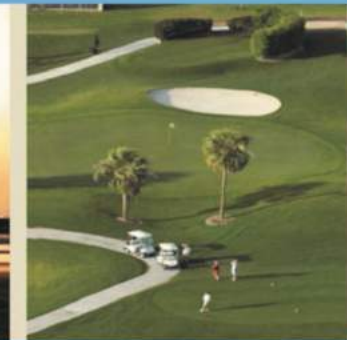
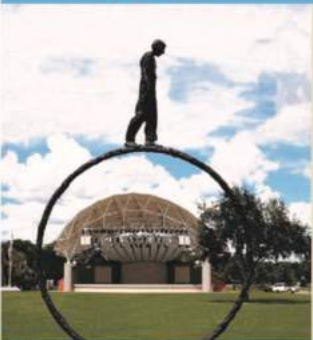


City News



Activities for the whole family!

The celebration is from 2:00pm to 8:00pm at the Liles Hotel Plaza in the historic, downtown district of Bonita Springs. Food and beverages will be available for purchase with proceeds donated to local charities.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
Saturday, October 22, 2016

Imperial River Challenge ~ Live Entertainment
Food ~ Pumpkin Patch ~ Rubber Duck Race
Pony Rides & Petting Zoo ~ Fish Fry
Pumpkin Decorating Contest ~ And More!



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BTV98 offers programming designed to inform and educate the citizens and visitors of Bonita Springs. Broadcasts of City meetings are scheduled to play throughout the week. Check www.bonitativ.org for up to date listings.



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.

Hola Mayor Simmons

Mayor Simmons has been working hard to further outreach to our Hispanic Community. He has been in D'Latinos Magazine and on Telemundo recently promoting Bonita Springs.



Alcalde Simmons ha estado trabajando duro y diligentemente para lograr una mejor comunicación con nuestra Comunidad Hispana. El se ha presentado en D'Latinos Magazine y en Telemundo recientemente promocionando la Ciudad de Bonita Springs.

Calendar

Mon.	9/12/2016	4:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Tree Advisory Board Meeting
Tues.	9/13/2016	5:15 P.M.	Rm # 118	Art in Public Places
Thur.	9/15/2016	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	Local Planning Agency Meeting TELEVISED LIVE
Thur.	9/15/2016	5:15 P.M.	Rm # 210	Special Events Riverfest Subcommittee Meeting
Thur.	9/15/2016	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Street Light Committee Meeting
Thur.	9/15/2016	5:30 P.M.	City Council Chambers	Historical Preservation Board Meeting
Mon.	9/19/2016	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Zoning Meeting TELEVISED LIVE
Mon.	9/19/2016	4:00 P.M.	Liles Hotel	Bicycle Pedestrian Meeting
Mon.	9/19/2016	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Technology Advisory Board Meeting
Tues.	9/20/2016	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	Zoning Board Meeting - TELEVISED LIVE
Wed.	9/21/2016	8:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Workshop TELEVISED LIVE
Wed.	9/21/2016	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Meeting TELEVISED LIVE
Thur.	9/22/2016	5:01 P.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Final Budget Hearing TELEVISED LIVE
Wed.	10/5/2016	4:00 P.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Workshop TELEVISED LIVE
Wed.	10/5/2016	5:30 P.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Meeting TELEVISED LIVE
Thur.	10/6/2016	1:00 P.M.	City Council Chambers	Code Enforcement Hearing
Mon.	10/10/2016	4:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Tree Advisory Board Meeting
Tues.	10/11/2016	5:15 P.M.	Rm # 118	Art in Public Places
Thur.	10/13/2016	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	Local Planning Agency Meeting TELEVISED LIVE
Thur.	10/13/2016	5:30 P.M.	City Council Chambers	Veterans Committee Meeting
Mon.	10/17/2016	9:00 A.M.	City Council Chambers	City Council Zoning Meeting TELEVISED LIVE
Mon.	10/17/2016	4:00 P.M.	Liles Hotel	Bicycle Pedestrian Meeting
Mon.	10/17/2016	5:30 P.M.	Rm # 118	Technology Advisory Board Meeting

Bonita Springs Patriot Day Service

Service Attendees Visit the 9-11 Memorial at the Liles Hotel Plaza

The Bonita Springs Patriot Day Service was held at 6:00 p.m. at the Liles Hotel Plaza on September 11, 2016. The service paid tribute to the valiant firefighters, police officers, emergency personnel and citizens who were involved in the September 11, 2001 attacks. The Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District, Lee County Sheriff's Office, Veterans Advisory Committee and the City of Bonita Springs will united to host the event. The service included guest speakers, a 21 Gun Salute, the playing of 'Taps,' musical tributes, and other traditional elements.

The City of Bonita Springs and Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District permanently installed a 9-11 Memorial at the Liles Hotel Plaza. Attendees can visit the 9-11 Memorial at the Patriot Day event. The Memorial consists of an artifact from the World Trade Center. The recovered piece was a cornice that came from a short wall in the courtyard between the two towers. The artifact, which came from a tranquil place where government and office workers might take their breaks or eat lunch, served as a reminder of the events that took place on September 11, 2001. "This piece of granite was buried beneath the twin towers, brought down in an attempt to terrorize our country, but like this country this piece from the World Trade Towers was damaged but not destroyed," said Frank Guiliano, Deputy Chief of Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District.



The guest speaker for the Patriot Day Service was David M. Grossi. David enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1966. After basic training, he joined the Military Police and was assigned to the 341st Missile Wing at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Great Falls, Montana. In early 1967, he volunteered for the newly created Air Force Ranger program and was sent to Ft. Campbell, Kentucky to train at the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne School for deployment to South Vietnam.

During his time in Vietnam, Dave served at two air bases, Phan Rang and Pleiku. Upon completion of his tour of duty in 1969, he was transferred to England Air Force Base in Louisiana, home of the 1st Air Commando Wing. He was released from active duty in 1970 and received his Honorable Discharge in 1972 with the rank of Sergeant. While still serving in the Air Force Reserves, Dave joined a police department in New York where he served for over 20 years retiring as a Lieutenant. After earning his Bachelor's degree in Police Administration from the State University of New York, he was accepted for admission to, and graduated from, the prestigious FBI National Academy at Quantico, Virginia. His awards and commendations number over 20 including Police Officer of the Year, a Heroism Citation from the Rochester, New York Chamber of Commerce, and the Special Award of Honor from the International Narcotics Enforcement Officers Association for his work in undercover narcotics investigations.

After retirement, he joined a national police training firm and trained law enforcement and military police across the country, earning two "Excellence in Training" Awards from the U.S. Army Law Enforcement Command at Ft. Lewis, Washington. In 1990 he formed Dave Grossi Consulting and for the next 20 years, in addition to training both civilian and military police officers and teaching part time college Criminal Justice classes, consulted with and was retained to testify as an expert witness in over 500 court cases both in the U.S. and abroad, including serving as a consulting expert in the O.J. Simpson case for the LA County DA's Office. He has authored over 250 professional and peer-reviewed articles and almost a dozen books and manuals on military and veterans' issues for Military1.com, and the [Vietnam Veterans Magazine](http://VietnamVeteransMagazine.com) among others.

Dave's medals include the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the New York State Medal for Merit awarded by the Adjutant General of the State of New York; and most recently the Florida Veterans Service Medal presented to him by Governor Rick Scott.



The Mayor and the 1st place winner for the Patriot Day Essay Contest. Congratulations Rut Muzaurieta!



Bonita Springs Coastal Cleanup

Saturday September 17th
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



SPORTS CLUB

After
School Camp

Children Learning Ultimate Balance between
academics and physical activity
at The Bonita Springs Recreation Center

26740 Pine Ave

For Information please call (239) 784-7630
or email SportsClubNaples.org

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JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL LUNCHEON WITH MAYOR PETER SIMMONS!

Join us for lunch and to hear from the Bonita Springs Mayor about the current affairs and future plans for our city.



Friday, September 23, 2016

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Artichoke & Company

11920 Saradrienne Lane, Bonita Springs, FL 34135

\$30 per attendee

Tickets & entree choices must be pre-ordered by Friday, September 16

(1) Mahi Mahi, Wild Rice and Seasonal Vegetables

(2) Spinach and Cheese Stuffed Chicken, Fingerling Potatoes and Vegetables

*All entrees include salad and dessert

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Step outside and enjoy the natural beauty Bonita Springs offers.



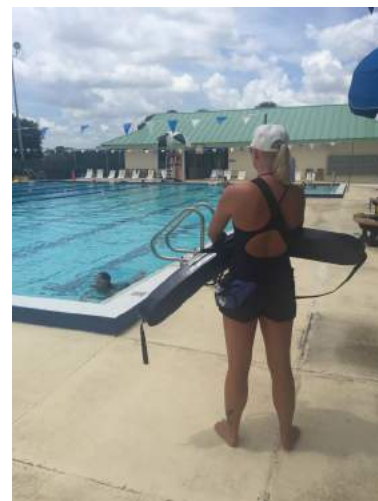
Visit Bonita Springs Parks and Recreation today!
www.BonitaSpringsParks.org / (239) 992-2556

Bonita Springs Pool Safety Day

Bonita Springs Parks and Recreation hosted a Bonita Springs Pool Safety Day, on Thursday July 28, 2016 at 26740 Pine Avenue Bonita Springs, FL 34135. This event was free to attend. Complimentary hot dogs, chips and drinks were provided by Bonita Springs Parks and Recreation staff. Guests had the option of open swim, after a brief safety talk from lifeguards.

“With plenty of aquatic activities around Southwest Florida, there is certainly a need to remind people of proper safety habits,” said Jesse Felger, Head Lifeguard at Bonita Springs Parks and Recreation.

Bonita Springs Pool holds a “Safety Day” every summer, to promote proper safety practices in and around the water. As the guests arrived, they were greeted by lifeguards and led through several small informational talks and activities that taught different safety practices. Pool Safety Day had an attendance of 60 children, along with their parents, who also enjoyed this event.



Pool Hours

Open & Lap Swim

Monday: 11:00am-6:30pm	Thursday: 11:00am-6:30pm
Tuesday: 11:00am-6:30pm	Friday: 11:00am-6:30pm
Wednesday: 11:00am-6:30pm	Saturday: 10:00am-6:00pm

Lap Swim Hours

Monday– Friday: 8:00am-9:45am

Fall Swimming Lessons



Sept. 5-28 Monday & Wednesday—	Preschool	4:30pm—5:00pm
	Minnow	5:00pm—5:45pm
Sept. 7-30 Wednesday & Friday—	Shiner	4:30pm—5:15pm
Sept. 6-29 Tuesday & Thursday—	Snook	4:00pm—4:45pm
	Tarpon	5:00pm—5:45pm
Oct. 10—Nov. 2 Monday & Wednesday—	Preschool	4:30pm—5:00pm
	Minnow	5:00pm—5:45pm
Oct. 12—Nov. 4 Wednesday & Friday—	Shiner	4:30pm—5:15pm
Oct. 11—Nov. 3 Tuesday & Thursday—	Snook	4:00pm—4:45pm
	Tarpon	5:00pm—5:45pm

Saturday Classes: Sept. 10– Oct. 29

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

- ◆ Lessons are \$45.00 per child per session
- ◆ Classes canceled before the first day will be subject to a \$10.00 cancellation fee
- ◆ Classes canceled on the first day will not receive a refund
- ◆ Make up classes will be held for classes canceled by the Community Pool only

Private Adult Lessons can be provided—\$20 per 30 minutes of instruction. Afternoon and evening scheduling dependent on instructor availability

Water Aerobics

Classes are free for members and guests pay our daily entrance fee.

Senior—\$2.00
 Adult—\$2.50
 Child—\$1.50

<u>Monday: Shallow Water</u>	10:00am-10:45am
<u>Tuesday: Deep Water</u>	10:00am-10:45am
<u>Wednesday: Shallow Water</u>	10:00am-10:45am
<u>Thursday: Deep Water</u>	10:00am-10:45am
<u>Friday: Shallow Water</u>	10:00am-10:45am
<u>Saturday: Shallow Water</u>	10:00am-10:45am





Cullum's Bonita Trail and the Bonita Nature Place

*27601 Kent Road
Bonita Springs, FL*

The Cullum's Bonita Trail is a tree-lined path that allows visitors to enjoy the Imperial River that crosses it at several points. The Imperial River has a beautiful, natural shore with mangroves and sandy banks. It is lined with ancient trees which provide a shady canopy. The trail also includes a kayak launch. Kayaking along the Imperial River is a favorite among Southwest Florida kayakers due to its shade, scenic views, and steady current. The trail is open from dawn to dusk.

Bonita Nature Place provides a local place for learning experiences, volunteerism, and outdoor family activities that strengthens the environmental stewardship commitment within the community while fostering an awareness of old Southwest Florida in its unique, natural setting.

The goal of the Bonita Nature Place is to provide a quality nature center to promote conservation and environmental stewardship through education. Among the natural attractions are gopher tortoises, a bat house and butterfly gardens.

Nature Place Hours of Operation:

8:00 am – Dusk

Staffed only January – May

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

9:00am – 1:00 pm

For additional information or questions

call (239) 992-2556

www.cityofbonitasprings.org/parks



Neighborhood Services

Neighborhood Services hosted the second annual “Neighborhood Safety Block Party” in Rosemary Park/Lietner Creek with the partnership of The Café of Life. Representatives from Lee County Sheriff Community Policing, Bonita Springs Fire, Telemundo, LCSO VOICE (fingerprinting kids), Lee County Health Department, Salvation Army, Literacy Council, Bonita Springs Charter School, New Horizons, Pueblo Bonito, and the Bonita Springs Soccer League distributed information and free give a ways for residents - Telemundo gave 108 back packs, 60 bike helmets were fitted and given by Health Department, and many smoke detectors were distributed by the Fire Department.

Another successful community event with over 200 people attending. Two home hurricane safety kits were provided by Council Member DeWitt and raffled off to local families.



A banner was signed by neighborhood children thanking Sheriff’s personnel for their service - the banner was presented to the Community Policing Deputies at the event.

A Note from Councilwoman Quaremba



While many of our residents are enjoying northern climes, the Bonita Springs City Council has carried on a heavy agenda of workshops, outreach, planning, and civic event support.

Soon after assuming office, Council developed its strategic priorities. The top priority identified was 'Transportation' including the development and implementation of the so named quadrant plan for the U.S. 41/ Bonita Beach Road (BB Rd) intersection, incorporating the BB Rd Visioning study and the Multi-modal Master Plan. What became apparent early in the process was the need to collaborate and gain cooperation and financial support from surrounding jurisdictions including the Florida DOT, Lee County, Collier County and others.

In an effort to address complex and controversial land use issues, Bonita Springs retained a special counsel to assist the city in reviewing pending community development matters especially those based on the Lee county comp plan. This is particularly important for the Raptor Bay project as it will be reviewed under the Lee plan. This application will most likely come before Council in early fall.

Fiscally, Council provided funding for the downtown redevelopment project as it reaches completion in early 2017. This required reallocation of funds from some capital improvement projects and operating funds. The process also uncovered cash flow pressures on the budget recognizing the constraints of the debt service commitments. Notable ordinances passed included a provision to expand opportunity for citizen input on zoning issues. Citizens may now address council at its deliberations whether or not they have spoken at preliminary Zoning Board hearings.

Bonita has begun to formalize state law mandated changes to its comprehensive plan utilizing the services of consultant Dr. Banyan from FGCU. The staff is also in the process of clarifying and simplifying land development codes and assuring the codes' compatibility with the comp plan.

Councilmembers attended a variety of civic events including Memorial Day, Flag Day ceremonies, Celebrate Bonita, and the Fourth of July event. These events help to brand Bonita Springs as a vibrant city with small town charm. As these events are scheduled, the City would welcome added participation from all neighborhoods.

We can look forward to ground breaking on the new Bonita Springs County Library and the Bonita Springs High School. These are wonderful and valuable additions to our city infrastructure.

Addressing the downtown project, Council approved a landscape plan for the area recognizing maintenance concerns for downtown merchants. It also approved design concepts for the planned Imperial River bridge improvement with an enlarged span and as transparent a railing as safety concerns will allow.

The City has joined county, state, federal officials, regional water agencies, and neighboring municipalities in supporting and advocating for a variety of projects to improve the water quality of our estuaries, rivers and bay, knowing that each entity must do their part if we are to succeed.

Work has been completed on the reconstruction of the historic water tower, adjacent to the Liles hotel. It demonstrates the city's commitment and recognition of our history.

Bonita Springs entered into collaborative agreements with the Bonita YMCA for pickle ball courts with partial funding from city and shared use agreements for the courts and pool. It is expected that these kinds of private/public partnership will lead to better service to residents with fiscal efficiencies.

This completes some highlights of the past several months' effort. We are finishing the budget season and council is committed to fiscal stewardship while facilitating strategic priorities.

I would like to thank residents who have contacted me on issues which are of concern to them. I will continue to try to represent you fairly and wisely and value any advice you can offer (amy.quaremba@cityofbonitasprings.org).

Amy Quaremba
Bonita Springs City Councilwoman, District 1



Council on the Move

Mayor Simmons attended a meeting with Senator Bill Nelson regarding water quality, Lake O, and the Zika virus

Pictured (left to right):
Mayor Randy Henderson, Ft. Myers
US Senator Bill Nelson
Mayor Marni Retzer, Cape Coral
Mayor Dennis Boback, Ft. Myers Beach
Mayor Peter Simmons, Bonita Springs



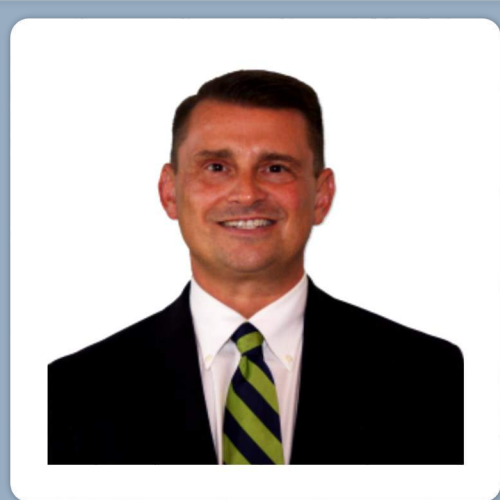
Councilman Forbes at the SWFL Performing Arts Center

Pictured (left to right)

Governor Rick Scott, Ann Scott, Fred Forbes, Carolyn Forbes, Kathleen Rooney and Francis Rooney

Congratulations Mayor Simmons

MAYOR PETER SIMMONS APPOINTED TO FLORIDA LEAGUE OF MAYORS BOARD



Mayor Peter Simmons of Bonita Springs was recently appointed to the Board of Directors for the newly formed Florida League of Mayors. The board is composed of 21 mayors from throughout the state, who will help guide the activities of the organization.

"I am honored to be joining Mayor Randy Henderson, Mayor Kevin Ruane, Mayor Marni Retzer and Mayors from around the state of Florida on the board of directors for the Florida League of Mayors. I look forward to working with Mayors from all of our 67 counties around our great state of Florida.", said Mayor Simmons.

The Florida League of Mayors serves as a forum for the general study of ideas and policies affecting municipalities, while providing a platform for a powerful tier of established and emerging leaders to speak out on issues of urgent interest to the citizens in their cities.

Communications Department

The Communications Department held a Media Training Session with NBC-2 Reporter Brittany Weiner. Brittany shared interviewing tips and techniques. She also provided an up-close view at how newsrooms operate.

The Communications Department will be holding a variety of training sessions throughout the year in an effort to increase transparency and polish the flow of city communications.



VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Friday, November 11, 2016

11:00 a.m.

Riverside Park

10450 Reynolds Street



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



Hurricane Safety Awareness Day

Neighborhood Services Staff attended the first ever "Hurricane Safety Awareness Day" at Rural King on Saturday, August 13th. This is part of the Department's continuing efforts to team with area businesses for outreach and education. Staff provided information on hazard preparation, permitting requirements, unlicensed contractor provisions, "Spill the Water" campaign, Zika virus efforts, and best management practices for landscaping, as well as environmental issues. Staff teamed with the State Department of Professional Regulation (DBPR) for this effort; as well as distributed information from Lee County Emergency Management, Bonita Springs Fire, Solid Waste, and Animal Services.



HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

Tuesday, December 6th / 4:30 - 8:30 pm
Riverside Park, Bonita Springs

Enjoy the sounds of the season!

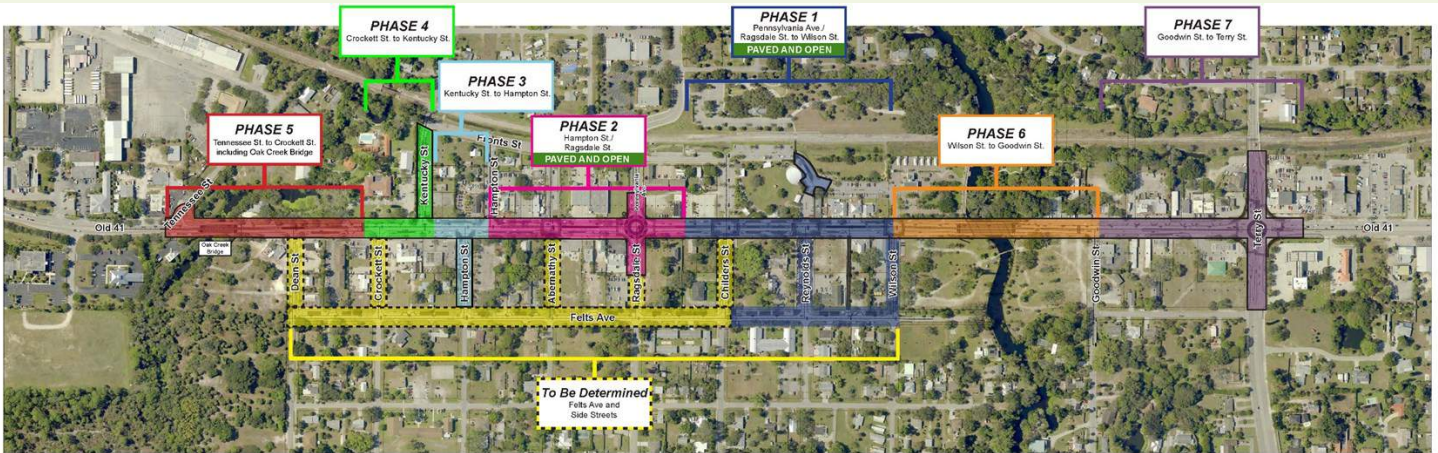
**A blizzard in the Park with a giant snow slide, snow pile,
train rides, free cookies and cider!**

Artist cottages and Historical Society will be open.

**FREE
ADMISSION**

**Don't miss Santa and
Mrs. Claus arrive by horse
and carriage!**





07/18/2016

*Subject to Change

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.





We are making progress!

Old 41 Road is reconstructed and open from Wilson Street to Hampton Street. Abernathy and Ragsdale Streets are now open. Felts Avenue is reconstructed from Wilson Street to Abernathy Street and open. All utilities and the drainage system are also complete along these streets.

Phase 3, which includes Old 41 Road between Hampton Street and Kentucky Street, is nearly complete. Hampton Street (east side) is also being reconstructed as a part of this phase. This phase should be complete at the end of September.

Reconstruction of Felts Avenue from Ragsdale Street to Dean Street is underway.

Phase 4 begins in October, this includes Old 41 Road from Kentucky Street to the south driveway into Shangri La. Work will also include the reconstruction of Crockett and Kentucky Streets.

Help Us Help You

The project team continues to reach out to the businesses and keep them informed. To provide better directions and visibility for the businesses, 3 X 6 foot banners are developed and placed in visible locations for the travelling public. A "Business Assistance Guide" was provided to the businesses along the corridor at the beginning of the project. To promote the businesses in Phase 1 and 2 construction areas, a full page advertisement was published in the Bonita Banner.

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

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

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

Visit the project website at
www.BonitaSpringsDowntownImprovements.com