chambers	Code Enforcement Hearing
Thurs.	6/9/2016	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	Local Planning Agency Meeting TELEVISED LIVE
Thurs.	6/9/2016	5:30 P.M.	City Council Chambers	Veterans Committee Meeting
Mon.	6/13/2016	4:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Tree Advisory Board Meeting
Tues.	6/14/2016	5:15 PM	Rm # 118	Art in Public Places
Wed.	6/15/2016	8:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Workshop
Wed.	6/15/2016	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Meeting TELEVISED LIVE
Thurs.	6/16/2016	5:30 P.M.	City Council Chambers	Historic Preservation Board
Thurs.	6/16/2016	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Street Light Committee Meeting
Mon.	6/20/2016	4:00 P.M.	Liles Hotel	Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board
Mon.	6/20/2016	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Technology Advisory Board Meeting
Mon.	7/4/2016	ALL DAY	City Hall Closed	Independence Day
Wed.	7/6/2016	4:00 P.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Worksop TELEVISED LIVE
Wed.	7/6/2016	5:30 P.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Meeting TELEVISED LIVE
Thurs.	7/7/2016	1:00 P.M.	City Council Chambers	Code Enforcement Hearing
Mon.	7/11/2016	4:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Tree Advisory Board Meeting
Tues.	7/12/2016	5:15 P.M.	Rm # 118	Art in Public Places
Thurs.	7/14/2016	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	Local Planning Agency Meeting TELEVISED LIVE
Thurs.	7/14/2016	5:30 P.M.	City Council Chambers	Veterans Committee Meeting
Mon.	7/18/2016	4:00 P.M.	Liles Hotel	Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board
Tues.	7/19/2016	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	Zoning Board Meeting - TELEVISED LIVE

Your Neighborhood Services Department installed much needed new mulch in the courtyard area of this beautiful school which is listed on the national register of historic places on May 10, 2016.



Susan Caputo, Principal

Jillian Fiora, Assistant Principal

May 11, 2016

Peggy Douglas
Community Outreach coordinator
City of Bonita Springs
27300 Old 41 Road
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Dear Peggy,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your committee for the mulch and the labor to spread the mulch around our butterfly garden and pond. We could not have done this without the support of people like you and your Community Outreach Program.

We appreciate your kindness, care and concern for our school, staff, students and community. You are truly making a difference at Bonita Springs Elementary School as we continue our mission to "achieve academic and personal excellence through collaboration, shared leadership, and respect."

Sincerely,

Susan Caputo
Susan Caputo
Principal



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 teamwork with communities and changing the philosophical approach to addressing blight throughout our neighborhoods.



CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS



NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

27300 OLD 41 ROAD BONITA SPRINGS, FL 34135 TEL: (239) 949-6257 FAX: (239) 947-5145

www.cityofbonitasprings.org

Sea Turtle Nesting Season Begins on May 1st

Artificial light on the beach can disorient both adult and hatchling sea turtles. The City of Bonita Springs sea turtle protection ordinance requires that sea turtle nesting habitat not be directly or indirectly illuminated by artificial lighting during the nesting season.

The sea turtle ordinance is in effect:
May 1 through October 31 - from 9:00pm to 7:00am



WE'VE CREATED A MONSTER ON OUR SHORES, BAYS, RIVERS AND LAKES.

Improper application of fertilizers such as using more than recommended amounts or applying the wrong formulas at certain times of the year, has come back to bite us. When combined with rains and run-off, these nutrients are redirected from our lawns and gardens and feed harmful aquatic algae that threatens our quality of life and our economy. We all need to do our part and ask you to do yours by using the resources provided. Please don't feed the monster! Fertilize Smart!



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



Summer Swim Lesson Schedule 2016



	Preschool	Minnow	Shiner	Snook	Tarpon
June 13-June 23 (Monday-Thursday)	9:00-9:30 10:00-10:30	9:00-9:45 10:00-10:45 11:00-11:45	9:00-9:45 11:00-11:45	11:00-11:45	
June 27-July 8 No class July 4 (Monday-Thursday)	9:00-9:30	9:00-9:45 10:00-10:45	9:00-9:45 10:00-10:45 11:00-11:45	11:00-11:45	11:00-11:45
July 11-July 21 (Monday-Thursday)	10:00-10:30 11:00-11:30	9:00-9:45 10:00-10:45	9:00-9:45 11:00-11:45	9:00-9:45	11:00-11:45
July 25-August 4 (Monday-Thursday)	10:00-10:30	9:00-9:45 10:00-10:45 11:00-11:45	9:00-9:45 11:00-11:45	9:00-9:45	11:00-11:45

Summer Swim Lesson Schedule (Saturdays)

Dates for all Saturday Classes are:
 June 18th—August 6th

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



City of Bonita Springs Parks and Recreation

Smash & Splash Tennis & Swim Camp

Summer is sure to be a blast! Take a tennis lesson then head over to the pool to cool down. Bring your tennis racket, swim suit, towel, bottled water, and a snack to enjoy poolside. For more information and to register, contact the City of Bonita Springs Recreation Center at 239-992-2556.

Where: City of Bonita Springs
Tennis Courts/Pool

Ages: 10 - 14

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays
June 14 - 23

Time: 10 am – 1 pm

Fee: \$40





JUNE 16-JULY 14 ADULT TENNIS LESSONS

Beginner – Advanced Beginner

Your tennis game is sure to sizzle this summer! Sign up today to develop your forehand, backhand, volley, overhead, serve, and more. Lessons are designed to be fun, safe, and high tempo.

**Lessons will be held on Thursday mornings,
June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14.**

\$50

5 Lessons

Thursdays

9 AM – 10 AM

**City of
Bonita
Springs
Tennis
Courts**

**CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS
RECREATION CENTER**

26740 Pine Avenue
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

For more information and
to register, please contact:

239-992-2556



SPORTS CLUB SUMMER CAMP



Sports CLUB isn't just about sports. It's the number one choice of kids and parents! Your child will have 4-5 activities to choose from every 45 minutes. No prior skills required!

At the Bonita Springs Recreation Center
For camp information please call (239) 784-7630



Flag Day Event

June 14th
5:00 PM

American Legion Post 303
27678 Imperial Shores Blvd
Bonita Springs, FL 34134
Info: 992-2422

HURRICANE SEASON 2016

Bonita Springs is a tropical paradise, but along with Florida's year-round sunshine comes the risk of hurricanes. If you haven't created your family emergency plan for hurricanes, now is the time to get started.

Lee County Emergency Operations
Go to www.leeecoc.com to prepare you and your family and get up to date watches, warnings and information.

Hurricane preparedness can save lives. Be prepared!

FLOODS HAPPEN
are you ready?

Visit the link below for more information on flood protection:

http://www.cityofbonitasprings.org/flood_protection_information/

The poster features a background of a colorful weather radar map with green, yellow, and blue areas. In the upper right, there is a yellow diamond-shaped sign with the text 'HURRICANE SEASON AHEAD'. Below it is a white rectangular area containing four circular images of hurricane-like storm patterns in different colors (blue, white, black, and green). A blue starburst graphic with the text 'FREE EVENT' is positioned to the right of the central text area. At the bottom, there is a dark blue horizontal bar with white text.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS 2016

**HURRICANE
SEASON
AHEAD**

**THURSDAY JUNE 2ND 2016
BONITA SPRINGS
RECREATION CENTER 6:00 PM
METEOROLOGIST HALEY
WEBB
BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL
LEE COUNTY EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT**

**FREE
EVENT**

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS SPONSORED BY:
BROOKDALE SENIOR LIVING**

SPACE IS LIMITED PLEASE SIGN UP EARLY

Please call 239-992-2556 for more information



CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS– NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

MISSION: To provide painting and minor repairs to the exterior of qualified owner occupied homes throughout the City of Bonita Springs.

THE PROGRAM: The City of Bonita Springs recognizes some property owners in the city may need help with basic maintenance of their properties. By teaming with volunteers and community resources, we are able to offer property owners some assistance with maintenance at no cost.

Refer a friend or ask for an application

Providing painting and minor repairs to qualifying homes



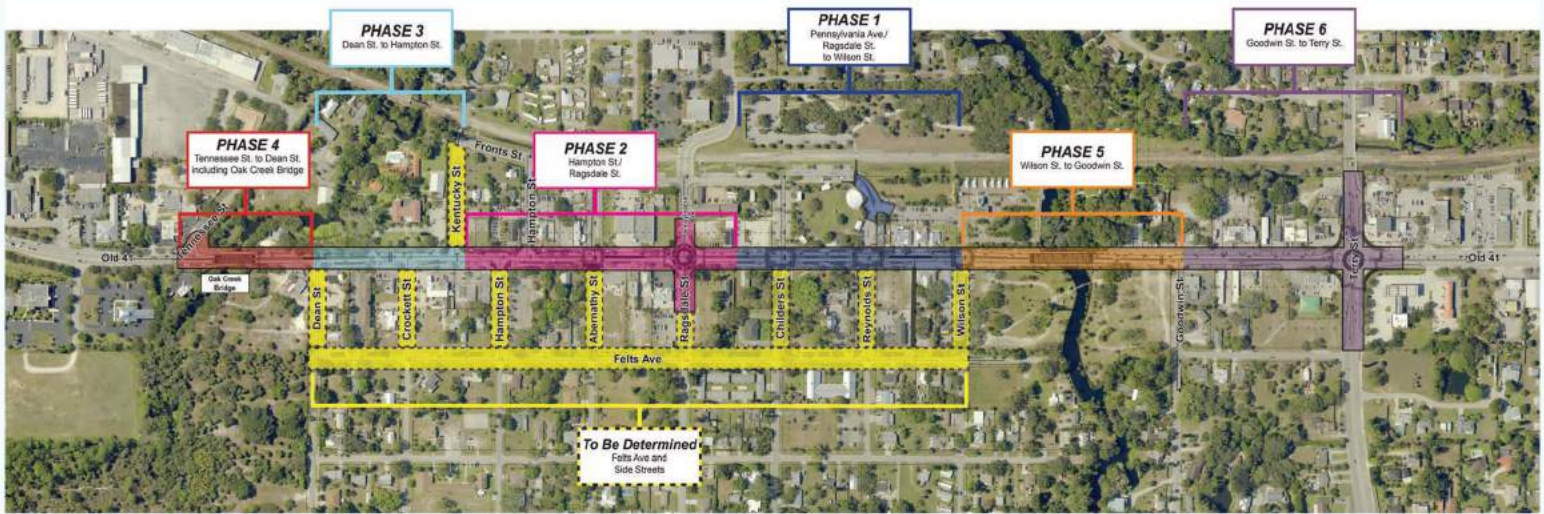
**27300 Old 41 Rd
Liles Hotel
Bonita Springs
239-949-6257**



Project Update

The City of Bonita Springs Downtown Improvements Project has been underway since September 2015. The project is being built in phases that include construction of two to three blocks at a time. When construction is completed, the road segments will be re-opened and construction will move to the next phase. Construction begins with underground utilities installing stormwater drainage and a new gas line. Then the electric and communications lines are installed underneath the Old 41 right-of-way between Tennessee Street to Terry Street. Lastly, crews rebuild the roadway. The final installation of lighting, street furniture, landscaping and some sidewalk reconstruction will occur later in the project when the Florida Power & Light (FPL) underground facilities are put in service and the existing FPL poles are removed.





Phase 1 is Open The first phase of construction along Old 41 from Wilson Street to Childers Street is complete (with the exception of FPL pole removal and final sidewalk construction) and open to traffic. Wilson Street and Reynolds streets are paved and open to traffic. Felts Avenue is also paved between Wilson and Reynolds streets.

Construction on Phase 2 began in February (work occurs concurrently on Felts Avenue and the adjoining side streets). The contractor extended this phase on Old 41 from the Pennsylvania Avenue/Ragsdale Street intersection to include Old 41 south to Hampton Street. Completion of the roadway portion of this phase is expected by mid-summer 2016. Future phases move south on Old 41 Road, with work continuing on the side street, then the next phases of construction will move north of the Imperial River.

After all the phases are complete, FPL poles are removed, light pole bases are installed and sidewalk is completed, the final lift of asphalt will be installed on Old 41 Road. Finally, new signs will be installed and street markings will be added.

The contractor is Wright Construction Group and the project is expected to be complete in fall 2017. The City and the project team are committed to keeping the public informed of construction activities and working with the public to solve any issues that arise during construction. The project website is being updated with new information about construction as it becomes available.

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

Kris Cella, Cella Molnar & Associates, Inc.
 1631 Hendry Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901
 (239) 337-1071, kcella@cella.cc

Project Website: BonitaSpringsDowntownImprovements.com

Training Sessions:

*We would like to commend **Jose Duran, IT Manager & Kristina Baller, Supervising Accountant** for their efforts in conducting training sessions with staff in May to implement new software.*



Jose Duran trained staff on the electronic vendor notification software called eBid. The software allows for electronic vendor notification of bids and proposals. The online system is dedicated to administering formal procurement solicitations (e.g. ITB – Invitation to Bid, RFP - Request for Proposals). You can find the link under the procurement tab on the homepage. Vendors that have previously done work for the city have been notified. Vendors are encouraged to register by following this link <https://www.ebidexchange.com/cityofbonitasprings/>.

“The goal of the e-bid software is to provide vendors with an efficient and effective method of participating in the formal procurement process that results in outstanding goods and services at competitive prices. This will also assist with developing good strong businesslike relationships with all interested bidders. This process was an excellent example of the departments working together to produce a multi-department software that benefits the entire City. Brenda, Connie, Linda, Matt, Sharleen and Jose all worked on this project to make it the best it could be. I’m very proud of our staff!”-Lora Taylor, Communications Director

Kristina Baller met with and trained the Directors on our recently implemented Finance Software which allows them to enter their budget request along with details that document their requests to support the zero-based budget approach. This consolidates budget preparation and analysis functions in one place, offers a variety of views, comparisons, import tools and easy access to budget reports. This new methodology allows departments to easily drill down into current and prior year actual costs, extract detail information into Excel, access all financial reports in one central locations, ability to add notes (permanent, current and next year) and detail at the line item level. This creates greater transparency in regards to the overall budget process and flexibility for budget requests/changes during the budget process.



Way to go Kristina and Jose! Thank you for your hard work.